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## What It Means.

The result of the Harrisburg convention has been as foreshadowed, and Senator Cameron and his ring associates come out with an apparent victory, which is, however, so much less than complete as to be in fact a defeat. These men have been ruling the politics of the Republican party for many years autocratically and this convention was especially manufactured to suit their purposes. Yet in a body so constituted they secure a bare majority of twenty votes. The issue nominally before the convention was the presidential candidacy of Grant and Blaine, but the real issue was the continued dominance over the party of the men who now rule it. It would seem from the statement of Mr. Bingham, who claimed to be Mr. Blaine's friend and representative, that Blaine did not desire to be set in opposition to Grant in Pennsylvania; and this is the policy which it has been generally believed Blaine would pursue: the value of it to him consisting in the fact that Grant is not a real candidate, and that it is well for him to keep on amiable terms with the men who think they own the vote of the state. The fact that Mr. Bingham stood alone among the Blaine men in the convention, in his desire to conciliate those who were nursing the Grant boom, shows either that he did not represent Blaine, or that the other Blaine delegates had not so much at heart the success of Blaine as the defeat of Cameron. And this latter seems to us to be the true inwardness of the matter. The popular dislike of the third term idea swelled the number of the anti-Cameron party, and so did the popular liking for Blaine. But the core of the anti-Grant vote was disgust with Cameron dictation. That distinguished young senator is on his last legs as a political leader. He has not the needed qualities. Bull-headedness without sagacity won't do. His folly in taking up the third term idea, whether he has done it in good faith or as a means to secure the control of the delegation, has been made manifest. It weakened, instead of strengthening his hand; and if all the carion birds of the party had not come to his help to secure the carcass, he would have been shut out of any share in it. They have obtained a delegation to Chicago that will sell out the state at the highest price; and Blaine being the most available bidder, and the one best able to give security for the faithful performance of the contract, will shortly appear in the character of Pennsylvania's favorite son.

## Why They Win.

General Koonz made the most telling speech in the Harrisburg convention yesterday when he referred to the inconsistency of the men who now ask for a third term endorsement, while the same men had passed the anti-third-term resolutions of 1855 and 1856; and the men who now demand the unit rule had violated that rule in 1858. The most remarkable thing about the Cameron domination in Pennsylvania and its almost unbroken tenure of control over its party is the success with which it appeals to the party spirit and the pride of political organization, whenever its purposes are to be served in the election of the party candidates. Every time that the Cameron faction succeed in controlling state or local conventions—as they succeeded yesterday, by packing them against the will of the Republican masses—no matter how disreputable nor improper their nominations are, they invoke the aid of the offended and injured majority, on the ground that common party interest demands the united support of the “regular” ticket and an endorsement of the acts of a “regular” convention. And they generally get it. So that experience has taught them that by whatever means they control the party machine they can safely depend on their opponents' help to ratify its decrees.

Year after year here, in other countries, in the state and in national politics, we have seen the anti-Cameron wing submit themselves to the yoke, until this year the other side held encircled to the most shameless imposition on the popular will and the most flagrant majority of the popular rights. Without the Philadelphia, Allegheny and Lancaster delegates yesterday, Cameron would have been powerless; and yet had the Republican voters chosen the delegates in these counties Cameron would not have had a quarter of them. So it goes in local affairs and some mysterious obligation of party fealty assures the Camerons, every time, that that their opponents will in the end be their betrayers.

That this obligation is not considered reciprocal, might easily be demonstrated. The Cameron wing rarely exert themselves to elect Republican nominees who are distasteful to them, and do not sacrifice any time to sell out Republicans whose election they do not desire. They were glad to nominate Passmore when they knew he would be defeated; they refuse to nominate him when they think he could be elected. They are for the unit rule when it suits them and against it when it hurts. They are for a third term when they have a bargain to their advantage; they are against it when they were in the market. They run the Republican party as they please, and they will do so long as their opponents teach them that they can do as they please.

We declare a firm, unqualified adherence to the written law of the republic which wisely and under the sanction of the most venerable examples limits the presidential term of any citizen to two terms, and we, the Republicans of Pennsylvania, in recognition of the law, are EXALTERABLY opposed to the election to the presidency of any person for a third term.—Pennsylvania Republican convention of 1875.

It will be seen that both the delegates to the national convention from this county are from the upper end. Lancaster city and the lower district are slighted. The Bull Ring does not get its majorities in this section.

THERE is nothing particularly new in the exposure of the rottenness of the Republican party in Lancaster county that has been made in the Furniss-Breneman case. The testimony that was given proves an abuse of the office of county treasurer in the service of a corrupt political ring, operating for corrupt political purposes, and that all engaged in it were tarred with the same stick. Had the loquacious plaintiff not been stopped in his interesting revelations by Judge Patterson, he would only have told what has long been known, that Sheriff Breneman and Register Ross each paid the Sensenig-Furniss combination \$4,000 for securing their nominations and that in dividing the profits of that pool Furniss was skinned by his wicked partners. But as these officials have not been the only ones elected by such means and who took the solemn oath of office to the contrary, the revelations in this case form only one chapter in a long story that will keep for future telling—when it will not be interrupted by objection of the counsel nor by rating of the court.

THERE is a vacancy on the list of Republican electors for this district, because of a disagreement among the Bull Ring politicians. Some of them wanted Geo. Calder, jr., others favored John M. Stehman. The latter were the most influential and secured the certificate of the delegates from this county in favor of Stehman's selection. His nomination is only with held for prudential reasons: if he wants the election he can have it, we are confidently informed. B. Frank Eshleman and S. S. Clair are slated as members of the Republican state central committee from Lancaster county.

GIVE the devil his due. On the motion to instruct for Grant, Nath. Ellmaker, jr., and John E. Wiley, of this county, voted “no.” There were enough without them.

## MINOR TOPICS.

WHERE'S Passmore?

“UNALTERABLY” was the word.

If Andy Kauffman and Billy Seltzer will come out at the primaries how they will get dressed off!

The somewhat notorious “mountain kalmia” and its “ecstatic embrace” receive interesting scientific treatment on our first page to-day.

LADY teachers in the Chicago schools are at the action of the board of education in declaring that marriage will be construed as a resignation.

AT Clinton, Tenn., last week 491 intelligent men were examined as jurors and rejected before twelve idiots could be found to try the case.

ISN'T it a little odd that Lancaster county, which produces more smoking tobacco than any other county in the Union, should be against Grant, the greatest smoker.

THE Republicans of New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Wisconsin were against a third term in 1856 and they are “formists” it now. Grant cannot carry any one of these states.

TALKING about filling Indian Commissioner Hayt's place Schurz has said that a majority of the names suggested were those of broken-down party hacks and political fungi from the Eastern and Middle states, who were utterly unfit for any other occupation, but were willing to accept this position.

WE have had “reformed gamblers” and “reformed drunkards” and “reformed pugilists” and the like, but now a down East city rejoices in a “reformed athlete,” who is preaching to the people. What would Thomas Hughes say to the notion that an athlete couldn't be a Christian without “reforming?”

THE new senator from Mississippi, James Z. George, will, the Vicksburg Herald predicts, be an able coadjutor to Senator Lamar “in that policy of reconciliation between the sections which has been the chief end of his public services, and to the importance of which all other questions have been uniformly subordinated by him, regardless of consequences in the way of censure or criticism at home.”

STATE ITEMS.

Jonathan Watson, a big oil operator of Titusville is dying from ill luck and self-administered laudanum.

The supreme court is asked to say whether Robert Ralston ought to have a divorce on the grounds of Mrs. Ralston's desertion because she lives with her mother in Wilmington and will not come to her husband in Philadelphia.

The success of the late show of the Red Star pigeon club, in Philadelphia, attests the growing popularity of carrier pigeons in this country. It is not many years ago that the flight of a pigeon from New York to Philadelphia created a sensation; but already there are many clubs and individual fanciers in various parts of the Union, and one or two 500-mile races have been attempted. Belgium is the great centre of carrier pigeon sport. Last year a race from Rome to Belgium, 780 miles in a straight line, was flown for a series of prizes, the first being \$700. The starters numbered 1,100, but a great storm came up, making the passage of the Alps almost impossible, and hundreds were lost or perished. The first two birds reached home nine days after the start.

A Horrible Crime.

At Lucas, Ont., on Tuesday night, a gang of men, with blackened and masked faces, entered the dwelling of a “somewhat notorious family,” named Donnelly, and murdered the father, mother, son and niece. A boy named Connor escaped by hiding under a bed. The murderers set fire to the house, which was consumed, with the bodies of their victims. A son of Donnelly, who lived three miles from the homestead, was called to his door and shot dead about the same hour the others were murdered.

Talk is cheap.

Harrisburg Dispatch.

The struggle of the Blaine element is very vigorously conducted, and the speeches were listened to by the Cameron people, who simply said: “When they get through talking we will vote them down.”

A Happy Organ.

New York Tribune.

At first sight it might seem that both wings of the Republican party in Pennsylvania had reason to be satisfied with the results of yesterday's convention.

## PERSONAL.

Mr. OLE BULL, to-day is seventy years old.

J. HAY BROWN is McManes's alternate delegate-at-large. But McManes will be there.

TON COCHRAN is the new “boss” around these parts. Tommy's “sly, devilish sly.”

PRESIDENT MONROE's tomb has been decorated in so far that the brass plates have been stolen from it.

MRS. CHANDLER has been very ill since the death of her husband, but is now recovering. Her daughter, Mrs. Hale, is still with her.

DR. COMPTON should have packed his bag, off to Washington, and got Jas. Samson confirmed, while Don Cameron was busy at Harrisburg.

The sale of the pictures and drawings of the late WM. HUNT shows a handsome return of \$63,000. This did not include the two pictures of greatest value, which found no purchasers at the price asked.

LIN BARTHOLMEW was detained by a sun stroke from being present at the convention to help his neighbor Passmore; and the FAMILY kindly prescribes for him the place of delegate at large to the national convention and the honor of nominating Grant in a Bartholomew speech.

The Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce has adopted a resolution heartily endorsing a proposition made by a number of prominent women to raise a popular subscription for the purpose of placing a marble statue of REUBEN R. SPRINGER in the vestibule of the Music hall. The work will be executed by Preston Powers, son of the late Hiram Powers.

A large audience listened to the Hon. E. B. WASHBURN, ex-minister to France, who delivered a lecture in Brooklyn last evening before the Long Island historical society. The speaker was introduced by the Rev. Dr. Richard S. Storrs. The subject of the greater part of the address was “The Siege and Uprising of the Commune of Paris,” and the terrible scenes of '71 were described in picturesque language. At the close of the address Mr. Washburn was given a reception.

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LATEST NEWS BY MAIL.

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