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General Hancock as a Candidate. The Democratic National Convention last week nominated General Hancock, of Pennsylvania, for President.

The General has command of the Division of the Atlantic, with headquarters on Governor's Island, near New York.

Congratulations were showered on him in numbers immediately after he was nominated.

The first body of men to call on him was composed of officers at headquarters. The General arose and made a speech.

He said, "I will shake hands with you gentlemen." That was all he said. If Republicans were to do as Democrats did when Grant was a candidate, they would call him a thick-headed military man, not even able to make a speech of three sentences.

They could measure his ability by the amount of talk he can get off. But the great Republican party never has been a party of "mud-slingers," and they do not now propose to engage in the business.

Their mission is not to belittle manhood; their mission is to elevate manhood, and having destroyed slavery to elevate manhood generally, it would be forgetting their own high and lofty mission were they to stoop to abuse a single man, such as the nominee of the Democratic party.

General Hancock was a good soldier and an able general, and when he drew his sword in favor of National Life, he did just what was expected he would do, when he was educated at the public expense at West Point.

He won his great fame at Gettysburg, as against the confederate General Lee, but Gettysburg was not fought for Hancock; it was not fought for Lee; it was for and against slavery.

Hancock was for freedom and Lee was for slavery, and if neither of them had been there it would have been all the same. The fight was not for a man; it was for principle.

Viewed in that light, Hancock and Lee were no more than others. They performed their part on one side or the other, and that is all.

Lee is dead, and the Rebel cause has lost his valuable service. Hancock has been nominated by the party that opposed him at Gettysburg and called him a "Lincoln hireling."

The party that was against him at Gettysburg have gained one man by nominating him; they have gained Hancock, but they have not gained one "job or title" of principle, nor has the principle of free government lost, except to the extent of one man's name.

The changed sides, and that is all. The loss of a man does not affect a principle. Andrew Curtin left the ranks of the party against slavery; Horace Greeley, for the banner of a Presidential nomination, left the party of freedom, and Republicanism did not suffer. The Free North loved both Curtin and Greeley, and it almost broke its heart to see them go, but when they became the standard-bearers of the old champions of slavery, that had deluged the land in blood and gave millions of debt as an inheritance to freemen to pay, the North bade them good-by.

Hancock was a good, and an able general, but when he became the standard-bearer of the champions of the Lost Cause who rule the Democratic party, he stepped beyond the lines of the free party, and they now bid him good-by.

If he was right in 1863, at Gettysburg, he is right now, for the principles of the contending parties have not been changed. There were thousands of Democratic soldiers in the army of the North, but they did not fight for Hancock or any other general; they were soldiers against disunion and slavery, and now when a favorite general has been beguiled into becoming the leader or standard-bearer of the old party of disunion and slavery they will no more follow him than did the Republicans follow such distinguished civilians as Curtin and Greeley when they walked over into the same camp whence Hancock has gone.

Democratic Platform. The platform that was adopted at Cincinnati by the Democracy is, with an exception or two, a fabric of inconsistency.

The first resolve is in regard to the Constitution, and traditions of the Democracy. How can they expect to gain favor by referring to the traditions of slavery, which are the greater part of the traditions of the Democratic party.

As to the Constitution, their effort at Rebellion tells how they regarded that instrument. Buchanan and Black considered it a "rope of sand."

The second resolve is in regard to the centralization of power. Here again the Democracy had better rise and explain how a more centralized system of government could be devised than that of slavery, which was the inspiration of the Democracy, and to-day the hope of its revival is the inspiration of the friends of the Lost Cause.

The third resolve, as far as it relates to honest money and the public faith, is good, but the last sentence, which favors a tariff for revenue only, means free trade. The resolution is a double-ender.

The fourth resolve favors the subordination of the military to the civil

power. The sentiment is right enough, but it awakens a smile when it is realized that a mockery such a resolution is in the face of the fact that all civilians have been put aside and a military man taken as a candidate to administer the civil Democracy.

An Indian would shrug his shoulders and say, "Ugh! me no understand dat," and white people can see no further.

The fifth resolve is in regard to a free ballot. Here again the Democracy introduced the clap-net, for Rebellion was crushed out that the freedom of the ballot and common rights may be preserved and enlarged.

The sixth resolve is in regard to the use of the military on election days. If the reader will just reflect that the efforts of the Democratic leaders to divide and destroy the Republic was the first cause of all the ballot-box legislation they will better understand the Cincinnati Convention when it ventilated itself through the sixth resolution.

The seventh resolve is in regard to the Tilden and Hayes campaign and the wrangle that followed, when it became known that the election was so close that one elector was claimed by both parties.

The resolution ignores the fact that the Democracy need not be satisfied with the regular means as provided in the Constitution should be employed to determine the count.

They do not tell that they clamored for a commission till Congress gave them one, and that when the very commission of their own choosing decided against them, they still shout, "Hurrah for Tilden!"

The eighth resolve is so indefinite that the reader inclines to the opinion that the Convention overlooked it. It must have been written by a man who had been drenched on Cincinnati beer.

The ninth resolve is a left-handed regret that Samuel J. Tilden has declined to become a candidate for the Presidency, the hollow mockery of which Mr. Tilden will plainly understand when he looks at the simple fact that the Cincinnati Convention did not even allow his letter declining a nomination, to be read in convention.

The tenth resolve is not poisonous. The eleventh resolve is worthy of consideration.

The twelfth resolve is a double one, and the first half of it may be construed two or three ways.

The thirteenth resolve is hard to understand. If it claims to be protection to the poor against both the "moralists" and the commune.

How the Democracy can claim to protect the poor, when its leaders were in favor of slavery, and set up rebellion in the interest of slavery, is one of the things that the Democracy should explain.

The inconsistency of the thirteenth resolution is enough to turn the reader against the party. They had better left such clap-net stuff out.

The fourteenth and last resolve congratulates the country upon the thrift of the Democratic Congress in reducing the public expenditures \$40,000,000 a year.

It congratulates the country upon the promised change of administration. As to the \$40,000,000 per year saved, that is one of the clean cuts of the Democracy, out of the "whole cloth."

As to a change of administration, that will be a point to settle next November.

The late Cincinnati Platform, without anything else, should be sufficient to defeat the Democracy by a large majority. Read the platform as published in full in another column.

Democratic Ratification Meeting. Lantz Posting Bills as They do in the West—The Wires of Editor Garman—A Big Banner, by Editors Bonnell and Jackson—What Mr. Moyer says Should be Done With the Man Who Says that Hancock Swears—View of Other Leaders of the Democracy—Editor Jackson Calls the Meeting to Order and Names the Officers—E. S. Duly, Esq., Sr., the President of the Meeting—His Speech—Speech of A. J. Patterson, Esq.

When the news from Cincinnati was received in this place it stirred the Democracy to no uncommon degree—this is, one portion of the party was profoundly moved. Immediately heads were put together, and it was agreed that a ratification meeting should be held in the open air in front of the Court House.

The proposal of a ratification meeting seemed to give life to nearly all of the leaders that had been languishing in the streets, and in places along Main street as thick almost as on the day of a Democratic convention. Mr. Lantz, while in the West, had learned how to post a town with bills, and forthwith proceeded to put his new information into practice.

He posted his bills everywhere, but the pavement seemed to be the favorite place. He pasted them down on the brick, and as Republican ladies passed the posters they need do as Democratic Southern ladies used to do when they passed a "boy in blue" on the pavement of a Southern city, by gathering up the skirts of her dress and darning off sideways as if from some repulsive thing.

Mr. Lantz was ably seconded in the posting business by Mr. John Garman. Editor Garman was too busy laying the wires for the meeting to give attention to the posters. Editors Bonnell and Jackson deemed it best to be introduced by Mr. Kelly.

He said that if Hancock is elected he will take his seat. Everybody will agree with Mr. Stone that is just what he should do, and everybody that is anybody will say that is just what he should do, and that is not the point that Mr. Stone wanted to make.

It was a stroke at Hayes, the present first-rate President. The impression that the speaker wished to awaken, in the minds of the Democracy, was that Tilden was elected and that he failed to take his seat. But Mr. Stone, when he insinuated in that way, insinuated what was certainly said in the Convention at Cincinnati when Hancock was nominated. It was there boldly declared that Tilden is an ex-President, and that the Electoral Commission that settled the dispute or wrangle over the Presidential election in 1876 was a crime. Certainly Mr. Stone knows that the work of the Electoral Commission was no crime. He knows that its work was the work of the Government whenever it needed his

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