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GETTYSBURG, PA.
MONDAY MORNING, SEPT. 7, 1863.

DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.

For Governor,
HON. GEO. W. WOODWARD,
of LEIZENBERG COUNTY.

For Judge of the Supreme Court,
HON. WALTER H. LOWRIE,
of ALLEGHENY COUNTY.

THE UNION AS IT WAS—THE CONSTITUTION AS IT IS.

Democratic Delegate Elections and County Convention.

At a meeting of the Democratic Committee of Adams county, held at the public house of Charles Hill, Esq., in Gettysburg, on Saturday, August 29th, 1863, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Democratic voters of Adams county be and they are hereby requested to meet at their usual places of holding Delegate Elections, on **FRIDAY, the 12th day of September next,** for the purpose of choosing Delegates to represent them at the County Convention to be held in Gettysburg, on **MONDAY following,** (Sept. 14th), at 10 o'clock, A. M., to nominate a County Ticket, and transact such other business as may be deemed necessary. The Delegates to open at 2 and close at 5 o'clock, P. M. In all the districts except Gettysburg—in the latter the election to be held between 7 and 9, P. M.

Every friend of the "GOOD OLD CAUSE"—always the cause of the UNION and the CONSTITUTION—is solicited to participate in these meetings.

JACOB BRINKERHOFF, Chairman.
Joseph Lilly, Secretary.
Aug. 31, 1863.

DELEGATE ELECTIONS.

The Democratic Delegate Elections in the several districts of this county will take place on Saturday next. Let the best men be sent to the Convention, and a good, strong ticket will be the result. We have a Governor to elect in October—and the salvation of our distracted country may depend upon the choice which the people of Pennsylvania shall make on that day. With the election of Judge Woodward, we may look to the future with hope bright and hearts buoyant. The popularity of the local tickets will help largely to secure the success of our State ticket, and hence it is more important than ever that the best men be placed upon those tickets. The Convention on Monday will therefore see the necessity of making the most judicious selections from the good material presented. This done, the success of the ticket will be assured by a handsome majority.

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE.

The New York Herald says: "At the time of the division of the Democratic National Convention, in 1860, each wing of the party appointed a committee to call future conventions. The committee of which Mr. Belmont chairman has been called to meet in this city on Monday, September 14th. An effort is being made to have another committee meet at the same time, and also to call a National Convention, but a recent report of action may be had of all persons opposed to the destructive measures of the radical Abolitionists, and in order to produce a union on a conservative candidate for the Presidency."

By the action of the Democratic Executive Committee, which took place at their meeting in Washington on the 29th ultimo, all cause of difficulty or dissatisfaction was happily removed. The two National Democratic Committees have patriotically determined to meet at the same place, at the same hour, and for the same high purpose. Besides this, the presence of all "conservative men" opposed to the destructive measures of the radical Abolitionists, is heartily desired for the purpose, and in the language of the Herald, "to produce a union on a conservative candidate for the Presidency." God speed the good work!

The Democrats of Franklin county has nominated the following ticket: Assembly, J. McD. Sharpe, of Franklin, Wm. Horton, of Fulton, Prothonotary, John R. Orr; Register & Recorder, S. R. McKesson; Clerk of the Court, H. C. Phenice; Treasurer, Jacob C. Secord; Commissioner, Jacob Brewer; Director of the Poor, John C. Trille; Auditor, Wm. H. Blair.

This is an excellent ticket, and should, and we doubt not, receive at least five hundred majority. There are in Franklin county, as there are in this hundred of Republicans who will no longer associate with that party. They cannot follow their leaders into the "dark" waters of Abolitionism—men to which is not only distasteful to them as white men, but which is costing them so much.

"Let the soldiers vote."—Abolition paper.

By all means, let them vote. But let not vote—soldiers of both parties. It is not fair to allow the Republicans to come home and do the voting, whilst Democrats are compelled to keep their places in the army to do the fighting. "Fair-play is a jewel."

The Republican constantly charging that Judge Woodward did a heinous act in declaring the soldier-voting law unconstitutional. Let Judge Woodward's Republican Judge, took the same view of the matter, and fully accorded with the latter. These party-blinded demagogues can hardly tell the truth or do a fair thing.

The Democratic State of New Jersey is filling up her quota of the draft with volunteers. No draft will therefore be made in that State.

JUDGE WOODWARD.

The Republican papers are working themselves into a fine frenzy about Judge Woodward. Stories are invented of what he said twenty or thirty years ago; and as soon as one is refuted, another is ready and immediately put upon the track. The whole inventive genius of the clan is at work, and a rapid succession of distortions, contortions, falsehoods and fery, may be looked for in this until the second Tuesday of October.—Plain truth concerning the Democratic nomination for Governor is the last thing the Republicans will resort to—and so far from them is it, that they will not begin to reach it during this campaign if ever.

That would please Judge Woodward in just the light in which the Democracy delight to view him, but in which his opponents dread his very name.—But they may rest, and rant until their throats are sore, their pens worn out, and their paper exhausted, without getting his name cleared. For one who has been in public life as long as Judge Woodward, could stand their assaults so well. Sounding, as it does, a public and private character without blame, he can sit unmoved and laugh at the imbecile malignity of his enemies.

By the theory of our institutions the people rule by the Government by agents, selected by them for that purpose, who can more conveniently act for them than they can act for themselves. The whole people cannot meet to either make laws or execute them. The so-called rulers of the people, then, are thereby their agents, deputed by them to make their laws, under the letter of instructions, previously prepared, called Constitutions. It is obviously, then, a principle of law, as well as of common sense, that the people have the right to guide, direct, and supervise the acts of their agents. They do this through the press, in their public assemblies, and the various other modes by which the principal may direct the agent. The doctrine set up by the Republicans, in these latter days, which assumes, that when the people undertake to exercise their undoubted rights, they subject themselves to the charge of disloyalty, is a perversion of the elementary principle of our free institutions, which was not dreamed of in our better days.

This fallacy on the part of the Republicans sadly needs revision and correction. We beseech them to pause and reflect in time. If they do not speedily correct this fundamental error, the consuming fire of their indignation. So mote it be!

It is a noteworthy fact that those who clamored loudest for war, about the time the Rebellion was breaking out, stay at home and let others do the fighting. When the Crittenden Compromise was being urged in Congress, a petition was gotten up here against that measure—a measure which, if adopted, would have settled the country's troubles without war, and saved thousands of lives and millions of money. That petition was signed by one hundred and six persons. How many of them are in the service? Very few, we imagine—certainly not one of those who interested themselves in securing the signatures. They keep at a very safe distance from bullets.

The *Fuging in Indiana*.—As an evidence of the public feeling in Indiana, we may state that a township Democratic meeting at Dussow, Knox county, was attended, says the *Vincennes Sun*, by 8,000 or 7,000 people. Vinces and Allen, members of Congress from Indiana, made speeches. All ages and sexes were represented, including the most magnificent display of ladies ever congregated. The people came in wagons, with music and banners flying, on horseback, on foot, and in every conceivable way that was requisite to reach the point.—*Cin. Inquirer*.

The *Ohio Statesman*.—The Newark (O.) *Advocate* states that the Hon. Charles Fols has lately returned home from his tour with Mr. Douglass to Northern Ohio. He gave glowing accounts of the meetings he attended, and of the unbounded enthusiasm of the people. He says that his friends everywhere agree that such meetings as the Democracy are now holding were never equaled in the history of the State.

The radicals thought they had lost one friend in the Kentucky delegation just elected to Congress.—Gen. Greene Clay Smith, nephew of Cassius M. and Brutus J. Clay, whom they invited to speak at Columbus, Ohio, on the 19th. He spoke. He says as reported in a Cincinnati Republican paper:

"Kentucky is a slave State, and she voted against Mr. Lincoln. I do not stand here as an advocate of Mr. Lincoln or his party. I never belonged to either of the political parties that had their existence upon this side of the Ohio river. I have always been, and am to-day, a Douglas Democrat. I have always been, and am to-day, as far as opinion and sentiment concerned, a pro-slavery man. I may as well say here that I am a slave-owner and have always owned slaves."

The Republican papers are all engrossed in publishing Gov. Curtin's speech of acceptance, recently delivered to a meeting of his friends and dependents at Harrisburg. Would it not be a good idea now for them to also publish his letter of declination, sent into the Legislature last winter, in which he said that he was not desirous of the people can have an opportunity of seeing how much reliance is to be placed in his pledged word?

The *Pittsburgh Chronicle*, known as an able and influential opposition journal, uses the following frank and manly language in regard to the Democratic State ticket and the approaching election:

"The gubernatorial canvass in this State promises to be very spirited and exciting, and it is utterly impossible now to predict how it will result. The Democratic party have a ticket of unusual strength and excellency in the field, and it will require the united and most energetic efforts of the Union party to defeat it."

Turning the way.—"Yet why should a negro vote more than a negro stable boy?"—*N. Y. Tribune*.

Oh, yes, make them Congressmen, by all means!

The Girard Union, with its customary wit, says of the heavy thunder storm of Saturday morning, two weeks ago, that "as exhibition it was excellently well done."

The famous guerrilla Mosely is reported to have died of wounds recently received in a bloody fight in Virginia.

JUDGE WOODWARD ON THE WORD "WHITE" IN OUR CONSTITUTION.

In January, 1853, twenty-five years ago, a great question came before the Convention which made our present Constitution, whether the right to vote should be confined to white men or extended so as to embrace blacks. To the powerful efforts and speech of Judge Woodward upon that occasion we are indebted for that word in our Constitution which now in view of the manipulation policy of the administration, becomes more valuable than ever. The Judge commenced his great speech upon the motion to insert the word "white" by saying:

"I would not be voters in Pennsylvania, or in other words who ought to have political control of our government? This is a question of the first importance and of great magnitude. When you have established and distributed a right to vote, you are secondly, and lastly, determining the second department—legislative, executive and judicial, it remains to decide who shall direct and control the government. The machine may be well supplied with all the necessary wheels and springs, but if governing and fitted to them, some serious and important question may arise, as to the great moment, as to who shall have the regulation of its motions and direction, when it is finished and ready for use. This question has now to be answered with reference to two distinct and separate classes of men, the whites and the blacks, and from all the reflection I have been able to give the subject I am prepared to say, the political powers of the government ought to be exercised exclusively by the whites. In coming to this conclusion, I have endeavored, as far as possible, to direct my mind of all popular prejudices against the African race, whom we have among us. They deserve my sympathies and they have them; but I feel unwilling to surrender this question, and I therefore prepared to vote for this amendment and to say in our Constitution that the voters of Pennsylvania shall be white freemen."

He then proceeded in a statesmanlike manner to support his position and in reply to others who had spoken in favor of conferring the right to vote upon blacks.

On the 6th of May, 1842, President Lincoln made a speech in Cincinnati on a subject at a gathering of negroes for the purpose of presenting Mr. Chase, now Secretary of the Treasury, with a silver pitcher. Then and there Mr. Lincoln said amid the sweet aroma of perspiring negroes: "We feel, therefore, that all alleged distinctions between individuals of the same community, founded in any circumstance of color, origin or like, are hostile to the genius of our institutions and incompatible with the true history of American liberty. I embrace with pleasure this opportunity of declaring my disapprobation of the clause of the Constitution which denies to the portion of the colored people the right of suffrage."

Gov. Curtin belonged to the same school of Abolitionists. In his recent speech accepting the nomination he said nothing against the President's emancipation and negro equality policy.

White men of Pennsylvania, are any of you governed by your passions and prejudices as now to admit negroes to terms of political and social equality. If so, vote for Curtin, if not, vote for Judge Woodward.—*Carroll Democrat*.

POLITICAL PREACHING.

At a recent meeting of the Congregational Association in Hartford, Conn., it was stated by one of the committees that the Episcopal Church baptized five children to their one; that few additions were made to their church membership and that there was a lamentable dearth of interest in this cause of Christianity. The reason for all this is apparent enough. It is political preaching. The Christian churches cannot prosper, so long as their houses of public worship are turned into political caucus speaking of political preaching from the pulpits, for the past few years, says the *New York Herald*. "The people in one part of the land have been widely without clergymen. The latter have turned into political organs, and have been making the temple consecrated to worship, a place of brawling and contention. We heard a clergyman preach a sermon on the Lord's prayer, in which he said that we had no right, neither was it our duty to forgive our political enemies, and that to pray for forgiveness as we have forgiven others was not based on any trespass other than of a personal and private nature. This horrible distortion of God's word was actually made to defile the atmosphere of a New England church on a calm summer morning, a church in which men were accustomed in other and better years to hear the sure word of truth proclaimed by the pastorate of men of noble worth, which makes drunken so many in our day."

THE BRAVE SOLDIER DOES NOT ENDSORSE THE POLITICAL TRICKSTER.

HEADQUARTERS-ARMY OF POTOMAC, September 1, 1863.

I learn from the New York papers which have just reached us, that General Meade, in his speech accepting the sword from General Grant on Friday last, commended Governor Curtin, and advocated his reelection. Nothing could be more false; and I am surprised that such expedients should be resorted to by politicians to bolster up a candidate. I was present during the entire ceremony, and heard every word spoken by General Meade. He made no political allusions whatever. The Pennsylvania delegation were behaving in a very noisy manner, some of them being quite intoxicated, and I am of opinion that General Meade wished to get rid of them as soon as possible.

I hope you will contradict this absurd story. General Meade has no desire to mix himself up in Pennsylvania politics. He is a soldier, and wishes to have nothing to do with politicians.

I am, very respectfully, yours,
A SOLDIER.

Governor Curtin, in his last annual message, recommended the passage of an act to abolish the "order system," and make employers pay their employees in cash. The Legislature took him at his word and passed the bill, and sent it to the Governor for his approval. The Governor put it in his pocket, and keeps it there.

The inquiry now is why don't he sign the bill? Can anybody answer? Perhaps he wants to hold it over until after the election.

The people everywhere were tired of the present state of affairs, and wish to make a CHANGE. Never was a change more needed, and the only way to secure it will be for the people to rally in their might to the polls and vote for Democratic candidates. It is the only course left.

Received a Call.—Among the drafted men in Northernumberland county, Pa., are four clergymen: Revs. Craighead, of Salisbury; Wemple, of Elysburg; Riley, of Northumberland, and Speecher, of Milton.

GOVERNOR CURTIN AND STUART'S RAID.

The people of this, and several of the adjoining counties, are under peculiar obligations to Governor Curtin, which, we have no doubt, will not be forgotten by them at the approaching election. It will be remembered by many of our readers in this, and the adjoining counties of Fulton and Adams, that Gen. Stuart, last fall, with his band of horse thieves, invaded our State and carried off, on the night of the 23rd, one thousand of the most valuable horses of those counties. It will also be remembered that the sufferers, on that occasion, afterwards petitioned the Legislature, at its last session, for remuneration for the losses sustained by them, and that they were represented by many of our readers in this, and the adjoining counties of Fulton and Adams, that Gen. Stuart, last fall, with his band of horse thieves, invaded our State and carried off, on the night of the 23rd, one thousand of the most valuable horses of those counties. 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