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TO ADVERTISERS.
THE "LEHIGH REGISTER" HAS A LARGE
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THAN ANY OTHER ENGLISH PAPER IN
THE COUNTY.

FOR GOVERNOR:
Col. Andrew G. Curtin,
OF CENTRE COUNTY.

The Irrepressible Conflict in the Democratic Party.
In the year 1856 it was boasted in a political harangue by a Democratic United States Senator, that the Kansas Nebraska bill had broken the backbone of the old whig party, and never after its passage were the opposition able to hold a National Convention, in which all the States were represented. Senator Douglas was lauded as being the great instrument in effecting the disruption of the old whig party. Four years later the same Senator (Richard Broadhead) as Delegate from Pennsylvania to the Charleston Convention cooperates with the bitter enemies of Douglas, and in the same Convention is witnessed the strange spectacle of the withdrawal of the delegates of eight or ten Southern States. The secession was brought about in consequence of the passage of a platform, proposed by the friends of Senator Douglas, the same man, who fathered and fought through the Kansas Nebraska bill. In other words the same cause, which ruptured the old Whig party, has finally split the Democratic party irreconcilably in twain. But strange to say, the same party, heretofore so loud in denouncing the sectionalism of the Republican party, witnesses in the bosom of its own National Convention a fierce, bitter, and uncompromising struggle between the North, almost unanimously in the interest of the little Giant, and the South almost a unit against him. The friends of Douglas are firm and unyielding, and equally so are his opponents, and after the fiercest wrangling, such as has never before been witnessed in any convention of the party, an adjournment is effected until June without a nomination. Northern Delegates, coming from Districts so strongly Republican that no Democrat can find his way to the Halls of Congress, are fighting Southern Delegates, coming from districts sending almost the entire Democratic Congressmen, who are so fortunate as to find their way to Washington. In other words the adherents of Douglas are fighting the same men, whom Republicans are fighting in the Halls of Congress. If the Republican party is sectional, then sectionalism has found its way into the heart of the Democratic party itself. If the demands of the South must be contended against, why not make the opposition in the only political organization, in which it can be effectively made, in the ranks of the Republican party?

The Convention was entertained by addresses from distinguished Democrats of the North, who supported the platform, proposed by the Douglass men, by the opinions of Southern men expressed in 1854, 1855, and 1856. In other words it was conclusively shown, that the Southern men, who a few years since clamored for popular sovereignty, and the right of the people of a territory at all times to regulate the institution of slavery, have completely reversed their position, and now not only deny the right of the people to interfere at all in the matter, but demand that Congress should protect Slavery, which they affirm is carried into the territories by virtue of the provisions of the Constitution. Why is it, that Southern men now unflinchingly demand what a few years since they did not dare to claim? It is because the "Little Giant" first taught them to bear-garnet, domineering, and dictatorial in their demands of political parties. The serpent warmed into life, has but receded to sting its benefactor. Douglas has turned upon his enemies to ruin the Democratic party. The South has turned upon Douglas to dig his political grave.

The Philadelphia Election.

The result of the election in Philadelphia may be claimed as a grand triumph for the opposition and as a sure proof how Pennsylvania may be expected to go at next Fall's election. In the times of the old Whig party, the city and county of Philadelphia, now the consolidated city, together gave a Democratic majority of about 3000. In the spring election of 1856, immediately preceding the Presidential election, Major Vaux, the Democratic nominee, was elected by a majority of about 6000. In the fall the majority for Buchanan over the combined Fillmore and Fremont vote was about the same. In the Spring of 1858, when the Anti-Comptom Democats first commenced to make their power felt against regular Democratic nominees, Major Vaux, was defeated by a majority of about five thousand. In 1859 the Opposition majority was about 2000. To show the spirit, with which the recent canvass was conducted, reference need but be had to the fact that the vote exceeded the vote at the Presidential election of 1856 by about 2000. At the recent election the Democracy had harmonized. It was said, that the result would tell on the election to be held in the fall. Appeals were made to the wholesale merchants to save the Democratic party for the purpose of saving their Southern trade. Philadelphia is the only spot in Pennsylvania, which can be reached by appeals like these and yet, in the face of all, the Democracy have been beaten. The State of Pennsylvania can be easily carried next fall with a Democratic majority in the city of Philadelphia of 5000, or more. With Philadelphia certain there can be no doubt as to where Pennsylvania will stand in the Presidential contest.

DELAWARE REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION.

On Wednesday last a Republican State Convention for the State of Delaware assembled at Dover. All parts of the State were fully represented. The Convention is said to have been the largest, which ever assembled in the city. The Convention was eloquently addressed by Gov. Corwin. Delegates were selected to represent the State in the Chicago Convention.

BESTIRING ON THE PHILADELPHIA ELECTION.—So confident were the Democracy before the recent municipal election in Philadelphia, electing their candidate for Mayor, that large amounts of money were laid on the result. It is supposed that as high as \$100,000 changed hands on the result. Some men lost from two to three thousand dollars.

Proceedings of the Charleston Convention.

EIGHTH DAY.

Mr. Benham on behalf of the Georgia delegation announced their withdrawal from the Convention. The delegation from Arkansas withdrew.

Mr. Montgomery from Pennsylvania said, if there were more delegations, which wished to withdraw, let them withdraw.

A resolution was carried, that the Convention proceed to ballot for candidates for the Presidency and that a nomination require 202 votes or two-thirds of the full Convention. Twelve ballots were had, on the first of which Mr. Douglas received 147 votes. The twelfth ballot stood as follows:

Douglas,	1504	Johnson,	12
Guthrie,	38	Dickinson,	1
Hunter,	204	Davis,	14
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The Seceders from the regular Convention met at St. Andrew's Hall. Mr. John C. Preston, of South Carolina, presided as Temporary Chairman. The Convention adjourned to the City Hall, where a large and enthusiastic assemblage was addressed.

NINTH DAY.

The Convention continued to ballot, with a little variation in the vote for Mr. Douglas and a change in favor of Mr. Guthrie of Kentucky. The fifty-fifth ballot stood as follows:

Douglas,	1514	Johnson,	18
Guthrie,	61	Dickinson,	2
Hunter,	10	Davis,	1

TENTH DAY.

The balloting for candidate for the Presidency was suspended and the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That when this Convention adjourns to-day, it will be to meet in Baltimore, on Monday the 15th day of June, in order to afford the States, that are not now represented, an opportunity to fill up their delegations.

The Convention then adjourned.

SECEDES CONVENTION.—The Seceders resolved to adjourn and that a call be issued for a Southern Convention to be held at Richmond, Virginia, on the second Monday of June next.

A resolution authorizing an address or narrative of the grounds of secession, to be prepared and published with the proceedings of the Convention, was adopted.

The Convention then adjourned sine die.

A Divided Democracy.

The Democratic party at Charleston broke up into two hostile factions. Such will be their condition in the future, we are satisfied. No appliances and manipulations of politicians can restore the unity of the party. Two Conventions are to be held for the purpose of nominating Presidential candidates, one at Baltimore, on the 18th of June, and another at Richmond, Virginia, on the 11th of the same month.

The Democracy have heretofore excused themselves over the dissensions of the Opposition, and now they will have enough to do, in the case of Breckin, when disabled by Sayers, to give him a sore head, deep, but not broad;

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