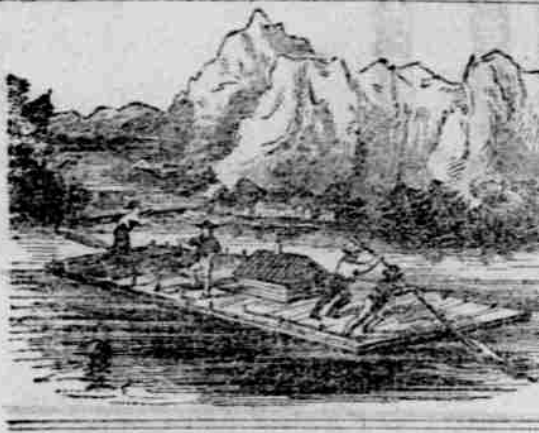


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Nonness of the Philadelphia Convention.

MILLARD FILLMORE.

ANDREW JACKSON DONNELSON.

By a reference to the closing proceedings of the late Philadelphia Convention...

Mr. Fillmore is a man of known ability and of the best integrity...

Mr. Donelson was, as an orphan boy, reared by Gen. Jackson, and is held in the highest estimation...

THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

This body, which assembled at Pittsburgh on the 21st ult., continued in session until the 23d. Twenty-four States and two Territories were represented...

1. That we demand and shall attempt to secure the repeal of all laws which allow the introduction of slavery into Territories...

SPECIAL MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT.—On the 26th ult., President Pierce transmitted to Congress a special message, embodying a communication from the Secretary of the Navy...

IMPORTANT FROM WASHINGTON.—Mr. Marcy's final despatch to Mr. Buchanan, of December 28th, was contained in the documents sent to the Senate on last Wednesday.

Mr. Marcy writes:—His connection with that affair, the enlistment, has rendered him an unacceptable representative of her Britannic Majesty near this government...

Mr. Marcy also asks the recall of Consuls Barclay, at New York, Rowcraft, at Cincinnati, and Matthews, at Philadelphia.

Yesterday we had sunshine, clouds, rain, sleet, snow, storm, and so on.

THE NATIONAL NOMINATIONS.

From the Harrisburgh Telegraph. We give elsewhere in to-day's paper a report of the action of the American National Convention held in Philadelphia.

The result of this Convention will startle the country, and but for some such considerations as are suggested by our Philadelphia correspondent...

We have no war to wage upon the ticket of the Philadelphia Convention—far from it.—We have no time and as little inclination to censure those who have strewn the already difficult path to success with new and more formidable barriers...

We would not have the American party Abolitionized, or in any degree subordinate to that dangerous element; but we dare not disregard the aroused feeling in the North that demands simple justice.

It is not a narrow, sectional or disunion sentiment to which we would defer—it is the growing conviction and growing spirit which are the natural offspring of a free people...

The time is not yet for us to determine how we shall vote for President. We shall stand firm to the position assumed by the Union sentiment in Pennsylvania, and where it leads we shall follow.

INHUMAN.—We saw, says an exchange, on a cold day recently, in one of our cars, a lady, dressed warmly in shawls and furs, with a babe of perhaps two years old, dressed in only a slip and apron...

SPECIAL MESSAGE.

The President, on Tuesday, transmitted to Congress the subjoined special message:

WASHINGTON, February 26, 1856. To the House of Representatives of the United States.—I herewith transmit and recommend to the favorable consideration of Congress a communication from the Secretary of War...

WASHINGTON, February 25, 1856. SIR: Improvements in arms and munitions of war having been recently perfected whereby their efficiency has been much increased...

It has been our policy heretofore to carry on gradually and slowly the work of preparation for military efficiency, both offensive and defensive; and in pursuance of this policy the estimates of the War Department...

In order to effect this it is necessary that more than ordinary means be placed at the disposal of the Executive, and I respectfully suggest and recommend that application be made for an early appropriation of three millions of the country, to be applied, at the discretion of the President, towards the objects before stated.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant, JEFFERSON DAVIS, Secretary of War.

THE BRITISH ENLISTMENT CONVENTION.—The official correspondence in relation to the British enlistment cases, and the violation of our neutrality laws, has been published...

An early part of the correspondence explains the circumstances under which a qualified expression of satisfaction with the explanations afforded by the British Government was expressed by Mr. Buchanan...

The Assemblée Nationale contains an article in which an attempt is made to inspire distrust concerning the defensive works in the course of construction at Portsmouth.

CHICAGO, March 1.—The Salt Lake mail for Dec. reached Independence on the 25th ult.—The mail party was detained by snow, from 2 to 3 feet deep.

BRITISH DIPLOMACY EXPLAINED.—Kossuth, Ex-Governor of Hungary, thus interprets the Central American treaty:—Two travellers had but one horse; one of them proposed an agreement on these terms: the first half hour you shall walk and I will ride; the second half hour I will ride and you shall walk.

IMPORTANT FROM NICARAGUA.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—The steamer Star of the West, from San Juan, arrived this morning. She left Key West on the 23d inst.

The Star of the West brings \$330,000 in treasure, \$100,000 of which is consigned to Messrs. Drexel & Co.

On the 10th inst. a decree was promulgated in the city of Granada, claiming and annexing the whole Mosquito territory as an integral portion of Nicaragua.

It declares also that Col. Kinney, Shepherd, Haley, and all persons claiming under them are guilty of an attempt against the integrity of Central America.

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A rumor of a league, offensive and defensive between Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras and San Salvador, causes considerable uneasiness to Walker's government.

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NATIONAL AMERICAN CONVENTION.

FEB. 25TH.—AFTERNOON SESSION. The Convention was called to order by the President, at 5 o'clock.

Mr. Brownlow arose and proposed to receive into the church Gen. Call, of Florida, Percy Walker, of Alabama, and all others who had been going astray.

The vote for President was then proceeded with, the name of each member being called, each State being entitled to its vote in the Electoral College...

For Millard Fillmore, 179; George Law, 24; Garret Davis, 10; Judge McLean, 18; Samuel Houston, 8; Kenneth Rayner, 14.

The Chair declared that Millard Fillmore having received a majority of the votes cast, was the nominee of the Convention for the office of President of the United States.

Mr. Scruggs, of N. Y., said, as he had first nominated George Law for President, he now moved that Millard Fillmore be declared the unanimous choice of the Convention.

Six hearty cheers were then given, and the greatest joy prevailed, amid all present, there being at this time 600 outsiders in the room, who gave vent to their feelings of delight in tones of thunder.

Mr. Bolling, of Va., said he came here on a platform "of right and victory."

Gen. Call, said he was deeply impressed with the gratitude of his brother in nominating him for the distinguished office.

Mr. Andrews, of Virginia, nominated Percy Walker, of Alabama, for Vice President.

The Convention then proceeded to ballot for a candidate for Vice President. The balloting was attended with much excitement and the frequent change created difficulty in making short a correct record.

Mr. A. H. H. Stewart, former Secretary of Interior under Mr. Fillmore, promised that old Virginia would be carried for Fillmore and Donaldson.

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The result was announced as follows: For Percy Walker, 8; A. H. H. Stewart, 2; Kenneth Rayner, 8; Andrew J. Donaldson, 181; H. J. Gardner, 12.

Mr. Donaldson having received a majority of the votes for the Vice Presidency, was declared duly nominated for that position.

After a number of short speeches, and among the rest, one from Mr. Donaldson, Mr. McCune, of V., said that the National Council had adopted a platform which was satisfactory neither to the North nor to the South.

They had now a platform which was satisfactory to both, in the shape of Fillmore and Donaldson. He moved that this Convention repudiate all platforms.

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MEETING OF BOLTERS. The Northern and Western Delegates, who bolted from the American National Convention on Monday last week, when the vote on Mr. Killinger's resolution was announced...

organized by the selection of Ex-Gov. Thos. H. Ford, as President, and L. G. Peck, and L. H. Webster, Secretaries.

The following named Delegates were present.—Ex-Gov. Colby, of N. H.; L. G. Peck, J. E. Dunham, H. Griswald, E. Perkins, D. B. Booth, of Conn.; E. J. Nightingale, Oliver Chase, of R. I.; W. S. Thurston, Z. K. Pangburn, of Mass.; John Williamson, B. M. Bidle, T. J. Coffey, S. P. Chase, of Penn.; A. F. Spooner, T. H. Ford, L. H. Olds, O. J. Fishback, Thomas McClees, E. T. Sturtevant, H. C. Hedges, J. H. Baker, N. H. C. Mitchell, Jacob Eggbert, W. B. Allison, W. B. Chapman, A. D. Rodgers, Chas. Nichols, W. Gilmore, D. W. Stambaugh, of Ohio; L. H. Webster, W. Penn Clark, of Iowa; Henry S. Jennings, of Illinois.

Mr. Clark, of Iowa, moved that a committee of one from each State be appointed to prepare a protest or a series of resolutions expressive of the sentiments of the body.

Mr. Clark said that his object was to have such a protest prepared as would show that the other body was not national.

A discussion arose on the motion. Mr. Dunham, of Conn., said that he would act with the present body, if there was to be no affiliation with the black Republicans.

Mr. Booth, of Conn., was of the same opinion. He said that if Mr. Fillmore be nominated by the other Convention, and he would be willing to stand on the anti-Nebraska Platform, he could go for him.

Mr. Stambaugh, of Ohio, thought it would not do for the Bolters to be stiff. If the Republicans could meet them on the American Platform, he did not see why they could not embrace.

Gen. Williamson, of Pa., said that he hoped they would not be put before the people wrongfully. He thought that if they protested against the Nebraska bill, and against the man who had signed the infamous Fugitive Slave bill, it would be enough.

At 8 o'clock the Delegates again assembled at the Merchants' Hotel. There were quite a number present who were not at the afternoon session.

To the American Party of the Union.—The undersigned Delegates to the National Nominating Convention, now in session at Philadelphia, find themselves compelled to dissent from the principles avowed by that body.

The discussion was confined to a few of those present, and was of rather spicy character. Some of the Delegates decided in favor of uniting with the Republicans, while others said that if that were done, they could not remain in the organization.

COOL.—In Detroit, Patrick Towles stabled a man named McLaughlin who that died in a few days. While his victim was lying on his death-bed, Towles sent him word that he would settle the matter for \$40. This beats the man who said, "I forgive you the \$5 I owe you."

The Charter of the "Franciscan Brothers, of Cambria county," which passed the House of Representatives, has been reported in the Senate, from a committee, with a recommendation that it be negatived.

Dr. Robinson was asked by Gov. Shannon what the free-State men would do if commanded to deliver up their arms?

A Texas exchange says that the earth is so kind in that State, that "just tickle her with a hoe and she will laugh with a harvest."

HEADS UP.—If you would get along in the world you must hold up your head even if there is nothing in it.