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BALTIMORE. DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION. CINCINNATI PLATFORM ADOPTED. GREELEY AND BROWN NOMINATED. ONE BALLOT FOR EACH DOES IT.

Full Report of the Proceedings.
BALTIMORE, July 9.—At this hour (11.30 a.m.) the state of the opera house is rapidly filling up with representatives of the press, but a large number of Democrats have been unable to obtain an entrance. A vast number are outside, struggling vainly for admission.

The interior of the opera house is appropriately and tastefully arranged with colors of the various states, which depend from the chandeliers and gallery, and portraits of Washington, Jefferson, Jackson and other distinguished statesmen are conspicuous on the walls of the stage.
At ten minutes past twelve o'clock the convention was called to order by August Belmont, chairman of the national democratic committee, who said:

MR. BELMONT'S SPEECH.
GENTLEMEN OF THE CONVENTION.—It is my privilege to welcome the delegates of the national democratic convention, who have met in order to present to the American people the candidates for president and vice president, for whom they solicit the suffrages of the democratic and conservative voters of this great republic. At our last national convention, on the Fourth of July, 1868, I predicted that the election of General Grant would result in the gradual usurpation of the government by the bayonets of a military despotism. The vast majority of the people of the United States have with grief and sorrow seen the correctness of that prediction, and they look forward with fear and apprehension to the dangers which are threatening us, if by the reelection of General Grant, the policy thus far pursued by the military party will be continued.

The danger which I forecast has become a fact that we are now living under a military despotism, overruling the civil authority in many states of the Union. That, by the enactment of arbitrary and unconstitutional laws through a despotic majority in congress, the rights of these states are infringed and trampled upon, and that Centralism and concentration of power in the hands of a few individuals has become a fact that we are now living under a military despotism, overruling the civil authority in many states of the Union. That, by the enactment of arbitrary and unconstitutional laws through a despotic majority in congress, the rights of these states are infringed and trampled upon, and that Centralism and concentration of power in the hands of a few individuals has become a fact that we are now living under a military despotism, overruling the civil authority in many states of the Union.

I am perhaps the oldest man of this body, and a life of eighty years spent in the democratic republican party constitutes me a senior member. I remember freshly every presidential contest from the first election of Jefferson to the present time, and I can say with truth that I remember none which involved higher questions of personal liberty, local self-government, honest administration and constitutional freedom than the present, or one which demanded of our party and our people a calmer or more earnest action. I remember freshly every presidential contest from the first election of Jefferson to the present time, and I can say with truth that I remember none which involved higher questions of personal liberty, local self-government, honest administration and constitutional freedom than the present, or one which demanded of our party and our people a calmer or more earnest action.

The foregoing remarks were delivered with much energy and effectiveness, considering that the speaker is nearly an octogenarian, and were repeatedly cheered.
The Rev. Henry Sherer being presented, addressed the Throne of Mass.
Frederick O. Ponce, of Massachusetts, was chosen temporary secretary.

MR. MARYLAND'S SPEECH.
MR. MARYLAND, of Maryland, moved that E. O. Perrin, of New York, be appointed temporary reading secretary. Agreed to.
MR. MARYLAND, of Maryland, offered a resolution of thanks to Mr. Belmont on retiring as chairman of the national committee. The chairman ruled that all resolutions were out of order until the organization was perfected.
MR. LAMBERTON, of Pennsylvania, moved a resolution that the chair be called in alphabetical order, that the chairman of each delegation may name their members of the several committees, and may also, in case of contest, name the contestant.

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fact that my colleagues on the national committee, and all those who know me, did justice to the integrity and purity of my intentions in all the trying situations in which my official position had placed me; and let me tell you, gentlemen, that there is not one amongst you who bears a warmer and truer affection to our party and our country than I have done and ever shall do. You love this great republic, "your native land"; as you do the mother who gave you birth; but to me she is the cherished wife and choice of my youth—the faithful and loving companion of my manhood, and now that I enter upon the serene and yellow leaf of life, I cling to her with all the recollections of the manifold blessings received at her hands.

I retire from the position which I have held to take my place in the rank and file of that great party whose national, conservative and constitutional principles have claimed my unwavering allegiance for the last thirty years; and as long as the Almighty will spare my life I shall never falter in my love and devotion to our party and our country.

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Governor Hoffman, the representative of the New York delegation, obtained leave to retire, in the hope that they would be able shortly to name their number. They soon returned, and after stating that August Belmont had respectfully declined further service on the national committee, presented the name of Augustus Schell, which was received with a round of cheers.

THE VICE PRESIDENTS.
The following is a list of the vice presidents: Alabama, Dr. Sikes; Arkansas, D. W. Carroll; California, E. Cassey; Connecticut, D. A. Daniels; Delaware, J. H. Poynter; Florida, Thomas Randall; Georgia, H. L. Bennett; Illinois, W. M. Garrow; Indiana, B. W. Hanna; Iowa, John H. Peters; Kansas, Isaac Sharp; Kentucky, G. P. Doerre; Louisiana, B. F. Taylor; Maine, W. B. Clifton; Maryland, R. T. Baker; Massachusetts, D. D. Brodhead; Michigan, E. A. Lathrop; Minnesota, W. Lee; Mississippi, M. R. Watson; Missouri, Silas Woodson; Nebraska, John Black; Nevada, S. B. Wymann; New Hampshire, G. W. M. Pittman; New Jersey, Albert A. Slape; New York, Thomas Kissella; North Carolina, R. M. Armstrong; Ohio, Albert Gardner; Oregon, E. F. Colby; Pennsylvania, William McMullin; Rhode Island, Hyman Pierce; South Carolina, William Aiken; Tennessee, Neil S. Brown; Texas, J. W. Henderson; Vermont, M. T. Horribean; Virginia, A. T. Caperton; Dakota, B. Tripp; District of Columbia, R. T. Merrick; New Mexico, Charles Pleasant.

MR. DOUGLASS'S SPEECH.
He said that two years ago, nearly five years after the liberal period of the civil war had closed, the liberal republicans of Missouri, feeling keenly the attempted federal dictations in their local elections, inaugurated a movement to restore equal rights to all, white as well as black. [Applause.] The feeling of thinking men was that the time had come to try halt and re-assert the cardinal doctrines of the republic. The senatorial election of 1868, for the republicans of Missouri, suffrage and peace. This movement did not propose to take away any right or any franchise that has been secured to the blacks, but it clearly demanded that freedom and equal rights be restored to the white people. [Prolonged applause.]

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ator Bayard, of Delaware, who, when he rose, was greeted with applause, when the chair remarked that this was not a mass meeting. Mr. Bayard said if ever the country needed men to rise above the mere trammels of party it was now. How was reform to be made in the government if the best and purest instincts of the people were not to be aroused? The democratic party was the organization through which the salvation of the country was to come.

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At 1:15 p.m., a recess was taken until 4 o'clock. At 4 o'clock the opera house was again filled, the attendance being larger than in the morning, and every available foot of space being occupied.