

Lancaster Intelligencer.

THURSDAY EVENING, APRIL 15, 1880.

The County Convention. As we remarked yesterday, the animation visible in the Democratic ranks and which started the Northern district convention to such unwonted excitement only betokens that the minority party in Lancaster county is at least a very lively one and has an amount of fighting blood in it that forecasts well for its place in the ensuing presidential contest.

In the city and lower representative and senatorial districts there was scarcely any perceptible difference of opinion, and the delegates chosen were nominated with singular unanimity. In the upper district the feeling ran high, but it must be very apparent to any reasonable observer that the procedure finally determined upon and submitted to was the only one by which a perfectly fair and satisfactory result could have been obtained.

As it happened, the voice of that majority has secured free, fair and formal expression, and in such a verdict all acquiesce. It ought to be satisfactory to all that the delegates selected in both districts are capable, independent men; loyal and intelligent Democrats; who will square their public conduct with approved standards of Democratic faith and practice, and who are understood to favor the selection of national delegates unpledged and uncommitted to any man or any man's man, resolved to act with an eye single to the welfare of their party and the wishes of their constituents.

The candidate for Congress, Mr. Steinmetz, is well known to the public as a gentleman of legislative experience, political energy and professional prominence, and if anybody can chase the opposing candidate he will gain on him as rapidly as possible. Mr. Montgomery's withdrawal as the nominee for district attorney, leaves a vacancy which will probably not be filled until the result of the Republican "scrub race" is known. Mr. Douglass, candidate for senator, is a faithful Democratic worker and a young man of intelligence, widely known in his district. The other candidates on the ticket, if they could be elected, would endeavor to make our public institutions something better than the spoils of contenting hog and bull rings.

Grant, Blaine, Tilden. General Grant is advancing up the Mississippi valley, but is no longer an object of public interest, and his second coming produces no sensation. There will certainly be no wave of enthusiasm to carry him through the Chicago convention. Main force and hard-fighting only will save him there, as it only has saved him in the state conventions where he has been apparently endorsed. Kentucky wheels into line for him, but in the face of a discomfited minority. Blaine on the other hand seems to be doing smooth work. The states he gets appear to be for him heartily. He will be the leading candidate and will encounter the combined opposition which unites to that perilously exalted position. The nominee is likely to be Blaine or somebody who is now nobody. There is hardly a chance for Grant. In weakness as a candidate before the country Blaine will only be second to Grant. Against the latter the powerful anti-third-term feeling will be omnipotent. Against Blaine the uncleanness of his hands ought to be absolutely destructive. With a Democratic candidate in the field whose reputation is without reproach, Blaine with his smirched reputation surely cannot triumph. We are in a time when party prejudice is not very lively and when party ties will fail to control a great many voters against their judgment of the candidates. In the even balancing of parties which exists the character of the candidates will exercise a controlling influence. Mr. Blaine has no character to speak of and will get no electoral votes to speak of against a reputable candidate.

We have many such to make our selection from. Our delegates only need to exercise an average amount of discretion and they will not go wrong. Mr. Tilden, who is the choice of so many because of their belief that his nomination will best typify our loathing of the great fraud which kept him out of the seat to which he was elected, has nevertheless stirred up against himself so much feeling, whether it is rightly or wrongfully entertained, that it is obvious that the good of the party requires the withdrawal of his name. We do not suppose that he will permit it to be presented to the convention, or that he would desire a nomination that has not tendered him with some approach to unanimity. He would not be honored by a second nomination in any way forced from the party. He has been once the candidate and if he ought to be chosen again, the party desire would be emphatically so expressed. That desire is the other way. Even those who would vote for Mr. Tilden if he should insist upon being a candidate would experience a feeling of

great relief if Mr. Tilden would decline to be a candidate. This we confidently expect him to do. To suppose anything else would be a reflection alike upon his patriotism and his intelligence.

It was neither just nor judicious in Senator Wallace to arrange with certain huckstering Republican politicians that all the Democratic census enumerators to be appointed in Lancaster county should be "placed" in the upper senatorial district, and that Supervisor Snowden should "take his orders" from a single Democrat retained by Senators Cameron and Wallace to dispense the enumerators in consideration of the support of delegates to the state convention in support of Mr. Wallace's interests. The whole bargain was highly discreditable to all concerned, and since the consideration cannot be delivered the contract may as well be annulled. Let there be a fair deal all around and the favors be passed regardless of selfish factional interests. Verbum stp.

PERSONAL.

This is the fifteenth anniversary of the death of ABRAHAM LINCOLN. Not a word from WILLIAM A. WHEELER. Nobody knows whether he has had a bite or not.

HENDRICKS, when a schoolboy, used to argue imaginary law cases to himself as he walked to and from school. ROBERT FORTUNE, the English author and botanist, who in 1857 was employed by the United States patent office to collect in China the seeds of the tea shrub and plants, is dead at the age of 67.

Miss EMMA ABBOTT is about ending one of her most profitable seasons. It is said that her share of the receipts is little less than \$30,000. Emma will have the opportunity of adding to this sum little sum on her appearance in this city shortly.

HAYES, it is reported, said a few days ago: "I believe that the last half of my administration has been pleasant and as free from perplexities and troubles as ever falls to the lot of an incumbent of the presidential chair."

VICTOR HUGO always sits three hours at table. One day he invites poets to dine with him; the next day learned men; the third day novelists; the fourth day dramatists; the fifth day admirers; the sixth day artists; Sunday his relatives not living with him. There are always three ladies and three gentlemen. He is a firm believer in the superstition that thirteen people at a table will lose some one by death within a year.

MINOR TOPICS.

A HANCOCK boom is on the tapis in Kentucky.

VIGNAUX belongs to the French army. Just now he is playing soldier. Such an exhibition of billiards as he is giving was never before seen. It is hardly according to the discipline of the French military, but the more he runs when he meets his adversary the better his friends like it.

The charge industriously circulated by gentlemen who knew it was that Mr. McGarran or Mr. Hensel was a candidate for delegate to Cincinnati "in Mr. Tilden's interest" was such a clumsy device that it only derived force from the persistency with which it was repeated by people who first forged it and then kept hammering at it. The circulation of telegraphing it from here to Washington, thence to the New York World, and copying it from there back into the Examiner, was such a wonderful feat that those who did it couldn't conceal their self-satisfaction over their own ingenuity. Too thin!

If the Examiner and New Era would have stopped their accounts of the Democratic convention with a statement of what was actually done there or even the most exaggerated report of the indescribable tumult that was finally quelled, they would not have made themselves utterly ridiculous. But as the Examiner repeats editorially, as of its own knowledge, the irresponsible blather about a delegate being paid \$150 to stay at home, or about "bar's" of money being rolled into a contest whose only characteristic was noise, it discredits itself to an extent that will make its readers doubt ever what truth it tells about its opponents.

AND NOW, if the Burmese ambassador at Thyetmo is to be believed, or if he is accurately informed, there is not a particle of truth in the reported burnings and burials alive at Mandalay of hundreds of King Theobaw's subjects for the propagation of the evil influences which have been reported as afflicting King Theobaw. We shall probably next hear that King Theobaw has either reformed and developed into the most proper sort of a despot, or else that he never killed any of his relatives and never was in need of reform, and that all the frightful stories that have been told about him are British concoctions which have in view the furtherance of British plans for a raid on Burmese territory for annexing purposes. And if such things as these should be said or hinted at they would have the stamp of the absolute improbability about them, nor would they be absolutely unprecedented in connection with the administration of British so-called interests in India.

The Lancaster weekly Examiner is fifty years old to-day, the first number having been issued by Samuel Wagner, April 15, 1830. It was subsequently published by G. W. Hamersly and Luther Richards, and later successively by Robert W. Middleton and Edward C. Darlington. In 1858 John A. Hiestand, John F. Huber and Francis Heckard became the owners, and when this partnership was dissolved Mr. Hiestand became sole proprietor, and continues so. In 1872 a daily edition of the Examiner was started, and in 1876 Mr. Hiestand bought the old Express and united the two papers under the title of the Examiner and Express. He announces that the title of the paper will be hereafter simply the Examiner. We congratulate our contemporary on the prosperous condition in which it finds itself on the attainment of its semi-centennial and hope it may continue to live and prosper for many years to come. Barring its politics, the Examiner is a good paper.

IMPORTANT if true: "A Democrat of prominence, one who has held a high position in the councils of his party, informed your correspondent to-day that Mr. Tilden

has written a letter to be read at the New York Democratic convention at Syracuse, declining to be a candidate before the Cincinnati convention and withdrawing; his name. The reason assigned for his course is the condition of his health. This same gentleman says that Mr. Tilden prepared a letter two months ago withdrawing his name, but the intercession of personal friends prevented it from being made public." The above dispatch was handed to a gentleman, an inmate of Mr. Tilden's house, last evening, with a request that he would show it to Mr. Tilden. He took it up stairs to Mr. Tilden. On his return to the parlor he handed it back and said that Mr. Tilden would not see the visitor. He added in reply to a question that Mr. Tilden had not read the dispatch.

A LOT of yellow-fever feathers from Memphis appears to be circulating about the country in a very miscellaneous and decidedly hazardous fashion. Some brief while ago they were sent to Chattanooga, and on being turned back from there were forwarded to Cincinnati, consigned to a dealer who declared that he had not ordered them and who refused to receive them. The health officer at Cincinnati has surveyed the infected goods and ordered the boat which carried them to take them back to Louisville, from whence they had been taken to Cincinnati. We presume that they will go to St. Louis or some other well-populated settlement next—that is, if some enterprising health officer or other public-spirited citizen does not take them in charge speedily and drop a lighted match in their midst. There certainly appears to be a necessity for summary dealing with these particular feathers, and be it public official or private citizen who succeeds in having them deprived of power to do harm, neither the censure of public opinion nor the heavy hand of the law will be likely to do him any severe injury.

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Strong American Team to Go to Dollymount.

The board of directors of the National rifle association have resolved to renew during the present season and on Irish soil the Irish-American competition, which in 1874, 1875 and 1876 was the occasion of three exciting and well-fought matches. The board met in special session for the consideration of this subject. The committee, consisting of Messrs. Fulton, Bodine and Grant, appointed to consider the matter, recommended the sending of a team across the Atlantic, and Major Henry Fulton moved the adoption of the report and the acceptance of the Irishmen's invitation. He said that the riflemen of Boston informed him that Messrs. W. Gerrish, J. F. Brown and W. H. Jackson, members of the team of 1877 and first-rate shots, intended to visit Wimbledon under any circumstances and would doubtless be available for the contest. The riflemen of Washington also guaranteed a team, as also those of New Jersey. He believed that the general desire of the country in making his motion to send a team to Ireland. After some discussion on matters of detail, the resolution was put to the meeting and adopted. Following this was the appointment of a committee to take charge of the selection of a team, the raising of necessary funds, and all other matters pertaining to the match. They have power to make all arrangements subject only to revision by the board of directors, and to choose any district to their work with promptitude. The members are Major Henry Fulton, Colonel Bodine, Lieutenant Colonel Litchfield, General Shaler, General Molleux, Mr. G. Grant and Colonel E. H. Sanford. The team will be selected by the board, but it will be necessary to send one or more "substitutes" in case of accident to one of their number. The estimated expense is about \$5,000. Some difference of opinion exists as to the manner of determining the personnel of the team. Successors in their should shoot their way into it in open competition, as in previous years, while others think this unnecessary and hold that the committee may select six of the best known riflemen available. The committee will early determine the matter.

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