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Sept 30, 1875—1m.

A CARD.

To my fellow-citizens:—In announcing myself as a candidate, as I have done through the columns of the BEACON, I but carry out the wishes and persuasions of many of the best men and truest democrats of the county, who have persuaded me to become a candidate for a seat in the Commissioners' Court. I stand before you as a candidate of the Old School, asking for your support and confidence, and I promise, if elected, to legislate faithfully for your interest and the best interest of the county.

Fellow-Citizens, I have fought shoulder to shoulder with you in many a democratic campaign, when we carried consternation into the ranks of the enemy and marched bravely on with flying colors to the polls where the enemy was always defeated and driven back with shame and confusion. And now I call upon you all to come to my rescue, and like true and faithful democrats and honorable men, go to the polls this Fall and cast your votes for good democrats and honest men who will legislate for the best interest of the community at large, and not, like the majority of the present Board, for the benefit of paper railroads and a partisan few.

August 5, 1875. JOHN H. BUCKLER.

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THE scholastic year consists of two sessions of five months each. Studies will be resumed on the first *MONDAY* in *SEPTEMBER*, but pupils will be received at any time during the year. No deduction will be made for absence or for withdrawal before the close of the session, except in case of protracted sickness.

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Mrs. CHARLOTTE FENWICK,
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Aug 26, 1875—tf.

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May 6, 1875—tf.

PROCLAMATION.

STATE OF MARYLAND,

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,

Annapolis, 1875;

To Benjamin Fuxwell, Esq., Sheriff of St. Mary's County, Greeting:

WHEREAS, Chapman Billingsley, Esq., Senator elected to the Senate of Maryland for St. Mary's county has departed this life during the recess of the Legislature of Maryland, whereby a vacancy has occurred in the Senate during the recess of the Legislature;

AND WHEREAS the Constitution of the State of Maryland, by Article 3, Section 13, provides that it shall be the duty of the Governor to issue his warrant of election to supply the vacancy thus created

Now, therefore, I, JAMES BLACK GROOME, Governor of the State of Maryland, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the State of Maryland, do hereby order and direct that an election for a Senator for St. Mary's County be held on the

TUESDAY NEXT AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY OF NOVEMBER NEXT,

the second day of the said month being the day of the general State election, at the places designated by law in the several election districts of said county to supply the vacancy existing in the said office of Senator for St Mary's County by reason of the death of the said Chapman Billingsley, Esq., as aforesaid.

And you, as Sheriff of the said County of St. Mary's, are hereby directed immediately on the receipt of this warrant, to give public notice of the election of a Senator for St. Mary's County, to be held as aforesaid, by advertisement in the newspapers published in the said County, and by advertisement of said election set up at the most public places in the said County. And you are also hereby directed to serve a copy of this warrant on each of the Judges of election in the several election districts of said County. For all of which this shall be your sufficient warrant and authority.

****** Given under my hand and the
* SEAL * Great Seal of the State of Mary-
****** land, at the City of Annapolis, this 28th day of July, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and seventy-five.

By the Governor,
JAMES BLACK GROOME.

R. C. HOLLYDAY,
Secretary of State.

Aug 5, 1875—*

Public Meetings.

THERE will be public meetings, we are authorized to state, at the places and on the days named below, at which all the candidates for legislative and local positions in the county are invited to attend—

St. Inigoes', Thursday, the 14th inst.;
Clifton Factory, Saturday, the 16th inst.;
Leonardtown, Tuesday, the 19th inst.;
Z. T. Spalding's, Thursday, the 21st inst.;
Chaptico, Saturday, the 23rd inst.;
Mechanicsville, Thursday, the 28th inst.

Speaking to commence promptly at 2 o'clock, p. m.

Oct. 7, 1875.

MILLINERY.

MRS. FANNY C. BARBER has just opened at Mechanicsville a new

Millinery and Fancy Store

and engages to furnish Ladies who may visit her establishment all articles in her line of business as cheap as they can be purchased elsewhere in the county.

THE LATEST STYLES OF LADIES' WEAR always on hand and all descriptions of fashionable

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executed with promptness and at reasonable rates. A liberal patronage is respectfully solicited and no trouble spared to satisfy customers

may 28, 1874—tf.

Business Notice.

WE, the undersigned, have formed a copartnership under the style and name of *SIMMS & DUDLEY* for the transaction of a *GENERAL COMMISSION BUSINESS at No. 57 Light Street, Baltimore*, and respectfully solicit the patronage so liberally extended to the old firm.

F. X. SIMMS,
HIRAM G. DUDLEY,
March 1st, 1875.

march 11, 1875—tf.

NOTICE.

THE death of James S. Downs devolving upon me the settlement of the partnership accounts growing out of the publication of the ST. MARY'S BEACON, notice is given to all interested, that measures will at once be taken to close up these transactions. Parties indebted will save expense by a prompt response to this notice. The debts of the firm will be paid by the undersigned.

JOHN F. KING,
Surviving Partner.

June 3, 75—1m

Boarding.

MRS J. C. MILBURN, formerly of St. Mary's county, has removed from No. 32 Hanover St., to 169 *W. Lombard st.*, between *Sharp and Liberty*, and is prepared to receive permanent and transient Boarders.

June 1870—tf.

(FROM THE MD. JOURNAL.)

FOR WHOM SHALL WE VOTE?

The important question now is, for whom shall we vote? or rather it is the question which is about being forced upon us by a combination of men, having for their object the defeat of the Democratic party in this State at the coming election. In order to present this question to voters in a plausible form, an old, decayed and putrid body has been resuscitated and re[illegible] to attract attention by its assuming purity and comeliness. It has been rebaptized, and to the bantling, the offspring of a miserable and unnatural intercourse, has been given the name of "Reform." To render this deception the more plausible, and to catch the unwary, the municipal affairs of the city of Baltimore have been dragged into the State contest; and the hope is thus entertained of swelling the so-called Reform vote, by an appeal to the taxpayer on a subject on which he is always sensitive, viz: the spending of his money. The "Ring" (real or imaginary) is depicted as having its grasp on the heart-strings of the body politic, and it is urged that nothing but an overturning of parties and old land marks will oust this combination from power. We say that all this has plausibility about it which is attractive; it is a cunningly devised scheme, and bears the imprint, the indellible marks of its authors. Now then comes the question, and a important one it is,—*Who are the men that have formed this league for the defeat of the Democratic party at the coming State election?* Look at their antecedents, and judge whether this alliance is such an one as should command the respect and the votes of honest men. Who are the parties to this tripartite agreement? First, is the Radical Republican party of the day; now in power in the nation, and they need no herald to tell who they are or what is their mission; secondly, the Know-Nothing party of the dead past; seeking a political resurrection, and thirdly, honest and dishonest Democrats who are used as a cement to hold together and give some strength to this unsightly mass.

Like all conspiracies, in order to give it a semblance of respectability and honesty, it was necessary to attach to it some politically honest men, who could be pointed out as examples, and used as baits to draw others to them. And for this purpose the honest Democrat is being used, yes! used basely and fraudulently, to be cast aside with contempt when the purpose has been accomplished. As for the dishonest and time-serving one, it needed no bait for him. He goes where he may perhaps get an office which he had fraild to do in his own party; he is not the genuine coin, he came almost to a certainty to the Democracy from some other organization for gain, for personal benefit, and failing in that he has gone back to where he naturally belongs, and where his inclinations lead him.

But to the Radical leaders in the State we are chiefly indebted for this "Reform" movement and well may they desire its success, and for the present canvas be willing to hover under its protecting wing, without a name and without a candidate. To them this issue is one of life or death; it is a political rehabilitation or a deeper burial; it is for them a glorious victory or an ignominious defeat in 1876. Do you wonder then that they are "Reformers?" aye! earnest, whole-souldod reformers; that they proclaim themselves faithful, watch-dogs of the Treasury—pure immaculate patriots, who are leading their blind, mud-stained, erring Democratic brethren out of the "Slough of Despond," and making them to bask in the sunshine, and feel the invigorating rays of the new luminary! Yes! they have a stake which is worth playing for, and be assured they will play the cards skillfully and with judgment. And what shall we say of the other element which is a part of this miserable mixture? Is it necesssary at this day, with all the sad experience of past years looming up before us, with our knowledge of anarchy and misrule from which we were disenthralled after a bitter struggle, after the bloody saturnalia of crimes and murder which characterized the triumphs of the Know-Nothing party when in ascendency in this State; is it necessary to say one word to either weak-kneed Democrats or repentent Know-Nothing even of this other ingredient which has been mixed in this strange mass? We would rather not say unkind words of any man in a political contest; we would much rather discuss principles, but when men are brought forward to bear aloft the banner of a party and to be a leader and spokesman, his hands should be pure and his record above reproach. *The political record of a man belongs to the people, and by it he must stand or fall.*—What must we say of the record of the man who heads the "Reform" ticket in the State? Is that of Mr. Harris an untarnished one politically? Let the past answer. If when he was a candidate of the Know-Nothing party for Congress he knew of the acts of that party in the city of Baltimore, disgraceful and lawless as they were in the sight of high Heaven, if he allowed his name to be used by a set of men who openly and shamelessly set all law and order at defiance; if he addressed audiences in public squares in that city, bearing aloft banners inscribed with such significant mottoes as "We will not count the votes," and other indecent and unsee[illegible]ly sentiments; if he did [illegible] there, publicly and [illegible] such lawlessness, then [illegible] say of him? Let the [illegible] S. Teakle Wallis, addr[illegible] in Monument Square. He may be repentant [illegible] is reported to have [illegible] not the man for Dem[illegible] at this crisis, inflic[illegible] of being a "Reform[illegible] an answer to the [illegible]

[illegible] Democratic party has [illegible] made such affiliations, and t[illegible] bers should now be willing for the sake of reform, to support Mr. Harris. The case of Gov. Swann has been instanced, but the parallel is not a good one. Mr. Swann came to the Democratic party, not the party to him. He fought nobly, and wherever and whenever he could strike a blow for its disenthralment he did so, and to him today we indebted for our enfranchisement. When he fought a nomination it was within the ranks of the party, and he did not outside of it organize an antagonistic element, and then call for Democratic votes. That Mr. Harris is doing.

And now what is this crisis which we are at once to meet? It is simply this: A battle is to be fought this fall that is to give us victory or defeat in 1876. Depend upon it the coming election will determine the national issue, and it cannot be covered up or hid by any other merely local issue. That is what the Radical element means to attempt, and for it they are working. Desintegrate the party this fall—divide them on a side issue, and you have accomplished the work. The Republican party will then sweep the State in 1876, and you will be laughed at for your gullibility. Neither will it do for us to sit down quietly and say that it will all come right, and that the party must triumph. There *is* danger—the danger which always follows apathy. See how cunningly the combination has been made. An appeal is put forth to the Radical wing to vote the mongrel ticket, and the reward will follow in the near future. To the old Know-Nothing is held up the religious side of the question, and his fears are excited by being told that the present school system is in danger, and he is asked to rally to the standard under the old war cry. Then his latent consibility is aroused by feeling again the accustomed grip of brotherhood and signs of recognition, the swearing with uplifted hand and all the imposing ceremony of secrecy. To the honest Democrat is held out the prospect of reform in State and Municipal affairs. Heaven save the mark! Reform under a Radical leadership! It would be a laughable sight to contemplate, if it was not too serious for mirth. Last of all, to the time-serving, office-hunting Democrat is thrown out the bait of the division of the spoils. It is the *argumentum ad hominem*, the most effectual one with him—he grasps it, and we leave him where his cupidity and greed have taken him.

What names have the Democratic party presented to the people in opposition to this alliance of which we have been speaking? As we have only mentioned one on the "Reform" ticket, we need only present for the sake of argument one on ours—the man who heads the list, John Lee Carroll. Now we do not mean to bring to his aid any plea of ancestry or illustrious forefather—they are no reasons why any one should receive the suffrage of a people if his record does not entitle him to their votes. But is there a man to-day who can put his finger on one act of his not consistent with the high name he bears, a name earned by his own worth? Even his political enemies bear willing testimony to his honesty and uprightness. The only plea which they bring against him is that he is supported by the Ring. It is enough to know as an answer to that objection, that whatever support any ring may give him he has pledged himself to support no ring. The cry we know is that bribery and corruption were used to secure his nomination, but the attempt to connect him with anything of the kind has been a signal failure. We recollect very well the same charge to have been made in relation to the nomination of a former Governor, probably by disappointed friends of his opponent, and yet no one proposed to bolt the ticket or start a reform party. The Radicals had a candidate of their own then, and were not seeking a combination with any other party. But there is one more thing urged against Mr. Carroll, and this is put out to fire up the religious ardor of over zealous men, fearful of Catholic dominance. He is a Roman Catholic, they say, and if the chance offers may interfere with our present school system. The objection is so puerile and so thin that it ought not to be noticed, but some thin-skinned zealot, honest in his purposes and fears, may not know Mr. Carroll's sentiments on that subject, we give his own words and what he thinks and feels about it. At a mass meeting in Baltimore on September 18th, he said.

"One of the sound principles of the party is, the maintenance in our own State of the school system as it is, or with such modifications as experience may suggest. Let me say in answer to many reports that have been circulated in regard to my views on this subject, that since my entrance into public life I have always been unalterably opposed to any division of the school funds among religious denominations, and have maintained the opin[illegible] that the State management of the revenue for school purposes should be[illegible] exclusively to those appointed by law to disburse it."

There, then, is the record—there are his deliberate, settled opinions, and that ends all cavil and gives the lie to all insinuations.

And now we ask you as Democrats, do you desire the success of your party in this national election? Do you believe [illegible] can party will be a great national calamity? Do you think that Radical misrule is a curse and an incubus on our national prosperity? Then you have no choice but to vote and work for the party this fall that will bring about these changes so much needed in our national affairs, and that party is *your* party—the Democratic Conservative party.

CHALLENGE OF COL. WOOLFORD.—The allegation of Mr. Wallis that Col. Earle, when making his charge against Col. Woolford, "appealed to John Lee Carroll for its truth and that Carroll assented by his silence" is now explicitly contradicted by Earle himself and thus the attempt of Wallis to connect Carroll with the affair in question is dishonored by Wallis' own witness.—Notwithstanding this, Mr. Wallis has published another letter, repeating his original accusation, and it is to this and the statement of Earle, lately given to the public, that Woolford makes the following rejoinder which, as it appeals to official records against mere personal recollections, leaves nothing wanting to complete the most satisfactory vindication of the Comptroller. Says Col. Woolford:

"Mr. Wallis, the 'rival candidate,' through his organ, the Baltimore American, of this date, has repeated his sweeping denunciation of me. The whole stock in trade with which Mr. Wallis has to keep up his battery of vituperation is the statement said to have been made by Mr. Earle on the floor of the Senate, while seeking by some means to defeat the revenue measures proposed by me for the Legislature of 1874. I therefore deem it due to myself to again pronounce the charge utterly and entirely false, and in order to show that it is false, I here reiterate the fact that no bill was introduced into either house of the Legislature in 1872 to grant a pension to any man from Somerset county, and that no such bill was referred to Mr. Earle's Finance Committee or could have been the subject-matter of advocacy by me. I challenge Mr. Earle or Mr. Wallis to show that such a bill ever existed, and it is the easiest thing in the world, if such a bill did exist or was before the Legislature, to prove it by reference to the journals of the two houses which must, of course, show the introduction and disposition of every bill that was brought before the Legislature. I challenge Mr. Wallis or Mr. Earle to prove that any such bill ever was referred to the Finance Committee or ever had an existence.

If they do not show by the journal of proceedings that there was such a bill, they must retract the charge or stand convicted of uttering and reiterating a malicious calumny.

I further state that Mr. Wallis' relations with me were of the most friendly and cordial character until May last, when the Baltimore and Ohio Railway Company paid into the treasury the amount of the judgment recovered by the State, at which time Mr. Wallis wrote me an insulting letter in regard to said payment, and a correspondence ensued which I am now having copied and will give to the public, in order that they may judge whether motives other than a merely disinterested purpose to *promote reform* have influenced Mr. Wallis in his efforts to traduce me.

LEVIN WOOLFORD.

Annapolis, October 20, 1875.

THE RECORD OF Mr. HARRIS.—"To call Mr. Harris," says the Baltimore Gazette, "a democrat, in the face of his present affiliations with the oath-bound Know-Nothings, is an abuse of terms. He was a Know-Nothing before the war, open and avowed, and in the lawless riots and bloody doings of those days he was *particeps criminis*. During the war he was a Union man. We do not censure him for that; for he had a perfect right to choose his side—and he chose the strongest. If, after the war, he sidled towards the democracy—when they got into power again in this State—and cast his ballots, on some occasions, for the democratic candidates, that fact, if fact it be, did not make him a democrat. He had simply meandered towards the party that was uppermost. Whatever his professions may have been, he had not changed his principles. The taint of his old Know-Nothingism still clung to him; and when the opportunity came to him he was swift to renew his former affiliations, and to strengthen wish fresh vows his old oath.

"Do you think that souls separated here are united hereafter?" asked a pale emaciated pietist of a friend. "I hope not," was the chilling reply. "It cost me a pretty good figure to get a divorce, and when I invested that money I invested for time and eternity.

THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY.—In the speech of James Hodges, Esq., elsewhere referred to, occurs the following well-deserved encomium upon the democratic party of our State. Said Mr. Hodges:

"What has the party done for the people of the State that the anti-democratic alliance is seeking to destroy?—It gave us the broad and munificent Constitution under which we live, in peace and security. It gave us the best judicial system in the country, administered by learned and experienced judges. It gave us the best police organization on this continent, embracing a body of men of whom the people of any community might justly be proud. It gave us the best public school system that has ever been devised perhaps by the minds of men. Besides it is in full sympathy with the South, the trading ground of our merchants, and has always favored the commercial intercourse of our people with those sections of country whose merchants trade with us to the extent of many millions every year. I ask if it be desirable to place ourselves in a false position towards the democratic South to gratify mere political whims? Our commercial welfare shudders at the thought. Such a step would make us false to old friendships and old trade. The South regards Maryland and Kentucky as the two eyes of democracy to which she should always turn in the darkest hours of her affliction, into which she still steadily gazes looking for hope and deliverance. Is one of those great and noble eyes, whose magnetic power has drawn the people of the South into close friendly and commercial relations with us, to be extinguished by a radical triumph in the State? I hope not. But that would be the result of a democratic defeat in Maryland. The Ohio inflationists have dealt the democracy a heavy blow in the recent election, rebounding with depressing effect upon the prostrate form of the South. Let us not still further crush its hopes and imperil our trade by substituting in Maryland a radical for a democratic eye.

"In view of what I have said about our family troubles, it is hard to understand why there should be any material disorder in the body politic of the Democratic party. A witty physician says there is disorder and describes it as a swelling of the cutarpid cutaneous, caused by the vox populi pressing on the ad valorem, inflaming the pericardium of the E Pluribus Unum. Now we may not be able to understand the doctor's abstruse medical description, but I am sure that many of the disaffected Democrats could not better explain their symptoms. But whether we comprehend it or not, one thing is certain, it has provoked a copious flux of words and a painful constipation of ideas.

These literary discharges have been analyzed and divided into a thousand parts, with the following result: Ten grains of fact, one hundred and ten of misrepresentation, two hundred and fifty grains of bitter tongue, and six hundred and thirty grains of rank balderdash. Now, that is the honest analysis of this political distemper, produced by the vox populi pressing upon the ad valorem. Coming down to plain vernacular, it is a case in which there is great cry and little wool, and where some, who have gone for wool, will come back shorn.

"Now what are we going to do about the matter? We are going to take up our line of march to the two great battlefields of this campaign with the confidence and courage of the olden time, still conscious of our power to defeat the enemy. The sober second thought will drive many malcontents back into our ranks, and when the morning light breaks upon the 27th day of October, our vast army of voters will rise up, like a giant refreshed with wine, and move forward to engage and defeat the enemy, and when the sun sets upon the November field, we will have captured his forces, horse, foot and dragoon, and then, by the power of these two mighty triumphs, with the names of Carroll and Latrobe emblazoned upon them, we will teach the coalition that the Democracy of Maryland is terrible to encounter and impossible to destroy."

JOHN LEE CARROLL.—The following eloquent tribute was paid by James Hodges, Esq., to our pure and able standard-bearer for Governor at the great Merchants' Meeting in Baltimore on the 19th instant. Said Mr. Hodges: "John Lee Carroll is honest and capable, and is the embodiment of Democratic principles, I say it is our duty, as it is our policy, and ought to be our pleasure, to vote for him. He is one of our own political household, and, as the present head of the family, is entitled to our loyal support. He ought to receive it, for there can be no doubt of his fitness for the office of Governor, either on the score of education, integrity, experience or respectability. But I am not going to hold Mr. Carroll up to you as an idol, to be voted into the Executive office because he happens to be the great-grandson of Charles Carroll of Carrollton. To do so would be neither democratic nor American.—While he is a worthy descendant of the illustrious signer of the Declaration of Independence, and wears his name and honors like a gentleman, yet lineage has the least share in the capital stock of this campaign.

Worth makes the man, the want of it the fellow;
All the rest are leather and prunella.

"Yes, worth makes the man, and we are running Mr. Carroll for Gov. upon his intrinsic worth throwing in the name and the pedigree for good measure. I say if Mr. Carroll is honest he should receive our earnest support. Does any man in Maryland doubt that he possesses that quality? Why the only fault he has committed during this exciting campaign was prompted by an overpowering consciousness of honesty. However much his friends may differ concerning the quality and justifiableness of the language employed in his letter to Mr. Wallis, it is apparent to every one that when he wrote that letter his sense of uprightness had risen to be an all-absorbing, all-pervading sentiment of his heart. But the most even-tempered men will use strong language sometimes, and in forming an opinion we must look at the spirit of the case as well as the offensive words involved in it. Moreover, it is the one random shot, of a good marksman, and we must not score it against him too strongly. Mr. Carroll is all right. In the betting parlance of the day, "you may stake your bottom dollar on it."

"If elected, we believe he will administer the Government with intelligence, economy and enterprise, and that the public money and the State credit, as well as private property and personal liberty, will be safe in his hands. Then let us rally to his support, with old-time unanimity, and and make him the Centennial Governor of Maryland by a rousing majority

LETTER OF GOV KEMPER.—A letter from Gov. Kemper, of Va., in response to an invitation to address a democratic gathering in Baltimore, has been published and bears so pertinently upon the duty of Conservative men in the issue, now upon the people of this State, that we take pleasure in giving space to the following extract:

"I cannot believe that any true Democratic-Conservative of Maryland is resisting the organized action of the party. If your standard-bearer instead of being the man he is, were a carpet-bagger, thrusting himself into the party and corruptly manipulating the machinery to advance and enrich himself; if your nominees had been chosen by such employment of the forms and usages of the party as violated its principles or defeated the will of the people, if your candidates were not men of high and acknowledged integrity and ability, reason might be urged in defense of a voter of the party for standing out against its organization. But looking to the character of your nominees, looking to pending issues which involve the best interests of this whole country, looking to the wrongs and oppression we are all suffering at the hands of the Republican party, and to the centralized and semi-imperial rule which is invading and endangering the rights of the States and the liberties of the people, it seems to be delusion, or madness, or crime, in any Democratic-Conservative now to desert the only party which is standing on the side of the Constitution. For a Democratic-Conservative, in the crisis of a great State contest like yours, to be agitating the lesser matter of local or personal interest, is as bad as Nero's fiddling while Rome was burning. Save your State, and if there are any local grievances rectify them afterward."

NOT ANY HARRIS OR WALLIS, IF YOU PLEASE.—A Republican voter, writing under date of the 26th of October, to a Western Maryland paper, says: "I listened to Mr. Harris patiently the other day, anxious to be convinced that there was some good reason why a Republican should vote for him. I had been bothered about it before for I did not see how or why I should vote for Harris and Wallis, two men who every day write letters or make speeches to prove that they are still Democrats and have no sympathy with Radicals. So I thought I'd like to hear what Mr. Harris had to say. If they have been speaking to catch Potato Bugs but it did not suit me. His eulogy on Mr. Hamilton (just as if he was dead) and his assertion that he was a Democrat of Democrats and all that sort of talk may have been all right for some of the men who did all the applauding, what little there was of it, but it was a queer speech for Republican voters to swallow. If Mr. Harris is such an uncompromising Democrat, he ought to have stuck to his party. Now Greeley did say that he would have nothing more to do with the Republican party and there was some excuse for Democrats who voted for him. But Mr. Harris has the same opinions he always had and yet wants to be elected by Republicans. Now, if we are to vote for Democrats, I think Carroll is a great deal more honest, in politics at least, than Harris, and as for that man Wallis, not any for me. I would a great deal rather vote for Jeff. Davis. But the fact is, I will not vote for any of them and you can put this in your paper for what it is worth."