

REPUBLICAN RUMPUUS.

Meeting of the State Central Committee.

A Protracted Yet Lively Session—The Murphys and Greeley Writing for Supremacy—The Later Discomfit—Great Joy in the Murphy Camp.

The Republican State Central Committee met yesterday at noon in pursuance to the last adjournment at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. Crowds of politicians gathered in the lobbies and the barroom, eagerly discussing the issue of the deliberations. The Murphys, or administration republicans, mustered in full force and exchanged significant glances that foreshadowed a coming victory.

When the members of the General Committee were charged with having AFFILIATIONS WITH TAMMANY HALL, they sheltered themselves under the wings of their renewed leader, and thought to silence the clamor of their adversaries by exclaiming, "Horace Greeley is our chairman!" To the reproach made to them that many of their members were in the receipt of Tammany pay, they pointed with an air of injured innocence to Horace Greeley as their leader.

A HERALD reporter, however, gleaned the following particulars. Surveyor Cornell, opened the meeting when it was found that of the thirty-one members of the committee, representing every congressional district, twenty-eight were present. Their names are as follows:—

Stephen B. French, Samuel T. Maddox, Erasmus D. Webster, Henry Smith, Thomas Sullivan, Hugh Gardner, Adolph J. Cornell, Charles A. Arthur, George D. L. Williams, William H. Cornell, Cyrus B. Martin, Henry S. Vandercar, George H. Sharpe, Joseph H. Jackson, John Hammond, Edwin A. Stier, Hon. J. B. Hamilton, William H. Cornell, John A. Placer, Albert Jewett, Lockwood L. Doty, Thomas J. Chaffetz, Chester S. Cole, Ben H. Richards, Crowley, Rodney W. Daniels and Julian T. Williams.

The sub-committee presented a lengthy report setting forth the necessity of making a reorganization of the party. The report was read by Mr. A. B. Ladin, who recommended its adoption.

General Bennett then employed his usual tactics by ingeniously putting a motion for adjourning until the next day. He said that the State Central Committee did not possess the right to reorganize so long as there existed a committee representing the party. He then moved that the committee be continued until the next day.

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THE MURDERER THOMAS NEARING THE PRECIPICE.

The Terrible Expiation to be Made To-Day—The Instrument of Destruction—Surroundings of the Criminal—How He Looks, Acts and Feels—A Scorching and Afflicted Family—The Leap Into Eternity—Passage of a Soul to Judgment.

When the devil rushes into the agonized soul of a human being through the flood gate of his passions and takes possession of the infuriated wretch to lash him on to his own destruction by the fury of his passions this rate and strikes the fatal blow. The blood boiling through his swelling veins, blinds the vision and maddens the heart, until he lifts his dreadful arm against his fellow man and takes the life that God has given. The paroxysm over, the storm gone down, reason asserts her sway and brings before the culprit a dawning sense of the awful crime he has committed. The deed once done that he realizes cannot be recalled, he is seized by the

Violent anguish of remorse, and, driven before a horrid dread of justice, flies from the haunts of men to hide his blood-stained hand in the homes of beasts; or if long stooped in crime and habituated to often recurring scenes of violence, he braves the day in the open thoroughfares, the continued dread of the discovery which is constantly hanging over him is appalling in its effects. In every shadow that crosses his pathed man he breathes an unextinguished arm of the law calling upon him in loud and angry tones for retribution. Restless and unweary he wanders from point to point until the moment of his capture comes, when, hurried within the narrow limits of a cell, the awful calm succeeding the excitement brings the terrible consequences of his acts crowding on his mind, bowing his head into the dust.

John Thomas, the unfortunate man who, ere this small week the eyes of many will have been hurried into the presence of his Maker, in expiation of his guilt and vindication of the outraged majesty of the law, has become an object of pity that is almost painful. Before the sun has set upon another day he will have taken the sudden leap from the precipice of life into the yawning gulf of the hereafter. The life he led before his fall appeared. The boundary of his existence is fast drawing to a close and the shadow of the unknown is swiftly coming on. He has endeavored to make every preparation in his power to meet the gloom of death, with the assistance of the holy man who has been his spiritual father. The wretched wretch in the time allowed him by the clemency of justice.

At night his last on earth—while he sat moodily brooding on his near approaching end he uttered a huge stone in the passage way or corridor of the prison. In the tomb, his daughter—a bright, intelligent looking girl, about fifteen years of age—sat opposite to him, her large, soft, blue eyes fixed on his face. The next day she will be laid to rest in the tomb. The child he loves so much, and who seems to reciprocate his devoted affection.

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Some fostering scoundrel in one of the upper tiers of cells commenced to whistle a popular air, and the wretched man, who had been so long in the prison during the day, but had not done so up to this time, burst into a fit of laughing. The wretched man, who had been so long in the prison during the day, but had not done so up to this time, burst into a fit of laughing.

THE TORNADO IN ILLINOIS. List of the Killed and Seriously Wounded by the Tornado at East St. Louis—Terrible Effects of the Storm—Thirty Families Rendered Homeless—Great Destruction of Property.

The deaths caused by the tornado which passed over East St. Louis yesterday afternoon, as far as known, are seven, as follows:—John Halpin, employed on the bridge; John B. O'Neill, purchasing agent for the Southeastern Railroad; John Vogel, Daniel Collins, Timothy Drumm, Isaac Evans, engineer of the Chicago and Alton Railroad, burned in the roundhouse; John Easley, a brakeman on the Toledo and Wabash Railroad, and a teamster, name unknown.

Of the wounded the following are the most seriously hurt:—Henry C. Creveling, Superintendent of the Virginia Ferry Company, right shoulder fractured and arm by the chimney of the ferryboat, falling across his carriage; George Schone, a master mechanic on the Chicago and Alton road, received a terrible cut on the head and his legs were badly crushed; Margaret Conway had both legs broken; Michael Colway and two children were fearfully cut about the head and body; Louis Perwin's head was badly cut; L. Marks, of Nashville, Ill., had a severe cut on the forehead; the head of Peter Thomas Hamilton was seriously cut; Peter Flynn had a leg broken; Frank Demaree and wife were seriously injured; W. T. Gamoy, foreman of the Vandallia Railroad, arm broken.

The less seriously and slightly injured will outnumber the above. The immense amount of framework in and around the eastern abutment of the bridge, consisting of derricks, and the massive supports for other building apparatus, was blown down like so many reeds.

Some thirty families are rendered homeless by the destruction of their houses. Most of the latter were totally destroyed. The steamer Mobile lost her chimney, the force all her upper works, which were over the river. The tugboat Hewitt, belonging to the Bridge Company, lost her upper works. Captain W. C. Hewitt, was blown into the river, and rescued, slightly injured.

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SHIPPING NEWS.

Steamship South Carolina, Newark, Charleston—H. M. Rogers & Co. Capt. B. Terry, Chapin, Bowen, H. C. Murray, F. S. Co. Steamship Albemarle, Blackwood, Norfolk, City Point and Richmond—Old Dominion Steamship Co. Steamship Bannockburn, Philadelphia—Lorillard & Co. Steamship Bannockburn, Philadelphia—Lorillard & Co. Steamship Chesapeake, Johnson, Portland—J. F. Ames. Steamship Chesapeake, Johnson, Portland—J. F. Ames. Steamship Chesapeake, Johnson, Portland—J. F. Ames.

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