

THE PLYMOUTH WEEKLY DEMOCRAT.

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The Programme Foreshadowed.
We invite the especial attention of the democrats of Marshall county to the following broad intimation of the manner in which the elections are to be carried by the loyalists this fall, which we clip from an abolition exchange:

"We cannot urge upon the Union men of this country too much, the importance of the spring election.

Trustees are to elect for each township, and as they are the inspectors of elections, in view of the important elections to take place next fall, they should be reliable Union men."

It thus seems that the Union Leaguers are determined to carry the fall elections by manipulating Township Trustees for that purpose. "In view of the important elections to take place next fall, they should be reliable Union men"—that is to say, if votes are needed to carry the important elections next fall, have such men as will not scruple to manufacture them. Such as will stuff ballot boxes if need be, receive illegal votes if necessary; make out and swear to false returns if the negro-loving, white-man-destroying, liberty-crushing, amalgamationist party cannot succeed without these things.

We have long entertained the idea that the leaders of that party were sufficiently corrupt to do just these things, but we did not suppose that an editor could be found so lost to all sense of decency as to thus boldly and unblushingly avow their purposes. Democrats may now see what is in store for them in all those precincts where Union Leaguers have the control of the ballot-box. "We cannot," says this unwashed disciple of miscegenation, "urge upon the Union men of this county too much the importance of the spring election." Our enemies are taking time by the forelock, they want to elect men of their own stamp as Trustees, because they are to serve next fall as "inspectors of elections;" men who will have the opportunity, as they have the will to enact all sorts of fraud to secure their own partisan ascendancy. What matter though it require the perjury of every mother's son of them? Has not their great exemplar, "Honest Old Abe," set them a sufficient number of examples in that regard? Have not corruption, fraud and perjury, characterized the whole course of the party ever since its first advent to power? Its professions were a fraud practised upon the people in the first place, its purposes as avowed by its leaders, all false as the father of lies, and its performances have all been as the dead sea apples of Sodom, valueless.

In conclusion, we warn democrats to see to it that good, honest men, of firmness and integrity, are elected as Trustees in the several townships—men who cannot be bought, and who will not be intimidated to do any thing fraudulent or dishonest, or to lend their influence to the advancement of the unholy purposes of abolitionism in crushing out the liberties of the people, by tampering with the purity of the ballot box.

DEMOCRATS, remember that the result of the election in this county next Monday, will have its influence on the fall elections.

Let every man turn out and devote at least one day to the cause of constitutional liberty. Go to the polls yourself and if any of your democratic friends are unable to go without help, help them—take a team if need be and bring them—Dont be indolent and say that "there is a majority in the Township where I live, or in the county, and therefore there is no use for me to go," we say to you in all sincerity there is use in going, therefore go, and when there, vote—vote the democratic ticket, and vote no other. "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," therefore be vigilant.

THE GOOD OLD TIMES—shall we ever see them again? Those halcyon days of national prosperity and individual blessings, when every man could sit in safety "under his own vine and fig-tree," when his "house was his castle," and "none dared to molest or make him afraid?" Those honest old democratic times from which we as a people have so sadly fallen, to the infernal depths of abolition rule, which has become the synonym of all that is tyrannical, corrupt, and degrading? The difference between *these* and *those* is as vast as that between the condition of Lucifer before his fall, and his present state. On this subject we find the following in one of our exchanges:

THE DIFFERENCE.
In democratic times we had
"Gold! gold! gold! gold!"
"Men! men! men! men!"
"Money! men! money! men!"
"Mobs! men! men! men!"
"Now in about times we have
"Blood! blood! blood! blood!"
"Bright and red to dampen the sea,
And miles of graves for the dark god."

Proceedings of Center Township Democratic Convention.

In pursuance of a call heretofore made, the democrats of Center Township met at the Court House in Plymouth, Saturday March 26th 1864, at 2 o'clock P. M.—The convention was organized by calling Thos' McDonald to the chair, and the appointment of J. M. Klinger Sec. The object of the meeting was briefly stated by the chairman and the name of Nathan Maxey was presented as candidate for Justice of the Peace, and there being no other candidate he was declared the nominee by acclamation. The name of Thos' McDonald was then presented as a candidate for nomination for the office of Township Trustee, and there being no opposition he was unanimously declared the nominee. David How, N. B. Klinger and G. W. McMasters were then nominated for the office of Constable, and on motion the Convention adjourned.

J. M. KLINGER Sec.
T. MCDONALD Chairman.

Comfortable.

Passing by the Post office the other day we saw an old toper whose *phiz* is well known in this community, sitting on the door step of the office. One of his *confidantes* came along when the following colloquy ensued.

"Jack, what's the matter now, what are you doing there?"

Jack—"Why fact is (hic) I'm tired, really fatig (hic) ed, and thought I'd rest."

"Better get up from there Jack, you're in the way, somebody'll run over you."

Jack—"Well, fact is (hic) aint I a right to be here, (hic) diint I vote for Lincoln, ain't I loyal (attempting to rise) took butter (hic) out off boy last fall (falling back on the step) 'I wont get up till I'm ready.'

"Here Jack, let me help you, there's some ladies coming who want to go into the office, you'd better go home."

Jack—"Well, fact is—ain't Mrs. Lincoln (hic) lady, aint this the Gov'ment office (breaks out singing) 'we'll rally round the boys flag' (hic) let's drink."

Just then a crowd came along, and we passed on, with the firm conviction that Jack although tired was nevertheless comfortable and decidedly loyal—that "rally round the boys flag" removed any doubt we may have entertained before.

Center Township Democratic Nominations.

We publish in another place the proceedings of the Democratic Convention for Center Township held at the Court House on Saturday last, and would seem almost a work of supererogation to say that a better Township ticket has never been placed before the people. Mr. McDonald has served as Trustee for two years past, and we believe given as near universal satisfaction as any man could do. He is honest, capable, and has been faithful in the performance of the duties of his official trust. Mr. Maxey is well known in this community as a good man, possessing more than the average amount of qualifications for the office of Justice of the Peace, and if elected will keep his office in the town of Plymouth. We make this latter mention because some have supposed that he would if elected hold his office at his residence, thus practically leaving but one Justice in the Town. The candidates for constable are all good men having had experience in the performance of the duties of the office. We hope and expect to see the whole ticket elected by a hand-some majority. The democracy of Center gave it to themselves to see to it that this is done.

ELDER R. CORBALLY, lectured three evenings of last week at CORBIN'S HALL in this place. The principal subjects discussed by him were the signs of the times, the duties of christians in relation to the war, and the final end of all things. The Elder dealt some pretty hard blows against such of his Clerical brethren as have been instrumental in fostering the war spirit, reminding them that their Master was really the incarnation of the spirit of peace and love, that his mission to Earth was one of good will to men. While we do not agree with the Elder in many of his doctrines, we feel free nevertheless to say that his views relative to the war spirit are well worthy of serious consideration by all candid men, and especially by all who profess to be disciples of him who spoke as never man spake, and who taught the sublime doctrine, "If thine enemy hunger, feed him, and if he thirst, give him drink;" and who also said, "Do unto others as you would they should do unto you," and who when he was reviled, reviled not again."

Magnificent Donation.

The Democracy of Cass County have presented to S. A. Hall, the editor of the PHAROS, a Power Press, as a token of their appreciation of the able manner in which he has conducted that paper.

Such a gift does credit alike to the givers and the recipient. The Democracy of Cass are determined to keep the ball rolling, until the last vestige of political abolitionism in that county is dead, dead, dead!

A "War Christian."

Yes gentle reader, "a war christian," a man who professes to be a disciple of Him who taught his followers when "smitten on one cheek, to turn the other also," and with such profession worn on the lips teaches his fellow man to shoot, kill, destroy, his fellow creatures made in the image of a God all love—such a man is a "war christian" of these latter days. Men claiming to labor in the "cause of God and humanity," inculcate the doctrine of strife, envy, discord, hatred, vengeance, & short the very quintessence of Diabolism, at the same time make long prayers to be heard of men—these are "war christians." A contemporary thus hits off these canting, parisaical fanatics:

You are introduced to a gentleman with a benevolent countenance and manners as soft as pumpkin squash, who, in melifluous accents, talks of shambles and blood puddings. Your Christian friend holds the Bible in one hand and a six shooter in the other. He blesses you as a man and a brother, but he has another brother round the corner, whose bowels he longs to rip up incontinently. He will pray for you, but for the other brother he supplies tates that fire, famine and slaughter may be his portion, and cling to him everlasting.

He would give him his state rights in a briestone and burning mail. He would hurl him over the rapids of a Niagara of vitriol and caustic soda. This gentleman's God is the God of battle, of wrath, and of vengeance. He doesn't care about fighting himself but he will open his purse-strings liberally to swell the bounty which shall induce Paddy from Cork or Hans from Bremen; or better still, athletic, bony valiant men from the east and west of the Union, to become food for powder. He desires to exterminate the South; he damns the South from the pulpit; for your Christian friend is frequently dubbed reverend. He stamps his foot on the platform, and wishes the South to be crushed under his heel. Rights! they have no more rights. States! they are no longer States, but must be reduced to the condition of territories. They are to be booted out, exiled, incapacitated, civilly killed, squelched; and when secessa has been made into one vast slaughter-house, your Christian friend will be ready to mount the butcher's block and preach about crowning mercies and saving grace.

The Democratic State Convention—Choice of Delegates to the National Convention. Directors and State Officers—The Resolutions.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Times.
COLUMBUS, O., March 23.

The democratic State convention to-day was an immense assemblage. George Rex, of Wooster, was President, and Amos Layman, of Columbus, secretary. The delegates for the State at large to the Chicago convention are as follows: Wm. Allen, Allen G. Thurman, Geo. H. Pendleton, and Rufus P. Ranney. The Electors at large are Geo. E. Pugh and Thos. W. Bartley.

The following is the State ticket: Secretary of State, Wm. W. Armstrong; Supreme Judges, P. Van Tramp, M. C. Whitley, A. S. Boyd; Attorney General, L. R. Critchfield; Comptroller, W. S. Prentiss; School Commissioner, A. S. Ramsey; Members of the Board of Public Works, Wm. Lawwill, Chas. Beeson.

A series of sound and patriotic resolutions were unanimously adopted, as follows:

Resolved, 1 That the Democratic party is now, as it ever has been, devoted to the constitution as transmitted to us by the framers of that instrument, as expounded by Jefferson, Madison, and Jackson, and construed in the Virginia and Kentucky resolutions of 1798, and 1799, and as construed in the report thereon in the Virginia Legislature; and that, for the maintenance of that constitution and the preservation of the Union formed under it, we here, as did the fathers of the Republic, pledge life, fortune, and sacred honor.

Resolved, 2. That we hold with delight any and every honorable effort towards a restoration of the normal condition of this Union, to-wit: eternal peace and harmony and fraternal affection between the several States composing it; and we regret that the measures of the present administration prevent such a desirable result; and we are therefore unhesitatingly opposed to its continuance in power.

Resolved, 3. That we are opposed to the prosecution of the war for the subjugation of States, or for the purpose of divesting them of their sovereignty, or infringing on or impairing their constitutional rights, and, being satisfied that its continued prosecution for such objects will in the end prove the utter destruction of our civil liberty, we therefore demand the immediate inauguration of peaceable means to attain an honorable settlement and the restoration of the Union under the constitution.

Resolved, 4. That the mob spirit now abroad in our land was the inevitable result of the violations of the constitution and the law by the party now in power, and we deem this a proper occasion to renew to our people the warnings of Washington against lawlessness in the government and people. The tyranny of the present administration has sown the seeds from which we are now reaping a harvest of crime.

The Anti-Lincoln German Movement.

The St. Louis Republican says:

"The Hermann Volksblatt has also hoisted John C. Fremont's name as the people's candidate for the Presidency. The German Organizational Society of Dubuque, Iowa, has passed a resolution that it will not support Mr. Lincoln for a second term under any circumstances."

If Mr. CHASE really declines, most of his friends will probably go into the independent movement in behalf of Fremont.

A Noble Act.

From the Hillsboro, O., Gazette.

The infernal Abolitionists of Union County, Ohio, tried to induce the veteran soldiers of the gallant Sixty-sixth on their return home, to mob the "Union County Democrat," the Democratic organ of that county. They resorted, for this purpose, to all the cowardly appliances so peculiar to them, but to their astonishment and sorrow, they found the brave boys were not fools nor scoundrels.

Instead of mobbing the Democrat office, they came out in a card to the editor of the Democrat, exposing the hellish purpose of the infernal, denouncing them as their worst enemies, they plainly tell the Abolition mobocrats they enlisted to maintain law and not violate it. The card was signed by twenty-two, twenty-one of whom voted for Brough! Bully for the brave boys of the 66th.

The soldiers will learn, by and by, that these infernal Abolition scoundrels, who profess to be "loyal," are the worst enemies they have, far worse than the rebel for in arms; Mark the prediction! the day will come when the infernal "loyal" Abolitionists will be the victims of an outraged soldiery.

THE NEWS.

From the Chicago Times March 29th.

In the Senate, yesterday, a bill was passed granting \$100 per annum additional to Revolutionary pensioners. The House bill admitting Nebraska as a State was reported upon favorably. A bill was introduced authorizing the President to appoint a certain number of cadets to the Military Academy. A sharp debate took place between Messrs. Wilkinson and Sherman, the former charging the latter with lack of loyalty" to the President.

In the House a resolution was introduced to amend the constitution so as to prohibit slavery in the States and Territories. It was referred to the judiciary committee. An attempt to give the use of the Hall of Representatives to George Thompson, for one thousand dollars, and the balance in equal installments of one and two years, with interest, the purchase giving his note, was defeated. Elegies upon Owen Lovejoy were pronounced by various individuals.

The Army of the Frontier is on the march, and Northern Texas is conjectured to be its destination.

Deserters from Johnston's army report that General is receiving reinforcements from Polk. Longstreet's cavalry has arrived at Marietta, Ga.

Fremont, it is reported, is to be given an important command.

Forrest is in the vicinity of Memphis, with 7,000 cavalry. Two negro regiments have been captured in that neighborhood during the last fortnight.

Mr. Vallandigham, it is stated, will be chosen a district delegate to the Democratic National Convention. Ex-Senator Pugh, of Ohio, has declined the position of Senatorial Elector, in consequence of business engagements.

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At Union City the rebels captured about 400 men. They subsequently attacked Paducah, setting the city on fire in many places. Gunboats opened upon them, causing considerable loss.

The rebel Brig. Gen. A. P. Thompson, formerly of Paducah, was killed.

Col. Hicks captured a rebel Surgeon, who says Forrest intended to surprise, and felt fully able to take the fort.

Eleven negroes, who served in the artillery, were killed and wounded,—all shot in the head.

The city is destroyed, and the citizens are encamped in the woods on the Illinois side. Several women were killed.

Yesterday Forest sent in a flag of truce to exchange prisoners, but Col. Hicks would not do it.

The enemy left at 3 P. M., going in the direction of Columbus. They are said to have captured Hickman this morning.

The rebel Gens. Harris and Burbridge were in the fight at Paducah.

The boat burned was the Dacotah, and not the Arizona.

From The Chicago Times, March 23.

Richmond advises state that plans have been formed for the reclamation of Tennessee and Kentucky to the rebels. The city of Richmond is believed to be impregnable by Jeff. Davis.

Owing to the heavy "pressure" the President will remove Gen. Meade from the command of the Army of the Potowmack. Gen. Hooker is the talked-of successor.

The difficulties in relation to the enforcement of the draft in Kentucky have been harmoniously adjusted.

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The report that Gen. Grant was about to assign Gens. McClellan and Fremont to active duty is believed to be true.

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The report that a heavy force of rebels is invading Eastern Kentucky, and marching on Mount Sterling. The military authorities have control of the telegraph, we are unable to give any fuller details.

Passengers from Central Kentucky report that a heavy force of rebels is invading Eastern Kentucky, and marching on Mount Sterling. The military authorities discredited the report.

Leaving after the above items

are paid \$173,53

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. McDONALD, Trustee.

new between Slidell, the rebel Ambassador, and the Emperor Maximilian.

The rebel General Forrest was yesterday, crossing his force to the east side of the Cumberland River, at Eddyville.

New Advertisements.

Important to Soldiers and their