

The National Banner



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No man worthy of the office of President should be willing to hold it if counted in or placed there by fraud." — U. S. Grant.

Democratic Congressional Convention.

Notice is hereby given that a delegate convention of the Democrats of the 13th Congressional District, and all others in said district who subscribe to the principles enunciated through the Democratic State Platform, adopted at Indianapolis on the 29th of last February, will be held at KENNEDYVILLE,

On Thursday, August 1st, 1878.

At 10 o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Congress, and for the transaction of such other business as may be presented.

In accordance with the basis of representation heretofore established, the several counties are entitled to send the following number of delegates to said convention:

Kosciusko 26 Kosciusko 27

Lake 26 Noble 27

Elkhart 34 Steuben 8

Marshall 26

By authority of the Congressional Central Committee, A. G. McCLELLAN, Chm.

DAN VOORHEES, the most eloquent orator in the United States, will speak at South Bend on the 27th.

WHEN the *New Era* asserts that THE BANNER has declared in favor of the flat money theory, it simply utters a characteristic independent falsehood.

In all kindness we desire to remind the editor of the *Lagrange Register* that there is no law compelling him to read the financial discussion between the *Standard* and *The Banner*.

SUNSET COX, by no means the best of authority, gives it as his opinion that New York will neither favor Tilden nor Hendricks for the Presidency, but that Thurman will be the favorite.

SENATOR THURMAN is said to be gaining strength in Pennsylvania as a presidential candidate. No use hurrying these matters. Let's first do a little something for the relief of the people.

JOHN SHERMAN's efforts just now are bent upon the hoarding of one and two dollar greenbacks. Since he is no longer permitted to burn up the people's currency, he resorts to the hoarding process.

GEN. BANKS, like Jeff. Davis, is a disengaging man of sense with his ill-tempered speeches. These frothy attempts at fighting over the battles of 1861-65 are only appreciated by fellows who have not yet learned that the war ended thirteen years ago.

A MEMBER of the Potter committee says that an invitation will soon be given Senator Conkling to come before the committee and in the interests of honesty and justice inform it of such facts as are in his possession bearing on the electoral frauds.

HAMILTON FISH, ex-Secretary of State, positively declares Gen. Grant is not a candidate for the Presidency. He says the agitation of Grant's candidacy came from his enemies. The *N. Y. Sun* says the unfavorable comments by leading republican papers has squelched the Grant movement.

THE Auburn *Courier* does itself no credit by speaking of Samuel J. Tilden as "the Little Squirt whose name 'stood at the head of the ticket'." Such contemptuous flings at a man of Mr. Tilden's acknowledged ability and statesmanship, are far more discreditable to the assailant than damaging to the assailed.

THE REMOVAL of Cornell and Arthur as custom house officers of New York is regarded as a signal of a determined warfare between the Hayesites and the Conklingites. The fight will be made in the forthcoming republican State convention. Conkling, as usual, will be the victor. The bulk of the party stands by him.

FRANCIS MCKINNEY, one of Ohio's gifted and sagacious Democrats, says: "We will carry the State by a handsome majority, but at the end of a hard fight. The Republicans are making their last and final struggle to maintain power, and it will be a desperate one, but they will have to succumb."

THERE is now something of a probability that Judge Holman will not consent to run for Congress in the Richmond district. He is understood to be a candidate for U. S. Senator, an office to which he is eminently suited. The people never had a more faithful servant in Congress than Judge Holman. He saved them millions of dollars.

THE DEATH of Senator Beardsley, of Elkhart county, will have a tendency to add largely to the importance of the impending contest in that county. His term would not have expired until two years hence. With proper management, we believe it to be among the possibilities to elect a democratic successor. Every effort should be made to bring about such a result. It is all important. Will the Elkhart Democracy prove equal to the emergency of the hour?

THE MAN who lays the flattering union to his soul that the finance question will disappear from public thought and attention after the present year, will find himself woefully mistaken and sadly disappointed. It is and will be the question for some time to come—so long as Shermanism is recognized on the statute books and in the departments of government. It will be uppermost in the minds of the people until every vestige of the pernicious policy which has brought ruin and misery upon this country shall have been obliterated, rooted out, exterminated, and made odious by the curses of an incensed and outraged people.

FIAT PAPER MONEY.

Our Rome City correspondent de- murs to the classification in last week's BANNER of the position which the three political parties occupy on the monetary question. He does not directly deny its correctness, but thinks the classification calculated to mislead. With all due deference to "Alexis's" opinion, we insist upon the correctness of our classification. The Nationals have emphatically declared in favor of *absolute* or *flat* paper money. In Michigan and some other States their leaders have expressly declared against the present greenbacks, insisting upon a change in the wording of the inscription, so as to make it read: "This is Five Dollars," instead of "The United States promises to pay Five Dollars." The Democrats, on the other hand, have uniformly expressed satisfaction with the present style of greenbacks, except that the Republicans favor gold, silver and national bank notes; the Democrats gold, silver and greenbacks; the Nationals flat paper money." We think this statement is well calculated to mislead public opinion. The Nationals are entitled to the credit of the remonetization of the silver dollar, and we can prove this by THE BANNER. [Now, by Jinks, let's have the proof.—ED. BANNER] Then, Mr. Editor, we would prefer to have you state it this way: The Nationals are in favor of gold, silver and greenbacks; the greenback being made a full legal tender or *flat*, and the Democrats have adopted the same sentiment.

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