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DEMOCRATIC NOMINATIONS

FOR PRESIDENT,

Horatio Seymour,

OF NEW YORK.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT,

Gen. Frank P. Blair.

OF MISSOURI.

Democratic Nominations for Presidential Electors.

FOR THE STATE AT LARGE:
ROBERT S. GANTT, of Pulaski.
JOHN E. FELLOWS, of Columbia.

FIRST DISTRICT:
W. W. DRUMMOND, of Arkansas.

SECOND DISTRICT:
JOHN M. BRADLEY, of Bradley.

THIRD DISTRICT:
J. E. CRAVENS, of Johnson.

NOTICE.—LET EVERY ONE WHO MAY BE WRONGFULLY REFUSED REGISTRATION, IMMEDIATELY REPORT, BY LETTER, THE FACTS TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE NEAREST DEMOCRATIC CLUB. LET EVERY SUCH PERSON, ON THE ELECTION DAY, OFFER TO VOTE, AND CALL WITNESSES TO THE FACT OF SUCH OFFERING.

South Side Railroad.

In the last issue of the Press, friend Dunlaps calls on us to account for our advocacy of the South Side Railroad, and very truly enough—that South side county never took sufficient interest in the proposed route on the north side. You are right, they did not, and they never said in this office, until it be too late, but we must be pardoned for other shortcomings right here. We would not take away from the North side railroad, nor from our sister city, one cross tie, rail, head, nuts or spike to injure her, nor do we propose to do it when we advocate a road on this side of the river, for we cannot see how, in any manner, the interests of these roads conflict. There is no proposed merging of companies, there is no proposed abandonment of the North side road, and as the Press says, but few stockholders in the North side road, live on this side. Now if we can procure a road connecting the two leading towns in the state, direct, without never let or cost, we voice and be counted, and while we are about for this we will hurrah for the road on the north side too. We want both, and we believe both will find enough to do to make it pay, and we are satisfied that each road will represent a different interest, and that it is not contemplated to sink a single dollar of the North side stock to the South side road. Let us help one another Mr. Press. Let us work together. Pay no heed to a chore or two in the North side road. We must have both.

WAR.

Our Radical friends (?) are fast regarding the State Militia, for which there is no more use than for a fifth wheel to a wagon and every paper published by that party, cries out murder, treason, rebellion, right lustily, in order that something may be done that may induce Congress to convene, and make provision for arming of this unnecessary excrescence, and upon the people to support at this time, when times are so very onerous. Now we have no objection to militia, citizen soldiery are good, when needed, and when the rank and file is composed of the people, and tax-paying people, the true people and citizens of the State; but when composed of a certain class, to the exclusion of others, we do object, and though the law provides for them, and to which we for the present bow, yet we do object, and give a word of caution to those who are now making bonds and heavy threats of what will be done when the "bad militia" is organized, to be sure. Our white men can execute any lawful writ in our competent authority, when 100 negroes would be powerless. And while we give this caution to those whose every effort is bending forth to bring the country into a war of neighborhoods, a war of families, we will say to those of the South, the lovers of peace and quiet, those who fought, when and while they thought it right, and when they laid down their arms, did so in good faith, to keep cool, calm and quiet, and bear any indignity that is possible to bear the day of justice is fast approaching, and by so doing disarm and render powerless those who would oppress. Let our forbearance and their intolerance, produce them and their party leaders doubly damned and damning to themselves. Let us forbear.

THE WAR IN TEXAS.

The Situation of Affairs at Sulphur Spring, Hopkins County.

We learn from a gentleman just from Texas, that affairs at Sulphur Springs between the U. S. troops and Bigerstaff and his party, had assumed a serious and deplorable attitude, and apprehensions were entertained of a bloody collision.

It seems that Bigerstaff and his fellowers had several months ago, captured and appropriated a couple of wagon loads of U. S. Commissary stores, and Capt. Tolman, U. S. A. with a detachment of troops, (reported at about forty,) was sent to the neighborhood to arrest Bigerstaff and disperse his men. His (Tolman's) first action, was to disarm the citizens of Sulphur Springs, in doing which, an old citizen who thought he was entitled to carry arms in his own defence, was wantonly killed by a soldier. Many of the citizens then joined the entire Bigerstaff. The town was surrounded and Capt. Tolman and his men besieged in the hotel and an adjoining house. They had been in this situation a week, refusing the demand of Bigerstaff upon them for the soldier that had committed the outrage, and when our informant left, a collision was expected to take place on Friday or Saturday, the 4th or 5th of September. A regiment of U. S. troops had just arrived at Marshall, and it was expected that Tolman would be reinforced. Both parties were stubborn, and it is feared that bloodshed has already taken place.

Such a state of affairs is much to be regretted, and especially at this time, when every effort of the Radical party is being put forth to produce collisions, riot and bloodshed, so that Congress may convene, lose sense to the South, and do other drilly to restord the peaceful reconstruction of the country. We are sorry to know that either soldiers or responsible citizens have been drawn into it. We are looking for some particular and we trust they will announce a peaceable and quiet adjustment of the matter.

☞The old newspaper law of the State of Arkansas, exempted all agricultural implements, mechanics tools, horses, cattle, and horses under two years of age, spinning wheels, looms, yarn for making cloth for the family, all furniture under the value of two hundred dollars, also, all widows who were not worth five hundred dollars, were not taxable. But under the present Radical revenue law, only one hundred dollars worth of taxable property is exempt from taxation, and "every thing from cradle" is to be taxed. The farmer plows, hoes, rides, has mows, wagons, kags, cattle, horses, looms, spinning wheels, sorghum mills, and implements, needlework, cloth, matched, and yarn, and everything that can be handled, besides widows are not exempt. Then we see the evils of radical rule. It has been twice considered the highest and most honorable duty of legislators to legislate in behalf of taxation of the people of the commonwealth, but neither have changed under Radical rule. Instead of relief, being the servants of the people, they are now their masters, and through wasteful extravagance are heaping up the burdens of taxation high upon the shoulders, until it will be insupportable. Radical and rebel tax-payers, what do you think of the poor prospects for the future?

☞Again permit us to urge on every man who can, to Register. Secure to yourself the only desirable weapon of defence you have to rid ourselves of the present curse that hangs over the State. Let no finny pretext keep you from registering. It is no small matter; now is the time; two years hence there will not be much need of it. One or two hundred tax paying, well to do men of the people to their senses, and they will be the first to cry, away with them, away with them, we will come of them, we must have honesty, frugality and economy in our public places. Let no not wait for this. Register, who can, and be ready.

Legalized Robbery.—The present revenue law is one of the most stupendous swindles that has ever been imposed upon any people on earth. The day has arrived when it can truthfully be said, "blessed be nothing." Everything tangible is to be taxed. The only exempts are those who do not own one hundred dollars worth of property. This lets out most of our colored brethren. They can vote, but will have to pay for little, and in most cases, no taxes. Arkansaw republicans, how do you like to pay such taxes to support carpet-bag office holders in this State?

☞The registration progresses, we are told, slowly in this county, and we learn that quite a number of men have applied for registration have been refused upon some grounds offered by the registrars. All this may be well, well. There is law by which these men must go, and where it is infringed wilfully, we say, see to it; call the officer who trampies on it, to account, before the proper tribunal, and let him be punished and the matter righted.

☞If a man be a soldier, and one of the boys in blue, is any reason why he should not be entitled to the respect due a white? We think not. If a Col. commanding a Post give his own permission to be "absent all day," must he be called to account for it by those whose business it is not? We think not.

☞Registrars, Registrars, you who can Register, and be prepared to vote.

DEMOCRATIC MEETING IN YELL COUNTY.

A large and enthusiastic Mass meeting of the citizens of Yell county was held at Dardanelle, on Saturday, the 5th of September, 1868.

Capt. H. B. Hendrix, was called to preside. After explaining the object of the meeting, Mr. Hendrix took the Chair, and Joe Evans was appointed Secretary.

On motion of W. D. Jaroway, the chairman appointed a committee of five to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of the meeting, viz: W. D. Jaroway, John Stinson, Hiram Dawson, W. M. Brassner and H. A. Howell, who retired. During the absence of said committee, the audience were entertained by speeches from Colonel Jordan Tonner, Jame A. Dunn and C. P. Thomson.

Col. Tonner's advice to the colored men, was good, and well received by them.

The remarks of Mr. Dunn were to the point, adverting to the present deplorable condition of our country under Radical rule. He retired amid cheers from the audience.

C. P. Thomson was next called for and he had not made a speech since he was eighteen, and that was to a young lady was not accustomed to public speaking—but would endeavor to entertain the audience a few minutes, which he did in a very forcible manner, setting forth the duties of the Democracy, and urging every conservative man to be up and doing. At the conclusion of his remarks the committee returned, and through their chairman reported the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The National Democratic Convention, which assembled in the city of New York on the 4th day of July, A. D. 1868, did adopt a platform of principles designed to give state and perpetuate the blessings of civil liberty to the American people; and

WHEREAS, said Convention, in accordance with the time honored principles of the Democratic party, did select as the standard bearers of the Democratic party, those incorruptible and patriotic citizens, Horatio Seymour and Frank P. Blair, Jr., therefore, be it

Resolved, That we the Conservatives and anti-Radicals of Yell county, Arkansas, in Mass meeting assembled, do cordially approve the nominations so made, and the platform adopted by said Convention, and that we recommend to Horatio Seymour and Frank P. Blair, true exponents of the principles of civil liberty and the policy of the Democratic party.

Resolved, That we cordially invite the cooperation of all persons who are opposed to Radical misrule and Radical corruption and desire the restoration of civil law and constitutional government.

Resolved, That we will register and vote at the approaching election, and invite all persons who are friends of civil liberty, and hate Radical misrule and Radical corruption, to come forward, register and vote.

Resolved, That we the Democratic and anti-Radical party of Yell, considers of the fact that we are in the right, will have a Barbecue in the vicinity of Dardanelle, on the 3d day of October, A. D. 1868, and that every man, woman and child, without regard to race or color, who is opposed to radical misrule, radical corruption, radical robbery, and radical war upon congress, be and hereby are invited to meet and cooperate with us in the commencement of Radical wholesale extermination.

Resolved, That the Ron. L. P. Nash, Col. Rohr, A. Howard, Jordan E. Cravens, John Edwards, Samuel W. Williams, and Col. R. C. Newton, be invited to attend on that occasion, and address the people of Yell county on the political issues of the day.

Resolved, That Capt. H. B. Nash is the first choice of the democracy of Yell county, for Congress in the 3d Congressional district, subject to a state Democratic or Liberal Convention.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this meeting forward a copy of these resolutions to the editors of the Fort Smith Herald, Little Rock Gazette, and Van Buren Press, for publication.

W. D. JAROWAY, Chm'n.
W. M. BRASSNER,
JOHN I. STIRMAN,
HIRAM DAVIS,
HAYNES A. HOWELL.

After the adoption of the resolutions, speeches were made by Dr. John I. Stirman, Judge J. S. Hayden, and W. D. Jaroway, Esq. The meeting then adjourned *sine die*.

H. B. HENDRIX, Ch'm'n.
Jos Evans, *Secretary*.

Candidates for Congress.—Is it not time for this District to fix upon some man as a candidate for Congress. We names are suggested—Gen. John Edwards and L. E. Nash. One or the other is to be the candidate, we presume, but it seems to us, all important, that the man should be finally agreed upon. Some authoritative announcement should be made at an early day. We are ready and willing to support any man of respectability and whom we can trust. We are ready to waive all personal preferences. Let us hear from the press in the District, and let the State Central Committee call a Convention.—Pres.

You are right, Dunlap, it is time that this matter was settled. No time to lose.

☞We have not heard of any murders or riot, trouble or disturbance so far, in the registration in this county. Everything goes quietly on. This is as it should be. If you are denied your rights at the registrars table, make your points, go your way, seek your redress properly, and our word, if not now, you will get it after a while.

☞We clip the following from the Jacksonport *Herald*, it is an extract from the address of the central committee of Jackson county, to the people:

"Every citizen should bear in mind that if he does not register he cannot vote—he cannot sit upon a jury—he cannot hold any office, or appointment whatever. There will not be another registration for two years, and during all that time the entire control of the state and county will be in the hands of the radical party, unless we qualify ourselves to participate in the government of the country.

THE BARBECUE AT McKENZIE'S FARM.

IMMENSE ASSEMBLAGE.

NEARLY THREE THOUSAND PERSONS PRESENT.

GRAND DISPLAY.

The Democracy, Fully Aroused!!

SEBASTIAN ALL RIGHT!

At an early hour on Thursday morning, our city was in ferment of excited preparation for the grand Democratic Barbecue. Everything seemed propitious for the occasion. The gloom of the preceding day had given place to bright sunshine and a pleasant cool morning. The dusty Fort Smith "made the connection" at the proper hour, bringing hosts of friends and pilgrims from the Territory to join in our glorious demonstration.

THE PROCESSION.

Horsemen gallloped to and fro through the streets, forming in order under Field Marshals, Wm. L. Cabell. The brilliant cavalcade and recient moved slowly down Washington street, then filing left, emerged into Garrison Avenue. What a sight was there to meet the looker on; truly a spectacle for each and all to gaze upon. One hundred vehicles flanked and followed by three so many horse and footmen, moved forward, led on by the Fort Smith band of music. Verily the like has not been seen in our streets since the "overland mail" celebration. Each State of the Union was represented by the barefoot young ladies of our city, and as it one exceeding the other in beauty and attire, from A to Izzard or from Izzard back to A. The waving flags, the fluttering banners, the soul stirring music, the wild and enthusiastic cheering and overflowing fullness of that multitude, and the sweet flavor of all those lovely "states" were a combined attack well calculated to perturbate the strongest nerves of bachelorhood.

THE INDIANS.

Our leader Indian tribes—Choctaw, Creek, and Seminole, were there in numbers or sufficiently by their roaring manoeuvres on horseback, to call up the pioneers, to make them ascertain if they were not sure enough Indians. Even Gen. Stand Watie, was there in person, accompanied by some except brass rings, in his numbers.

THE BANNERS.

There was a large number of beautiful banners, all of the occasion, inscribed with appropriate mottoes, among the most prominent of which we noticed the following:

"No taxation without representation."

"Democracy the country's hope."

"Our flag is there—Seymour and Blair."

"Our cause is just."

"Stand will to all."

"Old Hickory."

"He just and fear not."

"Seymour and Blair is our choice."

The list named five, were carried by the "boys in blue," a large number of whom joined in the demonstration, desirous of giving expression to their sentiments in regard to the Presidential aspirants.

THE GROUNDS.

By ten o'clock our city was nearly depopulated. Arriving at the scene of action, four miles from town, near the ranch of Col. J. A. McKenzie, a still grander sight broke upon the vision. In the sylvan shade of a lovely forest, a large space had been cleared, seats arranged, and restrums erected, over which waved flags, banners, and quaint mottoes. A hundred feet square had been leveled for the grand Bran Dance, and over five hundred feet in length of table was set to receive the smoking and savory meats that were browning over a long line of barbecue pits.

THE TABLE.

The table was covered with mutton, pickles, oysters, baked chickens, and other fowls, all smiling to be garnished by the roast pigs, kids, veals, lambs, venison and bears that were smoking and dripping their luscious juices and asking to be eaten.

FLAG PRESENTATION.

Marching forward under exhilerating influences, the orators, fanned in front of the rostrum, and the States were thereceived by the committee of the Democratic Club. To the "States" of Arkansas was delegated the honor of presenting the magnificent and lovely flag prepared by the ladies of Fort Smith, and it was delivered to Col. B. T. Duval, with the following words:

In behalf of the Ladies of Fort Smith, I present this banner to the Democracy of Sebastian county, confident that it will be found central among fat hearts, trusting it may hereafter waver to triumph over the downfall of Radical injustice and usurpation. Its field of blue represents the Constitution, and each State blazoned upon it is a star of equal magnitude and importance—none differing from the other in glory, but all as the States should be, yea, as the States are, equal in rights and sovereignty. And soon may it be again saturated with rejoicing at the reestablishment of a just and free government, administered on sound Democratic principles by our chosen champions, Horatio Seymour and Frank P. Blair."

To this received in reply in behalf of the Democracy equally appropriate and as has history expressed.

THE BREAKING.

The assembly was then unceremoniously informed by Col. Duval, Jordan Tonner, H. F. Wright, Esq., Compiler Hilton, and others, in quite eloquent addresses.

SEBASTIAN ALL RIGHT FROM CONVENTION.

While from Hilton and Wright, inflating the Democracy of the Convention from Van Buren, rolled upon the ground, leaded by the Van Buren Band. They were equally well received, and received to open offer and made to the Convention cheers.

THE DINNER.

Our city dignitaries made an effort to transfer the lounging scene to Imperishable Improve. A large table was then sent up by Messrs Kuper & Cultness, Charley Robinson and Col. J. E. Mayfield, of the commissary committee, then made the announcement that the tables were ready, and if ever provender was moved away with energy and a hearty good will, it was there. Over twenty-five hundred partook of the by out, three times over before the stomach stretch up a lively air and the Bran Dance commenced, and the "States" and the multitude went gliding and bobbing around on the light fantastic toe, or aside. After which, the encampment broke up, and the rolling stock was filled with "states," citizens, and soldiers, all homeward bound.

Notwithstanding the constant and heavy rains which had fallen on the 14th and 15th, flooding the whole country with a deluge of water, nothing traveling almost impassible, and compelling hundreds, who either who would have come, to remain at home, the barbecue was a complete success, and the 17th was a proud day for the Democracy of Sebastian, and one that will long be remembered. It would be impossible, even had we the time and space, to give a detailed account of all that transpired, and we have therefore condensed our notes with a mere summary of the proceedings. B.

For Everybody to Read.

FORT SMITH, ARK., Sept. 16.

Messrs. H. Pittsinger and T. B. Gentry:

Gentlemen—We have just learned from General Edwards that some of your friends are taking pains to report to oppose the taking of the Oath to register. We regret to hear this sentiment, and hope that a few men in the middle of any portion of our people. We are compelled daily to accept the publicate equality of citizens (except the negro) and those who may not have to accept the situation. This we do without taking the oath and by longing it here into Sparta are we not? We, by stating from the polls, leave the enemies of the state in possession of the State government, and do nothing to aid the patient Northern citizens in their effort to restore the federal government to its constitutional position.

We cannot expect any power outside of the state to help us if we fail to do anything for ourselves.

The leading tenet of the democratic creed is, that each state should attend to its interest affairs—consequently all who can should put themselves in the best position to have a voice in their direction. If we fail in this crisis our doom is fixed beyond the power of anything short of revolution to cure us.

A solution of the question at the polls by the vote of the people is the only one that promises peace. If we are wrongfully deprived of our rotes or the voice of the people ability longing by fraud, and war, rapine and discord desolate the land, the radicals caused by wrath B. Upon them will fall the blame ultimately.

The sullen and degraded policy of refusing to take the oath and qualifying as voters looked to building up a Southern Rebel party, or to place the Southern Rebel party, or to place the Southern Rebel party, or to place the