

THE CAMBRIA FREEMAN.

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The joint resolution providing for the purchase of Pardon's Digest for each member of the Legislature, although defeated in the House last Tuesday week, is not dead, but sleepeth, a Republican member from Philadelphia named Yeakle having moved a reconsideration of the vote. If Yeakle wants to know the contents of Pardon why don't he buy one, or else borrow one from Sam Josephs, if that enterprising ex-law-maker has a spare copy of the dozen or more out of which he plundered the State during his long and illustrious career in the House. Will the House go back on its record and under the lead of Yeakle put the job through? We will see.

P. S. The resolution has again been defeated—yeas 81, nays 91—and Pardon will be a sealed book to Yeakle.

The project of removing the State capital from Harrisburg to Philadelphia, has been revived in the Senate. Mr. Crouse, a member of that body from Philadelphia, having mounted the hobby by offering a bill for that purpose. The removal can take place provided a majority of the voters of the State say so at the election in November, under a provision of the new constitution. We have not the most remote idea that the bill will pass. The capital is now just where it ought to be, and we think will remain there, at least until the next centennial shall be ushered in. The idea of the law-makers of this State meeting in Philadelphia, where they would be surrounded by corrupt rings more numerous than those which encircle the planet Saturn, is calculated to appal the stoutest heart. If the people ever have an opportunity of voting on this Philadelphia scheme, they will consign it to the limbo of politics by a majority that will forever bury it out of sight.

Just at this time some people look upon the State as a good goose to be plucked for Centennial purposes. One night last week, Victor E. Piollet and other Grangers delivered speeches in the hall of the House at Harrisburg in favor of procuring a loan of \$50,000 from the State in order to erect a building on the Centennial grounds for the accommodation of the Grangers.

Their modesty is to be commended for the reason that they do not ask that the money should be bestowed as a gift, but as a loan, which of course implies restitution.

If the Legislature could and would accede to this request of the Grangers, we would then have the Women's Rights Association of the State making a similar application and perhaps other associations doing the same thing, for if the business was once commenced no human being in these days of centennial gush and patriotism could guess where it would stop.

But the hands of the Legislature are securely tied on this subject by section 6 of article 9. of the new constitution, which says: "The credit of the commonwealth shall not be pledged or loaned to any individual, company, corporation, or association." It follows, therefore, that if Col. Piollet and his Granger friends want a building at the Centennial for their own exclusive accommodation, they must erect it themselves, without calling on the State for a loan for that purpose.

JERE HARALSON is a colored member of Congress and represents the first Alabama district. He voted for the general amnesty bill. For doing so he has been denounced by the carpet-bag element of his district, and in defense of his vote has addressed the following letter to a colored friend of his named Cashin. The man Coon, to whom reference is made, is a carpet-bagger of the George E. Spencer stripe, and is of course indignant at the vote of Haralson in favor of peace and reconciliation. Haralson is imbued with the proper spirit and writes sensibly, knowing as he does the supreme necessity for the cultivation of the most kindly relations between the two races in the Southern States. Following is the letter:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, WASHINGTON, January 19, 1876.—Dear Cashin: Yours of the 15th inst. to hand, and contents noted. I expected before I voted to hear a howl from those hell-hounds below; but say to them all that, God being my help, I shall meet them at Phillip. My explanation for your vote is this:—(1) Because it is right above all. (2) Because I was elected on that principle; our platform adopted at the Republican Convention at Montgomery, 1874, says, "that the Republicans of Alabama demand the equal civil and political rights of all men before the law." (3) Because I am a Grant man, and Grant recommended general Lee. (4) Because I am a Union man in the South; was born poor and good will to all and hated to none, and asks for others what he desires for himself—an equal chance in the race of life.

We, as a race, cannot afford to aid in any manner in keeping up strife for the benefit of office-holders. All we can do is pay attention to a few questions which I hope you will put to Coon, Raper, Curtis and others. Is it better for us colored men to forget and forgive, and have the good will of the world, or is it better for us to stir up the crusade of the past and ourselves suffer in order that Coon & Co. may profit thereby?

Do I represent the true principles of Republicanism and our national motto of "Truth and Justice and the Righteousness of God?"

Is it better for us in general, especially for us negroes, that there be good friendly relations between both white and black? Is it not better that the leading colored men take this thing in hand and build up our race, build up our party upon the true principles of right, justice, of Republicanism, and drive those who are striving to do us wrong off our prejudices into the blackest political hell?

Is not the truth that such men as Raper, Coon and others are the sole cause of every body being defeated in Alabama to date? Don't you think there are thousands of white men in Alabama who would gladly join the ranks of the Republican party and help build up the party upon the strong principles of right, justice, good for all, and evil for none. We must drive out these hell hounds and go in for peace between the two races South.

Truly yours,

JERE HARALSON.

It was the custom in times that have long since passed away for almost every court in Europe to have its jester, who was known as "The King's Fool." It so happens, as it has often happened before, that the present House of Representatives of this State has a lineal descendant of this necessary appendant to the kingly household, who may be appropriately styled "The House of Assembly's Fool." S. A. Losch is his name and Schuykill Haven is his home. When the bill appropriating a million and a half of dollars to the Centennial Commissioners was before Congress, Mr. Cochrane, a Democratic member from Allegheny county, in this State, and Mr. Stenger, the Democratic member from the Franklin district, opposed it in vigorous and earnest speeches, on the specific ground that Congress had no constitutional power thus to dispose of the people's money. This was more than the patriotic soul of the loyal Losch could bear, and the opportunity was thus presented to him of achieving immortal legislative fame by striking a blow at Messrs. Cochrane and Stenger which would utterly annihilate them, and hold them up to public scorn and contempt. He accordingly offered a preamble and certain resolutions in reference to the offense which he assumed they had committed, and which could only emanate from a mind so capacious as that of Losch's. It was a cheap effort at notoriety made by a very small man of the Elijah Program school. He does not seem to know that a member of Congress is responsible for his acts only to his constituents and not the Legislature of his State. We very much mistake public sentiment if the voters who sent Mr. Cochrane and Mr. Stenger to Congress do not endorse their action. Be that as it may, they are not amenable to, nor can they be insulted by, the puerile twaddle of a legislative boor like Losch. Here is what he proposed to do amidst a universal shout of derision, and he is the man to whom the leather medal of which he speaks ought to be presented:

WHEREAS, Messrs. Cochrane, Stenger and others, representatives in the Congress of the United States from this Commonwealth, have in the discussion of the pending appropriation bill for the Centennial announced their opposition to the same:

Resolved, That, in view of the high ability, the learned position, the patriotic economy which has animated their high-toned corporate masses, that the thanks of this grand old commonwealth of Pennsylvania be extended to them.

Resolved, That, in their opposition to the encroachment of unjust and burdensome taxation we feel they have proven that they are worthy of the trust and confidence of their constituents and of the Legislature of their State. We very much mistake public sentiment if the voters who sent Mr. Cochrane and Mr. Stenger to Congress do not endorse their action.

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