

THE SENTINEL

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EDITORIAL ENTRIES

The United States Consul at Valencia states that two Spanish war vessels, armed by insurgents, are now bound for America. It is thought that Cuba is their objective point.

Vice President Wilson is a hopeless paralytic. He will never be able, it is thought, to occupy the speaker's chair of the U. S. Senate again as his face is much affected and his speech too. Disease and death lay their hands upon all, upon the King in his palace or the peasant in his humble home.

Queen Victoria has formally announced to the British Parliament that her second son, the Duke of Edinburgh, is betrothed to the Princess Alexandra, of Russia. The Duke has more ability than the Prince of Wales, and, if goals are to be credited, has less virtue. England is certainly forming some strong alliances. The Princess Alice married Prince Frederick William, of Prussia, who will come to the throne not many years hence, as Kaiser William is an old man.

Grant, instead of observing the old fashioned manners of a Republican Court, set up at the beginning of his first term a regular imperialistic Court, having around and about him military men with military airs and pretensions.

The new French President, McMahon, is reported in the papers on State occasions, does not appear as the Chief Magistrate, but takes his place at the head of the military. Does not this portend evil? Are the days of the so-called Republic at hand?

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THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY

The recent discussions relating to the press relative to the dismemberment of the old Democratic party is exciting general attention. We do not propose to enter into the discussion at this time. We are for any party that can throttle Grantism, which is indeed, as the writer said in 1869 and 1872, in these columns, but another name for Cleverness and corruption. We do not see at this time any chance of crushing out that baleful power save by a wise combination of all of the opposing elements.

We would not stop to haggle over names. We are for beating and scattering to the four winds the tentacles of aggression, despotism and plunder, that has harrowed the land and brought shame upon the nation. Liberty may answer, but from last year's experience, we should necessarily infer that it was a failure. Whatever of real strength it had, was derived from the Democratic party, North and South, and there who operated with it.

Mr. Groves, of Ohio, a life-long Republican, and a very able man, declined to be the candidate of his party for Governor. It seems in May last he wrote a long and eloquent letter in which he gave expression to his views relative to the political situation. We did not see it, but gather from the paper that he admitted that the Democratic party was moribund, and that there was no possibility for its continuance. We suppose matters have been going on since, and Groves and Lincoln, the other Northern and Liberal.

The Baltimore franchise, referring to Mr. Groves's letter says:

In saying that this letter is impressive though not conclusive, we seek to do justice to the man whose ability is so widely known. We do not accept the counsel which is given in the paper to give up the franchise, and allow it to be given to the Democrats. They seem like the men of the mythical age who were to be slain by the hero, and who had no other way of escape than to be slain by the hero, and who had no other way of escape than to be slain by the hero.

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notes, the trumpet-blast which, if anything can, will summon Democracy to such a leader's side—the doctrine of strict construction of the Federal Constitution.

The New York Tribune views the matter differently occupying the Liberal standpoint. We have space only for a few brief extracts. It says:

"The debate to which his letter has given an impulse is over the question whether the Democratic party is or is not dead. That there are Democrats who stubbornly deny it is not strange. Like Mr. Groves, they are strongly attached to the old political 'homestead.' Unlike him, they have not taken a broad view of the political field and discovered, as he has, that it has no further opportunity or usefulness, no chance for any new success. And so they are quite disposed to deny the proposition and hold on. Nor is it without precedent that they should somewhat warmly berate Mr. Groves for his frankness and manliness in stating disagreeable truths. Political differences have engendered just such things before, upon no more adequate provocation."

It then goes into a recital of some historic points to vindicate the wisdom of Mr. Groves's advice. When it comes to speak of the magnanimous and unprecedentedly patriotic action of the Democratic party at Baltimore, it indulges in the following which to say the least is not stated in an agreeable way:

"The Baltimore Convention was only a recognition of this state of facts. The National Convention of the Democratic party then and there deliberately abandoned its past, adopted a platform which represented the high water mark of distinct Republicanism, and which was the work of Republicans, and nominated a candidate who had represented always and everywhere all the ideas and sentiments their party had fought against. It cannot be said they were urged or inveigled, or even lured to such action. They ran to it without invitation. It was their opportunity to get rid of their record and take a new departure, and perhaps they hoped to come into power."

We have this to say, that when the Baltimore Convention agreed to support the Cincinnati platform and candidates they did so in the interest of the country, hoping to defeat Grant, and crush out imperialism and gigantic corruption and fraud. They were willing to combine with any and all to affect the greatly desired end of defeating Radicalism. They did not "run" to Mr. Greeley, but with a patriotism as grand as commendable accepted for the time the contest as presented between the platform of Philadelphia and Cincinnati. The whole country was disappointed; Liberalism was not even brilliant in its displays. Its only opportunity to come was that after appearing for a brief season in the political heavens, it went out in darkness and gloom, its noble leader falling a victim by the way.

We wait for other developments. We have no counsel to give, no preferences now to express. We are earnestly, honestly, determinedly opposed to Grant and his crew. We are for peace, prosperity and purity. We are willing to work as honestly, intelligently, and judiciously against the present detestable government. As we said, we care nothing for the name of the party, but all we stickle for are right principles and earnest opposition to Grant. We do not see any wisdom just now in the main embodied in an old complaint:

"If we cannot alter things, 'Tis best to change their names etc."

The Associate is responsible for this article, written without consultation with the Editor. He merely gives his own views.

WHEELER AND CARUTHERS

Both of these historians are at fault in their account of the battle of Cass Creek.

Wheeler says General Butler endeavored to intercept them with a superior force, and did so at Lindsey's Mill on Cass Creek, where an engagement took place on the following day.

Says Caruthers:

"I presume the author had some good authority for the statement, and I would be glad he had given it, for my information has been different, and if that was wrong I should like to have it corrected."

According to my information the battle was not at Lindsey's Mill, but at Old Jack Alton's, a little, when the forces arrayed at Lindsey's Mill on their retreat, a few of the whigs had rallied there and a small skirmish ensued, but it was only a little brush in their rear or flank."

Panning who commanded the rebel force, he had 800 men of his own regiment, besides McDougall's and McNeil's regiments, the first of which was the other 70 strong. Panning's force was 1200.

Panning says the party we engaged were 400 strong under Gen. Butler and Col. Nelson of the continental line, and the battle was fought at Lindsey's Mill, which is misapplying to Lindsey's.

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fully tortured them with his expostulations. The consequence is, they dog him at every turn, arrest, prosecute and persecute that he may be waded into silence. But he will not be silenced, but applies his vitriol afresh, ruts it on with a more determined hand, and exorcises their hides with a deeper relish. We hope he will continue to vex, worry and expose the administration, until the whole land becomes aware of the stench of corruption that fills the land and that is inviting a national atrophy. Bold and faithful journalism is worth ten thousand times more to the people, than that other sort that wears gloves and keeps velvet in its mouth.

That bid war horse and disappointed aspirant, Gen. Wise, has been completely overwhelmed at Lynchburg. The District Attorney, Robert W. Hughes, was the fortunate candidate for the gubernatorial nomination. The Radicals were unwilling to trust the old rebel soldier however sweetly he piped, or however adroitly he bated his pin-hook. Mr. Hughes is a man of unquestioned ability. He is one of the very few able men of Virginia, who ranked as gentlemen before the war, who was wooed to the loving embrace of Radicalism. He heard the song of the system and was so charmed he fell forever into their snare. It has gone out that Wise will support him, and his reward is to be the United States Senate—provided the Virginians are untrue to their great name and permit the administration party to triumph.

We cannot doubt that the Conservatives of Virginia will find the right man to contest with Mr. Hughes. A State that has always abounded in great men, can never lack in such a crisis for some wise, eloquent and patriotic son to uphold successfully her rights and her name. She has had a glorious record in all her past. She never tyrannized has long been blazed upon her shield, and now that her best cherished interests are involved, she will be found true to herself, and true to her great name. No man who comes before the people of Virginia—the land of Henry and Washington and Robert E. Lee—sustaining the man "with the wooden head and iron arm," to quote the striking phrase of her greatest journalist, the late John M. Daniel, and championing a party whose inspiration is tyranny and whose hope is "public plunder," can ever, as we believe, become their Governor. We look forward with certainty to the utter overthrow of the border of Radicalism. In every trial of principle Virginia will triumph. Virginia victis.

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