

THE COMPILER

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Republican Triumphs

Congress has been in session since the fifth day of the month, and yet the House of Representatives has not succeeded in choosing a Speaker. How much longer the contest will go on no man can tell. The end of it cannot be seen. Some happy chance may bring the struggle to a speedy and fortunate close, but there is reason to fear it will go on for weeks or months, draining the public treasury, heating the blood of the contending parties, and weakening the bonds of the Union. The Republican party is powerless for good, but potent for evil. Its triumphs are always followed by confusion and strife. Four years ago, when Republicanism and Know Nothingism overran the country, it took the House more than two months to elect a Speaker, and that Congress, over which Mr. Bates presided, was distinguished above all others for corruption. Two years ago, when the Democrats had a majority, the House was organized without trouble or delay, and the public business went on. But now again, as four years ago, Republicanism and Know Nothingism—the one operating at the North and the other at the South—have reduced the Democracy to a minority in Congress, and what is the result? Confusion and strife! Delay in the transaction of public business and danger to the Union!

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The Real Disunionists—The Argument of Force

"It really looked as if Southern members are earnest, or believe themselves to be, in their determination to follow the example of John Brown, in the event of the expulsion of their party from power in the Federal Government. If such be their determination, we can only wish them to remember the fate of John Brown."—Adams Sentinel.

State Convention

The Democratic State Convention met at Philadelphia on Tuesday last, and passed a resolution, in view of the fact that the 4th of March will come on Sunday, to hold the State Convention on Wednesday, the 29th of February, and fixed upon Reading as the place. The proceedings will appear in our post.

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What's to Become of Them?

—In all republics we ask, what is to become of the Republic party? Brown, Cook, Dowie, Green and Stevens all hanged; Gerrit Smith in an insane asylum, Fred Douglas and Dr. Howe in Canada, Seward suspected of complicity with traitors, Greeley denounced on the floor of Congress, as "occupying a false position, sly-eight of their members of Congress killed outright by Helper's book, what is to become of them? All their leaders wiped out but Abe Lincoln and Tom Corwin—what will they do?"

Aggricultural Convention and Lectures at Yale College

It is proposed to have what may be termed an "aggricultural" protracted meeting at Yale College during the winter of 1859-60, to last throughout the whole month of February. The exercises are to consist of lectures by leading reliable men, eminent in the different departments of agriculture, horticulture, stock-raising, etc.

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