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FOR JUDGE OF SUPREME COURT: HON. GEORGE SANSWOOD, Of Philadelphia.

Democratic County Convention.

The Democracy of Cambria county are requested to meet in their several election districts, on Saturday the 30th day of June, instant, for the purpose of selecting delegates to represent said districts in a Democratic County Convention, to be held at the Court House in Ebensburg, on Monday the 1st day of June next, to nominate a Democratic County Ticket.

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The Democracy of Cambria county are called upon to assemble in their respective townships, wards and boroughs, on Saturday next, to choose two delegates to the nominating Convention, to be held on the Monday following, at the Court House in Ebensburg, for the purpose of placing before the people a county ticket.

The duties incumbent on the people should be carefully discharged. The democratic organization is older than the century in which we live. It marshalled its forces in the political field when its opponents first attempted to tyrannize over the people by the alien and sedition laws of the elder Adams. From that period until Northern fanaticism and Southern folly plunged us into civil war, her men and her measures conducted the country steadily and peacefully to her present proud position; and if the blessings of our government are to be handed down to posterity, it must be done by the success of the Democratic party.

The reason of the long successful career of the Democratic party may be found in the fact that, while its principles commended themselves to the intelligence of the people, its supporters always manifested a proper interest in its success. Democrats had realized the importance of the maxim of their great apostle, Jefferson, that "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," and thus felt themselves under obligations to attend to their meetings, and see that candidates who are honest and capable are placed before the people.

On the present occasion we can only say that it is the duty of all citizens who believe that the best interests of the country will be promoted by the success of democratic men and democratic measures, to attend the primary elections, assert their preference honestly and fearlessly, vote for those delegates who will enforce their sentiments, and trust the rest to the nominating Convention.

A JUMBLE OF IDEAS.

The Johnstown Tribune, a fair paper generally, takes a singular view of the Jeff Davis difficulty. It insists that the radical Underwood is right in discharging Davis now, but that the conservative Johnson should have hung him long ago. We think the Tribune is radically wrong.

The Republican Supreme Court have decided that it would be murder to hang Jeff Davis by martial law; and permitting the radicals to murder Mrs. Surratt (vide Butler) is perhaps as much of that kind of law as President Johnson wants. To have executed Jeff Davis at any time, without a trial and conviction under the Constitution and laws, no matter how deep his treason, would have been murder. The President could have pardoned Jeff Davis at any time, but he had no power to hang him. He did not pardon him. Judge Underwood might have tried him, but he discharged him.

JAMES P. BARR, Esq., of the Pittsburgh Post, has been presented with a service of silver, by the ladies of Louisville, Kentucky, as a token of their appreciation of his efforts in behalf of the starving people of the South.

HIRAM HAYES.

This individual was arraigned and tried for the offence of rape at June Sessions, and acquitted. A verdict of not guilty usually ends a case, but it seems he is to be tried over again in the newspapers.

The Alleghenian appears to think that Hayes ought to have been convicted of something, but seems to forget that he was only tried for rape, and could not be convicted of anything else. And no legal mind that heard the case tried, however much his sympathies may have been with the unfortunate girl, could for a moment have believed that the offence charged in the indictment was made out. Nor was the evidence of adultery any stronger than that of rape. The testimony of the girl, if believed, was sufficient to convict of either, but neither courts nor juries, who were sworn to do justice, could convict under all the circumstances.

The assertion that "the prisoner's counsel did not offer to deny" that he was guilty of adultery, is entirely false. They denied the probability of the prosecutrix' statement throughout and if Mr. Hutchinson had been in the Court House when the case was tried, he would have not done them the injustice to say so. No doubt he believed he was telling the truth, but he got his reports from some one who either knew or cared little for the truth.

We agree that good character is no answer to clearly proven crime, but where the story is improbable and contradictory—only sworn to by a single witness, under circumstances of great doubt—it ought to have the same influence with a jury as any other fact.

We agree with the Alleghenian that the fact of Mr. Hayes being a radical preacher was a suspicious circumstance, but we don't think that this fact alone should be sufficient to convict him of rape.

MacShane in Washington.

LETTER NUMBER SIX.

Having glanced at the Executive and Judicial departments of the Government it might be proper to dwell upon the "third estate," as it has been termed—the Congress of the United States. This branch has facetiously been called a "grave, deliberative body," but you would be puzzled, at Freeman, to find its gravity, and its deliberations amount to little but deliberate folly. Its labors are very great, for in addition to its general and ordinary duties, it undertakes to "run the machine" for the Executive and Judicial departments also. I propose giving you a sketch of a few of its members, and shall commence with the late and present members from your district.

HON. A. A. BARKER.

Mr. Barker is entirely a self-made man—and made very large at that. He removed to your county about 1854, and since that time has been very actively engaged in shoo-making, lumbering, and in merchandising generally. From his advent here until the present time his business transactions have been unusually prosperous; and while prospering himself, he has greatly enhanced the prosperity of those with whom he had business relations. Indeed, very many of your citizens in the northern portion of Cambria county regard him as a public benefactor.

Mr. Barker, I need scarcely add, is a politician, extremely radical in his views, but honest in his convictions. In the former division of parties into Democrat and Whig, he espoused both of these organizations, and connected himself with what were known as the Abolitionists proper, or the Liberty party, then insignificant in point of numbers, but which, under the name of Republican, has since swallowed up the Whig party.

Mr. B. was a candidate for the Congressional nomination in 1862, but was defeated by Hon. S. S. Blair, who was nominated, but defeated by McAllister. He again presented himself in 1864, and though opposed by nearly all the leading politicians in the district, succeeded in making the nomination; and was elected by the army vote. As a member Mr. Barker, though extreme in his views, gave the strictest attention to the local interests of his district. Especially were the interests of the soldiers, their parents, widows, and families cared for by Mr. B., whose industry in their behalf knew no limits.

Mr. Barker was a candidate for re-nomination, but was defeated by Mr. Morrell, the present incumbent, after a severe contest in the primary proceedings.

In person Mr. Barker is literally an able man—over six feet in height, and of a robust and powerful formation. His personal strength, where physical force is required, is a subject of remark among those who have seen it tried. His personal reputation is without blemish, and he refers, not without pride, to the strictness of his temperance principles, being one of the very few who never, at any time in his life, indulged in the use of intoxicating liquors. Like Shakespeare's Adam, in "As You Like It," he can truthfully say:

I am strong and lusty, For in my youth I never did apply Hot and rebellious liquors in my blood; Nor did not with unwhisful forehead woo The means of weakness and debility; Therefore my age is as a lusty winter, Frosty, but kindly.

HON. DANIEL J. MORRELL.

The successor of Mr. Barker, is, like him, a native of the State of Maine, so that the radical machine for your district is now run Mainly by that State. Mr. Morrell's Congressional experience is short, and his future success as a politician cannot be conjectured. He lifted himself into some notice by a finance measure, introduced by him, possessing some plausible features, but philosopher Greeley "gobbled" it up, and it became "a thing of the past."

Mr. Morrell, as a politician, is a man of more moderate views than his predecessor. Before his election he was a Fenian to some extent, and at a convivial assemblage, I am informed, drank to the "Nationality of Ireland." He does not approve of employing "colored gentlemen" about rolling mills, and I understand is pledged against it. But he is a practical friend of colonization.

Mr. Morrell is a man of letters, having written two very long ones on the Tariff. These letters are in a very ironical view, and abound in Statistics, to use the term of a Pennsylvania statesman. He is a ready writer, and able to write even "on the cars"—a difficult task for a conductor, let alone a non-conductor. Though an able writer, he never has, like his colleague, Covoda, "writ" a book, the only works of which he is the author being the iron-works.

Mr. Morrell has sufficient private worth, business capacity and integrity to qualify him for any post he may be called upon to fill; and Brotherline, of the Whigs, who always acts with candor and honesty, has already nominated him for Governor. You need not be surprised, however if he makes the Presidency, for he is now making rails, and that was Lincoln's principle recommendation. Besides, Mr. Morrell has friends around him of fact and talent, who will not fail to press his claims when an opportunity arises. Some of these men, too, are men of patriotism and character, which will do much to advance the interests of Mr. Morrell—men who served the Democratic party faithfully, when that party was pure and controlled the old Portage Rail Road; but now that the Democrats have become corrupt and out of power, will be equally faithful in any other organization. Like Dugald Dalgetty, having entered into the service of Mr. Morrell, they will stand by him as long as—MACSHANE.

EDITORIALS.

The house of Mr. Harry Adams, of Snowshoe, Centre county, was struck by lightning, on Sunday week, and his wife and child considerably injured and himself stunned by the stroke. Three cats that were in the house at the time were killed.

George Hall, indicted in the Westmoreland county Court for importing illegal Covoda voters into that county, has recently been found guilty, in Allegheny county, of felonious assault and battery, and sentenced to pay a fine of \$300 and undergo two years imprisonment in the Penitentiary.

The dwelling and store of Michael McCabe and two adjoining buildings, at Dudley, Huntingdon county, were destroyed by fire on the 14th inst. On the 11th the barn of Mr. Wm. Steel, near Huntingdon, was set on fire by two little "darkies" who were attempting to burn a wasp nest, and totally consumed.

A little child of Mr. Isaac Goranuch, of Mill Creek, Huntingdon county, was noticed on the track of the Pennsylvania railroad, on the 11th inst., by the engineer of an approaching freight train, who immediately whistled down brakes, and succeeded in checking the progress of the train to such an extent as merely to shove the child from the track without doing it any serious hurt.

THE LATEST AND BEST NEWS is that R. H. Singer, who, upon his entire lot our town, reduced the price of horse-shoeing one-third, has determined still to lead the van, and offers to work 10 per cent. lower than the lowest for cash, and insures satisfaction. Persons needing fire on their wagons or carriages, can save dollars by giving him their work. "A dollar saved is a dollar gained," and the way to save many of them is to get your blacksmithing done with Mr. Singer at the west end of town. Mr. S. is also selling I. C. Singer's unequalled Tire and Band Bender—a machine which saves a great amount of time and labor and bends the Tire round and true—of which Wm. Myers, of Altoona, says he would not take \$100 and do without. Any amount of testimony just like that can be shown, but the machine is its own best recommendation to a mechanic. Persons wishing to purchase should call on or address—R. H. SINGER, Ebensburg. Territory for sale. For terms address I. C. SINGER, Box 85, Altoona, Pa.

RANCID BUTTER.—We clip from an exchange the following recipe: "To a pint of water add thirty drops (about half a teaspoonful) of chloride of lime. Wash in this two and a half pounds of rancid butter. When every particle of the butter has come in contact with the water, let it stand an hour or two; then wash the butter well in pure water, when it will be left without any odor, and as sweet as fresh butter. These preparations of lime have nothing injurious in them." The same paper says: "We forthwith obtained some of the most rancid butter, and it was bad enough for any stomach that had more sensibility than a wagon wheel. We doctored it as per recipe, and when placed on the table along with new, good butter, very able judges could not distinguish which was the new butter. Here is a fact worth a year's subscription to a paper."

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