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THE CAMPAIGN.

Grand Ratification Meeting at City Hall.

OPENING OF THE CAMPAIGN.

Speech of Senator Morton.

The meeting at City Hall last night, held under the auspices of the Republican Executive Committee, was one of the largest political gatherings ever held in this city.

of this general prosperity and progress on the part of the nation, the Democratic party, afflicted with a chronic melancholia, are telling the people that we are on the point of bankruptcy and general ruin, that everything is going wrong, by taxation and burdened by debt.

sentiment of the North, that the control of the Government would soon pass into the Democratic party, and that they would allow the rebel States to go.

for referring to an article published in the Pittsburgh Post, which was enclosed to me, I presume by the editor, asking me certain questions upon the subject of suffrage, and attempting to involve me in a personal contradiction.

it would have ultimately worked the destruction of this country. I regard it as a providential thing that Mr. Johnson did not call Congress together in 1865 and '66.

frauds. It was found utterly impossible to count on the war notes of these local banks, depreciated as they were.

At half past seven o'clock the Second ward Greys Club and marching corps, under command of Capt. Steen, in the hall of the city hall.

After arriving at the hall the Great Western band played, after which the meeting was called to order by W. S. Purviance, Esq., Chairman of the Executive Committee.

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Now, my friends, this Democratic party of Pennsylvania, and I am speaking here for it as an organization—this party has adopted a platform by which it professes to have no other standard than that of the Union.

Second, that the attempted ratification of the proposed Fifteenth Amendment to the Federal Constitution, by the Legislature of this State, is a violation of the Constitution.

But the war went forward, and we found in less than two years that the Democratic party, upon this subject, were not prepared to learn.

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But what is to be the destiny of this country, as we are standing upon this subject? Now, my friends, upon this subject, the Democratic party, are not prepared to learn.

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