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AFFAIRS AT WASHINGTON.—The democratic caucus of Senators did not dare to undertake the threatened proscription of the Republican members from the Committees; but they did what was the next meanest thing—put them on unimportant Committees. The *Territories* is the most important Committee for this Session. It is made up of Messrs. Douglass, (Chairman,) Jones of Iowa, Collamer, Bell of Tenn., Sebastian and Biggs. Of these but Judge Collamer can be expected to favor the application of Kansas to come into the Union on her Free State Constitution. The *Judiciary* is the Committee next in present consequence. It is made up of Butler of S. C. (Chairman,) Toucey, Bayard, Geyer, Toombs, and Pugh—all active repudiators of the Missouri Compact, all upholders of the Fugitive Slave Law.

The committee on *Military Affairs* is composed of Messrs. Weller of Cal., (Chairman,) Fitzpatrick, Johnson, Jones of Tenn., Iverson and Pratt—five of the six from Slave States.

The Committee on *Indian Affairs* is composed of Messrs. Sebastian of Ark, (Chairman,) Bask, Toombs, Brown, Reid and Bell of Tenn.—all from Slave States, and all Democrats but the last.

The Committee on the *District of Columbia* is composed of Messrs. Brown of Miss., (Chairman,) Pratt, Mason, Allen and Reid—all Nebraska men; all Democrats, and all but Allen slaveholders.

But this was not enough. It seems that balloting in open Senate for the Committees, some Republicans got the second highest votes, which placed them second on their Committees and so entitled them to the post of Chairmen in the absence of the regular Chairmen. This would never do; so, on motion of Gen. Cass, they were degraded to the tail-ends of the Committees, and the Union is thus safe, for this session.

While the struggle over the Speakership is going on in the House, there is a dead-lock in affairs between the members of the happy family in the Senate. The Washington correspondent of the N. Y. *Commercial* says:

"The Senate caucus of Democratic members is the object of almost as much attention just now as the contest in the House. Mr. Iverson, of Ga., who is an ultra pro-Slavery man of the most zealous description, threw a bomb-shell into the caucus yesterday, producing consternation and alarm among the Northern Democrats.—The resolutions required the Democracy of the Senate to pledge themselves to an ultra slavery platform, and Mr. Iverson stated in his speech to the caucus that it *was upon this condition alone* that the Southern Democratic Senators, and their allies the Southern Whigs, would co-operate with the Northern Democracy. He stated, though on what authority is not clear, that the Southern Whig Senators united in the demand.

The resolutions, after a debate, were committed to a committee, to report on Monday, whose report will revive a storm, no matter what may be its conclusions."

Several Senators made speeches against the resolutions before they were referred, and Mr. Hamlin, of Maine, left the caucus, abjuring the party. But this is not the only trouble. They cannot agree upon a candidate for printer.—The administration men are for the *Union*; while the anti-Administration members are opposed to any nomination. The Senators known to be opposed to making a nomination in caucus, are Mason, Hunter, Butler, Bayard, Broadhead, Wright, Bright, Evans, Brown, Rusk and Pugh. On Friday they were in caucus four hours and had a warm discussion. Eight Senators finally withdrew. A resolution to nominate a printer by caucus was carried by eighteen to two votes. To elect him in the Senate is a different matter. Nicholson & Forney, of the *Union*, have three separate oppositions to encounter: first, the Republicans, Whigs and Know Nothings: second, the Hunter, Mason, Bright, and Brodhead anti-administration men in the Senate; and, third, those Democrats who are opposed to Pierce's renomination.

In the House, the anti-Nebraska men, in caucus, have resolved to adhere to BANKS, and throw the responsibility of disorganization upon the Fuller men. The Washington correspondent of the New York *Commercial* says:

"The vote on the fiftieth ballot for Speaker shows that the thirty members who went for Mr. Fuller, of Pennsylvania, hold the decision of the question in their hands. *Their sympathies are stronger with Mr. Richardson, the Democratic candidate, than with Mr. Banks, the free soil candidate.* The effect of the adoption of the plurality vote would be to throw that vote upon Mr. Richardson."

"IOM," of the Baltimore *Sun*, writes:

"If BANKS is dropped, Pennington cannot reach within ten of his vote. Mr. Fuller has already ascended the highest round of his ladder to the Speaker's chair. Having been appointed by Judge Jessup a member of the Republican Central Committee of Pennsylvania, and not having publicly repudiated or disclaimed the appointment, has given great uneasiness to the Southern KNOW NOTHINGS who supported him in ignorance of that appointment."

The Philadelphia *Times*, the KNOW-NOTHING organ of that city, advises union upon Richardson, rather than Banks. It says:

"It is impossible for the American members of Congress to vote for him, without formally *merging* the American party, in the new abolition, disunion, "Republican" organization. Are they prepared to do this? No!—never! SOONER LET THEM, UNDER THE NECESSITY OF ORGANIZING THE HOUSE, VOTE FOR THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE, or unite upon some new man—and thus save that shall preserve their organization, and the NATIONAL position of the great American party they represent."

Another correspondent of the Baltimore *Sun*, talks in this wise:

"The adoption of the plurality vote would probably elect Col. Richardson under the present state of things. The thirty or forty votes now thrown upon Mr. Fuller will not be transferred upon Mr. Banks, but may go to Col. Richardson. The issue is now between Banks and Richardson, and this issue is accepted by the anti-Nebraska organs in the northern States. The middle ground is abandoned by both sides. A plan for the organization of the House, by aid of A COMBINATION WITH THE DEMOCRACY, IS TALKED OF, AND WILL BE SOON RESORTED TO.

The leaders of the anti-Nebraska party assert that, a fortnight hence, they will elect Mr. Banks. They want time to bring the party machinery in Ohio, New York and Indiana, to bear upon the eight refractory members, who have, so far, refused to vote for Banks. But, before this machinery can be brought into operation, the question will have been settled BY A COMBINATION OF THE FULLER AND RICHARDSON STRENGTH."

At the anti-Nebraska caucus, held on Friday night, MOORE, of Ohio, and DUNN, of Indiana, were present. DUNN has always said that he would vote for BANKS if he was nominated by caucus. MOORE made a speech indicating his desire to act with the majority for the organization. Edwards, of New York, also came into the support of Banks; but SCOTT of Indiana, HARRISON and BALL of Ohio, EDIE, MILLWARD and BROOKS of Pa., and HAVEN and WHEELER of New York, still hold out. Haven and Wheeler each hope by some lottery chance to become Speaker, and the same hope is said to actuate Harrison and Ball. The Cleveland *Herald* thus administers the lash to the recreant sons of Ohio:

"It makes Republicans of Ohio blush to their eyes to read vote after vote with the names of Harrison, Ball and Moore cast against Banks. Better things were expected of these men, and if as the last a Nebraska man is elected Speaker by their aid, political retribution will follow them all the days of their lives. We hope and trust they can satisfactorily explain their conduct. There never was an instance in which an attempt to figure for strength in one's own district at the expense of the general weal, did not result in the political death of the member of Congress, who thus permitted self to eclipse all other objects."

The other Republican presses of the State are also manifesting their indignation; and the leading presses in Indiana are administering soothing rebukes to the stubborn malcontents from that State."

The Washington correspondent of the N. Y. *Times* says:

"Another story, with Democratic endorsement, is that the Know Nothings would vote for ORR, and that the Richardson men and they will unite for that gentleman's election if the plurality resolution be adopted."

Another correspondent writes:

"The speculations as to the adoption of Mr. Cobb or Col. Orr as the Democratic candidate, whenever the opportunity may offer of electing either, must be very annoying to Col. Richardson. It would be unhandsome to drop him as soon as a chance for electing their man shall present itself. It would prove that he was nominated only by way of compliment, and with the understanding that he is unfit for the post."

We judge, from several of the extracts we have quoted, that the plan of uniting the FULLER vote with that of RICHARDSON has been openly proposed and canvassed. Such a union may be attempted, and it may even be successful; but it will bring utter political ruin to all who engage in it.

THE PUBLIC WORKS.—Our readers will remember the article we copied from the Philadelphia *Inquirer*, relative to the withdrawal of the transportation lines from the canal, in which it was alleged that the Canal Commissioners had advised that withdrawal, as promotive of the public interests. We regarded the statement, at the time, as a very singular one, and are not therefore surprised to find that it was unwarranted. The Harrisburg *Patriot and Union* says:

"We have called the attention of the Canal Commissioners to an article in the Philadelphia *Inquirer*, in regard to the purchase, by the Pennsylvania Rail Road Company, of the stock of the Transporters on the Main Line of the Public Improvements. We are authorized by the Board to give an unqualified denial to the allegation that they either advised or sanctioned, officially or otherwise, the sale, and are further permitted to state that the object of the sale will be discussed in the forthcoming report of the Canal Commissioners, in a manner that will remove all doubts as to their views on the subject."

DEATH OF HON. JOHN FINDLEY.—We learn from the Mercer *Whig* that Hon. JOHN FINDLEY died at his residence in that county on the 9th inst., aged 82 years. He was a son of Hon. William Findley, of Westmoreland county, who had been so long a member of Congress from this State that in 1815, he was called the "Father of the House," and who was subsequently elected and served for one term as Governor of Pennsylvania. He was one of the earliest settlers of Mercer county, having moved in 1796 to the farm upon which he has ever since lived and is now buried, and was during his long life one of the most prominent and useful citizens of the county.

HUNT'S MERCHANTS' MAGAZINE for December is received. It contains its usual amount of Commercial intelligence, and has several leading articles of interest and value. Published by Freeman Hunt, 142 Fulton street, New York, at $5 per annum.

For the Pittsburgh Daily Gazette.

MR. WHITE,—The communication over the signature of R. E. McGowin which appeared in the issue of Nov. 20th, is republished by him in the columns of the Commercial Journal. The following article taken from het Journal of the 3d inst., is such a complete and comprehensive reply to Mr. McGowin, that its transfer to the columns of your valuable paper will oblige

MANY CITIZENS.

THE HIGH SCHOOL.

MR. EDITOR:—There appeared in the *Gazette* of Tuesday, Nov. 20th, a communication headed "High School and School Taxes," over the signature of R. E. McGowin, who claims a hearing on the ground of his connection with the Public Schools for the last ten years.

It would be no more than reasonable to expect that a document from such a source would contain statements and explanations to enlighten those interested on the points at issue, instead of being burdened with attempts to transfer the odium of the enormous increase of the school tax to the shoulders of the tax-collectors. While Mr. McGowin endeavors to prove by figures that the High School tax is only ⅛ths of one mill, he keeps perfectly quiet on the main question he proposes to discuss viz. the "School Tax." True, he informs the public, that the High School Board have levied a general tax of 5 mills, and also enumerates the assessments made by the City Councils, but he fails to explain, what the tax-payers are desirous of knowing,—how it happens, that while the High School Tax is only ⅛ of a mill, the combined school tax, since the organization of the High School Board of which he is president, has increased full 50 per cent. However ingenious he may contrive to make the High School System, he cannot controvert the fact, that there is great reason for the universalband loud complaint of the tax payers. In justification I suppose, of the present high taxation, he asserts that in the country districts the school tax may reach 26 mills, but he forgets to state that the city assessment may teach 12 mills, or 1,1-5 per cent.

Now I venture the assertion, notwithstanding 26 mills *may* be levied in the country districts, that the assessments do not go beyond 2½ mills. And if the whole 26 mills were put on, the sum total would not be equal to an assessment of 10 mills in the city, for such is the difference in the valuation of property between the city and country. A glance at Mr. McGowin's figures will show how the $52,213 which is the amount of the 5 mill tax assessed by the High School Board, is disbursed, but they do not show to the tax-payers or aware of the fact, that from $8,000 to $10,000 were unnecessarily expended in increasing the salaries of the teachers in the Ward schools, and yet, with this large and uncalled for increase, their salaries are not in proportion to those of the teachers in the High School. His figures show also, that the 1st, 2nd, 3d, 4th and 5th Wards, pay in to the High School Board about $15,000 more than they ought to pay, by any rule of common honesty or justice. Some of the Wards are largely in debt for the erection of their school houses, and the High School system forces them to levy a tax, to the utmost limit the law allows, to raise money to make the payments. Nor is the action of the High School Board any the less reprehensible in introducing into some of the Wards an entire new series of books, thereby subjecting parents to another very heavy tax in the purchase of new books.—It is confidently asserted, and believed by many, that the change could have been made without a single cent of expense, for publishers and general person giving information of infringements on the same. This is the only Machine, ever invented that will grind a few perfectly even in thickness.

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COOL FOR CANADA.—We have seen a letter from an American in Paris, which accounts for the figure cut by Canada, in the Great French Exposition. The writer says:—"On looking carefully over the Canadian articles, I detected American axes, edge-tools, cut nails (and these have excited much inquiry here), the Fairbanks scale (!)" several patterns of Yankee plows, and other agricultural implements.—Their whole space was a depot of stolen goods. In every case where they made their articles, and departed form the English models, they strictly copied the American."

DISBANDING FIRE COMPANIES.—Four fire companies have been disbanded in Brooklyn, N. Y. by order of the Common Council, from the fact that serious disturbances had arisen among them and also that a number of runners were allowed to take charge of the various apparatus. Resolutions inflicting a penalty of five dollars for proceeding faster than a walk from a fire, and making all companies responsible for the misconduct, whether perpetrated by members or runners, were laid on the table, and made the special order for the next meeting.

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