

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET.

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Last Tuesday 6, was appointed by the Governor of our state, as well as of a number of other states, as a day of prayer for the recovery of the President.

Anything that will simplify machine adds to its merit. So with any body or organization, hence the Reporter endorses the proposition to eliminate senatorial delegates from our democratic state conventions.

All along as Dr. Bliss was giving out hopes of the President's recovery, Garfield was getting worse. Then on Saturday before last when the Doctors held all hopes of recovery Garfield at once began to get better. Oh, those doctors, how much there is they don't know.

In Richmond they have a fellow named Marvin, in the job who married fourteen wives, in different parts of the country, staying with each one a few weeks until he could obtain a sum of money from her and her relations, and then he'd hunt for other victims.

Where, here is richer for you: Marvelous gold discoveries are reported from Central hills five miles from Deadwood. A vein four feet wide is said to contain more precious metal than quartz. It is said that it runs \$100,000 to the ton in the foundation. This mine was formerly under bonds to the Home Stake company.

Read the testimony of Judge Holt, in behalf of the patriotism of President Buchanan, as regards the rebellion—it will be found in this issue of the Reporter. Judge Holt is a republican, and was a member of Buchanan's Cabinet; he joins Judge Black and Secretary Thompson in vindication of Mr. Buchanan.

These distinguished gentlemen settle the standers that for years have been retained against Buchanan's loyalty. They were his advisers, his assistants, and they know and know whereof they speak.

A whole family becoming insane is an unusual bit of news that we see in our exchanges.

A special to the Times from Dehoule, La., August 20, says: "A family has become insane in this county through grief and death. Mary McMahon, the daughter of a farmer, entered a convent two weeks ago and became insane. She was sent to the asylum at Independence for treatment. Her mother visited her and also became insane. The daughter died last Monday, which was now the time that she died to-day. The remains of both mother and daughter were sent home for burial. Arriving at Farley, near which place the McMahons lived, a son and a daughter became insane at the sight of their mother and sister coming home dead, and the father is now stricken with grief bordering upon insanity."

From all over the country comes the cry of distress on account of the late drought. In Lancaster county the unprecedented drought has resulted in the failure of two-thirds of the tobacco crop, entailing a loss in the county of many millions of dollars. In neighboring counties, where the same atmospheric conditions existed, the loss will be much more. Some of the early planted tobacco escaped the dry spell and matured well, but this has already been purchased by New York buyers, most of it the crops by drought-lashed. Larger prices have ruled this year than have ever before been paid. It is believed that the remainder of the crop will only be available for fillers.

Dispatches from Eldorado, Illinois, Wash., Ind., Battle Creek, Mich., and other places in that section, complain of great loss to the crops by drought. Pastures are dried up, and no ground broken for wheat. In several places farmers are hauling water from a distance for their stock.

INSANE REARING THE PRESIDENT'S INJURY.
There are still crazy fellows about who are bothering the President. They are republicans, of course, like Gutieau. Some want to kill and some want to heal. Below are the two latest instances:

Washington, August 29.—The police to-day arrested a "crank" at the White House gate. He was a colored man, manifestly insane. He was bent upon a mission to kill every man who was not a Garfield man, and he had a large tin can into which he proposed to place their heads. He was arrested without resistance.

New York, August 30.—A physician named Israel Rosefeld was charged with insanity in the Essex Market Police Court this morning. He was under the delusion that he had prescribed medicines for President Garfield and that the attending physicians and surgeons had failed to administer them to the sick man. He was sent to the Tombs physicians for medical examination.

THE STORE-ORDER BILL.

The Store-order bill which we printed in last week's Reporter is to be whipped around the stump or even to be seen by a dispatch from Uniontown, Pa., says:

After protracted deliberations among lawyers and counsel from leading farmers the coke operators of this region have finally agreed upon a method by which they expect to evade the requirements of Senator Schumaker's Store Order bill, that takes effect September 1. Operators who own the company stores will furnish their employees with small account books, on the front page of which appears the following printed statement:

The merchandise, cash, etc., charged in this book are taken to payment of wages due, by John Doe & Co. to Richard Roe.

The space for the signature of Richard Roe, the employe, is left vacant until he signs his own name in it. When signed the statement becomes a contract which the employe agrees to the very thing designed to be prevented by the store-order bill. No goods are to be sold unless the employe presents his book. A test case will doubtless be made soon, and some are determined to test the constitutionality of the law.

COURTESY AND RECIPROCIITY.

We have given Senator Beck's ideas as to the course the democrats should pursue at the next meeting of the senate, favoring the election of a republican president pro tem, out of courtesy. Courtesy is a precious jewel and at all times to be offered—still we read in a familiar book, Why cast pearls before swine? So with courtesy—it is not to be wasted by democrats upon those who only have abuse, politics and voting for us in return. The democratic party has never received any courtesy at the hands of its opponents. Still that does not say that we must not be courteous to them, unless we know our offer is not to be met with proper appreciation, in which case we would be simply casting pearls before swine. The Pittsburg Post has some remarks upon Senator Beck's proposition which meet the views of the Reporter. That excellent democratic organ says:

"Senator Beck's suggestion is that the Democrats of the Senate should elect Anthony, of Rhode Island, and voting for him in case of a republican President Arthur to the Presidency, meets our approval for various reasons. Putting aside certain well understood political reasons, it would be an act of courtesy and conciliation, we take it, extremely grateful to the American people in general and particularly to the Union." "In this matter of courtesy there must be reciprocity, else it is no longer courtesy but unmanly concession. The Republicans must revise their political methods. There is not much courtesy at the special session in their attempt to defeat Mr. Buchanan, and it would be a disgrace to the Senate offices. That was downright greed, aggravated by the fact an election was without precedent, and by the fact that the Senate was, and the Vice President was invoked to something that officer had never before contemplated to do."

"When the Senate meets the Democrats will have two majority; a majority created for them by the acts of Republican Senators. We presume they will organize the Senate as seems to them best, probably by the election of a republican president pro tem, and a Democratic secretary in place of Mr. Burch. The other offices continue in place until removed.

"Whether the election of Miller and Lapham in New York was secured by methods that entitled them to their seats, is likely to be a question before the Republican Senators. They are not the only Republicans who have been elected. Certainly this calls for investigation. Whether, in the meantime, Miller and Lapham will be allowed to take their seats is to be determined by law and precedent. This is a question of bribery and not of courtesy.

"Republican demands on Democratic conduct in this country, to be honored, as we have stated on their reciprocity. The concession of the legal right of the Fraudulent usurper Hayes to the Presidency, was met by jets that were afraid to maintain our rights, and our real motives, a patriotic desire to guard the business interests and avert civil conflict, from the republican president, are now being held up for scorn. Such a sacrifice of the right of expediency will not be repeated. That is perfectly understood.

"We believe in the troubles that have fallen upon the country, regard the republican struggle as the plunder and patronage of office by the act of Republican assassin, that the Democratic party, as the party of nationality and patriotism, should go to the utmost verge of conciliation and even concession, to soothe the exceptional difficulties of the situation and to meet the million of dollars on republican government by the dastardly deed of a mountebank assassin. Still the conciliation and concession must not be all on one side. And Senator Beck, and all others like him, would do well to remember that his concessions especially when they are accompanied with destruction and insult, are likely to be regarded as evidence by Democrats that the party has lost confidence in itself—that it must apologize for its existence—that it confesses its inability to govern the country, or bear its fair share in its government—that it has lost the confidence of the people—that it has fallen in its fight—that having nothing to live for—it is just as well it should die. Concession and courtesy carried to an extreme, are likely to raise these identical questions. It is true they do not suggest the real facts, but are nevertheless demoralizing to a party."

Both the Republican and Democratic Conventions of Blair county have nominated Hon. John Deay for President. The same action was taken in the Huntington county conventions, thus giving him the unanimous indorsement for the judicial district.

Instances are frequent in which democrats have indorsed republicans for judges or for other positions. But how often have there not been instances in which democrats have refused to do so? It is a fact that there is no record yet of the republicans showing the same disposition.

The Millinville Republican Convention met at Lewistown on 20th, and nominated the following ticket: Sheriff, Henry C. Hart; Treasurer, C. M. Shell; Commissioners, H. C. McManis, and Andrew Placid; Director of the Poor, Henry L. Crow; Auditors, W. C. Nelson and John A. Rush; Chairman of the County Committee, D. D. Muthers; Representative delegate to the State Convention, A. C. Stroup; Judicial Officers, F. H. Wentz, A. M. Ingram and W. S. Felt.

Judge McCarty of the United States Circuit court of the Missouri district, has given a decision of great importance to railroad and transportation companies as well as to the public. The gist of it is that courts have the right to prevent transportation companies from discriminating in favor of or against their customers, and the prejudices of others of the same class; that a railroad company is bound to carry freight for any express company, and that it must not discriminate against it in favor of itself or any other express company; and that courts may even go as far as to fix maximum rates which may be charged by railroad companies for the transportation of express and other freight.

HOLT ON BUCHANAN.

Lincoln's Justice Advocate GENERAL SUSTAINS JUDGE BLACK.

Interesting Facts Bearing on the Early History of the Civil War—The Buchanan Administration Vindicated—New Light Thrown on the Subject of the Failure to Reinforce Fort Sumter.

The Philadelphia Press publishes a lengthy report of an interview with Judge Holt, who was Secretary of War in the cabinet of James Buchanan after the resignation of Mr. Floyd, and afterwards Judge Advocate General during the war between the States. Judge Holt is not only a member of that administration, but a member of the advanced type of the republican party after the war began. The testimony given by him on this subject of the attitude of the Buchanan administration toward the Union, is not only important as coming from one who was a member of that administration, but cannot be questioned on the ground that it was given by a democratic partisan.

"Judge Holt's statements to the correspondent of the Press fully and completely verify the allegations of Judge Black in reference to the position on the subject of secession taken by the Buchanan administration. Judge Holt declares that, in Buchanan's cabinet, he was in perfect accord on the subject of defending the forts and the property of the federal government and that President Buchanan himself was thoroughly true to the Union and solicitous only to turn over the government to his successor in its integrity and without any of the conditions which have since been fastened upon it. He does not doubt the loyalty of Major Anderson, but thinks his correspondence with the War Department was peculiar. In this connection he gives to the public for the first time a very important letter written to President Lincoln by the Hon. John A. Sidel, secretary of war, the day after Lincoln's first inauguration. This letter, which shows that Major Anderson was late as January 30, 1861, was opposed to any attempt to reinforce Sumter, is as follows:

DEPARTMENT, March 5, 1861.— Sir: I have the honor to submit for your consideration several letters with inclosures received yesterday from Major Anderson and Captain Foster of the corps of Engineers, which are of a most important and unexpected character. Why they were unexpected will appear from the following brief statement:

"After transferring his forces to Fort Sumter he (Major Anderson) addressed a letter to the War Department, under date of thirty-first December, 1860, in which he says: 'Thank God! we are now where the government may send us additional troops at leisure. To us he has sent a message of great import, and it would result in the destruction of the Union, for the reasons I have given you. It was the cannon ball, and not from Sumpter, that saved the Union. It was his policy to preserve the peace if possible, and hand over the government to his successor. Mr. Stanton, Judge Black and myself differed at times with him as to the best way to do this, but we were agreed that it must be done. It was the policy of great length, and would result in the destruction of the Union, for the reasons I have given you. It was the cannon ball, and not from Sumpter, that saved the Union. It was his policy to preserve the peace if possible, and hand over the government to his successor. 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