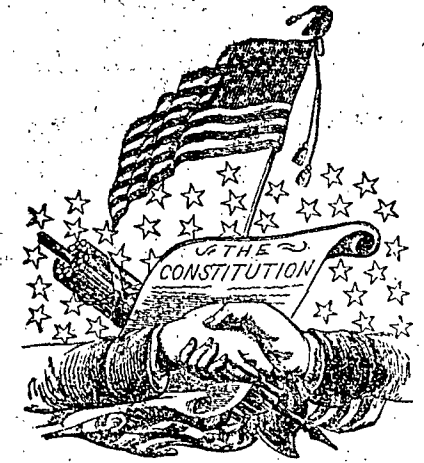


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OUR FLAG.



'Forever float that standard sheet! Where breaks the foe but before us! With Freedom's soul beneath our feet, And Freedom's banner waving o'er us!'

Proceedings of the Democratic State Central Committee.

The Democratic State Central Committee met at Bueller's Hotel, agreeably to the call of the Chairman, yesterday afternoon, January 13, 1862, at three o'clock, when the following gentlemen answered to their names:

Stephen D. Anderson, William D. Boas, J. B. Bratton, J. W. Brown, J. Cummings, H. L. Duffenbach, C. M. Donovan, Philip Dougherty, A. Hiestand, Glatz, F. M. Hutchison, S. C. Hyde, J. Monroe, Kraiter, Isaac Leech, J. P. McLaughlin, E. P. Miller, Robert D. Monaghan, Edward Reilly, A. L. Romfort, Henry J. Stable, Joseph M. Thompson, Nelson Weiser, John H. Zeigler, Jacob Zeigler, WILLIAM H. WELSH, President.

On motion it was Resolved, That the next Democratic Convention be held in the city of Harrisburg, on Friday, the 4th of July next, at ten o'clock A. M.

GRAND CONCERT.—Madame ANNA BISHOP, to be assisted by Mr. EDWARD SEQUIN, and Dr. SEISS, (pupil of Luzzi), will give a grand Concert at Rheam's Hall, on Friday evening. This lady has a reputation as a singer second to no one. She stands, indeed, at the very head of her profession, and has drawn crowded houses both in Europe and America. See card in our advertising columns.

Col. LEVI L. TATE, editor of the Columbia Democrat, and at present a member of Assembly from Columbia county, paid our town a visit on Saturday, and remained here till Monday morning. The Col. is a veteran Democrat, an accomplished editor, and a most industrious and efficient member of the House. Some thirty years ago he worked in our town as a journeyman printer, and for the last twenty-six years has conducted a Democratic paper. We are glad to learn that he is one of the few fortunate editors, and is now in a fair way to be rewarded with "higher honors."

A LONG SIXTY DAYS.—Before the present war commenced Secretary Seward in his New York midnight speech said the difficulty would all blow over in sixty days. Mr. Cameron has repeated it frequently, and other knowing ones are still telling us with a profound, prophetic and knowing look, that the war will not last "sixty days." Like the Milleries they have probably made some mistake in their calculations, for "the end is not yet." The same class of men used to predict "good times," "starvation in the South," "negro insurrections," and a hundred other "good things," and a hundred other prophesies. They are either very bad prophets or the short days of winter have been wonderfully stretched in filling up those sixty days. Would it not be more sensible for men to count the chances and speak rationally.

THE ANDERSON BODY GUARD.—The Lewisville Democrat of the 11th inst., thus speaks of the departure from that city of this fine troop of young men, the Flower of Pennsylvania, originally mounted as a body guard to General Anderson, and better known here as General Buell's body guard, will leave to-day. This troop has been avorn in as an independent troop for extra-hazardous service, and they are exactly the men who may be expected to accomplish a great deal, whether as scouts, or skirmishers, or extra aids. We expect to hear a good account of them.

Yesterday the members of the troop made a present of a splendid saddle and bridle to Lieut. Spencer, one of their officers. He is a regular army officer, and is held in high esteem by all his men.

THE PULSE FEELERS.—A secret circular was some time ago sent over the country, soon after the meeting of the abolition society at West Chester, asking republican editors to feel the "public pulse" on the emancipation question. Whereupon said republican editors all turned "pulse feelers," coming out in favor of abolitionism, emancipation, colonization, and the dark-nation generally. Well, the "public pulse" has now been felt, and judging from the recent silence of these deputized doctors, the case must be a bad one. The public are hardly in the humor now to swallow living negroes, are they?

OUR FUTURE CONDUCT TOWARDS ENGLAND.—Though the people of the United States generally acquiesce in the rendition of Mason and Slidell, yet there is no doubt that they do it under protest. The prevalent feeling is that England has taken advantage of our embarrassed condition now to make demands, which under other circumstances, she would never have contemplated. The common belief is that jealous of our growing powers, he has embraced the occasion when our own hands were apparently too much fettered for retaliation, to humiliate us to no end. The common opinion is that the Trent affair was only an over-act, and not even in the judgment of her own authorities, an adequate cause for hostilities, which she now sees her golden moment for commencing. There is no disguising the fact, that the Trent affair has deeply planted in the American heart the seeds of a bitter hatred towards England, which no after hollow protestations, or assumed friendliness can eradicate, but which we believe will grow and bring forth terrible fruits. A heavy score has been charged up against her, which will assuredly not be forgotten when the day of reckoning does come.

THE REMOVAL OF CAMERON.

President Lincoln is entitled to the thanks of the nation for removing CAMERON from the War Department; but, for appointing him Minister to Russia, the President will receive the people's execrations. CAMERON, with all his low cunning, was about to be caught and exposed. The revelations of the VAN WYCK and WASHINGTON investigating committees made it necessary for him to flee from justice. The President was fully convinced that the War Department had been used for the exclusive benefit of CAMERON and his corrupt friends, and that a system of most impudent and consummate rascality had been carried on there. He knew, too, that CAMERON was about to be exposed. Why then did not "old Ann" permit things to take their course? Why did he rescue his recent Secretary of War from the storm that was about to overtake him? In his effort to save CAMERON from exposure, by sending him out of the country, the President has shown a willingness to cover up villainy and to rescue the perpetrator from merited punishment. The people cannot be blinded by this kind of chicanery. The abettor of crime is held in law to be as guilty as the principal. President LINCOLN is the abettor of CAMERON, and as such will receive the curses, loud and deep, of the people, whose money, to the amount of forty or fifty millions of dollars, has been stolen by the connivance of the vultures in the War Department.

CAMERON appointed Minister to Russia! In the name of Heaven what are we coming to? Former administrations have felt that no man was too great in intellect, experience and honor for this very responsible position. But the present weak and vacillating Executive gives this position to a miserable time-server, whose highest idea of statesmanship is the accumulation of dollars, by any means. When CAMERON belonged to the Democratic party the highest position he ever occupied was a delegate from the West ward of Middletown to a County Convention, and for this he never was fit, for he corrupted every Convention he ever entered. But, a Black Republican administration considers him a suitable man for the positions of U. S. Senator, Secretary of War, and Minister to Russia—positions heretofore filled only by educated statesmen. Is it to be wondered at, that when his name came up for confirmation in the Senate on Friday last, that three prominent Republican Senators opposed it bitterly, and begged their brother Senators not to disgrace the country by assenting to the nomination? Their appeals were in vain, and he was confirmed by a vote of 24 yeas to 14 nays. TRUMBULL of Illinois, HALE of New Hampshire, and GRIMES of Iowa, were the three Republican Senators who spoke and voted against him.

Who is Responsible? In view of the startling exposures of fraud made by the Van Wyck Committee, some of the Republican papers console themselves with the reflection that if corruption has occurred under this Administration, its own garbans have not hesitated to expose it. We don't see how this mitigates the enormity of the frauds perpetrated by the chosen agents of the Government; or relieves it from the just odium of squandering the public money at a time when above all others its disbursement should have been jealously guarded. In the case of Mr. Cummings, every opportunity was offered for the perpetration of fraud. If the object had been to squander the public funds, no better plan could have been devised than to give him unlimited power to draw on a sum of two millions of dollars. "This loose and irresponsible way of doing business invited speculation—and considering the character of the disbursing agents it is hard to resist the conclusion that fraud was expected and intended. And this is not an isolated case; for it seems that the same loose system extended throughout all Government transactions. A multitude of harpies fastened their fangs upon the Treasury because the opportunity of plunder was literally thrust upon them. If the Republican party wish to clear their skirts of the responsibility for squandering millions of the public money, they should not merely expose the guilty, but repudiate and punish them, whether they occupy high or low places. This thing of exposing enormous peculations and then covering the authors and agents with a thin coating of political whitewash only excites derision and encourages future frauds.

Professions-Practices. The Republican party made great professions of economy when it was before the country a suppliant for popular favor, and must stand accountable for the falsification of its promises. Read the following resolution of the Chicago platform, and contrast it with the transactions of the past nine months: "Such—that the people justly view with alarm the reckless extravagance which pervades every department of the Federal Government; that a return to rigid economy and accountability is indispensable to arrest the system of the public treasury by favored parsons; while the recent startling developments of fraud and corruption at the Federal metropolis show that an entire change of administration is imperatively demanded."

Let those political doctors take a dose of their own medicine. This resolution could not be more applicable if it had been written for the present time.

The Harrisburg Telegraph of the 26th December, published a letter from one of our soldiers, giving a description of the battle of Drainesville. We make a single extract: "After they (the rebels) retreated and we got into their ambush, we saw some horrible spectacle, every few steps we came on some rebel who was either dead or dying. Some of our fellows would help them out of their world by running them through with their bayonets."

This is horrible to think about. We have never doubted that deeds like this have been committed at times by the more excitable on both sides.

Greely calls Bennett "a lying old braggart," and Bennett retorts by calling Greely "a palvanized squaw." They both probably told the truth.

The Venango Spectator says: A soldier in camp on the Potomac, writes us that on Thanksgiving he received a box from home, containing sundries, among which was a roasted Shanghai chicken, stuffed with bottles of whiskey.

Trouble in the Wigwam.

While the Republican managers at Harrisburg are endeavoring to work the elements of opposition to the Democratic party into some new shape, the Republicans of Philadelphia, under the lead of Wm. B. THOMAS, Collector of the Port, are purging the Republican party of all its allies who are not straight-up-and-down Black Republicans. The Philadelphia Press of Thursday last gives the following account of the struggle between the Republican and "People's" parties: "Tuesday evening was the commencement of a new epoch in the political history of Philadelphia. The contending struggle between the members of the Republican and People's parties was animated and interesting in many of the wards. In pursuance of the call of the Executive Committee, the Republican party met in the different wards, and selected three delegates to meet in convention this evening, at the County Court House, for the purpose of making rules for their government. 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