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The State Convention.

The call of the State Executive Committee for a convention in June has evoked considerable discussion. Among the exchanges received at this office thus far, the *News and Courier*, the Barnwell *People* and the Kershaw *Gazette* favor a nomination of State officers in June. The papers in the upper section of the State, so far as heard from, oppose the measure, the objection generally being that the campaign would be too long and expensive, and the nominations premature, as being made in advance of the National platform.

It is a matter of regret that some of the papers have been intemperate in their remarks. The Edgefield *Advertiser* stigmatizes the call as without precedent, and perhaps a usurpation and abuse of power not delegated to the Committee. The call is, in our opinion, poorly supported by precedent, but we cannot see how it is a usurpation of power. The Committee is entrusted with the duty of calling a convention, and, as the constitution is silent on the point it would have a right to open the campaign on the first of January if it should see fit to do so. Of the right we think there can be no question. The expediency is a different thing. Again, the Abbeville *Medium* holds the untenable position that a convention should not be called without the unanimous consent of every member of the State Committee. The very "August Convention" of 1876 itself, was not the unanimous judgment of the State Committee. Of thirteen members seven constitute a quorum, under ordinary parliamentary rules, and of these, four can give any measure the same binding legal force as the whole thirteen. The moral force is a different thing, and is involved in the question of expediency. The *Medium* predicts that a June Convention would be followed by a second convention to set up another ticket. As this would be but a thinly disguised independent movement we will not discuss it as a possible Democratic measure.

On the other hand, the *News and Courier* is unfortunate in applying the epithets "hysterical" and "habitual revilers" to some of those who deprecate the action of the State Committee. Instead of prefixing the vague specification "some", it should have indicated more clearly those to whom its strictures apply. No good can possibly come of heated words in the present emergency. The State Committee has gotten the party into what promises to be a very unpleasant, if not dangerous, snarl, and the utmost patience and forbearance are requisite to a successful bridging of the chasm.

While not denying the Committee the right to make the call, we must express the belief that it was a grave blunder. We have carefully considered the arguments of the advocates of the measure, and they have not changed our opinion in the least.

As to precedent, the example of the State of Illinois is cited during the present year. Unfortunately the Democrats have not carried Illinois in an age, and have no expectations of doing so in an age to come. It matters not how their nomination is made. But we venture to say that the nomination of a State ticket by a dominant party, or even in a doubtful State, in advance of the Presidential nomination is without any respectable precedent. South Carolina is the last place in the world to introduce an innovation. The *News and Courier* in answer to the objection that the masses have not considered the question of candidates, assumes that a man who is waiting to come out in July would be defeated in August as well as in June. This is a violent supposition in these days of dark horses. The people sometimes get tired of a standing candidate and go with a rush for a new man. Again, the *News and Courier* apparently assumes that the governorship is the only office in question. While this race has pretty generally settled down to two men, the other offices have not been mentioned. As has been well said, new issues may spring up in the campaign requiring different candidates. Had the May Convention in 1876 nominated a candidate for governor, who would have been the man? Such an upheaval is not likely to occur this year, but it is safer to take no risks, especially as an early nomination is so utterly uncalled for. It is a strange fact, that as far as we know, no one has yet told the public why the nomination should be made in June. The argument used is that "it will do no harm," which puts the measure on the defensive at the very beginning.

Again, every one feels that the party is under a strain now, and that the greatest prudence and wisdom are requisite to insure harmony. Why then throw this apple of discord right into the laps of the people, and give the defeated candidates the very opportunity they long for, of claiming that the popular voice was smothered, and the will of the people forestalled? A June nomination would not only give the time requisite to organize a bolt, but would of itself furnish the pretext. In the language of Thurlow Weed, "It would be a good enough Morgan until after the election."

Again, unless every county instructs its delegates previously, does any sane body believe the question will be decided in the June Convention with an eye single to the good of the party at large? Will there not be a diligent counting of noses the night before, and in the convention itself a struggle between the friends of the strongest candidate to force the nomination and the friends of the weaker to postpone it? In the war of factions the party will be ignored. Even in the County Conventions that are requested to instruct, this same issue may, and very probably will, arise. From this standpoint the call is unfortunate.

It is very seriously argued that the convention is supreme, that the call of the Committee is simply advisory, and that had the Committee issued a call for a Presidential nomination only, the convention might have taken "snap judgment" and gone on to nominate a State ticket; *Ergo*, the Committee was right in making a call for State nominations, in order to put the party on its guard. The premises may be correct as a matter of law, but are there any instances in which a Convention has not confined itself to the purposes of the call? Taking this view, even, the Committee, in our opinion, erred. The first call was as follows:

"A Convention.....will assemble .....to nominate candidates for State officers, to nominate electors for President and Vice-President, &c.....and to transact such other business as the Convention may deem proper."

Subsequently, General Kennedy, the Chairman of the Committee issued a circular, in which he says:

In the recent call for a Convention to assemble on the 1st of June next, the State Executive Committee desired, among other things, to submit to the Convention itself, when it assembled, the question whether the nomination of the State ticket should be made then or at a subsequent time.

The first call was explicit, giving the State nominations precedence over all others, thus making the body a State, rather than a National convention. Viewing their authority as the Committee do, they should have issued the call in the form given in the subsequent circular. Then no one could have complained. But the call has been spread broadcast and the explanation will hardly overtake it. In this connection we must say that the Executive Committee should have the authority to specify the purpose of any convention. If the constitution does not give it, that instrument should be amended at once, or it may next be held that the counties themselves must decide whether they shall hold a convention or not, and the Committee will become a purely ornamental affair.

In conclusion, we urge, as the best means of ensuring harmony, that the counties unanimously vote down the June proposition. Then let the committee call another convention in August, at which State matters will solely be considered, free from entanglement with Federal politics, and without embarrassment from charges of undue haste.

A SENATORIAL TAP-ROOM.

Where the Opposing Leaders Compose Their Quarrels.

Visitors to the United States Senate, who sit in the galleries and look upon the grave law-makers, are kept in blissful ignorance of many side-scenes which take place on the floor, and in the lobbies and cloak-rooms of that historic chamber. During the last few sessions, but especially since the advent of the Democratic majority into the body, many convivial little meetings have taken place in the Democratic cloak-room around a blazing coal-fire, in that section known as the "corner." This is the place where, in a very meek and unassuming little wardrobe, is kept many choice brands of the articles which statesmen are much given to imbibing in order to brace them up and add eloquence to their elocution, preparatory to making "the greatest effort" of their lives, and, if they should gauge the number of these efforts by their drinks, the country would, indeed, be filled with the echoes of their noble words. The beverage is bought by funds raised on subscription from the different Senators, and the key to the "private desk" is kept by one of the prominent officers of the Senate; and when a Senator feels like taking something he taps one of his colleagues on the shoulder and winks at the custodian of the wardrobe, who goes out one door while they go out another, and in a few moments the sound of clinking glasses is heard in the region of the "corner." The majority of the stockholders in this resort for blues are Democrats; yet one or two Republican Senators chip into the "contingent fund," and, of course, take their share in the distribution of the dividend. The "corner" is a great place for healing over the tender spots of partisanship, and it was no unusual sight, last Congress, to see Bayard and Stanley Matthews, Voorhees and Don Cameron, and Eaton and Jones of Nevada, walking arm-in-arm to take a drink to the health of things in general. Thurman and Edmunds, leaders of their different parties in the Senate, and often engaged in a most bitter debate, will, at its conclusion, calmly smile at each other, Edmunds will then slip out one way, Thurman another, and in two minutes they will be enjoying themselves together in a committee-room over three-fingers of '66." When Dennis of Maryland was in the Senate he was very generous in keeping the "corner" supplied with all the choice brands, and in 1877 had some old peach brandy brought from his farm in Maryland that was 40 years old, and so thick that it was taken from the bottles with a spoon. Dennis was not much on statesmanship and heavy oratory, but he was an authority on terrapin and peach brandy.—*Washington Letter.*

CULTIVATE ROSES.—Nothing adds so much to the comfort and beauty of home as the cultivation of flowers. Nor does anything add more to the beauty and comfort of man or woman than the roses on the cheeks of those in good health. Dr. Gilder's Liver Pills will always impart this roseate hue if used in time. For sale by Dr. W. E. Aiken. 20†*

—President Grant has been starring in Texas, and the Texas Republican delegates will vote as a unit, which means Grant.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

—Prince Leopold of England is going to visit this country quietly.

—Oxford won the university boat-race on the Thames last week, covering the four and three-eighths miles from Putney to Mortlake in 21 minutes and 23 seconds, and coming in three and one-half lengths ahead. This is her 19th victory, Cambridge having won 17.

—The United States circuit court at San Francisco, in the Parrot *habeas corpus* case, involving the validity of the law recently enacted forbidding the employment of Chinese by corporations, has decided the law unconstitutional. The case will probably be taken to the United States Supreme Court, General Butler having announced his willingness to make a case there for the people.

—The President's criticism of Secretary Sherman's use of the patronage of the treasury department to help his presidential aspirations is said to have caused ill-feeling between the two, and the speculative Washington correspondent has fixed upon a date immediately after the Chicago convention for Sherman's withdrawal from the cabinet.

—An interesting contest is going on in House committee of elections over a report of the sub-committee favoring the seating of Donnelly, a Democrat, in place of Washburn, who was elected by a Republican majority of over three thousand from a Minesota district. Three hundred separate instances of bribery by Washburn were proved.

—A secret Irishmen's meeting was held at Philadelphia a month ago, and a committee was appointed to organize a revolutionary movement in America to free Ireland from England's rule. Since then circulars have been issued to one thousand Irish societies and organizations, and as a result a convention is to be held at Philadelphia, lasting from June 24 to July 3.

—The German steamers Weser, Main and Mosel, now on their way to New York from Bremen, have over 2,000 immigrants aboard; thus far 12,720 immigrants have arrived this month, more than double the whole number in March, 1879. Great Britain and Ireland sent out 217,163 emigrants last year, against 147,663 in 1878, and received 53,973 immigrants; 91,896 of last year's departures came to the United States, 17,952 went to Canada and 40,959 to Australia.

—The 83d birthday of Emperor William was celebrated on the 26th inst. at Berlin. Private houses and all the buildings were decorated with flags. The first to offer their congratulations were the generals of the army, headed by the prince imperial and the other German princes, followed by members of the Bundesrath and Bismarck. At night the Emperor gave a soiree, 700 guests being present. The streets were crowded with people till a late hour.

—The New York *Herald* fund for Ireland amounts to over $320,000, and Rev. Mr. Hepworth's committee have appropriated $50,000 to the immediate necessities of school children. The attendance on the schools has fallen off 40,000 on account of the famine and destitution, and Mrs. Power Lalor, a kind woman, has already taken measures to provide about 1,000 with a substantial soup and bread which is served out at school. The children who are stinted in food of course wax weak, wan and dull in their mental faculties, while many of them are destitute of clothing.

—The President has nominated President Angell of Michigan university to be minister to China, and has also nominated John J. Swift of California and W. H. Trescott of South Carolina as members of the commission with Angell, to negotiate a new treaty with China in which emigration shall be regulated. Mr. Swift is a prominent resident of California and understands the situation in that State. At the same time he is said to be a man of broad views, who will not allow the prejudice of the Kearneyities to influence his judgment. Mr. Trescott is an ex-confederate and came to Washington as a member of the famous peace commission of 1861, having formerly been assistant secretary of State under Lewis Cass in Buchanan's administration.

—The long litigation over the celebrated Maxwell grant in New Mexico has been terminated by a foreclosure sale of the entire property under the decree of Chief Justice Prince. This finally sets to rest the title to nearly 2,000,000 acres of valuable mineral and grazing land in New Mexico. It includes some 8,000 acres of well-watered grazing land, over 600 acres of surveyed coal land and the famous Moreno valley placer mines, besides several gold quartz mines, including the Aziec mine. Frank R. Sherwin and his counsel, Judge Birdseye of New York, bid the entire property in at $1,000,000, under a first mortgage and $10,000 under a second mortgage. The aggregate of the two mortgages and the interest settled by the Dutch bondholders was $8,000,000. A United States patent has been secured, and arrangements are to be perfected for the reorganization of the company to develop the territory.

DRINKING AT BARS.—The social habit of drinking at bars, where each member of a party, having been "treated" by another, considers it necessary to treat every other member, has at last attracted the attention of the law-makers. The Iowa Legislature has a bill before it to abolish the custom, and make it a punishable offense; and although such a proposition can never become a law, it is significant as showing public dislike to a custom which no drinking man wants to be the first to disregard. This habit of standing treat is the cause of more physical and mental discomfort than every other convivial custom combined. A respectable man who feels the need of a glass of wine or spirits—and there are hundreds of thousands of such men, in spite of all that temperance people say to the contrary—approaches a bar, and finds, perhaps several acquaintances who are drinking and who invite him to join them. When he has done so, and drank all he came for, his spirit of independence prompts him to return the invitation, which is accepted by the others because it would seem discourteous to refuse; then those who have been treated make haste to return the compliment for fear of seeming mean, and the end is that four or five men, each of whom came for a single glass of liquor, retire with several times as much as they needed or wanted.—*Boston Traveler.*

—As this is sleep year, Rip Van Winkle companies ought to flourish.

BRIC-A-BRAC.

—Motto of sweet sixteen: "In this sighin' "we conquer."

—Florence Nightingale has just lost her mother, who has died at the age of 92 years.

—The duke of Edinburg is snobby enough to travel abroad in full uniform.

—A pair of good pants and a long overcoat are knee pas ulster of the poor young man.

—Nothing says, the *Buffalo Express*, warms the heart of an ice man like a cold snap.

—Mr. Beecher's latest saying is that "civilization is a march not from nature but towards it."

—Sporting men in Detroit are betting that the next attempt on the Czar's life will be successful.

—Anthony Comstock rejoices at the advent of spring. He hates to see the limbs of the trees so bare.

—A tramp went into a Nevada hotel and said: "Fill me up with whisky and have some fun with me."

—A Boston paper says that misses don't count—except in the treasury department.

—The Waterloo *Observer* runs the risk of raising the Dickens by inquiring: "Did Oliver Twist old Fagin's nose?"

—The Philadelphia *Bulletin* says the game of "fifteen" originated with the electoral commission in 1877.

—A Chicago paper says that a more namby-pamby, soft and snivelim winter never was seen in this latitude.

—The Vassar College girl who caught cold by drinking water from a damp tumbler is convalescent.

—The press and the public will please take notice: Mr. Tilden has no nephews this year.

—The order of the red men: "Give Injun heap more gun, powder an whiskey." The order of the white men: "Move on."

—The Chicago *Journal* would like to know what the telephone business would have done if the word "hello" had not been invented.

—If the Czar had been a punctual man, says the Baltimore *News*, he would be lying in state now, surrounded by his similarly laid out family.

—It is said that when General Sherman goes to a ball he kisses all the misses and never misses a kiss. Or words to that effect.

—A Georgia man fired seven shots at a wildcat, killed his dog, wounded a farmer in the leg, and put one of his own eyes out. The wildcat escaped.

—The London *Truth* speaks of our "American girls of thirty"—self-reliant and independent in their lives—as "pretty young bachelors in petticoats."

—The seal probably puts up with more insults and abuse than any other animal. He is known the world over as a furbearing animal.

—It is regarded in England as a breach of etiquette to gaze on members of the royal family or the "my lords" of parliament through opera-glasses.

—A biographer has come to the rescue of Captain Kidd. He was not a pirate, after all, but a gentleman, a scholar, and a Sunday school teacher.

—"The darkest hour is just before the dawn," remarked Sambo, when he started out before day-break to steal a young chicken for breakfast.

—"Humph!" said a young gentleman at a play with a young lady. "I could play the lover better than that myself." "I would like to see you try," was the naive reply.

—A San Francisco paper says that a man is living there whose brain has been removed. Judging from the reports which are daily coming from that city, numbers of people in it have undergone a similar operation.

—An electric light, strong enough to render the walls of houses transparent, is now predicted; but, so far as we can see, the only advantage to be derived from it would be to drive lovers out on the roofs.

—A robust countryman meeting a physician ran to hide himself behind a wall. Being asked the cause, he replied: "It is so long since I have been sick that I am ashamed to look a physician in the face."

—The law forbidding smoking on the streets of Boston has been repealed. But it is too late. The men have already taken to rubbing snuff and parting their hair in the middle. Some reformers suffer by delay.

—The report that Barnum has captured a Boston girl who does not wear eyeglasses has been officially contradicted. He has, however, discovered one who cannot talk Latin but can make bread.

—"Water your cows thoroughly and you will have a large yield of milk," says an agricultural authority. If it is a good rule, it will work the other way, "Milk your cows thoroughly and you will have a large yield of water."

—"You are an ojus, hidjus, ijjit, my dear," said a playful mamma to her daughter at dancing school the other day. "Oh, my dear Mrs. T —," sighed one of her neighbors, "what wouldn't I give to have your knowledge of Latin."

—It is said that Samuel J. Tilden and Whitelaw Reid both have a custom of putting their boots in the bureau drawers and throwing their clean dickeys under the bed. They all do it sooner or later. They ought to have married forty years ago.

—A young lady surprised the "gentlemanly clerk" at one of our dry goods stores by offering him fifty cents in payment for a dollar purchase. "It amounts to a dollar, if you please," said the g. c. "I know it does," was the answer, "but papa is only paying fifty cents on the dollar now."

—A young New Yorker was introduced to a Boston girl, and before they were acquainted thirty minutes she got so spoony that she had called him an astrolepis, a silurian placoid, and a cartilaginous vertebrate. He returned to New York by the mid-night train.

"Oh, hubby, dear, I've called you twice.
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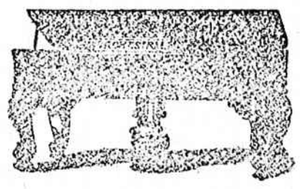

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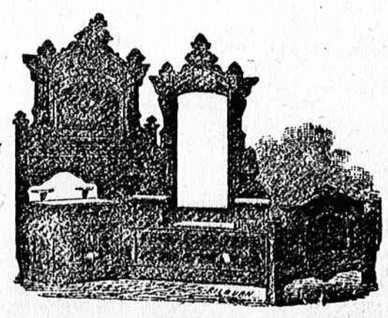

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