

THE SENTINEL.

ROCKVILLE, MD.

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HENRY WINTER DAVIS.

This fugitive American acknowledged chief of the American party in Maryland—the same man, who, on a political stand, in this country, denounced the Democratic party for indicating that he had any affinity for Abolitionism—the same man who so loyally denied that he meant anything political when he said, in a speech delivered in Baltimore during his recent canvass for the position before so unworthy occupant, “that the interests of Baltimore city by more with the North than with the South.” This same individual has, at last, removed all doubts as to his real character and proclaimed himself a traitor to Maryland and other interests, by voting for a Black Republican Speaker of the House of Representatives—thus assisting to defeat the candidate of the American party, as well as that of the Democracy; not only so—but he voted elected a Black Republican, who not only supported Fremont against Fillmore for President of the United States, but who persistently voted for John Sherman as speaker, one of the enablers of the infamous Harper’s pamphlet, which advised the slaves of the South to rise up and cut their master’s throat; and, yet, Henry Winter Davis, whose abhorrence of foreign influence forthwith, is so great as to come out at his fingers’ end at the bare idea of allowing to the poor foreigner (whose only motive in coming hither is to flee oppression at home, to enjoy and perpetuate [literally here] the rights he now enjoys amongst us. This same man is now found giving aid and support to the Abolitionists, who, not only claim to be the especial guardians of the political equality of the foreigner in this country, but are the acknowledged allies of the British Government in its unfeigned crusade against the institutions of the Southern States of this Union. Oh consistency, thou art a jewel, to be sure!

Thus has acted Henry Winter Davis, who pleads extenuation of his conduct, “that the interests of the people of Baltimore city lay more with the North than with the South.” Oh! spirit of the departed Clay! could you now look back at that once noble old party, whose proud privilege it was to unite, with you in hurling defiance against the enemies of your country, its peace and its unity; could you witness the gradual prostration, which you so ominously feared, of that great party, now consummated at the North and sought to be initiated into the South by the unparalleled treachery of one, who has even claimed no humble pretensions to your *united* mantle, well might you turn aside from the humiliating picture, and with hands upturned to Heavens, invoke, upon the head of this traitor ingrate, the damning vengeance of a just and righteous God!

Oh! how mortifying to those old steadfast Whigs must be the reflection, that they have suffered themselves to unite in praise of this man, whose base conduct is enough to cause even the humblest American of them all to cut loose from so revolting an association, and patriotically unite with the Democracy in driving back these Northern Vandals, who are seeking, by means of a servile war, to devastate the fair face of the South with fire and sword.

Let Maryland arouse to a sense of her danger as it is too late—her borders are the first to be crossed—the gates of Baltimore city are already unbared to the foe by the traitor sentinel who was placed there to guard its walls from hostile approach—let this faithless traitor of her altars and firesides be promptly rebuked by the moral force of public opinion there and throughout the State, and especially let him henceforth receive the execration and contempt of every true son of Montgomery, and that here, at least, there will be found none to do him honor—no, not one!

Concord.—The House of Representatives, on Friday last, elected James W. Foy, of Philadelphia, the famous anti-Comptroller, as clerk, and Mr. Horatio of Allegany county, Md., who is an American ex-member, its sergeant-at-arms. These elections were brought about by the coalition which elected the republican speaker. On Monday, Mr. Marion, of New Hampshire, was elected door-keeper, and Mr. Lucas, of Illinois, postmaster. They are, it is understood, both republicans.

In the House, on Monday last, the post-office funding bill was passed, which allows the mail contractors no personal interest on their claims.

Talk of Treason, and Harper’s Ferry.—The trial of Andrew Stevens, charged with treason, murder, and conspiracy, was concluded on Saturday last. The jury, after sitting about three minutes, returned with a verdict of guilty of all the counts of the indictment. The prisoner received it with the most perfect indifference, and never appeared to smile at the announcement.

Baltimore Railroad.—Marians.—The police and election bills for securing a representation to the city of Baltimore, and transferring the mode of exercising suffrage from the seal to the ballot-box, have passed the Maryland Legislature, and become a law. They go into immediate operation, and the commissioners appointed will at once demand possession of the police stations, telegraph apparatus, &c., from the former incumbents. In the event of refusal, they will apply for a mandamus, and the question of constitutionality can be decided without delay.

We see by the Baltimore papers that Mayor Evans declines meeting the Commissioners, or to recognize their authority. Legal proceedings will be immediately instituted.

By reference to his card, in another column, it will be seen that Mr. Penry Tait has re-opened the Washington Hotel, in this place, and fitted it up in the best style. We are glad to see this house once more open, and can assure our friends and the travelling public that they will always find accommodations conducive to their comfort by staying at the above house.

MARYLAND STATE CONVENTION.—The State democratic central committee met at Annapolis on the 21 instant and adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That said convention meet in the city of Baltimore on the 22d of March next, instead of the 28th, as recommended by the last State convention of the democratic party.

By a despatch from Washington says, that Gov. Hicks, of Maryland, dispatched his Secretary of State to Washington, on the 21 instant, to pay the congratulations of his Excellency to Gov. Pennington upon his election to the office of the speakership.

Tax CURIATE AND OHIO CANAL.—The canal board, at their meeting last week, contracted with Messrs. Hassett and Herr to repair the breach at dam No. 5, created by the late flood. The Hagerstown Herald says:

We learn that there is no doubt but that the canal will be a good order as soon as the water becomes low enough to enable the work to be done. The contractor for the work at No. 4 was ordered to complete it with the greatest possible dispatch. The New York Coal Company refused to give the least aid unless the canal board would authorize their agent to let the work and permit him to give \$30,000 for the repairs at all costs.

The board refused to trans-

fer their powers to the agent of the coal companies, preferring to let the work to our own citizens, especially as they have agreed to do it for one half the amount asked by the New Yorkers.

PRESIDENTIAL GOSSIP.—The Washington correspondent of the New York Times, discourses thus of the Republican nominees:

The programme is, that Mr. disclaims of Missouri, shall be the Presidential nominee of this alliance—which it is thought, will avoid the charge of sectionalism; Simon Cameron, of Pennsylvania, for Vice-President, with Mr. Forney’s aid, is expected to make sure of that State and New Jersey; and Mr. Seward has consented to accept the English mission with an understanding that his return, after the lapse of four years from his Rochester speech, shall be taken up as the candidate for the succession. This programme is founded on positive information, and Forney is the engineer of the alliance.”

The Washington Constitution, noting the election of J. W. Forney as Clerk of the House, by the Republican vote, says:

We think that there is an eminent fitness in the association thus completed. Next to the election of a pure, sound, true, national Democrat to the office of Clerk—an event which nobody expected—the election of Mr. Forney is the best thing that could have happened for the Democratic party. First, it places Mr. Forney openly in the ranks of the Black Republicans, where he has long belonged; and, secondly, it proves to the country the infallible meanness, corruption, and desperate condition of the Black Republicans in ruling for a man whose whole political life, while he possessed any power or influence, has been spent in deadly hostility to their party and their principles.

HORNBLI/Death.—Miss Bettie Berkeley, daughter of Langdon Berkeley, Esq., of Hanover county, Va., met with a horrible death on the 4th instant. The Petersburgh Press says:

It appears that Miss Berkeley was in the room standing close to the fire, having on a hoop skirt, and stooped down to remove a smother iron off the fire, and turned round to deposit it on the floor, when act caused her skirt to expand and project in the flames of a burning dwelling.

Fires in Kent County.—The Kent News records several more incendiary fires in that county. The barn and corn house of George Spry, on Howell’s Point, containing 1,200 bushels of corn and a large stock of provision, and three head of horses, was burnt on Thursday night last week. On Sunday, the 22d ult., the barn of Abel J. Head, Esq., on the Mitchell farm, near the Chesapeake Bay, was burnt, with eight head of horses, two miles, a large quantity of corn bales, several corn cribs, and over four hundred bushels of corn. Total loss about \$2,500, upon which there was no insurance. Four negroes have been arrested on suspicion of being the incendiaries.

Errors in Testimony.—Mr. Redpath has resolved not to respond to the summons of the Harper’s Ferry Investigation Committee of the Senate, and has left Boston for Paris unknown.

Metropolitan Railroad Company.—At a large meeting of the citizens of this country, held at the Court-House, on Tuesday, the 7th instant, to take measures to secure a grant from Congress of an extension of the road through the District, Samuel T. Strother, Esq., was called to the chair, and W. V. Bond, appointed secretary.

Upon motion, it was resolved, That the chair appoint five persons to nominate one from each election district, to co-operate with Francis C. Clerges, Esq., in procuring such legislation from Congress as may be thought most beneficial to the interest of the road.

Resolved, That the chair appointed John T. Vining, Leonard Hay, John T. Behan, Joseph Thompson, and Mathew Fields, who, after retiring a short time, reported the names of Francis C. Clerges, Esq., Wm. Thomas, Jr., Zachariah Walker, Leonard Harris, Richard J. Bowe, and Dr. W. DeWitt, as said committee; which report was ratified.

And upon motion, the above committee are requested to endeavor to procure any modification of the charter from this State that may be deemed advisable.

Resolved, That the Metropolitan Railroad is necessary link in the chain of communication between the Metropolis, the Federal government, and the Western States and Territories; and, until it is constructed, the people, their representatives, and all officers of government, civil and military, and all operations of the Federal government requiring transportation with dispatch, are and will be subjected to great and unnecessary expense and delay, on the supposition, due distance, lines of the Baltimore and Ohio and Baltimore and Washington roads.

Resolved, That the necessities of the Union require access to its Capital from the West, Southwest and Northwest, by more than one route, and ineluctable injury, loss, national and individual, may accrue, if, from any unforeseen cause, the only line now open should be obstructed or interrupted for a day.

Resolved, That there is an obvious propriety in giving the finishing of constructing the City Passenger Railway to the Metropolitan Railroad, as by means of the Federal government, without cost or expense to itself, will furnish the means of opening the Metropolitan Railroad to the public.

It is a bad sign of the times, that

Reynolds and Adriam and Briggs should, after so much hesitation and refusal, at last go over to the Republicans.

Although much has been gained in the defeat of Sherman, those who fancy the main battle already fought and the danger over, are greatly mistaken. The Republicans have been indecisive rather than disabled, and a fierce and furious contest is before us. Let us stand together for the fight. As the Richmond Whig said in its last issue:

“Until the Black Republican party is defeated or discarded, there really ought to be but one party in the South.”

Upon motion, these proceedings were

ordered to be published, and that the meeting adjourned meet at this place on Thursday evening in March Court next.

S. T. STONESTREET, Ch.

W. V. BOND, Secretary.

Mysterious Disappearance—Another Mania.—Argentina, PERUANS.—Every body is of course familiar with the mysterious disappearance, which caused so intense an excitement a number of years ago, not only in this country, but also in Europe. It was said the Masons made way for him, revealing the secrets of the Order, and many believe the story to this day. A somewhat similar occurrence is now exciting the citizens of Zanesville. The Aurora not long since published what was purposed to be a full expose of the mode of initiation, signs, secrets and mysteries of the Sons of Malta, which was extremely popular. The exposure was considered a good joke, got up by some wag to amuse the Sons, and was laughed over by a few. It, however, assumed a serious aspect when it was discovered that one Curtis was the author, and that he had suddenly and very mysteriously disappeared. Suspicion pointed at once to the Sons of Malta, and it is feared that unless the mystery which enshrouds the case is cleared up, the citizens will rise in en masse against the Order. We regret, exceedingly, that such an unfortunate occurrence has transpired, as it will inflict infinite mischief to the Order if the person should not be found. We are sanguine, however, that he will turn up somewhere, and it will not be long before his disappearance had not the remotest connection with any jokes.

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The *Nationalist* says:

This is the first time, we believe,

since the incorporation of Middlesex, that the Democrats have been so successful in a city election.

Are the Brown

Republicans satisfied that our citizens do not sympathize with sectionalism? Is it not now their opinion that when they told the three church bells for John Brown, they told also the death-knell of their own party?

SINGULAR DEATH.—A little son of

Mr. Briggs, of Olmsted, Cuyahoga

county, Ohio, came to his death in a singular manner last week.

His father who was dressing hogs, had placed him in the branches of an apple tree near by, where he could look on and be out of the way.

The lad was perched near by his father,

and directly over where persons frequently passed bringing hot water, &c.

An unusual was observed, but when, after some time, the father lifted down his little son to his horror he found him dead.

The cloak had caught on a limb,

and strangled the child.

Classification.—In the Maryland

Legislature there are nine planters,

thirty-eight farmers, one retired from

life, seven doctors, nineteen lawyers, one

law student, two lumber dealers, four

merchants, two contractors, six mechan-

ics, two manufacturers, two millers, and one

mayor.—*Baltimore Patriot*.

The enumeration is incomplete. There

are a considerable number of saw-sticking

cobblers, though, happily, they are in a

minority.

Prizes in Prince George County.—

On Tuesday the corn stable and

carriage house belonging to Mr. Philip Hill, Jr., near Long Old Fields, Prince

George’s county, Md., together with

about fifty barrels of corn, a carriage and

farming implements, were consumed by fire.

On the 21st ult. I the dwelling of

the farm of Thomas W. Hobson, near

Brandywine, same county, and occupied

by James J. N. Edelen, was consumed

with most of the furniture.

Douglas and Minnesota.—Two Dem-

ocratic papers in Minnesota—the Wil-

son and the St. Anthony Express—say that Mr. Douglas has now

begun to hope for from the

St. Paul Pioneer, the central Doug-

lass organ, was a candidate for Governor

of Minnesota, but was defeated by a decided

majority.

FOR HIRE.—

A VERY LIKELY NEGRO BOY, 15 years

of age, will be ready to go to work

on accomodating grounds, having

been used for him, half board, &c.

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