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SATURDAY EVENING, SEPT. 9, 1871.

OFFICIAL CALL FOR A STATE CONVENTION.

CONSTITUTIONAL STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF VIRGINIA.

To the Voters of Virginia: At a meeting of the Committee, held in this city on the 15th instant, it was—

Resolved, That the Republican voters of Virginia be assembled in a State Convention on Wednesday, the 27th day of September, at 12 o'clock M. And it was further ordered, That the Convention consist of one hundred and thirty-eight members, to be apportioned among the counties, according to the apportionment of the Houses of Delegates to the New Constitution. The delegate, in every instance, must be a resident of the Legislative District which he claims to represent. This rule is also applicable to Proxies and Alternates.

Immediately upon receipt hereof, Chairmen or, in their absence, the Secretaries of county committees will forthwith assemble their committee, and take such steps as will ensure a full representation to the Convention. Where no organization exists, Republicans will confer together, and upon proper notice call a meeting of the people at a convenient time and place, for the purpose of selecting the number of delegates to which the county may be entitled. We recommend that the credentials of delegates, in every instance, be signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the convention or meeting at which they are taken.

We would urge that prompt and efficient action be taken to secure a full representation from every portion of the State.

By order of the Committee: H. H. WELLS, Chairman. SAM'L P. MADDOX, Secretary.

ADAMANT COMING TO JUDGMENT.

A smile is likely to be provoked by the announcement that legal proceedings are at once to be commenced before Judge Geo. Barnard, of New York, against the rogues who have been plundering that city.

How absurd to go to law at all about ten millions of dollars, and how worse than in vain to appeal to a tribunal where judge, jury, sheriff, clerk and tip-staff, without, probably, an exception, are the mercenary tools of the criminal to be tried, will be the common exclamation. A lamb might as well appeal for justice and tenderness to a cove of hungry wolves, or what would, perhaps, be a better illustration, innocence, virtue and decency, might as well arraign Dr. Rosenzweig before a jury of twelve abortionists. What do they care if the poor, unfortunate, tempted and fallen, to conceal her infamy, sought the services of that brutal wretch and shameless pretender, or that he murdered her, boxed up her mutilated remains in a packing trunk for shipment to Chicago? Nothing at all, for her or justice, but they do care to have crime concealed and investigation put to sleep; thriving on crime they wish criminals to escape; subsisting on the fruits of debauchery they desire that the abortionist should ply his horrible trade with impunity.

Such is doubtless the view that will generally be taken of the policy of initiating this suit before that tribunal. The prostitution of some of the judges of New York city has long been a public scandal so notorious, that the open assertion of the fact has hardly, for years, provoked a denial. We have heard that proper motions could scarcely get a proper place on the docket, or the criminal catch the eye or gain the ear of the court, except through the instrumentality of cash in hand, or certified checks. The great Erie outrages could never have succeeded, nor robberies they involved consummated, without the aid of a pliant judge—the ready tool of Fisk, Gould, Tweed & Company. The men who are robbing the city of New York manipulated Erie, bribed the Legislature, used Governor Hoffman, bought judges, and sold justice. Tweed was and is the prime mover in all of these disgraceful enterprises, while public rumor has charged that Judge Barnard was the man upon whom the rogues chiefly relied. It is not strange, then, that people, sneer when they learn that these prosecutions are to be had before that judge.

The New York Times is justly entitled to the noble honor of leadership and preeminence in the successful exposure of these gigantic swindles, and its judgment ought to be taken in the question as to whether it is now safe to trust the suits brought to recover the stolen treasure to the tribunals referred to. We do trust to that judgment and all the more willingly, because that paper says: "Let every man be judged by his present actions in the crisis which we are now called upon to meet," which we understand to mean, that the judge who has thus disgraced himself and his office, no man or office in the State has a fouler order or a worse reputation, has deliberately determined to turn his back on the past and for the future to be an upright judge.

If our surmise is correct, the choice of that court is a happy circumstance; for if there is a living man who knows the enormity and extent of the rascality of Tweed, Connolly and Hall, it is Judge Barnard. He knows all their confederates, their stake-holders, and go-betweens, and what is more important, all the witnesses, who can and will inform upon them. He knows too intimately every inch of the way that lies between the culprits and the penitentiary. If he is only ready for the work before him, it will be a sad day for these rascals when they appear before Judge Barnard.

Three chief methods of redress are open to the people of that unfortunate city.

First—A resort to the courts, which includes the effort now begun to make the leeches disclose what they still retain of their stolen plunder.

Second—A repeal of the charter of the city and the immediate organization of a new government, under which it will be impossible for the same or any other sort of mercenaries to rob or swindle.

Third—An early arraignment, a speedy trial, a sure conviction and a sequel punishment of the villains.

The security of the people against such depredations in the future can never be assured till Tweed and his confederates are made to smart, both in person and estate. They must be reduced to poverty, and, with shaved heads, sent to serve the State in the penitentiary. Nothing short of this will suffice, as nothing less will amount to a complete vindication of the law, and to do both or either through the instrumentality of Judge Barnard will be a sublime spectacle.

Failing in the accomplishment of these just measures, more because necessary to the public safety, there remains at least only one other remedy, and that the most unfortunate, hazardous and expensive of all, "the vigilance committee," even the contemplation of which shocks every conservative mind, and to which no good men would ever resort, except as a last hope, and to prevent the rule of the mob and the reign of rapine, disorder, murder and arson.

We, at a distance with faded breath, anxiously await the result of this great inquiry; we feel that it cannot fail, else not only one form of government, but all governmental society is a failure.

We are anxious to know whether, in the great metropolitan city, public and private rights can indeed be protected against, not to say occasional, but common, notorious, and shameless public violations. No mistake must be made, as we believe thus far none has been. Justice must go straight on with her inquisition, to a final, complete, and adequate triumph, and the citizens of New York will have done to that State, and to the whole country, a service of incalculable value, and furnish a splendid example for imitation elsewhere.

THE ENQUIRER ON FINANCE AGAIN.

The real drift of the Enquirer's article, to which we alluded yesterday, seems to be in its allusion to public schools as the "liar of our woes." In the good old times of slavery "the rate of tax was forty cents, and we held our slave property which yielded a large proportion of the tax, and had no common school system to provide for." "The State taxation is not heavy; leaving out the school tax" and again "the school-houses and public teachers take so much money."

The education of the masses is made the scapegoat of Democratic maladministration; but this treacherous side-thrust at a system the Enquirer abhors—while it professes, when it suits its purposes, to be heartily in favor of it—will not effect its purpose. Of \$1,830,000 is levied in 1871, the sum of \$309,800 is devoted to free school purposes. Now answer our question candidly: are you in favor of educating the masses or not? and which do you consider most extravagant, \$300,000 appropriated to educate a few at the university and institute, or \$300,000 in aid of education for the great mass of the people of Virginia.

If you persist in your opposition to general enlightenment and elevation, say so clearly, that the people may know it next November, and depend upon it, the verdict will be one of sweeping condemnation. But, says the Enquirer, "the county taxation is necessarily heavy under the Underwood convention. There is such a swarm of officers to pay." It is no secret that the little county court oligarchy is the apple of the eye to the Enquirer; but history records no instance of a people who have had a voice given them in the management of their local affairs voluntarily relinquishing their rights, and nothing short of reactionary revolution will put down the township organizations in Virginia.

The township officers are elected by the people, and the people can affix to their offices such emolument as they deem just, and refuse to pay more. If complaint is made, it has come to us in the form of objection to the salaries of county judges. In this matter, salary as well as appointment was exclusively the work of the last Democratic Legislature, and if economy is necessary the next Legislature can apply the remedy.

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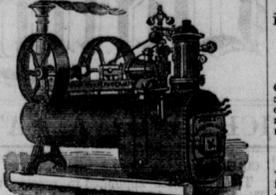
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