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Whig State Central Committee.

☞ The members of the Whig State Central Committee are requested to assemble at Harrisburg, on the 13th of March inst. Punctual attendance is earnestly requested.

M. McMICHAEL, Chairman.
GEO. H. HART, Sec'y.

GALE.—A furious gale raged for several hours, on Friday morning, between twelve o'clock and day light, doing a good deal of damage to roofs, fences, trees, etc. The Beaver Street Methodist Church, Allegheny, was seriously injured.

UNION MEETING IN NEW YORK.—A great Union meeting was held in New York, at Castle Garden, on Monday evening last. The Courier and Enquirer says that the area within the Castle was filled at the hour of organization, and from that time till the adjournment there was a constant current of persons setting to and from the meeting, those in the crowd constantly giving way and retiring as the new arrivals pressed upon them. There were, probably, constantly within the Castle, from five to six thousand people, and this quantity was kept nearly uniform by the cease lessly moving masses, amounting, in all, to not less than ten thousand more; so that the number of persons who gave, by their presence, during some one time, sanction to the objects of the meeting, was from fifteen to twenty thousand.

Mayor Woodhull presided, assisted by a great number of Vice Presidents. The first resolution and a lopted was the following:—

Resolved, That the people of New York, without distinction of sect or party, are ardently devoted to the Union of these States, as next to our liberties the most precious of their Political Institutions; and having never yet been able to calculate the value of this Union, can contemplate no contingency in which its dissolution would be otherwise than a gigantic crime against the Peace, Prosperity, and Freedom of our country, and of Mankind.

When this resolution had been read, a call was made for "three cheers for the Union," which were given with a will.

The remainder of the resolutions adopted are an endorsement of the compromise resolutions of Mr. Clay, presented to the Senate, and are similar in phraseology. The last speaker was Gen. SCOTT, who addressed the meeting in a few words, expressive of his attachment to the Union, which he had served for nearly forty two years, and disclaiming all party considerations in his devotion to the glorious confederacy. He was charmed with the admirable spirit of conciliation, of harmony, which prevailed at the meeting. For himself, he stood there neither as a Pro-Slavery man, nor an Abolitionist, neither a Whig nor a Democrat, but as the firm, unwavering friend of the Union of the States, which he trusted in God would never be destroyed.

It seems we were mistaken in ascribing the patriotic remarks in favor of the Union, to the *Nashville Union*, a Locofoco paper. They should be credited to the *Nashville Banner*, a Whig organ. Senator Turney said in the Senate, that the Nashville Union was in favor of the disunion convention, and so was the Democratic party in that State. He said the glorious resolutions in favor of Union, passed by the Legislature, which we published yesterday, were carried by a party vote—the Whigs on the side of the Union, the Locos against. Thus we see Southern Locofocos plotting treason, while their Northern allies in this State are passing craven and submissive resolutions to propitiate them. Such is Locofocoism! Destructive in Pittsburgh, mean spirited in Philadelphia, treasonable in the South, and corrupt every where.

The *Journal*, of yesterday, in an attack upon the Gazette, more disgraceful to its editor than to us, founds the whole of its column of characteristic drippery upon a falsehood of its own coining. It says:

"So the *Gazette* copies the swelling paragraph from the *Post*, which denounces the Sheriff, and makes it the occasion of *twice* declaring that we have *lent our matter* for the purpose of injuring our excellent Whig Sheriff, Carter Curtis, Esq."

We did not say, or intimate, that the Journal had *lent* its type to the *Post* for the *purpose of injuring Mr. Curtis*. We stated that the *Post* had "*borrowed*" the type for that purpose. What purpose the Journal editor had in *lending* so mischievous an article, which he must have known the *Post* would use against the Sheriff, and against the peace of society, we leave the editor himself to explain. That is a matter which concerns him self, not us. The very fact that the editor of the Post approved of the article of "Philandros," and wished to publish it at this crisis, was sufficiently indicative of its dangerous character and tendency.

Disgraceful Riot.

It is with exceeding pain, we are called upon to give publicity to the details of a very disgraceful riot, which occurred in our city yesterday.—From the information we have derived from eye witnesses, it appears that about 11 o'clock, A. M., a body of women, numbering from sixty to one hundred, entered the rolling mill of Messrs. Graff, Lindsay, & Co., and having previously prepared themselves with stones and other missiles, commenced an attack upon the puddlers and boilers, driving them from their work, and severely injured many of them. They then threw coal and dirt into the furnaces, ruining the iron, and causing injury to the furnaces.

The fury of the assailants may be judged of from the fact, that a number of them surrounded one of the puddlers, who was the last to leave his place, and hurrying him to the river, were in the act of throwing him in, when he was rescued by one of the women, but only allowed him to escape upon his promise to leave the mill.

After stopping the work, and doing all the mischief possible, the rioters proceeded to the mill of Messrs. Shoenberger. Here they were met by an effective and determined police, and after several desperate efforts were finally compelled to retire.

From the fact that a large body of men and boys, followed the women and encouraged their proceedings, there can be no doubt that the women were only put forward as a feint, to provoke resistance, and thus give some pretext for far worse violence by their backers.

Several of the men and women who were most prominent have been marked, and will be brought to justice.

Not only for the sake of the innocent workmen whose rights have thus been violated, but for the credit and peace of our city, we trust that prompt and effective measures will be speedily adopted to prevent such another occurrence.

The evil effects of such articles as that signed "Philandros," published in the Journal, and copied into the Post, is sufficiently evident in this out break. We hope, however, that the Sheriff will not be deterred by the dangerous doctrine of this reputed "Christian Citizen," and "Steadfast Whig," from using every means in his power of preserving the peace of the county, and the rights of citizens. The county has entrusted its safety and interests to his hands, and he is bound to see them preserved. All the losses occasioned by a mob, the county is bound to pay, and the people will require of their Sheriff that he use his power to preserve them from loss.

We hope the Iron Manufacturers, and every citizen, who feels any regard for the future welfare of Pittsburgh, will sternly resist this attempt to overawe the workmen, and stop the Mills. It is high time that this lawless spirit of riot was put a stop to. If it is not, there is an end of all individual liberty, and of all law. To yield now is to lose all.

Numbering the Hours of the Union.

On Monday last, a debate of a somewhat exciting character took place in the Senate of the United States, on a resolution offered by Mr. Foote, of Mississippi, to the following purport:

"To refer to a select committee of six members from the North, and six members from the South, and one member to be by them chosen, with instructions to exert themselves for the purpose of maturing a scheme of compromise for the adjustment of all the pending questions growing out of the institution of slavery, and to report by bill or

"I did not expect—and I am sure that my honorable friend from South Carolina hardly expected—that the subject could be acted upon by the committee as soon as within the next four days. I should hope, however, that a report would be made by Saturday next; *for, so help me Heaven, if no thing can be done before Saturday, during the next week occurrence will take place of a nature to which I will do more than allude. I believe, sir, that during this week these questions must be compromised, or no compromise will be practicable.* I have good reasons, sir, for what I state. I know the facts. I have looked into the matter. I have conversed with members of both Houses of Congress; *and I state, upon my honor, that unless we do something during the present week, I entertain not the least doubt that this subject will leave our jurisdiction, and leave it forever.*

"Sir, I am no alarmist; but I am in the habit of declaring myself more than my friend from South Carolina. I know that I express in this statement the opinion of a large portion of the members of both Houses of Congress. I did not originate this movement entirely of my own violition; but I did it after serious consultation with some of the wisest and ablest men in either House of Congress; some of the sages of this Republic. It is supposed that I wish to interfere with the Senator from Texas—the Senator from Massachusetts, whom some of us desire most earnestly to hear. Is it supposed that I wish to interfere and prevent them from addressing the Senate on this question, or to prevent the honorable Senator from South Carolina, whose speech we hope to heer read in the Senate next Thursday?"

Mr. Butler. I have no wish to protract this debate. I think the Senate will bear me witness that I have shown no disposition to introduce into our discussion, any element of an inflammatory nature. I have long since come to the conclusion that it is a long and tedious one, and I am still less inclined to do it now, *as we seem to be approaching a crisis of a solemn and portentous character*; for it cannot be otherwise than highly unfavorable to a deliberate and final settlement of the question. If it were at a distance, I could afford to indulge somewhat in the temper of the times, but I think the time is past when declamation, inflammatory declamation especially, should be allowed; and I am not one of those who think that these long protracted speeches are going to have much effect in the settlement of the question. I should like to see the Senate convened into a conservative body.—Whatever may be the result of this controversy, let us remain personally upon good terms. If the great calamity which has been indicated should come about, I should wish to part without having any unkind personal feeling with any member with whom I have been connected. I have no feeling of the kind. I know there have been very free imputations made upon some members of this body, especially on some gentlemen from the South, but I have made up my mind, thoroughly made up my mind, and when that is done it is unnecessary to indulge in any declamation one way or the other. I shall yield to no compromise that does not rest on a basis recognising, in my opinion, the equality of the States.

Mr. Dayton, of New Jersey, thought the Union was not the frail thing some Senators supposed it to be. He thought it could not be talked away.

Mr. Clemens. I think the Senator is mistaken. I fear the ligaments which bind us together are losening every day, and for that reason more than any other, I am ready to vote for this resolution.—*If we talk for three weeks longer it is not in the power of man to save the Union.*

Notwithstanding all this awful foreboding and threatening, the resolution was quietly laid aside.

FROM NEW YORK.

Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Gazette.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26, 1850.

The Union Meeting of last night was one of which the State has reason to be proud, and one which cannot fail to tell upon public opinion in the South, as well as the North. Castle Garden was crammed in all its vast proportions, with an audience such as rarely assembles, and such as no occasion, less alarming than the present, could attract. The Mayor presided, and the leading speeches were made by Jas. L. Whiting, and J. L. White, but that of most interest was from the hero of Lundy's Lane and Chippewa, Gen. Scott. When the towering figure of the old soldier made its appearance on the platform, the enthusiasm knew no bounds, and he received a welcome as cordial, almost, as would have been extended to that other old soldier, Henry Clay.

Our State Legislature has at last taken hold of the usury laws, and made a movement towards their repeal, not so completely as could be wished, but still satisfactory. Under the new law the rate of interest is fixed at seven per cent., but creditors cannot collect, by law, a higher rate, though borrowers are left untrammelled. Under the new law creditors will have the honor of debtors as collateral, which is more reliable security than the remedy by law.

As of interest to travellers, it may be stated that the old Howard hotel, which has ruined every landlord which has rented it since the Howards left, has passed into the hands of A. S. Barnum, of Baltimore. Under the new regime it must again take a leading station, and yield, as before, a fortune, if the Howards' plan is adopted. Under their rule a fashionable traveller obtained a good room, and found, on his departure, a round bill, while the economical sojourner, eat capital dinners, slept in a small room, was good followed by the landlords, paid a reasonable bill, and went off contented. More than this, he sent all his friends to the Howards, who, in turn, applied their sliding scale to them.

Preparations are making for the accommodation of the Collins Line of Ocean Steamships, which will commence their trips on the 5th of April.—They are to start from the foot of Canal Street, now the outskirts of the region of shipping, but soon to be the centre. Nothing afloat can exceed the excellence of these ships, whether considered as model ships, model engines, or furnishing.—Ample time has been taken for perfecting every thing, and, in all April, our transatlantic friends will see an American steamship the superior of any that ever bore "the meteor flag." The masters of these ships are all to be bred in the merchant service—the subordinate officers are from the navy, and will, probably, set a few new ideas of promptness, for our *liner* captains are rigid disciplinarians.

The hotels are full of strangers, and merchandize fully and satisfactorily employed, in most branches. Money remains abundant, at a moderate price, and such a thing as failure is unknown. A more buoyant feeling never pervaded the city, than at present, and, freely as New Yorkers ever live, they now surpass themselves. Rents are enormous, and there are fewer houses to let, in spite of the large number erected last season, than was ever known. A house with a bill upon it is quite a rarity. Real estate sells at fanciful prices, and the fabulous rates of to day are made reasonable when contrasted with succeeding sales.

The mail of the steamer reached the city this forenoon, but the market for most kinds of merchandize has not opened. Holders of Cotton expected an advance, but have been a good deal disappointed, and are now willing to concede to make sales. The foreign news is not of a character to warrant the hope that any demand is to spring up, upon the opening of navigation, for our breadstuffs, or for any quantity of our provisions, now so cheap and abundant. C.

FROM HARRISBURG.

Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Gazette.

HARRISBURG, Feb. 26, 1850.

In the Senate, to day, Mr. Streeter, from the Committee to whom was referred a portion of the Governor's Message, reported a bill relating to certain convictions for murder in the first degree.

Mr. Packer, from the committee on Internal Improvements, reported the bill to authorize the city of Pittsburgh to take possession of, and construct a sewer in, and fill up that part of the Pennsylvania Canal lying between the Monongahela river and Pennsylvania Avenue, and between Seventh street and the Tunnel in said city.

On motion of Mr. Cunningham, after a very spirited and interesting debate, not reaching, however, to the merits of the various subjects arising under the question, the Compromise Apportionment Bill, recently reported by the Apportionment Committee, was recommitted, without instructions, but with the understanding that the Committee would divide upon the subject, and make a majority and minority report. The bill already reported seems to have given satisfaction to but few Senators. Mr. Frick, of Northumberland, alone, expressed himself as being fully satisfied with it. Indeed every individual Senator seems to have a bill of his own, and nothing else will do.

On motion of Mr. Darsie, the bill to authorize the guardian of the minor children of John W. Thompson, to sell certain real estate, was finally passed.

In the House a good many private bills, were passed; but nothing else was done, so that I have nothing to communicate from this body.

In the Senate yesterday, a bill was read by Mr. Darsie, and passed first reading, extending the Jurisdiction of the Court to certain cases of suits for divorce, for which there is now no power, except through the Legislature.

The first section of this act provides that the Courts shall have jurisdiction of all cases of divorces, whether the reason alleged is wilful and continued desertion of either of the parties, or adultery; the jurisdiction of a large class of cases which now find their way to the Legislature.

The second section provides that for desertion as aforesaid, and for adultery, the Courts shall have jurisdiction in all cases as aforesaid, notwithstanding the parties, at the time of the occurrence of said causes may have been domiciled in another State; provided, that no divorce shall be granted until the applicant therefor shall have been a citizen of this Commonwealth for the term of one year.

The Committee appointed in the House, to investigate the conduct of the State Treasurer, has had two or three sessions; but the evidence fails entirely to sustain the charges made by the complainants, and the whole investigation is little more than a solemn farce. You will find the evidence in the Harrisburgh Telegraph, if you desire to publish it. COBDEN.

The Conflagration at New Orleans.

The New Orleans True Delta, on Saturday morning, the 15th instant, gives the following particulars of the conflagration there on the morning of that day:—

About half past two o'clock this morning, a fire, the most disastrous that has occurred in our city within our recollection, broke out in the store of C. G. Barkley, No. 55 Camp street, which was rapidly consumed, together with the following buildings:

No. 55 occupied by C. G. Barkley, grocer; No. 57, Corson & Armstrong stationers; No. 59, Payne & Harrison, commission merchants; No. 53, Bridges & Murdo, depot for Virginia manufactured tobacco, and Elder & Brother, commission merchants; No. 51, Brander, Williams & Co., commission merchants; No. 49, Jas. H. Bechtel & Co. booksellers and stationers; No. 47, basement occupied by the Ætna Life, Crescent City, and Lexington Insurance Companies; up stairs, by Fosdick & Bro., shipping agents, and Hunt, Boddy & Co., cotton factors and commission merchants; No. 48, banking house of J. Robb & Co. on the lower floor; H. Frelsoe & Co., commission merchants, up stairs—building not much injured; all valuable property saved. No. 45, lower floor portion of Robb's banking establishment; up stairs, offices of Gordon Plummer's and Lucien Herman, notaries; No. 52, Merchants' Louisville Ins. Co. No. 54, J. G. Dunlop, china, glass and earthenware; No. 56, H. Hill, wood and willow ware and house furnishing goods: No. 58, Henry Parsons, piano and music establishment; No. 60, O. S. Campbell, houses furnishing store; No. 62, Ferdinand Kennett & Co., commission merchants; No. 64, Picayune office; No. 66, Wm. Weld & Co., lists No. 68, Picayune office; No. 92, Merchants' Louisville Ins. Co. No. 94, J. G. Dunlop, china, glass and earthenware; No. 96, H. Hill, wood and willow ware and house furnishing goods: No. 98