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had no fault with those who vote for Mr. Williams. It is their right to do so, and it is our right to vote for General Haswell, or any other man who may be set up against him. The right will triumph, and sooner or later all men will see it.

The opponents of Mr. Williams will take no steps backward. They will resist by all fair and honorable means his reelection.

If General Haswell proves acceptable, as we believe he will, to this opposition, he is the man for our votes—if there is a better man, we shall try him, but in no event shall we vote for Billy Williams.

A REPUBLICAN.

The Plymouth Democrat gave the longest and best report of the congressional convention contained in any paper published last week. This would be called "enterprise" in a daily. But didn't you draw it from some of the "groans, hisses &c." Mr. Democrat—Rockester Sigs.

It is surprising that Mattingsly should ask such a question. We think his personal knowledge of that important part of the performance at Waukegan is greater than he would have us believe. But if he only keeps moderately steady, we want prove our report of the convention true by telling you who groaned, William, if you any so, man's the word.

The Last of Morton's Democracy.

The following letter, addressed to the Hon. Wm. M. Patterson when a member of the Indiana legislature, is the last Democratic effusion Senator Morton ever produced. He failed to secure the office of "president judge," and was immediately seized with an immense disgust for the party, from which he never recovered, and has since cast his lines in pleasure places, and with better success as an office-seeker.

CENTREVILLE, Wayne Co., Ind., October 12th, 1850.

DEAR SIR:

You are no doubt aware that it will become the duty of the legislature at its next session, to elect a president judge for the 6th judicial circuit, of which this county is a part.

The very great majority which the Democrats have in that body renders it certain that this office will be chosen from the Democratic ranks. Entertaining this view, I have at the earnest solicitation of friends, determined to become a candidate for the office. Of myself or my qualifications, I, of course, can not speak, but I may state as a fact, satisfactory to the Democrats of the circuit, and to the members of the bar on the same, regardless of party predilections.

For my standing as a Democrat, and as an attorney, I refer you to Mr. Elder, of the Jeffersonian, Judge Perkins, of the supreme court, Hon. Chas. H. Tress, John S. Newman, Governor Wright, and the attorneys of our circuit generally.

I would, of course, be very glad if I could succeed, and I hope to procure your vote and influence to aid me in bringing about this event. Please canvass my claims before you decide finally in this matter.

Respectfully, Yours,
OLIVER P. MORRIS.

People who give but little attention to the matter can scarcely realize the amount of money that is annually stolen outright by Radical officials. Hon. D. A. Wells, special commissioner of the revenue, says that two hundred and fifty millions of dollars annually are lost after leaving the pockets of the people, on their way to the treasury which they never reach. Mr. Clark, the Radical controller of the currency, at Washington, faces the amount of stealings last year at four hundred and fifty millions last year. This testimony is from Radical witnesses high in authority, and yet we have men who say there is no need of a change in party rule. Certainly the effort to make this state of affairs better is worthy of a trial, for the four hundred and fifty millions stolen each year would, in about ten years, entirely liquidate our national debt. If the amount annually stolen were actually received and placed to the credit of the government, the present high tariff would be lessened materially, and poor people would receive benefits that they would fully appreciate. If they desire this change they should vote to displace these thieves and put honest Democrats in the positions.

The European War.

The effects of the European war excitement are already beginning to appear on our side of the Atlantic. Wall street is feverish. Gold shows signs of advancing, and did advance, Monday, to 115. Breadstuffs are excited and higher, and threaten to go up like a rocket, the moment war is declared.

American public interest lies not in any pacific solution, but in a fight. It is all very well to deprecate a European war on the score of humanity. Americans are not noted for any unbecoming lack of humanity, as their frequent and liberal gifts to famine-stricken Europeans testify. And they will feel, in the impending butchery over the Spanish crown, as lively a sympathy with the suffering and bereaved which must attend and be one result of that butchery as any people on the globe are capable of feeling. But the butchery they can not prevent, and for the political desperadoes and the crowned gamblers in human destiny who have gotten upon the strife and are bringing in the war, they have no sympathy and no interest. If the result could be the smashing of every crowned head, and the extinction of every "royal house" in Europe, humanity would doubtless be greatly benefitted. But as wars of this sort never result in injury to the heads that wear crowns, the only benefit likely to result from this war will consist in the larger and more rapid distribution of representatives of value which it will occasion.

In this particular it will be a blessing to mankind; but particularly to that portion of mankind who are in want of money to pay their debts. "For all blessings, let us be thankful."

The Spanish Question.

A London special to New York, July 11th, says a crisis is imminent on the continent. Military preparations were going on all last night in Paris. If the candidature of Prince Leopold is not withdrawn within the next 14 hours, the French ministers will be recalled from Berlin and Madrid, and war will be declared. The conduct of France in forcing the issue, and refusing to leave the question of the throne to the Spanish people, is strongly condemned by all Europe, and Prussia's calm and dignified position is approved.

A late dispatch in the evening says the negotiations between Paris and Rome are reported to be unsatisfactory. Prussia, declaring her innocence of intrigue, refuses to interfere with the candidature of Hohenzollern, on the ground that she has neither the right, power, nor inclination to dictate to Spain or Prince Leopold.

A large party in France consents to suspension of action until the meeting of the Spanish cortes. The general belief is that the emperor is determined to fight, and will move instantly without giving Prussia time for preparation. It is said that Napoleon would prefer to meet the issue now rather than after Leopold is elected by the Spanish people, especially as he bases the claims of his own dynasty on a popular vote.

The Paris *Moniteur* announces that it will no longer give publicity to the movements of troops, and exhorts other papers to do the same.

Up to a late hour Sunday night Prussia's definite answer had not been received. The city is greatly excited. The house opened active and excited Rentes 81.70.

The rumor is circulated that the king of Prussia has approved of the candidature of Hohenzollern.

Figaro pretends that the king is willing enough to aid the affairs of Spain, but less so regarding the guarantee requested of him.

The *Journal* says, in case of war, the emperor will command in person, with the prince imperial attached to his staff.

The *Gazette* says the horses of the emperor have already been sent to the frontier.

It is asserted that France will not consent to a congress of the great powers until Prussia has yielded on the question of Leopold's candidacy.

It is reported that the telegraphic despatch sent from Rome to the emperor by Count Benedetti was altered by the Prussian telegraph, and that but a little of it could be deciphered. The only part that could be understood was that Prince Leopold had received the consent of the king of Prussia to his acceptance of Prince's offer. Leopold is at Rome, and sits in the councils held by the king and his ministers.

Paul Dorel left for Rome last night with the last instructions for Minister Benedetti.

In the corps legislative, Monday, M. Gramont declared that the government understood the impatience of the chambers and the nation, but that it could not yet make known the result of the negotiations. It awaited an answer upon which its movements would depend. All the foreign governments to which it had addressed itself appreciated the legitimate complaint of France.

He hoped that soon all would be known to the chambers, but he must today appeal to the patriotism and sense of policy of each member.

M. Arago replied that he desired as much as anyone to hear pacific declarations, but he must ask the minister of foreign affairs whether among the questions awaiting solution there were not some which had nothing to do with the case of the prince of Hohenzollern, and if so, he must conclude that the government only sought a pretext for making war.

LATER.—It is not known whether any answer has yet been received from Prussia. The delay depresses the bourse, and Rentes declined to 81.45. The members of the cabinet at St. Cloud were all day in close consultation with the emperor.

Evidence of the Approaching Disunion of the Radical Party in the East.

A glance at the political conditions parties in this country at the present time shows the drift of the current decidedly in favor of the Democratic organization. The radicals are demoralized at the circumference and the center. They are worn-out with corruption, overburdened with jobs, and paralyzed by the inordinate ambition of bad men in all sections of the country. The president is wedded to all kinds of schemes which promise golden results, and their senators and representatives are held in blind defense of their position. This condition of things has produced the natural result. The party is disorganized, and are letting that dissatisfaction be seen in their actions in various localities. In Allegheny county, Pa., several hundred radicals signed a call for an independent movement and convention. "The time has come," say the signers of the call, "for a reform of our party organization. We invite the cordial cooperation of all honest Republicans who wish to rescue their organization from the corrupting domination of selfish, unprincipled politicians." Such bubbles as this rising to the surface of party politics show that there is a lively fermentation going on underneath. Judge Kelly will have an independent candidate to face now in his district, and O'Neil is in a like condition. In Indiana the soldiers complain of being elected by the radical vote.

pull of that party, and threats of vengeance at the polls are heard in all portions of the state. The Boston *Journal*, in speaking of the political campaign in Massachusetts, says, "In all probability the Republicans will have as their standard-bearer Governor Claflin; the Democrats will again rally around Col. John Quincy Adams, and the labor-reform party, if they desert Mr. Chamberlain, will put up Mr. Colby of Newburyport. There are evidences that the contest will be exciting, and in some respects a close one. Much will depend on the action of congress and the acts it can consummate to bring relief to an over-taxed nation." And it adds: "The democratic purpose makes a strong effort to carry the two Boston districts, and in one of these districts an effort will be made to induce a third candidate to run. The reelection of Hon. Henry Wilson will depend upon the result of the state election, and therefore the prizes of the next election will call forth the best energies of our opponents." These are a few of the matters observed from the outlook, and they are both significant and cheerful. Each day weakens the radical party. Their lead is too heavy for them to carry. On the other hand, the Democratic party is in splendid condition for the fight, and must win the coming political battle.

Republican Platform.

The following are the resolutions adopted by the Republican congressional convention at Waukegan, on the 25th of June:

Resolved, 1. That we declare our abiding faith in the respect administration of the general government, and in the conduct of the various departments of true economy and in the best interests of the people.

2. That we heartily endorse the administration of our state officers, and especially, congratulate the people that the time is near at hand when the state will be entirely reorganized.

3. That we refer with pleasure and pride to the conduct of our general officers, believing that he has faithfully and ably represented the interests of the whole people of his district, and earnestly fulfilled the pledges he made in the campaign of 1850.

4. That we do not heartily endorse, and we do not intend to support, any candidate who has been elected to the Indiana Republican state convention, at the 25th of February last.

5. That in the language of our last state convention, "a reduction of taxation is demanded, and we are determined to resist any attempt to increase the same." We are in favor of a tariff for revenue only, believing that a proper adjustment of duties must necessarily result in the reduction of the tariff.

6. That we are heartily opposed to the donation of public lands to the grant of subsidies in money by congress to railroad and other corporations, and that we are determined to resist any attempt to increase the same.

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