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### WATCH.

Already three bills have been introduced in Congress for the amendment, or rather the abolition, of the naturalization laws. Thus is clearly evinced the purpose of the radical tricksters to shut out immigrants from foreign lands from the privileges of American citizenship. It is the avowed purpose of these scheming rascals to reintroduce into politics the old exclusive ideas of Know-nothingism, and to that end Congress is to be made the principal instrument.

Are the liberal, Democratic people of America prepared to accept this narrow-minded and aristocratic programme? Are we at last to retrograde to that political level from which the lowest in the scale of civilized nations, China and Japan, are even now about to emerge? Is this land of the free to be walled in with laws which will exclude from the broad shelter of our Constitution, the oppressed people of other lands? What do we not owe to the hardy and thrifty toilers who have come over the sea to clear out our forests, delin in our mines and build our railroads? Nay, who are we ourselves, but the sons and grandsons of foreigners who came here to be American citizens just as others are coming to-day? And it is now proposed that we erect a barrier in the way of these men who seek our shores that they may enjoy the rights and immunities of a free people! It is proposed that we make them travel the longest possible road to reach the privileges of citizenship! It is proposed that we hamper, with averse legislation, the refugee from foreign persecution, who, as he first stands upon American soil, Columbus-like, stoops to kiss the earth, not, indeed, because he has found a new world, but because, under the generous spirit of our Constitution and laws, he hopes soon to call himself an American citizen! Can it be that so illiberal, so contracted a proposition as this is to be seriously entertained by the representatives of this noble, great and generous people? Yes! radical demagogues are ready to perpetrate any iniquity, no matter how infamous, which, in their judgment, looks to securing them in place and power. It is even so. Congress is about to attempt to make another Japan of this country. High tariffs to exclude the cheap goods manufactured abroad, and anti-nationalization laws to exclude foreign born people from citizenship, are to do the work.

Therefore, we say unto all people of liberal principles, Watch! Therefore, we say to the German, the Irishman, the Englishman, the Welshman, the Scotchman, foreign-born citizens of every nationality. Watch! In your veins, in ours, flows the blood of the men who are to be tabooed under this new Know-nothing regime. They who are to be proscribed are your kinsmen and ours. Shall we sit with folded hands whilst a policy looking to the exclusion of your kindred and ours from the rights which we enjoy, is about to be established in this boasted land of freedom? Never, never! We repeat it, then, Watch, and especially, Watch the radical leaders in Congress!

THE celebrated McArdle case has been up before the Supreme Court again, and, on motion of Judge Black, the first Friday of February has been set apart for an argument as to whether the court has been deprived of jurisdiction in the case by the act of Congress.

GRANT is said to be worth half a million. When he entered the service, during the rebellion, he was so poor that his friends had to purchase an equipment for him. The blood of the slaughtered, and the hard earnings of the workingman have made him rich. Radicalism pays.

GOV. GEARY made more fuss about the abuses of the pardoning power than any other governor we know of, and has reprieved more murderers and scoundrels for the time he has been in office than any of his predecessors.

THE radicals are inaugurating retrenchment and reform by advocating the advancement of Grant's salary as President to one hundred thousand dollars per annum. Better men would have filled the office for twenty-five thousand.

BEFORE the election:—  
Let us have Peace.—U. S. Grant.  
After the election:—  
Troops are still needed in the Southern States.—U. S. Grant.

GEN. BUTLER has introduced a bill to repeal the tenure of office act, passed the 20th of March 1867. He evidently don't want Grant "bottled" after the fourth of March next.

WASHBURN, Grant's keeper, is to be Secretary of the Treasury. If we are to take this as a specimen of Grants Cabinet it will be a sorry one indeed.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

We are compelled to apologize to our readers for not presenting to them in this issue the President's Message. We had intended to treat them with an "Extra" containing the message, and had made an arrangement with an eastern daily paper office to send us enough early copies to supply our subscribers in advance of our regular issue. We regret that this arrangement was not carried out by the parties who had agreed to supply us, and we are therefore under the necessity of going to press with but a synopsis of the great and comprehensive views of the condition of the country taken in President Johnson's last message to Congress. We will give the message in full next week. The following is an outline of what the President says:

First. That the Southern States remain prostrated in industry, their resources cut off, a good portion of their population disfranchised, the constitutional privileges denied, through Congressional enactment, and most of them living under military rule.

Second. Commending the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, and endorsing its views for a return to specie payments through a reduction of expenditures, revising taxation, and gradual contraction of the paper circulation, with suggestion for legislation for one currency only, and that the National Banks should have their powers restricted.

Third. That our foreign affairs are in a favorable condition. The negotiations with great Britain regarding the Alabama claims, so called, have not reached an end. Certain portions of the proposed protocol of arbitration were not approved by this Government, and have been returned to Minister Johnson. The resignation of the British ministry is regarded only as a temporary hindrance. Many details relative to these claims are not decided proper to communicate in the message.

Offers of arbitration between Paraguay and Brazil have been declined and the course of Paraguay is commented on, though there is an absence of official detail about the late outrage of Lopez. The government has made new treaties for the protection of naturalized citizens abroad. It has recognized the new Provisional Junta of Spain as a *de facto* government, but has received no formally accredited Minister for the same. The affairs of Mexico are satisfactory. Arrangements for a mixed Commission to settle the claims of Americans in that country are in progress. The Government has failed, so far, in its negotiations for the purchase of a naval station in the West Indies, and learns that the French are trying to get the Bay of Samana from the Dominican government.

Fourth—Official facts show enormous frauds in the revenue, which must be corrected or the revenue will fail and the nation be involved in ruin. The message calls for strong legislation on this subject, and urges the repeal of the civil tenure act, which is regarded as a hindrance to the removal of corrupt officials.

Fifth—The President refers to the Indian troubles and views of the Peace Commissioners, and fears that the military establishment expenditures will be largely increased on the Plains.

Sixth—He favors the withdrawal of troops from the Southern States and the reduction of the army, and gives a resume of the Land and Pension system.

It is apparent that Congress will have work enough before it for a session, if even a moiety of the President's suggestions are legislated upon. There are three classes of evils from which the people demand and expect some relief: First. Enormous frauds upon revenue. Second. Excessive taxation resulting from these frauds, and the burden of the national debt. Third. The loose and wasteful appropriation bills of Congress generally.

THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE.—The Presidential electors met in their various State capitals, on Wednesday the 2d inst., and counted the Presidential vote. Those of Pennsylvania met in the Senate Chamber at 12 o'clock, M. The electors selected Thomas M. Marshall as President. S. S. Rutan, of Beaver county, was selected as messenger to carry the sealed report of the College to Washington. The vote was then taken and Ulysses S. Grant, of Illinois, was declared to have received twenty-six votes for the Presidency, amid applause. A similar vote was given for Schuyler Colfax, of Indiana, for Vice President.

GRANT is in favor of a constitutional amendment, establishing manhood, or negro suffrage in all the States. So say some of his radical friends.

# GRANT, in a late "speech," says he is setting the public men of this country an example worthy of imitation. So he is. He is showing them "how not to do it."

CONGRESS stultified itself by refusing to have the President's Message read. What else could be expected from that remnant of an ill spent career?

THE radical leaders are about to repudiate the Chicago platform on the suffrage question, just as they have repudiated every profession they ever made.

WENDELL PHILIPS wants more bloodshed. He says:—"To-morrow comes the fight!" Well you will not be in it, oh, wretched! with anything but your ribald tongue.

GRANT despises oratory for the same reason that the fox in the fable pronounced the grapes unfit to eat.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 11.—Mr. Douglas Love, foreman of the Detmold coal mine on George's creek, about 8 miles from Frostburg, was murdered at his house on Sunday night. He was called to the door by two strangers, and as soon as he appeared was fired at from pistols in the hands of each. One ball entered the door, and the other one penetrated his brain and killed him almost instantly. No clue to the murderers has been obtained, but it is thought they were men who had recently been discharged from work by Mr. Love.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 12.—To-day a man named Tully returned to the residence of his second wife, Mrs. Enright, after an absence of two years, and discharged three shots from a revolver at her, and then shot himself through the head. Mrs. Enright received one shot through the head and two through the right hand. She is expected to recover. Tully will die.

Allentown, Pa., Dec. 12.—Elizabeth Fisher a widow, is under arrest here for the alleged murder of her child. Her confinement has been proved, but the child has not so far been discovered. An investigation is being made.

Massachusetts has already had nine snow storms.

Nebraska removed its capital to the city of Lincoln last week.

The cattle plague continues to ravage Western Wisconsin.

### LET US HAVE PEACE.

AMONG the olive branches which have been promptly held out upon the reassembling of Congress, in response to the maxim of General Grant, "Let us have peace," is the bill introduced by Senator Rice upon the first day of the session, requiring the Secretary of War to deliver to the Governors of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Louisiana and Arkansas, at the seat of Government of each of said States, for the use of the militia therof, as many serviceable Springfield rifled muskets of calibre fifty-eight, with accoutrements, and serviceable field-pieces with equipments, as the Governors of each State, respectively, shall require, not exceeding two thousand rifled muskets and two field-pieces for each Congressional district in those States. It is also required that the arms are to be delivered only on certificates of the Governors showing to the satisfaction of the Secretary of War that the regiments and companies for which they are required are organized of loyal citizens.

It will be remembered that the States for which this extraordinary military provision is asked for the preservation of order are all reconstructed States, this being the only provision for restoring the Union was judicial to the interests and dignity of the United States, and requesting the President to order his recall at once. This gave rise to some debate, but it was finally referred to the committee on foreign affairs. The resolution seemed to meet with very little favor among the members. A resolution was adopted instructing the committee on ways and means to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the resumption of specie payments. Several other bills and resolutions relative to the currency, specie payments, the elective franchise, etc., were introduced and referred. A joint committee having been appointed to wait on the President, reported that he would send in his annual message to-morrow.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The third session of the Forty-ninth Congress commenced at Washington yesterday, with a full attendance in both houses. In the Senate the credentials of the Hon. Joshua Hill, one of the Senators elected from Georgia, were presented and objected to by some of the extreme radicals, and were finally laid upon the table. A number of bills and resolutions were then introduced and ordered to be printed, among them two or three providing for universal suffrage in all the States.

In the House, Mr. Menard, the colored member elected from Louisiana, appeared on the floor, but his credentials were not presented. A resolution was adopted directing the committee on the judiciary to inquire into the state of political affairs in Virginia, Mississippi and Texas. Mr. Eliot introduced a bill continuing the freedmen's bureau in Virginia, Mississippi and Texas. Mr. Kelley introduced a bill proposing an amendment to the constitution providing that no State shall deny the elective franchise to any citizen on account of race or color.

Mr. Morrill, of Pennsylvania, offered a resolution declaring that Reverdy Johnson's conduct in England was prejudicial to the interests and dignity of the United States, and requesting the President to order his recall at once. This gave rise to some debate, but it was finally referred to the committee on foreign affairs. The resolution seemed to meet with very little favor among the members. A resolution was adopted instructing the committee on ways and means to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the resumption of specie payments. Several other bills and resolutions relative to the currency, specie payments, the elective franchise, etc., were introduced and referred. A joint committee having been appointed to wait on the President, reported that he would send in his annual message to-morrow.

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