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DEMOCRATIC CIVILIZATION.

The following is from the *Idaho World*, of the 16th ult.:

We learn from a gentleman just down from Idaho on the fast line, that the "harmonies" Democracy¹ of Idaho had a pretty general row in their Territorial Convention at Boise City, on the 18th—a sort of knock-down and drubbing match. The row was cut-much more than shooting stars, in which most of the nervous marines took a lively interest. Burmester and D. W. Woodhull—formerly old Oregonians, took shore in it, and the latter in a playful mood fired a revolver pistol-blank into a revolver pistol-blank, and so on, until the gunners tried to the next world by the intersection of a pocket-handkerchief in their vest pocket. Street at the same time gave vent to his hilarity and good feeling by firing a shot at our D. W., which, however, overshot the mark, and lodged in the ceiling. The row was personal and political, and all the time, but it last account was all quiet on the border. Holbrook was nominated for Delegate to Congress.

(That was a very unfortunate shot of Street's at D. William.)

The civilization of any State, party or community may safely be said to drop out, or manifest itself, at the political meetings and conventions of the dominant party. If a community is controlled, governed and ruled in its public opinion by sober, intelligent, just and reasonable men, such men will control its political conventions, dictate its nominations, and give a moral and respectable impression upon society. But, on the other hand, if the dissipated, debauched, reckless, ignorant and corrupt elements of society overtake the good and silence the just, such elements will most forcibly and plainly manifest themselves at the political conventions of the dominant party—dictate its nominations and force them upon the people with the revolver and bludgeon. This was illustrated at the Democratic Convention at Portland. J. S. Smith was a candidate for the nomination for Congress; a very respectable gentleman, courteous and polished in his manners and conversation, a member of an influential church, and supported by the moderate and respectable members of his party. J. D. Fay was his rival, inept, ill mannered, vulgar and low-bred in his manners and worse in his conversation, a blackguard and a ruffian; he defeated Smith and secured the nomination, because his kind is a majority of the Democratic party, and control it and dictate its nominations. A further evidence of this is the fact that Mr. Smith was ejected from this Convention because of his church membership; and we understand also that the same objection was raised to certain men in the Linn County Democratic Convention, and was alike effectual there to secure the defeat of the obnoxious church members.

But it has been reserved to Idaho (since the murder in cold blood of Union soldiers at Fort Pillow, and the inhuman starving of others at Andersonville,) to illustrate the beauties and tendencies of Copperhead Democracy. Idaho is strongly Democratic, and the above report of their proceedings in their own convention is quite conclusive of the style and character of men who control the modern Democracy, and who, to the disgrace of the country, are permitted to wield the political power and mould the destinies of the inebriate State of Idaho. Defeated at the Charleston Convention, the elements of ruffianism which had controlled the Democratic party in the South receded from the Convention, refused to listen to the majority, and being no longer able to rule in party councils, resolved to ruin. Defeated at the ballot-box, the Democracy of the South flew to arms, and waged war upon the flag which had honored and protected them, and upon the Government which had secured all their rights and made them rich and prosperous. So too, the chivalric class in Idaho, being defeated in their party, resort to the bludgeon and revolver to wreak vengeance upon disappointment. If the right kind of men controlled the Democracy of Oregon, such chaps as little Fay would have to take a look seat; and if the right kind of men ruled the Democracy of Idaho, such men as Douthitt would never see the inside of a political convention.

With how much of this will not such men as J. K. Kelly and J. S. Smith readily agree! Or are they like Isoscar of old, willing to sacrifice to be the strong arm of the Democracy, "crouching down between two hundred" ignorance and crime? Has not the ruffian element ruled your Democrats long enough? Do you really feel like going into another campaign with another Fay at the head of the ticket? At any rate, not satisfied with the verdict against Joe O'Meara, the leader of the rough element of your party? Do you really desire to make common cause with every desperado, bully and murderer in the country, in the vain hope that such men will finally become so numerous that they can out vote the principle, permanent and law-abiding citizens of the country? These suggestions are addressed to such men as J. S. Smith, in the Democratic party—not in the heat of a political canvass, but after that is over, with the hope that your "sober second thought" will cause you to look out some way of escape from this "body of death and corruption," called the Democratic party, before the next election.

PRECINCT BOUNDARIES.

During the past week we learn that there has been about half a dozen surveying parties in the field, "over the Park," running out the precise lines, in order to determine in what precisely certain voters lived, and whether they therefore voted at their proper precincts. It is a matter of great annoyance to the public, and certainly one of great mortification to every honest voter, to find out, after he has deposited his ballot at a certain polling place, in good faith, that he has voted out of his proper precinct, and that his vote for that cause must be thrown out.

It is impossible, in a new country like this, to see that definiteness in describing municipal boundaries that can be applied in older States, and which ought to be used in every case; yet there is but little doubt but that if more time and care was made use of in fixing and prescribing the boundaries of precincts, there would be less trouble on this score.

From hill-top to hill-top, and from valley to valley, is not sufficiently definite. When you come to put a surveyor's compass on the "divide" between the farms of John Doe and Richard Roe, and then run a precise line from thence to "Smith's Gap," a distance of five or six miles, you find that the line passes very close to the residence of several "Joneses," some of the "Johnsons" and several of the "Stevenses," and that several of each of these popular surnames may be taken in or left out of a precinct, by moving your starting point a few rods either way. It would seem to be good policy for the County Courts to overrule these precinct boundaries prior to the next election, and see if they cannot be made more certain; and then we would think that it was a matter of importance to publish, with the proclamation for elections, by each Sheriff, the boundaries of the precincts of the counties, so that all residents, as well as new comers, might easily know

where their voting place is. Contesting elections for this cause is very troublesome, expensive, and sure to get up neighborhood disturbances and ill feeling where none ought to exist, for in nine cases out of ten men who vote out of their proper precincts do so in ignorance of the fact, and not from any improper motive. But, after all, there is nothing which will cure this and many other defects of the present system so effectually as an efficient registry law.

GRANT COUNTY.—Have our democratic friends heard from Grant county lately? Have they learned that "Grant" never surrenders to rebels? Have they heard that Grant "fights it out on this line if it takes all summer?"—Have they heard that Grant county sends three Union men to the legislature, instead of three copperheads, and that Grant goes for the Union, and that Woods' majority is 327, and Mallory's over 500? Have they heard that Grant has taken Richmond?

MISTAKEN.—The *Lafayette Courier*, states that the editor of the *Statesman* was once a member of the Order of Good Templars, in this place. The *Courier* is misinformed. We have never been a member of the Good Templars at any place. But we think it is most worthy and benevolent institution and heartily recommend the *Courier* men to it and turn away from his misleading capes.

The Copperhead papers are constantly gorged with praises of Jeff. Davis. They never weary of calling him a great hero, and statesman, a Christian and a patriot. They have forgotten that he was a rebel a marshals and a coward. The following little bit of his history makes him seem to be a wretched, and it was assumed in the hope that he might escape, there can be no question. The government captured him twice, and will be pursued whenever it may be necessary to prove the circumstantial of his capture.

THE FARMERS OF AMERICA.—The Philadelphia *Press* says:

The census returns of 1860, in giving the occupations of 8,287,043 of the people of the United States, enumerates as farmers, 2,423,295, and as farm laborers, 795,679. These statistics indicate that only a little more than one-third of the working population of our country produced the enormous crops of that year, which included the following: Wheat, 173,104,924 bushels; rice, 21,613,890 bushels; Indian corn, 838,792,740 bushels; oats, 172,643,185 bushels; rye, 187,167,632 pounds; tobacco, 431,909,401 pounds; ginned cotton, 5,987,032 bales, of 400 pounds each; Irish potatoes, 111,148,267 bushels; sweet potatoes, 42,055,024 bushels. The great necessity of our country, in view of the case which a comparatively small portion of its inhabitants can supply all the agricultural products it can consume or profitably export, is to turn all useful employment to the remaining two-thirds of its working people. The obvious means of doing this is to encourage domestic manufactures and to increase incentives for diversifying industrial pursuits. There is no other way in which the powers of our Government can exert so much influence upon the prosperity of the whole people. It can render invaluable aid in accomplishing the important end of distributing and directing the energies of our country as to immensely increase their productive uses. If all our workers are farmers, they could do little more than supply the food our country consumes, and a little that might be exported—most third their number can be equally effective, for "enough is as good as a feast." When the remaining two-thirds are busily engaged in mechanical, commercial and manufacturing pursuits, the farmers' prosperity increases they have a home market. When their workshops, factories and barns are enclosed by numerous foreign competitors, the farmers' foreign market is not only increased, and his home market is in many districts destroyed, and of course our skilled industries cease to increase the national wealth by its might.

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