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Republican National Ticket.

For President, BENJAMIN HARRISON, Of Indiana.

For Vice President, LEVI P. MORTON, Of New York.

FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS.

Robert Melean, of Klamath County. Wm. Kapsus, of Multnomah County. C. W. Fulton, of Clatsop County.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 15, 1888.

"CRUMBLING DEMOCRACY."

The Voice, the national organ of the prohibition party in the United States, in its columns recently said:

If anything splits the solid South this year, it will be the fight that the political prohibitionists are making. In the two southern states where democratic majorities are narrowest, North Carolina and Tennessee, the prohibition party is making campaigns that rival the most spirited canvasses being conducted in the north. Virginia, another close state, promises a stunning vote for Fisk. Kentucky is pretty thoroughly organized. In Texas the prohibitionists are drawing votes by the thousands from the democrats. Their candidate for governor, Hon. Marion Martin, was once a democratic lieutenant-governor of the state. He has been endorsed by the union labor party and the non-partisans. A most aggressive congressional canvass is being waged in the 9th district, now represented by Roger Q. Mills, the author of the Mills bill and democratic leader of the house. Mr. Mills will be very fortunate if he escapes defeat at the hands of the prohibitionists.

Twenty thousand votes for Fisk are predicted in Arkansas. The prohibition forces are rallying in Missouri, West Virginia and Maryland, with the promise of imposing strength on election day. Georgia, Alabama and Delaware will cast strong votes.

Florida will have a straight-out convention, to nominate a Fisk and Brooks electoral ticket, at Orlando, on Sept. 13. A dispatch to The Voice from Jackson, Miss., announces that the party will be organized and a ticket nominated for the state by a convention at Jackson, Sept. 20.

From different southern states come reports that we will poll a greatly increased vote. Here is a letter from a correspondent in North Carolina. He says: "Right here the pressure is beyond description. The democratic forces are solidly against us. Every indication points to democratic defeat in this state if the prohibitionists hold their own."

It is with good cause that the temperance people everywhere in the south are revolting against the democratic party. They have patiently waited for years for a change in the attitude of the national democratic party on the liquor question. As the campaign of 1888 approached, they warned the national leaders that the break would begin this year if the championship of the rum power were not abandoned. A recognized democratic leader in Georgia, Hon. Walter B. Hill, wrote an open letter to the delegates to the national convention, expressing this warning in unmistakable language. A delegation of the representative women of the south went before the convention at St. Louis and appealed for recognition of the cause of temperance. In face of this warning and this plea, the national convention adopted a platform whose

opening sentences declared that the party "re-affirms the platform adopted by its representatives in the convention of 1884."

The platform of 1884, thus re-affirmed, contained this declaration:

"We oppose summary laws which vex the citizen and interfere with individual liberty."

Neither of the candidates nominated at St. Louis is a man whom any consistent advocate of temperance can support. Grover Cleveland, through all his public life, has uniformly been on the side of the saloon in its fight against prohibition. In his letter accepting the presidential nomination in 1884 he said:

"In a free country the curtailment of the absolute rights of the individual should only be such as is essential to the peace and good order of the community. The limit between the proper subjects of governmental control and those which can be more fittingly left to the moral sense and self-imposed restraint of the citizens should be carefully kept in view. Thus laws unnecessarily interfering with the habits and customs of our people which are not offensive to the morals and sentiments of the civilized world, and which are consistent with good citizenship and the public welfare, are unwise and vexatious."

Allen G. Thurman is one of the most steadfast foes of prohibitory legislation in the nation. His recent flippant speech to a delegation that visited him at his home, in which he lamented that his supply of whisky had been exhausted, will convince anybody that he has no serious convictions hostile to rum.

The record of the national democratic party, viewed from the standpoint of the attitude of its leaders for a generation and its legislative acts, may almost be said to be the record of the political rum power itself. Its two greatest leaders in the present generation, Horatio Seymour and Samuel J. Tilden, were avowed and radical enemies of prohibition. It was Mr. Seymour who, as governor of New York, vetoed the prohibition law in the fifties. Mr. Tilden's unswerving enmity to prohibition is set forth in his published volume of "speeches."

The democrats in congress have always been the eager and faithful sers of liquor. The democratic house has repeatedly refused to pass the mild and reasonable request of the non-partisan temperance people for the appointment of a commission to investigate the liquor traffic. Speaker Carlisle has formed the committees of the house so as to strangle every bill looking to interference with the liquor traffic. In so forming the committees he has confessedly consulted the authorized representative of the rum power at Washington, Louis Schade.

From the white house and the halls of congress, down through the state governments to the very sources of municipal and local political organization, the democratic party as a party is shown by its behavior to be almost everywhere the obedient slave of the saloon. This change is true without the slightest qualification everywhere in the north. Instances could be multiplied indefinitely. Here in the pivotal state of New York we have the spectacle of a democratic governor being urged for re-nomination for no strong reason that is apparent except that he has made himself dear to the liquor men. In every northern legislature the democratic members may be relied on to almost solidly do the bidding of the liquor traffic on every occasion and the southern states do not escape the condemnation.

The democratic cry of "free whisky" is shown to be particularly hollow in the following section (No. 40) of the Mills bill:

That all clauses of section 3244 of Revised Statutes, and all laws amendatory thereof, and all other laws which impose any special taxes upon manufacturers of stills, retail dealers in liquors and retail dealers in malt liquors are hereby repealed.

SINCE the gubernatorial nominations in New York the republicans are stinging:

"And the sun went down As the Miller walked over the Hill."

Will Return.

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A Shocking Exhibition.

The excessive bad taste displayed by Mrs. Mary Bell, says the Press, in her parody of the dead rites usually reserved for the dead should be universally condemned. Old age and overfeeding took off a lap dog that for sixteen years had been a pet of the lady in question. It was natural enough that such a loss should be mourned, and a resting place in a green and quiet spot thought desirable for "Cozy's" bones.

Was it natural, though, for a woman of mature age and sense sufficient to have made money out of a boarding house to take \$500 of her earnings to spend over the interment of a defunct dog? It is safe to assume that Mrs. Bell has never held a child in her arms, never watched its pitiful struggle against the dread angel, never felt its last breath sobbed out against her heart. If she had, this horrible mockery of the death of a child would have been impossible.

What woman who had known the joy and anguish of maternity could brush the hair of a dead terrier, could fold its paws as if tiny waxen hands, and lay its shaggy head on a satin pillow embroidered by her own fingers? What mother whose soul had been wrung with surrender of her first born could for an animal, no matter how faithful and fond, order embalment, a casket—the miniature of General Grant's—fair white flowers and a velvet pall? Finally, a \$300 lot in consecrated ground, a child's hearse to convey "the remains" to the cemetery, followers in mourning, a eulogy over an open grave and the announcement of a marble sarcophagus—upon which should be cut the inscription: "The Monument of Woman's Folly."

There are only two countries—France and America—in which such a ghastly farce could be enacted. In both lands maternity is shunned as if a crime, and children are only tolerable—if they belong to another. Nevertheless, nature will not be cheated. She has planted the divine maternal instinct in every woman's bosom, and when it has been suppressed, crushed and tortured almost out of existence, the final struggle is seen in the distorted affection and idolatry that is vented on even dead dogs and cats.

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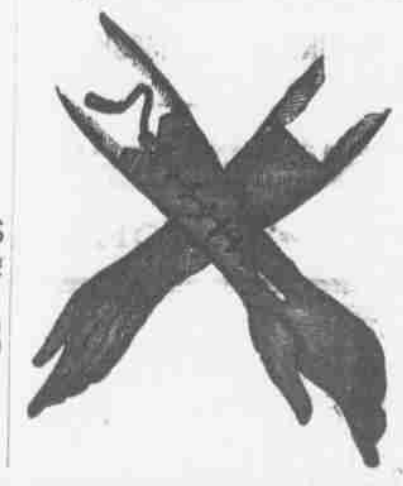
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