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MONDAY MORNING, APRIL 19, 1858.

COUNTY CONVENTION.

The citizens of Allegheny county who are opposed to the National Administration, are hereby requested to meet in their respective Wards, Boroughs, Townships and Precincts on SATURDAY the 29th day of May, 1858, and elect two Delegates from each to meet in County Convention, at the Court House, in Pittsburgh, on WEDNESDAY, the 2d day of June, at 10 o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of nominating a County Ticket.

The primary meetings will be held in the townships between the hours of 2 and 6 o'clock, P. M., at the usual places of holding such meetings and in the Wards, Boroughs and Precincts, between the hours of 4 and 8 P. M. *By order of the Committee,*

ROBT. P. NEVIN, *Chairman.*

JUDGE WILMOT.—We referred the other day to the fact that an effort had been made to legislate Judge Wilmot out of office, by tacking the counties in his district on to other districts; but we supposed at the time that the effort had been abandoned. We were mistaken, however. The House passed a bill a few days since, entitled "An Act to form a separate Judicial district, composed of the counties of Clearfield, Elk, Forest and Jefferson." When this bill came up in the Senate, Mr. Cresswell moved that the same be referred to a select committee; which was agreed to, and that committee has reported an amendment to the bill, abolishing the district of which Mr. Wilmot is judge. There will be an attempt, doubtless, to put this through in the last hours of the session, by the force of party drill; but we hope that our friends will exercise all their powers of resistance for its defeat. It is the meanest bill that was ever begotten of locofoco meanness. That a man having a sense of personal decency, as we suppose Mr. Cresswell to have, should lend himself to the consummation of a plot so infamous and so base passes our comprehension. It can be understood only upon the supposition that there is nothing too mean for locofocoism to undertake, nor too low for its partisans to carry out.

Judge Wilmot's offence consists mainly in being an ardent Republican, and especially in the fact that he ran for Governor last fall on the opposition ticket. It is a political offence, merely, and for that he is to be punished. There is no allegation against his official character, nor any against his reputation as a jurist or as an honest man; but he is the representative man of Free Democracy, and he must be sacrificed.

Very well. Let the party try it. Abolish his district and legislate him out of office. What will come of it? The opposition State Convention will nominate him for Supreme Judge, and he will be elected over Porter. What, then, will the democratic party gain by persecuting him? Let them figure that out for themselves.

THE NEXT CONGRESS.—There are in the present Congress 92 Republican members, all of whom represent Republican districts and will either be re-elected or succeeded by others of like faith. The House consists of 234 members, or 237, if Kansas and Minnesota be admitted, and 238, if Oregon be admitted. We take it for granted that all three of these new states will be represented in the next Congress, and it will therefore require the election of 120 Republicans to obtain a majority—a gain of 28 on the present representation. Can this be accomplished? We think it can.

We shall certainly elect one member in Kansas and probably the two in Minnesota; we shall gain one, certainly, in Connecticut, and probably two; we can, if we will, carry one or two of the Philadelphia districts, now represented by Lecomptonites, besides the Franklin and Lycoming districts, with a fair chance for the Clarion, Chester and Schuylkill districts: this would give us a gain of seven in Pennsylvania. In Ohio, we shall certainly gain three and probably five districts, and one or two in Indiana, leaving us from nine to fifteen to gain in New York and Illinois. Anything like a vigorous and united movement in New York will give us a gain of nine in that state alone; and if our expectations with regard to the other states are all realized, we shall certainly carry the next House.—It will require, however, the exercise of tact, judgment, discretion and conciliation in all the doubtful districts and in those in which the opposition have heretofore been divided, to effect this end, and it will be seen that we cannot afford to throw away a single district. It will not be so easy a matter as some to imagine to carry the next House; and it is not too soon, even now, to be addressing ourselves to the difficulties of the task.

LIFE THOUGHTS OF HENRY WARD BEECHER.—We are indebted to Messrs. Hunt & Miner for an early copy of this work, from the prolific press of Messrs. Phillips & Sampson, of Boston. We have already, from time to time, published in our columns choice extracts from this work, as we gathered them from the Eastern press, and, as far as we have observed, no book ever has afforded more generous supplies of gems of thought. They have been gathered up from no official or officious reporter, but have been caught from the written or extempore discourses of Mr. Beecher by members of his congregation. Those who have had the pleasure of listening to that great man, know how his discourses abound with beautiful and apposite truths, suggested by the realities of life. Every noble human action has in it a gem; every work of the Creator's hand, however much it may be marred by time or circumstance, has in it a germ of beauty which the piercing eye of genius can detect. There is poetry in all of life, and he who has in him the poetic element can clothe the face of nature with loveliness and find rare lessons in what to the common mind is but common.

The successful preacher, successful in the highest sense, as well as the successful orator or poet, is he who seizes upon some present fact or circumstance, and makes it the vehicle of a pure and beautiful thought. To illustrate from the volume before us:

"You have seen a ship out on the bay, swinging with the tide, and seeming as if it would follow it; and yet it cannot, for down beneath the water it is anchored. So, many a soul sways towards Heaven, but cannot ascend thither, because it is anchored to some secret sin."

"The superfluous blossoms on a fruit tree are meant to symbolize the large way in which God loves to do pleasant things."

"Many men carry their conscience like a drawn sword, cutting this way and that, in the world, but sheathe it, and keep it very soft and quiet when it is turned within, thinking that a sword should not be allowed to cut its own scabbard."

"Our children that die young are like those spring bulbs which have their flowers prepared beforehand, and have nothing to do but to break ground, and blossom, and pass away. Thank God for spring flowers among men, as well as among the grasses in the field."

"The mother's heart is the child's school room."

"A man in this world is a boy spelling in short syllables; but he will combine them in the next."

"Like those fair New England lakes, greened around with meadows, of translucent depth and silver sand, on whose surface armies of white lilies, golden-crowned, unfold to the sun, so the christian's heart should be. All its feelings and affections should open into life like those white lilies, and deep amid the blossom petals should be seen the golden crown of love."

The above extracts are enough to illustrate our meaning and to give our readers an idea of the gems of christian thought which glitter on the pages of this welcome book.

DIDN'T TAKE THE PAPERS.—In Cincinnati, a few days since, a man who resides within twelve miles of town, city walked into the Citizens' Bank for the purpose of obtaining a sum of money which he had deposited there several years ago. Imagine his feelings on learning that the bank had failed six months ago! He had not even heard of the extraordinary financial panic which recently swept over the country with such a levelling influence.

THE WHEAT IN THE WEST.—Accounts from every section of the western country, without exception, represent that the wheat crop looks more promising than in any spring for the last ten years. It is well up; covers the ground well, is well set, good color, and the number of acres of it is prodigious.

GLOOMY REFLECTIONS OF A DISUNION ORGAN.—Black Republicanism may well shout an exulting pæan. Connecticut has followed hard upon New Hampshire, and gone with a rush against Slavery; while, unkindest cut of all, St. Louis, a Southern city of a Southern State, has, at its recent municipal election, reiterated its semi-abolition sentiments by the election of the Free Democratic ticket. *Truly, the Kansas measure has proved a disastrous blow to the South.* Intended, as its advocates proclaimed, to settle the question of Slavery, and quiet agitation, it has generated renewed discord, strengthened free soil, and hopelessly divided the only party that claimed an odor of nationality.

We are afraid that these Spring elections are portents of gloomier tidings hereafter. We apprehend that Pennsylvania, and Illinois, and Indiana, which by unrivaled tact and unwearied exertion were saved in 1856 from falling into the Free-Soil quagmire, will return to their wallow, and *that before the expiration of the present year every non-slaveholding State in the Union, with the possible exception of California, will rally under the victorious standard of Black Republicanism.* The South then will be in a certain and absolute minority, and may vainly look to the North for sympathy or succor. When that period arrives, we shall be glad to learn of those who are constantly dinning into our ears their devotion to the Union, what course they propose to pursue?—Shall we submit, and trust to the justice or the mercy of the Northern Anti-Slavery men, for the preservation of our rights? *Shall we remain in the Union until an opportunity is presented of finally testing their repeated assurances that no more Slave States shall be admitted?* Or shall we make preparations for a crisis that seems inevitable, and taking our stand upon principle, put forth our firm resolve to resist any overt act of aggression? The time is not distant when these questions may be pertinently asked. In the interim let the Southern Nationalists revolve them at their leisure, for an answer will be shortly required.—*N. O. Bee.*

A STEAM ENGINE EXPERIMENT—A SCARED CLERGYMAN.—"The first English model of a steam carriage was made in 1784, by Wm. Murdoch, the friend and assistant of Watt. It was on the high-pressure principle, and ran on three wheels. The boiler was heated by a spirit lamp; and the whole machine was of very diminutive dimensions, standing little more than a foot high. Yet, on one occasion, the little engine went so fast that it outran the speed of its inventor. Mr. Buckle says, that one night, after returning from his duties in the mineral Redruth, in Cornwall, Murdoch determined to try the working of his model locomotive. For this purpose, he had recourse to the walk leading to the church, about a mile from the town. The walk was rather narrow, and was bounded on either side by high hedges.

"It was a dark night, and Murdoch set out alone to try his experiment. Having lit his lamp, the water shortly began to boil, and off started the engine, with the inventor after it.—He soon heard distant shouts of despair. It was too dark to perceive objects; but he shortly found, on following up the machine, that the cries for assistance proceeded from the worthy pastor of the parish, who, going towards the town on business, was met on this lonely road by the hissing and fiery little monster, which he subsequently declared to be nothing to be the evil one *in propria persona.* No further steps, however, were taken by Murdoch to embody his idea of a locomotive carriage in a more practical form."

Fancy a clergyman on a dark night in a deserted road, seventy years of age, meeting a little locomotive engine without driver or attendant, whizzing directly at him! This was fifty years before George Stephenson, by combining the experience of the world with his own ideas, made a practical working machine of the locomotive.

A SPRINKLING OF DIAMONDS.—The Paris correspondent of the Boston Traveller describes an accident which occured at Mme. Lehon's ball, who lives on the left of the Rond Point of the Champs Elysees. Young Prince Murat and his wife were going to the ball, when just before they reached the door some obstacle in the avenue made the carriage jostle so violently as to throw the driver from his seat; the horse ran away and broke the carriage on the basin of the fountain. The Princess was carried, bleeding and senseless, into Mme. Lehon's; the dances were, of course, instantly interrupted, and several ladies fainted at the sight of the Princess in a ball dress and covered with blood. The wounds she received proved, fortunately, slight. When her alarm was dissipated it was discovered that her necklace and other ornaments of diamonds had fallen into the avenue. Imagine the consternation which followed this discovery, especially when search was made in vain for them, and it became necessary to postpone further investigation until daylight appeared. Ten thousand dollars of diamonds in the Avenue des Champs Elysees all night! Policemen were posted to guard the ground until day broke, when the diamonds were found scattered in every direction; not a diamond was missing.

WASHINGTON, Thursday Evening, April 15.—The Conference Committee of the two Houses held an informal meeting this evening, Messrs. Green, Hunter and Seward on the part of the Senate, and Messrs. English, Howard and Stephens on the part of the House. They merely exchanged views in conversation, but took no vote. They adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning. No report will be looked for until Monday.

Mr. English insists upon the submission of the Lecompton Constitution to a fair vote of the people of Kansas, and declares that he will consent to nothing less. Messrs. Seward and Howard go with him fully and will assent to no compromise whatever that does not provide for such submission. Thus far Messrs. Green, Hunter and Stephens will not concede the point; and a final disagreement of the Committee is regarded as nearly certain.—*N. Y. Times.*

WASHINGTON, Thursday, April 15, 1858.—The probable result of the conference will be a disagreement. A new committee will then be asked for, and, if granted, the Administration batteries will be unmasked, and the real nature of the movement of Messrs. English and Hall disclosed.

Some sort of a compromise will be attempted, such as the giving certificates to the Free-State officers, and the submission to a popular vote of Lecompton as stripped of the bill as possible.

Meantime, the Anti-Lecompton men, who adhere to their position, are firm and watchful, and await with confidence the impending struggle.—*N. Y. Trib.*

COL. BENTON'S PROPERTY.—The Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia Inquirer says:

I learn that, although Col. Benton went through the usual formalities of making a will, he nevertheless died very poor. The creditors of his estate are not likely, however, to press their claims unpleasantly, and, if a project on foot in reference to a certain disposition of his latest literary labors is successfully carried out, his debts will probably be paid in full. Every one who had business dealings with him speaks in the strongest terms of his Spartan sense of honor and faithfulness to his engagements, and one secret of his late indefatigable labors lies in the fact of his extreme anxiety to cancel every pecuniary obligation before his decease.

LECOMPTON IN DAYTON, OHIO.—The Lecomptonites were totally defeated in the municipal election in Dayton last week. Mr. D. W. Iddings was elected Mayor, over Col. Tilton, by 600 majority. Dayton may be set down as true to Kansas and strong for the cause of human liberty. When the news of the defeat of Lecompton in the House was received there, thirty-one guns were fired in honor of the event.

MR. SUMNER.—The Washington correspondent of the N. Y. *Evening Post* says "I regret to be compelled to announce that Mr. Sumner's health is quite poor. He attempted to walk from the Capitol to his lodging yesterday, but the return of the pains in his back were so severe that he was put into a carriage and conveyed home. He is far from being a well man, and should avoid all excitement."

MAYORALTY ELECTION AT KANSAS CITY.—Mr. Payne, a free democrat, who stands opposed to the Lecompton policy of Slavery extension and its kindred heresies, has been elected mayor of Kansas City, Missouri, by a handsome majority. This is a gratifying sequence to the brilliant victories here and at Jefferson City, and speaks trumpet-tongued for the enfranchisement of public sentiment from the rule of the nullifiers in that flourishing western emporium.—*St. Louis Dem.*

THE LANCASTER BANK.—The report of the commissioners appointed to investigate the affairs of the Lancaster (Pa.) Bank, and the causes which led to its failure, states that of the notes in circulation at the date of the failure, $460,024 have been received by the bank in payment of debts to her, leaving still outstanding $646,025, from which is to be deducted $306,910 redeemed at the Girard Bank.

FRUIT.—We learn from our exchanges that the prospect for fruit the coming season is most encouraging. In some parts of the country, a portion of the buds were killed by the frost, but the remainder will only be the better for this. Throughout Missouri and Illinois, there will be an abundant supply of peaches, apples, pears and cherries of excellent quality. The trees are now blooming, and promise a copious harvest of juicy luxuries.—*St. Louis News.*

ANOTHER OUTRAGE COMMITTED AGAINST THE SOUTH.—An attempt is being made to introduce Northern shad into the rivers of Alabama. This is supposed to be a part of Eli Thayer's Southern colonization scheme.

THE hard times which have of late prevailed have filled the ranks of the English army. Since October last, 26,000 men have joined the military forces of Great Britain, and enlistments are progressing at an average of 7,000 per month.

THE *Journal of Commerce* says that the "Connecticut Republicans are not half satisfied with their late victory." The Providence *Journal* guesses they like it better than the Democrats do.

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