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THE JUDICIAL NOMINATION.

The Republican Judicial Convention has the cordial commendation of the whole party which it represents, for the manner in which it has performed its responsible duty. It has recognized the popular will in the selection of a candidate who will not only insure the success of the ticket, but will do high honor to the bench of Philadelphia. It was gravely feared that the Convention would put some inferior man in nomination, and thus not only sacrifice the particular office to the Democrats, but also weaken and jeopard the entire ticket. These fears are set at rest by the nomination of the Hon. M. Russell Thayer.

The circumstances of Mr. Thayer's nomination are peculiar, and almost without precedent in this city. It has been made directly in the face of an earnest protest on his part, amounting almost to a positive refusal to accept the position. Mr. Thayer not only does not seek, but he honestly avoids the office, and the action of the Convention in nominating him in the face of such a letter as that addressed to General Owen is alike honorable to the delegates and to the nominee. Mr. Thayer cannot, as a public-spirited citizen, refuse such a nomination. Personal convenience and advantage may plead for exemption from the duties imposed upon him, but no higher duty which he owes to his fellow-citizens, among whom he has been such a faithful standard-bearer for years past, demands the sacrifice. There rarely been a nomination for a local office in Philadelphia that has been so closely in accordance with the feelings and wishes of the people, and where the will of the community is so clearly expressed no good citizen has the right to disregard it, or to decline the duty assigned to him.

With a candidate like Mr. Thayer, the contest will be a fair and honorable one. It will need no detraction from the high merits of our opponent. We have enough to do to do justice to the merits of our own candidate, and we must give them credit for it. To New England belongs the credit of having produced an entirely original genius, whose talents are of such a peculiar character that he deserves more than ordinary mention. We allude to the Great American Pie Eater. This gentleman's proud boast is, that he can bite through eighteen bakers' turnovers of the largest size at one time, and he expresses an unselfish willingness to practice his art at any time, provided the pies are paid for by the loser. Cynics may be disposed to sneer at the character of this artist's talents, and some Philistines may decry them, but we side with the Pie Biter. He does not wallow in the mire of politics, nor prosecute the world with new systems of theology, but he encourages trade in pies, and establishes a desire for emulation on the part of others that cannot but prove advantageous to the baking interest. Moreover, he has shown himself to be a man of unique and original parts, capable of discovering the singular application of his talents, and pushing forward until he arrives at the topmost height. We therefore endorse him, and hold him up as a praiseworthy example to men who in other walks of life need just his perseverance and application to arrive at the same lofty eminence.

If any doubt has existed in the minds of timid and fearful Republicans, in regard to the extreme measures instituted by Congress to prevent the President from interfering with the execution of the Reconstruction laws, that doubt must certainly have been dissipated by the startling events which have transpired during the last few days. These have shown that Congress did not go quite far enough; that the extreme radical members of that body who were held back by the doubts and fears and unbelief of conservative Republicans, were, in fact, the only men who had taken Andrew Johnson's measure, and comprehended the infinite possibilities of his wickedness and treason. The more credulous were hopeful that with a clearly defined law which bid defiance to an attorney's ingenuity to misinterpret, the President would succumb to Congress, and, if he did not do it, he would not obstruct the reconstruction of the Southern States upon the appointed plan. Such hopes have proved fallacious. Folded and beaten as he is at all points, the President is an utterly desperate man. His own schemes for personal aggrandizement miscarried, his administration a disgraceful failure, and himself almost an outlaw, he has abandoned himself to the work of delaying and obstructing the acts of Congress by all the means in his power.

There is something absolutely fiendish in the obstinacy and malice with which he seeks to revenge himself upon the opponents he has raised up in his party. There is a sublimity of wickedness in it that is something more than human. He, the creature of the American people, called into office to execute their behests, sets himself up as the judge of the righteousness or unrighteousness of their wishes, and notwithstanding his repeated assurances of love and reverence for them, disregards their laws, insults the men whom they trust and honor, gathers around him others whose records are a blot upon the page of American history, and asserts the supremacy of his individual will over that of the millions who made him what he is. The crisis through which we are passing now is wholly unparalleled in the history of this Republic. Never before even in the dark days of the slavery rule did any President dare to defy so openly the popular will. That such a spectacle shall never again be witnessed, it is necessary that an example should be made of this man. If there was any sufficient cause for his removal before, there certainly is now, and as three months must elapse before the meeting of Congress there is time enough for him to multiply crimes which will not only justify but render it necessary for the safety of the country. There is no fear of making a martyr of him now. He has fallen low for any honest man to experience anything but satisfaction at his removal.

If report be true, Juarez has determined to stop the effusion of blood in Mexico, and to offer a general amnesty to all who will submit to the authority of the legitimate government. If Juarez carries this determination into effect before he retires from the Presidency, he will have a higher and an additional claim to the title of a good and noble statesman. It was, perhaps, necessary that some blood should be shed in Mexico as an atonement for the crimes which had been committed by the native Imperialists. Clemency to the leaders would have been fatal to the country. Hot as is has been for years with anarchy and the struggles of contending factions, it was requisite that an example should be made of those who were prominently guilty. But the Mexicans carried it too far. Not only did the usurping Archduke suffer death, with his two greatest chiefs, but officers of his army from Generals to lieutenants were executed by dozens, seemingly under instructions of peculiarly shocking cruelty. In the capital and in other cities the streets ran red with the blood of butchered victims until even the Mexicans shrieked at the sight. The new civil Government had not only executed Jefferson Davis and his immediate coadjutors—than which no juster thing could have been done—but had carried its vengeance into the most obscure portions of the rebel States, and hunted down petty officials whose insignificance should have been their protection. The friends of Mexico have lamented this bloodthirstiness, and her enemies have argued from it that her people were brutal, half-civilized and incapable of the restraint necessary for self-government. If, therefore, Juarez can control the lawless elements in the country, check the desire of retaliation, organize law and order, and then, with a liberated country and a restored government, fulfil his promised designs of reforming in private life, he will make himself a name that will be honored more than any other that has appeared in Mexican history.

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