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SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 1859.

The Convention and Anti-Convention Party in the Ninth Congressional District.

On the first page of to-day's paper, we publish the cards of John T. Harris, Esq., of Rockingham, the independent, Anti-Convention candidate for Congress, and Samuel C. Williams, Esq., the Clerk of Shenandoah county.

The object of Mr. Harris' card is to prove that a Convention was not necessary, from the fact that there was no danger of a Whig being in the field. We will state the facts of the case and allow the people to draw their own inference:

The Whigs of Rockingham, amounting to about seven hundred, pledged themselves not to run a candidate. The Whigs of Rockbridge, amounting to about thirteen hundred, held meetings and appointed delegates to Convention. The Whigs of Bath, amounting to about five hundred, recommended the holding of a Convention. The Whigs of Augusta, amounting to 2,000, refused to pledge themselves not to run a candidate. Here, then, we have seven hundred Whigs opposed to Convention, 1,800 pledged to it and 2,000 who refused in a meeting to pledge themselves. In addition to this, the most prominent Whig in Augusta was approached by Mr. Harris, who requested him to state that the Opposition would not run a candidate. This he refused to do. What inference, then, were we, as Democrats, to draw? Was it not plain that there was a disposition on the part of the Whigs to run a candidate? We are free to admit that there was a difference of opinion expressed in regard to the policy of running a candidate by many Whigs, but the simple fact that there was a large number of them in favor of having a candidate in the field, was enough to drive us to Convention. So much, then, for the Whig party.

But, without reference to the pledges of the Whig party, we are prepared to prove that the mass of the Democratic party were in favor of a Convention: To prove this, it needs only to refer to the columns of the different papers of the District at the time a Convention was discussed. They tecum with calls for a Convention. It is for a moment to be supposed that the masses had no voice in these calls? Would any man dare write a call for a Convention, simply because he was in favor of it, and without consulting the wishes of his fellowDemocrats? We were, at first, opposed to a Convention, until we found that the masses were in favor of it. Then we obeyed their bhests, and advocated that measure which we thought would be most likely to insure success. Mr. Harris endeavored to prove that the Democracy of Rockingham and Shenandoah were opposed to a Convention; but, does not the card of Mr. Williams, prove the contrary for Shenandoah? Has not he, a resident of the country a better opportunity of judging, than Mr. H., who lives in another? But it does not rest upon Mr. Williams' opinion alone, but he is supported in it by many influential gentlemen, who concur with him in his statements. Now admitting, for the sake of argument, that Rockingham, the largest voter in the District, was opposed *in toto* to a Convention, which is not a fact as proved by her meetings, have we not a majority of the Democrats in favor of a Convention? Is it not a principle too well established, that a majority must rule, though the voice of the minority should be respected? Have the Democracy of Rockingham overthrown a fire-brand in the party to distract or disorganize it, or can they be made to do so now, for the personal aggrandizement of one man? Will they coalesce with the enemies of the party to bring distraction into our ranks? If this be the spirit of Democracy in Rockingham, we confess that we have been deceived, and that we have not been deceived, their past history will prove. It will prove that they have never been recreant to their party or its usages. It will prove that they love party more than person. What could induce the Democracy of Augusta to behave discourteously to that of Rockingham? Are not their interests the same? Are not their antecedents the same? Have not they the same object in view?

THE CONVENTION IN THE ROCKINGHAM DISTRICT.—Mr. Harris and the Policy of Concentration.

The communication of "Justice," which we publish in this issue, was mislaid immediately after we received it, or it should have appeared some days since.

Our surprise at the position taken by our friend Harris, is not at all lessened by the explanation of "Justice." Mr. H. has therefore declared by his deeds, as well as by his words, that Conventions are necessary and proper to reconcile the conflicting claims of rival aspirants to office. He has held that when two or more Democratic candidates are in the field for an important political office, they should settle their differences in a Convention of the party, and that the one who refuses to do so, forfeits all claim to their confidence and support. But what does he now say, through his friend, "Justice"? Substantially, that the Convention which nominated Mr. Skinner, was an assemblage of the friends of a Convention, and that if there had been a full Convention, he would have acknowledged its authority. And pray, why was there not a full Convention in the District? Because Mr. John T. Harris and other prominent aspirants used their utmost exertions to keep the Democracy of holding "a full Convention," just as much a disorganizer as the one that runs against the name of full Convention.

The policy of holding a Convention in the Rockingham District will suggest itself at once to the Democratic reader, when he is informed that there were four candidates announced for the suffrages of about fifteen thousand persons, about six thousand of whom are Whigs and Americans. In such a state of things what insurance could the four candidates have that an Opposition competitor would not come in and beat the strongest of their number?

POLITICAL DISCUSSION.

JAMES G. PAXTON, Democratic candidate for State Senate, will address the people at Millboro' Depot, Bath, on Tuesday, April 29, 1859, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

Meth. Church, Green Valley, Bath Wednesday, April 29, 1859, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

Williamsburg, Thursday, April 30, 1859, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

McDowell, Highland, Friday, April 30, 1859, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

New Hampton, Crabb Bottom, Wednesday, May 4, 1859, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

Wilsonsville, Jackson river, Thursday, May 5, 1859, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

Mill Gap on Back Creek, Friday, May 6, 1859, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

At G. Sirey's school house Back creek, Bath co., Saturday, May 7, 1859, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

At Heating Springs, Monday, May 9, 1859, at 8 o'clock.

At Warm Springs, Tuesday, May 10, 1859, at 8 o'clock.

The opposition candidate for the State Senate is invited to be present, to whom fair terms for discussion will be proposed.

STATE SENATOR.—By reference to our columns it will be seen that James G. Paxton, Esq., is announced as the Democratic candidate to represent the counties of Rockbridge, Bath and Highland in the Senate.

The proceedings of the Senatorial Convention which nominated Mr. P., will appear in our next.

MR. EVERETT'S ORATION.—Our readers will bear in mind, that the Hon. Edward Everett, D. D., the last Moderator present, will deliver his Washington Oration in this place, on Monday night next, the 25th.

Tickets may be had at the Stores of Messrs. Cowan and Geo. E. Price, at \$1 each.

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