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### RADICAL NOMINEE.

The time is drawing on apace not with slow and leaden feet, but with the irresistible speed of fleeting moments; the forces are being marshaled under shrewd leadership, and soon in national convention the standard bearer of each political party will be named. Aspirants on either side for the nomination are not wanting. Upon the Radical side there prominently up Sherman, Grant and Blaine, in our estimation the chances are as in the order named. Had we our choice, we would unhesitatingly pronounce in favor of Grant for two reasons.

The first and chief is, that we believe that he would be the easiest man of the three defeated.

The idea of a third term carries with it an odor, that is exceedingly disagreeable to the masses of the American people. While General Grant is undoubtedly strong at the South, while his name is a tower of strength among the ignorant and deluded blacks, while he would be able perhaps to win from the Democracy one of the Southern States, and so lay that terrible ghost: a solid South; yet this loss would be more than counterbalanced by the loss to the Radical party of either Ohio, Pennsylvania or even perhaps Illinois. There the people, strange as it may sound in our ears, are more tenacious of their liberties, and guard their rights with more vigilance and jealous care. The reason why this is so, is plain: Our rights have been denied to us so long and so persistently; they have been so hawked-at, spit upon and held in such utter disregard and contempt, that we have almost abandoned all hope. A large portion of the people of the North feel, that a third term means Empire.

Another reason why we would favor the nomination of Grant is: that in the event of his election, we would be no longer uncertain as to our fate; he believes in a strong centralized government, and, we believe, after that, a sceptre or a crown.

Now we speak for ourself alone. We have commenced to lose faith in a Republican form of government, especially as administered by the Radical party.

England from our infancy has said, that our government is but a "rope of sand." Not one act in these latter days has been passed by Congress directly or exclusively for the benefit of the people, but all of its legislation has been shaped and guided to advance partisan aims and purposes. Was the resistance of the Radicals in the last Congress to the repeal of the act permitting the presence of troops at the polls, in the interest of the people, in a free exercise of their use of the ballot? Was it to preserve the purity of elections? No indeed; the contrary was the fact; it was but to continue the lease of the power of the Radical party.

We are free to confess, that we would rather see Grant Emperor of this country, than see a second Hayes, or any other Radical in the land President, and so see the farce continued of a free government administered as in the last eighteen years.

While we loathe and detest General Grant, and look upon him as being corrupt and vicious, yet he is not the besotted ignoramus, which he is by many represented to be; were he, his hold upon the admiration and esteem of a large class of the citizens of this country would be unnatural and phenomenal; he may be a knave, but he is evidently no fool. We are not to pronounce him.

We are opposed to hypocrisy and deceit as much in governments, as we are in individuals; next to ingratitude, hypocrisy is the blackest crime in the calendar. If we are to be ruled and governed after the manner of an Empire, then in the name of candor call this country an Empire. In the early days we were a community of coequal States, now we are a consolidated Nation. We have but a little way further to drift from the teachings of the fathers, to dash upon the rocks, or strand upon the golden sands (we know not which) of Monarchy or Empire. A long continued lease of power to any one party is dangerous to free republican institutions. A third term, and after that, what?

### POLITICAL NOTES.

Enough has been shown up about last year's election in Cincinnati to indicate that the Ohio people do not need to go to Louisiana for frauds.

The idea that the safety of this country requires that one party shall hold all the offices is what keeps things in a state of excitement so much of the time.

As the Massachusetts Republican have decided to hold their convention two days in advance of that of the Democrats, it may be worth while for them to keep their eyes wide open. Butler may want to steal their party this year.

Wouldn't it be a reasonably good idea to put the English Mission up at auction? The administration, which seems to be troubled about getting a man rich enough for the place, could be assured then that if a man were rich enough to buy it he could also afford to sustain the dignity of it.

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