

Until recently we have said but little on this subject, for the reason that Gov. Bigler, whose nomination we unqualifiedly favored, was unwilling that his friends should use his name, or press his claims for the gubernatorial nomination. But the time has come when we must speak out, and in doing so, we discharge our duty as a journal towards our party and the people. Let it not be understood that in the expression of our preference for the nomination that we are moved by personal considerations, or attachments for the man. Our real motive is the public welfare.

In the first place, the popular desire for Mr. Bigler's nomination is being clearly manifested and pressed, in a greater or lesser degree, in every county in the State. And what is still more significant of success, in the event of his nomination, the request comes largely from that class of citizens who are not specially identified with any political organization; but is composed of conservative men who are looking earnestly to the moral and political welfare of the people, and to a remedy for the startling evils of the times.

This class seeks a guarantee in the characteristics of the man. They care less about platforms and other artificial party arrangements; they want a man in the Executive Chair, in whose integrity and worthy and devoted to the good name of the State and her great interests they have implicit confidence. And their preference for him is no disparagement to the other gentlemen named for the position. It is altogether probable that some one or more of those named would discharge the duties of the office indicated with the utmost fidelity, but they have not been tried, and it is not singular that in times of so much corruption in public places, the people should look to men who have been thoroughly tried, and insist in having such a candidate above all others.

We believe that the nomination and election of ex-Gov. Bigler would be the dawn of a new era in the civil affairs of our beloved old Commonwealth. His faithfulness has been tested in small as well as in great trusts—Whether in the discharge of his duties as a State Senator at Harrisburg, or those of Governor, or a Senator in Congress, whether building a railroad or a church, the same diligence, fidelity and economy marked all his actions. Besides, he is disconnected from all factions, and having no connections with strifes, within or without the party, he would, if elected, be in a position to do that which is right and just among his fellow-men, and that he would do, in his own quiet way, regardless of the demands of friends or enemies. We know it has been alleged against the Governor, when he was in public positions, that he would do nothing for his friends; but it should be borne in mind that a public servant often has demands made upon him by his friends, that it becomes the highest virtue of the incumbent not to grant. This Mr. Bigler has often done, and would do so again. We do not wish to convey the idea that his motive is ungracious, or that he is ungrateful to the claims of those who sustained him in times of great trial; on the contrary, his heart readily responds in gratitude to those who act as a friendly party towards him. There is, however, one class of men, for whom he would have no compassion. We mean those who have, or may, prove unfaithful, selfish, or corrupt, in the discharge of a public trust. Upon all such he would visit the utmost penalties of the law with pleasure and the full measure of popular condemnation. It always brings him to his feet when discussing the shortcomings of a corrupt government official.

It must be conceded that men of this character, above all others, are needed in our public places these degenerate times. The corruption in high places is truly awful, and if the people do not rise up and condemn it, public virtue in a government official will soon be the exception instead of the rule.

The delegates to the Erie Convention will comply with the popular wish by casting their votes for Mr. Bigler. Make him our standard bearer and the campaign is half over—the victory won. Give us a candidate who has no public record, and one must be made for him before the people will rally to his support. The great mass, outside of the mere professional politicians demand a candidate with an unblemished record, one who will be proof against all rings, and willing to denounce corruption within the party, (if it exists) as well as without.

William Bigler is a true representative of the higher class of statesmen who have been trusted since the peculiar "smart men," who have, unfortunately, ruled in the past decade to the disgrace of their constituents and the State. It is almost time to sweep them out of office, and to send a Republican, and transmit free government to those who are longing after it. Let us leave them as vanishing an inheritance as was handed down to us. Let public robbers be convicted and sent to the Penitentiary like ordinary highwaymen, instead of condoned and pardoned. This state of things will be brought about, when Wm. Bigler is elected Governor.

WEATHER THUNDER.—At a Democratic meeting held at Zanesville, Ohio, on Tuesday evening, August 17th, Henry Blady, Esq., one of the largest iron workers in that State, and the great manufacturer of portable engines that are sold all over the world; Col. T. J. Magnus, late Republican State Senator and the owner of the most extensive coal and iron mines in central Ohio, and Col. F. Montgomery, late editor of the Logan Republican, radical organ of Hooking county, all heretofore leading and active Republicans, made speeches urging the election of Gov. Allen and the whole Democratic ticket.

KNOWLEDGE IN GOVERNMENT.—Every member of the Cabinet, and the President to boot, was absent from Washington last week, and the Government was run by the clerks. No wonder delinquencies and embezzlements are of almost daily occurrence. Except under Grant's administration, such a thing never before occurred in the history of this Government.

The Bank of California, with a capital of five millions of dollars, failed on the 27th of August. The Pacific slope is in a whirlpool of excitement over the affair. The President, Wm. C. Ralston, took a dose of poison, and for fear it would prove a failure went to the bay and drowned himself. The San Francisco papers estimate his personal wealth at \$20,000,000, two million of which was capital of the bank. This style of living for ten years past was on the Jay Cooke plan—Cooke, however, is still alive.

The failure of Sterling, Ahrens & Co., of Baltimore, on the 28th, startled the sugar and molasses dealers. This was one of the largest importing houses in the United States; the house imported within the past six months, 50,000 hogheads of sugar, and 40,000 hogheads of molasses. Their assets are estimated at \$3,200,000, and their liabilities at \$3,400,000.

The New York Sun in alluding to the bank failure, says, the cause of the disaster is simple unwise and extravagant speculation. The managers of the bank thought themselves omnipotent, and regarded the whole Pacific coast as their property. They embarked in enormous enterprises; they owned Senators and Congressmen; they decided elections; they controlled judges; the mines and the agriculture of half the continent they fancied were theirs; and the people were their servants, born only to make them rich and great. They were mad with the insanity of fancied wealth and boundless ambition, and ruin has come upon them.

The event teaches anew the old familiar lesson: integrity, wisdom, prudence, economy, moderation, and discretion are the only safe rule in business, as in all things else. It will be well for California and for all the world if this lesson is well learned.

DAMNABLY BIASPHEMOUS.—Some of the bloodhounds of Zion are still on the hunt of their brother's blood. Four years of slaughter has not appeased the appetites of these human devils. The death of ex-President Andrew Johnson has given them another opportunity to show their hands still stained by human gore. The Dayton (Ohio) Herald, a Gossip, an organ of a branch of the Methodist church. This sanguinary follower of the Prince of Peace, says:

Johnson had his faults, indeed, but without doubt, they were magnified and exaggerated. When Lincoln died, the loyal soldiers did not grieve with him, as we are told, but rejoiced. He was a traitor to his country, and a betrayer of his race. He had no right to sit in the White House, and he had no right to wear the stars and stripes. He was a traitor to his country, and a betrayer of his race. He had no right to sit in the White House, and he had no right to wear the stars and stripes.

Such is the language of this first class bigot who assumes to lead a branch of the Christian Church. We never before saw so much blasphemy in the same number of lines. The historians of the dark ages never were called upon to record such wicked sentences, when men were drunk with rage and overwhelmed with crimes of every hue and degree. Yet this Ohio sinner presumes to palm such blasphemy off on his readers for genuine philanthropy and unadulterated loyalty. What a pity that this clerical hyena could not be given a job of digging open rebel graves and pounding the "no ble heads of the first families" for their folly.

THE WICKED WORLD.—The course of the New York World is a peculiar one, for a Democratic journal. It has for some time past assailed and slandered prominent Democrats in this State, and is waging a warfare against our party in Ohio more effective than that of any Radical organ in the Union. The editor of the Philadelphia Times in alluding to the course of this guerrilla organ, says: "It is an unfair and unmanly mode of warfare for William B. Reed's New York World to urge the nomination of ex-Governor Bigler for Governor by the Erie Convention. He has done nothing to merit such a crushing milestone cast upon his neck as the proclaimed friendship of the Cameron-Pilgrim organ of New York. With the open support of the World he could be considered as a candidate at Erie at all on any assumption that the World had been hired to destroy him with its praise, for no man who goes into that convention tainted with the favor of the journal that betrayed Seymour in 1862, and has its price for betraying the Democracy of Ohio in 1875, will receive a corporal's guard of votes. It is due to Governor Bigler to say that he has manfully protested against the idiotic proposition of the World, and has left no efforts untried to save it from its monomania of greed and madness, and he should not be held responsible for its polluting favor."

GEN. WHITE IS OBED.—If there has been any doubt heretofore existing about the election of "old Bill Allen" as Governor of Ohio, there is none whatever now. That chronic office-seeker and doubly played out politician, Harry White, is in Ohio making speeches in his own star-spangled banner style against the veteran William Allen and in favor of Hayes, his Radical opponent. If White's efforts on the stump, which, like an Irishman's dreams, "go by contraries," don't make Allen's election a sure thing, no other human agency could bring about that result; and if they fail to do so, then the effect of his spread-eagle oratory on the Buckeye boys will be directly the reverse of what it has been on the reverse of his own State. We trust that White will stay in Ohio abusing Allen and the Democratic party until the close of the election in October. He can then come home, and, if he has a taste for it, he can take up his abode at the Albany National Bank at Pittsburgh; and there he can be as busy as a bee, as he has been in this country last fall.

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