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## TUESDAY, FEBRUABY $27,1866$.

Polltical Courage.
Intelilectual force is eminenity desimable in the statesman, whether in a legislative or
executive position. But there are other qualities that are even more necossary to fexible devotion to the right, and the courage
to assert and maintain the honest convictions of the mind in reference to great questions of state, are surer guarantees of general and
lasting esteem, than the most profound learnIng and mentai
falsely applied.
and
The oracular wisdom of BAcon himsolf
could not redeem his meanness and dishonesty
from contempt. JACKsor carrled popular heart trom all of his intellectual
rivals, becanse he was known to be both pected of a lawyer-like inclination to "make the worse appear the better reason." The
moral daring of Or.AX, who once, on a memosaid that he would rather be right than be President, won him more enthusiastle friends
than even his most sagacious measures or the grandest intellect that ever shed its light upon our national councils; but he was
alwass distrusted, beeanase of a prevailling im
pression-subsequently shown to be erro-neous-that he lacked the necessary nerve to
lead a pariy and take the responsibility in Courage in a representative is , in short, the
virtue most valued by a high.-sprited people,
ss it is also the one that often proves practlcaliy most useful to them in the tryiog crises
which occasionlly arise in the course of
public public affhirs. We have seen some of tae
most brilliant men in the country discarded
from the national councils, simply, or chielfy, on account of their exhibition of a want of
"backbone," and others, on the other hand elevated to high positions of honor and influing, could be rel ed upon to sustain the right
in every exigency, without fear of personal cies been betrayed by able but timorous cious measures been inflicted upon the
country, which mmght have been defeased
by the manly action of those who by the manly action of those who quietly
looked on while the wrong was being repeatedly, for a considerable time before
the Rebellion broke out, the people of the free States were humiliated by the time-
serving cowardice of some of those who were possible, even at this late date, to recall the
names of some Northera talkers who were scared out of all the sense they ever possessed
by the loud-mouthed threats of a few Southern fire-eators to dissolve the Union-as if it
were true then any more than now that
this great Confederacy exists at the mere this great Coniederacy exists at the mare
mercy of a score or so or noisy demagogues,
instead of drawing its strength instead of drawing its strength from the very is it, therefore, to the people, that a man has sagacious mind and an eloquent tongue, it
when the crisis of a vital issue arrives, he can be frightened into silence, or bullied into
casing a vote against his conscience and the easing a vote against his conscience and the
well-known opinions of his constituents? These reflections have special application
the present time. At no period of our national history was pure moral courage more needed in those who are entrustod with
the administration of the Govermment. We say true courage, because there is a wide dif heres to an opinion dellberately formed and which will stick to any view or purpose once clearly shown to be unsound or inexpedient e are really sorry to see the President and
Congress seriously differing on certain im portant questions of national policy, and
incerely trust that all their disagreenents may be satistactorily composed. Tha eople, violently takes sides in the controversy, and encourage the Legislative and Execu-
tive branches of the Government in a mere struggle of contumaciousness, in which true
principles of policy and the obvious interests the astion are to be sacrificed to bling
ealousy and stubborn pride of opinion. The only wise and patriothc course to be pursued pect and forbearance, to revise and comcre spirit of devotion to public wellare, to reach conclusions upon which all may cor-
dially unite. And all that this will require, a manly diaposition to do what is clearly right, regardless of all inferior motives
siderations.
-The eitizens of Asinifeld, Mass., are about to ereot \& granite monument to the memory of the
moldier from that town who dited during the war.
One aide of the monument will continin the names


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 montha been exercising the Britand mitad on
the subject of "Men, Woreen, and Thing in
General," through the columns of Blackn




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a true reason why $\Delta$ merica does not wish to
quarrel with Fiance $W$, quarrel with Freate. We do not wish "to be
cut by the great of Europe." We
are "the snob, atd do not wish to break off glad that even British insolnace could not
say the same with regard to our friendstip
for England. It is evident that ""rif. ODowd,"
sion

any Duke in Cbris tendom. Hereafier, let
that slander cease. "O'Dowd" says we culti-
ivate the acquaintance of gentlemen, and
that we are anobs. We call' attention to the modest conclusion of the axtract, ${ }^{\text {and }}$
savors of the well-bred much more than it does of the conceited fop
which Britisi nobleman.
Death of an OLD PriLadrlpita Mge.
CHANT-News of the death ofSAmpel Comliy, Esq, has reacled this chty. Mr. ComLY was
one of our oldeat merchants, and at one time exercised a controlling influence in mercan-
tile circles. He commenced business in Philadelyhis in the early part of the present cen-
tury, and by indomitiable perseverance and energy amssed a large tortune. At the
breaking out of the war of 1812 he was in England, negotiating for the purchase of
goods. The sudden breaking out of hostilltie hetween the two countries made it it inpossible
for him to return, and he remained in Englaid during the war. Upon his return to this
country he established the auction house of Comiry \& Tevis, and engaged largely in the shipping business. He was one of the origi-
nal founders of the Philadelphia Exchange, and for many years President of the South-
wark Bank. He, later in life, estabished branch house in New Orleans, which re-
sulted most disastrously, and in the end, proved ruinous. Mr. Cosicy showed that he was
werchant of entire Integrity, by pasing or merchant of entire Integrity, by passing over
his entire property tor the beneft of his credi-
tos ; tors ; and such was his skill as a business man
that he was that he was able to pay a large percentage
of his indebtedness. For the past few years York, and died in Brooklyn on Sunday las The Wori Before Them,-When Henby WARD BERCHER advisec the captors o
Charleston "to plogh ap the city and sow it
with school books," he gave them the cue to he mighty task which is needed to secure th regeneration of the South. The work before
the schoolmaater is a gigantic one. He must open the gates closed by slavery, and braak
down the bars erected to keep in bondage those to whom the light of education would
be the signal tor claiming their rights. But In addition to the whole mass of the freed
men, there remain a vast crowd of those who aen, there remain a vast crowd of those who,
though free, are yet uutatored. The
damaging effeet of slavery upon the roling damaging eflect or slavery upon the ruling
class itselt is best shown by the ratio of the number who cannot read or write in the free and the late slaveholding States. Out
every hundred persons over twenty years o


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From this it will be seen that in the Southern States the average number of the ignorant varies from over twice to about for
times the number ln the free Satates. The hask of the schoolmuster is to make all equall.
intelligent, and raise not only the standard of the South, but also the standard of the Northern States
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