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"Liberty and Union, Now and Forever, One and Inseparable." - D. Webster.

to prescribe a rule for the occasion. If there be any limitation of the right of suffrage it must come from the supreme authority which is here. There is no power elsewhere. The founders of this government never dreamed of a political difference between white and black men. It was neither race nor color that occasioned the early distinction, but condition. The slave could not be admitted as a citizen because that would be inconsistent with his condition. Everybody else was counted but Indians, who paid no taxes. The distinction of color is a modern invention. The free negro voted originally almost everywhere. To admit him did not require the insertion of the word "black," but to exclude him required the insertion of the word "white." The only color ostracized in the Constitution was the red, and only then as non-tax payers.

"We began the war by repelling the black man and returning him to his master; by doing everything, in short, to alienate him from ourselves, and prove to him that he had nothing to expect from us; and this was called statesmanship! If ever a people deserved to be chastised it was ourselves, for the ineffable baseness and fatuity which refused the aid of the negro, and sent a hundred thousand white men to die, rather than wound the pride, or harm the property of an enemy! We failed to drive him from our support even by the unkindest usage. When we plunged within the storm-cloud that overhung the South an concealed everything from outside view, we were not long in discovering that the white skin was everywhere synonymous with the traitor here, and that wherever we could meet a black man we were sure to find a friend. He took our soldier by the hand, led him through the outposts, pointed out the secret path, traveled with him by night, shared his last crust with him, and baffled the blood-hounds that were on his track. As the war progressed, we began to find that with such an auxiliary against us, success was impossible. We made him free. But still we could not lift him into the position of a soldier, which was a privilege of caste in ancient times. People who foresaw that the step was an easy one from the soldier to the citizen—themselves of craven hearts and more slaves than he—instituted that he was like his detractors, loved his chains and was a coward by instinct, and that the white soldier was a fool, who would not throw down his arms if you sent him an auxiliary whose skin was not quite as fair as his own. You listened and believed. But by and by, impelled by necessity, you allowed your brave and right thinking Secretary of War to arm him quietly. You rather winked at than encouraged it; and before long the truth blazed upon you from the trenches of Port Hudson that the black man was in your ranks. He was now added to the title that God Almighty gave him, a slain upon your gratitude. How do you propose to pay it?"

The master will not soon forget the infidelity of the slave. He begs you to withdraw your black troops. He is willing to recognize the emancipation of the slave, if you leave him subject to his authority without rights of citizenship or security for the liberty you have given him. If you accept the offer your gift of freedom to the slave will be but "the Dead Sea fruit that tempts the eye but turns to ashes on the lips."

Mr. Williams then referred to the condition the black man would be left in without the rights of citizenship—his martial relations, education and his right to work for himself and to acquire property, and used the report of Gen. Sherman as authority. He argued that his condition was not one which improved, and that if the seceded States are allowed to return on the President's terms, there is nothing to prevent them from enacting the whole black code. If you object you will be told that these are matters of State regulations only. If you invest the black man with the ballot you will secure to him consideration from the white man. He has proved himself to be docile and gentle and will make a valuable citizen if fairly dealt with.

"But remember! he is a man who has tasted liberty, and felt the glow of an unaccustomed manhood, as his pulse danced with a new inspiration when he looked up at the folds of your starry banner on the perilous edge of the battle. Beware how you allow these men who have never yet learned, and never will learn anything, to trample on him now. The policy foreshadowed in the proclamations will make only a discontented people. It is the slogan of battle—the herald's announcement of that war races, which is strongly apprehended by those who urge the very opposite policy to heal up a war of sections. It is the preparation for these deluges of people of a future, before which even the savage horrors of their own revolt may pale. The kindred policy that ruled our councils—as it seems to rule them now—proved fatal to the system it was intended to serve by making its preservation impossible. It may be that God Almighty intends to finish His great work by giving a further rein to the infernal spirit that precipitated these madmen into the revolt that melted the chains of their slaves.

Let us see to it that we be not called upon to repress the outbreak of nature, by drawing our own swords hereafter upon our faithful allies in the war of freedom. We can prevent this now—and will if we are wise by a mere act of justice that is simple and reasonable, and will trench on no man's rights, while it will extend the area of freedom by popularizing these governments and bringing them at once to the republican standard of the Constitution. That act is demanded by considerations of the highest wisdom, as well as of the strictest justice. It were a foul shame to refuse it, and a fouler still to add to that refusal the future possibility of turning our own arms, at the call of these delinquents, upon the trusty auxiliaries who have assisted in subduing them, when the tyranny of their oppressors, and the instinctive yearnings of humanity, may drive them to resistance. I should blush for my country, and weep for it, too, if it was capable of an atrocity so wantonly base."

(Concluded next week.)

The Situation.

One of the most important measures that has come before Congress, at its present session is the bill in relation to the Freedmen's Bureau. The present law terminates in May next, and unless some legislation is had in the meantime, the present system of controlling the turbulent spirit of the rebellious districts, and especially so far as the rights and interests of the Freedmen are concerned, is also that of the destitute of all colors, will fall for want of law. All reasonable persons, without reference to their political or religious views, agree that "the words of the nation," should be protected in their freedom, and in all those rights without which, freedom is but an empty name. For the purpose of securing these desirable ends, a bill was originated, in the Senate. It is said that it was written by General Howard, and after being revised with the assistance of Judge Trumbull, was submitted to, and approved by the President. It finally passed both Houses of Congress, we believe, by a strict party vote. It was presented to the President for his approval, but to the astonishment of many, it was vetoed. This was most gratifying to every rebel in the entire country, as it was the cause of universal regret on the part of the loyal millions.—This regret was not stimulated alone by the consideration of the fact that this wise measure had fallen, but because it was an unmistakable evidence of the future tendencies of his future policy. It was well known that a grave difference of opinion existed between the Executive and Legislative departments of the government, in reference to the best policy to be pursued in reference to the restoration of civil government, as well as to where the power was vested by the constitution. The Executive has assumed the whole control of this matter while Congress claims that to the law-making power of the nation belongs this great duty. The people naturally look to Congress as their immediate representative to vindicate the supremacy of the popular branch of the government. Still they were unwilling to see any rash exhibition of feeling or distrust toward any department of the government, hoping finally, to see differences reconciled and all moving on harmoniously. No sooner had the veto been made public than this fond hope gave way. Mr. Stevens, on behalf of the Reconstruction Committee rose in his place and offered a resolution to the effect, that no representative from any of the eleven States lately in rebellion should be admitted to seats on the floor of either House of Congress, until Congress should declare such State in a proper condition to be represented. And on this resolution he called the previous question. The minority at once set in to filibuster for the purpose of defeating a direct vote, but after a protracted struggle of over six hours, the vote was had and the resolution passed by over a two-third vote.—This seemed to be a plain notification to the President and to the Rebel States, that with the veto of the Freedmen's Bill, all hopes of reconciliation had vanished. That henceforth, Congress would set only upon its convictions of duty regardless of the whines of traitors.

The usual vote was taken in the Senate where the bill originated, to pass it over the President's veto. Upon this question 30 Republican Senators voted in the affirmative, and eight against, (counting Cowan Wily, and some other weak-kneed Senator Republican). But these eight joined by ten Democrats, composed more than one-third of the whole number voting, so the bill fell.

As in Washington, so throughout the whole country, those who felt that they had the greatest claims on the President's sympathy, felt too, that they were most likely to lose it. Every rebel in the land whether pardoned or unpardoned, rejoiced. So did every Copperhead who had rallied round McClellan in '64. Taking Washington's birthday for the occasion for a serenade, all the rebel elements of Washington waited upon the President on Thursday last, upon which occasion he made one of his characteristic speeches. He talked about his origin, about being Alderman and all that. In addition to his usual variety, he made an undignified assault on some of the leading Republicans in Congress, but had no stomach to 'waste his ammunition' on such 'dead ducks' as Forney. In fact, the speech was a revised, but not improved addition of his fourth of March affair. Nor are we aware that the apology of drunkenness can be given on this occasion as on that.—We have no word of censure for those who have been so willing to swallow everything emanating from the President, to the entire ignoring of the powers and duties of Congress. The reproach of their own consciences will be amply severe. It is indeed, anything but gratifying to us to realize the serious character of the situation. For some time past, we have anticipated such a possible contingency. Had those who have seen fit from time to time, to bestow upon the executive their fulsome eulogies, pursued a different course, and faithfully represented to him the sentiment of the people, this state of things might have been avoided. Admonitions, however, were unavailing. The President was all perfection, Congress and the people had no right to criticism! All this was very well so long as all acquiesced, Congress have however determined to vindicate the rights and reflect the sentiments of the people. Thereupon the President, loses his temper and denounces them and does other things equally uncalculated for. That the people sympathize with Congress, there can be no doubt. While this is not as it should be, we would advise all to preserve good feeling, exercising an abiding faith in the final triumph of right and justice. The world will take no step backward.

THE OLDEST BOOK IN AMERICA.—The Camden, (N. J.) Scientific Association has in their possession a book published A. D. 1639, which it claims to be the oldest book in America. The editors of the *Scientific American* declared in triumph that they have an older book, published A. D. 1637, but Dr. Duffield, of Detroit, Mich., announces that he has a Bible written on parchment, resembling print so nearly as to make it hard to tell the difference. It is dated A. D. 390, and was brought from Rome by Hon. Lewis Cass, Jr.

Rev. Wm. White of Butler, has in his possession an older printed book than either of the above, having been printed in London in 1631, and entitled, "Twenty Nine Lectures of the church," by Rev. Mr. Randall.—Herald.

We have been shown a Latin copy of "Calvin's Institutes," 2d edition, belonging to Rev. Dr. Young of this place, which was published at Geneva in the year 1590, and which has the original binding and is otherwise well preserved. The paper is good and the type remarkably clear. So "Calvinism" leads "Episcopacy" by forty one years in this locality.

Republicanism Convention.

Pursuant to the call of the Republican County Committee, a convention of delegates from the different districts of Butler county, assembled at the Court House, on Thursday Feb. 22, 1866.

The convention was called to order by the election of Maj. Wm. C. Adams as President, and Capt. Edwin Lyon, and M. N. Greer, Secretaries.

The following delegates appeared: Cranberry—B. M. Dunsan; Adams—Armstrong Remission; Clinton; James Nevins; Middlesex, Edwin Lyon; Buffalo M. N. Greer; Winfield, John Hesselgesser; Jefferson, John Gamble; Penn. Simon Nixon; Forward, W. W. Waldron; Lancaster, J. W. Kneass; Conocoqueing, J. W. Baldwin; Butler, John Hesselgesser; Summit, Jas. Stevenson; Clearfield, Peter Fennel; Donegal, T. J. Craig; Oakland, Isaac Robb; Parker, Robert Story; Centre, Daniel Shaner; Franklin, David Marshall; Muddyrock, W. W. Roberts; Worth, R. Barron; Brady, Jos. Thompson; Clay, J. R. M'Junkin; Concord, Chas. Cochran; Fairview, Maj. W. C. Adams; Cherry, John Smith; Slippyrock, H. T. Wick; Mercer, A. J. Ayers; Marion, Robt. Atwell; Bor. Butler, J. T. McJunkin; Bor. Zellenepke, Capt. E. L. Gillespie; Bor. Centerville, W. O. Blackledge; Bor. Saxtonburg, Chas. Hoffman; Sunbury, Chas. McClung.

On motion, a vote was taken to express the sense of the Convention, in reference to the claims of the different candidates for Governor, which resulted at the second vote as follows: For Moorhead, 18.—Geary, 16.

On motion, it was resolved to proceed to the election of Representative Delegates to the State Convention, by ballot.

The following nominations were made: Jas. T. McJunkin, J. N. Purviance, Dr. Wm. Irvin, Thos. Robinson.

The second ballot resulted as follows: Purviance, 18; McJunkin, 24; Robinson, 16; Irwin, 4; First ballot: McJunkin, 21; Purviance 18; Robinson, 16; Irwin, 11; Negley, 2. Gen. J. N. Purviance and Jas. T. McJunkin, were declared elected.

Dr. Wm. Irvin was elected by acclamation for Senatorial Delegate.

On motion, the following were named as the conferees, to meet those of Armstrong and Lawrence.

Capt. Edwin Lyon, Capt. Irvin Boggs, and Dr. A. Lusk.

The following were appointed a committee on Resolutions: Capt. Gillespie, David Marshall, Simeon Nixon, Jno. Hesselgesser, Josiah Thompson.

The committee reported the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That with heart-felt gratitude we welcome to their homes, those noble defenders of country and liberty, who, through a war of unparalleled magnitude and bloodshed, never faltered in the faith of ultimate triumph, though to their nobler enemies in the front, were joined the creaking Copperheads in the rear. We congratulate them that their war was not a failure; and we promise them that we appreciate this grand result too highly, to surrender its glory and its advantages at the insolent demand of disgraced but unrepentant traitors.

Resolved, That it is due to the memory of our fallen heroes, to erect a fitting monument to their honor,—a Mecca to which our hearts laden with pious sorrow, shall make constant pilgrimage.

Resolved, That with Andrew Johnson we agree, that treason should be made odious.

Resolved, That treason is not made odious by giving traitors all the privileges of loyal men.

Resolved, That whereas the loyal states are in the Union as the honest man is in society, and the rebel states are in the Union as the criminal is in jail—therefore, the latter have no political rights, but such as are given them by the former.

Special Notice.

"Great oaks from little acorns grow." The worst disease known to the human race spring from causes so small as to almost defy detection. The volumes of scientific lore that fill the tables and shelves of the medical fraternity only go to prove and elaborate these facts.

Then guard yourselves while you may. The smallest pimple on the skin is a tell-tale and indicator of disease. It may fade and die away from the surface of the body, but it will reach the vitals, perhaps, at last, and death be the result and final close. MAGGIEL'S BILIOUS, DYSPEPTIC and DIARRHEA PILLS cure where all others fail. While for Burns, Scalds, Chilblains, Cuts, and all abrasions of the skin, MAGGIEL'S SALVE is infallible. Sold by J. MAGGIEL, 34 Fulton street, New York, and all Druggists, at 25 cent per box.

Resolved, That we give neither our blood nor our treasure, nor the lives of our fathers, our brothers and our sons, should cancel our votes in the councils of the nation. Yet the favor representation of the southern states, when they can be represented by men of undoubted loyalty—but we deny the loyalty which comes galvanized with executive pardon—once a traitor, always a traitor.

Resolved, That in the union majority in Congress, we recognize a noble array of tried defenders of Constitutional liberty, and we have full confidence in their wisdom and patriotism, for the settlement of all questions appertaining to the legislative department of the general government.

Resolved, That our delegates to the State convention, be instructed to support the Hon. J. K. Moorhead for candidate for Governor.

On motion the Convention adjourned.

W. C. ADAMS, Pres. Edwin Lyon, M. N. Greer, Secy's

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Communications.

The latest and last.

The Fox Hunt is on next Saturday—H. C. Heinecke has been appointed Provost Marshall General. J. Brigadiers are absent at 9, Maj. Gen's. will appoint.

HEALTH OF LIEUT. GEN. GRANT AND FAMILY.—Gen. Grant's health has not been as good of late as could be desired. On last Monday morning he addressed his affectionate companion and said: "Wife I think I shall be compelled to make a visit to Cuba for my health. The reorganization of the army has been a greater task upon me than all the campaign of the wilderness, and siege of Richmond, and my physician says I must take some recreation."

The family were bathed in tears, but Mrs. Grant with a smile worthy of her sex, exclaimed:—"My dear Ulysses I cannot think of seeing you go to Cuba, I can tell you what will be much better for you. Go to the Fox hunt and I will accompany you. Yes says little Willie, and I will go and be a Lieutenant. It is unnecessary to say he consented. Brig. Gen. White has appointed Willie a Colonel, and a commanding position in Millers orchard has been reserved for the General and his wife.

GOOD ORDER.—It is a matter of no small importance to have good order in a neighborhood. It makes society pleasant.—It adds to the security and happiness of all. It makes the neighborhood desirable. It increases the value of property. It is a credit to any neighborhood, to have that discipline which is necessary to conduct a ring hunt successfully. The man who keeps his place will get to the centre just as soon, will not spoil the hunt by being disorderly and will go home better satisfied with himself and every body else.

Good order at a Fox hunt is an index to good order in schools, churches and all public meetings of a neighborhood.

Clinton Ayres, Mitch. Davraiville, Jno Kennedy (devil) are appointed buglers.

Ladies and the Fox Hunt.

MR. EDITOR.—Permit me to return my thanks to the ladies for the nine beautiful signal flags presented to the Signal Corps, and the American flag for Head Quarters. I have received a paper for publication, containing over 50 names of ladies who wish to attend the hunt. I will not trouble you with this, for there are 500 more who want to come just as bad. The only question is, how many gentlemen will forget to bring their ladies. There is no doubt of propriety.—There will be no fear on the ring.—The roads are good, the country is level, and the entire circle of the second ring is on a good public road, is about six miles with six rows running to the centre.—Ladies can pass to the centre of ring at any time. Miss Kiz' Martin, Miss Vie Bredin, Miss M. E. Dupee, Miss Vie Timbila, Miss E. Donna, Miss Miss Lizie Mitchell, Miss Mary Spear, Miss Gara Maxwell, Maggie Campbell, Miss Johnston, Miss Agie Renfrew, Miss Sallie Likens, and Linn McAboy, have been appointed messengers at Head Quarters. Capt. Ed. Lyon will organize all lady pedestrians into a regiment, and report to the Provost Marshal General, will see that no persons are permitted to attend the vendue until the ring closes.

A. A. G.

Brig. Gen. Albert Sraier has made the following appointments for his command: Colonels W. T. Edwards and Sam'l M. Patterson.

who are well fitted for the position. Every school district can furnish men of this character. But a serious trouble and a growing evil must here be mentioned. It is the political influence which now wields a controlling power in the selections of School Directors. So strong is this, that it is rarely possible for men to be chosen school directors whose political principles differ from those who constitute the majority of the district. The consequence of this is apparent. Good, and earnest promoters of the cause of education are discarded and men utterly unfit are chosen. Cases of this kind, not a few, have occurred. This is a serious evil and should be checked before it works great damage to the school cause. We suppose that the directors of our county will compare favorably with those of any other. It is indeed highly gratifying to be able to say that we have many men pre-eminently fitted for this work, who are discharging their duties with earnest fidelity. Owing to the shortness of the school term, and the necessity of driving through the work of visiting the schools, it is impossible for the Superintendent to have that intimate acquaintance with all the directors that is both desirable and necessary. But reference will be made to this again. For the present this subject must be closed.

A. H. WATERS.

Prospect, Feb. 10th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT.

MR. EDITOR.—You will please announce the name of PETER A. PAINTER, of Buffalo township, as a candidate for the office of County Superintendent. Mr. Painter is a practical and successful teacher of much experience. He makes teaching his special calling. He has been engaged in teaching for the last eight years, and has held the position of teacher in the following schools: The "Old First" English School, where he served until discharged on account of a wound received. We feel no hesitancy in recommending him to School Directors and friends of education as one, who, if elected, would most satisfactorily and efficiently discharge the duties of County Superintendent.

MANY FRIENDS OF EDUCATION.

MA RRI ED.

On Wednesday evening, February 14th 1866, by Messrs. Cress, Egan, Mr. Kincaid & Hatcher, in Mrs. Margaret Jack, all of Meriden, Pa. Butler co. Pa.

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