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Republican National Convention, -- at Chicago, May 16.

The Charleston Convention.

Final Rupture and Break up without a Nomination.

The deep anxiety which has pervaded the minds of the Democracy, both North and South, since the assembling of the Convention at Charleston, is in a measure dispelled—or at least is relieved for a time.

It is the natural and necessary denouement of that series of events consequent upon that most fatal act of Punic faith, the repudiation of the Missouri compact.

An adjournment or final dissolution became indispensable after 57 ballots.

The Republicans will have made their nomination a month before. Their flags will be floating on the breeze, and their bugles sounding throughout the country.

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Besides the Southern states that have gone off entire will not come back, nor will the individual delegates of other Southern states that have seceded return.

No man in his senses can suppose that these extreme Southern views will be abandoned, or even modified.

It was in view of an important debate that sprung up in the U. S. Senate, in which nearly all the Democratic Senators participated.

What the convention of the fossilized Whigs, conservatives and South Americans may do at Baltimore this month, we do not pretend to know—they may nominate and run a candidate, but he could not in all probability do as well as Fillmore did in 1856.

The Charleston leaders place no reliance on that sort of men. They know very well that they have scarcely an appreciable influence at the North, and probably not much more at the South.

But we will not presume the subject further at present. The Chicago Convention is near at hand, with its mighty results. There is every reason to expect that its deliberations will be orderly and harmonious, in perfect contrast to that at Charleston.

The Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia Press, says that serious fears are entertained lest the venerable head of the Supreme Court of the United States, Justice Taney, may never again take his seat on the bench.

The telegraph informs us that on the arrival at Savannah, Ga., of intelligence of the recent violent rescue of a black man at Troy, N. Y., from the custody of the Marshal and his aides and abettors, who were about to "render" him to his owner in pursuance of the judgment of a U. S. Court Commissioner, a mob broke open the jail of Savannah and released the notorious Capt. Farnham of the slaver Wanderer, who was awaiting his trial on a charge of piracy.

This man was a "negro-stealer," but as he only stole negroes from Africa to be enslaved in this country, a crime by our laws punishable by death, he meets with warm sympathy in the slave states, and will be in no danger of conviction by a Southern jury.

Before many of our readers had read their last CALEDONIAN, the Charleston convention had "burst up." Both wings of the harmonious Democracy left on Thursday, evidently in disgust with themselves and every one else.

Democracy is virtually dead. It has been doctored to death. To swallow Leontion's quack sovereignty, and Dred Scott decisions was too much for its weak stomach, and it has been obliged to succumb to its plainly evident fate.

From the Springfield Republican.

WHAT A FAIL WAS THERE.—The impregnable and invincible Democracy, as they have been wont to style themselves, and as the country generally was very prone to regard them, have stumbled and fell.

The Democratic party had a good deal of vitality in it, and has out-lived all its contemporaries, the Whigs and the American Presbyterians and the Methodists, as a national organization.

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The majority report from the Platform Committee in the Charleston Convention, may properly be accepted as the doctrine of the majority of the Democracy of the country.

That report is in favor of the protection of the Slave Trade on the high seas, and of Congress passing a Slave Code for the protection of slaveholders and their chattels in the Free Territories in the Union.

Whether these two new "planks" shall be finally incorporated into the Platform or not, the fact of their recommendation by the majority of the Platform Committee, makes the truth stand out as boldly as the nose does on a man's face, that these infamous doctrines are a part and parcel of the "National Democratic Creed," which, even if not boldly avowed, will be practically carried out by the party, should they succeed in retaining the government in their hands for four years longer.

The fact, as regards the dispute of the Convention on these doctrines, is just this: The Southerners want to come out flat-footed and candidly avow the sentiments of the party; and the Douglasites, fearful of a total discomfiture of the North, prefer to assume a non-committal, and thus deceive their Northern dupes with the belief that they are opposed to the proposed new doctrines.

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ABOUT THE FIGHT.—Neither Sayers nor Heenan is so much punished as the first reports induced the public to believe. Heenan has appeared at the Times office, among other public places, to contradict the statement that he consented to regard the battle as "a draw."

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OUR FIRE COMPANIES.—Both of the new engines recently purchased by the village of Montpelier, have been received, and are now in good working order, manned by two efficient and well drilled companies, one very handsomely uniformed.

As you retire from the station you have so long and honorably filled, permit us to assure you of our personal regard and continuing interest. Wherever in the future you

LOCAL AND STATE.

Mr. Messrs. Bradley & Otis of Sheffield have fitted up a new store and filled it with new goods; and that is not all, they tell the people of it through the columns of THE CALEDONIAN.

Rev. E. C. Redington, Esq., of this place, left for the Convention which is to nominate our next president, on Saturday.

Rev. E. C. Cummings, late of Brewer, Me., was installed Pastor of the Second Congregational Church in St. Johnsbury on Thursday, the 10th inst.

A little girl of Simon Olecutt was badly scalded May 1st with a pail of hot soap. Mrs. Olecutt was carrying it near her when the cap of the pail came off and the soap struck the child on the ankles, and she fell backwards into it, scalding her legs and back very badly.

A correspondent in a neighboring town writes us that one Henry White of New York is procuring subscribers for a periodical called the Ladies American Magazine, and after getting the subscription price in advance, he sends only one number, which in fact is all he ever issues, though he pretends that it is now in the third volume.

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lot may be cast may the blessings of Heaven attend you, prosperity and happiness be yours till you enter upon the better life to come.

I have received in behalf of the employees of the Conn. & Pass. Rivers Railroad, your note of the 3d inst., and an elegant silver service, through their committee, Messrs. Ingham, Spaulding and Chase—the one conveying to me in words their "personal regard and continued interest"—the other speaking in siter tones of friendships formed and tried, with many of them, for a period of now more than eleven years, both of which bespeak so much real regard that I find language but a poor expression of the kindly feeling my heart would send back to each one and all of them.

Ours has been an important trust—no less than the lives and property of many of those in the community in which we live, and while the enactment of strict rules has been necessary, and therefore their establishment and execution has sometimes been unpleasant, yet it has been so cheerfully received, so promptly performed, that now we can look back upon our past connection as one proverbially exempt from accident to the one, or destruction to the other.

In "our pleasant and confidential relations" must be found the secret, mainly of our success, for without this confidence between the executive officers and the employees of a Road, more than in almost any other business, no Railroad can be safely managed.

In a simple letter like this, especially that our relations are now to be reckoned among the things that are passed, I cannot allude to a moiety of what I would. I must only trust myself to say your sentiments of "regard and esteem"—your gift which will ever as I look upon it, possess the blessed alchemy to turn into happiness my recollections of that past in which I have been associated with many, who I see have contributed to its presentment, call up vividly to my mind the various vicissitudes through which we have passed together.

I recollect too, with much pleasure, to our library, it being the first railway library in New England, and perhaps anywhere—as encouraged by the liberality of the directors of the Road, and for a series of years, generously supported and extensively read by the employees, and as men who can think are worth more than they who can only labor—another reason can be found for these good influences to which you so flatteringly refer, as having prevailed among us.

I deem it no small thing that the fulfilment of my humble part has elicited from you, who have known me best, these testimonials—nor that gentlemen in the direction of the Road have accorded to me so much success as to vote a consideration in acknowledgement of what they kindly term my "valuable services"—nor less, that the officers of many of the connecting Roads have expressed to me by their secretary, regret at the "dissolution of the pleasant relations existing so many years between us"—but one, that "in the future, wherever my lot may be cast, or years place you, this chaste memorial will bring to my heart in words as incorruptible as the plate on which your "regard and esteem" is inscribed, and in language no time nor place will efface.

To those in whose behalf you have so felicitously written, I beg you to say—their beautiful gift, I accept with the liveliest feelings of gratitude and esteem, and in return for their noble aid—their lives of care and sacrifice—for duties and courtesies done during the long official relation between us—wishing them and their families health and prosperity here, and happiness now and always, they have the renewed thanks of

Very truly their old associate, and ever their friend,

Geo. A. Merrill.

Comm. of employees of C. & P. R. R. R.

Below we publish the correspondence which passed between this committee and Col. Merrill, comment on which would be superfluous.

W. R. JUNCTION, May 3, 1860.

Dear Sir:—Permit me to address you in behalf of the employees of the C. & P. R. Railroad, and to ask your acceptance of the accompanying token of our respect, esteem and hearty good will.

Many of us together with yourself, have been associated from the first opening of the Road. And the review of our business connections and social intercourse during all this period affords us sincere pleasure, while it awakens no less sincere regret at its termination.

From you we received our first lessons, and while your directions were given with the firmness and decision becoming your station, they were at the same time tempered with that mildness and spirit of kindness that won our confidence and esteem. These pleasant and confidential relations, now to be reckoned among the things that are past, will be cherished in our memories, and the recollection will awaken pleasant associations in coming days.

While many of the influences and associations that prevail upon Railroads are not of the most elevating and refining nature, we are happy to bear testimony to the good moral influence you exerted by example and otherwise, tending to rebuke corruption and restrain vice.

175 feet. We learn that it is in contemplation to celebrate the coming fourth of July by a firemen's muster in this place, and that companies from several towns have expressed a desire to be present with their machines.

The address before the next annual fair of the Windsor County Agricultural Society is to be delivered by the Hon. Justus S. Morrill.

In Putney, on the 27th ult., Edwin R. Houghton, a lad sixteen years of age, was pulling down a stone wall to get at a woodchuck which his dog had driven into it, when his pistol fell from his pocket and striking a rock, was discharged. The contents entered his stomach and passed out by the short end, wounding him so that he lived but a few hours.

John Morrissy has been very coldly received by his old sporting friends, since his return home from England, and evidently has but few friends left. He makes a lame defense of his conduct towards Heenan, and especially during the fight, and only denies that he cut the ropes, saying they were not cut but the stakes pulled up. He thinks that Sayers would have won the fight in a few minutes, and is so confident that he will be completely victorious should the fight be renewed that he (Morrissy) will back up this opinion with his money.

Preparations at Chicago for the Republican National Convention are being rapidly hurried forward. The "great wigwag" in which the next president is to be nominated is nearly ready, and to make assurance doubly sure for the safety of the tumultuous thousands who will crowd in to see the thing done, the building has been strengthened far beyond the original calculations of the architect.

The HEENAN-SAYERS MATTER.—There is nothing new regarding the fight. Mr. Dowling, the editor of Bell's Life and recreant, treats with contempt Heenan's demand for a renewal of the fight or the belt, and says, if he (Dowling) had witnessed the 37th round he should have awarded Sayers the victory on the spot. The medical certificate declares Sayers not able to use his arm for two months yet and perhaps for an even longer period.

The Democratic papers say very little about the Charleston convention. The Boston Post merely denies that it is despondent, and thinks present circumstances will arouse all the energy of the party.

The TRIAL OF REV. J. S. HARDEN.—About a year ago a young Methodist clergyman named J. S. Harden, settled in New Jersey, absconded immediately after the death of his wife, to whom he had been married but a short time, he being charged with poisoning her. He was subsequently arrested in Virginia, and brought back to New Jersey for trial.

The REV. DANIEL WORTH.—This martyr of freedom is now in New York City. He was let out of prison on bail for three thousand dollars. A meeting will be held this week, at which he will speak.

A VOLUNTARY PLEDGE. The Cincinnati Gazette of May 3 says that six months ago young and very pretty girl appeared at the office of L. A. Harris and desired the justice to administer an oath, that she might make a list of names of persons who were in the habit of drinking wine or spirits.

A LANDLORD OVERDOING IT. The New York correspondent of the Philadelphia Inquirer says:—"A prospect of rents, the following incident came under my observation: A grasping man had a house up town in which a respectable tenant lived, to the satisfaction of both parties. As May-day approached, the landlord informed the tenant that he wanted \$1500 for the next year; to which the tenant replied that he would pay a hundred more than he was then paying rather than move, but that he would not do so until he had secured another house. But when May-day was at the door, the landlord had not found a new tenant, and offered it to the old one at the old price. It was, however, too late, and the house was rented on Saturday for \$850.

A HINT TO OARSMEN. Oarsmen should indulge in their favorite sport in moderation, as a writer in the London Times says that almost all young men who have been at Oxford and Cambridge, especially those who have meddled much in boat races, have as a rule diseased blood-vessels, arteries or veins, and very many of them diseased and dilated hearts—all brought on by the strain and undue excitement (remora) we, the doctors, call it) of the circulation induced by pulling at boat races. In fact, the matter is now well recognized both at insurance offices and in the administration of chloroform in the upper classes, where diseased heart is to be avoided. It would seem the delicate fibers of the hearts of the boys and lads sent to Oxford especially at one give way before this pressure or remora."

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THS MARKETS.

DOUGLAS MEETING IN DELAWARE.—A meeting has been issued by the Democrats of New Castle county, Delaware, for a public meeting on the 12th, to take measures to elect the county fair representative in the approaching national convention at Baltimore, and to repudiate the course of Senator Bayard at the present delegate.

A young lady in Northampton, Mass. is soon to be joined in wedlock to a rich man, recently remarked that she would soon become one of the richest young widows in town. Ye rich old bachelors who marry young girls, had better look out for yourselves.

Another step in the presidential campaign will be taken the present week. The Union convention meets at Baltimore, and the Union will undoubtedly be saved in such a manner that it will stay saved for some time to come. It is said that an attempt will be made to nominate Mr. Guthrie for president, and Washington Hunt for vice president.

The Great Eastern has been ordered to go to New York. Portland is full of indignation in consequence. After such a world of preparation, it is not strange that our Eastern neighbors are a little disappointed. But perhaps they may get a little comfort from the fact that the great vessel could not get within five miles of City Hall, N. H. That is quite awkward. Portland should begin again to tell about the capacity of its harbor, and all that.

A few days since a man was run over and killed, on the Hudson River railroad, a few miles out of New York City. The accident was terribly mangled, and the sad occurrence made a deep impression upon the engineer, who saw the whole and was unable to prevent it. The next day he did not drive his locomotive, but the day following he concluded to try it again, and, as he approached the place he became instantly agitated, and upon passing over the spot where the accident occurred, he fainted away. He never revived, and died the following evening, literally broken hearted. It is said that he was one of the best engineers on the road.

The new bonnet is an improvement. Ladies stand up under it, and look much more queenly. The mode which is going out now is the appearance of being plastered upon the back of the head, and the ladies in their efforts to keep them on their heads, particularly in adverse winds, had a shrugged and dumpy expression. We think there will be a long list of marriages this year.

In speaking of the break down at Charleston, the Springfield Republican says: "Mr. Douglas and his squatter sovereignty are overboard, and the appearance of Democracy will be 'positively for the first time.'"

It appears by the biographies of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, that the average duration of life of 56 of the members, (being all but two or three whose ages at death are not known,) was 69 years and a fraction.

The Detroit Tribune says it would be a bad idea for Mr. Douglas to ask pardon of those 5000 New England clergymen who based so on 1854, and solicit their prayers in his extremity.

The Democratic party has resolved itself into a regular Colossus of Rhodes, with one foot at Richmond and the other at Baltimore. It is something of a "straddle" to be sure, but it must be remembered that the two "wings" of that "united" party are a good ways apart.

The special train of ten cars, bearing 282 editors, passed over the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad on Saturday, and visited Baltimore. They are to visit many places, the capital included.

There is said to be 400,000 bushels of oats in Canada, in the hands of the speculators, to be shipped to England at an early day.

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