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THE BALTIMORE CONVENTION.

On Monday the 18th instant that portion of the delegates to Charleston, who remained in the Democratic Convention after the adoption of the minority platform, are to meet in Baltimore in pursuance of an adjournment, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the Presidency. Delegates will also be present from some of the seceding States—two sets from Alabama—asking admission. In view of the history of the proceedings at Charleston and of the present condition of the party, it is difficult to anticipate what will be done at Baltimore. If the Douglas men are willing to sacrifice their Champion upon the altar of their party, we believe a nomination can and will be made acceptable to the Democracy of the country. If however they second and maintain him in what seems to be a determined purpose either to rule or ruin the party, then we think—and the wish is father to the thought—that every Democrat who does not confound Democracy with Douglas, as the French did France with Napoleon, will look to Richmond for safety. We shall adhere to Democracy as long as she adheres to herself; but Democracy is not monarchy with Stephen A. Douglas or any one man as monarch. Her principles and not her men are her sovereignty. We do not recognize either squatter sovereignty or man sovereignty as one of those principles. The platform adopted at Charleston does not avow the former and we hope the convention at Baltimore will not espouse the latter. If it does not, we shall support its nominee cordially and leave the South to the protection which the Supreme Court has given and we are confident will give to her property.

THE OYSTER MONOPOLY—Queen Ann's County Oyster Beds Included.

It seems from the proceedings of an indignation meeting lately held in St. Mary's county, that a company consisting of Oscar Miles, George H. Morgan and others, has been organized for the purpose of appropriating, under an act of the last Legislature relating to vacant land, 660,000 acres of land, under water, generally known as Oyster Beds. Forty-eight special land warrants have been obtained by this company, covering nearly all the public Oyster Beds of the State, embracing in part 325,000 acres on the Eastern Shore and including the waters of Queen Ann's and other Eastern Shore counties. This law under which the warrants were issued, was reported in the State Senate by Mr. Miles and passed both Houses without any especial opposition, and seems to have attracted little attention until the action of Mr. Miles and his associates in the speculation, in obtaining warrants and proceeding to locate some of them in St. Mary's county and have embraced the Oyster Beds in the waters of our own county in their warrants, its future effects may become of local interest to us. We have seen it stated however, that the feeling in St. Mary's has rather frightened them from their original purpose.

HAIL STORM.—A severe hail storm visited a portion of our county on Monday night of last week and destroyed a number of promising wheat crops. The crops of Mr. R. A. Wright, Mr. Clayton Wright, Mr. Thos. Wright, Mr. W. D. Hardcastle on Reeds Creek and of Col. J. R. Emory in Wye neighborhood were entirely destroyed. The storm also did considerable damage in the lower part of Kent County and in the neighborhood of Hillsborough in Caroline County.

THE ARMY WORM.—This worm has made its appearance in considerable numbers in the wheat of Mr. Wm. McMeney and Mr. R. G. Price near Centreville. Its destructive powers have been confined principally to the blade of the wheat but we have seen a number of heads partly eaten.

A VISIT.—The Scott Rifles under the command of Capt. R. Goldsborough propose to visit Denton on the 4th of July next and to join the citizens of that town in celebrating the nation's birth day.

CAMP MEETING.—A Camp meeting will be held for the Hillsborough Circuit in the Grove at St Pauls, M. E. Church Talbot county, commencing Friday August 17th 1860.

THE JAPANESE EMBASSY.

Public interest, public talk and public curiosity are diverted for a brief season from their usual channels, and concentrated at present upon the Japanese Embassy, now in this country the guests of the nation. We happened to be in Baltimore on Friday last when the Orientals arrived en route for the North and witnessed the grand reception given them by the city authorities and the curious public. They are copper colored, somewhat resembling both the Indian and mulatto, have prominent features and dress in loose garments. The dignitaries of the Embassy have some marks of intelligence in their appearance, but, as a general thing, they look like a stupid, simple set of beings and stripped of their novelty and the object of their visit, would excite no admiration and but little attention. A Baltimore city dandy of the ebony order remarked in our hearing, while the procession was passing along the densely crowded streets of the city that "he never expected to see such a fuss kicked up over colored gen'men." The following extracts from an account of the proceedings of the day taken from the Sun of Saturday will give some idea of "the fuss kicked up."

THE ARRIVAL AT THE GILMOR HOUSE.—Monument Square was filled with persons, among whom were many females. The embassy and suite proceeded directly to the parlors on the second floor, which had been arranged expressly for their convenience and comfort.

APPEARANCE ON THE BALCONY.—A few minutes after the arrival most of the Japanese appeared on the balcony of the second-story, where they remained until summoned to dinner. They seemed to take a good deal of interest in what was going on, and several among them, who speak a little English, expressed themselves delighted with the visit.

THE THRONG IN MONUMENT SQUARE.—So dense a mass of people was never before witnessed in Monument Square, in every part it was thoroughly crowded; old and young, males and females, all anxious to catch a glimpse of the strangers; nor did they tire with waiting.

During the afternoon a band of music occupied one of the front balconies of the house and entertained the throng without with music.

MILITARY DRILL.

After the body of the military had left the square the battalion of the City Guards cleared a hollow square and went through the drill in excellent style. It concluded by firing; the battalion having fired by companies, by platoons and front and rear files. The drill was witnessed by the visitors, who seemed to take considerable interest in the movements of the military.

DISPLAY OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.—At six o'clock the alarm was given, and in the course of a few minutes the whole department was drawn up in Monument square. As soon as the attachment could be made to the fire plugs they all went to work, and each performed satisfactorily, throwing immense bodies of water. The hook and ladder companies were also at work, and in a few minutes several ladders were placed against the balcony of the third story of the hotel, and mounted by the members with picks, axes and other implements used in the extinguishment of fires.

THE FIRE WORKS IN MONUMENT SQUARE.—With the fire-works in Monument Square last evening ended the public ovation to the Japanese Embassy in the city. Following immediately upon the trial of the steam fire department, early in the evening crowds began to collect in the square, and gradually augmented until between 20,000 or 25,000 persons were packed within the square, filling the balconies of Barnum's Hotel and the Gilmor House, or the doorways and casements of the surrounding residences.

The embassy and others occupied positions in the balconies of the Gilmor House, devoted exclusively to their use. The display embraced the wheel of stars pyramid of Roman candles, terminating in a rotary wheel, a circle of stars revolving spindles, and other equally fantastic exhibitions, concluding with a grand representation of the words "Japan," "Well come!" in a circle, and "1860," pyramid and flag.

The display of the pieces was interspersed with music, and the whole concluded amidst the most vociferous cheering of the multitude. The tide of human beings then gradually subsided, but it was midnight before it was at low ebb on the square.

MARYLAND POLITICS.—The democrats of St. Mary's county, Md., held a meeting at Leonardtown, on the 5th instant, and adopted resolutions affirming the principles of the Cincinnati platform concerning slavery, approving the Dred Scott decision, and instructing the delegates from that congressional district to the Democratic National Convention to vote for no man who does not hold the sentiments and maintain the constitutional rights of the South as embodied in the resolutions passed by the meeting.

A resolution was also adopted censuring Oscar Miles, Esq., one of the delegates to Charleston, for voting for Douglas and requesting him to resign or obey instructions at Baltimore. Mr. Miles was present and defended his course, and was replied to by G. B. Harris, Esq. and Dr. Robert Neal.

THE NAVY PAY BILL.—The ten days fixed by the Constitution, within which the President may return his objections to Congress, if intending to veto any bill on Saturday, on the bill increasing the pay of naval officers. It is, therefore, a law without his approval.

Maryland Democratic State Committee.

This committee met at Barnum's City Hotel, on the 31st ulto., Bradley T. Johnson Esq., of Frederick, in the chair, and Henry S. Hunt, of Baltimore City, secretary. The chairman stated that the object of the committee together was to make arrangements for the sitting of the National Democratic Convention, which would assemble in Baltimore City on the 18th of June. A special committee, previously appointed, submitted their report; consisting of five resolutions. The first declared it necessary to contract for a suitable building in which to hold the National Convention. This gave rise to considerable debate between the advocates of the Maryland Institute and those of Front Street Theatre. The matter was finally referred to the committee of arrangements provided for in the second resolution, which, with the rest of the series, was adopted as follows.

Resolved, That a committee of arrangements be appointed, to consist of five whose duty it shall be to contract for the use of a suitable building, and to have the same fitted up in the most suitable manner for the accommodation of the convention, and adopt the most effective police arrangements in order to prevent intrusion upon the room and the deliberations of that body, and to promote the comfort of the members; to act in conjunction with the president of the National Convention; such committee of arrangements or any person or persons that may be appointed by the Democratic National Committee in reference to the general and detailed arrangements, and to ascertain further what additional rooms can be obtained for the accommodation of the respective delegations, and the prices for which they can be secured in the event of their being a necessity for the occupancy of the same, and to do generally such things as may be necessary to fulfil the purposes of their appointment.

Resolved, That a committee of one from each county, and five from Baltimore City, be appointed, to be styled the committee of reception, whose duty it shall be to ascertain as far as practicable what places can be secured for the accommodation of the members of the convention as well as strangers who may visit the city, whether such places may be hotels, boarding houses or private apartments, and the said committee may adopt such regulations in connection with the object of their appointment as they may deem proper.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed for the purpose of collecting such an amount of funds as may be necessary to defray the expenses to be incurred by the committee of arrangements of the military.

Resolved, That the committee of arrangements shall cause to be published in four of the daily papers of this city, such programme of arrangements in reference to the Convention as they may adopt, also to issue circulars, specifying those regulations for the use of the delegates to the convention.

The president appointed the following committees.

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Finance—Dr. John Morris, chairman; Isaac M. Denson, John Hoffman.

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