

DEMOCRAT & STAR.



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Democratic State Convention.

Hon. WILLIAM A. WALLACE, the efficient Chairman of the Democratic State Committee, has issued a call for a meeting of the said Committee, to be held at Harrisburg, on the 29th of January, for the purpose of making the arrangements preparatory to the holding of a Democratic State Convention.

The Hon. GEORGE W. WOODWARD, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court in Pennsylvania, will retire from his present high position, upon the first day of next December, which will terminate his official tenure of fifteen years in office, the entire duties of which station he has discharged with fidelity, great ability and to the general satisfaction of every friend of Constitutional Liberty in this broad Commonwealth. We understand, that Judge Woodward, will unequivocally decline a re-nomination, and the duty will then devolve upon the Democracy of this State to select and nominate a suitable candidate for his successor. In this connection, we would suggest the name of Hon. William Elwell of Columbia County; or, that of the Hon. WILLIAM A. WALLACE, the able State Senator of Clearfield County, either of whom possess all the requisite elementary qualifications—character, legal ability and admitted popularity—to insure the triumphal success at the next General Election, and adorn that distinguished position to the honor of the Democracy of Pennsylvania.

That they are indisposed to accept such conditions, is manifest from their recent and even arrogant rejection of the proposed amendments of the National Constitution—true and patriotic citizens and statesmen, to be too mild and generous.

They have, however, been fully considered by the people during the late elections, and approved by majorities so large as to give them a sanction which it would be improper to either overlook or disregard. And certainly, in view of this fact, none of the late rebel States should be admitted to their former "practical relations" to the General Government, while they continue to oppose those amendments.

To the Congress of the United States the heartfelt sympathies and overwhelming suffrages of the people have been generously given. They have fearlessly proclaimed their unequivocal—"Well done, good and faithful servants!" Upon the deliberations and actions of congress our present interest and future welfare depend. In its firmness and courage the whole experiment of genuine republicanism is indissolubly involved. That this firmness and courage will be fully exhibited by its controlling majorities, in the origination and adoption of measures of wisdom and discretion, even more radical and decisive, if necessary, than those of the past, I entertain no doubt. Such measures will meet with my cordial approval. And I may well add, that while Pennsylvania will confide in a loyal Congress, she will not hesitate to sustain it with her entire influence and power.

In the administration of the Government I may err, is only what should be expected from the infirmities of the human mind; but as I enter upon the discharge of my responsible duties with a firm resolution to act with honesty and impartiality, I trust my errors will be regarded with charity and treated with the gentleness of magnanimous forgiveness.

And I earnestly hope that my intercourse with my fellow citizens of the Senate and House of Representatives will be so frank and cordial, that our duties to a common constituency will be pleasantly and faithfully discharged. Different branches of the Government as we are, with distinctive duties, we are nevertheless parts of one organized and well regulated system, and as we co-operate or disagree, the interests of the State will be promoted or retarded. Elected by the people, desirous to promote the welfare of every citizen, mere party differences should not be allowed to interfere with the maintenance of a generous, a true and comprehensive public policy.

It was the illustrious Washington, equally distinguished as a warrior and a statesman, who gave utterance to the declaration, "that the propitious smiles of Heaven cannot be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right;" and Jefferson who asserted that "whatever is morally wrong cannot be politically right." These utterances express my deepest convictions of the rules and principles which should permeate all and control all governments. Let us, fellow citizens, adhere to them, be governed by them, and our efforts will be happily united in surrounding the institutions of our State, as well as those of our nation, with a rampart of truth that will repel the madness of ambition, the schemes of usurpation, and successfully resist changes and agitations of all coming time.

REMOVAL OF THE DEAD.—The U. S. Burial Corps arrived here on Tuesday for the purpose of removing the Federal dead in this vicinity on the Antietam Cemetery. The Corps brought with them some sixty officers, and the work of disinterment commenced on Wednesday at the graveyard near the Almshouse. At this point there are about one hundred graves, and owing to the manner in which the ground is frozen the work progresses slowly, and it will doubtless require some four or five days time to remove all of the bodies. As a matter of course the disinterments are being witnessed by a large number of "sight-seers."

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THE TRAITORS OF OUR COUNTRY.—We have been told that the traitors of our country have been Arnold and Burr. Who will be the next?

A Rebuke to Stevens and the "Dead Duck."

"When things get worst they are apt to mend," is an old saying. We have the truth of this saying exemplified in the case of the recent attempt of John W. Forney and Thad. Stevens to have the latter elected to the United States Senate by the Legislature of Pennsylvania. It is a hopeful sign, corrupt as the majority of this legislature is, that they refused, with manifest tokens of indignation at the presumptuous boldness of the "dead duck" and his "great commoner" (Thad. Stevens!) to give the latter even a respectable vote. Forney had insisted for weeks, in his two daily papers, that Stevens was the representative man of the Radical party; but after all these weary weeks of labor, and after Forney had regularly and in an authoritative manner, renounced what he considered his own claims to the position of United States Senator, and informed the people of the United States that the best, and, in fact, the only way to demonstrate that Radicalism was "the law of the land," was to make that ancient relic of the buckshot war a Senator in the Congress of the Nation,—after all this weary and sickening work, that the "great commoner" should come off with only seven votes in a poll of eighty-one, is undeniably a serious rebuke to this defunct web-footed animal, who, in his political life-time was supposed to use his pedal extremities with a degree of dexterity not to be imitated.

Even members from Stevens' own District refused to vote for him. Exit Stevens and Forney.

As for Cameron, the newly elected Senator, the world knows his history. Corruption and fraud are marked upon the foreheads of most Republican leaders, and Cameron has not escaped the stern criticism of the honest men of the land. But whatever of political corruption may be imputed to Cameron, there is no comparison in this respect between him and the abolitionist and amalgamationists, Stevens. The present legislature of Pennsylvania has saved their State some disgrace by thus rebuking the hounds of Abolitionists.

Prepare for Revolution!

We publish elsewhere, in this edition of the *DEMOCRAT & STAR*, a warning voice from Washington. The *Philadelphia Inquirer*, of last Saturday, from which we copy the startling extract, with great apparent ignorance, inquires—"What does it mean?" We can tell the *Logalist* of the *Inquirer*, and his cohorts of *Radical Treason*, what it does mean. It simply means, that the Radical traitors in Congress have brought our country to the verge or very vortex of another bloody Revolution, and that the Senate has declared military commissions for the trial of civilians illegal and unconstitutional. This is a fact, and the individual that ever doubted it, knows but little about the Constitution—it is one of its plainest provisions. The lynching and murder of a fellow creature on the Western border is no more illegal and criminal than the murder of Mrs. Surratt by Holt, Stanton & Co. Their transactions for the past five years will be a terrible record for the historian to place on the page of history, and at the same time state that these men were professed Christians, and had a plain written code to guide and control them, under the solemn obligations of an oath. Jo. Holt and Ed. Stanton pronounced murderers by a co-ordinate branch of the Government! No wonder the lesser dogs who have been engaged in similar murderous transactions feel an unpleasant twitching below the ears, and raise a howl against the tribunal that has branded them with eternal infamy.

"No rogue e'er felt the halter draw,
With good opinion of the law."

JUDGE SPALDING.—This valuable agricultural journal, established in the year 1842, and published in both the German and English languages, at \$1.50 a year is the best publication of the kind in the United States. It is a paper of more than the ordinary size, in pamphlet form, containing not less than thirty-six pages in each number, well printed, on large clear type. And not the least feature about it is, the fine and interesting engravings each number contains. No farmer, though he be a large or small farmer, should be without this publication. It is truly the farmer's and gardener's work, gotten up especially for their benefit. The publishers are practical men, they speak from experience and observation and cannot be well misinformed on any subject of agriculture. Address, ORANGE JUDD & CO., 41 Park Row, New York.

RING IT IN THEIR EARS.—"Taxation with our Representation is Tyranny!" Ring it in the ears of Congress! Let the people hear it! Let the wide world know how ten sovereign States are disenchanted! Read our musty old copies of the Declaration of Independence over again! Let the State House bell ring once more; and let another John Hancock proclaim, "Taxation without Representation is Tyranny!" Speak it, write it, print it, engrave it, sing it, and shout it throughout all the land, till the utmost bounds of civilization shall give back the echo, "Taxation without Representation is Tyranny!" God of justice! Shall Thad. Stevens fare better than Lord North? Shall Boutwell be mightier than George the Third?

ACCIDENT.—One evening last week, our down stairs neighbor, Mr. John Swisford, put up for the night at the American House, in the city of Williamsport. Soon after his horses and vehicle with its contents, cigars and tobacco, were safely, as he supposed, housed in the stable belonging to the Hotel, a fire broke out in the stable building. The alarm was given, and Mr. Swisford by the greatest effort, succeeded in rescuing the horses and wagon from the rapidly spreading flames, but doing so his face and hands were severely burned. Considerable damage was done to the wagon and its contents.

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What Does it Mean?

We cite the following paragraph from a special despatch to the *Philadelphia Inquirer* of the 5th instant:

"The President's evening organ says of the administration, that 'If necessary its strong and iron hand will be invoked to stay the course and prevent the consummation of radical treason.' The great oath of the President, to protect and defend the Constitution, will not be forgotten, and the people who sustain him with their five hundred thousand majority of voting population, North and South, will not forget him.—Events have already brought the government to the very verge of another revolution. If the radical majority in Congress pursues its treasonable course much longer, the Government, in order to sustain itself, will have to arm its supporters. At the call of the President all his friends, North and South, and the Army and Navy, will respond. In such a contest the issue cannot be doubtful. Congressmen may be valiant fighters on the floor of Congress, but when they come to lead their cohorts into the field, it will be another thing. Real armies and the great soldiers of the Republic will be found fighting under the flag. We advise the opposition of the determined and fixed fact that Andrew Johnson will serve out his Constitutional term of office.

Auditor General's Report.

We have given this annual document a superficial view, and to find that the balance in the Treasury is \$632,000 short of last year. In turning over the leaves, however,

we find the following parties have made raids on that Department, and the only wonder is, that there was anything left, as the State Treasury has served them in the capacity of a Freedman's Bureau for a series of years.

The following items we find in one drawer of this bureau:

Col. (?) McClellan, for whiskey, etc., destroyed by the Rebels.....\$8,000

Gov. Curtin, for extraordinary expenses.....5,000

Treasurer Kendall and Gov. Curtin, for expenses in visiting Washington, we can travel cheaper than that.....1,767

Gen. (?) Harry White, for 4th of July expenses.....5,000

Wm. B. Mann, for examining books of insurance agents.....8,362

This gentleman is District Attorney of Philadelphia, and has made \$25,000 out of the past year. How he finds time to take this slice out of the State, we cannot comprehend.

Geo. Bergner, for miscellaneous articles furnished Geo. W. Hanesley, Clerk of the Senate.....\$2,456

It is a wonder that this item was not \$24,560.

We suspect, however, that the balance is sliced out under some other name, so that the child would not be recognized by the tax payers. Why the civil expenses should be increased \$53,000 over last year, we have not yet had time to examine. We observe that the Surveyor General's office, which the loyalists talked of abolishing, has cost the taxpayers \$20,000—\$3,000 more than last year, when in Democratic hands. We presume it will not be abolished now, as it is one of the bureaus allotted to "loyal whites." —*Cleveland Republican.*

The Senatorship.

The great struggle between Curtin, Cameron and Stevens, for the United States Senatorship is at last an end, and Cameron is triumphant. The old "Winnebago" played his cards well, and has been rewarded with the object of his aspirations for many years. Curtin, chagrined and humbled, will now retire, unenvied, to private life in Bellefonte, and Stevens, with hate in his soul, will resume his seat in the Rump House of Representatives. Although Democrats despise Cameron, believing he is less capable to promote evil than Stevens—because he has less ability—and knowing that whenever it becomes necessary to the success of a democratic measure for the democratic party to own him, his politics will be all right, they prefer to see him the Senator. But, great Heavens! what an awful farce it is, and what a perversion of the true intent of the founders of our form of government to clothe with the senatorial toga the outward semblance of a man like Simon Cameron.

A RAID ON FORNEY.

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READING RAIL ROAD.

WINTER ARRANGEMENT.

Washington, January 18, 1867.

NATIONAL BANK CIRCULATION.

The House Committee on Banking and Currency had under consideration this morning Mr. Randall's bill providing for a gradual withdrawal of the circulation of national banks and the substitution of government currency therefor. Without coming to any definite conclusion on the subject, the committee adjourned to meet again on Friday next.

The better impression is that they will report the bill substantially in its present shape.

NEBRASKA AND COLORADO.

The bills for the admission of these Territories upon the precedent condition of negro suffrage passed the Senate to-day as amended by the House. A veto in both cases is anticipated and the Radicals are making preparations accordingly.

THE NUMBER OF REMOVALS.

It appears from the semi-official statement of Senator Cowan, in debate to-day, that the total number of removals since the adjournment of the Senate last July, was four hundred and forty-six, out of a total number of appointments of two thousand four hundred and thirty-four.

BILL SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT.

The President has approved the bill suspending the payment of money to persons claiming the services or labor of colored volunteers or drafted men.

WASHINGTON, January 18, 1867.

The Ways and Means Committee will soon decide on the proposition to reduce the tax on whisky to one dollar per gallon. So far as I can learn the committee are about evenly divided on the question of reduction, but strong hope is entertained by parties favorable to it, that they will finally recommend a material diminution of the present exorbitant tax.

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