

Lancaster Intelligencer.

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The Rump Convention.

In the absence of the editorial staff of the Philadelphia Press from their posts yesterday, in attendance upon the rump convention at Harrisburg, their chairs were more than occupied by some cheerful Mark Tapley, borrowed for the occasion, likely from the Bulletin. This improvised Press editor sees the "promise of peace" in the scornful rejection by the rump convention of the proposition for a new convention, and he declares that "the convention leaves the way open for harmony," by requesting the state committee to adopt such measures as will promote harmony and elect "the Republican ticket"—that is the regular ticket with Beaver at the head and Brosius at the tail of it. It is very difficult to see how the Cameron people could say less or ask more than this. The editors of the Press who attended the convention know very well the meaning of the resolution that was passed. It means that Chairman Cooper and his committee, who are the agents of Cameron, shall go ahead and elect the Beaver ticket and waste no time in parley with those whom the caucus cheered Isaiah II-Brown for calling "paricides." Mr. Brown said: "Let us not our flag to the mast and say as did Admiral Farragut when told while sailing up Hampton Roads that there were torpedoes ahead, 'Damn the torpedoes, go ahead.'" And Mr. Dunn was quite as loudly cheered when, with flashing eye and scornful lip and "wandering, withering" voice he said: "Shall the itching nit of the annoying louse which has fastened itself in the tail of the kingly lion be of more importance than the royal beast himself? Shall the moon come down as a plaything to quiet babies? When will concession end? If you let down one bar the hogs will rush into the orchard and devour all before them. I beg pardon of the Independents for the simile, and as I don't wish to offend anyone I beg pardon of the hogs." These were the men and the sentiments which prevailed in the caucus and which control the state committee. There will be no doubt about its course.

The Press has occupied a very equivocal position in regard to the troubles in its party. It has assured its readers that it would be time enough for it to determine which ticket it would support when every effort had been exhausted to get a single Republican ticket. It affects to believe that chance is not yet exhausted. It professes to see in the suggestion to the state committee to adopt "harmony" measures an "olive branch" to the Independents. Conceding that this may be inferred from the letter of the resolution it is well known that no such intention underlay the action of the convention, or of the caucus rather, and Mr. Cooper's committee will not adopt them.

This construction of the resolution, however, offers a bridge for the Press to cross over into the Independent camp or back among the Regulars. If the Stalwarts make no move for "harmony," in the opinion of the Press, it can make their failure an excuse to quit their company. On the other hand if the Independents do not accept the alleged "olive branch" tendered, the Press may part company with them and satisfy itself of its consistency in gulping down the Regular ticket. The convention will not have met and died in vain if it enables the Press to get down off the sharp edged rail on which it has been sitting for the past few weeks.

Candidate Brosius.

On our first page we present fully and fairly, as a matter of local and political news, an account of Mr. Brosius' acceptance at Harrisburg yesterday, how it came about and how it is received by the press of his party and other prominent newspapers. Here at home, where Mr. Brosius is deservedly esteemed for his personal qualities, the effect of his nomination upon the shattered political fortunes of his party cannot be fairly gauged by local opinion. In districts where the old abolition and temperance sentiment give tone to Republicanism he can, no doubt, be put upon the stump to good purpose, and he may argue plausibly with those of his type for the salvation of his party. In other districts of the state he has only negative strength, and with other elements of his party his name will be of no help to it.

To Mr. Brosius himself the nomination is no compliment, received as it was from a rump convention, and at a time when it went begging and was only sought by a couple of hack politicians whom everybody was relieved to get rid of.

Nor does he owe it or anything else to that faction of his party which has been lately patronizing him, but which, when he was less pronounced in his stalwartism—though no less sure of his principles—denied him even a notary public appointment and defeated his aspirations to sit in the Lancaster school board by the election of an ignominious over him.

Mr. Brosius' recent political course has not commended him to the favor of the New Era faction of his party here and the Independents. They opposed his election to the state convention and they will not regard his candidacy with any more favor than that of any other man whom they know to be opposed to their efforts at reform beyond the party lines.

A GREAT DEAL of indignation is being expressed in mercantile circles because the sealer of weights and measures, "Buck" Leibley, is again examining the weights and measures in use in this county—most of which he stamped a year ago—and charging parties in interest his exorbitant fees for this superfluous service. If he is acting in accordance with the law in imposing this enormous tax on the mercantile community, it is time the law was repealed or modified; and if he is transcending his rights he should be curbed. In either event the merchants and dealers should combine to ascertain their rights and maintain them.

MINOR TOPICS.

"FOR ONE" Galusha A. Grow is so engrossed with business cares that he cannot think of politics.

THE Fitchburg (Mass.) Sentinel ventures the opinion that no politician ever made anything by writing a letter.

A ST. LOUIS "scientist" has ciphered it all out and found that the world is precisely 20,000,000 years old.

RETURNS from the parliamentary elections in Canada from 183 districts show a majority for the government party of 43 which may be increased to 60.

BROSIOUS, not hunting a nomination for himself, is "a bigger man" than Brosius in search of a nomination for Judge Livingston.

THE Senate has confirmed the following nominations of members of the Utah commission: Alexander Ramsey, Algernon S. Paddock, George L. Godfrey, James R. Pettigrew, of Arkansas, and Ambrose B. Carleton, of Indiana.

A CORRESPONDENT of the Press accuses Gen. Beaver of having voted for Latta, for lieutenant-governor; Wallace, for state senator; Orvis, for judge,—all Democrats. It would be interesting to know how he voted for Wallace—Beaver never having been in the Legislature.

ACCORDING to the Bulletin, "it has been known for some time among Mr. Wanamaker's personal friends that he has found it impossible to reconcile his business obligations with the sacrifice attendant upon public office." And yet it is equally well known that Mr. Wanamaker is anxious to get a congressional nomination with some chance of election and that he is slated for O'Neill's district.

PRESIDENT ROBINSON, of Brown University, took the ground in his baccalaureate sermon that belief in Christ was a practical help to worldly success. "There have been eminent men," he said, "of high character and of brilliant parts, who have not avowed themselves to be practical believers in Christ. But their eminence, and learning, and character, and brilliancy have not been because of their unbelief. Neither is there any evidence that belief might not have added to the grounds of their distinction."

PERSONAL.

"THADDEUS STEVENS, THE COMMONER" is the title of a biography just published by E. B. Callender, of the Massachusetts bar.

WALTER HAMPTON declines to run for governor of South Carolina and tells the Democrats of the state they must continue to stick together.

ABNEY, the American theatrical manager, has signed a contract with Mrs. Langtry, the actress, for a tour in America, beginning in November next.

MR. GEORGE WILLIAM CURTIS has been lecturing to the Alumni of Harvard University on "The Leadership of Educated Men."

WALT WHITMAN thought at first that the immediate result of the Massachusetts action against his book, "Leaves of Grass," would be to disadvantageously affect his royalty. He has been assured, however, that the royalty will be doubled if not trebled.

MISS MARY BREWER secured the John Wanamaker prize on "What is the best way to wait on a customer?" which Mr. Wanamaker offered for competition among his employees. There were five prizes, ranging from \$50 to \$10. The second prize was awarded to Wm. H. Brokaw, the third to Thomas C. Bennett, the fourth to James Clarence and the fifth to J. W. Corson.

CAPT. HULL of the Yale boat crew says of their diet while training: "We had to do it to order it. With dinner we take claret or English ale, according to taste. They take their meals together at a hotel, and pick their food at will from the regular bill of fare. The Harvard rowers are not so satisfied with the same extent, though they are not kept on the strict diet usually prescribed."

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