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Executive Committee Meeting.

The members of the Executive Committee of the Democratic party of the Third Congressional District are hereby called to meet in Greenville, on Monday, June 14th inst. The especial object of said meeting is to issue a call for a convention of said party to nominate a candidate for Congress for the ensuing election.

The following are the members of said committee:

- Tufts—E. P. Abbey, R. C. Erwin.
 - Coalson—J. W. Currier, D. A. Scott.
 - Caltman—L. Marks, J. S. T. Grubb.
 - Bolivar—James F. Stokes, F. M. Acre.
 - Washington—L. W. Perry, M. F. Johnson.
 - Bullower—John James.
 - Lessor—J. M. Liddell, J. B. Humphreys.
 - Issaquena—S. B. Duncan, W. S. Anderson.
 - Shirley—E. A. Moore, W. B. Barard.
 - Warren—F. M. Andrews, Patrick Henry.
- W. A. FERBY,
Chairman of Committee.
J. S. McNEILLY, Secretary.
Papers in the District please publish.

EVEN the Democrats of Rhode Island are going to celebrate a victory won in the city of Woonsocket.

THE commencement exercises of Port Gibson Female College begun yesterday and close Monday. Bishop C. B. Galloway preaches the annual sermon on Sunday.

THE Democratic leaders regard the Congressional elections this Fall as of the utmost importance. They expect Democrats to carry every District where it can possibly be done.

DOES the Vicksburg Waterworks Company propose to build this year or not? That is a question of considerable interest to our citizens for waterworks are badly needed.

THE payment of the street tax is proceeding very slowly. Only about eight or ten have paid so far. As this is a prerequisite of voting in city elections, no good citizen should neglect to do it.

THERE is a good chance to pass the Yellow Fever Commission bill this session. It certainly should pass as the result of the investigation may prove very valuable and in no event can it do harm.

THERE was an election in Oregon Thursday for State officers and Congressmen. The Democrats carried the State and will control it for the next four years anyway. It is pretty safe to put Oregon down for the next Democratic Presidential candidate.

Jos. McCULLOUGH, of the Globe-Democrat, says that they are trying to stop liquor selling in Texas. Upon a prominent citizen hearing of it, he remarked that "just so they didn't stop horse stealing, he didn't care."

TEXAS has been attacked by the Prohibitionists. We shall watch Texas as the old gentleman did the North Star when the Stars were falling. It Texas tumbles, we shall feel that the other States had just as well adopt the cold water and drugstore plan at once.

THE Oxford Falcon is reliably informed that Chalmers is a candidate for Congress in the Second District. He stands just about as much chance as Simrall does in this District. His chance may be a little better on account of the Post supporting Simrall in its way.

IS the Prohibition movement in this county dying since it was discovered that it afforded no stepping stone to Congress? It is somewhat important to know whether it was an earnest movement for the principle or only a political scheme.

WE respectfully request the mail agents between here and Natchez on the Mississippi River, and above here on the River, to attend to their duties. Such information reaches us that we know they are not doing it now. If they do not do it in the future we shall appeal to the proper authorities at Washington, and back up the appeal with charges and proof.

ARKANSAS has an agricultural organization called the "State Wheel." It recently held a convention at Little Rock and developed into a political concern. It nominated a State ticket, headed by John G. Fletcher for Governor. Several of the "Wheels" withdrew when they discovered the purpose was to antagonize the Democratic party.

SO MODEST.

There is a little evening paper in Vicksburg. It is supported in the city by readers who want to know the few local news items that it gathers by noon, from a sense of city pride at having two papers, and considerably from charity. It is Republican in politics, Prohibition once a week for money, and more revengeful than one of Geronimo's band of Indians. Modesty has never seriously retarded the little sheet in its peculiar career, and it does not hesitate to presume that it can deceive all into whose hands it may fall. Democrats have liberally overlooked its cowardly assaults, and today it could not draw the breath of life, but for the magnanimous support of the people, whose support it has no right to expect. If the sale of its space did a gross outrage to its best patrons, it would still continue to sell, as long as money was to be made by it.

In 1884 the Democratic party of this District was thoroughly re-organized and disciplined, and a glorious, valuable victory was the result. No man, we care not whether he lives in the North or South, can deny that the portions of the population who ought to rule the communities, the counties, and the District, are ruling them. No man can deny that the union and discipline of the property owners and intelligent people are of great value, not only to them, but to those too ignorant to rule themselves. No man can deny that we have one of the ablest and most influential members of Congress. No one can show the slightest necessity of a change from an experienced, able and influential member, to a new member. No one can deny that a division of the Democratic party, sufficient to defeat its candidate would be demoralizing and injurious in the extreme to the material interests of the Delta.

Still the evening paper referred to, in the pursuit of its malice and revenge, demands the surrender of the people who own the District, to any candidate it may be able to drum out of the bushes of obscurity. In its blind hate it ignores the advice of men who tower up among national statesmen. It would level all before a united mass of ignorant votes, because Gen. Catchings recommended a self-made, capable, honest, industrious man for Postmaster of Vicksburg. The adder stings in the heel, the panther springs on the back of its victim, the assassin stabs in the dark. This thing has the glaring effrontery to attempt the deception and betrayal of the intelligent citizens of one of the richest Congressional Districts in the South, and seeks to yoke its revenge to a whole people, who have only cause for gratitude.

A FEEBLE COMBINATION.

Judge Simrall says it is too early to announce himself for Congress, but that he will do so after awhile, and then proceeds to give his views. His declaration of purpose seems to be guarded, so as to leave room for graceful withdrawal, in case he sees the baker's dozen, who influenced him to become a candidate, have no power to aid him, or he sees that he is only used for a purpose, which will be made apparent later in the campaign.

The Judge is squarely in opposition to the Democratic party, without any assurance that the Republican party will support him. Indeed he does not say that he is a candidate subject to the action of any party. He is standing with a very few crude and inexperienced politicians on his "views," and the object of the few backing him, is not so much to elect him, as to revenge themselves on Catchings. When the Republican Executive Committee meets and takes action, it may submit to the action taken by the very few persons referred to, or it may not. If it should not, it would leave the Judge with only the support of the Post, and that peculiar paper has a very peculiar way of supporting people at times.

It might support Simrall as it did Cleveland, or as it has done the Democratic party, by stabbing, slandering, insinuating and misrepresenting. Judge Simrall wants to go to Congress; the Post and the very few crude, inexperienced fellows want to revenge themselves on Catchings. It is very plain that the development of the campaign may divide the feeble combination, for the Judge's few supporters may think they can aid in defeating Catchings in some more effectual way than by supporting a man who has not, and will not have, the support of either the Republican or Democratic party.

It looks very much as if the Judge is being used, without his knowledge.

Suppose, for instance, the Republican party should take "it" into its head to make a nomination, the Judge would find it very convenient to retreat over the bridge he was careful not to burn, in making his purposes known to the interviewer. It is very certain the Republican party of the District will not be controlled or advised by kickers or bolters from the Democratic party. Bold, square party men will only countenance deserters as followers.

WORRIED.

The Post is very much worried because the COMMERCIAL HERALD advised the Republican party in 1884, that if they would nominate Jeffords he would have no opposition. If the Post would reflect a moment it would not be worried. It is not to relieve its worry, however, that we inform it by what we told the Republican party that Jeffords would have no opposition, if his party re-nominated him. It is to prevent its repeated insinuations, that we had some sort of bargain or deal with Jeffords from having any effect. The reason we informed the Republican party that Jeffords would not be opposed, was because in so doing, we voiced the best and almost the universal sentiment of the Democratic party. Col. Percy and all his followers were in accord with us, and the matter was discussed and fully understood between the Greenville Times and VICKSBURG COMMERCIAL HERALD. The Greenville Times then as now, fully concurred with us about the Congressional race in this District.

There was not the slightest understanding between Jeffords and the editor of the COMMERCIAL HERALD about the postoffice or any other office, and we trust the insinuation even, will not be repeated. We are quite sure Judge Jeffords had no understanding with any Democrat, beyond a promise that he would do the very best he could for the material interests of the Delta.

THE Evening Post asks why the policy of the Democratic party in the District should be changed. It says "If the best and almost universal sentiment of the Democratic party was opposed to a nomination in 1884, why should the party make a nomination in 1886, provided a reputable and able Republican candidate is in the field?"

The situation is entirely different now, and no one knows it better than the Post. General Catchings was elected solely on the Delta interests and having secured a powerful committee position, and displayed great zeal and tact, he is entitled to precisely the concession from the Republicans now the Democrats freely offered Judge Jeffords in 1884. We are sure the intelligent colored people of the District understand the situation, and will aid the Democrats to defeat any candidate who attempts to ignore both parties.

THE telegraphic correspondent of the New Orleans Times-Democrat gives the following information about the local option election in Adams county: "The election passed quietly. At the last moment the Prohibitionists lacked energy. No working was done at the polls for their side. Some places were even unprovided with tickets on time. Great negligence was shown in their management. Anything like a canvass, with work at the polls, would probably have carried the county for Prohibition. Even the W. C. T. U. was deceived to the extent that they relied on the Men's Prohibition Union managing all the election business, and only when it was too late did they know otherwise. This is down to the Prohibition Union making their effort a failure, and the result is that Adams county has gone overwhelmingly for whisky."

COUNTRY persons visiting the city will find a treasure in the Woman's Exchange in the way of a restaurant and lunch-room. The ladies will find all the conveniences of home, and will secure the best dinner or lunch served in the most appetizing and cleanly style, at prices astonishingly low. Indeed we think the ladies in charge have put the prices down too low. All persons visiting Vicksburg should go to the Woman's Exchange and see for themselves if what we say is not the truth. In patronizing the place a double good is done—one gets the best at the lowest rates and aids deserving women and girls struggling to support themselves.

THE New Orleans Times comes out in the most appealing manner for a reduction of the charges on cotton. It admits they are so high that New Orleans is losing the business and says there can be no relief unless each interest (union, it means, we suppose) shall consent to bear its portion of an equitable reduction.

PLAIN TALK

By Gen. Gibbon, at the Exercises at West Point—Fitz John Porter Eulogized.

WEST POINT, N. Y., June 12.—The graduation exercises were held here this morning. A large platform was erected in the grove in front of the library for the distinguished guests, the academy and military staff and their families. About 1,000 other spectators occupied chairs, stools and benches in front of the platform, and over all was stretched a huge awning. At 10 o'clock the battalion marched with elegant precision from the barracks and took the places assigned them. Secretary Endicott occupied the seat of honor, with Generals Sheridan and Merritt on either side. The academy and military staff sat on the right and the board of visitors on the left. The band played National airs, Chaplain Postlethwaite asked Divine blessing, and General Merritt introduced Brig. Gen. Gibbon, who made the principal address. It abounded in recollections of his cadet life and the pranks he used to play. He never considered harmless professional dueling injurious. He referred to his classmates as he knew them here and again in after life: Said he: "Fancy, if you can, the scene. If a sorcerer had suddenly appeared and announced his intention of distributing before hand the prizes of the future to the then adepts. Fancy him placing his hand on the shoulder of a Fitz John Porter, and saying 'you will be the great military martyr of your age. After rising to the height and rank in the army by distinguished gallantry, you will be stricken down by a heartless calumny, dismissed in disgrace from the service and made to suffer years of agony and shame, but don't hang your head, sir. Remember that truth is mighty and will prevail; that you live in a free and just country, and when the light of truth shall illuminate the page of history and show the true character of your actions and the vile means used to destroy you, your countrymen will do you justice, and remember, also, above all things, that one who is acquitted by the deliberate judgment of Grant and Schofield, a Terry and a Getty, can well afford to stand up against the charges of any accuser. One cannot but be struck with the way in which the dice box of fate has denied all prognostications formed here."

From Mayersville.

Editor of Vicksburg Commercial Herald.
MAYERSVILLE, June 11.

This has been a lively week in our thriving little town. Circuit court has been in session and it has caused a large gathering of litigant, attorney, witnesses and lookers-on. Among the attorneys in attendance were noticed the distinguished attorney general of the State, the Hon. T. Marshall Miller. You, of Warren, claim my yours, but we venture the assertion that in no place in Mississippi, has Marshall Miller more friends to the square mile than he has in Issaquena.

The grey eagle of the valley was also here, the Hon. W. A. Percy, of Washington county. Mr. W. K. Ingersoll, a prominent attorney of your city, and a leading member of Issaquena, was here also. Judge Winn, who presides, is giving immense satisfaction. He is a fine looking gentleman, about forty years of age, and administers the law with great ability. He presides with dignity and firmness, but is kind and considerate. Owing to the long illness of Judge Trimble, we have had but little court in this county in the last two years. Our people, during this term of court, have not been as prompt to answer service as they should be. His honor was forced to let some of the more careless ones feel the "strong arm of the law," some of whom were fined—the white \$40, and the colored \$10.

Considerable amusement has been furnished. A member of the legal fraternity in attendance, it is said, at the suggestion of a prominent attorney of your section, who told the colored people that the reason the judge was so light on them was that he was a Republican, but Judge Winn requires no endorsement on that score, as his fealty to Democratic principles is beyond question. The judge took occasion to say that he considered the white people's intelligence and ability to pay made their offense the greater.

The crop prospects in this section are not as promising as we would like, but hope they will improve as the season advances.

Hon. E. O. Mayer, our popular mayor, is very attentive to our visitors and is the leading spirit in the city in all that looks to the benefit of Mayersville. During this week your correspondent has met representative men from all parts of this county, and you can rest assured that Issaquena's vote will go for Gen. Catchings for congress this fall.

To Randall & Co.

Memphis Appeal.

The two great political parties of the United States met in National Convention two years ago and united in the declaration and pledge to the people that the existing tariff should be revised and the revenue reduced. Have these pledges been redeemed? The Republicans have utterly falsified their pledged faith by refusing to entertain any measures modifying the tariff laws. They have the power to fulfill their pledges, as there are more than enough Democrats ready and anxious to aid in tariff reform. The Democrats have done little better, as they have proposed tariff revision and reform. There is much discontent and unrest among the people. Both parties have protested their solemn promises to the country, and honest Republicans as well as Democrats will, in tones of thunder, condemn and denounce such deceit and downright treachery. The Democracy of Maine, which assembled in State Convention at Bangor a week ago, adopted a candidate for Governor, adopted a platform containing the following, which was unanimously passed:

Resolved, That unnecessary taxation is unjust taxation; that the present oppressive war tariff, which produces nearly \$100,000,000 surplus revenue, is unnecessary and therefore unjust; and that, inasmuch as the two great political parties of the country in their national platforms have pledged themselves to modify it that it will produce no more revenue than may be needed for the necessary expenditures of government economically administered, we demand that this Congress, which has devoted six months of its labors and all its ingenuity to devising ways and means to deplete the Treasury of its surplus millions, to the neglect of important legislation which the country needs and expects, shall, at its present session, keep faith with the people and make the promised reductions.

Democrats—you who would basely and shamefully falsify your pledges to the people—do you hear that? This resolution expresses the general sentiment of Democrats from Maine to California and from Ohio to Texas. No one is disappointed to see the Republicans abandon their voluntary and positive promise to the country, as they hope to profit in future elections by continued tariff agitation and because they favor the monopoly features and the inequalities of the present odious tariff. But better things were expected of Democrats, who have won the confidence of the people by fidelity to their pledges.

How a Nebraska Granger Parted With His Money.

ST. LOUIS Globe-Democrat.
OMAHA, NEB., June 8.—A very peculiar suit involving the rights and liabilities of banks and the sanity of men who believed in the use of mediums in communicating with the spirit world, was decided by Judge Brewer in the United States court to-day. The case was that of the Anglo-Californian Bank against Joseph P. Ames, the latter a wealthy farmer living near Blair, Neb. Four years ago he went to California for his health going to the house of a Dr. McLellan for treatment. The doctor after a few weeks refused to go on with his treatment, which was of the magnetic kind, unless given a check for \$2,000. This was given, and it was given so readily he determined to strike again for a similar amount, but Ames refused to be bled further and the doctor resorted to strategy, relying on his ability to work on Ames' credulity. One day the patient was surprised to see his medical adviser go into a trance. Ames' mind had been weakened by disease, and he listened with amazement when McLellan opened up direct communication with the spirits—the saved, the lost and those suffering purgatorial agonies. "No one can save you except myself," the medium said: "I am your savior. I see a picture. Two men, one broken by disease, the other erect and vigorous. I stand between the two toms, which resemble you. I alone can make you whole."

McLellan's face was fearful to behold as he repeated these words, and his artifice and grimaces brought him another check for \$2,000. After that the scenes were numerous, the doctor's plan being to describe Ames' dead wife, and tell how she directed that her husband do numerous things in order to regain his health, not the least important of which was the payment of money to the medium and physician. The scenes were pathetic, and so worked on the feelings of Ames that he became decidedly deranged. When nearly \$9,000 had been secured, friends intervened and payment of the last draft, for \$1,800, was stopped at Blair. The draft had already been cashed by the Anglo-Californian Bank and McLellan had the money. The bank then brought suit to recover from Ames. Judge Brewer held that Ames was insane when he listened to McLellan's ravings, and, therefore, unaccountable for his actions.

Want the Police Punished.
LONDON, June 11.—Mr. Hugh C. Childers, home secretary, replying in the house of commons this evening to Mr. Dobson, conservative member for Belfast, who asked if the government would take steps to prosecute the police who shot down inhabitants of Belfast during the trouble of the last few days, stated that the government was not informed that there had been any misconduct on the part of the county police in Belfast. The secretary said that the government had the fullest confidence in the Royal Irish constabulary and did not intend while the present disorders continues to remove them from Belfast and substitute the military.

Collapse of a Building in St. Louis.
ST. LOUIS, June 12.—The four story boarding-house, on the corner of Ninth and Olive streets, collapsed this morning. The contractor, who was excavating a cellar in the lot adjoining the Odd Fellows new hall, dug too far under its foundation, and the walls of the house showed some cracks last night, but it was considered entirely secure. About 7 o'clock a. m. two actresses, who were occupying a room on the third floor, noticed a trembling of the walls, which was followed by a loud cracking noise. Alarmed they stepped into the hall and had no sooner done so than the building fell with a crash, leaving, however, that portion of it where the hall was located intact. The actresses were not injured.

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FROM YAZOO CITY.

Mr. J. E. Randolph Resigns the Superintendency of the Compress—Dick Hudson Convicted of Murder, Etc.

YAZOO CITY, June 10.—Mr. J. E. Randolph has resigned the superintendency of the compress at this point. His successor will not be appointed for a time yet.

Dick Hudson was convicted of murder on yesterday before the circuit court, and will probably have to hang for the two murders of which he was clearly guilty. Have had one rain a day since Saturday last, giving the farmers entirely too much rain fall for the good of the crops.

Dick Hudson to Hang—Jim Foe Gets Ninety-nine Years, Etc.

YAZOO CITY, June 11.—Dick Hudson, found guilty of murder, hangs on the 21st proximo. Jim Foe, for killing his brother on the Payne place, goes to the penitentiary for ninety-nine years. Several for minor offences are sent to the farm and jail. The circuit court will, in all probability, wind up and adjourn to-morrow. Farmers report too much rain fall and the grass making headway. The weather is still unsettled.

How John Robb Punished a Blackguard for Insulting His Wife.

CHICAGO Tribune: "One of those little domestic episodes that serve as excellent warnings to men more adventurous than discreet and more cowardly than either occurred at the Palmer House Monday morning. Mr. John Robb, the business manager of Gus Williams' Company, now playing at the Columbia, and his wife have been stopping at the hotel since the company reached town. Mrs. Robb is of prepossessing appearance. She was passing out of the hotel by the Monroe street entrance Monday morning, and on being obsequiously bowed to by a strange man, fashionably attired, returned the salutation, thinking it might possibly be an acquaintance whom she did not at the moment recognize. She was passing on when the stranger placed himself directly in front of her and delivered himself of an insulting remark. Mrs. Robb turned aside indignantly, and the stranger left the hotel at a rapid gait. A bystander who witnessed the affair, informed Mr. Robb of the matter, and the angry husband left the hotel on a run in pursuit of his enemy, whom he overtook at the corner of Wabash avenue and Monroe street. Mr. Robb is small but wiry, while his antagonist, it is said, towered above him. The irate pursuer seized his victim firmly by the coat collar and yelled, "You rascal! you insulted my wife, and if you don't get down on your knees and beg her pardon I'll kill you." At the same time he flourished an aggressive looking pocket-knife in uncomfortable proximity to the masher's face. The latter capitulated on demand, and pale, but reserved, marched back to the hotel with his captor, who escorted him to Mrs. Robb's room, where he knelt and humbly begged forgiveness. This done Mr. Robb allowed him to depart, however, it is said, slapping his face by way of farewell. The elegantly attired stranger thereupon left with more speed than dignity, but succeeded in concealing his identity, no one who witnessed the affair appearing to know him.

THE drift of the political tide in Vermont is plainly shown by the communication which one of the few anti-Edmunds Republican papers is called upon to print from a number of its patrons, who are Republicans of standing and influence in the region where it is printed. The St. Albans Messenger has made itself conspicuous as the virulent opponent of Senator Edmunds' re-election, and these subscribers of the paper now enter "a solemn protest" against its criticisms. As to the especial ground of offense alleged against Mr. Edmunds, that he refused to work for Blaine, they say that "as a man, having sovereignty under his own hat, he had a perfect right to do so," and that "hundreds are in the same boat with the Senator." The appearance of this protest marks the final collapse of the attempt on the part of the Blaine men to defeat Mr. Edmunds, because in 1884 he refused to say a word in Blaine's behalf, and, as they claim, by his silence elected Cleveland.—New York Evening Post.

General J. H. Sharpe.

Aberdeen Examiner.
Gen. J. H. Sharpe, of Lowndes county, was in Aberdeen a few hours on Saturday, and was welcomed by about three hundred voters of Monroe county, in the parlors of the Gordon House, who considered him as a probable candidate for the Fifth Congress from the First District. Among his visitors were many of "the boys" who served in the late unpleasantness in his command, who grasped his hand in the fervor of renewed friendship, while his pleasant address won for him golden opinions from those who had not met him upon previous occasions. If he should become a candidate for Congress he will receive a warm support in this county.

GEN. ROGER A. PRYOR, now a leading New York lawyer, was asked recently what difference he saw between the practice and knowledge of law in the North and the South. He replied that they read more law in the South in little country offices than the big lawyers in the large cities did, but, said he: "In this Northern region they have a very extraordinary power to assemble facts and overwhelm with evidence in order to carry their cases. They do not argue upon the law points, but beat you with their witnesses and their facts."