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DEMOCRATIC CITY NOMINATIONS.

FOR MAYOR,

CHRISTOPHER MAGEE,

CITY TREASURER,

JOHN C. DAVITT.

CITY CONTROLLER,

WILLIAM J. MORRISON.

CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

We received the following private despatch last night:

HARRISBURG, January 1, 1858

To the Democrats of the House of Representatives, Hoogland, for Speaker, received 58 votes, against David Nelson Smith, Zeigler, for Clerk, received the unanimous vote. The Senate caucus stands to-morrow at ten o'clock A. M. Welsh has no opposition.

OUR COURSE ON THE KANSAS DISPUTE.

Up to this present writing, nothing has been received from Kansas showing conclusively the nature and results of the election of the 21st inst. We have, of course, all manner of returns—accompanied by diversified rumors of strife and rapine and bloodshed—we have statements of the foul outrages of the Calhoun faction, and of the foolish, noisy bravado of Lane and his ultra allies. To all but the whining, scheming leaders of the black bands, whose cheeks would blanch at the sight of a single spoonful of the blood they have caused to be spilled—to all but these, we say the Kansas troubles are the cause of many-mingled pain and sorrow.

For our own part, we do not yet see how the tangled skein of Kansas affairs is to be unraveled, or that unfortunate commonwealth is to have rest and peace.

In reviewing the subject from the present point, we see no cause to change our course. The wish of all who profess and call themselves Democrats is that the question be fully settled by the truly expressed and entirely unawed voice of the whole people of Kansas. The President receives the unquestionably—Governor Walker does—and more—Senator Bigler, Mr. Douglas, and all other Democrats, whatever their influence or their sphere of action, are anxiously hoping or earnestly laboring for this desirable consummation. It cannot be possible, that the sound statesmanship, the patriotic devotion and the calm and peaceful counsels of the entire Democracy, can fail to settle this question in the right way, and in the fervent trust that such will be the issue we are disposed to maintain the attitude we took at the outset, and with all the patience and quietude we can command, while so much turmoil prevails around us, we shall "wait a little longer."

But we are not insensible to the fact that some persons think we should assume a different position. Those Democrats who, for reasons satisfactory to their own consciences, or to promote their own ends, have taken adverse sides on this question, demand why we too, do not fall into their respective ranks. We have endeavored from time to time to give our reasons for this, and we shall once more reiterate them, fully.

And first, we beg leave to say, that we hold the integrity of the Democratic party above and beyond all the advantages that can come to ourselves or any other member of it by wrangling on Kansas or any thing else. We cannot lend ourselves to fan an internal flame, until we see that the principles of the party are in danger, and that one branch or the other is resolved in the disputed is totally abandoning those principles. Is this the case now? We do not think so. Senator Douglas disavows strongly any imputation on the patriotism or sound Democracy of the President or other Democrats who differ with him. Senator Bigler denies that he or his compeers design to make the matter a test of orthodoxy, and both sides, with each other in expressions of respect and continued good feeling. Each distinguished disputant accords to the other the purest motives and the most exalted patriotism. And believing, as we do, that they all speak in sincerity and in truth—when possible motive can we have for entering into a bitter dispute with either. Surely we can add nothing to the store of facts from which men must draw their conclusions, and we have not the vanity to think we can add much to the arguments of the prominent leaders in the discussion—both sides of which we have given, and intend to give. Why then, should we do any thing to aggravate the difficulty, *when we believe that the united Democracy can settle it better than a wrangling and divided party.* If the Democrats who are chief parties to this discussion have private griefs to assuage, private hopes to gratify, private ends to gain we know not, and we care not. Some may think that a family quarrel is a thin little ripple to break the dull monotony of the quiet prosperity of the Democratic party, and that it is easy to all is over to "kiss and make friends." But we don't believe this at all—barbed snafts will be sped with fatal effect—some may never be extracted, and others will only be withdrawn after prolonged bitterness and pain. So good man could of a useless quarrel.

Those who know this paper and its course are perfectly aware that we do not preach peace because we are afraid of war. When a question arises on a Democratic principle or a regular Democratic candidate is to be vindicated or supported, no one has ever yet had to prompt this journal as to its duty or its vocation. But we repeat that this Kansas dispute is not a matter of this kind.

We do not believe the charges come from where it may, that the Administration intends with ruthless aforethought, both wholly to put down the free expression of the popular voice in Kansas. We do not believe that Gov. Walker acted with any heedless motive in resigning his post. We do not believe that Senator Douglas intends to join the Black Republicans or to lend them "essential aid" in any way. When we look at Senator Bigler we shall do the same. How, then, can we join with any set of men, who think or insinuate that Mr Buchanan is not honest and Democratic in his course? How are we to join with those and we could, who assail Walker and cheer Douglas with gusto over to the enemy?

We could in no more anywhere or under inverted decision to the Democratic party and its principles. However heavenly these disputes may result to persons immediately in them, think not we know, that the integrity of the party gains nothing from them. It is possible that some combatants, when all is over, may have a set of friends and admirers that he did not have when the war began—but with this private political adventure, it seems intended, the whole party has no sympathy, and as we aim and claim to serve the *whole* party, we shall avoid a sectional position as long as possible.

We reiterate, the hope and the belief that Kansas will yet be enabled to settle her institutions for herself, and that these unhappy differences among Democrats, will ere long cease and fade from memory.

One word, in conclusion, in reply to the numerous things made at ourselves, and to the ascription of mercenary motives for our course in regard to Kansas affairs. The base-minded inventors of these slanders, if they know us, are fully aware that up to this period of our life, we have been about as independent and fearless in the expression of our opinions as any man in this community. It is true we have applied for no office in the gift of the President. We made the application because we knew we could properly discharge its duties—because we thought it would suit us, and because we thought, and still think, we deserve it about as well as any man, who is not a better citizen and a more faithful democrat than we are. And we are proud to know that this opinion is shared by many of our fellow citizens and duly certified to the appointing power. On these grounds we solicit the office, and on these grounds only. And we spurn, with contempt and scorn, the mean insinuation that we would barter our opinions for place or profit, and we advise the envious dolts who may have uttered the calumny, to take some other mode to defeat our just pretensions to the post we seek.

THE CITY ELECTION.

We call upon the Democratic Party in the city to turn out to day and poll their full vote. There are many reasons why this should be done: our general city ticket is in all respects equal to that of the opposition, and in the different wards, good tickets have been nominated. The terms of office of the Mayor, and Controller, and Treasurer, are henceforth to be for two years each, and the importance of the duties attached to them has been largely enhanced. The Treasurer is hereafter to be the receiver of the whole of the City Taxes, Water rents and directly, without the intervention of Ward Collectors. This adds greatly to the labors of the office, and it cannot be denied that the Democrats offer a man for the office of peculiar competency, in John C. Davitt, Esq. For Controller our candidate Wm. M. Morrison Esq., formerly an old line Whig, but now a Democrat, is most admirably qualified. He is an excellent accountant and a man of the most thorough and correct business habits.

Christopher Magee, Esq., our candidate for the Mayoralty, is a lawyer, and therefore peculiarly qualified for the duties assigned to the Mayoralty. He has an interest as a property holder in the welfare of the city and will not fail to be a faithful public servant if elected, and thus the public know, as this gentleman has already served them in the capacity of a legislator.

Let us then lose nothing by our own apathy or neglect. Let every Democrat constitute himself a committee of vigilance to see that every other Democrat turns out. Let our cry be "TO THE POLLS AND VOTE THE TICKET" and we shall all be satisfied with the result of this day. Then, Democrats,

TO THE POLLS.

A Trick.

The Black Republicans have printed a ticket headed City officers with the Democratic candidates for Mayor and Treasurer, but Henry Lambert for Controller. Such a trick will not serve them. We advise all Democrats to carefully examine every ballot before voting.

Bogus Tickets in the Third Ward.

Democrats must look carefully to-day to their tickets. All over the city, bogus tickets will be circulated. In the Third Ward a ticket is in circulation having upon it, the regular Democratic *Common* Council Ticket, with the name of T. J. Gallaher, upon it for *Select* Council in place of James Herdman Esq., who is the regular Democratic nominee, while Dr. Gallaher, is the Black Republican nominee Democrats will look out for them.

BANK STATEMENTS.

We publish this morning the statement of the Exchange Bank, which gives token of a healthy condition and evinces sound management. The Exchange Bank throughout the whole of this monetary panic has been of immense benefit to the community by the liberality of her discounts and forbearance towards disabled creditors.

The statements of the other Banks do not appear in the *Post*, the reason of which is, that we do not choose to set up advertisements for one-fourth the price paid by the commercial community. The statements of seven Banks, making fourteen squares, were presented us to publish for the magnificent price of one dollar each week. It appears that certain Bank officers held a conclave to deliberate upon the all important question of advertising, and agreed after much higgling to offer the newspapers of Pittsburgh fifty dollars a year each for publishing all their statements. If this is not small potatoes and few in a hill, we should like to know what is. We shall publish the advertisements of Banks at our published rates—as cheaper, and if they cannot stand a few dollars for advertising without diminishing their plethoric contingent fund or disturbing their dividends, we will pass around the hat and take up a collection.

"DEAD HEAD."

On the first instant the system of free passes on the great lines of railroads east and west was terminated. It had become such a burthen upon the companies—so many had "wrong to as dead heads" who had no earthly claim to do so—that the Directors have very wisely stopped the whole matter.

It has been a common thing to apply the term "dead head" as a term of reproach to those who represent the press. As a general thing, nothing could be more unjust than this application. The fact has been well ascertained by careful inquiry, that of the people who get free rides on railroads, passages on steamboats, passes to places of public entertainment generally, or invitations to banquets, the members of the press form much the smallest class. We remember to have read in a report of a railroad company that of *twenty-five thousand* free passes over the road, *one hundred and twenty-nine* had been given to the press. In this report the charge against the press is most unjust. When its members do ride free it is very rarely upon their own business, or at their own seeking. In speaking of this subject the Boston *Herald* very appropriately remarks that "when the representatives ride, it is almost invariably on some public occasion, to some convention or celebration, whither they are going to engage in onerous and laborious services. Hourdays to community are no holidays to the press, for their representatives are going to engage in onerous and laborious services. Hourdays to community are no holidays to the press, for their representatives are generally busy at such times. Their business is to attend to the business of others, and not their own. Their pleasure is to see that others have pleasure, and not themselves. Their profit is to report the profits of others, and not their own. Their reward is to be thanked for their services, and not to be paid for them. Their duty is to be at their post, and not to be absent from it. Their post is the public, and not the private. Their post is the post of danger, and not of safety. Their post is the post of honor, and not of dishonor. Their post is the post of duty, and not of pleasure. Their post is the post of the public, and not of the private. Their post is the post of the public, and not of the private. Their post is the post of the public, and not of the private