

Conventions of 1880. Republican National Convention, Chicago, Wednesday, June 2.

The Constitution Against the Empire.

The purpose of our leading editorial of last week was to define the position we maintain in adopting the above phrase as the permanent heading of our editorial columns.

BRITISH POLITICAL METHODS.

Further Details. In our paper of last week our main endeavor was to make clear to Americans the relation of the cabinet to parliament and to the crown in Great Britain; we have now to give some details of the process by which cabinets are changed when the existing administration fails to command a majority in the house of commons.

We begin with the prime minister. He it is who is intrusted by the sovereign with the duty of forming a cabinet when for any cause the one previously existing is unable to conduct the administration of government.

And now that the relative position of parties is again about to be changed, now that the party of the administration is again about to become that of the opposition, the anomaly we have described becomes more serious than ever.

The recognized rules, then, of political procedure would require that, as soon as the resignation of Lord Beaconsfield and his colleagues has been accepted, the queen should send for the Earl of Hartington to form the new cabinet, though it appears that the unusual position of Mr. Gladstone is likely to compel a departure from precedent, and that he is likely to be the premier of a cabinet selected by him.

Considerable inconvenience, however, arises from an ex-prime minister refusing to take upon himself the leadership of the opposition in the house in which he may hold his seat. Such a refusal is generally considered as tantamount to declining to hold the premiership in case of his party again coming into office; and so it ought to be for reasons which we will now try to make plain by an example.

Six years ago a change in the pre-eminence of parties occurred precisely similar to what England has witnessed this winter and spring. The administration appealed to the country in behalf of its policy by

dissolving parliament and causing the election of a new one, and the majority being against the administration, the cabinet resigned and the opposition succeeded to office.

The difference was that it was then the liberals who went out and the conservatives who came in, and now the conservatives go out in their turn and the liberals come in.

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THE EMPIRE AND ITS ARMY.

The militia bill now before Congress proposes to federalize the whole country. The sting of the snake is in section 19.

The Tropic Monopoly.

So far as congressional action is concerned, our able representative has secured prompt action in this business. We are not sanguine as to the power of this government to awaken the governments in question to the obsolete stupidity of the monopoly.

Board of Trade.

The regular monthly meeting of the board of trade was held on Tuesday, the 26th inst., at the Tobacco Exchange, the president, Dr. N. Kennedy, in the chair.

KENTUCKY REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

The Kentucky delegates are instructed to support Grant. There was a minority report recommending that the delegates be sent uninstrued, which was defeated by a vote of 1079 to 187.

Etymology and Orthography of the Word "Fic."

Etymology treats of the structure and history of words. Their chief divisions are inflections and derivations. The sources of English etymology are Anglo-Saxon, Latin, and French.

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