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Another Letter from Nasby.

MR. NASBY, HOPING FOR THE SPEEDY DISSOLUTION OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY, ASSISTS AT A JOINT CONVENTION--THE RESULT.

CONFEDERATE X ROADS, which is in the State of Kentucky, Feb. 10, 1874.

I hev bin aukshushly scannin the politikle horizon thru the telescope uv hope, to diskiver in the sky the how uv success. I thot that at last my faithful search hed bin rewarded. My rainbow wuz reflected onto the clouds uv the immejit tucher by the corrupshun uv the leaders uv the Republikin party, and the consequent dissatisfackshun uv the rank and file uv that organizashun. Cood we only yoose this es a wedge to git that cussed party to split, and cood we hook one fackshun onto our party, then we shoold hev a clean majority, and I woodent give ten cents to be inshoored the Post Offis at the Corners, wich is the Alpha and Omega uv my hopes. I heerd uv one town in Ohio in wich the Republikins hed trouble on their hands, and ez an experiment, I determined to go there and see, for myself, whether or no a coalishun could be made between the Demokrisky and the anti-corrapshun Republikins. I argood that ef it cood be done in one town it cood be done in a thousand for human nacher is the same everywhere.

I broached the idea to Deekin Pogram, (at whose house I hev bin visitin for three years), and to Bascom, who immejitly figgered what the railroad fare wood be, and they unanimously consented to advance it, ef I wood agree to stay away two weeks. These men are gittin to be disgustinly callatin.

But I went, and found at New Babylon the yoousual state uv affairs.

There wuz there a dozen Demokrats who never drank nuthin, and who followed legitimat biazis. Then there wuz the great mass uv the party made up uv doggry-keepers, the doggry-haunters--that vast mass to whom clean shirts is only seen on twict in their lives, viz:-- when they are married and when they are buried. The Democry wuz in a minority uv perhaps fifty.

Two years ago the Republikins in Noo Babylon hed elected two rather sealy fellows with whom they hed hed trouble. The auditor and treasurer hed bin diskivered at connivin with contractors, and the village hed between em all, bin swindled out uv about \$400. Ez the Republikins hed bin cussin the Credit Mobilier and Back Pay in Congress up-hill and down-dale, uv course, to be consistent, they hed to denounce corrupshun at home with eal viggor.

Becoz uv the misconduct uv these off-shels, a large number uv the Republikins swore the Republikin party hed outlived its day, and that the time hed come to bust it and make a new organization, and they called upon wat they wuz pleased to call the decent Democry to unite with em.

Thompson, Brown, Jones and Smith, the decent Democrats uv the village agreed with em, and a People's Convenshun wuz called to nominate a ticket on the basis uv reform, which wuz to be supported by the opponents uv corrupshun, irrespective uv party.

It wuz that convenshun that I went to Noo Babylon to attend.

The hall wuz crowdid. Immejitly Bill Rag, which kept the largest rum-mill in the village, sprung to his feet and moved that Lawyer Swipes, his chiefest customer, be made chairman, wich wuz carrid. Then Johnny Tag, wich keeps another doggery, moved that Samuel Bobtale, his principal customer be Secretary, and that the Convenshun proceed, immejitly to nominate a ticket to be supported by all the citizens uv Noo Babylon

who was opposed to corrupshun in the present Administrashun in Wilage, State, and the General Government, wich mosheu was carrid.

The Reform Republikins tried to git Squire Broadacres on the ticket for Mayor, but it woodent work. Rag and Tag had emptied their groceries into that convenshun, and they wuz voted down ten to one. Lawyer Swipes wuz nominated with a whoop. Then Sam Bobtale wuz nominated for Treasurer, and Rag himself for Recorder, and five uv the same stripe uv men for Aldermen.

"Good Hevins!" exclaimed the Reform Republikins, "this kin't wat we expected! We can't stand this--you can't expect us to."

"My dear sirs," replied Thompson, one uv the decent Democrats, "it is unfortunate, I confess, but you see these men control the majority uv our vote, and we reely can't help ourselves."

"But ef yoo are reely for Reform, why don't you leave an organizashun wich is controlled by sich men? Smikey, the Republican defauter, is bad enuff, but ez compared with Bobtale, he's an angel uv lite." We didn't leave the Republikin organizashun, ez bad ez it is, to git into a wuss one. We want to git out uv the hands uv the Smikey's but we don't want to drop into the Keepin uv Rag, Tag and Bobtale. That ain't wat we bargained for. Ef the decent Democry can't control that organizashun, what kin be done?"

"I reely don't know. Smith, Jones, Brown and myself moan over the power wielded by these men, but we can't help it. Ef we split with them, I may lose the nominashun for Congress next fall, and Jones may not go to the Legisla-chur. We can't break our party lines--we can't indeed."

"It's about the same in Nashnel matters, ain't it?" queried the or- reasonable Republikin, who wuzat satisfied with the kind uv Reform he wuz gettin. "Spozin we leave the Republikin party and jine the Democry? Do we leave Credit Mobilier only to take Tammany to our buzums? Do we emancipate ourselves from Back Pay to git into the keepin uv John Morrissey? Do we merely exchange a corrupt Republikin for Fernaady Wood? Ef you are compelled to trot in barns with Rag, Tag and Bobtail, here, on what principle are yoo to git shet uv Wood and Morrissey, and Tweed and them men, in Nashnel Convenshuns? Horasho Seymour and sich Democrats are powerlis without em, ain't they jist es yoo are powerless without Rag, Tag and Bobtail?"

"It is orfortunately troo."

"And we dissatisfied Republikins are expected to vote with yoo, and elcet this tickit?"

"Certainly, and thereby yoo enter yoor protest agin the corrupshun uv Smikey. A protest my deer sir, is a great thing."

"I see. We enter a protest agin Smikey, by electin Bobtale, who wuz nominated by Rag and Tag. Excuse us. The fryin-pan is hot enuff--we won't jump into the fire, ef yoo please--I ruther think our best plan is to bust Smikey, rather than take on Swipes, Rag, Tag and Bobtale, and then hev to bust them. And I ruther guess that the same policy will do for things outside of New Babylon. I wood like to go somewhere, but you dont show me any good place to go to. We kin purify our own party, but I shooldent like to undertake the job for yoor. I guess I'll make my sight a teetle closer to home. Good-bye."

And this headstrong man and his friends left the hall, with their nose in the air, and all wuz cood do woodent pacify em. They went and called a Republikin Convenshun, and they slaughtered Smikey, and put up Broadacres, and a lot uv sich Republikins for all the offices, and they will elect em. Smikey, uv course, came straight to us, but a dozen Democrats let us the mint he fined an we lost by the operashun.

If wood be a nice thing for us ef the Swipeses, and Rags, and Tags, and Bobtales that belong to us cood

be kept out of site, but that cant be. Unless they hev their share uv plunder they won't vote with us, and ef they do, vote with us they keep out everybody else. The men who is nessary to us, beats us. I am at home, sick and disgustid. This game uv Reform won't work, for we ain't jist got the proper material to put forward. Why, at New Babylon, whenever I preached the necessity uv Reform, the people jeered at the idee. My personal appearance, it seems, wuz sumwhat inconsistent with that noshen. But it may come at last.

PETROBRUM V. NASBY, (Wich wuz Postmaster.)

"A funny scene occurred the other night, in the Bowery Theatre, New York. The scene was at midnight, with an old gentleman reading a letter. To the sound of slow music a villain entered the room, and with a cat-like tread approached the old man, clutching in his hand a glittering knife. He approached the old man slowly and the excitement among the gammins in the gallery became intense. Just as the would-be-murderer was about to make a deadly plunge at his unsuspecting victim, a boy, who was leaping with open mouth far over the railing of the gallery, sang out with frantic earnestness, "Look behind you, guv'ner! There's a show going to stab yer!" The assassin dropped his knife and roared with the audience, and the curtain went down without anybody being murdered.

A man named James Costello died recently in New York, worth \$500,000, who was unable to read and write. Patience, industry and a natural appetite for business had enabled him to acquire this wealth, although he had never learned to write his name.

The children of the Siamese twins rejoice in the names of Christopher Columbus, Patrick Henry, Stephen Decatur, etc. No wonder they are willing to sell their father's remains.

Chief Justice Waite's grandfather reached 90. His father was over 80 at the time of his death. Both were Judges. It runs in the family.

Gen. James Rogers, a South Carolina Congressman forty years ago, has just died.

There were eighty-five deaths in San Francisco last week, seven from scarlatina.

A little old maid says that the smallest women look hopefully to Hymen.

Viscount Eandon has been elected to Parliament from Liverpool.

Chief Justice Waite has eleven children.

Chees for four is a German innovation.

Japan has adopted the postal-card system.

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