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For Superintendent of Public Instruction—
J. BARNABAS C. HORNS.
For Attorney General—NELSON TRUS-
TER.
For Judge of the Supreme Court:
1st District—JEHU T. ELLIOTT.
2d " " CHARLES A. RAY.
3d " " ROBERT C. GREGORY.
4th " " ANDREW D. OSBURN.

For Congress, from Sixth District,
MOSES F. DUNN.

TO THE VOTERS OF THE SIXTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT.

From the public press and private sources, in this Circuit, there appears to be a wish of a portion of the citizens, for me to take the race for Circuit Judge. Indeed, this expression is so distinct and earnest, as to require from me a definite and respectful answer. While I cannot disregard so general and persistent a call, it should be mentioned that I did not aspire to that position at the present; moreover, it is due to the bar in this district, to say that there are a number of gentlemen, more than my equal for the position, some of whom I have solicited to run for the office.

Having spent twenty-two years exclusively in the profession, eight of which have been on the beach, and though I consent to the use of my name as a candidate for so honorable an office, it is not without a distrust of my abilities, and with great deference to the high legal attainments of the bar.

Though I announce myself as a candidate, it must needs be of the people, and without a convention, and in favor of an independent judiciary. My views are not peculiar on this subject, for many thoughtful and earnest men have come at last to the same conclusion, and so will all the people sooner or later, or else the judiciary will become a mockery. Whoever goes upon the bench, should go free. He who goes as a partisan, goes as a slave. He is continually embarrassed by partisan relationship, bias, prejudice, and not unfrequently with bitter partisan hatred, and this is particularly true in *nisi prius* courts. The judge elected by party, naturally befriends those who aided him, and on the other hand repulses those who opposed his aspirations, and this is so true that a denial of it is to belie human nature, and falsify all experience. Such partisan feelings are at war with the impartial administration of justice, and so long as judges are human, so long they will have like passions with other men.

If the judge is conscious that he is the choice of an intelligent and independent constituency, who have acted freely and without party restraint, being so elected, he feels that a double portion of public confidence has been reposed in him, and as a result will summon every energy to maintain his judicial eminence unswayed, and without the taint of partiality or favoritism.

If any one needs the evidence of a prostituted judiciary, let him but turn to the State of New York, to behold the humiliating spectacle, where party and rich corporations, by political trickery, nominate the candidates, and the voters under the party lash are compelled to support them. The result is, the creatures thus elected by trickery and money, are in turn used by their masters. Who will dare but say, that all this is to the prejudice of private right, and in subversion of the public good? And what is true in New York, is to a greater or less extent, true elsewhere. The same causes must produce the same results substantially everywhere. To this gradual wearing away, ending in final corruption, the people cannot and ought not to submit; and a peaceful remedy is in their own hands, if they will but exercise their manhood at the ballot box.

I do not say that parties always nominate bad men, they sometimes select good men; but the trickster in judicial nominations generally outmanages the gentleman, and often by foul means. Nor am I opposed to parties, for parties are proper in their place, but their place is not in the judiciary. To keep the judiciary elevated and commanding, it should and ought to be chosen by the disinterested patriotism and intelligence of the people, and they must especially be invoked; and all political trickery and party rings must be set at naught. Let each voter make a personal matter and study for whom he should vote for judge, and impress the same precaution on his neighbors, and discourage all unfair means and improper appliances in elections, such as would be unseemly in the sight of honest men.

Other precautionary measures might be added, tending to the elevation of an independent judiciary, such as that no man should be elected judge who owns stock, or holds any interest, official or otherwise, in wealthy corporations. No man however good, can always count on his moral strength, when opposed by his interest; hence no prayer better than "lead me not into temptation." While wealthy corporations should have all their legal rights, nevertheless we all know, either from observation or sad experience, that combinations of money and brains in rich corporations are severe task-masters, prone to infringe upon pri-

vate rights, and oppress the people. They will have the "pound of flesh and the last drop of blood." I speak this in no ill humor, but as a caution against their undue influence in the judiciary; an ounce of preventive is worth a pound of cure. These are some of the things which should be considered by a candid public in connection with an independent judiciary.

I shall be thankful for all votes that can be fairly obtained for me, but I want no zealous friend to resort to any unfair means, and if elected, of which I feel confident, I shall faithfully devote myself to the labors and duties of the office. Nor shall I be a candidate for any other office while judge, for the judiciary should not be made a stepping stone for other offices, and hold as capital stock to trade on for other offices, and this is an existing evil in our own State, I have expressed myself at some length, with the hope that this statement will save me from public speaking.

Some may not know my politics, nor is it needful that they should, but as I have no concealment, and wish to be respectful, I say to all that I am a Republican. Upon the views imperfectly expressed in the foregoing statement, I submit my cause to the voters of the district, with a firm reliance upon their virtue, intelligence and independence of thought and action, and upon a fair expression of which at the ballot box, I shall await a favorable verdict.

FREDERIC T. BROWN.
Greencastle, Ind., Sep. 14th, 1870.

Tribute of Respect.
Hall Monroe Lodge No. 22, Bloomington, Ind., Sep. 27, 1870.

It has pleased the Supreme Architect of the Universe to summon from his labor upon earth our beloved Brother James F. Carter, calling him by his omnipotent will to that judgment which awaits all who are toiling in this earthly tabernacle; and

WHEREAS, The Masonic ties which have so long bound us in mutual friendship and enjoyment to our departed friend, are severed no more to be united until the day when the grave shall yield up its dead, therefore

Resolved, That we sincerely mourn this disruption of covenanted friendship, bearing in tender remembrance his fidelity to Masonry and his devotion to the principles it inculcates.

Resolved, That we earnestly sympathize with the relatives and friends of our deceased Brother, and tender them that consolation that the world can neither give nor take away; and that we will wear the usual badge of mourning for the space of thirty days.

Resolved, That a copy of this preamble and resolutions be forwarded to the family of our deceased Brother, and inserted in the Journals of the place.

CYRUS NUTT,
W. H. McCOLLOUGH, Com.
G. A. BUSKIRK,
JESSE T. COX, Sec'y.

The present captivity of LOUIS NAPOLEON is not his first experience in that kind of misfortune. As early as 1836, he was captured by the French authorities for attempting to get up a revolution at Strasbourg, appealing to the troops of the garrison to follow his leadership. Instead of having him executed, King Louis Philippe, at the earnest entreaty of his mother, consented merely to banish him. He was sent to the United States, and led a sort of vagabond life for a time, and then went to South America, returning to Europe in 1837. The "American Encyclopedia" relates the incidents of another revolutionary attempt of his, concocted in England, and its unfortunate result: "Accompanied by Count Montholon, who had been the companion of his uncle (Napoleon I) at St. Helena, and a retinue of about fifty persons, he sailed in a steamboat from Margate (England) in August, 1830. He carried with him a tame eagle, which was expected to perform some exploit to awaken the enthusiasm of the French nation. He landed at Boulogne, marched with his followers to the barracks, and called upon the soldiers to surrender or join his cause. They peremptorily refused to do either, when a few shots were interchanged, and the prince was compelled to seek safety on a neighboring hill. The eagle did not perform, and the Prince was arrested in an endeavor to get back to the steamboat. He was tried for treason before the House of Peers, was defended by the eloquent Berryer, but was sentenced to perpetual imprisonment in the fortress of Ham." After remaining in prison six years, he managed to effect his escape by the assistance of his physician, in the dress of a workman, and went again to England. So it will be seen that Louis Napoleon passed through some serious troubles before he became the Emperor of the French—that he was a traitor and twice a prisoner before he was Emperor—and that he does not enter upon his present captivity without having had some experience of that sort before.

From every section of this District we have the most encouraging reports of the prospects of the Republican party. Our friends are united in their purpose to wipe out the disgrace of being represented in Congress by a man who grossly misrepresents the sentiments of his constituents.

MASS MEETING

AND

BARBECUE.

The Republicans of Monroe County will have a

Grand Rally and BAR-BECUE, at

BLOOMINGTON,

Saturday, OCT. 8.

Vice President Colfax,

Gen. T. M. Browne,

Hon. M. F. Dunn,

and other eminent speakers have been invited, and are confidently expected to be present to address the meeting.

Let there be a grand turn out of the People, without distinction of Party.

COME IN YOUR WAGONS,

COME ON HORSEBACK, AND

LET US GIVE ONE DAY TO

A CONSIDERATION OF THE

LIVING ISSUES.

CLELLAND F. DODDS,
Chairman Central Committee.

REPUBLICAN RALLIES.

Gov. Dunning, Judge Buskirk,

Gen. Hunter and Nick VanHorn,

will make political speeches at the following named times and places:

Clear Creek Switch, in Perry Township, Wednesday, Sept. 28th, 1870, at night.

Elliottville, Thursday, Sept. 29, at night.

Hilliardburg, Friday, Sept. 30, at night.

Smithville, Monday, Oct. 3, at night.

Baptist Church, near Ironton, W. Sanders', Richland Township, Wednesday Oct. 5, at night.

Lick Skillet, in Washington Township, Thursday, Oct. 6th, at night.

One or more of the above named speakers will be at each of the above appointments. Ladies and Gentlemen of all political parties, are invited to turn out at these meetings, and hear the truth.

By order of Republican Central Com.

Joint Discussion.

There will be a Joint Discussion between

HON. MOSES F. DUNN,

AND

HON. D. W. VOORHEES,

(Republican and Democratic Candidates for Congress), at the Court House, in

BLOOMINGTON,

On Saturday, Oct. 1st, 1870.

As this will be the only appointment, in this County, for a Joint Discussion between the Candidates for Congress, there should be a good turn out of the members of both political parties.

DR. A. R. RAVENSCROFT, whose Blacksmith Shop is nearly opposite Waldron's Tannery, was awarded the premium for best horse-shoeing, at the Fair last week. Read his advertisement in to-day's paper.

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