

Bradford Reporter

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OURSELVES.

The reader will excuse us for indulging in just a little self-gratulation this week, in presenting them with the Reporter in an entire new dress, and we trust the neat, tidy appearance of the paper will compensate in some degree for the very shabby look it has had some of the time during the past winter.

For our political course we have no apology to make, and shall continue as heretofore to advocate the great principles of the Republican Party believing them to be in accord with the spirit and genius of our institutions, and calculated to work the "greatest good to the greatest number."

THE PRESIDENT SUSTAINED.

The Louisiana investigation has been the occasion of much difference of opinion amongst Republicans, the settlement of which has been too long deferred for the good of the country or the peace of that distracted State. But however much division of sentiment there may have been as to which party was rightfully and legally entitled to govern the State, it has always been a matter of regret and surprise that there should have been any disposition to find fault with the President and his advisers as to the course they adopted.

It is to be regretted that the President was not able to use all the powers of the Government to preserve order and put down insurrection, when constitutionally called upon by the proper authorities.

While the nation has stood by the President, and admired the firmness and wisdom with which he has treated the question, Congress has been slow to take such action as the emergency demanded. The Senate, however, has at length done justice to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the action of the President in ordering the removal of Louisiana from the Union, and the people of Louisiana to be removed to other parts of the United States, is approved.

The resolution was adopted on the 23d ult. by a vote of 33 yeas to 24 nays; the Republicans voting for it, with the exception of Booth of California, and the Democrats opposing it.

The good effects of the Presidential course, of which this is a too long-delayed endorsement, may be seen in the quiet and order which succeeded Gen. SHERIDAN'S advent—and in the probability of an amicable adjustment of all the difficulties and questions that have caused so much disturbance in Louisiana. By the prompt and energetic action of the President, revolution and bloodshed have been prevented, and the plans of the rebels frustrated—plans which were doubtless intended to inaugurate anarchy and rebellion upon the soil of Louisiana, and to light up the fires of secession throughout the Confederacy. That the country has escaped this great peril, is due to the wisdom of the President, coupled with an inflexible determination to see the laws faithfully executed.

PRACTICAL RESULT OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS LAW.

The following extraordinary announcement is from the Bradford Argus, of the 25th ult. "Hon. T. Terry, with a family of colored individuals, who he engaged in Harrisburg to work on his farm, passed through Towanda last Saturday evening on their way to Troytown."

What is still more wonderful, the Argus has not a word of reprobation or rebuke for the importation of individuals of the colored persuasion. But the most extraordinary part of this affair, was Major TERRY'S enforcement of the provisions of the Civil Rights Law. The "family of colored individuals" were taken to the Meigs House and seated at the supper table, to the great disgust of the proprietor thereof, whose regard for "colored individuals" is a matter of public notoriety.

Both in Philadelphia and New York the friends of the late John Mitchell have concluded to abandon the public possession in honor of the memory of the Irish patriot. The money thus saved might, with much propriety, be devoted to the relief of the wants of Mr. Mitchell's aged widow.

THE NEW COUNTY BILL.

Contrary to our expectations, the New County Bill failed to become a law. The Legislature which has just adjourned, seemed to be so entirely subject to the manipulations of HENRIC, that we had little hope that any proposition he might submit would be adopted. We have waited in vain for the official proceedings, that we might give our readers an accurate account of what transpired in regard to the bill; but it will probably be some days before the Record of the desired date reaches us.

We find in the Troy Gazette an article upon the subject, written by our friend CARNOCHAN, who was upon the ground, and apparently speaks by the books. We presume that the provisions of the different plans are correctly stated, but it should be remembered that the writer is speaking in the interest of Troy, as affected by the proposed county seat at Minnequa.

It seems that the "Act for the establishment of New Counties in this Commonwealth," after having been passed in the lower house, and amended and passed by the Senate, was referred to a conference committee upon the refusal of the House to concur in the Senate amendments. The conference committee made a report, signed by five of its six members. This report was voted upon by the House. And of this action and of the course of the members locally interested, the writer remarks:

Every five of the House bill was rejected. Every five of the Senate bill was rejected. The bill was passed by the House, and the Senate amendments were adopted. The bill was then referred to a conference committee, and the committee reported in favor of the House bill with amendments. The House rejected the report, and the bill failed.

The reverses to the Republican party came as unexpectedly to the opposition as they were humiliating to the former. The natural result was that the leaders and organs of the party were inventing all sorts of excuses and promulgating sundry reasons to account for their overthrow. Naturally, more or less of censure entered into these attempts to set forth the causes of defeat, provoking ill-feeling and blood.

It is gratifying to know that the animosities and jealousies which had such free sway amongst Republican leaders, and the dispartments and chagrins arising by defeats, are fast giving way to a more cheerful and healthy conviction that it is necessary for the welfare of the country and the success of the Republican party—and the two are indissoluble—that personal feuds and petty grievances should be forgotten, and that joining our shields, we should march upon the enemy undivided and inspired with the certainty of triumph.

In accounting for the disasters of last fall, it has been somewhat the fashion, when all other excuses failed, to settle down complacently to the assumption that a "Third Term" was the Pandora's box from which flowed all the misfortunes that crowded so thickly upon us.

We presume Mr. CARNOCHAN does not intend to insinuate that Mr. MOSCORN intentionally voted in the interest of HENRIC, but such a conclusion may be drawn from his article. Mr. MOSCORN opposed the Senate bill because he believed it adopted it would result in a division of this country. There appears to be a wide difference in his understanding of the question and the explanation of Mr. CARNOCHAN. We accord them both integrity of purpose, and shall present our readers with the official account of the proceedings of the Legislature, if the Legislative Record ever reaches us, when they will be able to judge who of our representatives acted wisely in the matter.

We certainly desire to do full justice to the members from this county. Messrs. ROCKWELL and TRACY undoubtedly occupied a perplexing position. It was no more than reasonable that they should be anxious to secure the passage of a New County Bill that would defeat the schemes of HENRIC, and at the same time be liberal enough to allow the formation of a new county at some future time, whose county seat should be at Troy. We have no criticism to make as to either, being willing, as at present advised, to concede to each the desire to faithfully represent the interests and wishes of their constituents. We have compiled the concluding part of Mr. CARNOCHAN'S article that our readers may know the perplexities which surround this question, and as an index to the feeling of the Troy people. They are harassed, year after year, by the persistent efforts of the pestilent HENRIC to pass a bill in such shape as will make a new county and allow him to have complete control, with full power to locate a county seat, erect buildings, &c. This is particularly distasteful to Troy, which place naturally and reasonably should be the county seat, in the event of the erection of a new county from parts of Bradford and Tioga. At the same time, we are bound to accept Mr. C.'s statement that "so far as our people (the west) are concerned, we believe they are satisfied with the county as it stands, provided there was any guarantee that this attempt of HENRIC to make

Presidency, who shall gain say it? If they choose some one else from among the many true and tried men of the party, as the standard-bearer in the canvass of 1876, none will yield a more cordial support than the present occupant of the Presidential chair. But we protest against allowing our opponents to shape our policy, or dictate who shall, or shall not, be our candidates.

The Argus and other kindred sheets herabout, are very much troubled about Sheriff SMITH. They are continually asserting that he is anxious to get rid of hanging Browns, the colored man. Mr. SMITH has twice been called by the people of this county to the office of Sheriff and has never been known to shrink from the discharge of any duty, and whenever the Governor orders the execution of Browns, if the time fixed occurs before the expiration of our present Sheriff's time, the order of execution will be promptly complied with. But it does seem a pity that some Democrat should be deprived the luxury of hanging a "nigger."

While we would never willingly consent to the dismemberment of Bradford,—while we would deplore any action which separated us from our old political friends in the West, to whom we are bound by long association in political warfare,—while we should very much dislike to see Bradford pared down until she lost the weight and prestige of her grand majorities,—yet, we consider that it is the duty of every good citizen to lend his aid to baffle the nefarious schemes of HENRIC. How to do this effectually, is a question of serious consideration, and should unite the efforts of all good citizens.

LETTERS FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

OUR PHILADELPHIA LETTER. PHILADELPHIA, March 31, 1876. JOHN SMITH. Our city contains, according to the directory, just one hundred and thirty-five plain John Smiths. One of them is the subject of the present article.

MEMOIR OF JOHN SMITH. Born January 24th, 1872. Died March 15th, 1876. JOHN SMITH. The date of the death of John Smith is yet a blank space, for the very good reason that the old gentleman is still living, aged 162 years, with every indication of continuing the distasteful task of the years for the American nation. Once a week, Mr. Smith walks to the market, looks at his news of the day, and without sitting down to rest himself at all, trudges off home again, as lightly as a pair of twelve without feeling any fatigue.

THE ICE-GORGED RIVERS. RENOVIA, Penn., March 28.—A dispatch received here tonight from Clearfield, which is situated near the headwaters of the West Branch of the Susquehanna, reports that at five o'clock in the afternoon the river had risen three feet, and was still rising rapidly. The thaw has loosened the ice on the tributaries, and the most experienced lumbermen say that the ice must move to-night. At this point the river has risen during the day three feet, and much of the slash ice has moved down from the Glen Union gorge. Great masses of ice detached from the main gorge by the thaw floated into this channel yesterday, and within an hour filled it completely up. The water in the river below the gorge has risen four feet today.

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LETTERS FROM VIRGINIA. NATIONAL MILITARY HOME. HAMPDEN, Va., March 18, 1876. The National Military Home, located in the town of Hampden, Va., was founded in 1863 by the American Military Association, with the primary intention of educating colored teachers for the common schools of the South. This institution is now under the control of the Southern States Educational Association, and the primary instruction of educating colored teachers for the common schools of the South. The home is situated on a beautiful spot, and is surrounded by a large tract of land. The building is a fine specimen of architecture, and is well adapted for the purpose for which it was designed. The home is now open for the reception of students, and is receiving a large number of pupils. The instruction given is of a high order, and the students are well cared for. The home is a valuable institution, and is doing much good for the colored people of the South.

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