

## OPENING OF TAMMANY HALL TO PUBLIC INSPECTION.

## POSITION OF DELEGATES IN THE HALL.

THE following we take from the New York World.

The new hall, on Fourth street, built for the Tammany Society or Columbian Order, was opened for public view Thursday, the interior arrangements and decorations being exactly as used for the National Democratic Convention to assemble here on the glorious Fourth. It is impossible to praise them too highly. On all sides the stars and stripes were in varied designs of gay colors. There is something particularly happy in the way which the American flag accommodates itself to all the requirements of decoration. Its colors—as has been repeatedly proved—form the truly legitimate elements of all agreeable decoration. A remarkable example of their happy combination in Tammany Hall is the rich canopy above the claimant's desk, enclosing the bust of Washington. The slender shaft bearing upon it the stately figure of him whom we look upon with such reverence is thrown up with remarkable distinctness from the crimson background, while the folds of dark blue silk bordered with gold bullion form the tent-like canopy complete an harmonious arrangement of colors eliciting the highest admiration. To complete the glamor of this little shrine, concealed reflectors throw a golden, fatal gleam upon the pallid marble.

By the mighty aid of the great St Tam many, the Columbia Order has made for itself a house worthy of its grand reputation in the past, and glorious promise of its achievements in the future. And all the guests who yesterday thronged its spacious hall were earnest in their applause of its accomplished work.

The invited guests began to arrive at 4 o'clock, and in a short time the hall was filled with a crowd of elegantly-dressed ladies and gentlemen, who moved slowly around the salons and galleries, gazing at the decorations from every possible point of view. The arrangements made for meeting the delegations are as follows: The whole front of the hall occupies the ground floor within the bar, and facing the platform are reserved for them. The seats are divided by aisles into three sections, each of which is further subdivided into two sections. The States are located in the following order:

Ro. Wing, Virginia, 1; West, North Carolina, 10; Missouri, 59; Ohio, 42; Iowa, 10; Indiana, 24; Maryland, 14; Minnesota, 6; New Jersey, 12; Missouri, 22; West Virginia, 10; Connecticut, 13; Center, 1; Texas, 18; seats, Vermont, 10; Massachusetts, 2; Alabama, 16; South Carolina, 14; Louisiana, 14; Wisconsin, 16; New Hampshire, 10; New York, 66.

Left Wing, Maine, 1; Florida, 1; Kentucky, 22; Delaware, 6; Indiana, 26; Nebraska, 4; Kansas, 5; Nevada, 8; Tennessee, 26; Illinois, 32; Rhode Island, 8; Michigan, 16; Arkansas, 10; Oregon, 6; California, 10; Georgia, 18.

The seats of each delegation are marked by a blue banner bearing the name of the State they represent in gold letters. The friends of the delegates will have seats provided for them at the sides, where there is plenty of space and ample accommodation.

There is also a large number of seats below the bar, and beyond, that a considerable amount of standing room. The galleries also are very large, and afford excellent positions of watching the proceedings of this great Convention, and will doubtless be crowded with spectators. The platform will accommodate about eighty persons.

There are plenty of large ice water fountains in the building, and the windows, front and rear, afford excellent ventilation.

Griffith's Seventh Regiment band of fifty pieces having taken possession of the platform, opened the proceedings with the performance of "The Star-Spangled Banner." This was followed by "Bell Columbia." Other pieces were then performed at intervals.

Beautiful as the hall now appears, it is the beauty of still life; but when filled with the delegates of these various States, all charged with a stupendous duty which makes their actions fraught with the gravest issues of the future, it is not too much to say that the scene will be one that must be vividly prominent for good or evil in all the annals of America.

It is impossible in the brief space at command to name all the celebrities who visited the hall in the course of the afternoon.

GEN. FRANCIS P. BLAIR DEFINES HIS POSITION.

Washington, June 30, 1868.

Colonel James O. Broadhead:

Dear Colleague.—I enclose your inquiries. I have leave to say that I have no power to determine, on consultation with my friends from Missouri, whether my name shall be presented to the Democratic Convention, and to submit the following as what I consider the most safe and judicious course.

The Reconstruction policy of the Radicals will be complete before the next meeting of the Senate, so far as I can be advised will be admitted; so far as may be established, and the same authors installed in their seats in both branches of Congress. There is no possibility of changing the political character of the Senate, even if the Democrats should elect their President and a majority of the popular branch of Congress. We cannot, therefore, undo the Radical plan of reconstruction by Congressional action. The Senate will continue a bar to its progress. Must we submit to it? How can it be overthrown? It can only be overthrown by the authority of the Executive, who is sworn to maintain the Constitution, and who will fail to do his duty if he allows the Constitution to perish, under a series of Congressional enactments, which are in palpable violation of its fundamental principles.

If the President-elect by the Democratic influence, or permits other to enforce, these reconstructing acts, the Radicals, by the accession of twenty spurious members and fifty Representatives, will control both branches of Congress, and his administration will be as powerless as the present one of Mr. Johnson.

There is but one way to restore the Government and the Constitution, and that is

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