

The Democrats of the first judicial circuit met in convention last week and tried to make a nomination for Circuit Judge, but failed.

The greenbackers will meet in convention in this place Saturday next for the purpose of putting a county ticket in the field.

Carl Schurz says the employes in his department can make contributions to carry on political campaigns when they desire to do so, and he has given members of the Republican Committee in Washington to understand that he will set his subordinates a good example by contributing himself.

The Southern Railway.

A Cincinnati special says: New York parties interested in the Southern Railroad came with a proposition in favor of Knoxville as the terminus instead of Chattanooga, as the present plans call for.

More Basality.

The Democratic Legislature of Ohio have redistricted the State in such a manner that, out of counties which in 1876 gave 25,375 Democratic majority, they carve thirteen Democratic districts, and from counties which gave 33,000 Republican majority, only seven Republican districts.

Secretary Sherman has been interviewed on the subject of the Potter resolutions. He said: "Democrats can pass their resolutions, and they can do their worst. So far as I am concerned I do not fear them."

The Proposed Judicial Convention.

We noticed some few days since in the Chattanooga papers that the Democracy of that place had held a convention and appointed delegates to a judicial convention for this district in case one should be called.

As for the Circuit Judge, if there be a Democratic convention, Judge Hoyle would be most apt to receive the nomination.

As for the Attorney Generalship, Hon. A. L. Spears seems to be the leading light, and would doubtless receive the nomination.

But be all this as it may, let time bring what it will, let the tree bear its fruit, and if the Republicans like it they will eat of it, and if not they will cast it aside.

Pennsylvania Republicans.

HARRISBURG, May 15.—The resolutions adopted by the Republican State Convention declare that the Republican party of Pennsylvania are opposed to free trade in whatever disguise presented; unchangeably devoted to home industry, and hereby avows its special and direct hostility to the tariff bill now pending in Congress.

England and Russia—Latest from London.

A dispatch to the Daily News from Syria says: The chief of Mecca has issued an appeal to the faithful that the Khalif is in danger and calling upon them to fly to the rescue.

Some uneasiness is felt at Vienna about the prospect of an understanding between England and Russia, but this feeling is not shared by the Ministers, who are thoroughly convinced of England's good faith regarding a European settlement Berlin seems incredulous about an amicable arrangement, and the Times' correspondent, who is generally the first in the field with bad news, says Russia has not offered England sufficient concession in Bulgaria, Russia, in fact, prefers to surrender her Asiatic acquisitions rather than forego schemes in Bulgaria.

Russian official papers reiterate the statement that the movements of the army before Constantinople are not hostile or menacing.

The Times' Pera correspondent says that this is becoming the general conviction there, though on Thursday and Friday the movements caused a regular panic. The same correspondent says: The strength and organization of the Turkish army is now such that a prudent gentleman like Todleben would hesitate to attempt a coup d' main while his rear is harassed by the Rhodope insurrection.

Gen. Todleben's object, all along, has been to take up a good defensive position. He was not allowed to fall back, as he wished, from San Stefano and he therefore consolidated his men as fast as possible, by bringing up troops from the rear of the Turkish army. He is not only strong enough to defend his neutrality, but even to assume the offensive of his neutrality is seriously menaced.

Bucharest advices state that the Russians continue to move troops and guns from the Danube into Bulgaria, but none are coming northward. There are no Russians at Peteste, as has been alleged.

The Cincinnati Enquirer opposes the reopening of the Presidential question, and, in an article advising the Democrats to let well alone, says: "There can be no rational expectation of unseating the President. The Democrats are still in Congress who urged the passage of the electoral commission bill, which had little or no ground in the Constitution, no ground in equity, and not a shadow of excuse in politics, from the Democratic standpoint. The Presidential question has been once, and finally, tried before a tribunal which Democrats created. There is no hope of reversing the decision of that tribunal."

The Senate has ordered the President to place U. S. Grant on the retired list of Generals with full pay for life. Every Democrat in the Senate voted against the resolution. How they despise Ulysses! No wonder—they are afraid of him.

This Fall's Elections. This being the "off year" in politics, the Democrats, in the light of the past ten years, accept it as a fixed fact that the Republicans will lose ground in the lower House of Congress. They are justified for believing so, for "off years" have been almost uniformly disastrous to the Republicans. The reason is obvious. Nothing but a Presidential election will arouse them. They see at a glance that it would be disastrous to hand the National Government over to the Democrats, and they bestir themselves to prevent it, and are always crowned with success. They seem to think that the Presidency is the whole government.

It is time they learned differently. A President is powerless to enforce the measures of his party while the Senate and House of Representatives are controlled by his political opponents. The Government can as successfully be handed over to the Democracy in the "off year" as in any year.

The Republicans must take the control of the House from the Democrats this fall. There is no other safety. This is the only mode of defeating the army of Southern claimants which is threatening to bankrupt the nation. It matters not what a Northern Democrat pledges himself to do, or not to do, when he gets to Washington he follows his Southern leaders. If he does not, his opposition to their schemes is so feeble that it is without effect, except to take from him what little influence he had.

A glance at the situation will show how easily the Democratic majority can be wiped out. A change of eight will give the Republicans control. There are ten Democrats holding their seats by majorities less than one hundred. The Representative from the First New Hampshire District had 43 majority; from the Thirteenth Pennsylvania, 51; from Eighteenth Pennsylvania, 69; from Second Ohio, 75; from the Fourth Ohio, 90; from the Sixth Indiana, 14; from the Fourth Illinois, 20; from the Fourth

California, 4. The member from the Third Massachusetts District had no majority, but was voted his seat by the Democrats of the House, while the member from Colorado was beaten by a Republican majority of more than 200 votes. These ten members hold their seats by a combined majority of 402 votes. Two of them will be surely replaced by Republicans this fall, which leaves a change of six necessary. Administration Republicans claim that we will elect at least thirty-five members from the South by virtue of the Southern policy. This will give us a majority. No confidence can be placed in these estimates. Those having the best opportunity to know say that if we have as many members from the South in the next as in the last Congress will be fortunate. There is not a Republican member from the Northern States who had less than 200 majority, and only two from the Southern States—the Second Florida and Third Missouri Districts.

It is evident, then, that the work of wresting control the House from the Democrats must be done by the Northern Republicans. It matters not what the vote may be in the South. If the Republicans have a majority in any district, they will be either driven from the polls, their votes not counted, or enough fraudulent ballots put in to overcome them. If one is seated, it will be at the end of a contest. The control of the House was lost in 1874 by criminal negligence. The election in heavy Republican districts was allowed to go by default. No party ever suffered a more overwhelming defeat than the Republicans did in 1874. They had no more thought of surrendering the House to the Democrats than they had of establishing a monarchy.

In 1875 they attempted to recover, by diligence and hard work, what they had lost. They came near doing it. They did, in fact, elect a majority of the members, but the machinery of the House being in the possession of the Democrats, they refused seats to some who held certificates, and their intense partisan demeanor discouraged others who were elected from carrying on contests.

The election of Republicans to the various State and county offices is very important, but not half so much so as the election of Republican Congressmen. If we have a General Government disposed to protect the rights of all the people, we have but little to fear from State Governments.

More Beyond.

There is a deep longing in every human heart which nothing earthly can satisfy. It may be that the sunshine of prosperity is brightly beaming in, disclosing to the eager gaze the many golden toys and beautiful flowers with which the pathway of life is crowded. But can earth's purest and brightest things satisfy the desires of the immortal mind? They cannot. True they allure for awhile; but leave the spirit alone with itself, and it will sigh for some pure unending treasure, some bright and glittering flower that blooms not in this sin-splattered world of ours. It may be that the voice of loved ones still falls melodiously on the ear like the pensive sound of some gentle music; yet still the spirit sends forth an ardent, earnest craving for that heavenly music, which the striking of no earthly lyre has ever produced; or it may be that home with all its sweet associations of childhood and paternal love is only a name connected with the things of the past and left in the stream of life beyond; or perhaps stately mansions and lofty dwellings are proudly rearing their heads around. But can the desires of the immortal mind be fettered by the glittering walls of earth's most splendid palace? This cannot be.

Death may have long since entered dwellings and relentlessly taken away from the fond embrace those precious ones on whom the strongest affections are lavished; and those sweet tones which cheering drooping hearts in other days, may be silent in the grave.

It may be that poverty and misfortune like a dark day of winter, have rushed in and thrown around all temporal affairs their mantle of black; but are the warm, gushing emotions of an immortal spirit to be checked by the groveling things of earth? Can affection in its darkest form stop the spirits' boundings? Nay, verily.

These but serve as a refining fire upon the heart, and the spirit still looks heavenward. Fallen man ever since the creation has had presented to him by the gods such gifts as would most please his fancies and interest his passions. Bacchus and Ceres, gods of festive mirth and joy, first offered pleasure, which was easily contested for, by the gay and thoughtless who, blinded by its glitter, seized the gift and in its possession forgot virtue and truth, but when they had the bauble it crumbled in their hands like "Dead Sea apples," and they ever left the sad and hopeless heirs of pain and misery. Next Venus offered beauty. The young and the proud entered the field. Closing their eyes to its passing brightness, its transient loveliness, they beheld it as a spotless principle of purity, and with eagerness approaching madness, they sought to win the enchanted gift of the goddess. Some have gained it, and basked awhile in the smiles of conscious beauty, displaying their vanity in every look and act. But soon they perceived the vernal bloom of their youth decaying and their golden tresses fading into the "silvery locks" of age, and yielded up their beautiful treasure and sat down to mourn its loss. Wealth, in its dazzling splendor, was then offered by Pluto. Youth and manhood sought to obtain the golden prize with energy and treachery. Age viewed the style with silent mien and strove to win by artifice and cunning knavery; few, however, have

been victors, while many the vanquished. The fortunate few not yet satisfied, with ceaseless energy, endeavored to grasp the wealth of others employing vice and crime to gain the further object of their strife, still not satisfied strove vainly on.

Another gift was offered by the muses. Fame, which aroused ambitious fiery eye and pleased the thoughtful studied gaze of genius. With reckless courage, and unflinching step, ambition ran the race, and when at the goal his trembling hand held the coveted reward he found alas! that it was but the record of his toils, the history of his daring actions. With calm delight, and sedulous study, genius sought the gift and found it but the pictures of his works. Rest and Contentment have been offered by Vulcan; but her gifts were so unassuming, so unpretending, that the multitude passed by without one admiring look, one effort to obtain these fairest gifts of all. With sad thought that man should be so indifferent to the real good, the goddess withdrew her gifts, leaving him to continue his efforts to obtain the less worthy blessings of her fellow duties. Thus man pursues the Utopian phantom pleasure; longs for beauty, the veil of deceit; wrangles to obtain wealth's sordid gold; strives for that glittering bauble Fame, but none of these satisfy the immortal mind. When he has beheld the vanity of all earthly glory, he turns his longing eyes heavenward and beholds that change and decay have never reached the throne of God. He sees that the waves of an eternity have been rushing past it, but it has remained unshaken but the waves of another eternity are rushing toward it, but it is fixed and can never be disturbed. Then he experiences the fact that there is "more beyond," and feels in heaven's own earth to stand; and as the volleyed thunders from his pathway flies, he basks in the sunshine of an eternal day, and like the immortal Franklin, turns the lightning for a diadem while the dark, misty clouds roll far beneath his feet.

"ETHELIND." Britsville, Meigs Co., May 10, '78.

CALL FOR A MEETING OF THE REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF BRADLEY COUNTY.

The Republican Executive Committee of Bradley County are hereby called to meet at my office in Cleveland, Saturday, May 25th, at 1 o'clock p. m., as business of great importance to the Republican party in Bradley county will be transacted. It is hoped that every member of the Committee will attend promptly. Should there be any one that cannot possibly be present, they will please notify the chairman at once so the vacancy can be filled.

Respectfully, W. S. Tipton, Chairman.

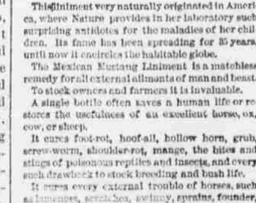
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