

Special to THE REPUBLICAN. WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 5, '76. The democratic reformers have spent another week in trying to cripple the diplomatic corps, by making the appropriations so small that the business of the country cannot be transacted. They have cut a button off the coats of the boys at West Point, and reduced their rations so that the flesh will be mortified and their lives be more godly, and now they are trying to bury the skeleton of our army, while they refuse anything for purposes of defence. The ex-confederates don't like anything connected with the army or navy, and will do all the harm they can to both, as they failed to whip "the boys in blue" with muskets and bayonets, they now take their revenge by turning them adrift. Their special spite is against the officers; they know if these can be rendered inefficient there is nothing to fear from armies or navies when the new rebellion, which Bea. Hill told us of, is commenced in the Union. The whole business of reducing the appropriations is political bunkum. The ex-confederates and dough-faces reason thus, either the Senate will refuse to concur in these reductions and force them up, when they can go into the canvas and say to the people, "you see we did all we could to bring about retrenchment in every branch of the administration; we reduced the appropriations millions of dollars, and the republican Senate refused to agree and they are responsible for the heavy outlay," or should the Senate concur, they will say, "we told you that the administration was being run at an expense which was unnecessary; that millions were thrown away or stolen, and the republican Senate has admitted the truth of what we said by agreeing to the reductions we have made." One of these will be the tune to which their organs are set for the campaign, and they cannot determine which until the Senate acts upon the appropriation bills.

CANDIDATES. Who will be the Republican candidates for President and Vice-President is now the question of the hour. There is an embarrassment of riches; there are so many good men to choose from, and the friends of the various prominent men are urging in every legitimate way the selection of their favorites. Blaine seems to have the inside track, though Conkling, Morton, Hays, Bristow, and Washburne all have ardent partisans. Many of the New York papers are pressing for a delegation from that State pledged to Conkling, but ex-Governor Morgan has some friends who will not have his name overlooked, while Secretary Fish and ex-Governor Dix each have a following. New England will be almost entirely for Blaine, and it is said some of the western States will send delegates pledged for him, if some acceptable western man is placed on the ticket for the second place. General Sherman has followed the lead of his brother, the Senator, and has written a letter in favor of Governor Hays, in which he emphatically declines the honor for himself. Morton will be supported by most of the southern delegates, but the fact that but few of these States can select republican electors will weaken their influence.

THE DEMOCRATIC COUNCILS are hopelessly divided. It is well understood that New York is hopelessly lost, unless the platform and candidate are both openly pronounced in favor of specie resumption—Connecticut and New Hampshire being in the same category. Ohio and Indiana cannot be carried democratic on any such platform, or for any specie democrat, and it is believed several of the leaders, and leading papers in both States, would bolt such a nomination and declaration of principles. ANOTHER ELEMENT OF DISCORD is the impudent demands of the ex-confederates. They say we are expected to furnish most of the votes to elect our candidates, and we propose to have something to say about the platform, and who goes upon it. In vain do Kerr and Randall, and the smoothed-tongued Cox, urge moderation upon their southern brethren, and tell them, "let us run the campaign, let us make the platform and select the men, help us to elect them, and as soon as that is done you shall have all you ask for." This does not satisfy the brigadiers in Congress; they must have pledges to which they can refer, as part of the party policy. THE RESULT is not in doubt; the republicans will go into the campaign united on the platform and men selected, while the democrats will be divided, and beaten before the race begins. Both sides are preparing for action. The republican Congressional committee organized Thursday evening by electing Senator Cameron chairman, and the old secretary, the Hon. T. M. ...

mittee consists of Senators Cameron, Craigh, Dorsey, Logan, and West; and Representatives Platt, Rusk, Sintonickson, and Hubbell. This is a working body, and will render a good account of its stewardship in the coming campaign. Senator Cameron has an experience of more than twenty years, and is not committed to any candidate. THE FRANKING PRIVILEGE. It is proposed to re-establish the franking privilege, and the measure meets with approval from many of the best men of both political parties. That there will be a change in the law requiring the department to purchase stamps is certain, and it is probable that the franking privilege, modified and with proper guards thrown around it will be received. This will enable the committees to send out documents and throw some light upon the proceedings of Congress. The foreign news is of no interest. MAXWELL.

Monday night last the residence of Rev. J. A. Dunlap, South side, was entered by burglars, during the absence of the family at church, and the entire house ransacked, bed clothing, wearing apparel, a sum of money, and all the provisions they could lay their hands on carried away. So thoroughly was the robbery completed that the family could scarcely find sufficient bed clothing to keep them comfortable on their arrival at home, which was between nine and ten o'clock. Mr. Dunlap and family have our sympathies in their misfortune, as no one can well afford such a thorough overhauling this paucity winter. It is hoped the thieves will be apprehended and made suffer the extreme penalty for their crimes.—Brookville Republican.

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