

EDS. COLUMBIAN:

In reading over the Sentinel of November 6, my attention was called to the most remarkable article on the second page, headed "The Convention." It is so full of inaccuracies and misstatements that it ought not to be passed by unnoticed. It begins thus:

"The proposition for a Constitutional Convention has been snowed under by a large vote, and that, too, in face of the fact that both parties were pledged to its support." The first part of this statement is correct. The constitutional convention was "snowed under" by a majority in the state nearly twice as large as the entire vote in its favor. It was more than a snow storm; it was a regular cyclone. The majority against it is 246,775. But this was not "in the face of the fact that both parties were pledged to its support."

Neither Governor Pattison nor the democratic party ever promised the people that they would give them an opportunity to vote upon the proposition to hold a constitutional convention. Governor Pattison recommended certain amendments to the constitution in a message to the Legislature, and favored the passage of a bill providing for holding a convention without submitting the question to a vote of the people. Had this recommendation been adopted, and a convention become a fixed fact, the only thing left for the people to do, would be the selection of competent and honest delegates to sit in that convention, and there would have been no difficulty about the whole matter. But the uncertainty as to whether there would be a convention drove able men from the field, and in many districts led to the selection of delegates who were in no way fitted for this very important position. In our own district there is an instance of this. The democratic nominee from Montour county would never have been thought of for an instant for the place, if there had been any certainty of a convention.

The Democratic party did not endorse the proposition. It is a well-known fact that strong efforts were made at the state convention to introduce a resolution giving an unqualified endorsement of the convention. This was voted down in committee, and as a compromise, the few words endorsing it only to a limited extent, were inserted in the resolutions. This was meaningless, for the law submitting the question to a vote provided for a convention to make a new constitution, with power to change the constitution from beginning to end.

But it is useless to discuss this question. The overwhelming vote against the convention shows that the better judgment of the people prevailed, and to charge it to the influence of the corporations is the sheerest nonsense and an insult to the intelligence and integrity of an overwhelming majority of the voters of this Commonwealth. The article in question contains the following:

"Had the democratic leaders of this state been honest with the party and put in nomination for Auditor General a man whom the farmers and laborers had confidence, instead of a corporation lawyer whom the voters distrusted, and then declared unqualifiedly for a convention, and fought the battle on those lines, the democratic flag would be floating inside the breastworks, instead of being trailed in ignominious defeat."

can party and a subsidized press did all in their power to mislead and deceive the people, yet the vote shows that the proposition has about 400 majority."

I want to call your attention just here, to the fact that these extracts are from an editorial printed in a paper that pretends to be Democratic. Such wholesale charges of corruption against the Democratic leaders and press, usually come from the Republican papers, but here is a man elected to office repeatedly as a democrat, now filling a second term in the Legislature, who publicly charges that the Democratic leaders are controlled by Quay and the Republican party, and that the Democratic press is "subsidized" by the corporations and in collusion with the Republican party. If Mr. Krickbaum wants to make anybody believe that his newspaper efforts in these matters have all been honest and conscientious, while all the other editors are "subsidized," he will have to move to some other county where he is not known. It is perfectly well understood that he was in favor of a constitutional convention, because the law provided that the new constitution, when adopted, shall be published in two newspapers in each county, and he expected to get the job, which would have been worth several hundred dollars. That is the milk in that cocoon. This is what he calls "advocating the interests of the people." But the Sentinel is "more than pleased with the result in this county" on the convention question. How very easily it is pleased! The proposition has 400 majority, which is 1400 less than the Democratic majority on the state ticket, and 2600 less than Mr. Krickbaum claimed on the day of the election that it would have. His newspaper and all his assistants worked vigorously for weeks to get up a sentiment in favor of a convention, and the result is a paltry 400, with nobody actively fighting him. I am glad that he is pleased. With all his frantic yelps about the "corporation ring" and the "subsidized press" and all his transparent demagoguery about the farmer and the tax-payer and the laborer, he succeeded in pulling his pet scheme through by the skin of his teeth, and this pleases him. Well, such smiles are hard earned, and he is welcome to them.

There is one thing that now excites my curiosity, and that is this: How long will the people tolerate this continuous abuse of Democratic leaders, Democratic papers, Democratic office holders, and the Democratic party generally from such a source? JUNIUS JR.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON D. C. Nov. 16, 1891. Mr. Harrison is usually very careful of the language he uses in his public speeches, but he made a break in his speech of welcome to Senator Montt, the new Chilean minister, that will be snickered at in diplomatic circles all over the civilized world. After telling the minister how glad we was to receive him, he told him of the policy of this Government in dealing with its neighbors unfortunate enough to suffer from internal dissensions and civil war. Said he: "It is our policy to preserve an honorable and strict neutrality, as was done during the late war in Chili. Tempting commercial and political advantages may be offered for our aid or influence by one or the other of the contending parties, but this we have not deemed to be consistent with the obligations of international honor and good will." It surely must have been difficult for Senator Montt to keep his face straight while listening to this high-flown talk, in view of the very short time since the newspapers of the entire world were ringing with charges of bad faith made by this Government against Hypolyte, the present president of Hayti, because of his refusal to cede the Mole St. Nicholas to the United States, in keeping with the promise he had made to obtain the support of this Government to aid him in driving President Legitime out of Hayti, and in assuming the presidency thereof himself.

That was an odd sort of honorable neutrality, wasn't it? And Senator Montt must have wondered if Mr. Harrison considered his bargain with the insurgent Hypolyte "consistent with the obligations of international honor and good will." Even Mr. Harrison's friends admit that he made a mistake in the phrasing of this speech, short as it was.

It is evident that some sort of a deal is being hatched, whereby the postmasters of the country are to make their influence felt in the election of delegates to the republican National Convention. It is needless to say that this movement is in the interest of the present occupant of the White House. It is being manipulated by Boss Clarkson, aided by Mr. Wanamaker, who is said to be ambitious of becoming a politician. Within the last week a number of the more prominent postmasters have been in Washington, and none of them went away until Clarkson had taken them to Mr. Wan-

maker's residence, where a secret conference was held at which the whole programme was gone over and explained, as far as Boss Clarkson deems it wise to trust the postmasters. The only aid that Mr. Wanamaker can give is to let the postmasters know that he approves of their undertaking the work mapped out for them by Boss Clarkson, who lets them understand that Mr. Harrison is behind him.

It is now stated that Secretary Foster has made up his mind, after consulting Mr. Harrison, not to make a change in the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, notwithstanding the popular impression on that the incumbent, Mr. Lacey, had by his seeming carelessness in the matter of the wrecked national banks in Philadelphia, Boston and elsewhere, lost the confidence of the public, which it is so necessary for the holder of that position to have, if discredit is not to be brought upon the entire National banking system. It is understood that Secretary Foster will, in his annual report, attempt to show that it is weakness in the law and not lack of vigilance on the part of Government officials that is to blame for the hoodwinking of the department by unscrupulous banks.

If confidence were votes, all of the candidates for Speaker would be elected. Votes are mighty scarce here, because the members of the House are apparently in no hurry to arrive. It is noticeable that the fighting between the friends of several of the leading candidates has again taken on the vicious and personally abusive style that was so much deprecated by the cool-headed friends of all the candidates when it was first begun several months ago. These hot-heads seem to lose sight of the fact that when they abuse a candidate every word they say is treasured up by the republicans for future use against the entire democratic party. The great mass of the democratic party has no favorite for Speaker; all it asks is that the man selected be sound upon the fundamental principles of the party.

If the news received by the Brazilian minister here is trustworthy, the flurry in that country is over and the republic still lives.

Ex-Governor Foraker is here, ostensibly on professional business, but it is known that he is pulling some wires that run pretty close to Mr. Blaine in order to get help in his fight against Sherman. He is going home to-day, but he will return on the 23rd inst., to help the Cincinnati folks try to capture the republican National Convention.

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Morrison has 412,894, Tilden 358,618, and Drayton 18,429—giving a Republican plurality of 54,277 for State Treasurer.

The call for a Constitutional Convention was lost overwhelmingly. The vote cast for it is 173,813, and that cast against is 420,598, the adverse majority being 246,775.

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