

THE NEW YORK PRESS. EDITORIAL OPINIONS OF LEADING JOURNALS UPON CURRENT TOPICS.

Common Sense and Cholera.

From the Tribune. Mr. Acton, at the meeting of the Board of Health four days ago, inquired how it happened that the steamer Virginia was allowed to come up the Bay with the cholera on board. We have seen no satisfactory answer to this question, and still less any reasonable explanation why the ship was permitted to lie off Staten Island from Wednesday evening till the next morning.

The President's theory upon this point is, that each House has the right to judge of the qualifications of its members—that loyalty is an essential and indisputable "qualification" of membership; and that each House has the absolute and unqualified right to decide by test oaths, or by any other tests it may see fit to apply, whether a candidate is loyal or not.

Napoleon and Prussia—The European Programme.

From the Herald. The pamphlet recently published in Paris, entitled "Napoleon III and Prussia," sketches distinctly the programme for the reconstruction of Europe to which we alluded a few days ago. It may be taken as an indication of the purposes of the Emperor of the French, and if it argued strictly the advantages of an alliance between France and Prussia it would be a deeply significant fact.

love of inventive. It has been so industriously pretended, by a certain class of Republicans, that the difference between the President and Congress is not of a character to disturb the harmony of our country, that it is of the highest importance to disabuse the country of this idea. Even after the 20th of February speech, which seemed explicit enough, and caused such an outcry, Senator Sherman and other distinguished Republicans went to Congress with a mass of speeches affecting to regard the difference between the President and Congress as relating merely to the choice of means for accomplishing the same end, and as being a difference which ought not to disturb the harmony of party action.

It is important that the country should know that President Johnson repudiates any such milk-and-water doctrine. There is a wide gulf between him and Congress, and as he does not intend to recede, he has appealed to the country in the next Congressional session. It is of the very first consequence that the people should know from some perfectly authentic source, that the President regards the breach an important ground, and to justify him in expressing his energetic indignation. His language denounces the opponents of his policy with the unparalyzing severity he used on Wednesday, no one who reads his speech will fail to see that respect for the Constitution has no part in his policy as a slight or trivial matter to be argued in Congress to the people but by emphasizing the difference which, as often as an election occurs, the Republicans so perversely deny.

with it to save his neck from the hangman's halberd. He showed himself a walking volcano, with snow upon his peak and all hail in his bosom. The editor then proceeds, truly, to say that it is "too extraordinary and discreditable" that the people of Tennessee, knowing this man as they did, should have elected him Governor. Waxing warm with the sacrifice, taking a merciless delight in the fortunes of the unfortunate victim, and becoming savage with the smell of the writhing wretch's blood, the Journal thus finishes the miserable man:—"No other State was ever afflicted, and disgraced, and entered with such an unmitigated and unmitigated public, such an unmitigated and irredeemable, as our Chief Magistrate. He is a parody, a caricature, a broad burlesque on all possible governors. They say there is a gun in his coat which he carries with him as many days as he were in the whole herd, that ran wildly down a steep place in the sea. His house is nothing but a living knot of vipers, rattlesnakes, scorpions, and cottonmouths. He never avows a question in his line, approaching no subject but with fierce, bitter, coarse, low, and vulgar epithets. His tongue should be bored through with his own steel pen, heated red hot.

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The President on Representation in Congress.

When the fever which just now inflames the public mind against President Johnson shall have subsided, as it certainly will, candid people will have no difficulty in seeing that it has been largely due to studied and malicious misrepresentation of his position on various questions of public importance. And upon no one subject have these misrepresentations been more studied and persistent, than upon his views in regard to the representation of the Rebel States in Congress.

Prentice on Brownlow.

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