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THE UNION CONVENTION.

The Convention of the Union or National men of the country will be held this day in the city of Baltimore. We presume that in Louisiana there are relatively quite as many friends of the Union and opponents of sectionalism as in any other State; but whether from the political apathy which broods over our citizens, or more probably from the fact that nine out of every ten voters expected to sustain the entire ticket of the National Democratic party, no effort was made to appoint delegates to that body; and consequently Louisiana will be about the only State which will not be represented in the Union Convention. Considering her strong and steadfast adherence to the Union, her persistent and unbounded hostility to the schemes of all traitors and extremists, and the generally conservative character of her public men and prominent citizens, her delegation in this matter is a subject of regret. We take it, however, for granted that the Convention will be composed of a sufficient number of able and patriotic gentlemen to ensure judicious action and a policy calculated to benefit the country, even if deprived of the services which a Louisiana delegation might render. From the accounts which have reached us, there is little doubt that the Union Convention will comprise a number of leading citizens who have heretofore been connected with other than the Whig or American party, or who, in the impossibility of finding any party with which they could cherish political sympathies, have for some time past sequestered themselves from public life. Most of the delegates will be men of mature years, of enlarged experience, of unimpeachable integrity, and of unbounded devotion to the Union. They will come together with a single eye to the welfare of the republic, and their proceedings will be governed by more exalted and more commendable motives than the wish to pander to the ambition of demagogues, or the depraved desire to destroy the fair fabric of the Union.

The difficulty of ascertaining in advance the most available method of accomplishing the ends aimed at renders the action of the Convention exceedingly uncertain. That one thing was conceived in the first instance, is the fact that May, because it was naturally suggested that long before that time the National Democratic Convention would have effected a choice. The Union Convention was also chosen so far as to promote the best interests of the country, regardless of party. Had the Democratic Convention, therefore, selected a nominee who might be safely recommended as an exponent of national and conservative principles, it is altogether probable that the Union Convention would have forborne to make an independent nomination, and would have accepted and endorsed the Democratic candidate. The failure of the Charleston Convention to agree either upon a platform of a nominee and its postponement for more than a month will place the Union Convention in a most favorable position. If it were simply a party convention assembling for the purpose of nominating its standard bearers for the coming contest, its presence would of course be attended by the usual number of contestants for the office of President of those of any other political body; but the chief object and design of the Union Convention is to put forward such men who will represent the conservative sentiment of the country, and such being the case, it was not found to make separate nominations, but might, *either previous*, adopt the candidate of any party.

What policy the Convention will determine to pursue is not that it is precluded from making a selection from amongst other candidates, is somewhat dubious. The part of prudence and wisdom would assuredly be to await the action of the National Democratic Convention. If at the adjourned meeting of that body a reconstruction is effected with the Southern seceders, and they are nominated, we presume they will be supported throughout the land with a unanimity and heartiness which would be willing to support them. Under such circumstances a new set of nominations of other candidates by the Union Convention would be deemed unnecessary. But it is at least possible that the Democratic Convention will be divided, in which event the Union