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THE CHICAGO CONVENTION.

We dare say the political annals of this country furnish no instance of a public meeting of its citizens comparable to the convention which met at Chicago, Illinois, last week, for the purpose of nominating Republican candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States. Not for numbers gathered together, for accounts differ as to the mere number in attendance, but at the same time we need not question the statement of some persons, immaterial in itself, that the number was greater than that at the late St. Louis convention which placed the Democratic candidates in the field. But there were other features in this later gathering of the people's representatives which distinguish it materially from the Democratic Convention, and indeed from any former convention of the Republican party.

In the first place, it was scenic in the highest degree and, from the earliest reports, it was evident they were running this card for all it was worth. It reminded us of the policy in war, said to be used by the Chinese, of beating gongs with the view of frightening their enemy by the sheer force of sound and demonstration. At a former national convention of that party when a Texas delegate, named Flannagan, sounded the characteristic key-note by saying, in his address to the body, "what are we here for but for the offices?" it was a revelation that stuck in the gizzard of the more honest among them, and made a tender spot in their consciences for some time afterwards. On the late occasion the same Flannagan was present in high feather, and was accorded especial recognition and prominence by reason of that single speech of his. This is but one straw. We pass over the disgraceful scenes growing out of a contest between the rival Virginia delegations, each clamoring for seats in the body and, according to the papers, some of them coming to blows and knock-downs. It is enough, without comment, to state the fact that the blatant infidel, Ingersoll, was one of the leading figures in the management, and that the presiding officers—both temporary and permanent—were influential monopolists in railroad interests. These facts carry the suggestion that such a party should never be permitted to control the destinies of this country, not if the welfare of the great masses is to be consulted. But that which impressed us most as indicative of the true spirit of the occasion, and of the party that made it, was the declaration of a speaker, in placing his favorite in nomination for the high office of President, that his man had the "ways and means" for carrying the election and would cheerfully furnish the boodle for that purpose. This meant to buy votes, whatever else may have been comprehended in the statement. Was ever such a base confession so publicly made before? And yet it is evident, from more signs than one, that boodle was the trump card in the management of the booms of certain candidates. It is fair to presume that many of the delegates came away from Chicago richer than when they went there. The Tribune, an independent paper, states that never before had Chicago ever seen such a congregation of "pot-house" politicians.

AN UNFOUNDED RUMOR.

We heard about ten days ago that some of the Republicans of this vicinity were actually circulating the report—pretending that they had authority for it—that Capt. Sydenham B. Alexander would be an independent candidate for Congress in this District. One of our citizens has shown us a letter from this gentleman, in relation to it, from which we make the following extract:

"I am surprised at your even considering it of sufficient importance to deny it. I assure you such a thought never entered my mind. I never, directly, or indirectly, harbored such a thought; nor have I said anything from which any one could draw such an inference."

Thus this canard is disposed of. As to whose inventive genius started it, we do not know. But it is clear that some of the persons who call themselves Republicans have very little regard for truth, and seem to think that anything is fair and commendable in politics. In our opinion it is as great a violation of the moral code to lie on one subject as upon another; and he who is a knave in politics is a knave everywhere. We despise tricksters wherever we find them; and any party which allows itself controlled by them will, sooner or later, meet with a well deserved rebuke at the hands of the people. So far as we are concerned it is absolutely essential that neither trickery nor fraud shall be used in party management, and that the true men only shall direct all movements. We do not propose to be led by Republicans, or by those who, to gain an end, will consort with them. It is wisest not to subject our fealty to such a strain.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The objects brought prominently forward at the late District Conference held here, in addition to the various themes submitted by the Bishop for discussion, were those of Education and Prohibition. A report as to the former object had special reference to the interests of Trinity, Greensboro Female College, and Jonesboro High School. The Bishop's address on Education was followed by a contribution to Trinity of several hundred dollars, raised by an impromptu collection. The report on Prohibition set forth the following facts as indicative of the progress made by the cause in the Fayetteville District: In the circuits of Cumberland, Lumberton, Robeson, Rockingham, Carthage, Cape Fear, also in St. John's Station, there is not a single bar-room. Four townships in Moore county are under prohibition by local option, and a fifth only missed it by four votes. The town of Lumberton, and the townships of Smith's and Alfordville, have local option, also, Shoe Heel township, except the town of Maxton. A large number of churches in the other circuits, and many factories, are under the protection of the Omnibus Bill, and several circuits lack only one point of being free from the curse of the open saloon. There are only two stations along the line of the R. & A. R. R., in the bounds of the district, where liquor may be legally sold. The committee's report concluded as follows: "We think it highly important that the temperance sentiment be diligently cultivated among the people. A community will sometimes vote for prohibition, when they are not prepared for prohibition. Some vote for prohibition and then drink all the liquor they can get—such conduct is inconsistent. We can never secure real prohibition until it stands upon the votes of men who will not touch liquor themselves; men who hate liquor for the curse it is to the land, for the widows it makes, for the children it robs of their rights, for the souls it destroys. Let us diligently cultivate the temperance sentiment by preaching it from the pulpit; by teaching it in the Sabbath schools, as provided quarterly in our lesson papers; by enforcing the discipline, according to the provisions laid down, and by voting at the ballot-box under the local option laws."

A resolution was adopted asking Bishop Granbery to postpone the meeting of the next annual conference to the last week in November, or the first week in December. In response to the above, and other requests, the Bishop has ordered a postponement and announced that the annual conference will meet in New Bern, N. C., on the 28th of November next. The final business of the District Conference was the election of delegates to represent the district in the Annual Conference at New Bern, N. C., next November, and the selection of a place at which to hold the Fayetteville District Conference next year. Lumberton was selected. The following is the delegation elected to attend the next Annual Conference: K. H. Worthy, H. C. Wall, J. M. Lamb, J. T. John, Alternates: E. J. Lilly, R. D. Phillips, F. B. Gibson. The Conference then adjourned with the benediction by Bishop Key.

The glorification of the bandanna still goes bravely forward. A new post office established in North Carolina, has been named Bandanna. Will letters passing through that office be red?—N. Y. World.

THE REPUBLICAN NOMINEES.

The agony at Chicago ended on Monday last in the nomination of Gen. Benjamin Harrison, of Indiana, for President, and Mr. Levi P. Morton, of New York, for Vice-President. The former comes to the front with the prestige of defeat for Governor of his own State, some years ago, and without much record except that he is of reputation more savory than is that of several who were his competitors for the honor of a nomination. He is a man of character, if not possessing a high order of talent. We do not regard him the strongest man our enemies had, but as a compromise candidate he is probably the best that could have been selected. He is a grandson of the Harrison who died one month after his election to the Presidency, him of Tippecanoe fame in the "log cabin" campaign days. Of the candidate for Vice-President, Morton, it can be said that he is rich and will doubtless open his "barrel" liberally to promote the success of his party; and this consideration is destined to be of mighty force with the Republican party in the contest just begun.

A BID FOR VOTES.

The Chicago Convention has labored to catch the ear of the voter in the high-sounding platform which has been placed before the country. It is an ingeniously framed instrument of glittering generalities, promising everything in the event of the elevation of the Republican party to power again. On the taxation question they favor a tariff for protection purely, with what revenue may follow incidentally. They say nothing about real tariff reform—the burning question of to-day—and the only promise made in the way of a revision of the tariff is but with the view of continuing the present system upon a firmer basis than ever. They pledged themselves in 1854 to correct the inequalities of the tariff; now they hold out no such hope, rather they put off indefinitely any attempt in that direction. It remains to be seen whether the people will sustain the gigantic system of wrong, at the bidding of "trust" and "monopoly" managers, or vote to continue in power the true friends of the masses who are being ground to earth under the working of the present tariff system. As to the attitude of the platform towards the great question of tariff reform, the Washington Post truly says:

It goes the whole length of the entire protection scheme. It is more than the essence; it is the essential oil of paternalism. It slaps squarely in the face every principle, theory, tradition, purpose or hope of Jeffersonian Democracy. It is Hamiltonian to the last degree.

A RETROSPECTION.

Who of the old Pee Dee Guards does not look back twenty-seven years with mingled feelings of joy and sorrow for "the days that are no more?"

We left home on the 27th of June, a day that will ever be remembered by those who were present on the occasion of our departure from Rockingham. How great the enthusiasm of that day! The cause of the South was felt to be the cause of all. Controversy was at an end. Difference of opinion, as to the principles involved, was swallowed up in the stern reality that forced itself upon the minds of the people. The great heart of the community throbbed in unison of sentiment and feeling, and all parties were ready to contribute of their means and sympathy to forward and promote the common cause.

The Pee Dee Guards was one of the pioneer companies of Richmond county, the second, in point of time, to buckle on the armor and stand forth in attestation of the "do or die" spirit that animated her people. When, therefore, the hour for the departure came—when, with tearful eyes but stout hearts, that band of gallant boys bade adieu to the scenes of home and friends, the yearning hearts of the people went with them; and as long as Rockingham shall have a "local habitation and a name," will the 27th of June, 1861, be remembered and marked as a melancholy but pleasing episode in her history.

"Fresh as the first beam glittering on a sail That brings our friends up from the outer world, Sad as the last which reddens over one That sinks with all we love below the verge; So sad, so fresh the days that are no more."

The Contrast is Great.

Here is a small block of refracted truth from the N. Y. Star: "It is no disparagement to the well-earned renown of Allen G. Thurman to say that the contrast between his congressional record and those of the Republican Senators scored by Senator Ingalls is not a purely personal one. It is easy for Democrats who follow the fundamental principles of Democracy to be consistently on the side of popular rights and interests. It is not so easy for Republicans to avoid compromising themselves when their party shifts its ground with every change in the orders of the plutocratic combinations through which and for which it lives. Nor has any living Democrat the right to take offense when it is said that nowhere in the country could there be found a more fitting and perfect type of Democratic senatorial excellence than Mr. Thurman."

Deaths From Heat in New York.

New York, June 25.—The continued heat is playing sad havoc among the children in the tenement house districts. The certificates of deaths are pouring in to-day and several clerks are kept busy tabulating them for future reference in the bureau of statistics. Up to noon to-day over 100 deaths of children from diarrhea caused by the heat were recorded, and the books show fully 300 deaths for the day, the heaviest for a year. Horses are suffering severely, and a number of cab and car horses have dropped dead from the heat. The latter, notwithstanding the fact that the companies have relays at intervals of a mile and hospital stations all along the line. At noon the thermometer registered 98.

Two Shot, and Both Dead.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., June 25th.—Melville Lites, a young white man, and a negro named Wash Haralson fought with pistols yesterday near Richmond, Ala., and both were killed. They were living on the plantation of A. T. Jones, Lites being an overseer and the negro a laborer. The negro had been ordered to leave the place but refused to do so, and when Lites went with Jones to the negro's house he fired on them. Lites was shot twice and died within fifteen minutes. Haralson was also shot fatally and died in a few hours.

It is not proposed to entirely relieve the country of taxation. It must be extensively continued as the source of the government's income; and in a readjustment of our tariff the interests of American labor engaged in manufacture should be carefully considered as well as the preservation of our manufacturers. It may be called protection, or by any other name, but RELIEF FROM THE HARDSHIPS AND DANGERS OF OUR PRESENT TARIFF LAWS SHOULD BE DEVISED WITH ESPECIAL PRECAUTION AGAINST IMPERILING THE EXISTENCE OF OUR MANUFACTURING INTERESTS.—President Cleveland's Message.

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