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Mr. Tilden received the solid vote of Maryland on the first ballot in the St. Louis Convention, and he will not get it at Cincinnati.

Neither will he receive the vote of Connecticut, which was solid for him, but which Governor English or Senator Eaton will be accorded that vote for him in 1876.

Florida is so divided for him in 1876, that it is doubtful if he gets a vote from her in 1880.

California's vote was then his first and last, but this time it will probably be cast as decidedly for Judge Field.

Illinois was divided for him in halves, but at Cincinnati will probably be solid for Morrison.

Maryland and Michigan were his by a two-thirds vote before, but both are against him now.

Mississippi cast her full vote against him then; now she will cast her full vote against him.

New Hampshire was solid at St. Louis, but at Cincinnati will at least be divided.

Nevada and Oregon were both for him, but will now be carried for Judge Field.

Virginia then gave him seventeen to five; she now will give him the figures, if, indeed, she gives him a vote.

West Virginia, Thurman; Connecticut, English or Eaton; New Jersey, Parker; Pennsylvania, Hancock; Illinois, Morrison; Virginia, Missouri, and Michigan, Seymour; California, Field; Indiana, Hendricks; Ohio, Hayes; and New York, Grant, will bring forward the candidates, such as Jewett, New York, and Payne.

New York, then, as she is by contending factions, will no longer be the potentiality she was in 1876. Where, then, can any friend or advocate of Mr. Tilden's nomination show by a majority him by two-thirds or even a majority—370?

In 1876 he started out with four hundred and four votes, thirty-four more than a majority, with seven other gentlemen dividing up the remaining three hundred and thirty-four. We are not opposing Mr. Tilden's nomination, but simply attempting to show by the figures that it is impossible to replace him where he was on the 28th day of June, 1876. The party has grown stronger in the last four years, while Mr. Tilden has seen his personal and political strength visibly decline.—Washington Post.

PRESIDENTIAL SPECULATIONS.—Nashville, Tenn., March 26.—W. C. Whitthorn, member of Congress from the Fourth district of Tennessee, arrived from Washington this morning, and in conversation with your reporter, he said that he had four or five Governor Seymour was regarded as the strongest man in connection with the Democratic nomination for the presidency. Mr. Seymour can carry New York; Mr. Tilden cannot. The Mahone party of Virginia and the Kelley faction of New York would not vote for him. Mr. Tilden is against General Grant. General Hancock would prove most acceptable to the Democrats if ex-Governor Seymour did not get the nomination at Cincinnati. But any sterling Democrat will be acceptable to Tennessee.

TRIAL OF JUDGE GRIFFIN. In the United States Circuit Court this morning the trial of Judge Griffin was proceeded with. Five or six witnesses were examined, among them the accused himself.

JUDGE GRIFFIN'S TESTIMONY. The Judge being called to the stand, said that he had never placed negroes on the jury; that he had always been actuated by a desire to secure a fair trial for all.

A BLOCKADE RAISED.—Friday week Messrs. Moore and McDonald, owners of a farm in Clarke county, Va., acting on an injunction granted by Judge Staples, of the Virginia Court of Appeals, "obstructed" the Shenandoah Valley railroad by fearfully raising a blockade.

DEATHS. Died, March 27th, in his city, at 12:50 A. M., of cholera, JAMES S. JOHNSON, No. 2, K. T. street, of his age.

DANVILLE. A meeting of the supervisors of the county has been called for the 1st of April to consider measures for the protection of the road in the Midland road. It is thought that an arrangement can be made with the parties into whose hands, it seems admitted, the road will fall, by which the county can get new stock for the old at the rate of \$1 per head.

MEETINGS. HEADQUARTERS RICHMOND COMMANDERY, No. 23. RICHMOND, VA., March 29, 1880.

GENERAL ORDER No. 23.—The Knights of the Order of the Eastern Star, No. 1, will meet at 12 o'clock, in full dress, at the hall of the Order, on the corner of the St. John's Episcopal Church, Chester, Va.

MASONIC NOTICE.—Officers and members of JOPPA LODGE, No. 40, are requested to meet at St. Albans Hall, No. 141, on the corner of the St. John's Episcopal Church, at 7 o'clock, on Monday, March 30th, at 7 o'clock, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year.

KNIGHTS OF HONOR.—The members of CAPITAL LODGE, No. 2096, of K. O. W., will meet at 7 o'clock, on Monday, March 30th, at 7 o'clock, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year.

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AMUSEMENTS. SIXTH ANNIVERSARY BALL.

ST. PETER'S TOTAL ABSTINENCE SOCIETY, AT LEVY'S HALL, ON WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL 14, 1880.

GRAND MARCH AT 9 O'CLOCK. FIRST CLASS MUSIC IS ENGAGED.

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SPECIAL NOTICES. COHEN BROTHERS.

WILL OPEN ON MONDAY, MARCH 29TH, GRAND DISPLAY OF SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS AT STYLE BROTHERS.

5 pieces NEW DESIGN BLACK SILK GREENADINE at 75c, a yard the value of which is \$1.25; 15 pieces MEXICAN MEL-SILK GREENADINE at 40c, the value of which is 60c.

Also, a large variety in SATIN STRIPES, DE-MASSE, and other new effects. All shades of ALL-WOOL BUNTING at from 20c to 25c.

3 cases of MORM HUNTING, in light and dark coloring, at 16 1/2c; A full variety of DRESS GOODS, in all their various new designs and colorings; LUPIN'S PURE CAMEL-HAIR BUNTING at 90c, a yard the value of which is fully \$1.40; Also, the FRENCH BUNTINGS, at 40, 50, 60, and 75c.

15 pieces ALL-WOOL BLACK FRENCH GAUZE at 45c; Also, 25 pair REAL-LACE CURTAINS, in new designs at very low prices; 5 pieces BLACK SILK at \$1.25 the value of which is \$1.75; A large variety of new effects in SUMMER SILKS, [mb 27]

COHEN BROTHERS NOW OFFER the largest stock of BLACK and COLORED SILKS ever presented in this State. Their prices are ALWAYS GUARANTEED against New York houses.

Also, a full line of NOVELTY DRESS GOODS in the latest and most improved material; 25 pieces BLACK ALL-WOOL CASHMERE at 25c, the lowest value of which is 65c; 40-INC-WIDE ENGLISH CASHMERE at 25c; MARSHED LIES QUILTS at 62c; 250 HEAVY MARSEILLES QUILTS at \$1.75, \$2.50, and \$3, the value of which is fully \$1; Also, a large stock of CROCHET QUILTS under value; 50 pieces WHITE LINEN DE INDIA at 10c, a yard under value; A new lot of TORCHON and other LACES; 25 GOSAMER CIRCULARS at \$3 the value of which is \$6; Also, LADIES' and CHILDREN'S RUBBER CIRCULARS at one half their value. [mb 27]

MARSEILLES QUILTS. A LARGE STOCK—ALL PURCHASED BEFORE THE RISE. MARSEILLES QUILTS, recalled at less than wholesale prices; LINEN TABLE-DAMASK—a large stock, bought two months ago; has just arrived. We show the cheapest goods ever offered, though there has been an advance of 25 per cent. See our stock of DOLLIES, TOWELS, and NAPKINS—the best goods ever offered in this city; 300 patterns of HAMBURG EDGINGS and INSERTINGS; FINEST LANGUEDOC, SYRNAS, SAXONY POINT, GUIPURE, and other LACES; TOCER KID GLOVES—the best glove in the world—a full assortment now on hand; CLOTHS FOR LADIES' WEAR—the best assortment of sackings ever offered in this city; LAWNS, GINGHAM, PERCALE, and CALLICOES; SHEETINGS and SHIRTINGS in all the leading brands; COLGATE'S SOAPS, EXTRACTS, and TOILET WATERS; WHITE and COLORED CORSETS in all sizes and at prices to suit everybody; PARASOLS and UMBRELLAS from three of the latest manufacturers, which gives us an assortment that can't be excelled in this city; A large assortment of GOODS suitable for EASTER PRESENTS; RIBBONS in all widths and qualities; FRINGS and BUTTONS in endless variety; FEATHER-EDGE BRAID in all widths; GLOVES, 8-CANS, and STOCKINGS to suit men, women, boys, and girls; LADIES' UNDERWEAR—the best goods for the money in the city; examine material and workmanship before purchasing elsewhere; SHEETLAND SHAWLS in all colors and qualities. We do not enumerate prices in this advertisement, but will state that we now show a large stock of goods, and our prices will be found as low, and in many instances less than the same quality of goods to be purchased elsewhere. [mb 24] LEVY BROTHERS.

FROM THE GREAT WET-GOODS SALE. ANOTHER LARGE LOT, ONLY SLIGHTLY DAMAGED, SWEETLY CHOICE, JULIUS MEYER & SONS.

5 cases BLEACHED COTTON, 8c, worth 10c; 5 cases BLEACHED COTTON, 9c, worth 10c; 50 pieces FIGURED LINEN LAWN at 20c, regular price 30c; 60 pieces ENGLISH MARSEILLES at 12 1/2c, worth 15c; 30 pieces P.L.S. WHITE LINEN LAWN at 15c, worth 20c; 15 pieces BLACK Pique MOHAIR ALPACA at 25c, worth 30c; 75 dozen LINEN TOWELS at 11c, worth 15c; 50 dozen LINEN TOWELS at 16c, worth 25c; 50 pieces WHITE COTTON CLOTH at 15c, worth 20c; 50 dozen HANDEMADE LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS at 10c, worth 15c; 35 pieces PURE LINEN DIAPERS at \$1.25 worth \$1.75; 150 WHITE SHEETLAND SHAWLS at 50c, worth \$1.25. These goods are very cheap and will be sold rapidly. Call early if you want bargains at JULIUS MEYER & SONS', 191 Second Street, 603 Broad Street.

JULIUS MEYER & SONS are now offering a LARGE ASSORTMENT OF NEW SPRING GOODS, embracing all the LATEST NOVELTIES OF THE SEASON, at VERY LOW PRICES. Every shade of ALL-WOOL BUNTINGS at 25c; A special cheap lot of BLACK & SILK, 50c; BLACK ALL-WOOL CASHMERE at 25c; A new line of BLACK CASHMERE at specially low prices; THE LATEST AND FINEST SPRING HOSIERY ever offered; NEW STYLE LACE-TOP GLOVES and MITTS; A special cheap lot of BLACK & SILK, 50c; CHEMISE TRIMMING; All new styles of our celebrated 50c, 75c, and \$1.00 GLOVES; A full line of TABLE-DAMASK, NAPKINS, DOLLIES, and other patterns; WHAT TO WEAR and PORTFOLIO just received. Sent by mail post free. [mb 19 eod]

CLOTHING. SPRING SUITINGS. LARGE AND HANDSOME ASSORTMENT OF FRENCH AND ENGLISH SUITINGS JUST OPENED, AND WILL BE MADE TO ORDER IN THE BEST MANNER. E. B. SPENCE & SON, 903 MAIN STREET.

CROCKERY, GLASSWARE, & REFRIGERATORS. THE QUEEN ANN, EMERALD, CLIMAX, HUNTING-ROOM, and NIAGARA. REFRIGERATORS AND WATER-COOLERS. I guarantee to give satisfaction. The largest line of DIANER, TEA, and TOILET-SETS ever exhibited in this city. Also, A FULL STOCK OF FANCY GOODS, at lowest rates. Call and examine my stock, which you will find complete in every department. [mb 20]

CHINA! CUT-GLASS! CHINA! JAPANESE CHINA, ROSEA and KIOHA, and a full line of JAPANESE SCROLLS, UMBRELLAS, FANS, DOLLIES, and other goods; CHAMBER SETS, TOILET-SETS, and other goods; BRIC-A-BRAC, and other goods; GLASS, and other goods; and a full line of FINE CHINA, and other goods. [mb 19]

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