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OPPOSITION CONVENTION.

A State Convention of the Oppositionists of Tennessee is expected to meet to-day at the Capitol. We shall see of what sort of stuff this Opposition is made, and possibly we shall know what sort of principles they propose as a substitute for what they oppose. Hitherto, it has been impossible to divine upon what principles they expect to administer the Government. All has been veiled and disguised beneath the specious plea of opposition to Democracy. They have proven themselves tolerably good cavilers and complainers. From long practice and much experience they have learned to speak and write with fluency and ease of corruptions and "outrages," misgovernment and maladministration. They have a key-note of complaint which the composers of a "misery" might well emulate. No preacher of repentance or threatener against sin ever rose to the elevation of denunciation or sank to the chasm of penal threatenings with the fertility, the awful solemnity and the dire menace that characterizes the Oppositionist. There is no incident of alarm that escapes his curious research, or eludes his penetrating scrutiny. It is all the same what the Democracy do or propose to do. The Oppositionist is equally at home in "opposing the corruption," and demonizing the duplicity of the scheme.

If a Democratic convention declares for the Pacific Railroad, it follows of course that the Opposition detects in it something that deserves his severest criticism. If the Democracy oppose the Pacific scheme, then the Opposition may condescend to favor it with his smiles and patronage. This system of tactics and warfare follows as a rational necessity from the unfortunate circumstances in which the Opposition find themselves. If they agree with the Democracy, the people would naturally ask, with reference to their terrific bombardment of the Democratic position, *ou bien?* why do you fire on your friends? They are therefore reduced to the absolute necessity of opposing everything that is Democratic with honest or dishonest, fair or hair-splitting. They are compelled to speak of Democracy as a monster, and Democratic opinions with contempt, even to get a hearing before the tribunal of the people. It is true they affectingly subject themselves to the strong suspicion of a want of candor by the direful necessity of their position. But the people pardon much to habit, much to life-long prejudice, and still more to the logical weakness of their position, forced on them, as we have said, by a dire necessity.

The newspapers of the Opposition have, now for some months, been filled with their mournful exposés of what they oppose. So long and so tediously have they labored upon this point, that the public has become accustomed to sob through sympathy at the very sight of an Opposition newspaper. But something more is required by the people then, for a party that aspires to their support, to be eternally lamenting the bad times upon which we have fallen.

The quick-sighted vision that is enabled to detect so many errors and corruptions, ought to be able to propose a remedy for the evils that affect the country. It is not enough to say, change your administration—give the reins to others. It must be shown how and by what means the reform is to be effected. We shall watch with great curiosity, to see these remedies proposed by the the Oppositionists of Tennessee. We know what they oppose, or rather what party they oppose. What do they propose in lieu of Democratic principles and measures? We look with interest for them to show that "better way," which it is their manifest duty to do, in view of their professions. Let the convention speak now or never.

HON. GEORGE W. JONES.

We learn from the Fayetteville *Observer*, that Hon. GEORGE W. JONES has withdrawn his name as candidate for Congress in the Sixth District. Mr. JONES, says the Nashville *Union*, has been in Congress for eighteen years, and during all that time he has done no act, he has given no vote, he has uttered no sentence in conflict with the principles of the Democratic party, or the duties of an honest, patriotic representative of the people. The honors which he has received from his constituents have been unsolicited. He retires with their fullest confidence and esteem. He has served his country and party with a fidelity and zeal that knows no abatement. He asks no reward save the approval of his countrymen and of his own conscience, and that he will enjoy in his retirement as well as in public life. He resigns the high trust which has been so long committed to him, without a blot upon his fame or a stain upon his reputation.

TENNESSEE NEWS.

HON. JOHN H. SAVAGE.—This gentleman arrived at home from Washington on the 19th inst. The McMinnville *Era* says that judging from present indications he will have no opposition for a re-nomination even in the convention.

DECLINED.—Gen. W. B. Campbell was called upon by Williamson county and Williamson county to permit his name to be used as candidate for Congress in the Fifth district. The General, in a card to the Nashville *Union* of the 22d, declines, saying his private affairs are such that he cannot consent to become a candidate.

RAILROAD TO THE KENTUCKY LINE.—The commissioners for laying the track of the Railroad from this place to the Kentucky line, have received during the past week's large portion of the cross-ties, and will have more in a few days. We shall then have something like a railroad.—*Clarksville Jeffersonian, March 22.*

FOR FLOATER.—The Opposition at McMinnsville have nominated J. D. Porter, of Henderson, for Floater.

OPPOSITION IN WILSON COUNTY.—The Opposition in Wilson county will meet at Lebanon on Monday, the 4th day of April, to nominate candidates for the Senate and House of Representatives of the next Legislature. A correspondent of the Lebanon *Herald* urges the claims of Col. W. D. Barton for a nomination for a seat in the next Legislature from Wilson county.

W. M. Alexander, Esq., of London, in response to sundry calls upon him to become a candidate to represent Hardin county in the ensuing Legislature, replies in the Knoxville *Whig*, of the 24th, that he will occupy the position, if he can have a clear field, and no opposition from his own party.

The McMinnville *New Era*, of the 24th instant, announces Col. Adrian Northcutt, of Grundy, as a candidate for the State Senate.

We learn, says the Huntingdon *Democrat*, that our old friend Col. Jesse Tayler, who has filled the office of county clerk of Henderson county, since the revision of the constitution, has resigned his office. Col. Taylor was, we presume, the oldest clerk in the State, and perhaps the best.

An election to supply the vacancy is to be held in April next.

HIGH PRICE FOR TOBACCO.—A hogshead of tobacco, from the crop of Albert Warren, Esq., of Dover Huntingdon, shipped by Pearce Travis & Co., sold in Louisville, on the 12th instant, for $17.50 per hundred, being the highest price of the season.

OPPOSITION AT DYERSBURG.—In an Opposition meeting recently held at Dyersburg, Mr. Emerson Etheridge was resolved to be their first choice for Congress.

MAURY DEMOCRACY.—The Democracy of Maury county will hold a meeting at Columbia on the first Monday in May, to nominate a candidate for the Legislature and suggest a candidate for Floater.

WITHDRAWN.—The Hon. Geo. W. Jones is no longer a candidate for Congress in his district.

THE RAILROAD.—The track-layers are to-day only about seventeen miles from Fort Fayetteville. They passed the last two or three weeks since, but are now in Lincoln, on the "home stretch," coming down directly toward us as rapidly as hands can be laid and spikes driven. They will probably reach Elk river in June, and then a short time after will place them here in Fayetteville. The consummation is now at hand. The cars will soon be at hand.—*Fayetteville Observer, March 24.*

STABBING AFFRAY—PROBABLE FATAL TERMINATION.—We regret to learn that a affray occurred yesterday during the holding of the election for constable, in one of the voting places, between Ira A. Smith, one of the candidates, and J. W. Felts, during which the latter was stabbed. We hear that for some provocation, Smith announced Felts as a dunning list, when the latter drew like to his knife, which contained a sword. Smith wrenched the sword from Felts and walked him to the left side immediately above the hip, the sword penetrating, about seven inches. Felts was alive last evening, though it was thought he could not live. Smith gave himself up, and was committed to jail until Monday when he will have a hearing before an examining court.—*Nashville Union, March 28.*

OPPOSITION CANDIDATES.—In the Nashville District James M. Quarles, of Montgomery, is the candidate for Congress, and R. H. Cheatham is nominated as the Opposition candidate for Floater from the counties of Davidson, Robertson, Montgomery and Cheatham.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

At a meeting of the Democratic party in convention at the court house in Jacinto, on the 21st of March, 1859, on motion of J. J. Pinson, Hon. M. Sorrell was called to the Chair, and J. M. Blair, D. L. Davis and W. E. Gibson, were elected Secretaries.

The Chairman then explained the object of the meeting to be for the purpose of selecting delegates to the State and District Conventions, for the purpose of nominating candidates for Governor and other State officers, and a candidate for Congress from the First Congressional District of the State of Mississippi.

Mr. Inge moved that a committee of seven be appointed by the Chair to draft resolutions for the consideration of this meeting, which being adopted, the Chair appointed the following gentlemen: W. M. Inge, J. M. Cocke, J. G. Barton, C. W. Bell, J. J. Pinson, J. F. Arnold and C. W. Williams.

J. F. Arnold then offered the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted:

WHEREAS, The object of this meeting is to appoint delegates to the State Convention, to be held in the city of Jackson on the first Monday in July next, and also appoint delegates to the District Convention, soon to be held, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for this Congressional District for Congress.

Resolved, That the Chairman of this Convention appoint ten delegates from each police district in Jacinto, and this county in the State Convention, to be held at the time and place aforesaid; and ten delegates from each police district to represent this county in the District Convention, at the time and place that may be hereafter determined upon by the Democracy of this Congressional District.

On motion of D. L. Davis, Hon. L. Q. C. Lamar, being present, was requested to address the convention during the absence of the committee.

Col. Lamar responded in an address of three-fourths of an hour, replete with able, sound, and touching upon all national issues now before the people, and presenting clearly the duty of the Democratic party in the coming contest.

Hon. A. R. Dilworth was then loudly called for, who addressed the convention for a few minutes on the duty of the Democratic party of Tippah county and of the Union.

The Chairman then announced the names of the following gentlemen as delegates to the State convention:

First District—J. F. Reinhart, W. W. Boude, E. W. Carmack, J. S. Brittain, Jesse G. Smith, J. F. Arnold, B. B. Boone, J. A. Blair, W. A. Smith and G. W. Patrick.

Second District—C. P. Fell, C. W. Bell, C. W. McCord, W. M. Inge, W. E. Gibson, J. B. Tormut, L. N. Steele, D. J. Jarnagin, P. J. Jones, J. M. Wilkes.

Third District—C. W. Williams, J. J. Pinson, J. W. Burress, John Lindsay, Abram Miller, H. A. Smith, Porter Walker, F. M. Boone, Joseph Tyson, and Elijah Bilbo.

Fourth District—George Tankersly, Dr. R. Hodges, John M. Thompson, John R. Martin, J. J. Goodwin, Dr. Moore, J. M. Moore, J. M. Hicks, S. A. Burress, John McDougal and R. L. Lindsay.

Fifth District—S. S. Hogue, James Coates, Dr. L. Hodges, A. F. Denny, Dr. W. E. Tucker, D. L. Davis, Samuel Dancer, F. J. Blythe, Jackson Akers and F. Lamberth.

The following names were then presented as delegates to the District Convention:

First District—C. D. Key, J. F. Arnold, R. B. Boone, E. W. Carmack, J. A. Blair, G. W. Smith, W. W. Boude, R. E. Clayton, W. P. Podes and Dr. Pitchugh.

Second District—E. C. Gillenwaters, C. W. McCord, C. W. Bell, Daniel McDougal, H. C. Hyneman, W. H. Kilpatrick, W. M. Inge, Dr. S. Skillman, W. E. Gibson, and R. H. Winmore.

Third District—Dr. J. P. Stephenson, J. J. Pinson, C. W. Williams, John Lindsay, Abram Miller, F. M. Boone, John Rodgers, Col. J. W. Burress, Woody Barge and Benjamin Pitts.

Fourth District—W. C. Lindsay, E. McCalla, W. S. McClung, Dr. Moore, E. A. Murphy, Holland Lindsay, A. Tankersly, Wm. Stormont, John G. Batton and E. W. Harvey.

Fifth District—S. S. Hogue, Job Scruggs, James Coates, D. L. Davis, Jackson Akers, Dr. W. J. Tucker, Dr. R. D. Hodges, J. J. Blythe, W. P. Thompson, and M. D. Moreland.

On motion of J. G. Barton, the Chairman was added to the list of delegates to the State and District Conventions.

The report of the Committee appointed to draft resolutions was then received, and the following resolutions were separately adopted:

Resolved, That the administration of James Buchanan has been able and faithful, and that he has proved himself an enlightened statesman, equal to any emergency; that he has administered the government of a free people in justice and wisdom, and will take his place in the future history of the country, as one of the great and good men of America; not less distinguished for his patriotism than his pre-eminent qualities as a statesman, and we heartily approve and indorse his course in the main.

Resolved, That we indorse the able and faithful course of our honorable and distinguished Senator of State, Hon. A. B. Dilworth, and recommend him as our first choice for the high and exalted position of Governor of the State of Mississippi.

Resolved, That the Hon. L. Q. C. Lamar, our present able and faithful Representative in Congress, has maintained his consistency with marked ability and fidelity, and has proven himself equal to any emergency that has arisen, or may arise, and we heartily indorse his course, and recommend him to the district convention as the first choice of the Democracy of Tishomingo for the position he now holds, and that we instruct our delegates to cast the vote of Tishomingo for him in the convention.

Resolved, That we unqualifedly condemn the odious and baleful Abolition doctrine of equality of sovereignty, and we hereby reaffirm and assert the Democratic doctrine, that the people of a Territory, when they assemble in State convention to form or adopt their State constitution, then, and not till then, have the right to introduce or inhibit slavery.

Resolved, That we suggest and recommend that each Justice's district hold primary meetings, and send ten delegates to represent each district in a county convention, to be held at Jacinto, on the 4th Monday of June next, for the purpose of nominating candidates to represent this county in the State Legislature.

Resolved, That the papers of this county be requested to publish the proceedings of this meeting.

Mr. Barton moved that the Memphis *Democratic* APPEAL and the *Mississippian* at Jackson, also be requested to copy these proceedings. Adopted.

Mr. Davis offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to Hon. L. Q. C. Lamar, and Hon. A. R. Dilworth for the able manner just delivered by them to this body.

On motion, by Mr. Barton, Mr. Dilworth was added to the list of delegates to the State and district conventions.

A resolution was offered by Mr. Barton, instructing the delegates to the State convention to vote for Col. B. R. Webb, of Pontotoc, as the candidate for the Secretary of State. Adopted.

On motion, by Mr. Arnold, the thanks of the Convention were tendered to the Chairman and Secretaries of this convention for the able and faithful manner in which they had performed their duties.

On motion, by Mr. Barton, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

M. SORRELL, Chairman.

J. A. BLAIR, M. E. GIBSON, D. L. DAVIS, } Secretaries.

MURDER BY A NEGRO.—On Thursday last a farmer who has resided for twenty years on Nonconnah creek, who is much respected by his neighbors, and who is known as Bill Lewis, went out hunting. Straight he did not return, and fearing an accident, his neighbors commenced a search for him with torches. Towards morning he was found in the timber close to Archie Read's farm, near Forest Hill. He was dead, having been killed by stabs from a bowie knife, which lay near him; his gun also lay by him, the barrel was bent and twisted, probably during a desperate struggle for the possession. He was stabbed out and in various places, and his throat was cut completely across. Near the body lay a piece of a pair of pants, which is believed to belong to a negro man, Will Yates, who ran away about three weeks ago, and had then been home only since Christmas from an absence of a whole year. This negro was a desperate fellow, and is believed to be the author of the bloody deed. The neighbors have been indefatigable in their efforts to discover the negro, but hitherto without effect. They have sent in pursuit of him, and will use every effort to secure the fellow, if he can be taken. It is believed that Lewis found the negro and got killed in endeavoring to take him.

Destructive Fire—Five Stores Burned Down—A large amount of Property Destroyed.

From the Mississippian, Balize, of March 24.

About three o'clock this morning, an alarm of fire was raised in our city, when it was discovered that the house occupied by Mr. Powell as a confectionery, was on fire, and nearly consumed. Our citizens were on the ground in a very short time, and did all in their power to arrest the progress of the devouring element, but, owing to the start the flames had before they were discovered it was impossible to stay their course until they communicated to the dry goods stores of Mr S. B. Christy, Messrs. G. Rice & Co., and the grocery store of Messrs. McFadden & Anthony and Messrs. Hall & Fletcher, which were all burned to the ground. Mr. Powell's confectionery was nearly consumed before the fire was discovered. Mr. Christy and Messrs. G. Rice & Co. succeeded in saving the greater portion of their goods. Messrs. McFadden & Anthony and Messrs. Fletcher & Hall succeeded in saving a portion of their groceries, but their losses are very heavy.

It is not known in what manner the fire originated, and there are various conjectures concerning it, but we believe it is generally thought to have been accidental.

Mr. Arthur Smith, a young gentleman who is a clerk in the dry goods house of Mr. L. H. Conney, was seriously, but not fatally injured, by the falling of a beam during the fire. We have not heard of any other injuries received by any person.

There is no telling the exact amount of the loss incurred by this disastrous fire. It is variously estimated from $30,000 to $40,000.

Mr. Christy is removing his goods to the old store room on the north side of the square, in Conney's old store; G. Rice & Bro., to the old hotel house, immediately on the northeast corner; Hall & Fletcher, in a house on the south side, near Main street, formerly the Stewart House; McFadden & Anthony have closed house in which to stage their goods, but have not secured rooms in which to do business.

None of the sufferers were injured except Mr. Christy.

The losses of Messrs. Hall & Fletcher and McFadden & Anthony are very heavy. John McDermott, druggist, W. D. Ely, grocer, and Arthur & Bro., dry goods merchants, suffer considerable loss from removing their goods, being apprehensive that their stores from their proximity to the fire were in danger, but the fire was happily stayed by the stores of Mr. Dermott and Ely having its roofs on. The store room of Hall & Fletcher was owned by Mr. L. C. Harper; those of McFadden & Anthony, by himself; that of Powell by J. Hugues & Sons, that of S. B. Christy and G. Rice & Bro., by the heirs of Epaphas Smith deceased.

A Picture of the Black Republican Leaders by One of their Own Number.

The Hon. Sidney Dean, of Connecticut, representative of New London and Windham counties, in the Thirty-Fourth Congress, just ended, has been a correspondent from Washington of the New York *Independent*, a well-known political-religious paper. In his last published letter Mr. Dean makes some strange revelations of the tactics pursued by his own party in Congress, at the winding up of business, in which the Hartford *Times* invites our attention. He says they (the Black Republicans) are a scheming, trading and trickish party, and he blushes while he writes it.

He says that during the last night session the Miscellaneous Appropriation bill was temporarily defeated by the Republicans and "Tariff Democrats," and then the "pure Opposition" had the power in their own hands to dictate just such a tariff as they pleased. We quote from his letter:

"The pure Opposition at that time held the power of the Government in their own hands. It required no aid from a single Democrat, for they could build up the tariff without their help. They could then have dictated a modification of the tariff, which would have been satisfactory in the North, and which would have proved beneficial to our country. We know, but the truth must be told, they did not desire it. The leaders of the Opposition are politicians, and barter and trade in the community of public expediency.

"The Republicans (the proceeds) were willing that the opposition of adding to the national debt, and refusing a judicious tariff which would revive the prostrate energies of the country," could record their votes against it, and thus make capital for 1860.

Mr. Dean then proceeds to give the plan of their tactics, and to lash his fellow Black Republicans, as follows:

"I speak what I write it, but truth and justice requires that its history should be written impartially. A council of the Opposition leaders was held, the matter in its political bearings discussed, and the plan was worked out. The bill was then commenced. Pledges were given, and hoodwinking was commenced. Pledges were notified that the Republicans would help him to suspend the rules, providing he would and nays were not called, and no full record made. At a proper moment he rose and asked the unanimous consent to take up the large, corrupt, Miscellaneous bill, containing the twenty million Treasury notes. A number of the opposition not in the secret scheme, objected. The pledges moved to suspend the rules; the members called for the yeas and nays—twenty-four members rose to order that "not a sufficient number," said the Speaker. Thirty-five or thirty-six yeas and nays were called for and ordered, and, strange to tell, some of the opposition passed through—all the rest of both parties sitting in their seats and quietly acquiescing in the Administration victory. No, not quietly, letters were then ordered upon the question of suspending the rules, and then Democrats and Opposition passed between the lobbies in harmony by a unanimous vote, and