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Probable Action of the Supreme Court. THE probable action of the Supreme Court upon the vital questions growing out of the subject of reconstruction, is exciting very general interest. The recent decision of that body in regard to trials by military commissions has certainly aroused a feelling of apprehension in the minds of many persons, lest its future action may embarrass and, temporarily at least, thwart the will of the nation in regard to the status of the Southern communities. President Johnson is reported to have recently advised those communities to reject the Constitutional Amendment, and to have avowed, in that connection, his confidence that the Supreme Court would nullify the proposed action of Congress with reference to the so-called Southern State Governments.

The New York Herald, assuming that there s some ground for all these outgivings, pertinently says :-

"Here, then, we have the elements of a new conflict with Congress. The issue, in the appeal from Congress to the people, has been decided by the people against the President's policy and in favor of Congress. Can the Supreme Court reverse the decisions of the war and of the people of the loyal States? If so, then one man of the Supreme Court holds the destinles of this country, peace or war, subject to his ipse dixit; for it appears that upon this late Milligan decision the Court was divided five to four. One man against the decisions of the armies and navies of the loyal States in a four years' civil war; one man against the over-whelming p pular verdict of those States, as pronounced in the late elections! If this thing is attempted, as expected, there will be a new conflict, which will inevitably end in a thorough radical work of reconstruction; and hence the necessity of an understanding of the position of the Supreme Court now to avoid this danger. The report is abroad that the Court is relied upon to upset the pending Constitutional amendment in a decision which must necessarily involve the legality of Congress and all its acts of the last five years, and declare the war a failure.

Of course, it is impossible that the country should not regard with apprehension the possibility that the ipse dixit of a single man, influenced perhaps by the spiri: which dictated the infamous Dred Scott decision, may be thrown into the scale to defraud the nation of the just fruits of its victory over treason and rebellion. But it is well not to jump too hestily to the conclusion that the Supreme Court is to be found arrayed on the side of the late Rebels and against the loyal sentiment of the people.

In the first place, the decision in the matter of military commissions for the trial of civilians does not have any necessary connection with the subject of the status of the Southern communities. It rests upon grounds of its own. It might have been consistently concurred in by one who was as radical upon the subject of Rebel State status as Charles Sumner himself. In the second place, the Supreme Court has already decided that the late war was a territorial war, and not a mere personal war; that is, that the war was not merely "insurrectionary," and thus confined to those who personally took part in it, but was a teriritorial war between belligerent powers, so that the property even of loyal men living within the limits of the Southern army lines was enemy's property, and subject to confiscation. The decision was that the States rebelled as "States;" that the war was "between the Northern and Southern States;" that it was "no loose, unorganized insurrection," but that of a well-defined "belligerent power." The inevitable logic of this decision is that the Rebellion destroyed all loyal and constitutional State Governments in the Rebel States, and that the Rebel State Governments were known to the Constitution and laws only as hostile and revolutionary powers, seeking to overthrow the Government of the United States. This effectually separates the present so-called State organizations in the South from all relation whatever to the old State organizations which existed before the war. It cuts them off from all the vestel rights, constitutional privileges, and immemorial immunities which might have been claimed for those old organizations, had the chain of legal and constitutional succession remained unbroken. A chasm of more than four years' duration yawns, in which, in all these Rebel States, there were, in the eye of the Constitution, no valid governments. The chain of legal continuity is fatally broken. A hiatus occurs in which there is nothing at the South that the Constitution recognizes as a civil or political State. The present State organizations there are purely new creations, having no possible constitutional relations to the old State organizations which went out of sight in the revolution in 1861. Indeed, they have no legal relations leven to the Rebel State Governments which they immediately succeeded. The outbreak of the Rebellion subverted the old loyal State Governments of the South; the overthrow of the Rebellion enabled President Johnson to subvert the Rebel State Governments. The present organizations are every way new. Their bistory dates back only to their creator, President Johnson. Hence, the only question which the Supreme Court can possibly pass upon is, Whether the President of the United States can constitutionally create State Governments? It is a new question, in one sense, because no former President has ever assumed to exercise such a power; but in another sense it is not new, for it has its

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liminary work, whether done in accordance with enabling acts, or upon the mere motion of the inhabitants, or through the agency of military commanders, is merely inchoate, and gets no life until Congress admits the State.

Southern Novels from Northern Presses. WE notice among the list of books lately published by various Northern houses the appearance of a new class, calculated to do no good, and probably much harm. We refer to the inundation of secession novels. For a long time after the close of the war we were flooded with military adventures and military fiction, until, although they all breathed a spirit of pure patriotism, they became, so insipid that we denounced the entire variety. But the fault which we found with them was grounded on a slight foundation when compared with the cause of opposition to the works of the "St. Elmo" class. It requires no demonstration to prove that the literature of a people has an intimate connection with their politics, and that letters have a controlling influence on the national life. The stirring effects of the "Marseillaise Hymn," and the enthusiasm created by the senseless deggerel of Cromwell's day, show how easily the popular mind is moulded. When, therefore, we see a series of novels written in defense of "the lost cause," and not less power-ul in their defense than if they assumed the tone of argument instead of that of conversation, we cannot but view these publications as having a direct tendency to promote discord, foster the spirit of rebellion, and aid the South in her contumacious refusal to accept the fate of war. That Southern writers, especially temale writers, should devote their energies to the manufacture of such fiction, causes us no surprise. With a heedlessness eminently their own,Southern women have distinguished themselves for their barbarity and their wild enthusiasm. Hence, the production of writings tending to do the South the utmost damage, may be set down to their thoughtlessness as well as to their treason. But what does surprise us, is to see leading publishers in the North issuing such works, and pampering to the morbid taste of the Southern people for records and praises of the siebellion. It is excusable for Southern publisl ers to do so, but for a Northern house, in order to sell a few thousand copies, to issue works having a direct tendency to promote treason, causes us both scorn and surprise. We do not deprecate the publication of works of real literary merit, which have some other design than the mere propagation of dissatisfaction.

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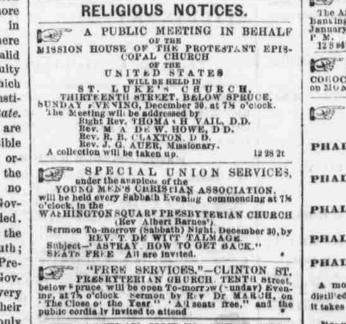
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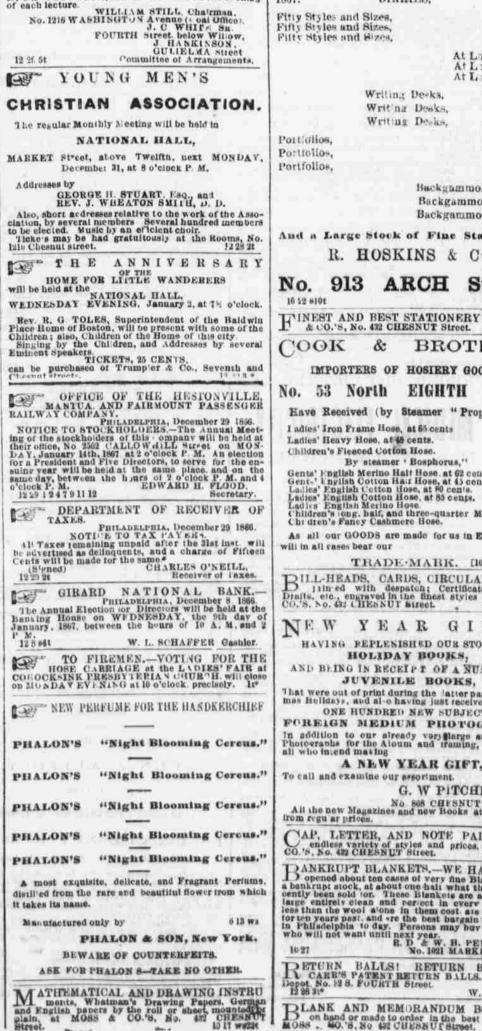
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