

The nomination of James C. Thompson, of this city, for state treasurer, by the republican convention, is one of the best made by that body. Mr. Thompson's friends here, irrespective of party, heartily endorse him as a man of spotless character, with a record for honesty as pure as a sunbeam, and a standing as a financier, second to no man in the state. Mr. Thompson, however, finds his business requires so much of his time, that he can hardly see his way clear to accept the nomination. Should he decline, his party ticket will lose a bright name.

Two or three weeks ago Mr. Blaine's friends announced that detectives were on the track of the vandals who defaced the tombstone at Augusta, and that the arrest of the miscreants could be expected within a few days. The public, at all times glad to see such rascals brought to justice, is thirsting for information as to the detectives' work. What clues were discovered, and how far were they followed?

If chicanery and low, dirty trickery, will win, then the opponents to Wallace, in the Fifth district will defeat him. The appointment of judges for the coming primary election, by the congressional committee, in that district, is the embodiment of unfairness, and indicative of a determination to kill Wallace by any means, no matter how foul.

The Sedalia fair, this year, will be the crowning event of Sedalia's splendid growth during the past twelve months. It will be a magnificent representation of the prosperity and enterprise of a people who move right forward to the music of the Nineteenth century progress, in spite of the blackguardism of republican orators and papers.

Pettis county needs as its prosecuting attorney, a man of brains, deeply versed in the law, a practitioner of experience, one of skill, bravery, and ability to cope with attorneys who are among the foremost in the state. Will any fair minded man say that Cliff Jackson meets these requirements?

Col. Dave Murphy and other inhabitants of Missouri, were heavily dosed with unadulterated gall, at Jefferson City. If they don't like this state they might move out, there is no string around them.

A vote for Lamm is a vote for brains, large legal acquirements, ability and skill, the equal of any man at the Pettis county bar. He can laugh, but he doesn't carminate from early morn to dewy eve.

The republican convention was run on the co-operative plan. There was once a grocery store in this city which flaunted a sign to the same effect. The sign is gone; so is the store.

A vote for Cliff Jackson is a vote for incompetency, ignorance, blarney and a button hole boquet.

What a Tedious Time. Benson's Caprine Plasters cured me of a chronic affection of the kidneys."—S. T. H. 25 cents.

To Bee Keepers. There will be a meeting of the bee keepers of Pettis county at the fair grounds, September 25th, 1884, for the purpose of organizing a Bee Keepers' association, at which time there will be officers elected and a constitution and by-laws adopted. G. H. Ashworth, J. W. Mills, L. B. Rhodes, Mrs. J. W. Mills. 78 w 12t

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PLOTING.

The Defeated and Discordant Elements Gathered in Solenn Conclave.

Dire Designs to Deluge in Disaster Democratic Supremacy.

Prohibition Temptation Put Behind the Bold Buccaneers.

A Republican and Greenback Love Feast and Banquet.

A Joint Ticket to Disjoint Democracy and Prohibition.

Is What They Call Their Hybrid Affair Hatched in Jefferson.

Jefferson City, Sept. 9.—[Special.]—The attendance at the republican state convention is rather small, there being many vacant chairs. The convention is rather a slim affair as to membership, and not particularly dazzling as to brains, though there are some bright men present. Warner of Kansas City, is here, chipping there with his tongue well oiled, as was evident by his speech after he had called the convention to order. Judge Wagner is here. He

much to the delight of his hearers. And then there is Judge Gotschalk, whose proud boast is that he was the last republican lieutenant governor of Missouri, though he hopes to see another of the same stripe elected next November. Col. Van Horn is here, although his voice is heard only in dulcet whisperings in the willing auricles of individual delegates, but

FILLEY, THE HOLY TERROR, of the Kansas City editor has not put in an appearance and the machine runs without the friction he always manages to occasion. Genl. Prentiss, of Harrisonville is on the floor and when he spoke this afternoon the air grew purple and then gorgeously red as the ensanguined garment, vulgarly called the "bloody shirt," was waved hither and yon by the long arms of the speaker. This is the General B. M. Prentiss, who the morning before the battle of Shiloh, told his division that before two weeks he would be taking his meals in New Orleans.

HE KEPT HIS WORD like a man, for he was captured with his entire division, and as a prisoner of war he crooked the supple hinges of his knees under a table in the Crescent city. And then he sitting in sweet communion with his pale faced brother, is J. Milton. Black in skin, but give even the devil his due, as brainy as any man here, he made a quite classical speech. Over on the east side of the hall, (the convention is held in the hall of the house of representatives) sits

GEORGE M. BANE. His only claim to recognition by the press, being that he still sports a button-hole boquet. Of course H. Martin Williams is here ostensibly as a correspondent, but in reality to capture the convention for Nicholas Ford. And C. J. Corwin moves slowly in and out among the delegates, a sort of man Friday to the strikers for Ford, one of whom he is, and James H. Beach, of St. Joe, who has opened out headquarters

AT THE MADISON HOUSE, where he dispenses "the inspirational" drawn from the barrels reposing in the wholesale liquor house of his master, Mr. Nicholas Ford. Strange combination is it not? Augustus St. Jem, who seconded the nomination of Hayes, for Missouri, may not be set down as an intellectual gem of the first water, still he can wash his hands in invisible water with unseen soap. The chairman of

THE STATE PROHIBITION, committee, Judge Baker, of Springfield, is also on hand and doing such work as inconsistency suggests and prompts, but why enumerate. There are several gentlemen here who would like to be considered among the favored of the gods though their intellects are somewhat like the water of the tortoise river which flows at the base of the capitol. They are rather muddy.

THE CONVENTION. The convention was called to order at 11:35, by Maj. Wm. H. Warner, of Kansas City chairman of the state central committee, who named Judge David Wagner, of Lewis county, as temporary chairman, and Geo. D. Reynolds, as temporary secretary. Both Maj. Warner and Judge Wagner made strong speeches. Major Mullins, of Linn, and Judge Gotschalk, of St. Louis, were appointed a committee to conduct Judge Wagner to the chair. The appearance of the judge was loudly applauded and his speech treated in the same handsome manner.

IT WAS A GOOD SPEECH, a terrific arraignment of the democratic party from a republican standpoint. The effort was calm, judicious and free from the usual clap-trap, much of which came along later in the day. The report was unanimously adopted, and the chair appointed Major McIlhenny, of St. Louis, and Editor Burch, of Hannibal, to conduct

GENERAL GRIER TO THE CHAIR. The delegates greeted General Grier with rapturous applause, and when it had subsided the gentleman tendered the usual thanks for such an honor. The speaker said he believed that this convention would name the candidates who would carry the state against Bourbon democracy as represented by Marmaduke. This state, he said, had been under what may be called misrule for sixteen years, and now was the time to

REDEEM MISSOURI. He was satisfied that the business men of

St. Louis, democrats at that, were anxious for Marmaduke's defeat. The speech was short but full of thorns, though it had a sudden collapse and fell at its close with a dull thud on the convention.

Loud calls were made for Col. Dan Murphy, of St. Louis, but the chair whacked his desk and called for the report of the committee on credentials.

The committee on permanent organization decided on General D. P. Grier, of St. Louis for permanent chairman, and F. S. Mott, of St. Louis, for permanent secretary. J. H. Frame, of Clinton, G. W. Gains, of Macon, assistant secretaries; Gus. Lohman, of Jefferson City, door keeper. The following committees were then announced:

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION AND ORDER OF BUSINESS. First district—J. Brock, Macon. Second district—Benj. H. Tuttle, Monroe. Third district—A. L. Tomblin, Gentry. Fourth district—E. J. Kellogg, Holt. Fifth district—R. H. Hunt, Jackson. Sixth district—J. R. Vance, Saline. Seventh district—C. B. Covington, Pike. Eighth district—Arnold Beck, St. Louis. Ninth district—Truett P. Dyer, St. Louis. Tenth district—H. Manistree, St. Louis. Eleventh district—James F. Moore, Laclede. Twelfth district—J. W. Wheeler, St. Clair. Thirteenth district—J. W. Lamson, Newton. Fourteenth district—S. S. Barnes, New Madrid.

CREDENTIALS. First district—S. W. Burch, Marion. Second district—A. Griffin, Chariton. Third district—J. H. McGee, Davies. Fourth district—B. A. Dunn, Nowaday. Fifth district—R. C. Crowell, Jackson. Sixth district—Geo. H. Wallace, Howard. Seventh district—W. O. Forrest, Audrain. Eighth district—J. H. Bischoff, St. Louis. Ninth district—A. B. Cole, St. Louis. Tenth district—C. K. Peck, Iron. Eleventh district—E. P. Sankey, Dent. Twelfth district—W. H. Page, Bates. Thirteenth district—J. M. Hurley, Jasper. Fourteenth district—J. N. Davidson, Butler.

VICE-PRESIDENTS. First district—J. R. Musick, Adair. Second district—E. H. Waack, Monroe. Third district—J. H. Witherby, DeKalb. Fourth district—M. McKillop, Atchison. Fifth district—J. W. Hill, Lafayette. Sixth district—Albert Porter, Pettis. Seventh district—A. J. Seay, Franklin. Eighth district—G. Sessinghaus, St. Louis. Ninth district—Grale Campbell, St. Louis. Tenth district—G. A. W. Gem, St. Louis. Eleventh district—J. M. Dennison, Twelfth district—C. L. Faunheiser, Gen. iv. Thirteenth district—A. H. Bash, Jasper. Fourteenth district—W. A. Lane, Howe.

RESOLUTIONS. First district—David Wagner, Lewis. Second district—Geo. Hall, Grundy. Third district—J. H. Floyd, Clay. Fourth district—Henry S. Kelley, Andrew. Fifth district—R. T. Van Horne, Jackson. Sixth district—Milo Blair, Pettis. Seventh district—E. Q. Gule, Franklin. Eighth district—H. M. Pollard, St. Louis. Ninth district—Jacob Klein, St. Louis. Tenth district—J. C. Maginnis, St. Louis. Eleventh district—E. M. Clark, Gasconade. Twelfth district—W. J. Terrell, Osage. Thirteenth district—S. S. Kerr, Dallas. Fourteenth district—C. H. Chattee, New Madrid.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE. First district—A. F. Boulton, Lewis. Second district—Alex. W. Mullins, Linn. Third district—J. H. Frame, Clinton. Fourth district—Jas. T. Beach, Buchanan. Fifth district—Wm. Warner, Jackson. Sixth district—Odin Guitler, Boone. Seventh district—W. B. Adams—Montgomery. Eighth district—Henry Fenerbaugh, St. Louis. Ninth district—Geo. D. Reynolds, St. Louis. Tenth district—C. A. Newcomb, Jefferson. Eleventh district—C. A. Thompson, Cole. Twelfth district—R. C. McBeth, Henry. Thirteenth district—J. M. Slight, Jasper. Fourteenth district—Wm. Valentine, Scott.

At a little after the noon hour the convention adjourned until 2 o'clock this afternoon. During the intermission much quiet work was done by the representatives of the greenback, labor, prohibition, woman suffrage parties in whooping up their end of the ticket.

That this is a mongrel pie-bald gathering is evident from the fact that a committee on conference has been appointed by this convention.

AFTERNOON SESSION. Temporary Chairman Wagner, called the convention to order promptly on time, and called for the report of the committee on permanent organization.

The report was adopted without the reading of the names of delegates as there was no contest. There are 426 delegates or proxies present, the committee on resolutions not being ready to report, more time was given it. At this point a delegate arose and asked permission to read the following

DISPATCH FROM GOV. FLETCHER. Blaine has Waded through Maine and will Ford Missouri and plant victory on the republican banner. A great shout greeted the reading of this telegram and when one country delegate uttered a shrill cry the delegates went wild and it was some moments before quietude was restored. The chair when he could be heard, said that the convention would not proceed to nominations until all the committees had reported. Judge Gotschalk got the floor and submitted the following

RESOLUTION:

Resolved, That we look with apprehension upon the democratic party in apparently making service in the confederate army, and disregard of qualification and valuable service rendered to the state; the test of democratic recognition that this gives the life to their professions of civil service reform, and their accepting the result of the war in good faith, and that we call upon all union men of all parties and denominations to join with us and rebuke such actions at the polls.

The resolution, under the rules, went to the committee on resolutions without debate. At this point the

LOVELY BOUQUET

of George M. Bane loomed up on the east, and the owner of it tried to introduce a resolution, but it was a sad failure and amid much laughter the paper was sent to the secretary's desk; by unanimous consent the resolution was submitted to the convention.

It is as follows: Resolved, That the chairman of the convention is hereby directed to transmit to Hon. J. G. Blaine the hearty congratulations of the republicans of Missouri upon the great republican victory in the state of Maine; upon the unprecedented triumph at home of our presidential candidate where he has lived for thirty years. A conclusive answer by those who know him best to the vile attacks made upon him by his political enemies. The resolution went through with a yell and the telegram was sent to Mr. Blaine.

A DELEGATE

with a name as long as a telephone pole, introduced a resolution to the effect that the prohibition question be let severely alone. It is needless to say that the gentleman hails from St. Louis. It will be seen by perusing the platform that not a syllable upon the liquor question one way or the other finds expression in that document.

IT IS GOOD LORD, GOOD DEVL, in this respect. THE BAZOO reporter was told by Gen. Odin Guitler that he was in favor in the committee meeting of the introduction of a plank in the platform favoring a submission amendment, but the question was ignored. At this stage of the proceedings the wind organs were given permission to blow and speeches were made by Dave Murphy, Thurston P. Dyer, Judge Gotschalk, J. Milton Turner, of St. Louis, Gen. B. M. Prentiss, Howard, and Judge Forrest.

STIRRED UP THE BOYS at a lively rate. The committee on resolutions made its Report and the resolutions were adopted unanimously.

THE PLATFORM.

Resolved, That we endorse the administration of President Arthur as eminently wise, conservative and patriotic, as reflecting the best aims and highest aspirations of the republican party; that we do most heartily endorse the nomination of Jas. G. Blaine and John A. Logan, and we pledge to them our cordial support at the approaching election, and that we endorse the platform adopted by the national republican convention as embodying the principle of progress, liberty, good government and administrative reform. We indict the Bourbon democracy of Missouri for persistently ignoring the union element of the state. While the republican party has obliterated every disability growing out of the rebellion, yet the democratic party still insists in prosecuting men for their loyalty, and in making service in the war against the government a condition for the important office of the state, and for senators and representatives in congress.

Against this policy we protest as an INSULT TO A UNION STATE, and as an example wrought with demoralization to the patriotism of the youth of the country in future time.

Also for their alliance with the protection of the notorious and confessed banditti whose presence in Missouri has driven immigration from its borders and capital from its industries; all these have been most offensively repeated in the nomination of the present bourbon state ticket, at the head of which has been placed a man whose only claim to notoriety was in his conspicuous position in the army, recently waging

WAR ON THE GOVERNMENT.

Resolved, That we believe the time has come in the history of the state of Missouri when all good citizens, without regard to past differences, should lay aside all party prejudice and unite in wresting the state government from the hands of that party, which, by repeated acts of lawlessness and misrule, has betrayed every trust confided to its keeping and has disgraced the fair name of our state at home and abroad; that we arraign the democratic party for the present system of leasing the convict labor of our penitentiary, as detrimental to the interests of labor, and demand that it be abolished.

Resolved, That all corporations created by the people are subject to control by the same power that created them.

Resolved, That some system should be established to adjust all differences between capital and labor, whenever they come in conflict, so as to prevent long and injurious strikes, which produce suffering among laboring people.

Resolved, That the republican party is now, as it has always been, in favor of granting liberal aid to educate the youth of the state and the establishment and maintenance of labor bureaus under the control and supervision of representatives of the labor interests of the state.

THE COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE

reported, but there was a minority report, which stirred up a considerable strife. Gen. Guitler supported the majority report. As a result of his speech he and Vanhorn came near running together. The report of the minority was lost by a vote of 420 against, to 67 in favor. The majority report was adopted.

Your committee recommends to the convention for adoption the following: Resolved, That this convention, believing that the Hon. Nicholas Ford, of Buchanan county, is the proper person to lead to victory the opponents of Bourbonism; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we endorse him as the choice of this convention, and pledge him our support as the straight republican candidate, the same as he would get as an in-

dependent candidate with a republican endorsement.

The other set of speakers held that it was

UNREPUBLICAN

and unmanly to beat around the bush, and better to make a straight nomination and enforce a principle, even though they might lose the fight by it. Finally the roll was called on the minority report, and it was lost—yes, 67; noes, 429.

The majority report on fusion was adopted, and Ford was thus made the fusion nominee.

This makes for GOVERNOR FORD, THE CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR,

for lieutenant governor, Mullins, of Linn, nominated J. H. Burkholder, of Chariton.

Bain, of St. Louis, named H. E. Havens, of Springfield.

Reynolds, of St. Louis, nominated H. M. Starkloff, of Carondelet. The tide was strongly for the latter and Starkloff, who is a German, was nominated by acclamation. J. C. Thompson, of Sedalia, was unanimously nominated for treasurer and in a similar manner were E. Jacobs Sands, of St. Louis, for attorney general; David Wagner, of Lewis, for supreme judge. The nominations went through with a rush. The offices of secretary of state, railroad commissioner and register of lands were not filled, that duty being left to the central committee with the understanding that these places would be given to the greenback party. This will place four offices on the ticket

TO BE FILLED BY GREENBACKERS. Three cheers were given for the ticket. The usual vote of thanks was passed, and at 6 o'clock p. m. the convention adjourned sine die.

The state central committee held a long session to-night at which the plan of conducting the campaign was fully discussed. The principal feature was the means to be adopted in order to secure a supply of "soap" sufficient to carry on the canvass. Nothing of special importance was done. Murphy and others spoke near the Madison house; Missouri was simply damned.

It is understood here, that the three offices not provided for to-day, will be filled with greenback nominees. It is also currently reported that half the electoral ticket is to be given to the greenbackers. This, however, is probably untrue for the reason that a full electoral ticket was made by the spring convention at Sedalia and no power was given by either convention to the state committee to withdraw any of the nominees or to make any substitutions. Since the electoral ticket was made, two vacancies in it have occurred, one by death and one by removal. These two places the committee must fill and it is not improbable that the greenbackers will be named.

Of to-day's nominations all are straight republicans except Dave Murphy who was recently a democrat and is classed as a disaffected member of that party, who will, it is urged, prove a better bait for other disaffected democratic votes than though he were a republican. Nearly all the delegates will leave for home to-night.

HORSE THIEF CAPTURED.

John Wesley Burke Arrested in Mexico and Brought to This City.

About the 20th of August, last, Mr. W. R. Ford, who resides near Georgetown, had a fine bay mare of the value of \$100 stolen from him. About the same time it will be remembered that Hughes & Harris had a valuable saddle horse stolen from them, and the thieves are supposed to have gone in the same direction.

The same day that he stole the horse at Georgetown, Burke, the thief, for some reason, abandoned his stolen property and left the horse with Mr. Boatwright, who resides near this city. Several days after Burke had left the horse with Mr. Boatwright promising to call for it in a few days, the latter received a letter from a gentleman in Mexico, Mo., who stated that he had bought a horse from a fellow by the name of Burke, (who told him that the animal was in his (Boatwright's) possession, and asking the charges, if any, on the animal, what he was worth, etc. Mr. Boatwright at once addressed a letter to Mr. J. H. Faulkner, a constable in Saline county, who has been very active in the pursuit and arrest of horse thieves. A dandy letter was placed in the office for Burke, for which he soon called. Faulkner who had been in the city for several days, with his man spotted, at once took him into custody on this evidence, which he supposed to be amply sufficient, as doubtless it will prove to be. Faulkner was in the city Sunday night and procured a warrant for Burke's arrest, at once starting on his trail.

Burke, as the thief gave his name, bit at the decoy letter and as stated, was at once taken into custody by the wiley constable, who landed his prisoner in the county jail in this city at an early hour yesterday morning, where he was visited during the day by a BAZOO reporter, to whom he gave his name as W. T. Gerrant. He denied stealing the horse, relating a long and rambling story about purchasing the horse from a negro for \$30.50. He said he pawned the horse for \$1.00, funds sufficient to get to his destination.

As to his ultimate destination, the statements of the alleged chief were very contradictory. Mr. Boatwright, however, substantiates his statement to the effect that he advanced \$1 on the horse.

Burke, alias Gerrant, was arraigned before Justice Halstead, yesterday, and stating that he was not ready for trial, his case was continued until the 19th inst, his bond being fixed at \$1,000 in default of which he was sent to jail.

Constable Faulkner, who arrested the horse thief, will be remembered as the same official who killed a burglar by the name of George Brown and captured another by the name of Gus Wilson in Saline county, a few weeks ago, he being with a posse of men in search of the burglars for aggravated robberies committed. Constable Faulkner is earning a well deserved reputation as a shrewd and fearless detective.

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SPRECHER'S SELECTION.

Nuptials of Mr. I. N. Sprecher and Miss Mollie Hughes Last Evening.

An Enjoyable Event Welcomed by the Many Friends of the Happy Couple.

About one week ago invitations were issued to a large number of relatives and friends of Mr. I. N. Sprecher and Miss Mollie Hughes, bidding them to the solemnization of their marriage, at the home of Mrs. Bettie Gentry, two and one-half miles northeast of this city, on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

The grounds were beautifully illuminated, and, on approaching from the city, presented a lovely appearance, being lighted with Chinese and railroad lanterns.

Inside, the house was decorated with flowers and evergreens, the monograms of the contracting parties ornamenting the walls of the different rooms.

At 8:15 the bridal party were ushered into the parlor by Mr. Fred Phipps and Miss Carrie Sprecher, when Rev. Dr. John Montgomery, of Longwood, in a few beautiful and impressive remarks pronounced the words which made Mr. Sprecher and Miss Hughes husband and wife.

The bride was very tastefully attired in a costume of olive tulle cloth. Point applique lace, tea roses and diamonds were the garniture.

The groom wore the conventional black with gloves to match the dress of the bride.

After the congratulations had been tendered, the company repaired to the large dining room, where two tables, capable of accommodating about twenty persons each, were spread. About one hundred guests were served under the supervision of Mrs. Gentry who added to her laurels as a hostess. The refreshments were very elegant and consisted of sandwiches, venison, ham, salads, pickles, cakes in great variety, ice cream and ices. The fruit and flower pieces which ornamented the tables were noticeable for their beauty. The bride's cake was surmounted by a figure representing "Constancy."

The cakes, confectionery, ices, etc., were furnished by Mr. J. D. Sicher, the popular caterer, which is sufficient to say that they were tempting and arranged in his usually superb style. Mr. Sicher also designed and furnished the floral decorations.

The presents were numerous and elegant and represented the useful as well as ornamental. It may be mentioned as a singular feature of this wedding that none of the presents were duplicated.

The number of guests was so large that it is impossible to give a full list, but among them were: Rev. Montgomery, Rev. Platt, of Kansas City, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Gentry, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Sprecher, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Banks, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Mentor Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Doug. Hughes, Mrs. T. W. Cloney, Mrs. J. M. Offield, Mrs. R. W. Gentry, Mrs. Wm. Moore, Mrs. Jael Gentry, of Estill, Mrs. Dillard, Misses Hattie Belle Traylor, Addie and Eliza Ritchey, Little Byler, Jennie, Lizzie and Caddie Hughes, Messrs. Lum and John Hughes, E. L. Phipps, D. I. Holcomb, Dan and Will Sprecher, Will Allison, Lee Byler, Bob Rose, Jim and Will Ritchey, F. W. Schultz, Reuben Gentry, Tom Evans and F. B. Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. Sprecher will be at home at the residence of Mr. Samuel Sprecher, father of the groom.

A Straddler.

What in the name of all the gods at once does the Eastern Associated press mean by sending to its western newspapers nearly a column of slush telling of Belva A. Lookwood's determination to support Butler and St. John? This woman is a straddler. Butler and St. John! Why, that's a political straddle of the worst sort, because each candidate is going in an opposite direction; but the worst of her straddling is done on Pennsylvania avenue, in Washington. Every day, that frightful old witch of Endor may be seen, man fashion, astraddle of a velocipede, her legs visible to the knees, attracting the attention of all sight-seers, some for jeer, or laugh, or ribaldry; but pity most with all who know a pretty leg when they see it.

If there had been any extenuating circumstances whatever, the half column and over of slush might have been endured. If the leg had been encased even in a white stocking instead of a dingy black one. If about all its self-same continuity of shape there had only been a bit of lace or a sparkle of ribbon. If against the dead back ground of each a cending and descending treadle there had only been a faint suggestion of frill, or furbelow, or scollop, or starch, the inborn gallantry of the average democratic editor might have stood a column, a full column, of the ancient yet ardent Belva's rhapsodies as to Butler and St. John; but there wasn't. Hence this straddle in politics is of no more interest to the great mass of the American voters than that other straddle on Pennsylvania avenue. If women will ride velocipedes and go skylarking about such a forbidding old beast as Ben Butler, they must at least expect to recompense the patience of the public in one shape or another. As far as the Gazette is concerned, its limit would be a Georgiana, Duchess of Devonshire. Millions of lines at the bidding of such lips as those the butcher kissed; not a head line for Belva. If she wishes to fly to the embraces of old Ben, she has got to do it without any Swinburnian business from the fellows who have seen the anatomical displays of Pennsylvania avenue.