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THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 22, 1859.

Republican County Convention.

The Republicans of Allegheny County are requested to meet in their respective election districts on SATURDAY, 31st December, and elect two delegates from each to a County Convention, which will meet at the Court House on WEDNESDAY, January 4th, to elect seven delegates to represent this county in the State Convention which meets at Harrisburg, on the 22d of February, 1860. The meeting in the townships will be held between 2 and 4 o'clock P. M; in the cities and boroughs between 7 and 9 o'clock P. M. JOHN M. KIRKPATRICK, Chairman.
H. HOLTZ, Secretary.

Republican County Mass Meeting.

A Mass Meeting of the Republicans of the county will be held at Lafayette Hall, on WEDNESDAY NIGHT, the 4th of January, at 7 o'clock, for the purpose of organizing a Republican County club for 1860. The Republicans of the county generally are invited to attend. [d

DISUNIONISTS.—The *Gazette* charges that the sentiment of disunion exists in the Democratic party, and hugs itself with the idea that the North must rebuke the sentiment. This is what may aptly be termed "the height of impudence."—*Post of Wednesday.*

If our remarks were "the height of impudence," we quoted what the *Post* will certainly acknowledge to be good democratic authority for them. The *Post* is, or pretends to be, a warm supporter of Douglas for the Presidency. Mr. Haskin, of New York, is the very dear friend of the Senator from Illinois, and in his speech, a few days since, he said:

"Mr. Clerk, I have heard upwards of a dozen speeches already from the gentlemen of the South, proclaiming secession doctrines, in certain contingencies, which doctrines have been applauded by the galleries, in this southern city, where large numbers of the men who daily fill them reside—employees and recipients of Government money. They are, it seems, paid the people's money to appear here and insult their Representatives. The members from the free States have come here expecting to enjoy the hospitality for which the South has always been celebrated, and not such treatment as this. *I have not heard from this* (the Republican) *side one single speech or sentiment which has not breathed devotion to the Constitution and the Union, and a determination to faithfully maintain and protect the South in all of her Constitutional rights.*"

That is the same quotation we made in the article with which the *Post* takes issue as "the height of impudence."

But perhaps our neighbor does not desire any longer to be considered a supporter of Douglas. Perhaps he is ready to turn another somersault, as he did from Buchanan to the "little rebel!" It is possible that the *Post* has made a new gyration and is back to where it started, in favor of Buchanan again! If so, the sentiments it now entertains touching the question of disunion may perhaps be found in the declarations of Mr. Buchanan's friends in the House. In that case we may quote some remarks of Mr. Singleton, of Mississippi, which it would seem ought to have some weight in the case supposed. On Monday, that gentleman said, in his speech to the country, from his place in the House:

"If you exclude Slavery from us, it will prove the disruption of every tie. We will have expansion of Slavery in the Union, or outside of it, if we must. If you want to know my advice to Mississippi, *I say the sooner we get out of the Union the better*—for the longer we stay in the worse for us. The South have made up their minds to sustain Slavery. We don't intend to be prescribed by present limits, and it will not be in the power of the North to coerce the three millions of freemen at the South with arms in their hands, and prevent their going into the surrounding Territories. Gentlemen must remember that a gallant son of the South, Jefferson Davis, led our forces in Mexico, *and, thank God, he still lives, perhaps to lead a Southern army.*

The South will expand to Mexico, that country being without government, and they can administer the estate for themselves. Whenever a man like Mr. Seward or Mr. Hale is elected to preside over the destinies of the South, there may be expected an undivided front in that section, and all parties will be united in resistance to the aggression."

Pray what can one make out of such "talk" as that but open treason to the Union! Here is a supporter of Mr. Bocock, the *Post's* candidate for Speaker, who has no measure to his denunciations for the Union of the States. If Mr. Haskin is not good authority, Mr. Singleton must be. There is no middle party to speak for the Democracy, none at least that we know of. If Mr. Singleton did not announce the sentiments of his party, why did they not say so then and there? Did any of the so-called Democrats denounce such outrageous sentiments? Did Montgomery, or Valandigham, or Cochrane, or Florence or any of the Northern members who are supposed by some to be in favor of the Union? Not a man rose to deprecate this blatant treason! It has gone abroad to the country unrebuked, as the sentiment of the Democratic party.

Nor is it from the declaration of Mr. Haskin alone, or the Union denunciations of Mr. Singleton, that we are led to declare the democratic rank and dangerous disunion party. Congress has been in session about three weeks, long enough to give men an opportunity to express their sentiments upon this point, and who among Senators and Representatives have threatened or justified Disunion? We submit the following list, containing the names of some of them: C. C. Clay, Alfred Iverson, A. G. Brown, Jeff. Davis, C. L. Vallandigham, Roger A. Pryor, Syd. Moore, M. R. H. Garnett, William Smith, W. P. Miles, J. L. M. Curry, L. Q. C. Lamar, Reuben Davis, John J. M'Rae, W. M. Gwin, L. M. Keitt, M. J. Crawford, W. R. Singleton.

These are all well known and acknowledged Administration Democrats. Their united voice would seem to be of some weight. *We challenge the Post* to adduce the name of a single Republican member of either House to whom it can attribute on that floor a speech in favor of a Dissolution of the Union. Have these facts no weight, or is it "the height of impudence" to enumerate them?

SHARP PRACTICE.—It is evident that some of the Southern medical schools are in sad want of students. The telegraph of Tuesday informed us that a stampede was to be made of the students from the South, at the schools of "physic" in Philadelphia. We learn from the *Press* of that city that some of the students from Southern cities saw an announcement in a Richmond paper, to the effect that any Southern students in Northern colleges who should present the lecture tickets bought for those institutions at the medical college in Richmond would be welcomed to the courses of lectures, free of charge, and graduated in the usual manner. Some of the students telegraphed to the faculties of colleges in Richmond, Charleston, Nashville, and other Southern cities, and were assured that the said faculties will make the arrangement stated in the Richmond newspaper.

This is the latest method of securing students. It appears, however, that Philadelphia bags the coin, while Richmond wins the boys. That is unfair, and as a friend of equal rights, and, in a question of pills and plasters, "knowing no North, no South, no East, no West," we protest against the Philadelphia schools taking the fees while turning the labor over to their rivals. At least, divide the spoils.

THE SENATE COMMITTEES.—The Administration party in the Senate have made out their part of the Standing Committees and sent the list to the Republicans to fill up. We need not publish the list until it is made out in full. We observe, however, that in all the principal committees, consisting of seven members each, the democrats have taken five on each, and the same proportion on the smaller ones. The South gets the fourteen principal chairmanships, thus controlling the entire political power of the Senate, while the Northern Democracy are allowed six of the most inferior. Mr. Bigler has the first of these honors, in being placed at the head of Patents. If he can invent some machine to save his party, he will be held by his brethren worthy the place he occupies, and would doubtless receive a patent without demur.

MINNESOTA.—A dispatch to Chicago, dated on the 17th at St. Paul, says that Morton S. Wilkinson, was on that day nominated as candidate of the Republicans for U. S. Senator from Minnesota. This is equivalent to an election.

MAIL robbery used to be considered a State Prison offence. Now it is an applauded Democratic principle!

ADDISON AND IRVING.—At the meeting of the Massachusetts Historical Society for the purpose of honoring the memory of Washington Irving, Profs. Longfellow, Holmes, Felton and Edward Everett made beautiful and appropriate addresses. From that of Mr. Everett we make the following extract:

"Mr. Irving's manner is often compared with Addison's, though, closely examined, there is no great resemblance between them, except that they both write in a simple, unaffected style, remote from the tiresome stateliness of Johnson and Gibbon. It was one of the witty but rather ill-natured sayings of Mr. Samuel Rogers, whose epigrams sometimes did as much injustice to his own kind and generous nature as they did to the victim of his pleasantry, that Washington Irving was Addison and Water; a judgment which, if seriously dealt with, in altogether aside from the merits of the two writers, who have very little in common. Addison had received a finished classical education at the Charter House and at Oxford, was eminently a man of books, and had a decided taste for literary criticism. Mr. Irving, for a man of letters, was not a great reader, and if he possessed the critical faculty, never exercised it. Addison quoted the Latin poets frequently and wrote correct Latin verses himself. Mr. Irving made no pretensions to a familiar acquaintance with the classics, and probably never made a hexameter in his life. Addison wrote some smooth English poetry, which Mr. Irving, I believe, never attempted; but with the exception of two or three exquisite hymns, (which will last as long as the English language does,) one brilliant simile of six lines in the "Campaign," and one or two sententious but not very brilliant passages from Cato; not a line of Addison's poetry has been quoted for a hundred years. But Mr. Irving's peculiar vein of humor is not inferior in playful raciness to Addison's; his nicety of characterization is quite equal; his judgment upon all moral relations as sound and true; his human sympathies more comprehensive, tenderer and chaster; and his poetical faculty, though never developed in verse, vastly above Addison's. One chord in the human heart, the pathetic, for whose sweet music Addison had no ear, Irving touched with the hand of a master. He learned that skill in the school of early disappointment.

"In this respect the writer was in both cases reflected in the man. Addison, after a protracted suit, made an "ambitious match" with a termagant peeress; Irving, who would as soon have married Hecate as a woman like the Countess of Warwick, buried a blighted hope, never to be rekindled, in the grave of a youthful sorrow.

"As miscellaneous essayists, in which capacity only they can be compared, Irving exceeds Addison in versatility and range, quite as much as Addison exceeds Irving in the far less important quality of classical tincture; while as a great national historian, our countryman reaped laurels in a field which Addison never entered."

REFINED AND CHIVALROUS.—At the lecture of George W. Curtis, in Philadelphia, some one of the hooting mob outside managed to climb upon a building near by, which commanded the hall, and from his perch to fling into the midst of an audience of ladies and gentlemen a bottle of nitric acid. A large number of coats, hats, bonnets and dresses were ruined; but worst of all, one young lady received a portion of this "distilled fire" on her face, and she will be disfigured for life. Such a dastardly deed calls for no comment.

TRADE AND POLITICS.—The New Orleans *Delta* is considerably distressed at finding that no large a portion of the voting population of New York should have voted for Mr. Opdyke, inasmuch as the gentleman, according to it, is not only a Republican, but a man who made a fortune in New Orleans as a wholesale clothing merchant, and is therefore under considerable obligations to the South. It concludes a very sour-tempered article by some more threatening the North with a total loss of Southern custom if it does not change its opinions and policy with regard to Slavery.

As there is nothing in which the South deals so lavishly at this moment as threats of a suspension of commercial intercourse with the Northern States, and as there is nothing which so tends to widen breaches between great nations or great bodies of men as either empty menaces or false assumptions, we must beg of Southern journals to cease pretending to believe that trade either between the Northern and Southern States, or any other communities in the world, is based on love, or good will, or respect, or any other benevolent sentiment. Trade always has been, and in the nature of things must always continue to be, purely a matter of self-interest. Private persons rarely suffer their feelings to influence their purchases, and no nation that has ever existed has regulated either its exports or its imports with a reference to anything but profit and loss. The larger portion of the Southern cotton crop is consigned to rank Abolitionists in England, and nearly all the brandy, silks and divers other luxuries consumed in Great Britain, are the products of French industry. British tea is mainly the produce of Chinese gardens, and most of the Cashmere shawls in which Christian women delight are woven in places where no Christian dare show his face. Nobody supposes that the buyers and sellers in all these cases are influenced by deep affection solely. Briton, Frenchman, Chinaman and Affghan, all hate each other very cordially, but, perhaps, for that very reason, sell and buy from one another with great alacrity, and pocket the profits with great gusto. In fact melancholy as it may seem, any man or set of men who tried to carry on business on the basis of brotherly love, and refused to sell to people, or buy of them at the market rate, because they did not come up to their standard of moral perfection, would speedily be bankrupt, and would have the laughter, and not the sympathy of the world, for their pains. The Northern reason for buying Southern products, and the Southern reason for buying Northern fabrics, is precisely the same as the British reason for buying French silks—because they can nowhere else be had so cheaply. Whatever the South cannot get so cheaply at the North it gets elsewhere; the North does the same by the South. As to the Southerners importing goods through New York, they do it for the same reason as most retailers in Massachusetts, because New York happens to have the best assortment and the greatest facilities for transacting business.

We are here stating unalterable laws of human nature, as well as of trade; and any body of traders who determine to transact business by any other rules than these, and consult love, or patriotism, or pity, or anger, or resentment, instead of their ledger, to ascertain the best mode of carrying on their business—will ruin not only themselves, but their creditors. Fortunately, when any imbecile proposes to start a store, in which none shall be permitted to purchase except persons who command his esteem, most people take care not to trust him, and the ruin wrought by such idiocy is consequently not very widespread.

Southerners are just as familiar with all this as we are. No planter in Louisiana cares one straw whose carcass his cotton covers, or whose palate his sugar sweetens, as long as he gets the highest market price for it from the factor at New Orleans, and the result is that Louisiana planters are prosperous and comfortable. But if the regime with which the *Delta* threatens us goes into operation, and the unhappy man has to get a guarantee from the shipper that none of his bales shall be spun into under garments for the Duchess of Sutherland, and none of his barrels shall sweeten the tea of Mrs. H. B. Stowe, and from his tailor that the weavers of his coat, "were sound on the goose," we think we may fairly predict he will speedily be out at elbows, and his "field-hands," in the hands of the Sheriff. In all of which reasons these Southern threats of punishing the North for its Anti-Slavery sentiments may fairly be called idle in the extreme, and idle threats are a folly of which three millions of people ought never to be guilty. There is a piece of advice given to the nation at large, touching its intercourse with foreign powers, in Washington's farewell address, the wisdom of which is as profound to-day as the day on which it was written, and which both North and South would in the present crisis, do well to call to mind in their dealings with one another; "Never to subordinate their own interests, or their policy to either hatred or admiration.—*N. Y. Times.*

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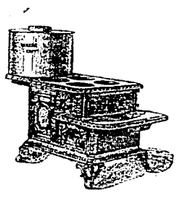

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