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CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES.

It is undeniable we presume, that her representatives in Congress, shall defend first, last, and always, her interests on the floor of the House. Not, necessarily, not exclusively; so far as pertinences and imminent demands for protection to our interests, without a thought for the manufacturing and agricultural interests of other sections. Not at all. Pennsylvania is not so unreasonable. She is willing and anxious to concede adequate protection to all other interests, and only asks in return, proper consideration of her wants.

Such is the wise and generous policy of this State. On such grounds also endorses the Morill Tariff Bill, which is generally acknowledged to be a moderate measure; and on those grounds she will exact a strict account of the Democratic party, for its opposition to the Bill in the House, and for its threatened if not actual defeat of that measure, in the Senate.

So stands Pennsylvania. In this campaign the noble nation in any State of the confederacy, in her love of Freedom. In the thick of the fray her banner will be found, with the inscription upon it, "not another slave nor conqueror." But side by side with that glorious motto, will be found, equally as prominent, "Protection to America's industry." It has been said, not inappraise, that Pennsylvania's "neggers" are her God and Iron. It is true. The great issue with us of Pennsylvania in the campaign, is the doctrine whose success claimed the best years of the great American Statesman, Henry Clay, and which we are determined to vindicate in 1860, against the assaults of a party fighting under the Free Trade flag, openly and unblushingly.

If as we think, will be conceded that this is the position of Pennsylvania, we would direct attention to her duty in the matter of her Congressional representation. The strength of the South during the past half century, has lain in a great measure, in the pertinacity with which she has defended her peculiar institution; by means of able representation. Having a good man in either the House or Senate, she has kept him there, thus preserving, when contrasted with the unwise policy of the North, the picture of a series of phalanxes of experienced, shrewd Congressmen, at war with an unadvised and parliamentary-governed representation. What wonder then, that in almost every battle of the interests of Slavery, against those of Freedom, the former should have been victorious?

The lesson should not be lost. Let Pennsylvania, as one of the States which has been systematically worsened by the shrewd policy of the South, adopt that policy, as far as keeping her ablest men in Congress is concerned. Her interests cannot then, be made the toy of a party, the Northern portion of which long since sacrificed its manhood, to pander to the Slaveocracy, at the expense of those interests.

These thoughts are suggested, in a measure, by the speeches delivered last week at the annual Convention of the Democratic party, in Schuylkill County; at each of these, the most prominent principle of the Democratic party, of the South during the past half century, has been a great measure, in the pertinacity with which she has defended her peculiar institution; by means of able representation. Having a good man in either the House or Senate, she has kept him there, thus preserving, when contrasted with the unwise policy of the North, the picture of a series of phalanxes of experienced, shrewd Congressmen, at war with an unadvised and parliamentary-governed representation. What wonder then, that in almost every battle of the interests of Slavery, against those of Freedom, the former should have been victorious?

Mr. LINCOLN'S NOMINATION IN ILLINOIS.—The Republicans of Illinois claim that Lincoln's nomination will secure them six doubtful counties bordering on Egypt, which they have been actively engaged in canvassing since the Chicago Convention, and feel confident in the foregoing estimate.

Te. Democratic "Dissent."—A new one this week, and not bad. It originated in Schuylkill County, and deserves a patent, though so original. A committee of the "small fry" Democratic politicians of the Backwifry, headed by GENERAL!!! George Dell Keim, (he was elected once a high private in the Washington Artillery, but never equipped,) went to Washington to bring the weight of their mighty influence to bear on the obnoxious Democratic Senators, who persistently refuse to pass the Morill Tariff Bill.

The shrewd Democracy argues this way now: we are not a "Tariff party," but it is necessary to do something to humbug the people; we will send a committee down, no matter if it is composed of monomaniacs; if the Bill passes, it will do well to gain credit in making the effort to influence its passage; in any event, it pays. "Hooy's almighty sly!"

A skar and wholesome work was performed on Wednesday, in the House of Representatives. By a majority of two to one, resolutions were adopted condemning in suitable terms the conduct of the Secretary of the Navy and the President, not only in the contracts with Lake Oak Swift, but in the distribution of Navy Yard patronage to political partisans, for the direct purpose of influencing elections. This conduct was fully declared to be in violation of law, corrupting its dependency, injurious to the public service, and dangerous to the public safety.

Accident.—On Tuesday evening, an Englishman named James Wheeler, only a few months in this country, was killed in the Hatchetville Slip, by a fall of coal. An inquiry was held, and a verdict rendered in accordance with the facts.

At Town Hall.—Miss Gertrude Wickes will give a concert, 25th instant. Misses Whiting, whose musical talent is well known, will need encouragement from the occasion by her father, Mr. Jarvis, the pianist, and others.

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