

THE LEHIGH REGISTER.

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TO ADVERTISERS. THE LEHIGH REGISTER HAS A LARGER CIRCULATION BY SEVERAL HUNDRED THAN ANY OTHER ENGLISH PAPER IN THE COUNTY.

PEOPLE'S STATE CONVENTION. The Citizens of Pennsylvania, who are opposed to the principles and measures of the present National Administration, and to the election of men to office who sustain those principles and measures, are requested to meet in their respective Counties, and to elect Delegates equal in number to their Representatives in the General Assembly, to a PEOPLE'S STATE CONVENTION, to be held at HARRISBURG, on Wednesday, February 22d, 1860, at 12 M., to indicate their choice for the next Presidency, nominate a candidate for Governor, form an Electoral Ticket, appoint Senators, and to designate the time and mode of electing District Delegates to the National Convention, and to transact such other business as may be deemed necessary to ensure success at the General Election. LEVI KLINE, Chairman People's Executive Com.

The County Meeting. Let there be a general turn-out at the County Meeting at the hotel of Capt. Harbo, at Catawqua, on the coming Saturday. Let the friends of the party show by their presence, that they have lost none of the enthusiasm, inspired by the results of the elections of '58 and '59, and that they are ready to enter with earnestness upon the battle of next fall. The State Convention meets the 22d of February, to nominate a candidate for Governor. The candidate, whoever he will, will be elected, and hence the importance of selecting a suitable man, who will reflect credit on the party and on the State.

Helpers' Impending Crisis of the South. We received a copy of the above work from our townsmen, Dr. Hand, who has been supplying quite a number to the citizens of the Borough, who have become anxious to see the work, since its advertisement by Congress. The work furnishes tables and statistics, showing the comparative growth of the free and slave States, and gives the opinions of the early Statesmen of the country both North and South, on the subject of slavery. Some of the views of the Author are somewhat extreme, but we can still safely recommend the work to all. The facts, figures and statistics of the work are irrefragable. We know of no work on the subject, containing more interesting information. The recommendation of the compiler of the work by Sherman is no reason why he should not be supported for the Speakership by the Republicans of the House. The author of the work is a Southern man, and if his language is somewhat harsh, the South have to blame one of their own number. In the North, where there is no censorship of the Press, and where men are willing to listen to the views of others, whether differing from them or not, we are satisfied that a recommendation of the work will not be regarded as an endorsement of all its views. We could wish, that the work would find a place in every home in the county, satisfied that error can do no harm, where truth is free to combat it.

The Disunion Party. The Democratic party in 1856 pretended to be the great Union party. The success of James Buchanan, was represented, would alone save the Union. Again as another Presidential election approaches, the politicians of the party are coming to the rescue of this glorious Union. Democratic Union meetings are to be held, and Union meetings not labeled Democratic, but really in the interest of the Democratic party, have been held. It is only necessary, however, to examine the proceedings of Congress to be satisfied that the real Disunion party is the Democratic party. Republicans utter not a word against the Union. Among Democrats from the South there is scarcely a Senator or member of the Lower House, who makes a speech, who does not threaten disunion. Such is the strength of this feeling in the party, that these treasonable threats pass by, without a rebuke from a single Democrat from the North. And strange to say Senator Gwin from the free State of California, in a speech made in the Senate a few days since, said that if the Republicans were to elect a President in 1860, the South would dissolve the Union. And yet these traitors are members of a party, whose Northern allies have the impudence to charge the great Republican party as being the enemy of the Union. If we argue that a party is in favor of disunion, because its leaders threaten disunion, then the Democratic party is the great disunion party.

KANSAS' ELECTION.—On the 16th inst. Kansas held her first election—under the new order of affairs—for State officers. Every office, from Governor down, was to be filled, and a member of Congress chosen. Charles Robinson was the Republican and Samuel McJannet the Democratic candidate for Governor; Thomas A. King the Republican, and Joseph Williams the Democratic candidate for Chief Justice of the Supreme Court; and Martin F. Conway the Republican and J. A. Haldeman the Democratic candidate for Congress. The entire Republican State ticket has been elected by a majority of over 2,000 votes. Every county yet heard from, except Leavenworth, gives a Republican majority. Haldeman, Democrat, is ahead of his ticket so far.

Yale College now has 117 students in the senior class, 101 juniors, 117 sophomores, 173 freshmen, 641 students in all. Of these, 27 are devoted to theology, 23 to law, 45 to medicine, and 40 to philosophy and arts.

XXXVth CONGRESS.

ARRIVAL OF PROCEEDINGS. On Monday, Dec. 12, the Senate, Mr. Mason's resolution of inquiry into the Harper's Ferry difficulty, was taken up in the Senate, and the following day, in the House, the arduous debate on slavery was kept up by the pro-slavery men—the Opposition only replying when it was absolutely necessary. The object of the former is to talk against time—the latter are ready and eager to continue the balloting until a Speaker shall be elected. The debate, to-day, was opened by Mr. Sikes (the man who shot Key last winter), in a strong Southern speech. The House adjourned without coming to a ballot.

Wednesday, Dec. 13.—Slight progress was made in both Houses to-day. In the Senate, the vote was taken on Mr. Mason's resolution of inquiry into the Harper's Ferry difficulty, and Mr. Trumbull's amendment. The resolution of Mr. Mason is as follows: Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the facts attending the late invasion and seizure of the armory and arsenal of the United States, at Harper's Ferry, in Virginia, by a band of armed men, and report whether the same was attended by armed resistance to the authorities and public force of the United States, and by the murder of any of the citizens of Virginia, or of any troops sent there to protect the public property; whether such invasion and seizure was made under color of any organization intended to subvert the government of the United States, or to obstruct the execution of the laws of the United States; what was the character and extent of such organization, and whether any citizens of the United States, not present, were implicated therein or accessory thereto, by contributions of money, arms, munitions, or otherwise; what was the character and extent of the military equipment in the hands of or under the control of said armed band, and where, and how, and when the same was obtained and transported to the place so invaded. And that said committee report whether any and what legislation may, in their opinion, be necessary on the part of the United States for the future preservation of the peace of the country, or for the safety of the public property; and that said committee have power to send for persons and papers.

After the word "invaded," in the fourth clause of the resolution, Mr. Trumbull moved to insert: "And that said committee also inquire into the facts attending the invasion, seizure, and robbery, in December, 1855, of the arsenal of the United States, at Liberty, in the State of Missouri, by a mob or body of armed men, and report whether such seizure and robbery was attended by resistance to the authorities of the United States, and followed by an invasion of the Territory of Kansas, and the plunder and murder of any of its inhabitants, or of any citizens of the United States, by the persons who thus seized the arms and ammunition of the government, or others combined with them; whether said seizure and robbery of the arsenal were made under color of any organization intended to subvert the government of any of the States or Territories of the Union; what was the character and extent of such organization, and whether any citizens of the United States, not present, were implicated therein, or accessory thereto, by contributions of money, arms, ammunition, or otherwise; what was the character and extent of the military equipment in the hands of or under the control of said mob, and when, and where the same were subsequently used by said mob; what was the value of the arms and ammunition of every description so taken from the said arsenal by the mob; whether the same or any part thereof had been returned, and the value of such as were lost; whether Captain Leonard, the United States officer in command of the arsenal at its seizure, and the facts in relation to his seizure and robbery to his superior officer, and what measures, if any, were taken in reference thereto."

Mr. Trumbull's amendment was lost by ayes 22, noes 32—all the Republicans voting in the affirmative, and all the Democrats and Mr. Crittenden voting in the negative. Mr. Mason's resolution was then adopted unanimously, and the committee ordered to consist of five, to be appointed by the Chair. In the House, a fourth ballot was had for Speaker, which resulted thus: Sherman, 108; Gilmer, 22; Boock, 86; Scattering, 11. Necessary to a choice, 114—no election. In this ballot Maj. Schwartz voted for Gilmer. The falling off in Sherman's and Boock's vote is 2 each, on account of pairing off of absentees.

Thursday, Dec. 15.—In the Senate, the special committee to inquire into the Harper's Ferry Insurrection was appointed, consisting of Senators Mason, dem., Va.; Davis, dem., Miss.; Fitch, dem., Indiana; Collamer, Rep., Vt.; and Doolittle, Rep., Wisconsin. Pugh, of Ohio, submitted a resolution to inquire into the expediency of repealing so much of the act for the territorial organization of New Mexico and Utah, as requires all their laws to be submitted to Congress for its approval. Malory, of Florida, gave notice of his intention to introduce a bill to regulate and increase the pay of the navy. Dr. Gurley was elected Chaplain. The Senate adjourned till Monday. In the House, inflammatory harangues were continued by the pro-slavery party. Mr. Crawford, of Ga., said it was the sentiment of every Democrat from Georgia on the floor, that they would not submit to the inauguration of a Republican President. After the fire-eaters had done ranting in this style, two more unsuccessful ballots were had for Speaker, with the following result: Fifth Ballot. Sherman, 110; Gilmer, 22; Boock, 85; Scattering, 9. Necessary to a choice, 114. On this ballot Messrs. Haskin, of New York, and Hickman and Schwartz, of Pa., went over to Mr. Sherman. Their action was much applauded.

Sixth Ballot. Sherman, 110; Gilmer, 18; Boock, 85; Scattering, 13. Four votes still wanting to elect. Messrs. Schwartz, Hickman and Haskin again voted for Sherman. The House then adjourned.

UNION MEETINGS.

The following letter from Joseph Flanagan, Esq., Editor of the Daily News of Philadelphia, shows that the attempts of Democratic Politicians to make political capital of the Union Meetings being detected and rebuffed in the proper form. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 8, 1859. Messrs. J. W. Bacon, J. S. Gibbons, Samuel Spurrhew, and Rene Guilou, Committee. My Dear Sirs:—A few days since I was called on, by a portion of your Committee, who, after stating their purpose to hold, in this city, a Grand Union Mass Meeting, on Wednesday evening, the 7th inst., at such a time during the evening as suited my convenience, I repaired to the Hall, for the purpose of addressing my fellow citizens on the great subject of the Union of the States, and the responsibility of the citizens thereof, one to the other. I found the platform crowded to excess, and after waiting some time, was convinced that certain set of unprincipled politicians who support the most disgraceful Administration which ever had an existence in this country, had seemingly taken possession of the platform. Having no disposition to be particularly identified with such persons, I, of course, retired.

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I notice, however, by reference to the Pennsylvania of this morning, the organ of that most corrupted of all Administrations, that the meeting gotten up under your auspices, is claimed as of Loco-Foco origin, and in a paragraph from the article referred to, it is asserted that those deliriously engaged in the matter were influenced and directed by the representatives in this City of the Loco-Foco party. Of course, I could not permit myself, even in the remotest degree, to seem to have a connection with any matter emanating from such a source, and, as I am quite well convinced that the gentleman whom I now address are influenced by the same unwelcome bias, I beg that you will say to me whether or not the article referred to has any foundation in truth. Very truly yours, J. R. FLANAGAN.

But see what the Extremists of the South think of the Conservatives of the North, who got up those meetings, and what thanks are returned. We copy from the Charleston Mercury the following: The angry South must be appeased for the time—protestations must be made, and somebody must make them. This part of the jobbing falls to the lot of the so-called "Conservatives." The "Conservative" is a very useful "institution" at the North. They are a very good people, and are an essential part of the Northern policy. They are the very rear-guard of Abolitionism. The Republican army marches forward to the battle of Abolitionism, and the "Conservatives" cover the rear progress by divisions, and are fighting and playing. We are neither speaking doctrinally, nor lightly, nor prejudicially. It is a very grave and momentous fact. We will illustrate our meaning. The Hon. Robert C. Winthrop of Massachusetts, is a "Conservative" of the Hon. Robert C. Winthrop was the first gentleman who introduced an Abolition motion into the House of Representatives. The Hon. Robert C. Winthrop was ejected from his seat in the State, some few years ago, by such a thing as Charles Sumner. The Hon. Robert C. Winthrop declared in Faneuil Hall, in 1854, that his tongue would cleave to the roof of his mouth, and his right hand would strike his body, before he would either vote for any measure, or set his hand to any bill, by which Slavery should be allowed to enter another foot of our territories. The Hon. Robert C. Winthrop turned out of the Senate because he is not a "Conservative" man. Mr. Everett, and many other distinguished gentlemen of the North, are quite as violent in their opposition to Slavery as Mr. Winthrop. But Mr. Everett is nowhere—he is ran over—left behind. These gentlemen are "Conservatives." They would not have John Brown & Co. march down on Virginia or Kentucky and set fire to their plantations, and inaugurate a civil war, and insurrection, and discontent at the South. By no means—they have discretion; they are "conservative" gentlemen. They would not make the South too restive under their plucking; they would not lead their golden eggs by killing their goose. These gentlemen are far too wise—they would not gently legislate you out of all the surrounding Territories, whether you will or no; but still gently. They would thus only put a cord on Free States around you, and then they would turn out of the Senate because they are not "Conservative" men. They would not have John Brown & Co. march down on Virginia or Kentucky and set fire to their plantations, and inaugurate a civil war, and insurrection, and discontent at the South. By no means—they have discretion; they are "conservative" gentlemen. 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