

THE CLARION.

Official Journal of the State of Mississippi.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1882.

DEMOCRATIC-CONSERVATIVE NOMINATIONS FOR CONGRESS.

1st DISTRICT.....H. L. MULBROW.

2d ".....VAN H. MANNING.

3d ".....H. D. MONEY.

4th ".....O. R. SINGLETON.

5th ".....H. S. VAN EATON.

6th ".....E. BARKSDALE.

7th ".....E. BARKSDALE.

Seventh Congressional District Meeting of the Executive Committee.

JACKSON, Miss., Sept. 18, 1882.

The Committee met pursuant to call.

Present, Robert Powell, Madison; H. N. Thompson, Copiah; J. L. McCaskill, Rankin;

W. J. Crider, Hinds; George Torrey (proxy) for J. J. Whitney, Jefferson.

The Committee organized by electing Robert Powell Chairman, and J. L. McCaskill Secretary.

After some time spent in consultation, the Committee adjourned subject to the call of the Chairman.

ROBT. POWELL, Chm'n.

J. L. McCaskill, Sec'y.

To your tents, O' Israel!

EVERY MAN TO HIS POST.

REGISTER! REGISTER!

Crops are fine and Barksdale's a booming.

The Democracy will expect every man to his duty.

We have won in other contests and will prevail in this.

The weak flies only are caught in the net.

REGISTER for the district in which you now live.

Gen. Chalmers will have the ballots cast for him counted—Batesville Blade.

How many times?

We hang rich men by the purse and poor ones by the neck.

The Republican statisticians claim only one District in this State.

We would advise Jim Hill to hold fast to the suncure he already has.

JIM HILL relies upon a partisan majority to reverse the decision of the sovereign people of the 7th District.

The negro school teachers are consuming too much of their valuable time with partisan politics.

If the Bourbons will continue to give us wise laws, economically administered, we can stand the name.

MR. R. H. HENRY has resumed active editorial control of the Brookhaven Ledger. The last issue of that staunch democratic exponent is sparkling.

THERE is a growing sentiment against the iniquitous system of blackmailing the employees of the government. Witness the defeat of one Jay Hubbell.

THE verdict in the case of Dorsey and Brady will lower the country in the estimation of the world. They have not only violated the law, but robbed justice of its victims.

HEBELL complains of the mutability of human affairs. "When I thought," he observes, "my greatness full surely was a ripening, there came an unexpected freeze, and the flower of my hope now lies withered and dead."

UNDER Republican rule no man was permitted to retain office a moment if he did not step to the tune of the partisan whip. The most we ask is neutrality, and this there is a determination to have.

THE State Health Officer of Texas has reported yellow fever prevailing at Reynosa, Camargo and Mier, in Mexico, on the Rio Grande, and requested aid of the government. The collector of customs at Brownsville has been directed to place quarantine guards opposite these places.

We want a man to represent us in the national councils whom we will see rise up and speak for us with pride and satisfaction. We want no man at whose appearance on the stage we would hang our heads in sorrow and in shame. We want a representative in fact as well as name—a representative of our intellectual and moral status, not of the baser passions common to ignoble natures.

If it pays to prohibit the importation of one or more foreign articles, would it not pay to prohibit the importation of all all foreign articles? Would it not pay to abolish and prohibit all intercourse with foreign nations? The argument of the protectionist certainly lends directly to this conclusion.

THE war in Egypt being over, we look for a rise in all classes of securities. How it will affect matrimonial insurance is not yet known, but several experts are at work upon the subject, and their decision, which will put the vexed question at rest, may be looked for daily.

DURING the Democratic period of seven years, from 1875 to 1882, more miles of railroad have been constructed, more capital invested in factories and land, and a stronger spirit of public confidence than at any other period in the history of the State. We challenge denial.

In protection on the part of the United States against the world is good, would not protection on the part of the several States against their sister States be good also? Mississippi can't compete successfully with New England in the manufacture of many articles. Would it not be well to protect her "infant" manufactures by levying a large duty on the importation of these New England wares? We have heard that what is good for the goose is good for the gander.

THE EGYPTIAN WAR.

"The war is over," says General Wolsey in his dispatch of the 15th instant.

One resolute, spirited dash of British troops has overthrown the entire fabric of Arabi Pasha's usurped authority.

The result proves that from the beginning to the end the rebellion was a mere revolt of the army, or rather, as the British government maintains, an attempt by the officers of the army to subordinate the civil to the military power—an attempt to play the role of the Mamelukes.

If the population of Egypt sympathized with Arabi, it was with a sympathy too languid for revolution. At the first reverse, the people deserted their self-appointed leader. The army itself seems to have given but a half-hearted support to the ill-fated Arabi.

Unless we conclude that the rebellion did not extend beyond the army, we must assume that the army and the people of Egypt are without protection and without spirit.

We may form some idea of the consequences to flow from the war, by noting in a general way the occasion of it. It will be borne in mind that the political relations of Egypt and the Porte, are due to Mehemet Ali, the lineal ancestor of the present Khedive. (Arabic for victory.) That great ruler, having possessed himself of Syria, and a great part of Asia Minor, threatened the overthrow of the Sultan. England and France, dreading the complications to which such an event would lead, by forcible interposition, compelled Mehemet Ali to restore his conquests to the Sultan and acknowledge his ultimate sovereignty over Egypt. This was a nominal sovereignty, the entire internal administration of Egypt being in the hands of Mehemet Ali. Ismail, a grandson of Mehemet Ali, succeeded to the throne in 1863, and in 1866 the Sultan confirmed his title to the throne and made the vice-royalty hereditary in the family of Mehemet Ali, subject to nominal sovereignty in the Sultan.

During the reign of Ismail the Suez canal was constructed. He was a progressive ruler; made canals and railroads, established schools and colleges, created a standing army and built a navy. He resorted to the modern expedient of raising money by the sale of bonds. These bonds were in great part sold to English and French capitalists for less than half their nominal amount.

The result was that Ismail entailed a public debt of more than a hundred millions of dollars on Egypt. His finances fell into disorder. He failed to defray the revenues to the debt, and of the funds by this means England and France; and had exhibited insubordination to the Sultan; and, moreover, was regarded by the Egyptians as an oppressor. England had bought a large amount of Suez Canal shares. It was not a controlling amount, but was nevertheless very large. Although the English had little faith in the Suez Canal when it was projected, they speedily realized its overshadowing importance to their commerce and their empire in the East. England sends more ships through the canal than all Europe and America. Both England and France, therefore, have an interest (France the same in kind, differing only in degree) in maintaining a stable and well administered government in Egypt, and in securing neutrality and inviolability for the canal. Ismail having brought Egypt to bankruptcy, and the government to a stand still, was at the instance of England and France, deposed by the Sultan, and his son Tewfik made viceroy in his stead. England and France imposed upon their protegee, the condition that he would allow his revenues to be collected by commissioners of the two powers—that is, these commissioners were to appoint collectors and supervise the collections, receive the money, and after paying a certain amount to creditors of Egypt, to turn the balance into the treasury. The sway which England and France thus obtained in Egypt produced discontent. The commissioners abused their powers and inflamed the jealousy of the Egyptians. The pay of the army, and in fact the army itself was becoming dependent on the Powers. Tewfik seemed to be the mere representative of England and France. The army being the only real power in Egypt, undertook to control the Khedive, and finding it could not control him, it determined to neutralize his authority, and on the first attempt of the Khedive to assert himself, resolved to depose him. Arabi Pasha was the Khedive's minister of war, and backed by the army, he practically controlled the government or blocked its wheels.

It is attributed to him, that he fomented disorders throughout Egypt, inflaming the people against the Khedive, who was held up as the submissive slave of foreigners. These disorders could only be suppressed by the army, and the army was controlled by Arabi, who refused to employ it unless its demands were granted. The Khedive could not dismiss Arabi without precipitating a revolt, and could not retain him without a practical submission to the army. Egypt was threatened with anarchy. There was an attempt to depose Tewfik. In this state of things England and France sent their fleets to the Mediterranean. The riot and massacre in Alexandria followed, and it was said by Arabi that it was occasioned by the presence of the foreign fleets. This was not true. With a view to protect English subjects, and the foreign populations generally, the English fleet envolved the harbor of Alexandria. England and France demanded that the Sultan, as the sovereign of Egypt, should maintain the authority of his viceroy by an armed occupation. The Sultan sent commissioners only. In the meanwhile Arabi having the revolted army at his back, commenced preparations to drive the English fleet from the harbor of Alexandria by shore batteries. Perceiving this Admiral Seymour demanded that the work of mounting guns to bear on the fleet should cease, and the fortifications surrendered. This was refused, and the bombardment of Alexandria followed. Arabi's army threw off all disguise, and by means of the army took control of Egypt. He set to work to increase the army by conscription, and

Bourbon Domination.

We are accustomed these latter days to grave discourses on the evils of "Bourbon Domination." It is discussed as though

"The direful spring Of woe unnumbered."

Bourbon Domination, if you will so nominate democratic ascendancy, in Congress, gave the country the most economical administration it had enjoyed for many years. The aggregate appropriations for civil and miscellaneous purposes in the Republican period of four years from 1877 to 1880, inclusive, were \$229,884,000—showing a Democratic reduction in four years of \$51,114,000. But as soon as the Republicans regained possession they inaugurated their policy of extravagance, and now, under a stalwart administration, with the Republicans in control of both houses of Congress, we are squandering the public money with a recklessness that has not been equalled since the profligate era of Grant. The total appropriations made by the present Republican Congress for the current fiscal year foot up the enormous aggregate of \$295,248,000.

What has Bourbon Domination done in this State? It has harmonized domestic discord, reduced taxation from practical confiscation under Republican rule to two and a half mills, and at the same time almost extinguished the public debt. It has restored public confidence. It has established magnificent seats of learning. It has given all classes the equal protection of the laws. The alien Maj. Barksdale opened the campaign at this place, and notwithstanding the great amount of sickness prevailing in our district, and the fine weather for cotton picking, quite a number of citizens, of both races, were present. For an hour and a half he held the audience in rapt attention, and at the close of his speech, but one expression was heard, and that of delight. He is not only familiar with the great political issues of the day, but has the happy manner of expressing himself so as to enlist attention and call for approval. Several independents were present, who gave in their adhesion and rejoiced in common with other Democrats that we had so able an advocate as Maj. Barksdale to dispense the black cloud that has so long hovered over our horizon. Our independent friends are proving themselves consistent and patriotic, and when the idea of November roll around and the wires flash the news of Maj. Barksdale's election throughout the State, none will more heartily rejoice at the good news.

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