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#### CANDIDATES' CARDS.

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Subject to the rules of the Democratic FOR SHERIFF.

ALBERT HERBINE of Bloomsburg.

Subject to the rules of the Democratic Party-FOR SHERIFF. H. O. KLINE

of Berwick. Subject to the rules of the Democratic Party

FOR SHERIFF, W. W. BLACK

of Rohrsburg. Subject to the rules of the Democratic Party.

FOR ASSOCIATE JUDGE, A. B. HERRING

of Orangeville. Subject to the rules of the Democratic Party,

FOR ASSOCIATE JUDGE, JAMES I. CAMPBELL of Fishingcreek twp.

Subject to the rules of the Democratic Party. FOR ASSOCIATE JUDGE.

DR. F. W. REDEKER of Bloomsburg. Subject to the rules of the Democratic Party.

#### RULES OF NOMINATION.

To the Editor of the Columbian :

changes in our rules of nomination, is given only eight days before the explain or comment upon them can prevent mistaken conclusions.

didates will be placed upon the ticket. ceives a majority of their votes. If degree. not, a majority must be obtained from believe to be reasonable and just.

The departure from th's principle, multiplicity of candidates and to increased expense to be incurred in the primary elections. It will also tend to combination of populous districts to secure nominations, placing other districts at a disadvantage, and it will certainly weaken the tickets made, and demoralize party action. Candidates struggling for success, will assuredly get out other candidates to divide or scatter the votes which they cannot themselves control, and it may and that it did not increase the exfairly be anticipated that corruption of electors will increase with an increasing and diligent canvass for individual votes.

Some, if not all of these consequences have attended upon the Crawford County plan in other counties where that plan has been tried, and have induced its abandonment. This was notably the case in Northumberland County some years ago. There, half-a-dozen nominations were made under the plan, and most of them by less than one half the democrats of the county voting at the primary election. Demoralization and defeat tollowed, and the plan was abandoned within two years. It is understood that the plan has not been adhered to in Crawford County where it originated, nor has it obtained it surely would have done if it had shown merit on trial. To accept it here would be to "take a leap in the

dark." The addition to the Crawford County plan is as remarkable and almost as bad as the plan itself. It creates a false Convention, without defined

each. To bring up the returns, count twice repudiated by the people. The the votes and announce plurality re- failure of him and his party to bring suits, are, of course, their appropriate about the promised prosperity is likeduties; then they are transformed into what the rules call "A Convention." They are not chosen by the people as for President were to take place now, delegates in the ordinary way, but only as judges for primary elections, nor can they constitute a true representative, popular Convention; for Mifflin, with 180 Democratic voters has but one return judge, while another district with but 40 or 50 Democrats has one also. And so, generally, there is a complete disregard of numbers, in setting up this new, so called Convention-And what is it to do? We seek in vain, in the text of the new rules for an answer. We know what a delegate Convention is to do, for for man or party that is willing to the present rules inform us. It is to spend money lavishly to secure the appoint all district Conferees to nominate a President Judge, Member of Congress and State Senator; to make or amend the party rules by a twothirds vote ; to adopt declarations, &c. of party principle or policy by Resolution, in addition to announcing or perfecting nominations to office. In short, a regular, representative Convention, is the Legislature or law making power of the County for party purposes, and is indispensable for the due performance of party work, cratic voters of Columbia County. and this indispensabe instrument the new rules do not give to us.

What is wanted and might properly be done would be to revise the apportionment of delegates to the Districts: for during the twenty-six years which have elapsed since the present Rules were made, the number of election districts in the county has been about doubled, and other circumstances have changed, and a new or revised apportionment has become tion does express the desire of the necessary to a proper distribution of delegate power among the districts. This is plain, straightforward work, and its performance by the Convention or under its authority, will be sustained by public opinion, and will, in a great degree, satisfy any just discontent.

C. R. BUCKALEW.

#### PROTECTION.

The tariff question seems to be a difficult one to settle so that it will tion, and in an entirely different way stay. Dingley, McKinley and Co., at an other convention. They admit are having about as much trouble at of a nomination being made in oppoframing a tariff bill to suit all who sition to the expressed wish of a mawish to be protected, as Wilson and jority of the Democratic voters. Grover had. And it is not likely to Although the notice of proposed be much more satisfactory when com-

I suppose that it is somewhat diffidelegate election, in the democratic cult to please every one. When there newspapers, and the opportunity to are campaign debts to pay, that by when made. At times the nominees agreement are to be paid by the of the convention have failed at the only be used for one or two days be- whole people in the shape of tariff fore the same election, yet some no- taxes, it makes a very complicated tice of the changes proposed may be matter to manage. Every industry useful for public information and to that is protected must of necessity draw its support from the people; The main change proposed is to hence it trenches to a greater or less abolish our present majority plan of extent upon other industries that are nominations and to substitute there- clamoring for protection. To frame a voice in their adoption. Venality and for a plurality plan, known as the tariff bill that will give each monopoly, fraud, if successful, will defeat the best Crawford County system, by which, trust and combine a fair share o probably half the time, minority can- profit over and above the increase of expenses arising from the others pro-The people do now vote directly for tection, is a matter that requires concandidates under the rule relating to siderable financial skill. Our legislainstructions, and their votes nominate tors do not seem to be possessed of in all cases where the candidate re- financial skill in a very eminent and easily understood.

If we had statesmen at the helm, convention delegates representing the who were elected on their merits, and people; and this arrangement we did not have to buy their position with money or other corrupt means, And it certainly conforms to the they would have far less difficulty in fundamental principle that the major- framing a tariff bill, or in legislating upon any other subject. It ought not and I think would not be very diffinow proposed, will naturally lead to cult to decide upon a tariff bill that would yield the greatest amount of revenue with the least burden to the people. And that is the only honest legitimate tariff that can be made. The very fact that our people cannot all be protected, is in itself sufficient evidence that none should be thus protected.

> McKinley has always tried to propagate the idea that it was the foreign importer who paid the duties, penses of our own people. In one of the campaign speeches he made the remark, that he was opposed to taxing our own people while we had an opportunity to collect taxes of others-

> Whether McKinley is verdant enough to believe that theory, or dishonest enough to talk that way though he does not believe it for the purpose of deceiving others, is a question that I shall leave for his admirers to decide. I am not anxious as to what their decision shall be. But in either case he is unfit for the position which he occupies.

Perhaps some were led to vote for McKinley on account of his sound money doctrine. If so they can now see, that protection is his hobby, and that it will take precedence to anything else. McKinley was born at general acceptance in the state, which a time when our infant industries were clamoring loudly for protection. His people were engaged in a business that called for protection. It is no wonder if he thinks of nothing else when awake, and talks about it

when asleep. If his memory was as good in other matters, as it seems to be in regard to powers, composed of the return judges his love for protection, he would re-

ly to retire him and his party to well deserved private life. If an election McKinley would be defeated by a larger majority than Mr. Bryan was last fall. Corruption money sufficient to elect him could not be raised.

By the way, if the money spent to secure the nomination and election of McKinley had been used in some useful and legitimate enterprise, it would have done more to stop the cry of hard times than all the tariff tinkering Dingley and McKinley can do from now until doomsday.

My advice to voters is, never vote election of anyone. Rest assured they expect to get it back with usury. From reports we get at times, we may conclude that their anticipations are generally realized.

JAMES I. CAMPBELL.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

To John G. McHenry, Esq., Chairman, the members of the Democratic Standing Committee and the Demo-The undersigned appointed by you to make report respecting the revision of our party rules, respectfully submit this communication and report.

It would be most desirable that the nominations made would express the wish of the majority of the whole party vote in the county. The system of our present rules is predicated upon the presumption that the vote of the majority of the delegates in convenmajority of all the Democratic voters in the county, as to the choice of candidates for the party at the general

Experience has shown that this presumption is a very violent one. The rules are far from being satisfactory. Some of them are difficult of compre hension by the ordinary voter. They give rise to discussion as to their proper meaning among the most intelligent of our members. They have been construed in one way at one conven-

Because of the dissatisfaction which they have in great measure occasioned, many of our party friends fail to attend the primary elections. Many more do not give respect to the nominations general election; and the welfare and harmony of the party in the county have been greatly prejudiced. These results are not, in every instance, exclusively attributable to the rules, and were in no wise anticipated by the honest and patriotic men who had a formed plans.

It should be our aim to have a method of making party nominations which will not afford temptation to the over zealous to resort to wrong doing, and secure a method which will be fair

The Committee has concluded to recommend for your consideration a different system for the choice of party nominees. Briefly stated the rule is that a plurality of the vote shall nominate. This is nothing more than the same rule which obtains at our spring and general elections. It is fair, easily understood and honest to every body.

The rule can claim in its behalf the same presumption as that upon which a delegate system is based. A nomination made under it, may better be said to reflect the wishes of a majority of the whole democratic vote, than forty or fifty votes in a convention of delegates, when a few or half a dozen of those votes necessary to make the nomination are cast for a candidate for whom the delegates were not instructed to vote.

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representation in our party convention. We believe that nominations made under these Rules will invite the respect of the whole party, and merit the undivided Democratic vote at the general election. While conscious ure in the system of making party tremely pretty, were 22c and for 25c. nominations in this county, we feel 25c the yd., now 121c the yd. proposed, will by experience and by a faithful and honest execution of their and Lawns, regular price 121c provisions, prove to be of public at 61c the yard.

The members of the Committee acknowledge many valuable suggestions. received from some of our party asso-

Most respectfully submitted to the Chairman, Members of the Democratic Standing Committee and the Democratic voters of Columbia

A. J. DERR. ROBT. R. LITTLE, Com. W. T. CREASY. on C. A. SMALL, Rules. R. G. F. KSHINKA.

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