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THE CENTRE DEMOCRAT having the largest circulation in the county, is therefore, the best advertising medium in the county.

MONEY! MONEY!

We sincerely hope our friends who are indebted to us will not fail to call during the coming Court Week and pay us a part if not all of their indebtedness.

Potatoes Wanted.

We wish that some of our patrons who are indebted to us, would bring us a lot of potatoes. We care not how many. Send them in immediately.

Grand Republican Rally.

In view of the present distracted state of national affairs, the Republicans of Centre County have concluded to hold a Grand Meeting, on

WEDNESDAY EVENING, Jan'y, 30th.

This is a time for party animosity, and every Democrat in Centre County is cordially invited to attend. Come Democrats, let us meet as one common brotherhood and deliberate on the dangers that now threaten our hitherto happy country.

Hon. Edgar A. Cowan, and Hon. David Wilmont, have been invited to attend and address the meeting. Let there be a full turnout.

Blanchard's Card.

We find the following card in last week's issue of the Press.

To the People of Centre County.

Without denying the right of editors to call political meetings when they are for the common good, and a consideration for the harmonious action of the party, would seem to demand, at least, consultation. But higher considerations induce me, as Chairman of this County Executive Committee, at this time, to protest against the unauthorized call issued from the Centre Democrat office.

Chairman of the County Committee, do you think it is proper to call a meeting for the purpose of discussing the merits of the Democratic party, and to discuss the merits of the Democratic party, and to discuss the merits of the Democratic party?

There is not, and should not be any quarrel between Mr. Blanchard and myself. And so far as I am concerned there shall be none. I am unwilling, after having worked for six years with all my power, and with all the ability, be it little or much, which I possess, for the redemption of Centre County from the thralldom of Locofocoism, and for the ascendancy of the glorious principles of the American Republican party, to do anything which would mar the peace and harmony of that party, or place again in the minority the great principles advocated by Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Clay, Webster, and other mighty intellects of their day and generation, whose names now occupy a conspicuous place in the glorious constellation of American statesmen.

With Freedom as the corner-stone of the great fabric reared by the wisdom of our fathers, and purchased, ay, consecrated by the blood of the nation, and with "equal and exact justice to all" emblazoned in characters of living light upon its majestic spire as it rises towering to heaven, pleading as it were, with the God of Liberty, to deal justly and mercifully with his erring creatures; to break the galling yoke of oppression; to lift the oppressed poor free, and commanding all to remember those who are in bonds as bound with them; with these we say as the material out of which and upon which our Government and the principles of our party are founded, it is not so easy as Mr. Blanchard might imagine, to endanger the stability of our government, or to cast aside as a thing of no value the great and liberty-loving doctrines of the Republican party.

But says Mr. Blanchard, "the stability of our Government is endangered—the Union is no longer safe." And then calls upon men to reflect upon the momentous issues now presented, with a cool, calm and deliberate judgment, &c. Here we must ask the question, if the Union is endangered, how and by whom has it been endangered? How could the Republican party have endangered the Union when it has never at any time had the control of any branch of the Federal Government? For more than thirty years the Locofoco party has held almost undisputed and unlimited sway in the General Government. For the same number of years the Slaveocracy have controlled the Democratic party, and led it on to dissolution and to ruin, and now the very men who were loud-

est in their praises of praise to the Democratic party, are the very men that are advocating secession, and therefore treason upon the floors of our National Congress, and in nearly half the States of this great and mighty Republic.

Who are the men who are standing up in the South for the Union, the Constitution, and the enforcement of the Law? We answer, the good and true men, almost without exception, who formerly acted and co-operated with the old conservative party of which Henry Clay was the great embodiment. What does all this prove? Simply this: that the leaders of the Democratic party, from President Buchanan down to the lowest member in the North or South, who is yet willing to do his bidding, are now, and have been for years, plotting treason against the Government—ready at a minutes warning to apply the torch of civil war to this fair fabric the very moment that the people in their sovereign capacity should declare that they were no longer competent to control the helm of State.

The above communication is from one of our staunch old party leaders, and was written to us as a private letter; but since it contains matters of public interest we lay it before our readers. The writer administers a severe rebuke to Mr. Blanchard for his quibbling, and seems to think there are other men in Centre county who are members of the Republican party, and whose opinions are entitled to as much respect as the Chairman's. We are sorry Mr. Blanchard published that foolish letter, as it was entirely uncalled for, and by doing so he has subjected himself to many misapprehensions among his friends. We would here say to all, that we believe Mr. Blanchard has at heart the success of our party as much as any man.

So far from having any desire to weaken and distract the party he really desires to strengthen and harmonize it. He is an honest man, a good lawyer, but by no means a politician. We beg our friends, the Wide-Awakes, to take no offence at his card, as he meant no disrespect to them. Had Mr. B. another come to us we would have heard all he had to say, and after carefully weighing his opinions, acted as we thought would best conduce to the success of our party. Again we say, it is to be regretted that Mr. Blanchard published his card as it was ill-timed.

We, however, will wage no quarrel with him for doing so, but leave him alone, believing that is the best way to humble a proud man. Like the South Carolina reactionists, we admire his pluck, but deplore his policy.

Liberty of the Press.

One would be led to suppose from the authoritative tone of Ed. Blanchard's card in last week's Press that he was the Republican party of Centre County. He gravely tells us that he had no authority to call a meeting without consulting his highness Lord chief Admiral, of the kid glove Gastry. We consulted the people of Centre Co., and as they wanted a meeting we called it. Mr. Blanchard to the contrary notwithstanding. The Centre Democrat is the people's organ, and is not controlled by Ed. Blanchard, or any one else.

No man or set of men, can dictate to us; we are for the people, not the politicians. If any men had their own way, a poor man would never hold an office in Centre Co. Our paper has ever been the poor man's friend and as such has been most liberally supported by the people; for this we feel thankful. When ever the people of Centre county want a meeting or anything else we will serve them, and let his who dares, oppose the will of the masses. Here the people are sovereign and resting on the broad shoulders of the hardy sons of toil, we defy opposition. Men of Centre Co., you have a paper like yourselves free and independent, a paper that advocates the election of poor men to office, and that dares at all times to reflect your wishes without fear or affection. It stands up manfully for you, and you must stand up for it. We call upon you now to come forward and sustain your "old organ" in the future, as you have in the past. Let the meeting on the 30th be the largest ever held in the county.

Gen. Cameron's Appointment.

Gen. Cameron's appointment to a seat in the Cabinet is hailed by every lover of the Union with joy, as indicative of the character of the incoming Administration, as Gen. Cameron is known to be pre-eminently a national man, and no other appointment could at the time have so greatly complimented the observant old Key-stone, in everything necessary to make a statesman, Gen. Cameron is unequalled, he is not even lacking in that true zeal of greatness, the envy and malignant hatred of those who desire his fame, but lack the brains to emulate it. Gen. Cameron will be a tower of strength to the new administration, and as a popular appointment would indeed be hard to equal.

Since writing the above, a set of corrupt politicians, headed by two persons by the name of McClure and Mann, have been to see Mr. Lincoln, and endeavored to persuade him to recall the appointment of Mr. Cameron. What impression they left on the mind of the President elect we do not know, but if Mr. Lincoln was well acquainted with them as some people of this State are, he would not have given the political adventurers a hearing. Under the present circumstances, there is some talk of Mr. Cameron's declining the position tendered him. This we hope for the good of the country, and the welfare of the party in this State, he will not do, but if the President elect, he will change his mind in regard to the appointment, and let him recall the appointment, and then the people will know if Mr. Lincoln is really as firm as his friends claim him to be.

LATEST FROM THE SOUTH.

Nothing of importance has occurred or transpired here to-day. All the Southern Senators have retired from the Senate except Mr. Brown, of Miss, Jeff Davis and Yule of Florida. All the Southern States will secede. Gen. Scott is determined to enforce the laws of the Government. In Louisiana the State Convention decided against secession.

EDITOR OF THE DEMOCRAT:—

Dear Sir:—I see a call in the last issue of your paper for a Grand Republican Rally on Wednesday evening of the January Court. I also see a card in the Press from Mr. Blanchard, remonstrating against the meeting—no matter how the meeting may be held. If the Chairman of the County Committee will not call a meeting in accordance with the desire of our people we cannot help it. Let me say here, we do not want any more dough-facings "Union Saving Meetings" nor anything that will be equivalent to an admission that our party organization is to be broken down by the Chicago Platform. Our party here, is of the opinion that the time for compromises is either past or not yet come. We cannot compromise with a threat of disunion held over our heads. By particular to have the meeting go on, on the basis of the Constitution and the Union. It would be right and proper for the Wide-Awakes to attend; but since a question has been raised lest their presence should produce any disaffection, perhaps we had better omit that feature of our meeting.

Yours, &c.

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Hon Ed Cowan.

Ed. Cowan is Senator in room of weakness. In our opinion he is the very man for the position. The Democrat was the first paper in the State to nominate him for that place. The people of Centre county will remember a man that made a great speech in our town at the Grand Republican Rally last August. The new Senator is the same man. He is the first man that ever expected to be elected to the Senate. His mysterious exposition of the peculiar institution made us hundreds of votes in the late campaign. Cowan was our man, and we are glad he succeeded. Wilmont must now take the short term and then Pennsylvania will be properly represented. Our people will be delighted to hear of Cowan's success, though Wilmont was preferred by many.

The Democracy Responsible for Dull Times.

Why is it that in a period of plenty, times should be tight and mechanics and laboring men be thrown out of employment? There is money in the country in abundance. The grain crop of the country has been good, while that of Europe has been short. Indeed, they have been, and are still obliged to buy of us, remitting largely of their specie to pay us for our surplus grain. And yet trade is stagnant. Why, we ask again, is all this? We will answer. It is because the Democratic party has determined to purchase a crisis in the monetary affairs to punish the country for turning them out of power. They have been in office so long that they begin to feel that the government was theirs by right; and rather than permit others to wield the power they have so long held and abused, they prefer to see a dissolution of the Union. And to this effecting, while that of Europe has been short. 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