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National Union Republican Ticket.

NATIONAL.
President—LYNNES S. GRANT.
Vice President—SCHUYLER COLFAX.
PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS.

AT LARGE.
G. MORRISON COATES, of Philadelphia.
THOS. M. MARSHALL, of Pittsburgh.
DISTRICT.
1. W. H. BARNES, of Allegheny.
2. W. J. FOLEY, of Allegheny.
3. RICHARD WILLY, of Allegheny.
4. W. W. BIRD, of Allegheny.
5. WATSON P. MCGILL, of Allegheny.
6. H. B. BRIDGES, of Allegheny.
7. FRANK C. HEATON, of Allegheny.
8. DAVID M. LEE, of Allegheny.
9. MORRIS HOPPER, of Allegheny.
10. W. W. KITCHEN, of Allegheny.

STATE.
Auditor General—J. F. HARTNETT.
Surveyor General—J. M. CAMPBELL.

DISTRICT.
Congress, 22d Dist.—JAS. S. NEBLEY.
23d Dist.—DARWIN PHELPS.

COUNTY.
State Senate—JAMES L. GRAHAM.

ALLEGHENY.
GEORGE WILSON, of Allegheny.
JAMES TAYLOR, of Allegheny.
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CITY.
Mayor—JARED M. BRUSH.
Controller—ROBT. J. MCGOWAN.
Treasurer—A. J. COCHRAN.

Headquarters Republican County Committee, City Hall, Market Street. Open every day. County Committee meets every Wednesday, at 2 P. M.

WE PRINT on the inside pages of this morning's GAZETTE—Second Page: Epigrams, Miscellaneous Reading Matter. Third Page: Central Live Stock Market, Financial Affairs in New York, Markets by Telegraph, River News, Imports by Rail, Roads, Railway Time Table. Sixth Page: Finance and Trade, Domestic Markets, Petroleum Affairs. Seventh Page: Letter No. 3 from "L. M." a Workingman to his Brother Toller, Allegheny.

Gold closed in New York yesterday at 145.

It is officially announced to be the duty of Sheriffs to insert in their election proclamations the law of this Commonwealth relative to deserters. This law is in full force only as to such deserters as have been tried by courts martial.

It seems to be settled that Congress will meet in September. We trust they will make short work with the riving spirit of rebellion. Of course we shall hear the "old rebel yell," but Union men are no longer frightened by that.

We are gratified to learn from Washington that the President and Secretary of the Treasury have at last consented that the Revenue Law, as passed by Congress a month ago, may go into operation. Let the people be thankful for all favors from His Excellency!

The telegraph reports that the Republicans of Philadelphia opened the campaign with a mass meeting on Wednesday night. This statement is so plainly at variance with previous information that we prefer to await fuller advice by mail.

A LEADING Democratic journal—BRICK POMEROY'S new paper at New York comes out squarely for the repudiation of the public debt. That is the debt of conscience, that is the debt of honor, that is the debt of the Union which they fought against, and which they are now trying to repudiate.

THE recent action of the Alabama Legislature in relieving disabilities, and restoring the franchise to all citizens late rebels, elicits no gratitude from the rebels of that State. Nor has this action been generally chronicled by the Northern Democratic press. Each of the rebel wings is actuated in this by the same motive—hate for the Republicans who have made this liberal concession.

ALL that the South contended for its "lost cause" is to be regained, said Gov. VANCE, in the election of Seymour and Blair. Very naturally, therefore, a score of ex-rebel generals and politicians, lately assembled at the Virginia Springs, are about to present a joint address to the people of the Union which they fought against, as an electioneering document for the Democratic candidates. It should have OURS' pamphlet on his "miserable wretches" of Union prisoners, for an appendix.

THE loyal authorities of Tennessee indicate their resolute purpose to apply to the rebel element in this State so much of "reconstruction" as shall secure a complete submission to the laws. We have been partial to that method of dealing with traitors and arch-enemies since 1861, and cannot but commend the promptitude with which Tennessee proposes to renew the treatment. Her example is worthy of imitation in the Southern States, wherein armed combinations of Democratic rebels exist to obstruct the execution of the laws, and to abridge the just rights, personal and political, of American citizens.

CAST STEEL FOR BOILERS.

Within a few years, the manufacture of steel has become one of the most important in this city, the annual product now reaching nearly five millions, without including the value added to much of it by being wrought into tools, agricultural implements and other useful forms. Besides the rapidly increasing demand for the many purposes for which it has already been used, it is constantly being applied to new uses; and while iron is supplanting other materials of construction, steel is encroaching on the domain of iron. Its greater strength has always afforded hopes of its proving fitter than iron to resist heavy strains; but the supposed difficulty of producing uniformity of quality, long prevented its being trusted by engineers. Latterly this difficulty has been so completely overcome, that our best manufacturers are able to vary the quality of their steel to suit any purpose for which it may be required, so that quite a vocabulary of terms is used to denote the numerous varieties. One of these, usually called "homogeneous metal," contains much less carbon than other steel, and so occupies a middle position between wrought iron and cast steel, partaking of the qualities of both. This is so even in the process of manufacture. It is melted with much more difficulty than steel, but with less than iron, the fusibility of steel depending upon the amount of carbon it contains. For this reason its production requires more skill than higher grades of cast steel and is attended with greater expense; crucibles which would last for several heats with the one often destroyed by a single charge of the other. In malleability and ductility homogeneous metal is equal to iron; it welds nearly as well; is tougher both hot and cold; has much greater tensile strength than iron; and is free from the brittleness of highly carbonized steel. These qualities render it so superior to iron that it is now substituted for many purposes for which the higher grades of steel are utterly unfit.

Its use in the construction of boilers should be especially interesting to the public, where it so involves the security of life. For this purpose it might appear at first sight as if great strength were the most necessary quality, and such, indeed, was the belief when it was first used for boilers. Steel boiler plates were then required to have a high tensile strength, and this was obtained in the readiest manner by making them hard; and invariably where this was done, failures resulted, the plates often cracking in punching, riveting or caulking, and thus preventing a worse catastrophe. John Brown & Co., of the Atlas Works, Sheffield, one of the most noted firms in England, for a time signally failed in this way, so that now their manager, WILLIAM BRAGO, whose world-wide reputation as an engineer, gives great weight to his opinion, states that no steel of more than 75,000 pounds tensile strength should be used for boilers, and in this opinion he is sustained by the London Engineer and other high authorities. On the other hand, the British Admiralty retain their original specification requiring a minimum tensile strength of 80,000 pounds in steel used for armor plates and for steel vessels, and make no special requirement of a certain degree of ductility. The disastrous results of this adherence to exploded notions have been deprecated by English engineers, but, as yet, to no purpose. Steel makers easily fulfil the requirements of the Government specification by furnishing a highly carbonized, and therefore hard and brittle steel, for purposes where the opposite qualities are imperatively necessary. Vessels so made would quickly break to pieces upon rocks, where those made of soft, ductile and flexible plates might be battered out of shape before rupturing the plates or starting a serious leak. So, too, locomotives with boiler made of such plates have plunged over precipices or into each other without explosion, because the material yielded to the violent strains, stretching or bending, but never breaking.

Now for the rationale of all this. To make it obvious to all, let us take the instance of two steel springs, one tempered so hard as to be brittle, the other soft and elastic. The first is more rigid and will support a much heavier weight than the other. In this sense it is stronger. Very the test by striking a heavy blow on each. The strong, rigid, highly tempered spring snaps off, while the more mild tempered yields to the blow and then, by its elasticity, returns uninjured to its former shape. Again: bend both, and the stiff spring breaks before the other is at all strained. The same difference obtains in boilers, and is aggravated by other causes. Among these are the unequal strains produced by irregularities of riveting. The soft ductile steel yields to these without being unduly strained. The hard resists until it is broken, or the offending rivet is torn away. Unequal expansion and contraction also operate destructively upon the more rigid boiler, while that of softer material is not endangered. Many mysterious explosions have been so caused. When cold water is rapidly injected into a highly heated boiler. It tends to the bottom, cooling that part while the top is kept hot by the steam. In a boiler thirty feet long a reduction of one hundred degrees of heat at the bottom will cause it to contract nearly one-fourth of an inch in length; but the boiler heads being kept apart by the still expanded portion above, the bottom plates are distended, so as to rupture them if too hard, or to elongate them without danger if sufficiently ductile. Thus in every way the highly carbonized steel is at a disadvantage. Here the battle is not to the strong, unless that strength co-exists with a mild and flexible disposition.

Not that we deny great tensile strength as in itself a fault. In this we agree with the opinion of a high English authority, J. P. SMITH, Esq., C. E., manager of the Barrow Iron and Steel Company's works. He says: "A higher coefficient of rupture than forty tons is undesirable in the present state of manufacture, as, although that or a higher coefficient may be procured, it is so at a more than proportionate loss of elongation, &c. toughness in the steel." And he rightly considers a moderate ultimate limit of strength, with a large elongation, as that which should be sought by the engineer employing steel in his structures. Commenting on this the *Mechanics' Journal* says: "In this we ourselves quite agree, although at the same time urging upon the steel maker that his business is to exalt the breaking standard to the highest point he can, while keeping it combined with a large, at least a sufficiently safe, coefficient of elongation. We saw with some surprise, specimens of hot steel which had been pulled asunder under a strain of thirty-two tons per square inch, and the ultimate elongation of which was as much as one-sixth the unit, or two inches to the foot, a degree of toughness which we did not previously believe procurable with Bessemer, or, indeed, any other steel of that tensile strength."

Now we have recently seen several pieces of Pittsburgh steel tested, which bore a much higher strain than this, and were elongated three inches to the foot. These were made by PARK, BROTHER & CO., of the Black Diamond Steel Works. Yesterday we noticed the testing of a boiler made of that variety of their steel called "homogeneous metal," which bore more than 720 lbs. pressure per square inch, equivalent to 74,000 lbs. tensile strain, without bursting; while the plates stretched enough to increase the circumference nearly three inches. By this trial the qualities of steel recommended for boilers, by the best engineering authorities were shown to have been combined in that which was subjected to it.

AN OLD TIME CUSTOM.

The late Judge BALDWIN of the U. S. Court was in the habit of frequently handing to the Marshal the names of some of the early settlers, who, by reason of advanced age, had retired from all active or laborious pursuits, but who were known by the Judge to be respected and revered in their respective neighborhoods. These persons would be summoned as jurors in the District Courts, and thus brought together, the learned Judge and they would find much pleasure in their recollection of incidents of the olden time. This practice, inaugurated by Judge BALDWIN, we are happy to believe is continued by Judge MCARDLESS, who like his eminent predecessor, is addicted to doing pleasant things, and always in a graceful manner. We ascribe it to this custom that we are frequently called upon during the sessions of the U. S. Court in this city by men from the northern counties whom in our boyhood we were wont to reverence as our venerable seniors. Long may the practice continue.

THE MAYORALTY.

We understand that calls are in circulation for signatures, requesting Mr. BLACKMORE to become a Citizens' candidate for Mayor. We trust that no Republican will be inveigled into signing such papers. The plea is that we should take the Mayoralty out of politics; but every one knows that Mr. BLACKMORE is a party man. A Seymour man, in fact, and that every vote cast for him will be claimed as a vote for Seymour, just as his election last year, as a Citizens' candidate, was claimed throughout the length and breadth of the land as a Democratic victory.

The rowdies who paraded the streets last Monday night, attacking our Glee Club processions, and defiling the air with their coarse howlings, made their threats more hurrahing for "SEYMOUR, BLACKMORE and BLAIR!" Will any Republican suffer himself to be found in such company, or vote for any one whose name is thus sandwiched between the Presidential candidates of the Copperheads?

CITIZENS, who are inclined to doubt that General BURNISIDE goes to Mexico for the real purpose of promoting a gigantic land-grant speculation, in the interest of certain capitalists and high officers of this government, seem to allow no weight to the mass of circumstantial testimony on this point. If they await the explicit avowal of the scheme, from the parties concerned in it, they will never hear it; no better evidence is likely to be had than what we have already—until it culminates in the armed occupation of Sonora, Sinaloa, Chihuahua, Durango and Lower California, and another war with the protesting Mexicans. And this is what is to be styled "the acceptance of a Protectorate" over that wretched country. In reality, this land-grant speculation is perfectly well understood, notwithstanding the attempts to deny it, which emanate from Washington, and it is equally apparent that it can never be consummated with the acquiescence of the Mexican people. They will resist it with what strength they may. As for the vulgar notions about "manifest destiny," "the absorption of the Continent by the Anglo-Saxon race," and all that sort of thing, we are glad to observe that such discreditable talk is confined to a very few of the American journals, and is seen in none which are recognized by the people as safe and prudent exponents of public sentiment. With these inconsistencies, the press concurs in denouncing this Mexican proposition, as being what it is, and what we have heretofore characterized it—a gigantic job of usurpation and spoliation, to be put through, in private interests, but in the name of the American people, by the prostitution of the National influence and strength, and at the certain cost of a war with our outraged neighbors.

OUR rebel Commissioner of Prisoners, who has recently been pamphletizing in behalf of SEYMOUR and BLAIR, is the same infamous traitor who, writing to his superiors at Richmond while an exchange was in progress, used the following language: "The arrangement I have made works largely in our favor. We get rid of a set of miserable wretches, and receive some of the best material I ever saw."

ADDRESS TO SOLDIERS AND CITIZENS.

From the second address, prepared by the "Soldiers and Sailors' Committee," a Philadelphia, we make the annexed extracts: "WHO PROLONGED THE WAR? The reverses of our armies before Richmond in the summer of 1862 gave new life to the Peace Democracy who, in November of that year, elected Mr. Seymour Governor of New York. The victory at Antietam did not abate their ardor, followed as it was by the proclamation of the President on the 22d of September, announcing that on the 1st of January, 1863, he would proclaim freedom to all the slaves in the rebel States. Of the views of Mr. Seymour and his friends in New York, Lord Lyons, in an official dispatch to Earl Russell, dated Washington, November 17, 1862, wrote as follows: "On my arrival at New York, on the 8th inst., I found the Conservative (Democratic) leaders exulting in the crowning success achieved by the party that that State. Several of the leaders of the Democratic party sought interviews with me, both before and after the arrival of the intelligence of Gen. McClellan's dismissal. The subject uppermost in their minds, while they were speaking to me, was naturally THAT OF FOREIGN INTERVENTION BETWEEN THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH. Many of them seemed to cherish the idea that must come at last, but they appeared to be very much afraid of its coming too soon. It was evident that a premature proposal of foreign intervention would afford the Radical party a mass of reviling the violent war spirit, and of thus defeating the peaceful plans of the Conservatives. "At the bottom I thought I perceived a desire to put an end to the war, even at the risk of losing the Southern States altogether; but it was plain it was not thought prudent to avow this desire. Indeed, some hints of it, dropped before the elections, were received that a strong declaration in the contrary sense was deemed necessary by the Democratic leaders. "They maintain that the object of the military operations should be to place the North in a position to demand an armistice with honor and effect. The armistice should (they held) be followed by a convention, in which such changes of the Constitution should be proposed as would give the South ample security on the subject of its slave property. "The more sagacious members of the party must, however, look upon the proposal of a convention merely as a last expedient to test the possibility of re-union. They are no doubt well aware that the more probable consequence of such an armistice would be the establishment of Southern independence. "It is with reference to such an armistice as they desire to attain that the leaders of the Conservative party regard the question of foreign intervention. "If the Democratic leaders had dared to declare these views, and this trafficking with the representative of Great Britain, they would have been branded as traitors to the Union. "After the issuance of President Lincoln's first emancipation proclamation, Mr. Seymour publicly said, 'that if the Union could only be maintained by abolishing slavery, then the Union ought to be given up.' "On the 4th of May, 1863, Mr. Vallandigham was arrested by General Burnside for 'declaring disloyal sentiments and opinions with the object of weakening the power of the Government in its efforts to suppress an unlawful rebellion. He was tried by a court martial and convicted, and sentenced to be placed in close confinement in some fortress of the United States during the continuance of the war, which was changed by the President to sending him beyond our military lines. The national judiciary declared to tolerate and his case was taken up by a Democratic convention at Albany on the 10th May, by the Ohio Democratic Convention on the 11th of June, by a Democratic meeting in the State House yard at Philadelphia, and by the Democratic Ohio Convention held at Harrisburg in the month of June, at the moment the rebel army was marching into Pennsylvania. "His brother, who is now in England, has been making a tour of the continent, and is now in London, to return him from banishment and to elect him Governor of Ohio, an anecdote chronicled in 'The Rebel War Clerk's Diary' may illustrate: June 22d, 1863. To-day I saw the memorandum of Mr. Ould of the conversation held with Mr. Vallandigham for file in the archives. He (Mr. Vallandigham) says if we can only hold out until the Peace Democracy of the North would sweep the Lincoln dynasty out of existence. He seemed to have thought that our cause was sinking and feared we would be crushed which, of course, would be ruinous to his party. But he advised strongly against any invasion of Pennsylvania, for that would unite all parties at the North, and so strengthen Lincoln's hands that he would be able to crush all opposition, and to trample upon the constitutional rights of the people. "The President (Davis) endorsed on it his disagreement as to the invasion of Pennsylvania. But," added Mr. Davis, "Mr. Vallandigham is for restoring the Union; amicably, of course; and if it cannot be done, then possibly he is in favor of recognizing our independence. "This gentleman was the active, real manager of the Chicago Democratic Convention of 1864, and the intimate personal and political friend of its president, Governor Seymour, and the real manager who made Mr. Seymour the premier of New York at the Convention. Pendleton and Thurman are by names, whilst Vallandigham, the master spirit of the Peace Democracy, dictates the nominee and will pronounce his victory. "The address proceeds to quote the well-known language of Governor Seymour, of Ex-President Pierce in opposition to the war and to the draft, and closes as follows: "The victory of Gettysburg and the surrender of Vicksburg on the 4th of July falsified all the predictions of Pierce and Seymour, and demonstrated to these Peace Democrats that the American people were determined to subdue the Democratic rebels in the South by force of arms, and not by a blind attempt to use moral force only, which must have inevitably led, as those distinguished gentlemen must have known, to the establishment of a Southern Slave Confederacy. 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