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## UNION REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

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### ARGUMENT BY MERE PRESENTATION.

A good many democrats just now discourse glibly about the thirty six stars on the national flag. That precise number of States seems to stick, in their judgment, both for their own satisfaction and the condemnation of the Republicans. To believe in those thirty six stars they repute the essence of all political orthodoxy, and to disbelieve therein the sublimation of all political heresy.

How long have they so believed? Before the war, for some years, they advocated that peculiar form of State sovereignty which asserted the right of secession and consequently denied the authority of the general government to coerce a State. Then they clearly did not believe in thirty-six stars, unless it accorded with the good pleasure of their southern political associates to have so many. That is why they sympathized so strongly with the rebels, exulted in their successes and were sad when the Union armies triumphed. That is why Mr. HESTER CLYMER, as a member of the Pennsylvania Senate, steadily voted against supporting men and money for the prosecution of the war. His obsequiousness on that point is one item, this autumn, the democratic candidate for Governor. If he had voted the other way, the democrats, who are so in the thirty six stars business, would have no use for him other than they would for Mr. JEFFERSON DAVIS.

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But this is not the worst of it. Those democrats who look so coldly concerning the national flag and the thirty six States emblazoned thereon, have evaded, in their secret thoughts and purposes, none of their old and mischievous errors. Their attachment is no stronger now for the Union of all the States than it was five years ago. But they see that the Union has been maintained notwithstanding all their efforts to destroy it. They know, moreover, that the real question at issue in the present canvass has not relation to the complete restoration of the Union, but to the terms on which that restoration shall be accomplished. What they want, since they cannot have secession, is reconstruction on such a basis as will not only betray the rebels from all penalties, but enable them to set up their pretensions to political superiority and to hold it over loyal men in a Union they were impotent to destroy.

Not can it escape observation that Democratic devotion to the Union only six States is so parade because of the determination that the Republicans are in favor of a less number, they are not getting one bit farther from it. If the people ever demonstrated fealty to a principle or a measure, the loyal men of the United States who uphold the government and the armies of the day all through the war, are entitled to the proclamation. Three hundred thousand of them sealed with devotion with their lives. Three hundred thousand more show their traitorous hearts as conclusive evidence of what they would have done and suffered. What an honor to the veterans now assembled to take duty who represent in their own persons all the memorable battles for the preservation of the Union, to assert that their devotion to the flag was inadequate and hypocritical, and that they were not in favor of the cause for which they perilled so much. These veterans know why they fought, and they know what they are about now. They won the victory, and do not mean to be cheated out of it. They won it not for a section or a caste, but for all sections and all castes, for this age, and for all ages. They mean that the Union shall stand not simply in name but in substance, that it shall not simply have its representation on the folds of the national ensign, but shall be found in the common experience of all the inhabitants of the land.

The veterans of the war do not stand alone in this determination. The men who sustained them through all the vicissitudes of the war, are still in full sympathy with them. The loyal men of the republic claim the right, conquered on the field of battle, to control its destiny. This they will not forego. Such terms as they feel to be just and essential to the present and permanent welfare of the country they will exact and enforce, and neither sophistries nor threatenings, will ever turn them from their purposes.

### MR. EDGAR COWAN.

Soon after this gentleman was honored by the Republicans of Pennsylvania with a seat in the Senate of the United States, he went over to the Democrats, and has steadily voted with them, on most, if not all, important divisions. His friends say his course in this particular was born controlled by conscientious convictions. This may be. Conscience plays strange pranks with some men. Torquemada, the monster of the Inquisition, was blameless in private life, and claimed he was dominated by a profound zeal for truth on earth and the welfare of souls on the other side the tomb. His case does not stand alone. Many of the public men whose names stand pilloried in special infamy, were in the same category. While Mr. COWAN pleads his conscience in justification of his defection, his conscience should whisper in his ears that he owes something to the men who confided power to his keeping, as their representative, and whose confidence he outrages. When it came to the point that he could not fulfill his honorable pledges, expressed or implied, his conscience, if it had been sound and true, ought to have suggested to him the duty of resigning his office, and allowing the party from which he received it, to select a successor in unison with its sentiments and a sharer of its principles. This hold-ing on to a public trust, while abusing it, may be a model exhibition of conscience under the existing *regime* at Washington, but it does not take well with men of plain sense, unhackneied in self-deceptions.

Mr COWAN a period of service runs to its close. The election of his successor by the Legislature will be held on the third Tuesday of next January. Among the things to be accomplished by the approaching election is his remission to the walks of private life, unless the President shall be pleased to continue his public career by an appointment in reward of his subserviency to the Republican party. It is this consideration which makes the selection of the Republican Legislative candidates a matter of grave public importance.

Not is it simply desirable that Mr. COWAN should have notice to quit the post he prostitutes. It is of the utmost consequence that his successor shall be a man of tried and approved quality, who has not only ability but reliability. Without intending to disparage intellect, will is not unfrequently better than brains. In an emergency such as that which is now upon the nation it lacks courage of great value, when combined with a high order of mental power its beneficial uses are of inestimable price. In trying again on a Senator there must be a mistake in the last.

The Union Soldiers and Sailors of Crawford and adjoining counties have arranged to make a grand demonstration at Meadville on the 2d day of October. It will be an all-day affair. The gallant General HARRIMAN, of New Hampshire, the best stump speaker of New England, an Iscariot other eminent veterans, will positively be present and speak. The Administration, through Judge PETTIS, is endeavoring to defeat Mr. FINNEY, the Republican candidate for Congress, by a lavish use of boys and ballots. That trouble is the case is published for it is well that professed Republicans who are trying to compass it, should be made promptly to comprehend the indignation their conduct inspires in the breast of true men. Swell the meeting.

GEN B F BUTLER, in the boom he and unparalelled enthusiasm his presence inspires among loyal people has ample compensation for the abuse heaped on him by the President and the supporters of his Policy. There is something unique and surpassing in the welcome extended to him in this city by loyalists from all parts of the country. He has earned his high reward, and wears it with a noble grace.

THE Richmond *Whig* says "a sense of impending calamity has, within a week, taken possession of the Southern mind." This grows out of the determination of the Northern people not to submit to the usurpation of President JOHNSON in the matter of reconstruction. Well, the South ought to have known better than to trust the fox as guides who understood cricket.

THE New York *Times* pronounces in favor of the constitutional Amendments as "important and desirable." The reason which way the wind blows has a controlling respect to do with subsequent action of the *Times* gang.

The pretty wife of one George Bostwick, of Baltimore, "abandoned" her husband to the house of a very fascinating widower, in Washington, Whose name is among the weight of her purse of the realities of society, and informed him that he was wanted in Baltimore—all of which had a magic effect and to Baltimore he went.

The wives of English reconstruction legislators do not partake in the social cities of their lords. It is rather funny to read in the London papers that the "Countess of Derby and Mrs. Thomas Baring attended St. Patrick Passion yesterday on a visit to the Bishop of London and Mrs. Tait."

EXECUTIVE SESSION.—Secretary SEWARD, Postmaster-General RANDALL, Secretary of the Interior HARLAN, Attorney-General STANBERY, Secretary of War RAWLINS, Secretary of the Navy GIDEON WELLES and Postmaster-General DENNISON were in session with the President for several hours yesterday morning. Dr. B. C. PERRY, the well-known Democratic politician, who has been a spy on Democratic conventions for years, was also in attendance at the Executive Mansion. Dr. PERRY is a