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The Election of Mayor.

The supposition that the Democratic party of Philadelphia will be enabled to elect its candidate for Mayor at the coming municipal election, has induced the politicians who assume to control the organization of that party to take some novel liberties with public sentiment. Whenever the Democracy is in a minority and defeat starts in the face, the busy managers of the organization stand back and allow good men to secure nominations for important offices; but when kind fortune smiles upon the Democratic flag, and especially when the general opposition is weakened—either by irreducible events or by their own dissensions—these managers come forward, and, by the mere force of their obedient followers, put upon the ticket any man who happens to be their slave, no matter how offensive he may be to the community at large. The manner in which public opinion was cheated at the late Reading Convention, in the election of delegates to Charleston, is a strong confirmation of these observations. The Administration cohorts, fearing that they could not control the nomination for Governor, and compelled to yield almost their whole platform, set themselves to work to cheat public opinion on the subject of the Presidency, and they now cause it to be proclaimed, in all quarters, that the majority of the delegates intend to pursue Judge DOUGLAS, knife in hand—although it is beyond question that he is the undoubted choice of the great mass of the Democracy of Pennsylvania for the nomination for the Presidency. They threaten the same game upon New Jersey on Wednesday next. They boast that they have secured a large number of delegates to vote in the same theory in other free States; and they do all this because they flatter themselves that any man nominated at Charleston can be elected on account of the dissensions among the general Opposition.

Their most characteristic transaction of recent date is that in reference to the Democratic nomination for Mayor of Philadelphia, shortly to be made. The name of Major CHARLES J. BIDDLE has been so favorably received, and so generally discussed, that, until within two weeks past, it was regarded as the signal of a certain triumph if inscribed upon the Democratic ticket, as the coming Mayor election. It was the name of a gallant soldier, a pure and upright citizen, an unselfish and conscientious Democrat, and a thoroughbred gentleman. So popular had this suggestion become, that the stereotyped candidates of the cliques retired in dismay, and more than one of the old stagers, seeing in the name of BIDDLE a sign of the rising sun, bowed in adoration before it. But, for some reason, all these auspicious indications have been succeeded, on the part of a few self-constituted leaders, first by coldness, and then by intrigue. Suddenly, the announcement is made that Mr. JOHN ROBBINS, who, early in the present year, declined being a candidate for Mayor, in the following candid card, has recovered his health and his aspirations, and will be willing to accept the nomination he so gracefully put aside; MORE ESPECIALLY as the Democratic party is in a minority, and defeat starts in the face, the busy managers of the organization stand back and allow good men to secure nominations for important offices; but when kind fortune smiles upon the Democratic flag, and especially when the general opposition is weakened—either by irreducible events or by their own dissensions—these managers come forward, and, by the mere force of their obedient followers, put upon the ticket any man who happens to be their slave, no matter how offensive he may be to the community at large. The manner in which public opinion was cheated at the late Reading Convention, in the election of delegates to Charleston, is a strong confirmation of these observations. The Administration cohorts, fearing that they could not control the nomination for Governor, and compelled to yield almost their whole platform, set themselves to work to cheat public opinion on the subject of the Presidency, and they now cause it to be proclaimed, in all quarters, that the majority of the delegates intend to pursue Judge DOUGLAS, knife in hand—although it is beyond question that he is the undoubted choice of the great mass of the Democracy of Pennsylvania for the nomination for the Presidency. They threaten the same game upon New Jersey on Wednesday next. They boast that they have secured a large number of delegates to vote in the same theory in other free States; and they do all this because they flatter themselves that any man nominated at Charleston can be elected on account of the dissensions among the general Opposition.

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