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The Effort to Stop Reconstruction.

We cannot but regard the attempt that is being made to procure an injunction from the Supreme Court restraining the execution of the Reconstruction law recently passed by Congress, as a most ill-advised and unfortunate movement.

In ordinary times we should have no fear of the improper interference of the Supreme Court; but that body has so forfeited the confidence of the people by its partisan action and language, in some of the late cases before it, and has so evidently been controlled not by legal, but by political considerations, that we could scarcely be astonished at any step it might take.

We regret that this question has been raised at all, because the Congressional plan of reconstruction is now in the full tide of successful execution. It is proving itself daily a measure of peace and reconciliation. Its influence upon Southern society in breaking down the old antagonisms of race and color, is almost magical.

Just at this moment, when all of these bright prospects are dawning before the country, an effort is being made to put a stop to the whole work, and to remand us to a fiercer agitation than any through which we have passed. Is this wise? Is there any valuable practical end to be reached by it?

There are many public demands for this movement! None. Considerate men of all parties unite in deprecating it. Even the South, or those who are enabled to speak for her, does not desire it.

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BELLEVILLE.—Richmond must have an atmosphere which is calculated to produce collisions between fellow-citizens. On Saturday no less than three contests took place:—One between the Hon. Joseph Segar and Collector James, in which the former endeavored to strangle the latter; another between a Captain Roche and a merchant named Harvey, in which the former was knocked down; and the last, of course, was an affair in which the redoubtable Pollard was concerned,

and which ended in that "Chevalier's" arrest. We do not wonder that Northern men have some little hesitation about returning to the South, for what are their chances if the Southerner cannot even feel sure of safety from assault.

The Value of Russian America.

It seems that the popular impression of the comparative worthlessness of the Russian possessions is not shared in by some of our most intelligent military officers. Thus Quartermaster-General Meigs says that "he can conceive of no greater boon to our Pacific States" than the acquisition of that territory would be.

Commodore Rogers says of the southern part of the Russian possessions, that "we should get a strip of shore much like Norway, which supplies Europe with immense quantities of timber. The shore being an eastern coast as regards the ocean, is much warmer than a western one. The first is a minor consideration, but the fisheries and timber may be very valuable, the timber particularly so to a coast so bare as that of the Pacific."

General Halleck telegraphs from San Francisco that the value of the country is greater than has been supposed, and that the rejection of the treaty would cause great dissatisfaction on the Pacific coast, and especially in California.

If these representations are correct, we trust the treaty will be ratified. There are really no valid objections to our owning that country, except the first cost of buying it; and if the people on the Pacific coast think the bargain is a good one, and want the country, we see no good ground for refusing to buy it.

Growth of Musical Taste in America.

We think that it is the Rev. Sidney Smith, who divides a nation's progress into the days when the citizens strove only for subsistence, the days when they labored to accumulate money, and finally, the time when they learned how to spend it. Writing, as he did, in the early part of the century, he explained the absence of fine arts in the United States by asserting that they belonged to the third period, and that America had not yet completed the money-making epoch in her history.

The old theatre-goers may have cause for regret that the days when Macready was in his prime, when Mrs. Charles Keen was Ellen Tree, and Junius Brutus Booth, Sr., had not yet lost his genius and his health by dissipation, are gone by. It may be anything but complimentary to compare the actors of the present with Forrest as a young man, or Barry Sullivan, or Kemble before they wore themselves out. But in contemplating the opera in America we see only cause for congratulation.

Although it requires no great stretch of memory to look back over all the companies which have been in our midst, yet it is pleasant to run over the names of the "prime donne" who have, in the few short years since the Academy has been opened here, visited us.

Coming down to later days, we all remember the troupe which was with us in the winter of 1862, all of whom have now separated, and the voices of many have ceased to be attractive. Karl Formes, as "Plunkett," was our ideal; Frederic, now Madame Himmer, and Madame Johann, and Habelman, and Himmer, and all their able support, making by far the best German troupe that has ever visited our city.

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DEATH TO HORSE-THIEVES.—The Legislature of North Carolina has passed a law punishing horse-stealing with death. The invitation for time to roll backward seems to have been complied with, so far as the old North State is concerned. Why should not a horse-thief be placed in a hurdle, drawn and quartered, and hung in chains, as they did in the days of Guy Fawkes? It seems that the North Carolinians think that it is better to deter evil-doers by terror than to form companies, like our farmers do, for mutual protection.

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