

For President,
ULYSSES SIMPSON GRANT,
Of Ohio.

For Vice-President,
SCHUYLER COLFAX,
Of Indiana.

CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION.

We are reliably informed that the Republican Congressional Nominating Convention will be held at Napoleon, on Wednesday, the 10th day of August next.

The *Ballou Review* advocates the nomination of Henry Hall, for Congress. The Hall government is growing ground rapidly. The Republicans are in a dilemma and Pauline counties will poll two hundred more votes than any other candidate spoken of.

THE FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT.

The Secretary of State has issued, in accordance with a law, formal announcements that, inasmuch as the resolutions of the Legislatures of New Jersey and Ohio are to be deemed as remaining in full force and effect, the Fourteenth Amendment has, by the action of the Legislatures of those States, become a part of the Constitution of the United States. The ratification is now complete, as thirty States have already ratified, in spite of the yelping of the Ku-Klux Democracy.

BLAIR'S PLATFORM.

On our fourth page, in connection with the speech of Senator Morton, in the Senate, will be found the letter written by Gen. FRANK P. BLAIR, the Democratic candidate for Vice President, a few days before the meeting of the Democratic National Convention. The letter is very explicit, and undoubtedly seemed to him the nomination he sought. In this letter he laid down his platform in advance, and the hearty approval with which it was received and his unanimous nomination, virtually makes the leading plank in the Democratic platform, especially when the same principle is promulgated in the platform itself. Republicans should preserve this letter for future reference, coming as it does from a man who has a thorough knowledge of the revolutionary intentions of the Democracy, in the event of their success. This he remembered in the great and noble speech presented to this country, and is not to be obscured by attacks on Grant, or anything that may be said of the past. "Shall there be," asks Senator Morton, "acquiescence in and submission to the action of Congress? shall we again have peace in this country? shall we again resume our progress, growth and prosperity? shall we become the normal condition of the United States? Has it been of our country?" The Ku-Klux Democracy has declared for peace, continuous, unending war, except upon the condition of the success of the principles of the revolution.

Since then, General Blair has written his letter of acceptance, which is only an expansion of the views contained in the letter with which he bid for and obtained his nomination. His last letter gives evidence that it is his determination to be the master spirit of the Democratic party. A contemporary aptly characterizes it as "the wild war-mare of political and Democracy." There is no mistaking the rebellious spirit that animates our political opponents.

Opening of the Campaign at Tontogany.

Speech of Colonel J. A. Shannon—Congressional Matters.

On Monday evening last a large and enthusiastic meeting was held at Tontogany, under the auspices of the Washington Township Grand Club. The meeting was addressed by Colonel J. A. SHANNON, of this place, in a speech, and continued over two hours in length, in which he drew a striking contrast between the Presidential nominees and the opposing platforms. Eloquence, logic and satire, in turn, were effective. He used the glibest speaker, and the frequent remarks of applause that interrupted his speech, testified the appreciation and attention of the audience. Referring to the Congressional question in this District, the Colonel said:

Before I close, I wish to suggest to my fellow citizens the importance of selecting a candidate for Congress some man who can write and call for the whole vote of the Republican party in this District. The experience of 1864 and 1866 proved that Mr. Anthony can not secure such vote, and the indications of the coming campaign, with him as our candidate, are prominently of political defeat and disaster. In 1866, Mr. ANTHONY stated that he would not again present himself as a candidate. Why does he not do this in 1868? I suggest that we sacrifice the District merely to gratify the prevailing ambition of a man? I do not dictate—I do not advise—I suggest the absolute importance of selecting a candidate who will fairly represent the full vote of the Republican party in this District, in October next. The friends of Hon. J. A. Shannon, who do, have presented him as the candidate before the Convention. Should he be nominated, he will call for the full vote of the Republican party, and as a practical legislator, he will reflect credit on this District and the nation. Wherever he may be called to appear, he will fully and earnestly urge the importance of a national general and deliberate action, so that such action may be taken as will insure to the general success of the Republican party.

A caucus of Republican members of the House, on Tuesday, on the question of adjourning the session or taking a recess until September or October, showed there were eighty members for a recess against twenty-eight for adjournment.

THREE of the gang of desperadoes, who some time ago captured a train near Seymour, Indiana, and robbed the Express safe, were forcibly taken from the officers by a vigilance committee, on Tuesday morning, and hung to a tree.

READ the opinions of the *LaCrosse Democrat* on the Blair family and kindred topics. How harmonious are these Ku-Klux topics!

Referring to the announcement of Senator Hall, as a candidate for Congress, from this district, the *Bryan News* says:

We have already announced in commendatory notices, our present Representative, Hon. J. M. Ashley, and Mr. Pratt, of Bryan. Judge Latta, we understand is making no effort toward the nomination, and now that we wish to refer to the contest, Senator Hall has lately consented to be a candidate. He has been endorsed by the *Telegraph* and *Perryburg Journal*, and is endorsed by the Republicans of Lucas, will prove a formidable candidate. He is a popular man, and if nominated would poll a full party vote.

IRELAND BELIEVES HIS NAME. "FOR MANY YEARS," says a correspondent, writing from that island on June 24, "we have not seen so favorably as we have this year. From the beginning of May in this day we have had a regular summer heat, the consequence of which is that the pastures are better now in the beginning of June than they have been in the beginning of July for many years."

THE Democratic press are constantly complaining about Russia, and we must regret that Democrats forced upon the Government the necessity of forcing them.

States' pretense about his ancient devotion to State Rights fell upon the ear of the New York Convention like the cracking of an old glass under three times diverged.

THE MEMORABLE VOTE OF THE N. Y. 4th of July Convention and the appearance of the adventive year clouds will make '68 famous as the year of low-water.

THE Democrats are being gone here and there. They may as well come as much noise as possible now. They'll have no occasion to see powder seat fall.

ADDRESS of Peoria in this vicinity are suffering from disease of the blood, which may be easily cured by the use of Dr. J. W. Polak's Kidney Doctor.

THE war-sound of Democracy—A general idea.

DEMOCRAT Eye-ear—See more!

COMMUNICATED.

A LYING CHARGE NAILED.

REVEREND JOURNAL: It is seldom I trouble you with communications, and would not at this time, could I, in justice to myself, pass by in silence a series of malicious personal attacks, and countercharges by persons of the same political faith are attended with more or less injury to the party to which they belong, and for that reason more particularly have I refrained from writing what I have just written, to be inserted in this journal, in order to bring to the attention of the public the true state of the matter, and to show the ground upon which I stand.

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