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The Blairs—Father and Sons.

We have long noticed that there is a combination of men in the State of Missouri who were resolved to destroy Frank P. Blair, Jr., at all hazards—alike of truth and honor. In this crusade, the most relentless means have been resorted to—means, we have often thought, which would disgrace a Hottock in a war with a South Sea Cannibal. When Frank Blair, Jr., was in the army doing what he could to crush rebellion—perilous his life in some of the fiercest fights of the war, and conducting himself in all respects like a man and a soldier, his enemies were basely engaged in plotting not merely his political downfall, but his personal ruin. The vindictiveness with which these enemies pursued Gen. Blair, may be inferred from the fact that they not only traduced him, but they actually resorted to perjury, in order to convict him (Blair) or that which, had he been guilty, would have subjected him to court martial and dismissal from the army in disgrace. We now allude to the famous liquor order, out of which so much buncombe has been manufactured by the enemies of Gen. Blair. A Congressional committee, after the very fairest possible investigation, has proved this order a forgery. This decision explodes the whole attempt to disgrace Gen. Blair. It leaves him amply vindicated before the country, and certainly places his enemies in a most woful plight—utterly and overwhelmingly disgraced.

The elder Blair, and his two sons, the one a Cabinet officer, and the other a soldier in the field, as we have already written, have long been objects for the malevolence and envy of many men whose aspirations are unsupported by brains and character. The elder Blair, for one who has enjoyed so little of the Government's patronage in the shape of place, has, perhaps, served his country more faithfully and more ably than any man now in power. The friend and confidant of Andrew Jackson, the elder Blair stood by Old Hickory in all his great struggles with the moneyed aristocracies of the North, and the aristocracy of slavery in the South. Next to Jackson and Webster, the editor of the *Globe* will have a prominent place in the history of the days when "nullification" shook the Union to its centre. And with the brave men who now stand up for the right, this glorious old man is foremost, as stalwart as ever in the fight in which freedom has an interest involved, and as fearless as in the days of yore, in the support of the majesty and the authority of his Government. The man with such a disposition must of course take a leading part; even if he have no official control, in the affairs of Government. This fact, and the fact that he has a son in the Cabinet and another in the army invested with an important command, has elicited for the Blairs the rancorous envy of a great many small men. The combinations of these have long been at work, resorting to all sorts of plots to break down the Blairs. At one time the factionists in Missouri combined to fasten on Gen. Blair disgraceful acts as a soldier, malfeasance in office and corruption of every description. But when subjected to stern investigation, these charges all fall to the ground, while those who sought his conviction are themselves convicted of the basest practices. At another time, Postmaster General Blair is assailed, his spoken and written sentiments are perverted, his administrative capacities are questioned, and his loyalty impugned—but this, too, like the charges hurled against his brother, vanish when challenged, as the boldy confronted midnight assassin, into the dark, where they all belong. On the subject of emancipation, Postmaster General Blair only advocated what was first announced as the true policy of the nation—emancipation without compensation, as essential to the complete crushing out of rebellion. We leave it to history to vindicate this position, and we leave it to the fair judgment of the American people, at no late day, fully to vindicate the eminently wise and statesmanlike position which Judge Blair has occupied on this question—occupied, too, when many of his present bitterest assailants were bating about for safe ground to stand upon.

The country is becoming weary of these combinations to break down its most faithful servants, merely to gratify the pique of some worsted rival or to feed the spleen of some angry faction. It is time that the press in all sections record their protest against such proceedings; because they have only a tendency to lessen public confidence in men who otherwise deserve to be trusted and relied upon as faithful to all their sworn duties. The case in point, had it not been for the integrity of the men assailed, might have involved the Government in the most serious embarrassment. But as it was, the reputation of the Blairs stood high above assault, a credit instead of a reproach, to the Government which they represent alike in their stern loyalty and their official station.

The Removal of the State Capital.

The question of removing the seat of Government from Harrisburg to Philadelphia was finally disposed of yesterday, by a vote of nineteen years to seventy-one nays. We refer to this result not in the spirit which success of removal would have inspired in the journalists of Philadelphia, to taunt and insult the people of the rural districts, but to remind our metropolitan cousins that they made, by their action on this question, the greatest mistake into which arrogance and presumption ever led them. Twenty years ago, Philadelphia had about as much influence in the Legislature as the most insignificant rural district in the Commonwealth. Whether it was right or not, that the city was then held at bay, it is

not for us now to decide; but whether the people of the rural districts should not hereafter watch with a jealous eye the corruptionists, speculators, money shavers and merchant princes of the metropolis, no man of sense will deny. Those who devote themselves exclusively to brokers' boards, pawns and general speculations in the necessities of the people, such as mark the business of all large commercial cities, are not fit to control the machinery of the Government. Were the franchises of the Government placed at the control of such creatures, all official power would be prostituted to the contraction or expansion of the markets, as the greed of the metropolitans might dictate—while the legislative functions of the State, if placed at the control of a large city, would be governed by its mob and directed by its money. Time will impress our rural brethren with these facts. The experience of this winter in Harrisburg has taught the people outside of the metropolis, that if their interests are to be secured, it must be by a vigilance over the actions of the corruptionists of the city, which will prevent Philadelphia hereafter from carrying legislative bodies in her breeches pocket, and teach her hucksters, "brokers," "bulls" and "bears" that the Government of the State was created to promote the happiness of the whole people, and not to increase the fortunes of the moneyed aristocrats of the metropolis.

We intend to return to this subject for the purpose of exhibiting to the people of the State, the amount of money appropriated yearly to support the many charitable institutions located in Philadelphia, and which that city loves to claim as monuments of her own munificence, as well as the mass of private legislation which is procured at every session to enrich her speculate.

Union State Convention.

Agreeably to appointment, the delegates to the Union State Convention assembled in the hall of the House of Representatives of this city at 12 o'clock m. The Convention was called to order by Mr. WAYNE M'VEACH, chairman of the Union State Central Committee.

Ex-Senator SERRILL, of Delaware county, nominated the Honorable JOHN P. PENNEY, of Allegheny, for temporary chairman.

Mr. PENNEY. I hope that the Convention will excuse me from acting in any capacity requiring any exercise of strength; for I certainly am unable in my present state of health to accept the honor.

The nomination being withdrawn,

Mr. GEORGE BERGERON nominated the Hon. HENRY JOHNSON, Senator from the Union district.

Mr. JOHNSON was unanimously chosen, and taking the chair said:

Gentlemen of the Convention, returning you my thanks for the compliment you have paid me by choosing me to preside over your organization, it will not be expected of me that I shall consume your time by any extended remarks. I can only say that it gives me great pleasure to see before me so full a Convention, representing, as the members of this Convention do, the great Union party of Pennsylvania and of the country. [Cheering.] I but express the deep convictions of my heart when I say to you, gentlemen, that you represent a constituency in whose success in the approaching election, so far as the Keystone State is concerned, is in a great degree involved, in my humble opinion, the life of this nation. [Applause.]

If the party, gentlemen, which you represent does not succeed, in the approaching national election, it maintains its supremacy—in retaining in this State the majority which it has had for the last four years, I for one will despair of the republic. It is for this reason that my heart is filled with joy when I see before me such a representation of the intelligence and patriotism of this great State.

You meet, fellow citizens of the Convention, at a time of great trial to our common country.

Upon you and upon the people whom you represent, and in a great measure upon the course that you may pursue in your deliberations this day, will depend the success of our national cause. With these remarks, gentlemen, trusting that your deliberations will be harmonious and lead to united action, I return you my thanks for the honor that you have bestowed upon me. [Renewed cheering.]

The following named gentlemen were elected temporary clerks:

Samuel Silliman, delegate from Allegheny.

George H. Moore, delegate from Philadelphia.

David L. Barnes, delegate from Fayette.

The credentials of were then read.

The following is a correct list:

SENATORIAL DELEGATES.

1st Dist. Phila.—Robert C. Tittermary.

2d " " Jabez C. Du Hadway.

3d " " Abel Lukens.

Chester and Delaware—Jacob S. Serrill.

Montgomery—William Brooke.

Bucks—Joseph Barnsley.

Lehigh and Northampton—Wm. W. Ham-

mersley.

Bucks—Z. T. Galt.

Schuylkill—Conrad F. Shinde.

Carbon, Monroe, Pike and Wayne—Capt. John Shields.

Bradford, Susquehanna, Sullivan and Wyoming—William J. Turrell.

Luzerne—S. B. Longstreet.

Tioga, Potter, M'Kean and Warren—Stephen F. Wilson.

Clinton, Lycoming, Centre and Union—John S. Furst.

Snyder, Montour, Northumberland and Columbia—Franklin Bound.

Cumberland, Mifflin, Perry and Juniata—Campbell.

Dauphin and Lebanon—Wm. Colder.

Lancaster—John Brady, David H. Cochran, York—Alexander J. Frey.

Adams, Franklin and Fulton—Colonel F. S. Stumbaugh.

Somerset, Bedford and Huntingdon—Geo. W. Household.

Blair, Cambria and Clearfield—H. A. Boggs.

Westmoreland and Fayette—Col. Everard Bierer.

Indiana and Armstrong—Dr. Thos. St. Clair.

Washington and Greene—George V. Lawrence.

Allegheny—James L. Graham, John M. Kirkpatrick.

Bever and Butler—Thomas Robinson.

Lawrence, Mercer and Venango—Luther H. Sample.

Erie and Crawford—Jonas Gunnison.

Clarion, Jefferson, Forest and Elk—Christopher Myres.

REPRESENTATIVE DELEGATES.

1st district, Philadelphia, Edward Cobb.

2d " " John W. Frazer.

3d " " Lytle H. Hunt.

4th " " Henry E. Wallace.

5th " " William W. Watt.

6th " " John L. Hill.

7th " " John Frey.

8th " " William R. Leeds.

9th " " Charles M. Neal.

10th " " Robert M. Evans.

11th " " Benj. G. Mann.

12th " " James M. Mann.

13th " " J. F. Trenchard.

14th " " George H. Moore.

15th " " Wm. A. Simpson.

16th " " Thomas Dickson.

17th " " W. J. P. White.

Adams—J. T. McIlhenry.

Allegheny—Hon. James Lowry, Jr.

John H. Stewart, John P. Penny, J. J. Siebenrock and Jared M. Brush.

Armstrong and Westmoreland—James A. Hunter, John W. McKee, Dr. J. N. Longhry, Beaver and Lawrence—James S. Butan, William M. Francis.

Bedford—Charles W. Ashcom.

Bucks—Henry Stump, Henry Krause, Samuel Weitzel.

Blair—Major Benjamin L. Hewitt.

Bradford—Dummer Lilly, Joseph Marh.

Bucks—Joseph S. Eby, Stacy Brown.

Cambria—J. D. McJunkin, H. G. Graham.

Carbon and Lehigh—John H. Oliver.

T. Frank Walter.

Centre—John T. Johnson.

Chester—P. J. Nichols, John Ivey, Dr. Wilmer Worthington.

Clarion and Forest—Hunter Orr.

Clearfield, Jefferson, McLean and Elk—Wm. J. Hemphill, Capt. Lucius Rogers.

Crawford and Warren—S. B. Dick, Wm. D. Brown.

Cumberland—James A. Dunbar.

Dauphin—George Bergner, John J. Shoemaker.

Delaware—John J. Roland.

Erie—W. D. Camp, Perry Devore.

Fayette—David L. Barnes.

Franklin and Fulton—John Rowe, M. Edgar King.

Greene—L. K. Evans.

Huntingdon—George W. Johnson.

Indiana—Col. James R. Porter.

Juniata, Union and Snyder—Samuel Allen.

John J. Patterson.

Lancaster—George W. McHaffey, William S. Amweg, M. H. Shirk, J. K. Alexander.

Lebanon—D. W. Leeds.

Luzerne—H. P. Moody, Samuel Hoyt, Ira Tripp.

Lycoming—Henry Johnson.

Mercer and Venango—William Burgwin, William Stewart.

Mifflin—George H. Galbraith.

Montgomery—G. Justice Mitchell, William B. Rambo, M. Howard Jenkins.

Northampton—Samuel L. Cooley, James L. Mingie.

Northumberland—John Youngman.

Perry—Dr. J. P. Clark.

Potter and Tioga—A. G. Olmsted, John W. Guernsey.

Schuylkill—Linn Bartholomew, Dr. R. H. Coryell, James H. Campbell.

Somerset—Charles C. Musselman.

Susquehanna—L. F. Fitch.

Washington—William A. Mickey, James B. Rupp.

Wayne—A. B. Walker.

York—Alex Underwood, Henry B. Musser.

On motion, the temporary chairman appointed the following to act on contested seats:

R. C. Tittermary, W. R. Leeds, Benjamin G. Mann, W. J. P. White, William B. Rambo, Dr. W. Worthington, W. H. Hamersley, Jos. Barnesby, M. H. Shirk, John Brady, L. Bartholomew, J. W. Guernsey, Z. T. Galt, S. P. Longstreet, Wm. J. Turrell, J. T. Johnson, Wm. Francis, John Youngman, B. L. Heffner, James R. Porter, J. L. Rutan, James L. Graham, John M. Kirkpatrick, Jonas Gunnison, M. Edgar King, James P. Rupple, A. B. Walker, Alexander J. Fry, J. C. Clark, George W. Johnson, Christian Myers, John J. Shoemaker.

Mr. BERGERON offered a resolution relative to the appointment of certain committees, which was laid over.

The Convention then adjourned till three o'clock this afternoon.