

Raftsmans Journal.



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Perfectly Natural.

A so-called Democratic journal in the State of Indiana, the Evansville Daily Sentinel on the Border, advocates the nomination of Robert E. Lee, as the Democratic candidate for President, in 1868.

Lee is the first choice of a grand army of Democrats in the North, who are not afraid to urge his claims before the country for that position, for which God especially endowed him.

That it is the purpose of the Northern Copperheads to honor one of the leaders of the late Rebellion with the nomination as their candidate for President in 1868, admits of little doubt, and hence the position of the editor of the Sentinel is perfectly logical and natural.

The Copperhead Platform.

In another column of to-day's paper will be found the resolutions of the State Copperhead Convention, which assembled at Harrisburg, on June 11th.

They are worthy, but tempered, and in the main evasive. Great care is manifested for the late rebels and their States, and none for the country.

A MURDERER SENTENCED.—John B. Aldington, who was convicted of murder in the first degree in the Butler county court, on a charge of killing James H. Teeple and Sidney Cunningham, of Portersville, on Christmas eve last, was granted a new trial on June 11th.

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Louisiana files into the ranks of the Union. The Union Convention on Thursday, June 13th, announced the name of their organization to be the "Radical Republican Party."

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It is reported that a high official of the present State Government of Louisiana was aware of the recent defalcation in the New Orleans Sub-Treasury some time before it became public, but failed to make it known to the Secretary of the Treasury as he ought to have done.

Copperheads quote the Daily News as a Republican paper. The same journals are in the habit of quoting Beverly Nash, the black man of the South, who is in the practice of opposing every effort of good for his race.

Common Schools.

At the late session of the Legislature a supplement to the Common School Law was enacted. The second section provides:

"That after the passage of this act, no teacher in this Commonwealth shall receive from a County Superintendent (nor from the proposed City and Borough Superintendents in some localities) a certificate as a teacher who has not a fair knowledge of orthography, reading, writing, geography, English grammar, mental and written arithmetic, history of the United States, and the theory of teaching, nor shall such certificate be given to any person who is in the habit of using as a beverage any intoxicating drinks, and all certificates given to teachers shall set forth the branches in which those holding them are proficient, and indicate by suitable marks the degree of that proficiency."

It further provides that henceforward there shall be three grades of certificates teachers—Provisional, Professional and Permanent.

The Provisional certificate is good for one year, but cannot be renewed without examination. The Professional certificate is good for three years. The Permanent certificate can be granted only by the State Superintendent, and to a person holding a professional certificate, upon recommendation of a board or boards of directors in whose employment the applicant shall have taught for the three preceding years, countersigned by the County Superintendent and approved by a committee of five teachers appointed for the purpose who may examine if they think proper.

Heretofore, the Provisional Certificate has been without authority of law. It was adopted on account of the inadequate supply of teachers properly qualified.

The extraordinary usurpations of Marosque, in the United States of Colombia, and the prospect of a long lease of war in those distracted countries, are awakening speculations as to how far foreign nations are bound to suffer a reign of anarchy which is disastrous to their interests as well as to the people more immediately concerned in it.

It is said to be probable in case Congress is not convened in July by the Speakers of the two Houses, that the President will issue his proclamation calling an extra session in August, in view of the difficulties and complications and conflict of opinions concerning the proper execution of the reconstruction act.

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A prize fight took place at Aquia creek, Virginia, on the 13th, between Collyer and Aaron, the latter being proclaimed the victor after 68 rounds had been fought.

In the Democratic State Convention, the resolution offered by Albert Schofield, complimenting Gen. Sheridan for his treatment of Gov. Wells, was declared out of order, and never heard of again.

The soldiers of Pennsylvania will of course not forget that a resolution complimenting General Sheridan, offered in the Sharswood State Convention, was declared out of order.

The Surratt trial was commenced in Washington, on Monday a-week, but up to this date the court has failed to obtain a full jury.

A Scrap of History.

"When the Democratic Party was in Power." We are continually and hugely amused with the boasting of certain Copperhead organs as to what the Democratic party did when it was in power.

It is a historical fact, that while that party was in power, in every department of the Government, the scheme of secession was concocted by the leading Democrats of the South, who controlled the Government and managed the Democratic party of the country.

But let us go further, and see what these Southern people did while they yet had all the power in the Government, the Treasury, the Army and Navy.

We have given the dates and the facts of history. Our enumeration of the wrongs of the Democratic party, when in power, forms but a portion of the dark crimes which hang over the career of that organization.

It will be remembered that the Copperheads have heretofore professed a holy horror for the intermeddling of preachers in politics.

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A farmer near Erie, Pa., bought several barrels of spoiled sausages for the purpose of using them as manure, and put a link into each hill of corn.

The next session of the Supreme Court will be held in Pittsburgh, commencing on the 24th of June.

The "Democratic" State Convention.

The so-called Democratic State Convention met at Harrisburg, on June 11th. On the second ballot George Sharswood, Esq., of Philadelphia, was nominated as the candidate for Supreme Judge.

PLATFORM.

We, the delegates of the Democratic party of Pennsylvania, in general State Convention assembled for the nomination of a candidate for Judge of the Supreme Court, profoundly grateful to the Supreme Ruler of the universe for the return of peace to our beloved country, but deeply anxious on account of trials and delays which impede the complete restoration and re-union of all the States, and appreciating the dangers which threaten the safety of our political institutions and the future peace, liberty, and prosperity of the people, resolve:

First. That we steadfastly adhere to the principles of civil government established by the founders of the Union, and in the present conflict of legislative usurpation, with constitutional law we esteem a wise, upright, and fearless judiciary the greatest bulwark of public liberty and individual rights.

Second. That the union of the States is perpetual, and the Federal Government supreme within its Constitutional limits.

Third. That representation in the Congress of the United States and in the Electoral College is a right fundamental and indestructible in its nature, and abiding in every State; being a duty as well as a right pertaining to the people of every State, and essential to our republican system of government, its denial is the destruction of the Government itself.

Fourth. Each State having under the Constitution the exclusive right to prescribe qualifications of its own electors, we proclaim as usurpation and outrage the establishment of negro suffrage in any of the States by the coercive exercise of the Federal power; and we shall resist to the last resort the threatened measures of the leaders of the Republican party in Congress with the regulations of the elective franchise in the State of Pennsylvania.

Fifth. That we are opposed to any amendment of the Constitution of this State giving the right of negro suffrage.

Sixth. That the failure of the tariff bill in the last session of the late Congress, more than three-fourths of the members of which belonged to the Republican party, is an illustration of their infidelity to their pledges and neglect of their professions in relation to the great industrial and financial interests of the country.

Seventh. That the Radical majority in Congress, and those who sustain them, have overthrown the Constitution, dismembered the Federal Union, and subverted republican government by a long series of usurpations, among which are the following:

Eighth. That a strict conformity, both by Federal and State Governments, to all powers, restrictions, and guarantees, as contained in the Constitution of the United States, a rigid and wise economy in the administration of public affairs, and the election of capable, honest, and patriotic men to office, are measures absolutely necessary to restore public confidence, avert national bankruptcy, and to insure the perpetuity of our free institutions.

Ninth. That the late Republican Legislature of this State has distinguished itself for the number of its unwise and unconstitutional enactments. Some of these laws have already been judicially determined to be unconstitutional; others are unwise, inexpedient, oppressive, and fanatical, and the members who sustained them should be condemned by the people at the polls.

Tenth. That the power and success of the Democratic party greatly depend on the character and efficiency of its newspaper press, and that, to give due force to its usefulness, this convention earnestly request that in every county all the members of the Democratic party should make vigorous efforts to increase its circulation by giving it their individual patronage and support.

Eleventh. That the Democracy of Pennsylvania, by their representatives now assembled, hereby tender acknowledgements and thanks to the Hon. George W. Woodard, in his retirement from the position of Chief Justice of this Commonwealth, for the pure, faithful, and able manner in which he discharged the duties of that exalted position.

Twelfth. That the candidate we this day present to the people of Pennsylvania for a place on the Supreme Bench of the State, is in all respects worthy of the confidence and support of all who are in favor of enlightened, faithful, and impartial administration of the laws.

VERDICT AGAINST THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.—A special dispatch from Middleburg, Pa., says the Pittsburgh Gazette, states that the jury in the case of the heirs of Col. Butler against the Pennsylvania Railroad Company rendered a verdict in favor of the plaintiffs awarding damages to the amount of \$18,000.

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A Letter from General Longstreet.

The following is the text of Gen. Longstreet's letter upon reconstruction, in reply to a communication addressed to him by John M. G. Parker:

NEW ORLEANS, LA., June 3, 1867.—Your esteemed favor of the 15th ult. was duly received. I was pleased to have the opportunity to hear Senator Wilson, and was agreeably surprised to meet such fairness and frankness, in a politician whom I have been taught to believe uncompromisingly opposed to the white people of the South.

I have maturely considered your suggestion to "wisely unite in efforts to restore Louisiana to her former position in the Union, through the party now in power." My letter of the 6th of April, to which you refer, clearly indicates a desire for practical reconstruction and reconciliation. Practical men can surely distinguish between practical reconstruction and reconstruction as an abstract question.

I shall set out by assuming a proposition that I hold to be self-evident, viz: The highest of human laws is the law that is established by appeal to arms.

The great principles that divided political parties prior to the war were thoroughly discussed by our wisest statesmen. When argument was exhausted resort was had to compromise. When compromise was unavailing, discussion was renewed, and expedients were sought, but none could be found to suit the emergency.

The military bill and amendments are peace offerings. We should accept them as such, and place ourselves upon them as the starting point from which to meet future political issues as they arise.

I appreciate the principles of the Democratic party, its prominent features oppose the disfranchisement of the colored man, and deny the right to legislate upon the subject of suffrage, except by the States, individually.

It appears, therefore, that those who cry loudest against this new order of things as a public calamity, are those whose principles would fix it upon us without a remedy.

THE WAY THEY TREAT DESPERADOES IN KANSAS.—The Leaverworth (Kansas) Conservative of June 1st, says: For some time past two notorious horse thieves and desperadoes, named Marion Keller and Clifford Sanders, have been roaming through Platte county, Missouri.

CAUTION.—All persons are hereby cautioned against purchasing or in any way meddling with one horse and one wagon, now in possession of Joel Wolsneroff, of Chest town, and are subject to my order at any time.

CAUTION.—All persons are hereby cautioned against purchasing or in any way meddling with three red cows, 20 sheep, and 6 yearling hogs, now in the possession of Richard Phillips, of Decatur township, as the same belong to me and have only been left with said Wood on loan, and are subject to my order at any time.

CONCERT.—The Cherrytree Singing Association will give a Concert, in the Presbyterian Church, on the Fourth of July, 1867. The performance will consist of National and Patriotic Songs, Glee, Choruses, Quartettes, &c. to commence at 7 o'clock P. M. Tickets 25 cents each—to be obtained at the stores. No tickets sold at the door.

CAUTION.—All persons are hereby cautioned against purchasing or in any way meddling with the following named property, now in pasture at Thomas Ruffery's subject to my order, to wit: one iron gray mare, one light gray horse, as the same belong to me.

PUMPS.—Having located permanently in Clayville, near Puncatowney I have and intend keeping constantly on hand and ready for delivery, yellow and white pumps, to suit wells of all depths.

BUILDERS will find it to their interest to buy Nails and Spikes, Window-glass, Paints and Oil, of J. P. KRATZER.

GENERAL GRANT AND THE PRESIDENT.

The Cincinnati Gazette, referring to the alleged preference on the part of General Grant for General Sherman for the Presidency, remarks as follows:

This statement is to be taken with the usual allowance due to the New York Herald. This is not the way Gen. Grant talks. He is known to be a candidate for the nomination of the Republican party for the Presidency, and of course he does not desire to transfer it to any other man, nor does he suppose that it would be offered to any man who was not fully committed to the principles of the Republican party.

The Freedmen's Bureau reports for the last month are generally encouraging. From them can be partially seen what the Government is doing for the re-habilitation and upbuilding of the South.

Under the management of Senator Wilson and the advice and personal interposition of the Union Leagues of Philadelphia and other cities, the existing divisions of sentiment among the Union men of Virginia have been adjusted.

It is announced from an authoritative source that President Johnson has not encouraged any one to believe that he entertains the idea of removing General Sheridan. We are glad to know that for one the President has some respect for the expressed will of the people who elected him.

Our little four year old takes notice of all matters that she sees or hears. Hearing the word spider used the other day in some conversation about cooking, and wishing afterwards to use the same term, she having forgotten the real word, called it a cooking bug. We think she will pass.

Here is a recipe for a pleasant summer drink, within the means of everybody. To a tumbler full of good buttermilk add a spoonful of crushed sugar and stir it well. It will be found very refreshing, and for taste, ranks next to first class soda water.

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New Advertisements.

Advertisement set in large type, extra, or out of plain style will be charged double price for preparation.

NOTICE.—All persons knowing themselves indebted to the Estate of Matthew Savage, on money account, will pay the same to me; and all contracts made by him to be paid in wool, to be paid to J. B. A. C. B. RICH. JAMES SAVAGE, New Washington, July 7, '67-3p.

TO CORPORATORS.—There will be a meeting of the corporators of the "Whittier Run Improvement Company," at Leesville, on the first day of July next. All owners are invited to attend. P. B. MURRILL, For Corporators.

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COFFEES.—Tea, Coffee, Sugar, Molasses & Rice, &c., at special rates by the quantity at J. P. KRATZER'S, June 12, 1867.