

AN ELECTION FOR ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY DELEGATES TO A CONVENTION TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 1885. THE CONVENTION WILL MEET AT 10 O'CLOCK ON THE 5TH OF THE FOLLOWING SEPTEMBER.

"A QUEER INCIDENT"

What the New York Herald somewhat oddly calls "a queer incident" is that substantially related in that paper of Sunday's date. It is a well-known fact that the Beecher party have secured possession of a room in the Polytechnic Institute, a window of which commands a view of the room occupied Saturday afternoon by the jury now deliberating on the merits of the cause between Theodore Tilton and Henry Ward Beecher. The old adage, "All is fair in love and war," seems to have been received in its most literal sense by Plymouth Church, and the possession of this Polytechnic room and its vantage ground has been used to its fullest advantage. Of course, scarcely any telegraphic signals could be exchanged between the Beecher jurors and their friends in the Institute, but with the aid of powerful glasses the watchers in the room of observation could easily see what movements were made in the jury room, even though the law esteemed the latter apartment as sacred from the gaze of the outside world. Taken in connection with the remarkable and significant demonstration made by certain members of the Beecher family in Mr. Beecher's carriage on Friday, the story herewith related has its full significance and import. It only shows how desperately Plymouth Church is at work, and how determinedly the adherents of the great defendant strive to ascertain how the debate among the jurymen progresses. Finding that no knowledge could be communicated to outside friends in the Polytechnic Institute, a very shrewd dodge was adopted. Let one of the Plymouth partisans relate how it was carried out: "It's all right. Mr. Beecher is going to be acquitted. The jury now stand ten to two in favor of Mr. Beecher, just as I said two weeks ago. I knew it would be so before they got through. I know who the ten are. I could give you their names. Before Monday we'll get a verdict. It's all right. How do I know? Why, we have a room in the Polytechnic Institute, and can see what is being done. They had a show of hands just now, and our friends were in the ten who were together. It's all right; we will get a verdict yet."

Our queer incident is on a par with other queer incidents connected with this very queer trial. They have some exceedingly queer people in Brooklyn, and what is worse, their queerness takes the shape of the most ardent rascality the sun ever shone on.

CONVENTION TALK.

Several county meetings have been held within the week, and some good men and true have been nominated. From all the conventions of last Saturday we have not yet received advice. In our news columns during the next two weeks will be found all intelligence concerning nominations and organization in the various counties. We shall endeavor to inform the public of the progress of the great movement in favor of Constitutional Reform.

THE ASHEVILLE CITIZEN.

The Asheville Citizen pronounces the statement in the Pioneer of that place, that Maj. Marcus Erwin would canvass the West against Convention, a false alarm. It says: "The Major will do no such thing, but upon the contrary has all along been in favor of Convention, as many other good Republicans are. Don't put up false alarms, but stick to your civil rights platform."

THE DEATH OF "DOESTICKS"

Mortimer Thomson, better known as "Doesticks," who died in New York on Friday, was born near Rochester, N. Y., in 1830. He was (as stated in the New York Herald) a student in the Andover University, in Michigan, and afterwards entered a jewelry shop in New York. While working as a clerk in the establishment he wrote his first "Doesticks letter," which was published in the Detroit "Advertiser." He raised himself into prominence by this and similar achievements, and in a few years he became one of the best-known newspaper writers in New York City. This "hiring" for the stage led him to cultivate the acquaintance of actors. The first published book of Thomson's was entitled "Doesticks' What He Says." He afterwards published a burlesque on "Hitwatha," called "Flurbustab."

THE HAWKEYE AND RECORDS OF THE ELEPHANT CLUB.

Mortimer Thomson's first wife, Miss Van Cleve, died some years ago, leaving a son. His second wife was Grace Kedge, daughter of "Fanny Fern" and niece of N. P. Willis. She also died, leaving a daughter.

is convicted of some other crime, or fails to receive full pardon within ten years. He says: "To the heinous crimes of murder in these and degree, outrage and arson in the first degree should be attached a punishment proportionate to their enormity. In my judgment the punishment should not be less than imprisonment for life. I cannot assent to an enactment which tends to lessen the just reprobation of the atrocity of these crimes or of the wickedness of those who commit them."

THE HINDS CASE.

Hinds has had an eventful time, and he seems so far to have gotten off easy. As was mentioned in our dispatches yesterday, there were still other indictments against him, but as to these a not pros. was entered. The Nashville Union declares that there never was a greater farce than this trial. Properly conducted, it might have opened up the great network of fraud that has for a long time controlled the mail contracts of the Postoffice Department. If Hinds had been pressed into a corner, he would have told all he knew about these transactions, for he openly threatened that, if sent to the penitentiary he would go in good company. It was established that one Channel, a clerk in the Postoffice Department, had received bribe money, which was paid him, not by Hinds, however, but by Kettles, who was Hinds' partner. The jury saw the subtle distinction and let Hinds escape, although the bribery was done with his knowledge by his partner, in the interest of the firm and with the firm's money.

NOW THIS IS A SPECIMEN OF RADICAL MALADMINISTRATION.

What can we expect of a party that winks at corruption and is thick-jawed with the corruptionists? The issue in this campaign is between the progressive and yet conservative people of all previous hues in politics and the rabid leadership of the Radical party. It is John Pool versus the people. Let this fact be well borne in mind.

We want a large majority of the people want, many changes in the organic law. But the philosophy of the movement to procure these amendments resolves itself into the above explicit and, so to speak, axiomatic statement. Taking the same view of the matter as we have done in our former articles on the subject our common sense contemporary the Wilson Plain Dealer remarks: "This comes, then, to a plain question between Radicalism on one side and Conservatism on the other as to who shall control the Convention. When that point is fully understood as it must be, we imagine that the few who would leave the party and swell the ranks of the Democracy to launch their bark upon or wallow in the muddy pool of Radicalism because of a difference amongst friends upon a question of expediency and policy, merely as to the time when North Carolina should hold a Constitutional Convention. There will be no new accession to the ranks of Kirk and Holdenism, and those who bear the banner of Civil Rights and other reforming and progressive principles, but more stirred by patriotic emotions, the men of the country will do their duty, and as the enemies of this vicious Radicalism are increasing in other States, so in North Carolina must our numbers increase rather than diminish in this campaign. Let the real issue be understood. Shall a Convention which is sure to be held be controlled by Radicals who say the restrictions are not binding, or by Democrats who nearly all agree that these are binding?"

THE CRUJDOLD BACHELOR.

The crusjdold bachelor of the Courier-Journal solemnly asserts that "few love letters can survive a good night's rest, a walk around the corner to the post office, or a drink of whiskey and water." Perhaps he has been set all right by such sovereign styptics, but what of "all the other hearts that ache" and bleed in Brooklyn and elsewhere?

A BLOW AGAINST CIVIL RIGHTS.

Last Thursday night a colored company styled "The New Orleans Jubilee Singers," gave an entertainment in this city at the Bute Street Baptist Church. (colored.) Yesterday one of their programmes was handed to us, and we noticed thereon the following words displayed very conspicuously: "Seats reserved for white visitors." This shows that these negroes from the extreme South do not demand, expect or desire any white persons who may wish to attend their concert to mix promiscuously with the colored portion of the audience, and is a blow against the odious civil rights bill from those for whose supposed benefit it was framed.

THE COLORED VOTER IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Columbia Union Herald, Republican, says of the colored voters of South Carolina: "If it were certain that they are to remain for any considerable time as ignorant as they are to-day, there would not be a shadow of a party in the United States favorable to the universal suffrage experiment. It is the hope of a speedy improvement in their qualifications that makes their existence as political factors tolerable to the masses of the whites. It is with sorrow, then, that we are obliged to believe that they are in a great degree responsible for the existence of so great an evil as incompetent teachers in our public schools."

STAR-DUST.

Minnie Polite was killed by lightning in Georgia. Every tarrow in the Book of Psalms is sown with seeds of thanksgiving. The California liquor-dealers have started a paper which is to be their organ, and they call it the Temperance Herald. The press of Arkansas are divided between the two political parties in the proportion of thirty-eight Democratic to four Republican. The wheat crop of the South is becoming an important feature of our agriculture. The Galveston News thinks the wheat crop of Texas will be 5,000,000 bushels this year. Minnie Talli-Ouz appeared at a fancy dress ball in London a short time ago as "Hesperia" (of "Ivachoo"). She wore a costume that was almost entirely studded with diamonds.

THE LEAD IN LEAD PENCILS.

The lead in lead pencils is not lead at all, though it is called "black lead." The weight, if nothing else, tells you that. It is a mineral called graphite—from the Greek word to write—and is more nearly related to coal than to lead.

JUDGE BYNAM'S OPINION.

[We publish in full the opinion of Judge Bynum, one of our Supreme Court Justices, dissenting from the opinion of the majority of the Court in regard to the legality of the lease of the North Carolina Railroad to the Richmond & Danville Railroad, and the power or authority to change the gauge of the N. C. Road. He does not believe that there is any law to justify the lease or change of gauge. We consider Judge Bynum one of the most learned and able jurists in this country. His argument against the right of the Richmond & Danville Road to change the gauge of the North Carolina Road, seems to be unanswerable. We are gratified that Judge Bynum has come forward, almost alone among the Judiciary, to stand up for the rights, as well as the material interests and honor, of North Carolina in the lease and change of gauge business.]

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