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NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

FOR PRESIDENT—
GROVER CLEVELAND, of New York.
FOR VICE-PRESIDENT—
THOMAS A. HENDRICKS, of Indiana.
FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS—
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BLAINE PLEADS THE BABY ACT.

Mr. Blaine it would seem, bit off more than he could chew in his Indianapolis libel suit which was, Blaine like, inaugurated with such a flourish of trumpets. He found the *Sentinel* prepared for the contest and eager for the fray. The *Sentinel's* attorney prepared a list of questions to put to Mr. Blaine, and asked the Court that he be subpoenaed to appear in person as a witness. This was a turn in the tide of affairs the Maine statesman had not counted upon, and it seems it alarmed him. He now writes a letter for public inspection claiming to have, in ignorance of the law of Kentucky, contracted a secret marriage in that State with his present wife in 1850, afterwards remarrying her at Pittsburgh, Pa., in March, 1851. In June, of the same year, Stanwood Blaine was born. It is inconceivable that a Professor of a College could have been ignorant of the law of the State wherein he was employed on so simple a matter as matrimony, and so, of course, no one will give any credit to Mr. B.'s statement in this behalf. The fact is, he seduced Miss Stanwood and then fled to Pennsylvania where he was followed by his victim and somehow, induced to marry her, just three months prior to the birth of her babe. Mr. Blaine's whole showing points to exactly this conclusion; and then, soon after the Cleveland scandal was put afloat, Mr. Blaine became apprehensive that his own licentious record would be dragged before the public, and, in order to destroy the monumental evidence that the first born saw the light of day just three months subsequent to his marriage, chipped off the figure "1" on the little departed's tombstone, leaving the date to stand "185—" as indicating the date of its birth.

Though the public should have naught to do with the affair, and though such attacks upon the past life of a public man are not only inexcusable, but to the last degree reprehensible, this expose of Mr. Blaine was provoked, and made tolerable as a measure of retaliation for the inexcusable attacks upon the past life of Mr. Cleveland. It has generally been thought that Mr. Blaine could have caused the suppression of the Cleveland scandal so-called, and living in a glass house as he was, it certainly behooved him to do so. If he could not, he has great reason now, to exclaim, "Deliver me from my friends!"

Another evidence, which is a matter of record, that Mr. Blaine is guilty as charged, is, the fact that over twenty years ago, when the facts could be proved by a cloud of living witnesses, he instituted libel proceedings against the editor of the Portland, (Me.), *Argus*, and did not dare let the matter come to trial, and so had the case dismissed at his own expense; it was then a game of bluff, as the similar prosecution against the Indianapolis paper is now. And, since Mr. Blaine has confessed his case away over his own signature, the sooner he has a *nolle* entered in this last suit, the better for him, we should think.

"DIXIE"

Some of the Blaine organs still harp upon the fact that at the National Democratic Convention at Chicago, the popular air "Dixie" was played by the band in attendance the first evening, and a Blaine sheet out in the Valley caps the climax by explaining all about the "Dixie" song. It says the song was composed and "set to music" in Georgia during the fore part of the war by a Catholic priest named Ryan, and sung with much enthusiasm by the ladies to inspire the young men to go forth to do or die for the "cause!" In the first place, the poet Father Ryan did not live in Georgia; and, secondly, if he had he could not have been guilty of the stupidity of "composing" such a song for such a place. The wording and whole tenor of the piece indicate that it was a Northern production, and intended to be sung at the North. For instance—

"Away down South in Dixie,"
"I wish I was in Dixie," etc.

would suggest that the chief market for the piece was intended to be at the North. As a matter of fact, "Dixie" was composed in New York, in 1859, by Dan Emmet, and performed by Bryant's minstrels as a "walk around." With some additions and adaptations, the song did become popular at the South during the war; but to charge its paternity upon the learned Father Ryan is absurd to the last degree.

But this "Dixie" business in connection with the Chicago Convention is harmless by the side of the story invented by the Blaine crowd to the effect that said Convention upon closing required "God save the Queen," played. This latter invention was intended to "fire the Irish heart," as Blaine suggested.

Republican papers generally, and especially our neighbor the *Mail*, did very much jubilate when Bowen withdrew the sanction of the New York *Independent* from the candidacy of Mr. Cleveland. Let us in very charity ring down the curtain here, nor remind them that the said Bowen flies the Blaine track, urging that, from Mr. Blaine's own showing, he must be a liar in addition to having been a lecherous trifier with the affections of a young girl in Kentucky; for Bowen declines to swallow the "secret marriage" theory put forth by Blaine. It is even so severe as to accuse the tattooed man with "pleading the baby act" now that he is cornered. It declines to believe that Blaine, being a college professor, was ignorant enough of the law of marriage in Kentucky as to suppose that he could go off into a corner and "marry" in the presence of "a few chosen friends."

The New York *Independent*, a very Godly journal, and always very Republican withal, espoused Cleveland's candidacy until the promulgation of the Buffalo Ball scandal, when it withdrew its endorsement of him, and, like the sow returning to its wallow, went back to Blaine. In due time the Blaine scandal was fulminated, but the *Independent* was incredulous until Blaine published his version of the affair, which so shocked that pious paper that it renounces its allegiance to, and washes its hands of, Mr. Blaine. It has a chance now to cast its lines in pleasant places. Mrs. Belva Lockwood precees to the front as a Woman Suffrage candidate. Now let the renowned Mr. Bowen join hands with her and circle to the left.

Mr. Blaine says in his confession that his "secret marriage" in Kentucky was entered into in the presence of "a few chosen friends?" These "chosen friends" must have been an ignorant lot altogether, not to have informed both parties that such a "marriage" would be illegal and criminal in that State, and that the issue thereof would be illegitimate. But Mr. Blaine knew at the time, as did his victim of his unholy lust and everyone else, that no such marriage could be contracted. The whole thing is a trumped up afterthought to meet the present emergency. Who can doubt this conclusion?

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county, Oregon, at Ellensburg, on

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Viz: WALTER D. SHOEMAKER, Pre-emption

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SE¼ and SW¼ of NE¼, section 30, town-

ship 30 south of range 14 west.

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