

Bradford Reporter

H. F. MARSH, EDITOR. Towanda, Pa., May 25, 1882.

REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET. FOR GOVERNOR: JAMES A. BEAVER, of Centre county.

FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR: WM. T. DAVIES, of Bradford county. FOR SECRETARY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS: JOHN M. GREEN, of Butler.

FOR JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT: WM. H. RAWLE, of Philadelphia. FOR CONGRESSMAN-AT-LARGE: THOS. M. MARSHALL, of Pittsburg.

How will the war conclude? is the question. EGYPT is getting more quiet, and Arabi Bey will be obliged to submit to the Khedive.

It is said the Independents held a Convention on Wednesday. We shall publish an account of it next week.

Will the Independents move into the Democratic camp and burn the bridges between them and their former associates?

GREENBACKERS to eight of us; Independents to left of us; Democrats in front of us; but the old Republican party still lives!

PENNSYLVANIA is not the only place where political complications exist. Spain, Russia and Ireland are having worse times than even the Independents predict for the Keystone State.

The Press has a paragraph from Towanda saying the Independents of Bradford county send delegates to the Philadelphia convention.

JACOB R. SHEPHERD refuses to furnish the Committee on Foreign Affairs with the papers and correspondence showing what he did to induce the United States to assist him in enforcing his claim against the Peruvian Government.

CHARLEY WOLFE deprecates war; Senator Mitchell deprecates the necessity for strife; Wharton Barker regrets that the conflict is inevitable; and nearly all of the Independent leaders come to battle hampered by old friendships of present regrets.

The Malley murder trial proves that the Malley boys and Blanche Douglas are directly or indirectly responsible for Jennie Cramer's death; and from the evidence given, it seems probable that if Mrs. Cramer had been more kind to the erring girl, she might not have met the terrible fate she did.

Was the Independent Convention composed of delegates "chosen in the manner in which candidates for the General Assembly are nominated," and was the representation "based upon the Republican vote cast at the Presidential election next preceding the Convention?"

Geo. W. SMALLER says that at first Gladstone decided to govern Ireland himself; but when called upon to decide the question a second time, he concluded to resign in favor of Parnell.

The Independents regret very much that the Republican Convention represented the whole party and conceded important places on the ticket to men of outspoken independence; and they regret, too, that the ticket is made up of men so unexceptional.

THOMAS M. MARSHALL declines the nomination for Congressman-at-large and the State committee will be obliged to nominate another man.

Senator MITCHELL says, "If Cameron owns Pennsylvania he has a chance now to prove his title." The Senator is a lawyer, and should remember that the Independents bring this action against the regular organization, and it is for them to prove their claim to the suffrages of the Republican party.

MITCHELL'S CONVENTION.

The Convention at Wellsboro, from which so much was expected, and which was looked to as of the first importance as the formal opening of the Independent campaign, is over, and Senator Mitchell and his Tioga county friends have given unequivocal expression to their sentiments. They have stated what they expect to do and how they hope to accomplish it; and, as Major Merrick says, their "war paint is on" for an active fight.

There is no use in undervaluing the strength, in Tioga county, of this movement. A man is blind who cannot see that the Republicans in Tioga will, with a great many of them, side with their Senator. They feel that he has been misused, and they will go with him in his attack on Don Cameron and President Arthur through the Republican party.

They will not see the effect of the movement, and so carried away with the passionate sentimentality of men who, in an honest attempt to strike at abuses, refuse to consider the possible defeat of their purpose by Democratic supremacy. They have in the movement men whose honesty of purpose is unquestioned, and who feel they are doing right in acting as they have; they have, too, men who are astute political engineers, accomplished in all the methods by which votes are secured, and skilled in wire-pulling. The movement is strong, significant, and were it general would necessarily result in Republican defeat; but, fortunately, the other counties will not compliment Senator Mitchell, or right his wrongs by injuring the Republican party and assisting the Democrats.

The Convention was noticeable for two things: one, earnestness; the other, incoherence. The speakers were unquestionably sincere in most of their statements, and Senator Mitchell and Major Merrick were very vehement in the presentation of their case. Some in reality, and all by assumption were actuated by principle, and the earnest speeches were well calculated to influence belief in any one willing to take a leap in the dark and trust the future to a blind chance, hoping that good might come from an honest endeavor to obtain it. There were, too, inconsistencies, which any practical observer could not help noticing, running through the whole Convention. In speeches and proceedings there were many things which could not be reconciled, and there was a plain deviation from the spirit of the Independent resolutions in the choice of delegates.

The delegates elected were Hon. B. B. Strang and Major Merrick; both good men, and men of ability, well fitted to represent the Independent sentiment of Tioga county. But how were they chosen? By whom were they elected, and whom and how many do they represent? Several days ago they were published in the papers as the delegates. Some corrupt ring nominated them, making them not Christians, but May-day presents of nomination, and the Independent resolutions merely ratified the nominations previously made. Every one knew beforehand who would be the delegates as well as it was known that Beaver would be the candidate for Governor, and the unanimous election was formal merely, as all present knew. They were chosen by some few men who were what they would call a "ring," and the ratification of the "ring's" choice was by but a few of the two thousand men who signed the call for the Convention.

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TIOGA'S CONVENTION.

Members Present - 100. The Convention opened at Wellsboro, Pa., on Wednesday, May 24th, at 10 o'clock. The first session was held at 10 o'clock, and the second at 2 o'clock. The third session was held at 7 o'clock, and the fourth at 10 o'clock.

The interest felt in the meeting held at Wellsboro was widespread and for good reason, for it was held formal declaration by Senator Mitchell of his purposes, what was understood by all to be the careful and deliberate statement of what he had before given more hastily to newspaper correspondents and in letters. With this understanding newspaper reporters from the Press, Times, Tribune, etc., were there to hear the formal gage thrown by the Senator to Cameron and what he would not admit, to the Republican party in the State, as at present constituted.

The court house, where the meeting was held, was well filled, and the men were generally enthusiastic, cheering heartily the most bitter remarks made about the President, Cameron and the ring, and showing strong feeling against every one in sympathy with the regular party organization. There were many who for years have been Democrats or Greenbackers, and some of them were dexterously corralled in the Independent fold by making them vice-presidents or calling on them to make speeches on what was very plainly the popular side of politics in the Senator's home. Many of the speeches were embellished with allusions to the metaphorical river that disappointed politicians are supposed to ascend; and one speaker said the river in great squads or else the river was really running down stream.

The remarks were, as we thought, in some instances ill-timed, and the convention was characterized by inconsistencies; there was much which a practical man could see was sentimental merely, and not the careful, thoughtful action which is necessary to make a revolution a symmetrical movement that practical, thinking men will believe in but that it is a revolution in Tioga county, and one which will be strong enough there to fairly divide, if not defeat, the regular ticket, no one acquainted with the men who are managing the Independent forces can deny. They are the old workers of the party, men who have organized the Republican campaigns, and in other years shaped the action in the county of the Republican forces. J. B. Potter, who for years has been pointed to by Democrats, and the disaffected of his own party, as the head center of the local ring, and as one of the acute organizers, who were what they would call a "ring," and the ratification of the "ring's" choice was by but a few of the two thousand men who signed the call for the Convention.

They had, too, the political wire-pulling against which they protest, the cunning manipulation of adroit managers that they deplore. The list of vice-presidents was made unnecessarily large to honor many whom they wished to secure fasten for the Independent labor. One was a pronounced Greenbacker, who seemed out of place among some of his associates; but as the Convention generously furnished offices for Democrats and Republicans, a Greenbacker sandwiched in very well. Wisdom was shown; too, in calling on speakers, and a Republican-Democratic-Greenbacker, who had acted with all the parties in various official capacities, was called out and safely landed inside the Independent ranks. The political finesse of the ex-Republican chairman, Potter, was shown in the skillful management of all for the interest of the new party; and the probability of a "ring," as soon as the party was large enough to wear one, became almost a certainty.

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