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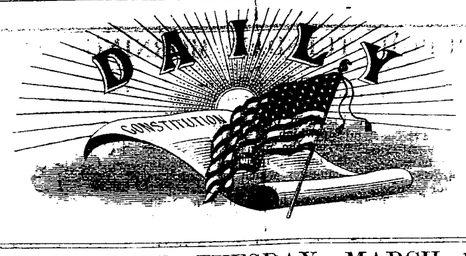

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December 24th, 1863.

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WHEREAS, By satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that the SECOND NATIONAL BANK OF PITTSBURGH, in the County of Allegheny, and State of Pennsylvania, has been duly organized under and according to the requirements of the Act of Congress, entitled "An Act to provide a National Currency, secured by a pledge of United States Stocks, and to provide for the circulation and redemption thereof," approved February 25th, 1863, and has complied with all the provisions of said Act required to be complied with before commencing the business of Banking:

Now, therefore, I, HUGH McCULLOCH, Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify, that the said SECOND NATIONAL BANK OF PITTSBURGH, County of Allegheny, and State of Pennsylvania, is authorized to commence the business of Banking under the Act aforesaid.

In testimony whereof witness my hand and seal of office, this 13th day of February, 1864.

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NOTICE.—IN THE COURT OF QUARTER Sessions of Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, No.—, March Term, A. D. 1864.

In the matter of the petition of sundry freeholders of the City of Allegheny, for the vacation of certain alleys and a street, in the Second Ward, of said city.

All parties interested are hereby notified, that on SATURDAY, February 13th, 1864, a petition was presented to said Court, signed by twelve freeholders of said Ward, praying the Court, to grant a rule to show cause why so much of an alley lying in said Ward, parallel with Bidwell and Fremont streets, should not be vacated and closed up, from the northern line of the right of way of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railway Company, where the said line crosses said alley to Island Lane, because the said portion of said alley has become useless to the public and those having lands abounding thereon.

And, also, why so much of the alley that lies, in said Ward, parallel with, and between Island Lane and Juniata street, should not be vacated and closed up from Bidwell street to the street known as Allegheny avenue, for the reason that the same has become useless to the public and those having lands bounding thereon

And, also, why so much of Juniata street, in said Ward, as extends from the eastern line of the right of way of the said Railway Company, where the said line crosses said street, to the street known as Allegheny avenue, should not be vacated and closed up, for the reason that the same has become useless to the public and those having lands abounding thereon.

That said Court granted the rule aforesaid, and ordered that notice be given of the filing of said petition, and of the granting of said rule as required by law.

JOHN H. HAMPTON,
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ADDRESS OF THE DEMOCRATIC SENATORS.

To the Democrats of Pennsylvania:

FELLOW-CITIZENS—At this juncture in the proceedings of the Senate of Pennsylvania, the undersigned deem it their right and duty to address you.

For more than two months we have unitedly and determinedly withstood an effort on the part of the Republican members of that body to subvert the organic law, to ignore the precedents of seventy years of our history, and to trample under foot the rights of their equals and peers. In so doing we have been actuated by the high resolve, that by no act of the representatives of the only law abiding political organization in this Commonwealth should the rights and constitutional privileges of the people be subverted. We have relied with unshaken faith upon that people for our support and vindication, and to the end that their verdict may be rendered with a full knowledge of the facts, we beg leave to present a brief history of our position during the protracted and exciting contest which has just closed.

The members of the Senate assembled in the Senate Chamber at Harrisburg on Tuesday, January 5th, A. D. 1864, at 3 p. m. Of the twenty-two Senators holding over, all were present save Major White, who was a prisoner in the hands of the rebels; of those present, twelve were Democrats, and nine Republicans. The Senate was called to order by the Hon. J. P. Penny, the Speaker elected at the close of the session of 1863. The Secretary of the Commonwealth was then introduced and presented the returns from the districts which had elected Senators in October, 1863. The returns were opened and read, by which it appeared that four Democrats and seven Republicans had been elected all of whom were present, thereby causing a tie in the vote between the two great political organizations of the country as represented on that floor.

Upon the reading of the certificates of election, it would have been the duty of the Senator elected Speaker at the close of the session of 1863, to have vacated the chair, had he been governed in his action by the express terms of the Constitution, which, by section X, Article I, prescribes that the General Assembly shall meet on the 1st Tuesday of January in every year, and by section XI of the same article, that "each House" (i. e. when they meet on that day) shall elect its Speaker and other officers. It appears to the undersigned that the words "each House shall elect its Speaker" are sufficiently certain to determine the question that no one elected Speaker by the Senate of the same year, in the discharge of the duties devolved upon the latter being a new and distinct body, made up of other members who had never participated in an election for Speaker, and as by the express terms of the Constitution, "each House shall (when they meet on the first Tuesday in January in each year) elect its Speaker and other officers," it is manifest and clear that the Senator from Allegheny had no shadow of right to exercise the duties of Speaker over this new Senate which had never elected him its Speaker, and we have never recognized him as such. But admitting, for the sake of argument, that the words of the Constitution are ambiguous and certain, then, precedent and usage, if they exist, must determine their meaning, and by this test the undersigned desire that their position may be tried.

During a period of seventy years, from 1794 until this day there is but one other instance where a Speaker elected by a former Senate attempted to exercise the duties of his office over a succeeding and new Senate, and that was during the "Buck Shot War," when the late Charles B. Penrose, the Speaker holding over entertained two motions relative to contested seats; but, when these were determined, even he vacated the chair, and did not dare to resume it, until by the vote of the new Senate he was elected Speaker. If the Republican members of the Senate of 1864 can gather comfort from this one solitary exception in the unbroken line of precedents, they are welcome to it. The boldness and magnitude of their act of usurpation has destroyed its significance as a deed of revolution.

The Senator from Allegheny, notwithstanding the express words of the Constitution, with their meaning illustrated by the action of all former Speakers, save one, for a period of seventy years, after the reading of the certificates of election which created the new Senate, failed to vacate the chair, which he occupied by courtesy and for the sake of convenience. He requested the new Senators to come forward to be sworn. This the Republican Senators did, and, also the Democratic Senators; the latter, however, under a protest, in which, in brief and emphatic terms, they denied his right to administer the oath of office to them, they having been elected members of a body of which he had never been elected Speaker. It is here to be observed that this course was necessary on their part, for the reason that it was the evident intention of the Republicans, should the Democrats refuse to take the oath, to leave their names off the roll, whereby our opponents would have secured a clear majority of those voting.

After this act of usurpation the new Senate, by a unanimous vote, adopted a resolution to proceed to an election for Speaker. If it is not true that the office was vacant, (as the undersigned contend,) why the necessity to elect a Speaker? But under this resolution several ballots were held on that, the first day of our meeting, each resulting in a tie between the Republican candidate, Mr. Penny, and the Democratic candidate, Mr. Clymer. The Senate adjourned until the next day, when, after several ineffectual ballots, the Senator from Berks, Mr. Clymer, on behalf of the undersigned, made the following proposition of compromise, viz: That the Republicans should select the Speaker of the Senate, the Democrats the Clerk, and so alternately until all were filled. This basis of settlement the undersigned considered to be just. It was made, not for the purpose of securing place or position, but to vindicate a principle. It was precisly the basis of compromise adopted in 1855, when the Democrats having an actual majority (although not present) were given the Speaker, the Know Nothings of that day (at present Republicans) the clerk, and so alternately to the end of the list. But this proposition the Republican Senators of 1864 refused to accept. They had entered upon usurpation, and they determined to adhere to it with all its consequences.

During the protracted struggle which followed, this offer of compromise was renewed from time to time; it was always rejected, and not one proposition tending to a solution of the difficulty ever come from the Republican side, save the absurd suggestion of the Senator from Erie, Mr. Lowry, that he would vote for the Democratic candidate for Speaker, provided either he or some one of the undersigned would agree never to vote on any party test or question.

It is thus a matter of history that the Rebublican Senators refused a fair and just proposition which, had it been accepted, would have organized the Senate on the second day of its meeting. They attempt to justify their conduct on two grounds. First, that the Senate is ever organized, the Speaker of a former Senate being the Speaker of the subsequent one; and, Second, that Major White, if present, would have given them a majority.

We have heretofore exposed the fallacy of the first position by reference to the words of the Constitution, and to the unbroken precedents of seventy years. In addition, we will present a test which will so clearly expose the unwarrantable and unconstitutional nature of the claim, that no one, however prejudiced, may mistake or misunderstand it.

By the XXIII section, article 1st, of the Constitution of this State, it is provided that all bills passed by the Legislature and presented to the Governor for his signature, within ten days of the final adjournment, shall become laws without his signature, unless sent back (with his objections) within three days after their next meeting.

In 1855 the Legislature met on the second day of January. The contest for Speaker was prolonged until the fifth, when the Hon. William M. Hester, of Berks county, was elected. Upon the sixth, the fourth day after their meeting, the Governor of the Commonwealth returned, with his objections, several of the most important bills passed by the Legislature of 1854. If the position of the Republican Senators of 1864 is correct, viz: that the Senate is always organized, and that the Speaker of the former Senate is the Speaker of the new Senate, then those bills of 1854, vetoed by Governor Bigler of the fourth day of the session of 1855, are laws notwithstanding his vetoes. That this is not so, or at least that none of the eminent lawyers and statesmen who composed that Senate (among whom were Price, Buckalew, Heister and Darsie) so thought, is evinced by the fact that they all voted upon those vetoes as required by the Constitution, which they surely would not have done had they been of opinion they had been sent in too late. The Senators of 1855 did not even claim to have met until they had elected a Speaker, much less that they were organized. Our view of this question is further strengthened by the act of 1804, which obviously contemplates the election of a Speaker of each House at the beginning of each session, and requires him first to be sworn before he can administer the oaths to the newly elected members. It has been left for the Republican Senators of 1864 to ignore the Constitution, to defy precedent, and to attempt to destroy the very foundations of law and order.

This disposes of the first ground of defence. We will now probe the second reason assigned for their revolutionary conduct.

Who is accountable for the absence of Major White, or rather, who is to blame that his seat was not filled on the first day we met?

It is alleged that Major White resigned his seat in this Senate, that resignation having been received by his father, Judge White, about the middle of November, 1863. It is to be assumed (the undersigned reserving their individual opinions thereon) that the resignation was genuine, since in furtherance and in support of the usurpation inaugurated in January, an election was ordered thereon by the Speaker *de facto* of the Senate, and a new member elected and sworn. Assuming it to be genuine, whose fault it is that an election was not ordered immediately on its reception, which would have given ample time to have put his successor in his place on the first Tuesday of January? Surely, neither that of the undersigned, nor of any Democrat in the State; the blame must rest where it rightfully belongs, upon the Republicans of the Senate and upon their abettors.

The excuse offered is that the resignation was not filed, in order that efforts might be made (the incentive being the necessity of Major White's preface to Republican ascendancy in this State) for his exchange. Without stopping to inquire whether this ascendancy is likely to be beneficial to the people of Pennsylvania, we will merely remark that if the fate of Major White had been different or more deplorable than that of thousands of other brave and gallant men who are enduring the untold horrors of captivity in order that the negro may be raised to the level of the white man, then indeed, might some such excuse be tolerated. But Major White's condition, much as we deplore it, is no worse than that of those who are a garnered harvest of brave men rotting in prison, victims to the malignant heresies of those who advocate the social, political, and military equality of the black and white races.

That Major White became a prisoner is his misfortune; that he is not released is the intentional and designed fault of his political friends. In either view, he and they, are alone responsible for the "dead lock," caused by his absence.

After the Republicans had secured a clear majority, they still persisted in their course of usurpation. In the earlier days of the session, by a unanimous vote, and by participating in twelve ballots, they admitted that it was their sworn duty to proceed to the election of a Speaker.

When they had secured the power to do so, then, in violation of the Constitution, of precedent, of law, and of their own admissions, they for ten days persisted in their revolutionary conduct. But from the 29th of February, the day when Dr. St. Clair was sworn as Senator from the Twenty-first district, until this 9th day of March, the undersigned have resisted as before, by all means in their power, every attempt on the part of the Republicans to legislate. Baffled and defeated, they have on this day wielded the whole question in issue. [THE SENATE OF 1864 HAS ELECTED ITS SPEAKER!]

Thus, fellow-citizens, have the Constitution, precedent and law been sustained, and the course of the undersigned vindicated.

We have thus narrated the facts of this case, and have endeavored, and we trust successfully to expose the fallacy of the ostensible reasons assigned by the Republican Senators in support of their conduct. We say ostensible, for we do not hesitate to declare that the entire proceeding is but a part and parcel of a programme which proposes to break down and destroy every barrier standing between them and their lust for power and place.

In the past, we have presented a determined and unbroken front. We have done so during the trying times of the present, and sustained by your confidence and support, we will continue to do so in the time to come.

We have presented you the record—by it we are willing to be judged.

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