

Staunton Spectator.

Tuesday, August 4, 1868.

Democratic Conservative Ticket.

FOR PRESIDENT. HON. HORATIO SEYMOUR, OF NEW YORK. FOR VICE PRESIDENT. GEN. FRANCIS P. BLAIR, OF MISSOURI.

STATE TICKET.

AGAINST THE CONSTITUTION! FOR GOVERNOR. COL. ROBERT E. WITHERS, OF CAMPBELL COUNTY.

FOR LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

GEN. JAMES A. WALKER, OF PELASKI COUNTY. FOR ATTORNEY-GENERAL. J. L. MARYE, JR., OF SPOTSYLVANIA.

FOR CONGRESS FOR THE STATE AT LARGE.

COL. MARMADUKE JOHNSON, OF RICHMOND CITY.

Shall Virginia be dumb?

We have noticed the fact that the Electoral College Bill was passed over the President's veto. By this bill the Radical Congress would exclude from the Electoral College the electors from Virginia, Mississippi and Texas.

Fortitude of Virginians.

The fortitude of Virginians is still further to be tested. If unauthorized Radical legislation be regarded, which we hope, however, will not be the case, they will be denied participation in the struggle which will decide their political fate.

Black-mailing Postmasters.

Knowing that the Radical Congressional Committee was engaged in levying black-mail upon Postmasters throughout the country, for electioneering purposes, we a few weeks ago, asked a Postmaster, holding a good office, how much he had been assessed. His reply was: "A d—n sight more than I intend to pay."

Personal.

We were gladdened yesterday by the ever cheerful face of Dr. Strubling, of the Staunton Asylum, which a Northern physician after a careful examination pronounces the best institution of the kind in this country, and he believes it is the best in the world.

Money in the Treasury.

Governor Wells on the 27th ult., paid into the treasury of the State \$6,128, which he got at Washington on account of Virginia's claim for equipments furnished Union soldiers prior to the division of the State. He expects ultimately to get \$22,000 more.

Arms for the "Loyal."

The late military bill, intended to place an untold number of repeating rifles in the hands of only the "loyal" citizens of the South, is well calculated, says the Norfolk Virginian, to disturb one's equanimity, even though passed over for the present.

But although it has been postponed, we can not disguise the fact that our government is in the hands of wicked, unprincipled, and designing politicians, whose object is power, and who will not shrink from any means necessary to accomplish their foul designs.

Horatio Seymour.

In speaking of this distinguished man, the Petersburg Index says: "The Democracy have nominated the most electrical man of the nation—a man who exerts a kind of magical influence over those with whom he is thrown in contact. The people love Horatio Seymour."

Blair's letter of acceptance.

We publish on the first page Gen. Frank P. Blair's letter of acceptance of the nomination for the Vice Presidency. As the Petersburg Index says of it, it is direct and to the point.

Adjustment of Congress.

As the time for adjournment approached, the two houses seemed to get beside themselves, says the Richmond Whig, and to vie with each other in devising extreme measures of oppression and tyranny. The Senate passed the bill in relation to arming the negroes, and the House the bill for the government of Virginia, Mississippi and Texas by the mongrel conventions.

Colored Democrats.

A prominent feature in the Democratic Ward Club procession on Friday night, was the presence of over three hundred colored Democrats. We are glad to note this, as it is an indication of the return of reason. The colored people, we think, begin to realize that their true interests lie with those of the white people of the State.

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The Boston Post is convinced that the dominant faction in Congress is resolved not to relax its clutch on power, except by absolute compulsion.

The object of the Radicals in nominating Grant to the Presidency, the Post says, was in case they could not elect him by a fair vote of the people, to have him at hand to call upon when they would take their next step. On no consideration do they mean to let their hold on what they have got. If they are out voted at the ballot-box, and the people come forward to take possession of their own again, they intend to call it "revolution," and they are making provision against the success of such a revolution in advance.

There are apparently, says the Alexandria Gazette, favorable indications of considerable changes in the North and West in public opinion, concerning the Presidential election. It is confidently said that numbers of Germans who have heretofore voted the Radical ticket will now support Seymour. The feeling of the Israelites against Gen. Grant has not abated. Amongst Irishmen, the opposition to the Radicals increases. The names of gentlemen who have been Radicals in Illinois, Indiana, New York, and other States are given, who will now support the Conservative nominees.

The Board of visitors of the Virginia Military Institute, in that portion of their report which relates to the physical survey, and geographical map of Virginia, say that the acceptance of Commodore M. F. Maury, of the chair of Physical Sciences in the Institute, enables the Board to resume and to put into effective operation this important State work, which has for nearly twenty years engaged the earnest attention and co-operation of the Board.

Congress has passed resolutions of sympathy with "the suffering people of Crete."

The National Intelligencer says: "The men who stand up and prate over the wrongs of Crete are those who vote deliberately to subject the virtue, intelligence, education, and refinement of ten millions of white men, women, and children to the brutal passions, vicious propensities, and debased ignorance of three millions of blacks, just emerged from slavery."

Tax on Spirits.

The commissioner of internal revenue has given notice by telegraph to collectors that spirits may be withdrawn from bond by payment of fifty cents per gallon and four dollars per barrel of forty gallons, equal to sixty cents a proof gallon. All distilleries must be closed until the distillers have given new bonds and complied with the recently passed law in all other particulars.

The National Intelligencer impeaches the Fortieth Congress before the people, and enumerates its charges, specifically, concluding with the general accusation that "it has spent the session in organizing a rebellion, in planning civil violence, in perfecting a plot for precipitating the country into universal tumult, distraction, and war, to save themselves from impending retribution for their crimes."

Let it always be remembered that the infamous Reconstruction bill for the three taboored Southern States, and the no less infamous "Arming" bill, failed, not because the Radical leaders in Congress did not wish and endeavor to pass them. The electoral college bill to prevent these States from voting in the next Presidential election, they passed over the President's Veto, several days ago.

Louisa Churches.

Orders have been issued from military headquarters in Richmond, directing that the Methodist Churches at Hampton and Nearville, in Louisa county, Va., hereafter, and until the legal right to the ownership of which shall have been definitely determined, shall be occupied on alternate Sundays by the congregations of the M. E. Church South and the M. E. Church.

The Richmond Whig says that when you meet a Southern white Radical, whether native or imported, you may take it for granted he is a rascal, and you are not at all likely to be mistaken.

Telegrams from Rome announce that an attempt to blow up the new Papal camp has been discovered. There are also apprehensions of a serious revolutionary movement against the temporal power.

The canvass in Rockbridge is being prosecuted with great activity and energy, and the people of the county are fully aroused to the importance of the issues upon which they are to pass.

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Ruth said to Naomi: "Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee; for whither thou goest I will go, and where thou lodgest I will lodge; thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God; where thou diest I will die, and there will I be buried."

This was a high example of constancy in a heathen. Can a Southern man be worse than a heathen, deny his people by swearing that they were against them? When he does so, he should go North to live, die, and there be buried.

There is, we think, a growing feeling at the North in favor of "a breaking up," as quickly as possible of the whole machinery of the Freedmen's Bureau, as useless, expensive, and unnecessary. Besides which, the Radicals have to bear the odium of the continuance of an establishment for supplying the wants or demands of the colored people, while no such "favors" are extended to white men. That point tells with the white men at the North who are taxed to support the "Bureau."

The Warrenton (N. C.) Courier says there is a strong disposition on the part of the better class of our colored population to withdraw their allegiance from the Radical party, whom they have only used them as tools and hobbies, and to unite their fortunes with their old masters. They are beginning to see the cloven foot beneath the lamb skin, and to withdraw from so vile an association.

When General Frank Blair, a gallant Union soldier, was required to take an odious oath-test in Missouri, he indignantly refused to do so, denying the right of the government to require an extra-judicial obligation of him as a citizen. He did right, and will be made Vice President in consequence, while the poor traitors to their native soil, who greedily take upon them this badge of disgrace, will be hooded at.

A text for the North.

"Recollect that thou thyself canst not be free unless we are so; for it is filly so provided in the nature of things, that he who conquers another's liberty, in the very act loses his own; he becomes, and justly, the foremost slave!" Milton's "Defensio Secunda."

The Radical attempt to rekindle war.

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The tinkling of a distant cow bell at night, is a rather agreeable sound, having the same soothing influence as the hum of bees, the rippling of a stream of water, or the murmur of a gentle breeze. In the hills, the bells come under your chamber window of a warm Summer night, when you must keep the cash raised or suffocate in your bed, the sound being a horrid din, a cause of exquisite suffering almost equal to the torments described in Dante's Inferno. I, unfortunately, live in a portion of the town much frequented by cows, the short grass about my house attracting the animals to the spot; and very often it happens that just as I am composing myself to sleep, the untoward sound strikes me in my ears. One particular cow is the torment of my life. She is a large white animal, and wears a harsh-linging bell—perhaps the owner, who is unknown to me, will recognize his property.—Night after night she comes under my window, and there she stands, tossing her head and ringing her bell, till I sometimes imagine myself the victim of a caltichumpin serenade by some malicious imp. Another cow wears a bell which sounds very loudly, and is rung by our town crier when they go about the streets announcing exhibitions, fairs, &c.—When this bell begins, I involuntarily listen to hear a human voice sing out: "O ye, ladies and gentlemen! the weary monotony is unrelieved by even the sound of my own voice."

I profess great affection for cows, and would not necessarily hurt a hair of one's head; but nevertheless I have been constrained repeatedly to load down my window sill with stones for driving the intruders, and have even rushed into the street and chased the animals around a square or two, hoping they would take refuge under the windows of their masters and treat them to a little of their peculiar music. Nothing but my sympathy for the poor animal, and the knowledge of sending them home with hides well peppered with squirrel shot, or possibly minus an eye.

Forbearance is rapidly ceasing to be a virtue.

I shall soon do something desperate, if the nuisance is not stopped. Let me try, however, appeal to the owners of the bells—do take them off! I will thank you, and the cows also will not doubt feel grateful. If you are deaf to my appeal, I shall inquire if there be any one interested in the prudence of the Corporation, for abating such annoyances. All these efforts for relief failing, I shall turn Radical and apply to the Freedmen's Bureau for a ukase adapted to the emergency. Then look out for your cows.

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Auction Sales.

Tract of 551 acres of land for sale. On behalf of Mrs. Janetta McComb, widow and devisee of James McComb, deceased, I offer for sale, at public auction, on Saturday, 29th of July, 1868, a tract of land, containing 551 acres, situated in the fork between Mill Creek and Christian's Creek, near Barberbrook, and adjoins the lands of Wm. A. McComb, and David N. Gilchrist and others. If not sold in the meantime privately, it will be offered at public auction on Saturday, 29th of July. A large part of the land is bottom, of good quality, and is well adapted for raising corn, &c. This tract will make a snug home for a person of limited means. Terms of sale, \$100 in hand, and the balance in 6, 12, and 18 months, with interest from date of sale. Bonds and approved security required. A. H. H. STUART, Jr., J. McComb, Postponed. SEPTEMBER 15TH, is postponed until AUGUST 11TH, when it will be held with the personal property of J. McComb, at his late residence. PECK & CUSHING, Auctioneers. A. H. H. S.

Churchville Land for Sale.

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