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Democratic County Convention.

The Democratic Convention for this County will be held at the Court House in Plymouth next Saturday at one o'clock P. M., to select candidates for the different county offices to be filled at the ensuing election. Marshall County has a round democratic majority and the only question to determine is who shall be our standard bearers in the campaign. That we shall succeed in electing whomsoever we nominate is beyond any reasonable conjecture.

Two weeks ago we stated the fact that no notice had been given of the time or place of holding the meeting to make arrangements for the soldier's free dinner. We also stated that none but republicans were permitted to participate in those arrangements. The Republican admits that the charges were true, and labors through a half column of senseless twaddle, every word of which nine tenths of its readers know to be false, in order to justify if possible the narrow minded bigotry and exclusiveness of those who took part in that proceeding. The Republican alleges that democrats refused to contribute towards defraying the expenses of soldiers at the commencement of the war. The truth is that on the occasion referred to some democrats contributed and some refused, and some republicans refused and some contributed, there was no partisan feeling on the subject among the citizens here at that time. It was only when republicans became exclusive and intolerant; when they attempted to override free speech and a free press, that democrats found it necessary to part company with them, or to surrender the dearest rights of American citizens. Fanatics in the republican party began to press their ultra notions upon the great body of the people for acceptance, and attempted to enforce them by the strong arm of military power. They succeeded so far as the administration party was concerned, but democrats true to their principles founded in constitutional liberty refused to do evil that good might come, and the result was a furious onslaught upon them and their principles such as was never before witnessed in any republican government. Passion ruled the hour, fanatics reigned triumphant for the time being, and thousands of good and true men as ever labored and prayed for the prosperity and permanence of our free institutions were incarcerated in loathsome dungeons, exiled from their homes, their property destroyed, their persons outraged and in many instances their lives taken, in the name of liberty and union. And even now when the war is ended, and the rebellion crushed, when law and order should resume their accustomed sway, there are found men among us who are possessed of so little common decency or patriotism, as to do all in their power to perpetrate strife and lawlessness, dissension and hate, by the use of means which the devil himself would blush to use. They seem to gloat with fiendish delight over the prospect of a collision among neighbors and friends, and labor with might and main to inflame the passions, create animosities, and arouse the prejudices of the people in order if possible to provoke disturbance among them. Such men are worthy of promotion to a Captaincy in the armies of a certain tropical country the name of which may not be spoken to ears polite. Satan himself could hardly do justice to their efforts in aid of his cause. If any of our republican friends think us uncharitable or harsh in one conclusion, we ask them as a matter of justice to read carefully the article above referred to contained in last week's Republican, and then say whether it would be possible to censure in terms too severe the sentiments contained therein.

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PATRONIZE YOUR PAPER.—A majority of the democrats in this county lend no aid whatever to their county organ. Some send off out of the State for papers, others are without the current news altogether. A few of our friends have manifested their good will toward the last named road of considerable importance. We are in favor of continuing the road to Peru believing that to be the best policy for the citizens of this place, and of this County at large. This can be done as well as not, if those more immediately interested will take hold of the matter with any kind of energy. Fulton County has already made a donation of some sixty thousand dollars from the County Treasury and the citizens subscription amounts to some fifteen thousand more. Let all who can, lend a helping hand and the road will be built.

The Kentucky Election.

The election in Kentucky on Monday is said to exceed anything in infamy that was ever witnessed in the United States. General Palmer, who controlled the whole affair, has proven himself a greater brute than the notorious Beast Butler, who ruled at New Orleans. The Cincinnati Commercial, a Republican sheet, condemns the interference of the military in bitter terms, and says, "our dispatches from Lexington indicate a disgraceful state of affairs in that quarter." Our readers are referred to the telegraph dispatches for further information, which can be found in another column.

MILITARY VS CIVIL POWER.

The notorious Parson Brownlow, at present disgracing the executive department of Tennessee, has recently issued a proclamation in which he asserts that the civil authorities hold their offices, and discharge their functions *by permission of the military* who are still quartered among the people of that State. This is truly refreshing. The military graciously *permits* the civil authorities to rule, so long as they rule according to the crude partisan ideas of some pompous gentleman who has been lucky enough to work his way up to the command of a military department.

The constitution of the United States expressly provides that the military shall be *subordinate* to the civil power; but then that venerable relic of a former age is now obsolete, especially in Tennessee, and in these latter days the civil authorities are placed under control of their former subordinate. A new era has been inaugurated and the lovers of the new order of things are seriously engaged in the undertaking of trying to make the people believe that Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, and all the revolutionary patriots were wrong in their ideas of a republican form of government. We expect ere long to hear it announced that another amendment to the Constitution is proposed, by which the military will be, according to law as it now is in fact, superior to the civil authority. One would think that a man must be bold indeed who would advocate such a change; but when we remember that there are many in the republican ranks who have already committed themselves to the support of the principle involved in it, we need not wonder if they seek to give their usurpations the form and sanction of law. True they can get along just as well without this at present, but then a change may come, and if so, when *they* do some *they* may be called upon to answer for their evil doings. With such a programme thoroughly carried out all over the country, and the addition to their strength of the negro vote in the South, our republican friends might well feel tolerably secure in their seats of power; without these they must before long give place to better men.

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Editorial Convention at Plymouth.

We see that the Northern Indianian is bound to have the Editorial Convention go off whether or no, and we may as well make up our mind to submit to it. It will take place the 25th day of this month. *

We trust that every member of the press in the 9th and 10th Congressional Districts will meet there on that occasion, and let us have a good social time, and if we can do anything that will advance the interests of the profession, all right. Let us do it.—*La Porte Herald*.

Now that the time and place of holding an Editorial Convention has been designated by our brethren of the press, it is the wish of all concerned in the matter that the enterprise be attended with success, which will require a full attendance of the "press gang."

Drawing the Grand Jury.

Editors Plymouth Democrat: The last week's number of the Marshall County Republican contains an article in relation to the drawing of the Grand Jury for this county, in which nearly every respect is absolutely false.

He states first that said Grand Jury was selected by the board of commissioners, Auditor, Clerk and Treasurer. So far as the three last named officials are concerned it is not true. The Grand Jury is drawn in the following manner: The board of commissioners, at their first regular session each year, select from the tax duplicate of the preceding year, the names of sixty persons having the requisite qualifications, to wit: reputable householders and free-holders of the county, and write on separate slips of paper the names of each of the sixty; this done they are placed in a box prepared for that purpose, when the Clerk of the Circuit Court is notified to appear before the Board and draw from said box the names of twelve persons to serve as Grand Jurors, which names, as drawn, are recorded by the Auditor. The Treasurer does not participate at all. The Clerk, previous to drawing, does not know the name of a single individual in the box, and the Auditor has no part in the transaction but to record the names after they are drawn. So far as relates to the charge of packing the Grand Jury, the Commissioners can answer for themselves. The Clerk has no part in selecting names for the Pettit Jury, but simply draws from a box containing 100 names, (placed there by the Auditor, Recorder and Treasurer,) twelve to serve for the ensuing term of court.

So far as regards the Grand Jury, I do not believe there is one among them who would be called upon to answer for their evil doings. With such a programme thoroughly carried out all over the country, and the addition to their strength of the negro vote in the South, our republican friends might well feel tolerably secure in their seats of power; without these they must before long give place to better men.

The C. P. & C. Railroad was sold last week at LaPorte. W. W. Niles Esq., purchased it as we are informed for the benefit of the bond-holders, paying therefor the sum of \$60,000. The road under the new management is still being operated, but how long it will continue we are unable to say. We hope that steps will be taken to put that portion of the road between here and LaPorte in good repair, and to complete the line from here to Peru as originally contemplated. Should this be done we have no doubt but that it would pay the owners well for the amount necessarily invested in the work, and would also enhance largely the value of real estate along the line of the road. We are informed that the present owners will either proceed at once to complete the road to Peru, or sell out their interest to the P. W. & C. R. W. Co., in which latter event the road from here to LaPorte will constitute a feeder to the last named road of considerable importance. We are in favor of continuing the road to Peru believing that to be the best policy for the citizens of this place, and of this County at large. This can be done as well as not, if those more immediately interested will take hold of the matter with any kind of energy. Fulton County has already made a donation of some sixty thousand dollars from the County Treasury and the citizens subscription amounts to some fifteen thousand more. Let all who can, lend a helping hand and the road will be built.

The Projected Harbor.

Did we not regard the subject of the projected harbor at Michigan City, as one of great interest to the people of that and this city, of this and adjacent counties, and, in fact, to the people of the State at large, we would not even refer to it this week, pressed as we are for want of space and time. Knowing (practically) but little on the subject, however, we may be mistaken in our estimate of the value and importance of this momentous undertaking. Assuredly those gentlemen who are foremost in pressing its claims and laboring for its construction, as well as those throughout our county who are aiding them are not wasting their time in the advocacy of a chimerical enterprise. Already nearly \$100,000 is subscribed, and we believe principally at the disposal of the able gentlemen who have assumed the burden of the initiatory work. The New Albany and Salem Railroad Company, pledge \$100,000 more, and the remaining \$50,000 or \$100,000 can easily be procured—more easily, indeed, than \$20,000 could have been before. On the 17th

inst., a convention, composed of leading men from the different parts of the State, is to be held in Michigan City, to develop the work already begun, and to determine what remains to be done. As to the peculiar and innumerable advantages inevitably to result from the completion of this work, it is deemed here unnecessary to speak. They are transparent and plain to every one, and need no recital, in our opinion.—*La Porte Herald*.

The Kentucky Elections—Outrages by the Military.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 7. Never in the history of the United States were there such infamous outrages committed as took place at the polls in Newport and Covington to-day. A sworn affidavit is prepared, in which J. B. Ball, and other leading democratic citizens, state that they went to the polls. The military guard stopped them, and the following colloquy took place:

Soldier in front of the ballot-box, and panoply presented—"where are you going?"

Democratic voter—"I am going to vote."

Soldier—"No, sir, you can't vote."

Veteran—"Let the judges decide this matter after I have been sworn and made a full statement of my loyalty," &c.

Soldier—"No, sir, we stand between you and the judges, and if you don't leave we will put you in the guard-house!"

Thus was treated a large number of voters. This is the record. Will the president or congress endorse such infamous proceedings?

The reported result to-night is that the republicans have elected their ticket by a small majority in the district across the river. The result in other parts of the state is not yet reported. In Cynthiana, owing to the interference of the military, the judge closed the polls at an early hour.

A democratic sheriff who was on duty at the polls in Newport, was arrested and is in prison. Several arrests by the military have taken place, and great excitement exists.

Further of the Kentucky Elections.

CALIFORNIA, Aug. 8. Judge Trimble, democrat, is elected in the Paducah district by 5,000 majority. This is about the democratic majority of all candidates throughout the district. The democratic ticket is overwhelmingly elected in all of western Kentucky where the people were allowed to vote at all.

CINCINNATI, O., Aug. 8. Green Clay Smith is re-elected by 700 majority. Randal, McKee and Ransom are elected. These are republicans. Shanks, democrat, beats Gen. Fry in the Lexington district; in the other four districts the democratic candidates are elected.

There were never such outrages committed on the face of the earth as the action by the military at the polls on Monday. The election of every republican by this means was annulled, and the initiatory steps have been taken. It can be proved on oath that names of democratic voters were placed on a list and given to the military, who refused to let any man come to the polls whose name was on these lists. Democratic judges and clerks appointed by the County courts were dragged out of the room where the voters were taken, by the military and ordered to leave, and republicans placed in their stead. Two men named McHolland and Randal, McKee and Ransom are elected. These are republicans.

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THESE gentlemen having purchased the furniture establishment of J. Wright & Co announced to the citizens of Marshall and adjoining counties, that they have on hand and are constantly manufacturing the best and

latest styles of Furniture, Ready-Made Coffins, Picture Frames, BUREAUS, SOFA'S, STANDS, TABLES, Bed-Steads, Cabs,

OFFICE, KITCHEN, CANE, UPHOLSTERED AND ROCKING CHAIRS.

LOOKING GLASSES, &c.

In endless variety, and of the various styles, and at all prices. They keep the best workmen that can be procured in the country, and are consequently prepared to put up work on the shortest possible notice.

There is much excitement and indignation at the result, but all is not over yet.

From Washington.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7. President Johnson was in good health to-day and received a large number of visitors, the greater portion of them office seekers, who have been patiently waiting an interview all the time of the president's illness.

Efforts are again being made to thin out the Old Capitol prison. 27 prisoners have been discharged against whom all charges were withdrawn. Others have been sent by the military, taken to a tree, and their thumbs tied up to limbs until evening and then released. These men had served full terms in the federal service, but were democrats. In Newport, Sheriff Hayman was ordered from the polls, where he was stationed in performance of his duty. I could give you 100 similar instances, the names of all being obtained to sworn statements. All that was required to bring into use the military power was to prescribe a man and have him out, and he went under sure.

In the Lexington district, and indeed all over the state, this infamous conduct took place. In some of the precincts to such a high hand was this carried that the judges closed the polls. All these outrages were committed by the military, taken to a tree, and their thumbs tied up to limbs until evening and then released.

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