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REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

For Member of Congress 3d District,

JOHN KEAN, JR.,
of Elizabeth.

For Assemblyman 6d District,

FRANK L. SHELDON,
of Rahway.

For County Clerk,

WILLIAM CRANSTON, JR.,
of Summit.

For Surrogate,

GEORGE T. PARROT,
of Elizabeth.

For Coroner,

ISRAEL LUKENS,
of Rahway.

ELECTION TUESDAY NOVEMBER 7th,

1882. Polls open at 7 A. M. and close at 7 P. M.

NEXT TUESDAY.

We doubt if in the present generation the question how our state will stand at time be as independently considered as it is this fall. The reason for it is due to any local disaffection. The unexpected Republican majority in Maine, the equally unexpected Democratic rise in Ohio, and the party democratization in New York and Pennsylvania show that just now there are exceptional political influences controlling the people.

From present appearances we have arrived at a new departure in politics. To a certain extent both parties are in revolutionary condition. Private grievances, withholdings of confidence in the party, assertions of political leaders, refusing to submit to the manufactured (admittedly) of "machines," above all, the absence of live issues between the opposing parties now inducing men to look more into the comparative value to the people of the individual candidates than into the success of the respective parties.

Of course, as has always been the case, money is still an important factor in working up organizations and securing votes. Upon the assumption that all the reliable members of both parties will certainly vote in conformity with their party nominations, the success of either party depends upon its power of capturing the rural vote of both. But the candidate who this fall relies upon his assumption will make a great blunder. Any acquaintance with our people by walking a half mile can earn that the least reliable voters just now are those who are not firmly dependent upon both parties to vote the regular ticket.

These men can neither be bought, coaxed, nor in any other way induced. In approaching elections they are emphatically claiming their right and demanding their intention to recognize only one party to govern them—namely, "theirs please." Most of them will bring their ballot from home, and no one but themselves will know what names are upon them. In one respect, at least, their ideas are wholesome. Their action introduces a disturbing element that cannot be imposed by candidates whose money furnishes the only reason for their nomination.

No one can doubt that the financial expectations of the politicians governed both Congressional Conventions in this district. But for them in the Democratic party, Miles Ross would years ago have sunk into the political oblivion of waters deep whom he so despised for his repeated victories. The nomination of his Republican opponent without any suggestion on his part, was a defective measure, and followed as a natural result. Independence is the natural result. Independence of that, we think all must acknowledge that Mr. Kean is elected, no parent-hearted or easier-handed member will be found among his associates than himself.

In addition to this, all must acknowledge that no suspicion of selfishness would attach to his votes. We do not believe so much can be said of his opponent.

In regard to the other candidates to be voted for in this city, we have no idea that the thought of financial help entered into the nominating conventions. We have great respect for the personal character of these candidates of both parties for County Clerk, Surrogate, and Assemblyman. Mr. Cranston, the Republican candidate for County clerk is a rising lawyer residing at Summit, and having an office at Rahway, with an excellent personal and professional reputation. Whether elected or defeated, the county is entitled to be proud in numbering him among its citizens.

We last week gave our reasons why Mr. Parrot should be elected Surrogate. Since then the Democrats have made their Assembly nomination. Toward him personally we believe every one of his large number of acquaintances has the kindest feelings. Years ago he served us for two years in the same capacity. Why he should accept the nomination now when the office can give him no additional honor and when his extensive practice must to some extent suffer if elected seems strange. In his previous legislative career we never heard that he ever exhibited unusual aptitude for or especial abilities to fulfill the duties of his office.

Both he and Mr. Sheldon will to a considerable extent be cut. We have never known any man when there was such a variety of discordant as to the candidates for office.

exists in both parties this fall. We are surprised that either one of the candidates for Assembly, considering the heavy requirements upon each in order to properly attend to his private affairs, should have accepted the nomination. Each one of them had many friends in the opposite party as well as enemies in his own. Both will therefore suffice considerably from that most dangerous of all foes—one in the rear. Undoubtedly the contest will be a very curious one. As the successful one will vote for the next United States Senator, we presume Mr. McPherson is about deciding the momentous question: "What had I better do about it?"

In our judgment he had better do nothing about it. In 1859 Sheldon's majority was 232. Last year it was 463, the total vote being 3067. Assuming that every disaffected Sheldon voter of last year proposes the heroic treatment of not only cutting him but also of voting for his opponent it will require a change of 232 to defeat him without taking into account any votes of him by disaffected Democrats. We therefore believe he will be elected but by a reduced majority.

BEWARE OF EXTRAORDINARY FIGURATIONS.

That a Democratic politician would be about a political opponent we carefully do not say here. That in one way or another very remarkable misstatements often come to us, especially just on the eve of election we do say and our readers know.

If these gain sometimes momentary belief by crafty, sophistical circulation they can injuriously affect the chances even of an otherwise safe election.

The more desperate the chances of an opponent are the more likely just to occur to be pursued. It is no new thing that in the act of war of the Democracy in this town, this town of thought was suggested by a man who had been turned out of the Democratic centre fire.

When the Democrats were all members of record and the voters can be safely trusted to deal with them. We certainly do not feel for the result of their judgment.

On the minor matters to be, we presume, decided in the cars we have at any more good, we are most happy to say we know of but one, which may just serve as a feeble illustration of the text. That is, when the Mr. Sheldon's family are asserting that his son has been impeached.

There is no room for the House of Representatives to stand by itself against the whole nation. The House of Representatives is a whole nation, and the whole nation against it.

It is evident immediately before, during and directly after the Rebellion, its more recent history proves that it has neither repented of reformed. During the rebellion of the Democracy in Congress against the tariff, the currency, the revenue, the civil service, the army, the Indian policy, or any great interest received no important legislation. At the same time, the party that it had been for a long time in control of the House of Representatives, by means of its influence over the Senate, did not hesitate to turn Union men into Rebels, to usurp executive prerogatives, refuse necessary appropriations, and obstruct the passage of bills.

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