

The Montrose Democrat.

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Voorhees on Greeley.

The speech of Voorhees, of Indiana, says the Harrisburg Patriot, in the house, on Monday, was greeted with intense delight by the Grant Radicals. The applause which he received on the floor is already re-echoed in the administration press. This radical demonstration over a democratic speech will have quite an opposite effect among democrats from that which the harranguing itself was intended to create. It shows with what mortal fear the radicals regard any alliance between the liberals and the democrats. The speech was temperate and unwise in the last degree. While declaring his readiness to abide the action of the Baltimore convention, Mr. Voorhees sought by his speech to prejudice the democrats against its decision if made in a certain direction. The personal rancor which pervaded it was so great as to destroy its effect. But a little while ago Mr. Voorhees made a violent assault on Grant. So sudden and so complete a change has been produced in him by the Cincinnati nomination that he not merely enlarges Grant but expresses a willingness to support him in a certain contingency. The speech was a mere ebullition of passion, and as such it will be treated by the country. While it was flatteringly applauded by the radicals of the house, who have been languishing for something of the sort, the democrats did not hesitate to give expression to their deep disgust. In their deliberations over the great question that is presented to them, the democracy of the country will not be influenced by stormy declamation on the one side or the other.

From the Associated press dispatches: "Much stir has been created in political circles here by the development that the Grant Republicans are preparing to circulate hundreds of thousands of the speech of Mr. Voorhees. The republican members subscribed for over two hundred thousand copies of the speech, and the Republican National Committee have distributed twenty thousand for immediate distribution. But two Democratic Congressmen have subscribed for the speech, and Mr. Voorhees stands practically alone in his attempt to transfer the Democrats over to Grant. It is now manifest that Mr. Voorhees made the speech after consultation with certain administration leaders, and that he is committed squarely to Grant in the coming contest. It is evident that all the Democrats in Congress, with but two or three exceptions, expect to support Greeley, or at least mean to keep in position to give him a cordial support if the National Convention shall indicate him as the candidate."

The Military Plot.

To-day, in the Senate, the adherents of the Presidential aspirant renew their effort to get for him the power to re-elect himself by the bayonet. When the Ku-Klux bill was passed it expressly provided that its monstrous powers should expire before the Presidential election. Now, the attempt is to get them extended. It were a waste of argument to show the aim of this. In time of profound tranquility, a military aspirant to the Presidency asks for power to suspend all law at his pleasure. How scrupulous he is, sufficiently appears from the fact that, less than two years ago, he assailed the freedom of elections by military power, using the marines in Philadelphia and the regular army in New York upon pretexts notoriously and infamously false, and condemned as such by the general voice of public opinion. We hope the messages of Governor Greer, of Pennsylvania, and Governor Hoffman, of New York, of the year 1871, may be read to-day in the Senate, as a picture of what President Grant has attempted, and as a warning of what he and the desperate political gamblers who hang round him are ready to attempt again to get a new lease of power, another term of favoritism, peculation and public plunder.—Age.

Narrow Gauge.

On the 19th of June, a Narrow Gauge Railroad Convention will be held at St. Louis, at which there will be a thorough discussion of the respective merits of the narrow and the broad gauge railway systems; of the difference in the cost of construction, operating and keeping them in repair; the freight capacity of the new system, and its safety and accommodation for passenger traffic; and what general plan ought to be adopted in its construction and management, to render it successful. The advantages claimed for the narrow gauge system rest upon the general principle that, with sufficient width of track for safety and speed, all further increase of which renders imperative an increase in the weight of engines and cars in greater proportion than it increases capacity, or in other words, the "dead weight" of a train increases with the width of the track. The friends of the narrow gauge system assert that their roads can be built and equipped at a cost not exceeding one-half that of the broad gauge; that they are as much money per mile as the latter; that they are equally as rapid in transportation and far more secure. The Convention is an important one, and its deliberations will be watched with interest in all parts of the country.

If the Radicals abandon Grant they do so under the inspiration of fear, and such action will convey no evidence of a sincere purpose to repent and reform.

Good Advice.

Horace Greeley says that Democrats should receive the advice of the Grant dynasty, and ascertain precisely what they want them to do, and then say "yes" or "no" to it. It is somewhat amusing to see how wonderfully modestly these Grant organs are getting to be. They are manifesting a great anxiety to brood Democratic eggs and hatch their chickens for them. Our opinion is that the old hen is spreading herself a little too far, the Montrose Republican being included, when she attempts to hatch Radical chicks out of Dan Voorhees.

Then and Now.

Gen. Butler is a delegate to the Philadelphia Convention, instructed to vote for the renomination of President Grant. As *Nichols* remarks to *King Louis* in the last act of *Balzac's* play, "In this Department a paper." Here it is: "BAY VUE, near LANESVILLE, Mass., August 25, 1867.

"MY DEAR SIR: I have read your letter to Mr. Smith on the proposed nomination of Grant with much interest. Its criticisms on Grant's career are just; but what will you do?—you cannot get for anything else concerning Grant, that is not laudatory, published; and why? Because both sides are courting him for the Presidency, and so the truth must not be told. We are, I fear, to try the experiment again that we did with Johnson, i. e., nominate a man for supposed availability, without knowing his principles or fitness. Grant's election will be a misfortune, because it will put in a man without a head or heart; indifferent to human suffering and impotent to govern. I am, yours truly, BENJ. F. BUTLER.

W. JONES, Neenah, Wis."

Party Tactics.

The editor of the *Public Code*, of Scranton, who was one of "those soldiers," knocks the editor of the *Montrose Republican* entirely off his pins, in the following manner: "The following appears as editorial in the *Republican* of Montrose: 'We learn from the soldiers at the time, and have heard the fact referred to lately by some of them, that the New York Tribune was unpopular in the Union army during the rebellion, because the new did not like the course with regard to the rebels. The recent course of the editor will not tend to increase its popularity among the men who fought for the preservation of their country.' 'We wonder if the editor of that paper assumes that the soldiers who fought our battles are fools. The mere utterance of the above is an insult to any soldier. The editor who penned the above knows all about war; we presume he will not be so easily duped by him as to opine he understands his party tactics better.' "In alluding to the action of the Radical delegates from Kansas to the Philadelphia Convention, the *Omaha Herald* says: 'they will do the bidding of the Federal officials of the State, who are the tools of General Grant, and then will be sent home by rail like other baggage-slaves in the South is abolished, but political bondage is but fairly inaugurated in the North, and no Africans in the cotton fields were ever more absolutely the property of their masters than are, to-day, the grand army of Federal officials, all over the Union, the chattels and abject slaves of their owner and overseer, U. S. Grant.' "

"The Worcester, Massachusetts, *Spy* is not transported with joy at the re-election of Ferry, of Connecticut, to the United States Senate. It calls the bolting Republicans hard names, and its comments are sprinkled with the words, 'treachery,' 'traitors,' 'liars,' and like mild epithets; and charges that Ferry's friends 'went up to the College and stole the ivory of heaven to serve the devil in.' Hold your horses, gentlemen. This is but a May shower. Wait until the November rains come.

"The efforts of the Montrose Republican to revive the dead issues of past political contests are extremely diverting. All the old partisan machinery and the slang about rebels, copperheads and gray coats are brought once more into requisition. It would save a great deal of trouble to reprint the editorial columns of the *Republican* of 1868. In a dearth of invention it will be necessary only to substitute Greeley and Brown for Seymour and Blair.

"PRESIDENT GRANT has expressed his ideas on the situation. He thinks the Democratic party holds the key. Should it endorse the nominations made at Cincinnati, he thinks a new phase would be put upon the question, and the contest would be at least close. But he does not anticipate any such result. The wish being doubtless rather to have a straight Democratic ticket nominated, and his erring sheep, in that event, return to the Republican fold.

A Card From Mr. Greeley.

The Tribune has ceased to be a party organ, but the unexpected nomination of its editor at Cincinnati seems to involve it in a new embarrassment. All must be aware that the position of a journalist who is at the same time a candidate is at best irksome and difficult—that he is fettered in action and restrained in criticism by the knowledge that whatever he may say or do is closely scanned by thousands eager to find in it what may be so interpreted as to annoy or perplex those who are supporting him as a candidate, and to whom his shackled condition will not permit him to be serviceable. The undersigned, therefore, withdraws absolutely from the conduct of the Tribune, and will henceforth, until further notice, exercise no control or supervision over its columns.

HORACE GREELEY.

May 15, 1872.

The New York Democracy.

The New York Democratic State Convention met at Rochester, on Wednesday, and appointed delegates to the Baltimore Convention, and adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Democratic Party of the regular Convention to select delegates to a National Convention, to be held in Baltimore, to nominate candidates for President and Vice President, declare and resolve, That we recognize the changes in the nature and constitution of the government which have taken place, and without reopening the questions of the past are ready to co-operate with those who favor their previous party affiliations, who favor a united and localized government, who seek to restrain the exercise of Congress of absolute and general power to prevent its entering on civil service reform, and to be further.

Resolved, That the recent declaration of political principles by the Convention at Cincinnati is evidence of the progress of public opinion toward sound and wholesome views of government; that we believe all patriotic citizens may unite upon that platform for the purpose of restoring the honest administration of national affairs, and enforcing the obligations of the constitution, and our delegates to Baltimore are instructed to take the course best calculated to secure the triumph of these principles and the selection of any candidates representing them who shall meet the approval of the Democracy in National Convention assembled.

Donn Platt.

A "Rural Writer," who edits a Grant organ in the interior of Ohio, yesterday encountered D. P. on Fourth street, and gave him the following sign of radical distress, as thus: "Colonel, we shall have rare sport now. The convention was the broadest joke, the most rousing farce of the season. Why, I fear we shall all laugh ourselves to death. Greeley is an educated idiot—a racing lunatic—honest perhaps, but intolerably stupid."

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A Jealous care of the right of election by the people. Absolute acquiescence in the decisions of the majority, the vital principles of republics, from which there is no appeal but to force, the vital principle and immediate parent of despotism. The pre-emption of the civil over the military authority. Economy in public expense, that labor may be left to the people. Encouragement of agriculture and of commerce, as its handmaid. The honest payment of our debts, and sacred preservation of the public faith. The diffusion of information and arrangement of all abuses at the bar of public reason. Freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and freedom of opinion, under the protection of the habeas corpus, and trials by jury impartially selected.

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How Mr. Hendricks Stands.

The following authorized statement of ex-Gov. Hendricks' position is published in the Cincinnati Enquirer:

I will make no effort to influence the action of the national Democratic convention, and will abide by its decision. At this time, in view of the fact that there has been no concert of action among the leaders and prominent men of the party, it behooves all of us, with prudence, dignity and caution. The question of endorsing the Cincinnati nominees, or making straight Democratic nominations, is one that should be well weighed and carefully considered. It is impossible, at this early day, to say what the feelings of the masses of the Democratic party in Indiana towards the Cincinnati ticket is. As far as I can judge, the Democracy of Indiana will not occupy any decided ground until after the meeting of the State convention, which takes place on the 12th of next month. That convention will doubtless nominate a straight Democratic ticket and refer the question of presidential nomination to the national convention. As far as I am concerned, I feel in duty bound to sustain the action of the national convention. If it nominates a straight Democratic ticket, I will support it with all zeal, influence and ability I possess. If it endorses the nomination of Greeley and Brown, I shall certainly support that ticket with equal zeal and energy. Any other statement of my position in regard to this matter has been made without authority."

In conclusion, Mr. Hendricks referred to the report that he had volunteered to run for governor on liberal or any other ticket as a mistake. The office had no attractions for him, and nothing but belief that his name would add to the prospects of the Democratic ticket's success would induce him to accept the nomination.

About Platforms.

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