

FOR PRESIDENT JOHN F. HARRIS, of Pennsylvania.

Republican State Convention.

HARRISBURG, Mar. 29, 1876.

The Republican State Convention met at noon to-day, and was called to order by Col. Henry M. Hoyt, Chairman of the State Committee.

Mr. W. H. Kountz, of Somerset, was chosen temporary Chairman. On taking the chair, he spoke at some length, referring to the proud position Pennsylvania has held in the past in the politics of the country.

A committee appointed for that purpose then presented an excellent platform, of which the following is the first resolution:

Resolved, That we hereby reaffirm the platform adopted by the Republican State Convention at Lancaster in 1875, and, in view of recent events at Washington, we emphatically endorse that part of it which demands "honest men in office—men with brains enough to know dishonesty when they see it, and courage enough to fight it wherever they find it."

The platform was adopted with great enthusiasm. The following resolution was also adopted:

Resolved, That in recognition of the eminent services, both in the field and Cabinet, the rare executive ability and unwavering rectitude of Governor John F. Hartranft, the Republicans of Pennsylvania with just pride present his name to the consideration of the Republicans of the Union for nomination for the Presidency of the United States, in the full confidence that the great qualities which have rendered his administration of State affairs a model, even by the confession of political foes, would insure as wise, capable, unflinching, honest and successful conduct of the vast and varied interests of the nation, and that the delegates from Pennsylvania to the National Republican Convention are hereby instructed to present Governor Hartranft's name to that convention as the choice of Pennsylvania, and to give him an earnest, constant and united support, and upon all questions to be brought before or arising in the convention to cast the vote of Pennsylvania as a unit as the majority of the delegation shall direct.

The following gentleman were selected as electors:

- Electors at large: Benjamin H. Brewster, Philadelphia; J. W. Chalfant, Allegheny. Electors: 1, John Welsh, Phila.; 2, Henry Diaston, Phila.; 3, Christian J. Hoffman, Phila.; 4, Charles Thompson Jones, Phila.; 5, Edwin A. Fitter, Phila.; 6, Dr. Benjamin Smith, Bucks; 7, J. W. Bernard, Chester; 8, Jacob Knabb, Berks; 9, John B. Wright, Lancaster; 10, Dr. Joseph Thomas, Bucks; 11, Arto Pardee, Luzerne; 12, Lewis Pugh, Luzerne; 13, Edward Silliman, Schuylkill; 14, William Colder, Dauphin; 15, Miss L. Tracy, Wayne; 16, S. W. Starkweather, Lycoming; 17, Daniel Morrell, Cambria; 18, Jeremiah Lyons, Juniata; 19, William Hay, York; 20, William Cameron, Union; 21, J. B. Donnelly, Fayette; 22, Daniel O'Neill, Pittsburgh; 23, William Neeb, Allegheny; 24, Andrew B. Berger, Lawrence; 25, Samuel M. Jackson, Armstrong; 26, James Westerman, Mercer; 27, W. W. Wilber, Warren.

Our Washington Letter.

Special to the REPUBLICAN.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 31, '76.

The decision of the Supreme Court, delivered last Monday in the two cases from Louisiana and Kentucky, which came up to test the validity of the enforcement, should be a lesson to the republicans of the country. The 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments to the Constitution were passed to secure the results of the war. The last conferred suffrage on the enfranchised negroes, and authorized Congress to pass suitable legislation for its enforcement.

the States can punish for a violation of it. This turns over the colored people of the South to the tender mercies of southern mobs, and courts controlled by those mobs, and deprives them of any redress in the courts of the nation. The other case was from Kentucky, where two inspectors were indicted for refusing to permit a colored man to vote. The court pronounced the law for the appointing of these inspectors unconstitutional. The effect of the two decisions is to deprive the enforcement act of any power to protect the colored people and the republicans of the south in their right of franchise, or in their lives and property. It was intended that the act should do both, and as it fails to do so the 15th amendment is rendered null. The republicans of the country, the men who saved the life of the nation, and who deserve to save the results of the war, should at once see that enough republicans are elected to the next Congress to secure such legislation as will make the 15th amendment effective, and secure every man in the peaceful enjoyment of all loyal rights.

The House still continues its wild crusade against the efficiency of the Government. As the provisions of the executive, legislative and judicial appropriation bill are more clearly known, it is most conclusively shown that should it pass in the form presented by the committee, it will cripple and embarrass every department of the government. The republican Senators have determined not to permit this and have put the only bill before them, "The Consular and Diplomatic," in such shape that the government will not be disgraced at home and abroad by the pretended economy of the democrats. On Wednesday the ex-confederates took their satisfaction out of the army officers who led the armies that defeated them, by reducing their pay. They particularly indulged their spite at Sherman and Sheridan in this way, largely reducing the pay of these two officers.

The articles of impeachment against Belknap were presented in the House on Tuesday, and the seven managers to conduct the case will be elected today or to-morrow. It was discovered by a close canvass of the hotels last night, that every democratic lawyer in the House is a candidate for these positions, and there will be a lively time in selecting them. All the little log-rolling tricks familiar to the average democrat are now being resorted to, the paucity of material to work on, (nearly all being candidates), cramps the genius of some of these men, as horse-trading, by directing the thought entirely into one channel, cramps the ability of some first class liars.

The republican conventions in Vermont, Pennsylvania and Ohio were held on Wednesday. The resolutions adopted in each State had the ring of true republicanism about them, and all demanded that honest men should come to the front. That the results of the war should not be thrown away by allowing the ex-confederates to rule, and that specie is the only basis for money. The New York Tribune thinks that these conventions all favor Blaine, though the Vermont delegates were un instructed, with Luke P. Poland at the head, and he is thought to favor Bristow. The Pennsylvania delegation is instructed for Hartranft of that State, and John D. Cameron was put at the head of the list of delegates. Ohio instructed for Hayes, and Benjamin F. Wade and Ex-Governor Noyes were put among the delegates. Wade is thought to favor Morton.

It is reported from abroad that the Czar of Russia is about to abdicate in favor of his son. Should this be done it may make a marked change in European affairs, as the Czarowitz is known to be a hater of Germany.

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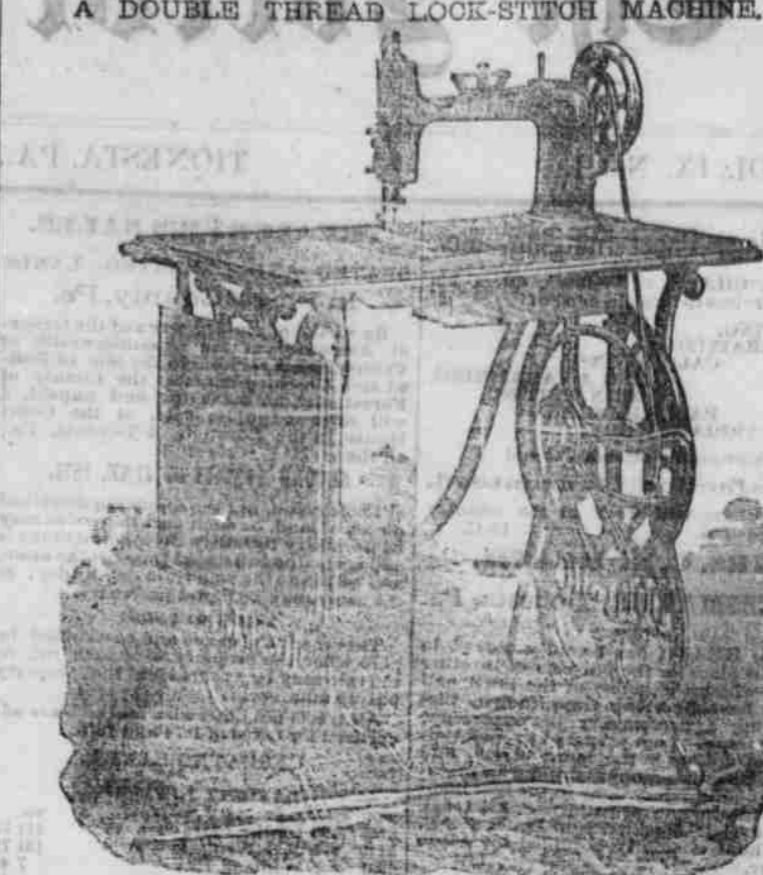
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