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There were but two prominent candidates, Hon. E. Billingsley and A. J. Kaufman, Esq. Both are good men, eminently qualified for the position, none will doubt.

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Death of Secretary Rawlins. The country mourns the loss of a distinguished son in the person of Major General John A. Rawlins, Secretary of War.

Only thirty-nine years of age, he has held the highest positions of trust and honor. He was a Democrat up to the time of the Kansas slavery question.

Under Buchanan's administration... At Galena, Illinois, in the year 1860, he met Grant, and a warm intimacy at once sprang up between them.

Grant prophesied that the great struggle between the political parties of the year would be in the hands of Rawlins.

Rawlins received a staff appointment under Grant early in the war, and after the surrender of Donelson, he was made chief of staff.

In the spring of 1864 he was again designated as chief of staff to the general of all the armies of the United States.

While serving in this capacity he became acquainted with him personally, and often had pleasant interviews with him.

Though only a volunteer, he commanded the respect of the regular officers, and with one was his relations more pleasant.

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That contest left many unfiltered feelings, and we need a Chairman who was not directly or personally interested in the issues of the campaign, and who can harmonize these discordant elements.

We beg leave to differ with those who assert that the popular system of nomination will be affected by the election of this Chairman. Such talk is sheer nonsense.

If the system has a firm hold upon the people, and if it is the best, (and we are convinced there is none better) the efforts of one member of the Committee, or of the whole Committee for one year can not change that public affection for it.

We would be a strange people, indeed, or that one man would be a terrible power, if such were the case.

We can not condemn too strongly that spirit, no matter where manifested, which dictates and threatens all sorts of improbabilities, if its mandates are not obeyed.

While this one "ring" is broken, another equally strong and arbitrary, and eventually just as corrupt, will be organized.

The local issues are now settled. If those who are entrusted with the gifts of the people, act honestly, no matter to what faction they belong, the people will sustain them; if they betray their trust, let us make an indiscriminate slaughter of the faithful.

It is time that the cease paper controversies close. Let us cease furnishing soil editorials for the Democratic newspapers, or material for Democratic campaign documents.

As the result of the County Committee meeting, a vote of 39 against 22 for Mr. Billingsley, Messrs. D. P. Rosemiller and W. R. Wilson were elected Secretaries.

Mr. Kaufman brings to the important of his popularity, ability and energy. He is a young man widely known, and will at once enlist the active support of the young Republicans of the county.

The campaign will be conducted with vigor, and the Old Guard will roll up a majority, which will allow the Democracy to keep their "Packer and Pushing."

Since writing the above, we have received communication from "Argus," which indicates a strong opposition to the persistent dictation of any party or power.

We give it in another column. Cold Blooded Outrage—Deliberate Attempt to Assassinate a U. S. Senator.

The victim is James W. Brooks, well known to the citizens generally, a United States Senator, and a member of the Internal Revenue Department.

His life has been threatened, and so many communications have been sent him that he treated them as the idle effusions of some cowardly wretches who thought to intimidate by threats.

Upon one occasion Mr. Brooks was waylaid and severely beaten, but his strong constitution rallied, and he was soon out and at his post.

Monday afternoon he proceeded to the auction and commission store of John Keenan, No. 112 North Front street, Philadelphia, a few doors above Arch street, for the purpose of examining the books.

He was standing at the desk copying into his memorandum book from the books of Mr. Keenan. Near him was the son of Mr. Keenan, a youth about sixteen years of age.

While Mr. Brooks was at the desk, leaning over the desk, two men entered, and asked young Keenan if Mr. Keenan's son was in.

Mr. Brooks turned towards the men, who retreated, and as Mr. Brooks advanced, one of them threw a black-jack at him, striking him in the forehead.

The two men reached the street, jumped into a carriage, and were driven rapidly away. Mr. Brooks followed the carriage, and fell from exhaustion in Front street, a few doors south of Race street, less than a square away.

He was taken into the store of Mr. Thomas J. Martin, near where he fell, when it was discovered that he had been shot, this ball entering diagonally beneath the right shoulder blade.

Detectives Franklin and Tryon were in Callowhill street, near Second, passing eastward, and noticed a chase being driven rapidly up Callowhill street.

Mr. Franklin raised his hand, and told the driver he would be arrested for driving a "driver" illegally through the streets.

The driver instantly checked his horses, but the moment he got a little distance from the officers he put his hand to his forehead, and dashed away.

A moment or two afterwards Mr. Franklin saw a crowd coming, and apprehending that something was wrong, directed Detective Tryon to follow the carriage, and he would see the occasion of the crowd.

Mr. Tryon ran after the carriage until nearly exhausted. He met with Lieut. Bruen, and, hastily communicating to him his desires, the Lieutenant procured a carriage, and was in quick pursuit.

He drove to the Park, gave the alarm, and driving through the Park reached Girard-avenue bridge, and on being informed that a carriage passed over rapidly, he went over the various roads of the new Park until he met the Guard, or persons driving towards him.

He soon ascertained that the vehicle containing the assassin had not entered the Park. His next move was for the New York depot, in the Twenty-fourth ward, but here he was stopped by a crowd of persons.

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