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Friday, Feb. 27, 1880. NATIONAL CONVENTION.

The National Democratic Committee met in Willard's Hall, Washington, D. C., last Monday to select a place for holding a time for holding the National Democratic Convention.

The National Democratic Committee met in the city of Washington on the 23rd of February, 1880, and has appointed Tuesday the 22nd day of June next, as the time, and chosen the city of Cincinnati as the place of holding the National Democratic Convention.

Each State is entitled to a representation therein equal to a double number of its Senators and Representatives in the Congress of the United States.

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Black on the Third Term.

Where the great Chief Magistrate is tested, as ours is, with great power liable to gross abuse, if there is no law or practice which forbids him to be re-elected, he can remain in office for life as easily as for a term.

He has the appointment of all officers, the making of all public contracts, and a veto upon all legislation, besides the command of the army and navy.

By an unscrupulous use of these means he can coerce not only his hordes of immediate dependents, but he can control the corporations and become the master of all the rings, put the business of all classes under his feet, check the venal, frighten the timid, and creep all emotions but his own.

He can force the elections of every State he desires to carry by his barons of his army. If that fails, he can order a false return and pay for it out of the public treasury.

The people would soon perceive opposition to be useless and accept the situation; elections would be as mere a matter of form as they were in Rome when such Consuls as Nerva and Domitian were elected every year under the supervision of the pretorian guards.

If there were more than remote possibilities, prudence should guard us against them. But they are near probabilities; the signs of the times warn us that the peril to our institutions is imminent; the danger is already on the wing.

It is vain to remind us that the President swears to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution and see the laws faithfully executed. That is true, and it is also true that, if there be no perjury in the case of the Constitution, laws and liberties of the country are safe.

But the last twenty years have given us ample proof that an oath is not much restraint upon a President who is incited by ambition, rapacity or strong party feeling to break it.

It is true that this presupposes a people much degenerated and a magistrate animated mainly by the vulgar love of power for its sake; but exactly such a conjunction of things has always been feared with good reason, and hence comes the desire to put every check on that tendency to "strong government" which is now manifesting itself in many quarters.

What is the remedy? How shall we avert the dire calamities with which we are threatened? The answer comes from the graves of our fathers: By the frequent election of new men. Other help or hope for the salvation of free government there is none unobtainable.

This was also promised by the Democracy in their last National platform. At least a hundred millions of dollars have been saved by the three Democratic Congresses since 1875, as is shown by a comparison of the ordinary expenses of the Government during the last four years with the same during the four years next preceding the recovery of the House of Representatives by the Democrats.

The great service rendered by the Democracy by the Democratic party since its restoration to power in Congress is thus made manifest. The grievous load of taxation which so long oppressed the life of the people has been gradually but surely alleviated.

Labor takes heart again and capital seeks new employment. Prosperity smiles where but lately the voice of woe uttered the cry of "despair." This glad change has come with the advent of Democratic power in the two Houses of Congress. It did not come while the shadow of radicalism yet overhung the halls of the Federal Legislature.

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It has been discovered that to work the Port Carbon, Schuylkill county, furnaces night and day will ruin them, and it has been decided to work them on day turns only.

Miss Annie Rank was married recently to Mr. William Metimes, of Rockford Illinois. The Boston Post gets this information from the lady's brother and the publication of the news is altogether in the fact that Miss Rank is the young lady who was a few days ago reported as about to be married to a Frenchman.

Robert Carson, a lumberman on Little Pine Creek, Lycoming county, caught a catamount in a steel trap, the other day. Carson tried to steal the animal with a gun, but the cat was so cunning that it sprang on him and then easily pounded him to death.

Three new steel boilers for the Edgar Thomson furnaces, at Bessemer Station, on the Pennsylvania R.R., were recently built at the Pittsburgh Leocomotive Works. They are the largest ever manufactured, being sixty-five feet in length, and the heaters being forty-five feet in length.

Peter N. Friedrichs, farmer, near Lansdale, Montgomery county, had to kill one of his cows, she having been infected from cattle disease. Jacob D. Mishler, farmer, in the same township, had to kill one of his cows for the same reason on the same day.

John Murphy, while walking near Thomaston, Schuylkill county, on Thursday night, was struck with a stone and killed. James Brennan and James DeLong were also struck and injured.

The board of poor directors of Berks county at a meeting passed a resolution for the relief of the poor of that county. The resolution was to reduce the rate of interest on the bonded debt to three per cent.

At Bainbridge Pa., Charles Lutz, twenty-four years old, murdered his wife and her two children. The victim was a young girl of six years and the other an infant three months old.

The Astronomer Royal of England informs the Washington astronomers that a comet has been seen for the first time at Capetown, South Africa. The question naturally arises whether this is the great comet whose appearance was announced by Dr. Gould of the Cordoba observatory in South America about a week ago.

The Governor of New York signed the bill admitting women to vote for school officers. The bill was passed by the Legislature.

The West Chester and Philadelphia Railroad company is putting down steel rails. The work is progressing rapidly.

There has been general interest throughout the State in the case of Mrs. Catherine Zell of Carlisle, sentenced to be hanged for the alleged fatal poisoning of Mrs. Mary Kiehl, 82 years old, who died last May in a little house in the outskirts of Carlisle.

The Democratic State Committee of Indiana believe that the State will go Democratic this year from 10,000 to 20,000 majority.

The newspaper proprietors are petitioning Congress to reduce materially or remove the duty on printing paper on the 21st by halving it.

Blaine has evidently made up his mind that if he cannot carry the Chicago convention he will kick up the biggest kind of a row in trying to do it.

The physician who had made the post-mortem, although admitting that death might have resulted from one of many natural causes, expressed the opinion as an expert that if the analysis of the stomach showed the existence of arsenic, there was ground for believing death to have resulted from arsenical poisoning.

Several highly respectable witnesses testified that Mrs. Reeder's reputation for veracity was so bad that they would not believe her under oath. The defence showed that the deceased woman had threatened to take her own life, and that Mrs. Zell could not have been in complicity with Wynkoop, because just after Mrs. Kiehl's death, she gave testimony in opposition to Wynkoop's claim.

MARKET REPORTS. BLOOMSBURG MARKET.

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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Letters testamentary on the estate of Elizabeth M. Decker, deceased, have been granted by the Register of Deeds...

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