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Gold closed in New York yesterday at 139.

THE CONVENTIONS.

The Republican Conventions which hold session in this city to-day will be charged with grave and responsible duties, and a confident constituency look to the delegates to leave nothing undone to ensure glorious triumph, and to do nothing which may mar the brilliancy of the campaign.

Let no unknown or irresponsible party be placed in charge of such a weighty piece of political machinery, and let no man accept the position unless he has determined in his heart that he will do all in his power, exert his best efforts, be diligent and active, guarded and watchful, so that the campaign may be marked with order, harmony and precision, and overwhelming victory secured in the end.

Work is the word. Spasmodic spurts of political industry will accomplish no good result, but constant, increasing labor is required to secure the majority of ten thousand which Allegheny county must give to GRANT and COLFAX, for her word of promise to achieve that glorious honor has been sounded from one end of the county to the other, and it can and must be redeemed, no matter what exertion it may cost.

In certain circles in this Commonwealth the impression seems to prevail that the accession to the seat in the United States Senate, soon to be vacated by Mr. BUCKLEWELL, is to be put up at legislative auction, and knocked down to the highest bidder, who has boldness to take the chance, whether he has brains and accomplishments for the place or not.

The next Senator ought to be taken from the Western portion of the State, provided a suitable man shall be presented. We believe somewhat in the claims of location, but never to the extent of putting an incompetent or inferior individual into a place because he happens to reside in a particular spot or region.

Heretofore the claims of the West have been pressed, as to this office, and been denied, for want of unanimity among our people. Now, there seems to be a general and spontaneous turning towards Mr. STANTON. Be sure, he does not want that place, or any public position whatever. He is wanted all the more on that account. He has abilities, enjoys the public confidence, and the weight of his name and services will crush out factionists and traitors.

WE CONGRATULATE the friends of an unobscured river navigation upon the disposition so decidedly manifested in both Houses of Congress, to regulate by Federal authority the construction of bridges across the Western rivers, in such manner as to occasion the least possible impediments to the freedom of the channel-way.

DISCOMFORTS OF POLITICAL MANAGERS.

Most commonly upon an important election is approaching, and it becomes necessary to select candidates for places of high responsibility a large squad of chronic grumblers begin to curse the political managers. They exclaim, "Why do not the leaders bring forward better timber, if they want us to support the nomination? The people are entitled to the best, and it is a shame to put them off with second-rate or worse."

Why will not such lawyers as MARSHALL, BROWN, KIRKPATRICK, and the like, take a nomination for Congress? Because they are making money, which they need, in their professional pursuit. They will not break away, take the heart out of the best part of their lives, go to Congress, and make a bare living at it, and return to private life in a few years, to find their practice gone irrevocably, their habits of professional application broken up, and themselves and families altogether the worse for engaging in the public service.

Why do such business men as PHILLIPS, MCAULEY, HURSEY, and the like, refuse to be nominated for Congress? They are rich, and want to be richer, immersed in their own concerns, and mean to be. The politicians who have imported a score of such men in a single district to accept a Congressional nomination, think they have acquitted themselves well in the premises. Occasionally, an eminent lawyer is found, who has "made his pile," or has resolved at all hazards to embark on a career of statesmanship, and he is ready to serve the people. Commonly, however, they are third or fifth rate lawyers, whose practice is not worth anything, who are anxious to incur the chances of public life.

So, too, once in a while a capable business man goes to Congress; always with a dozen talkers except of that highest grade known as genuine orators, who are rarer than meteor, and sent as illustrations of what human nature, in its highest developments, is really capable of. But these business men, who are content to expend rare powers for the public good, instead of their own, are purely exceptional.

Yet the grumblers stoutly maintain that "There are able men enough, if they were only diligently sought out." All we have to say is, the natural-born leaders of a city, district, or nation, do not have to be hunted with lighted candles. They come to the surface and dominate by virtue of their own inherent qualities. Who sought out GRANT, SHERMAN, THOMAS, SHERIDAN? They worked their own way to the top, and none could hinder them. Who plotted, GREENE, WADE, CAMERON, COLFAX? They were the architects of their own conspicuity. The root of the matter was in them; the qualities of leadership and by internal propulsion they came into the fore-dorained sphere. True, the poet says:

"Full many a rose to bloom to blush unseen, And waste its fragrance on the desert air."

That may be so much the worse for the rose; but we see no help for it. Precisely so with men. If they were foreridden to private station, they may as well make the best of it; for there is no sorcery that can avail them. A person cannot be wrenched out of natural insignificance and be transferred into an acknowledged and successful leader of men. Hundreds of men may fancy they are fit for Congress; partial friends may concur in that flattering judgment; but if they disclose no qualities of leadership that strike the popular apprehension and compel spontaneous recognition, they had better be content with their obscurity, no matter how galling it may be.

The fact is that public life, honestly followed, does not pay, either in money or honor, as well as private callings, but are altogether more precarious. Ordinarily, as soon as a public man has attained a familiarity with his duties, so as to make their performance easy to himself and advantageous to his constituents, he is thrust aside, through popular fickleness. This is another potent reason that constrains men of unusual powers, recognized as natural leaders, to refuse the function.

Hence, we conclude that the political managers are often more sinned against than sinning. They would do better than they do, in selecting candidates, if they were free to pick, and the public was not so volatile in likes and dislikes.

HON. JOHN ALLISON.

We are glad to learn that a movement is on foot at Washington, joined in by many of his old associates in Congress, to elect Mr. ALLISON to the clerkship of the Senate in place of Col. J. W. FOSBERG, resigned. Mr. ALLISON represented the Beaver, Lawrence and Mercer District in Congress some years ago, and was esteemed in Congress for his great purity of character as well as for his discrimination and judgment. In the western part of the State where he is personally known, no man stands higher in the confidence of the people and no selection could be made for the vacant clerkship that would be more universally approved. We would greatly rejoice to hear of his election.

The Senate amends the Arkansas bill in several important particulars, which are likely to receive the concurrence of the House.

REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP.

There is much force in the suggestion of a looker-on upon recent scenes at Washington, who predicted three weeks ago that the jealousies, which embittered the old-time leaders of the Republican party against the rising influence of its younger and more active men, not only afforded the real explanation of the manifest proclivities of the former class to withhold their concurrence in the practical counsels which inspired the majority of the House, but would be likely to endanger the final success of the pending impeachment. Herein was unquestionably to be seen an active, leading cause of the late defection of certain Senators from a plain duty recommended by all the political considerations which had been potent with them for a life-time, sustained by a regard for their own personal and official consistency, and positively demanded by the clearest instructions of patriotism.

A very large majority of the nation demanded the application of the extreme remedy, as the only one which could reach and remove the cause of so much danger. The Senate itself indicated the necessity for that application. The House accepted the duty thus cast upon it. The offender had no apologists; there was no party to defend him. The great political body in opposition to the Republicans made haste to declare that it had no part with the offending magistrate, disclaiming any responsibility for his misconduct and avowing itself content with his prospective deposition from office. Nevertheless, it freely declared its intention to improve for its own partisan ends any contingency that proceedings in impeachment might develop. Yet the Republican party, having a clear constitutional majority in both houses of Congress, and supported by the commanding judgment of a popular preponderance, have failed to carry through a measure which both houses were equally committed to and which was the necessary logical sequence of the political principles professed and supported by Republican Senators and Representatives.

Four Senators, each of them heretofore highly regarded as influential and leading Republicans, are responsible for this defeat. We make no account of the two (Hoss and Van Winkle) whose votes the four found it requisite to secure to make their defection fatal to the measure. The additional votes were needed, and these two Northern agitators which he had deposed through a measure which both houses were equally committed to and which was the necessary logical sequence of the political principles professed and supported by Republican Senators and Representatives.

For three years, the progressive developments of the Republican policy have been initiated and conducted by the men whom we specify, and the large class of representatives who have sympathized with them. They have been radical; that is to say, they have been sincere in their political faith, and thorough in the action which it demanded. It is this class of men, seconded by WILLIAMS, SUMNER, MORTON, CAMERON and a few others in the Senate, with whom all the leading measures of the past three years have originated and by whom all the hard work has been done. The Senators who, the other day, stultified themselves in voting for the President's acquittal, have as uniformly, for the same period, been a drag upon the radicalism which is the essence of our party, forever interposing their capricious criticisms, or a sullen, obstinate dissent, in the way of measures which were at last dragged through in spite of them. They chose to style this hold-back policy conservatism, but it was plainly nothing but jealousy and personal pique. They say that their own party of leadership had gone by, and since they could no longer rule, it was not long before they determined to ruin. The Republican party is still fortunately too strong for them and they find themselves the only victims of their own most discreditable defection. The party proceeds to fresh and more complete triumphs, with GRANT and COLFAX for its candidates, and led by living,

THE FIFTEENTH PRESIDENT.

We announce this morning the death of a distinguished citizen and native of Pennsylvania—JAMES BUCHANAN, who was the XVth President of the United States, born in Franklin county, April 23d, 1791, died June 1st, at his residence near Lancaster. He had been for some months an invalid, but, lately, his friends had hoped that he might regain as much health as is naturally permitted to seventy-seven years of age. These hopes were not realized; he experienced a relapse, sank rapidly, and passed away at an early hour yesterday morning, retaining consciousness to almost his latest moments.

earnest, vigorous and popular representatives.

Let us also hope that the Senate will not always remain a Hospital for Invalids, to be filled with soured and superannuated veterans, with whom the selfishness of age has overgrown all political enthusiasm, and who would rather see a battle lost to the country than won by their popular successors in the Republican leadership.

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