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Nominees of the National Republican Convention at Chicago, May 21, '68.

For President, U. S. GRANT. For Vice-President, Schuyler Colfax.

The Ab Initio Fight.

Monday the ab initio fight opened again in the Convention. Gen. Davis having the floor, spoke for an hour and a half, in support of the ab initio declaration. His speech was powerful, convincing, and unanswerable.

1st. Where the supreme government of a nation is overthrown, the new government immediately becomes a de facto government, as regards relations with all foreign nations.

2d. Where part of a nation, or empire, has thrown off subjection to the supreme government, and has been recognized by any foreign nation, it becomes, as regards relations to that foreign nation, a de facto government, but as regards the supreme government, with which it is contending, it is neither de facto or de jure.

3d. Where a nation is recognized as one of the nations of the world, is at war with another, and occupies a part of the territory of that nation, said occupation is that of a de facto government.

4. When a de facto government originating in either of the two last mentioned ways, is overthrown or cast off, its laws go with it—there is no exception to this rule in history.

5. When the original authority is restored in the first mentioned case, the laws of the usurping authority have in all cases fallen with it—except in one instance, that of Feasce, when the circumstances of the restoration are exceptional.

Measured by these propositions, the Southern Confederacy sinks to an immense vigilance committee, an organized mob; and it seems preposterous that there should be any men in the Convention, who desire to establish the principles that rebels can make laws, that must be recognized by the government against which they rebelled.

Judge Caldwell followed Gen. Davis. The Judge felt constrained to dwell more upon his duty to the Republican party, than upon the merits of the question. He simply limped over the grounds already traveled over by Hamilton and Gray.

Tuesday morning, the Convention again resolved itself into committee of the whole, and proceeded with ab initio debate, Mr. Morgan Hamilton having the floor. Of all the men in the Convention, Mr. Morgan Hamilton commands the most respect; unlike his brother, Gen. Hamilton, he makes no attempt at eloquence, but speaks directly, earnestly, honestly and forcibly to the point. His earnest, nervous manner, rivets the attention of the house.

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after the prime of life, physically, is past, has stepped forward, impelled by a sense of patriotism, to take part in restoring our State and country to peace and legal government. His present stand for ab initio, is no lawyers quibble with him, but a deep and earnest conviction; he finds himself deserted by men who took the same stand with him a few months since, and being a man who knows no policy but honesty and loyalty, that he should be indignant, will astonish the people, though it may surprise men who soar no higher than a well feathered public eest.

Mr. Hamilton continued his speech until the hour of twelve, when he asked a recess until evening, in order that he might finish. During his morning speech, he gave a history of the split, and if the blush of shame does not come to the cheeks of those Republicans who now range themselves in defense of rebel legislation, they are past feeling. Mr. Hamilton is over 60 years of aged, but his hair is still dark, and all who have listened to his speeches, since the beginning of the Convention, and to his defence of the ab initio declaration, will acknowledge that his intellect is in its prime.

Our citizens owe it to their self-respect to let Austin take the initiative steps towards a remedy. They have spurned our offers heretofore, any change in the present programme will be for their benefit, not ours. "Our Turn will Come." This has been the howl of the unconstructed since the surrender of Lee down to the present moment. Seedy, out at the elbow, forlorn, these poor fools stand around street corners, lean over their dilapidated front fences and with long drawn out words assert, "all is lost but honor," "our time will come next." Cannot you see, you proud fools, that while you are standing on your dignity and starving yourself, and rearing your family (if you have one) in ignorance, that the colored people in their few wants are saving enough from their little earnings to buy them a home-stead and for fifty cents a month educating their children to become your superiors, in fact, if you don't look out. Cannot you see the "scalpywags" are appropriating the fat places? Cannot you see that as fast as you kill off one Yankee ten more crowd in to fill his place? Don't you see that in spite of you, loyalty, is becoming respectable, and treason is becoming loathsome? Cannot you see that whoever touches you, is defiled and damned? Cannot you see that respectable ex-rebels who have held themselves aloof from Ku-Klux, ruffians, blacklegs and thieves are respected? While you are dispirited? Go to work then, you lazy, good-for-nothing hounds, you are not fit even for decent paupers, let alone citizens. Go to work and earn one loaf of bread, and then if life is bathosme, suicide is a safe haven for you who cannot compete among men for meat.

The State of Lincoln. Division now being certain, we insist upon our name, "Lincoln," for our new State, after our immortal martyred President, the savior of his country, whose name is known wherever the sun shines upon civilized men, and land wherever liberty is loved, and the great emancipator, the great prairie State, the noble, honest-free State, in his name, as a monument of gratitude to his memory. Remember it shall be called the "State of Lincoln."

THE REPUBLICAN AND MR. NEWCOMB. The Austin Republican, over which Longley is supposed to preside as editor, but who really has no brains at all, that paper being edited by some one else, has proved itself unworthy of the respect of all true gentlemen and Republicans. Langley, in order to secure a monopoly of the printing, committed the sneaking trick of interfering with Mr. N's arrangements in behalf of this establishment, to do whatever printing of the convention he could secure. As a sneak he has gained a reputation quite unenviable. Failing to accomplish his purpose, he has not ceased to vilify Mr. N. We hope our colleague will treat Longley as all such creatures deserve to be treated, with silence and contempt.

NEW TANNERY. The undersigned being by trade a tanner, will soon open a first class tannery, at which he prides himself hides can be tanned quicker, better and at less expense than at any other similar institution in the world.

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Division of the State.

The lines recently determined upon as the boundaries for the different States in Texas, as proposed in the Congressional bill, are not the lines most of us desired.

San Antonio throughout the effort to secure a division of our great unwieldy State, has acted in perfect good faith towards Austin, towards which we have offered our influence in retaining the capital; on the other hand, men from whom we had reason to expect like fair dealing, have, while professing to us to favor a division, been using private and official influence to thwart it. It now appears this political charlatanism extends to other regions of the State, and a well laid plan to array the opposite interests of the various portions of the State, one against the other, to enable Austin to reap the benefit, ends in skimming the cream and leaving Austin in the condition of sour milk. Austin cannot complain at this result; the loyal Western State, the only portion of Texas that sincerely hoped to unite with Austin, has been shamefully treated, and a deliberate effort made to turn her out in the cold. The consequence of this effort is that a division is made that places San Antonio in the center of "Lincoln," while Austin is on the boundary line and in a State with whose people there is not a spark of sympathy for her, where she will meet nothing but suspicion and distrust.

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Death of Col. D. L. Montgomery.

Hd. Qrs, Post of Brownsville, Brownsville, Texas, June 10, 1868. General Orders, No. 25. It becomes the painful duty of the Brevet Lieut. Colonel commanding to announce the death of Brevet Lieutenant Colonel D. L. Montgomery, Captain 26th Infantry, at this post, at 7 30 A. M., today, caused by the accidental discharge of a pistol in his own hand.

Brevet Lieutenant Montgomery, entered the army as First Lieutenant of the Seventeenth Infantry, May 14th, 1861, and was severely wounded in the battles on the Peninsula and at Gettysburg, rising to the rank of Brevet Lieutenant Colonel for gallant and meritorious conduct.

His funeral will take place at 5 o'clock this evening, from the Quartermaster's building in this city. All officers and soldiers at post are invited to attend.

By order of Brevet Lieutenant Col. N. PRIME, JOHN GOSWELL, 2d Lt., 20th Inf., Act. Post Adjutant.

According to figures recently sent to Congress by Gen. Grant, it appears that only one in ten of the white men of the Southern States are disfranchised on account of their participation in rebellion.

MASS MEETING.

Grand Union rally at Lockhart—Pro-enthusiastic—Candidates to the August Convention selected.

LOCKHART, July 22, 1868. Agreeably to notice, some five hundred of the loyal citizens of Caldwell county assembled in the town of Lockhart on the 20th inst., for the purpose of choosing delegates to the Republican State Convention to be held in the city of Austin on the 15th of August next.

Early in the morning, every avenue leading to our beautiful town was thronged with citizens favorable to the cause of justice and lovers of the Star Spangled Banner. At about 10 o'clock, A. M., the assembled mass was called to order by that Union veteran, Col. Thos. H. Baker, who was chosen President viva voce.

Jerry Chiles, Hardy Roberts, Dennis Williams, Owen Keys, Nathan Huff, Alfred Barksdale, Frank Callahan and Jos. Evans, were chosen Vice-Presidents. Thos. Williams and Henry French were appointed Secretaries.

After the organization, the President having explained in a few pointed and appropriate remarks the objects of the meeting, on motion the following named gentlemen, Messrs. H. M. Daugherty, C. Cowan, John Greenwood, A. Dorris, Jo. Laney, Robt. Duke, Geo. Secery, Col. Hardeman and Willis Huff were appointed a committee to draw up resolutions expressive of the occasion.

The meeting was then addressed by Mr. Jas. Greenwood and others. At the conclusion of the speaking, all repaired to the loaded tables of a well prepared barbecued dinner, which amply satisfied the wants of the inner man. After the enjoyment of this repast, the President, owing to the threatening aspect of the weather, gave notice that those present would repair to the Court-house for the purpose of attending to the unfinished business of the meeting.

After the President had called the members to order, he announced with his usual grace, that the first business in order would be to listen to the report of the committee on resolutions, which was read by Lt. Thos. Williams, and separately adopted with great unanimity.

The following are the resolutions: 1st. Resolved, That this convention heartily endorse the action of the Chicago Convention.

2nd. Resolved, That two delegates be elected by this convention to attend the Republican State Convention to be held in Austin, on the 15th of August.

3rd. Resolved, That the delegates sent from Caldwell county, to said convention, be and are hereby instructed to cast their votes for Gen. E. J. Davis as the nominee for Governor of this State; and for the selection of other candidates they are at liberty to act as they may deem proper.

4th. Resolved, That should this country be entitled to more than two delegates to said convention, that the two chosen shall be authorized to cast the vote for this county.

5th. Resolved, That the Secretaries be instructed to furnish a copy of the proceedings of this convention to the San Antonio Express, and request that the same be published in that abashed.

After the adoption of the resolutions, the President announced, in accordance with 2d. resolution, that the nomination of delegates would be in order.

The following gentlemen were put in nomination by their respective friends: A. Dorris, Esq., Rev. Jas. Saunders, D. E. Baker, (Sheriff) Owen Keys, Col. Thos. H. Baker and Geo. Reed.

Following the nominations addresses were made by Messrs. Dorris, Keys and others on the political topics of the day; after which, for want of room in the court house, and by request of the President, the members repaired to the open grounds adjoining town, to take the vote on reaching the designated locality, the names of Col. Thos. H. Baker, Owen Key and D. P. Baker were withdrawn; there were now but three candidates, Rev. Jas. Saunders, Geo. Reed and A. Dorris, Esq. Before the final steps for voting were taken, it was proposed and unanimously agreed to, that the two receiving the largest number of votes should be declared elected. A line having been formed, the order was then given by the President, citizens, advance to the choice of your respective candidates.

The Rev. John Saunders and A. Dorris, Esq., having received a majority, the President declared them the chosen delegates to said convention, and adjourned the meeting sine die.

Throughout the entire proceedings the best of order prevailed, and a feeling of general approbation was expressed at the able and impartial manner in which the presiding officer, Col. Thos. H. Baker, discharged his duties.

THOS. WILLIAMS, HENRY FRENCH, Secretaries.

The funeral of Mrs. General Knuts (nee Charlotte Tod) took place on Tuesday, from the residence of her father, Governor Tod, at Youngstown. The procession is said to have been over a mile in length. The blow is said to have been a severe one to Governor Tod, between whom and his daughter an affection of extraordinary warmth and tenderness existed.—[Columbus Journal.]

Restification Meeting at Victoria.

The West Allice—Loyalty Still Lives—Delegates to the August Convention Selected—A Tribute.

At a meeting of the Union men of Victoria, at the Court-house in Victoria, on Monday the 23d of June, for the purpose of nominating a delegate to the Union Republican Convention to be held at Austin on the 12th of August, for the purpose of nominating State officers, members of Congress, and other business, upon motion, Wm. J. Neely Esq., was called to the Chair, and Wm. A. Welsh appointed Secretary.

The Chairman, upon taking his seat, explained the object of the meeting, and the duty of Union men, and especially the freedmen, in a few but well-timed remarks.

Captain George W. Jackson then offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted: Whereas, The Union Republican party of the United States have nominated General U. S. Grant for the Presidency, and Schuyler Colfax for the Vice-Presidency; therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That we pledge them our hearty and undivided support, if permitted to cast our vote.

Resolved, 2d. That the Convention now in session at Austin, for the purpose of framing a Constitution for the State, be requested to act promptly, and submit a Constitution that seems to all men "equal and exact justice," at as early a day as possible, in order that our relations to the Union may be restored in time for us to cast our vote for President and Vice-President at the next election.

Resolved, 3d. That Wm. J. Neely be appointed a delegate to attend the Convention at Austin, as above; that he be instructed to vote for Wm. W. Varnell, of Jackson county, as the first choice of the Republicans of this county for Congress; that the delegate be left free as to the selection of State officers; that Samuel W. Johnson act as alternates.

Resolved, 4th. That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the San Antonio Express, Flake's Bulletin, Austin Republican, and other Union papers in the State.

After the adoption of the Resolutions, Captain Jackson, delivered a short but elegant address. It is the general regret among the Union men that Captain Jackson will soon leave us for his former home in Kentucky, as the Republican cause will lose a young man who, with practice, would be one of its most eloquent and bold champions. That wherever he may go the best wishes of the Union men go with him. And we recommend him as worthy the confidence of Union men wherever he may go.

The business of the meeting being through, then adjourned to meet again, as soon as the candidates may be nominated, for the purpose of organizing the Republican party in this county.

WM. J. NEELY, Chairman. W. A. WELSH, Secretary.

LOYALTY.—The Republican fires are kindling throughout the State. We give to-day accounts of two meetings, one in Caldwell and the other in Victoria.—Our readers will see by the endorsement of THE EXPRESS that these meetings were composed of true Republican men.

Let every county in the State follow suit. Let your meetings proclaim your principles, and unite to crush out treason.

New Advertisements.

THEATRE

AT THE CASINO HALL, Sunday, Night, June 28, 1868.

Notice but members and their guests admitte. Doors open at 7 o'clock, performance to commence at 8 o'clock.

BOARDING!

Mrs. Brackett is prepared to accommodate two gentlemen with their wives, and a few single gentlemen, with board, at her pleasantly located residence in the north part of the city. For particulars apply at this office June 27th.

NOTICE.

TRUSTEE'S SALE.

In pursuance with the terms of a deed of trust, executed to me by A. E. Edgeworth and S. A. Edgeworth, on the 25th day of March, 1868, I will proceed to sell to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Court-house door of San Antonio, Texas, on the 25th day of July next, between the hours of nine and eleven, A. M., a tract of land containing about 685 acres, situated in the county of Bexar, State of Texas, on the west bank of the San Antonio river, and bounded as follows, to wit: beginning at a stake on the bank of said river, set for the southeast corner of a tract of land owned by C. L. Pylon; thence west with the southern line of said tract four thousand two hundred and fifty-one (4251) varas to a stake set in the prairie; thence south seven hundred and eighty-two (782) varas to a stake set in the prairie; thence east to the said San Antonio river; thence up said river with its meanderings to the beginning. C. L. PYRON, Trustee, June 27th.



