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Mr. Scott's Opposition.

William I. Scott, of Erie, is a man to whom the Democracy owe a great deal and for whom they have a great affection. He has been an earnest, steadfast member of the party, through good report and evil report, and has contributed to its funds with great liberality from his abundant means. His energy and sagacity have been conspicuous and valuable in its councils, and certainly there is no other Democrat of Pennsylvania who has a greater claim upon the kind regard of the party, not only in the state but in the nation.

It is, therefore, with great regret that we understand that he declines to support the Democratic candidate for state treasurer in this election. The reasons he assigns were quite sufficient to warrant his opposing the nomination of Mr. Noble, and one of them, if it were founded, would justify his refusal to support him, though he has become the party candidate. He says that Mr. Noble left the Republican party in 1872, and when in 1875 he was defeated as a candidate for the nomination for state treasurer in the Democratic convention, and his friends supported Mr. Rawle, the Republican nominee, who was elected. That allegation, if correct, would naturally have caused Mr. Scott to strongly oppose Mr. Noble's nomination. It would have had that effect on any good Democrat, for nothing is more disgusting than to know that a man who asks office from a party has previously opposed that party from no better cause than disappointed ambition. But after Mr. Noble has been nominated by the party it is useless to inquire whether this charge is true, because it should not affect a Democratic vote, whether true or false. Such a question was settled when the nomination was given. The will of the majority of the party delegates must be yielded to and obeyed whenever a nomination is made of a man who is fit to fill the office; otherwise a party can have no coherence or strength; it cannot be a party without mutual concession in non-essentials.

But Mr. Scott further declares that Mr. Noble is not competent to discharge the duties of treasurer of the state. If he so confidently believes, he is right not to support him; for no man can be required by his party to vote for a candidate whom he considers unfit for the place. Fitness to discharge the duties of the office is not a prime essential in a candidate, and a voter cannot be required to subordinate his judgment in this to that of the party convention. He has no right to vote for an unfit man for office; his good conscience forbids him to do it.

But Mr. Scott cannot expect his fellow Democrats to accept his opinion as to Mr. Noble's fitness for state treasurer against the endorsement of their convention and against the facts as they know them. We assume, until we have evidence otherwise, that the convention would not nominate an unfit candidate. Then we know that Mr. Noble has managed well his own financial matters, so as to attain wealth, and thence a fair presumption arises that he is well fitted to be the financial officer of the state. He is not, so far as we have heard, charged with dishonesty. Mr. Scott does not intimate such an accusation. Nor does he show wherein Mr. Noble's unfitness consists. He does not support his allegation with facts; and we naturally infer that it is inspired by prejudice. Mr. Scott is of a very ardent, earnest nature, with strong feelings of like and dislike, readily excited. He is a man of emotion; and most probably has been aroused to enmity against Mr. Noble by reasons which, if disclosed, would be quite insufficient to inflame the cooled-headed voter.

Groundless Objections.

The editor of the leading Republican journal in Erie has gone to the trouble and expense of having an interview with Wm. L. Scott telegraphed over the state. Mr. Scott, who is the Pennsylvania member of the Democratic national committee, is represented in this interview, scattered broadcast by the Republicans, as saying that he will not support Mr. Noble, the regular nominee of his party. This reason given for this refusal are that Mr. Noble only came into the Democratic party in 1872, bolted its nomination for state treasurer in 1875, and that he has not the capacity for the proper administration of the office of state treasurer. The first objection is not a valid one; plenty of good men came into the Democratic party in 1872, at their own personal and political cost, have remained in it to their own credit and to the advantage of the party, and deserve well of it. Their nomination to an office by a regular convention of the party is as much entitled to its respect and support as any other. As to the allegation that Mr. Noble and his friends did not support Mr. Piollet for state treasurer in 1875, we are expressly and directly authorized by Mr. Noble himself to say that this is not true; that he did then support the Democratic nominees fully and heartily. He is competent to know what he did, and there is no reason whatever to doubt or gainsay his assertion on this point. As to his fitness for the place to which he is named, his success in business and in the administration of his private affairs, contradict Mr. Scott's estimate of him. His neighbors have repeatedly honored him with their suffrages for mayor and member of the Legislature and elected him by unusual majorities against odds; his Democratic fellow citizens have testified emphatically to his upright and intelligence and he has not fallen short of the duties of the places to which they elevated him. Mr. Scott says he never signed a certificate to this effect to which his name was appended; it is certainly the first time he ever denied it, though it was published a year ago.

Mr. Scott will not vote for Noble; neither will the editor of the paper which he is popularly supposed to control. Although they will not vote for Daily, Mr. Noble will lose three votes in

Erie county; and Mr. Bierly's in Lycoming county. This is all so far as heard from. Diligent inquiry and the offer of \$1 per head in Erie, has failed to discover any others. On the other hand he will get 500 votes from his Republican neighbors in Erie, and a good many more in other parts of the state. At a little meeting of distinguished and influential gentlemen around a business table in Pittsburgh, the other day, five Republicans announced that they had started out to vote for Daily, had changed to Wolfe and now were determined to vote for Noble.

A Democratic vote for Wolfe has no significance. It is the Independent Republicans who must stand up and be counted.

Mr. Baldwin, the now notorious Newark cashier, we are told, was a man of very simple habits. The president and directors of the bank were the veriest simpletons.

Moral education is a better safeguard of liberty than a standing army. If we retrace the wages of the schoolmaster, we must raise those of the recruiting sergeants.

Our amiable Republican local contemporaries are having a lively controversy as to which of them has most nearly Wolfe's name to the masthead. It is an open question which has done more for his success—in their own way.

The New Era of this city and the leading Eagle will have to look to their laurels as sensationists. The latest murder story of the Spirit of Berks "lays away over" anything our other esteemed contemporaries have attempted lately.

The venerable Archbishop of Tuam has joined hands with his colleague of Cashel in denouncing the anti-rent manifesto of the Land League. This is a denunciation that will carry with it even greater weight than that of Archbishop Croke. The aged prelate of Tuam, now past his nineteenth year, has won the affections of the Irish Catholics by a life of beneficent labor. He is deeply and deservedly revereed, and with many what he recommends will have all the weight of law.

As alleged New York correspondent of the New Era writes to us as follows: "It would be a graceful tribute would the Democratic Senate please the colonel in his former position as secretary, but the Senate will not. The Southern members of that body, and the followers of Pendleton and Voorhees, will never forgive the colonel for the part he took in fighting copperheadism and secession; and I am assured that, though Colonel Forney is said to be a candidate for clerk of the next House of Representatives, he will stand no possible show of being elected to the position." As both the Senate and House will be controlled by the Republicans. The above correspondence is as startling to the public as it is valuable to our e.

An honorable service of more than half a century of journalism terminates with the prospective retirement of Levi L. Tate, of the Lycoming Chronicle. Mr. Tate's fifty years in the harness have been eventful ones, and his course as an editor has ever reflected the highest credit upon the newspapers with which he has been successively connected. His skill as a writer and journalistic ability have ever been joined with strict integrity and rectitude of purpose, while his judgment in discerning wrong and courage in condemning it have given his trenchant pen no little force in moulding public opinion, and in the councils of the Democracy, which party has always had his staunch adhesion. Mr. Tate's latest venture was the establishment of the Lycoming Chronicle, printed at Williamsport, which is now offered for sale in the final retirement from the business.

PERSONAL.

Senator Edmunds is said to be preparing a magazine article on the Mormon question, politically considered. Hon. ALEXANDER H. STEPHENS, though still feeble, is busily engaged on his book. W. U. HENSEL, of this city, speaks "for Noble and the whole ticket" in Gettysburg this evening. Mr. BALLARD SMITH will be the New York Herald's special correspondent at Washington this winter. Mr. Nordhoff will remain in New York and do editorial work for that paper. The proprietors of the Boston Herald, Messrs. PULSFER, HASKELL & ANDREWS, have started on a Southern tour in a special car. It is said that the yearly income of each from the newspaper is \$50,000. GEORGE N. CONSON, president of the Republican Invincibles, has unanimously been expelled from the club. Ever since his defeat by the bosses in the Republican county convention for judge he has strongly supported Judge Ross, the Democratic candidate. For this reason he was branded as a political traitor. The harmony of the Republican organization is very considerably disturbed. A resolution was also passed by the club discountenancing the personal candidacy of Wolfe. "I fancied" said Senator WILLIAMS, of Kentucky—or "old Cerrito Gordo," as he is affectionately called at home—to a group of friends the other evening, "that when I came to the Senate I should be able to say something on any subject that came up with which I was familiar, but the dignity, courtesy, frigidity and stupidity of that body has frozen all the eloquence there ever was in me, and I couldn't get up now and say a word unless I crammed for it to save my life."

Our talented townsman, Prof. Wm. B. Hall, is evidently a great favorite with the Chester county people. During this week he has been leading the music at the teachers' institute at West Chester and the Local News of yesterday says: "This is Prof. Hall's fourth year as conductor of the music of our county institute. It would have been the fifth, but for the fact of his being sick a couple of years ago. Superintendent Harvey has engaged him for next year, which act may be set down as taking time by the forelock. The professor is a whole musical team." The Local also notes that the father and

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PAITI.

Her Welcome to New York. New York Cor. Philadelphia Ledger.

A fresh sensation to-day is the arrival of Adeline Patti and her companion, Ernesto Nicolini. They were passengers on the Algeria, which reached quarantine Thursday morning about 9 o'clock, where the steamer Blackbird, with a reception party, was in waiting to escort them up to the city. As soon as she touched the deck her enthusiastic admirers presented her with a wreath of red roses, in the center of which was a star composed of carnations and mimosas, and a basket of flowers, each bearing the word "Welcome," and in the cabin itself she was greeted with the colonial floral wreath, with her name near the base, and a basket of flowers on which were tastefully worked the American and Italian flags. A brief address of congratulation and welcome was delivered by Mr. Jerome Buck, to which the cantatrice with her hand on her heart responded, "Thank you." Subsequently there were handshakings and introductions all around. 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