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STEEL HARPS.

The self professed organ of the "Democratic" party of this country, the *Spirit*, is still harping upon its Convention hobby, and is warning its readers with its eternal clatter about the necessity of party machinery in the election of party officers. All sorts of hob-goblins are staring the organman in the face, and we fearfulest should he not have his way on the subject, than a scoundrel at Charlestown may prove necessary. The *Spirit*, of Saturday, says—

"The Free Press and its conductor, the independent, will violate the action of those Democrats, who, in behalf of the party in this country, advocate party nominations for the county offices. It is altogether an entirely unnecessary thing to make any reply to these jokers, inasmuch as they have no right to interfere with the working of the Convention system as a principle."

No wonder the "Free Press" and its adjuncts, ridicule "the action of those Democrats, who, in behalf of the party in this country, advocate party nominations for the county offices." When a *few patriotic and disinterested individuals* undertake to dictate to the people for whom they shall vote.

We happened to be in sight of the meeting held in the Jury room on Monday week and in that small assemblage we noticed not less than four gentlemen present, whose disinterestedness for the dear people would induce them to great sacrifice of feeling by accepting a nomination, if tendered them.

Mr. George D. McGlincy was there—the gentleman who had the "consummate impudence," to call upon the two Shepherdston Districts to assemble, for the purpose of sending himself, and a few other dictators, to what they would insolently call a Convention!

The opposition of this country have never favored the tricky caucus system for county offices. They did not complain when Robert Lucas, with John H. Campbell, N. W. Manning and J. W. McGlincy—all Democrats—were in office. All they required was a faithful discharge of duty from those gentlemen. And that is all the people most interested in the prosperity of the county deserve.

LADIES' FAIR AND SUPPER.

We are requested by the ladies superintending the Fair at the Court House, to state that on Friday night a Supper will be served, and all are invited to partake of the good things which will then and there be provided. The Tickets will be disposed of at the following rates:—for a Gentleman, \$1. and Lady, \$1.50—for a Gentleman, \$1.

Encourage the Fair liberally, and do not fail to take supper. Such an opportunity is seldom offered.

ACCIDENT.

Mr. ANTHONY SAGE met with a serious accident a few days ago by being blown up by a blast at R. Boteler's quarry about five miles from Harper's Ferry, on the Chesapeake and Ohio canal. Among other injuries is the loss of one and probably both of his eyes. Drs. Starry and Ullagott were called to see him, and applied such means as were necessary.

GODLY'S LADY'S BOOK.

We have upon our table the Lady's Book for April. If we could tell half its beauties we should have all the ladies looking at it. The illustrations are beautiful, and the contents generally good. This is an old story about Godly's Book, but true, nevertheless.

THE LADIES' MAGAZINE.

By T. S. Aarun, and Miss Virginia Townsend, is before us, and we observe that makes no stop backwards, but progresses in interest—in every way worthy its talented conductors, and the great reading public.

NOMINATED.

Mr. JAMES W. RYAN, brother of Mr. JOHN RYAN, present popular Sheriff of Clarke county, was unanimously nominated on Monday last by a Democratic Convention for the next Sheriff.

Mr. W. C. KENNEDY was nominated for Commissioner of the Revenue.

COMMERCIAL GUIDE.

Merchants and business men are referred to the Card of Messrs. BAUGHMAN & WHISON, Richmond, for information in reference to their business Guide, a work which will prove useful to every business man.

WINDOW SHADE FACTORY.

We direct attention to the Card of Messrs. GALT & CO., Baltimore. These gentlemen have a fine establishment where every article in their line can be had of the best kind and cheapest terms.

LAND SALE.

The Rev. Dr. Haynes disposed of his farm near Berryville Clarke county, lately to Mr. Wm. A. NEWBROUGH, for the sum of \$50 per acre, nearly all the payments in cash.

STATE FINANCES.

According to the statement of Mr. Dickenson, of Prince Edward, the present legislature has appropriated between nine and ten millions of dollars. Our public debt before was some thirty-one million making a present indebtedness of some forty millions of dollars.

A handsome legacy for the tax-payer, left by toothless financier.

PAY OF SOLDIERS.

Capt. J. W. Sager's company, from Frederickburg, consisted of 44 officers and men. They were on duty 15 days, and received under the set of Assembly, as pay for actual service, \$400.00; under the joint resolution for extra pay \$119.00. A total of \$518.00 for the services; being an average of over \$37 to each man.

EX-SALE OF MRS. GROMWELL'S PROPERTY.

On Monday next, 20 of April,

EDITORIAL EXCURSION.

The contemplated Editorial Excursion in April next will be a grand, as well as an interesting affair. The arrangements do not only contemplate an excursion upon the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, but through the influence of the energetic officers of that company it has been made to include all the numerous connecting lines, river and railroad, throughout the vast regions embraced in its ramifications. Thus invasions to the editors of the Galveston, (Texas,) and Leavenworth City, (Kansas) journals would bring the bold over the entire route between their homes and the Federal Metropolis—the numerous connecting lines of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad have united most cordially with that line in extending this familiar and comprehensive compliment to the fourth estate of the Union.

The States whose editors will be embraced in the invasion are as follows: North-western Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Southern Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Central and Western Kentucky and Tennessee; Western Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas.

Invitation tickets will be good for a month from about the middle of April. Special train will be provided at Wheeling and Petersburg. An opportunity will be given the Excursionists to view the magnificent scenery along the line of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road in day time.

The company, which will number about three hundred editors alone, will embrace some of the most noted members of the profession, including Gen. D. Prentiss, of Louisville; A. S. Mitchell, of St. Louis; Hon. J. Clemens, of Memphis, and a host of others. The cities of Cincinnati, Chicago, Indianapolis, New Orleans, Vicksburg, Nashville and other towns of the West and Southwest will send full delegations.

BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD.

"VIATOR," a Washington correspondent of the Baltimore *Clipper*, having returned from a four weeks' visit to the far West, speaks of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in the following just and complimentary terms:—

"This is not only the first time I ever visited the West, but it is the first trip I ever made on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad further than the Monocacy. Whatever may be our opinion of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, we must admit that no other railroad in the country can compare with it in point of convenience or any object may have to keep it under our present control, as citizens of Baltimore and Maryland we all look with pride upon this wonderful achievement of the enterprise and public spirit observed by the Captains of the several railroads. It is by no means an uncommon occurrence for gentlemen from the East, as well as of the West, to speak of the Baltimore and Ohio as the best conducted Railroad in the United States. 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