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THE ORGANIZATION OF THE DEMO-CRATIC PARTY IN THE SOUTH.

From the Louisville Courier-Journal. It is to be regretted that any discussion should have arisen in the Southern States, and particularly in such a State as Tennessee, upon the technical organization of the Democratic party. The elements which the violent spirit of radicalism has thrown together at the South are so incongruous and as yet so unshapen that they are not likely to be strengthened by the attempt to subject them to strict party limitations. On the contrary, the nature of such attempts must lead inevitably to confusion and embarrassment, culminating in division, perhaps, at the moment when the country has most need of a union among its liberal forces. It was one of the most ingenious devices of the radical scheme of reconstruction that the States "lately in rebellion" should come into the Union separately and at irregular intervals, in order that they might be so gauged and leveled, so physicked and bandaged, that they could not perform the functions of free communities, nor seriously threaten the Congressional majorities which the radical leaders make a business of looking after with uncommon watchfulness and daring. As if to play into the hands of this policy, as if to illuminate it and point it out where to strike, the premature advocates of a purely nominal Democracy in the South, inspired, apparently, by nothing broader nor deeper than local and temporary expedients, are here and there raising up questions of no possible import and creating divisions of the greatest possible significance and danger.

Take, for example, as the most palpable illustration of the folly of this species of ultra zeal in a mistaken direction, the newspaper controversy which has blown up in Tennessee, threatening to overcloud the sunshine of the recent popular deliverance; and what do we see? Surely no good to the genuine Democratic principle, and yet less to the practical Democratic organization. All that it has developed so far is a curious revival of by-gone epithets, a little needless overhauling of records; a few vague insinuations of very probable consequences; some fustian about the necessity of party unity and alliance; something worse than fustian about "our Democratic friends over the border:" a trifle of ancient leaven and a great deal of downright Buncombe. No man who understands the peculiar formation of Tennessee, and the exceptional character of both the antecedents and the experience of her citizens, can doubt the effect of such a discussion. Left to themselves the elements would mingle and harmonize by the most natural process in the world. Disturbed, agitated, confused, they will not only fail to cohere or be bunglingly strapped together, but they may react again, whilst the influence of their miserable confinement, and the errors of judgment incident to such a condition, can hardly fail seriously to affect the people of Virginia, Texas, and Mississippi, to say nothing of the torces of liberalism everywhere.

Not until the States "lately in rebellion" are back into the Union-not until they are safe at "home" beyond the reach of the Congressional body-snatchers-not until they are able to commune on perfectly equal terms with all the States, and to bring their portion to whatever party they choose to join, should they think of quitting their present most prudent, tenable, impregnable line of defense, We do not doubt that when they come to make a choice, and are in a position to make their choice a thing of some consequence they will blend into that great Democratic body which realizes the spirit at once of tolerance and progress that is best suited to the needs of peace. They will come refreshed and strengthened by cheering victories and valuable experience in the working out of salutary reforms, not acorched and parched by vengeful party passions urged by obsolete party leaders issues, and names. They will be prepared for the new duties that await them, and, on account of their purification and experience, they will become the props and supports—the pillars and the bell-tower—the pride and glory of national Democracy. Meanwhile they can only do themselves and the Democratic party harm by abandoning a policy which is as strategical in its operations as it is beneficent in its teachings; which is admirably suited to their peculiar situation; which satisfies reasonable and unselfish men of all parties. Those who counsel them otherwise do not represent the genuine Democratic sagacity of the North, but are either urged by mistaken zeal or narrow prejudices. It is our duty to speak directly for the Democratic party; but happily, in this instance, our duty as a partisan jumps with the extremely nonpartisan interests of the Southern people.

CUBA.

From the N. Y. Sun.

The news from Cuba continues favorable to the hopes of the patriots. The revolutionary commanders wisely persist in the strategy they have adopted from the first. They wear out their enemy by continuous skirmishes and alarms, but never risk a general engagement. The result justifies the plan of campaign. The Spanish forces are melting away like snow. What with the severity of the tropical climate, the constant marching, the fruitless but most exhausting fighting, the vellow fever and the cholera, their ranks are daily decimated, and there are regiments which exist no longer except in name.

In this condition of things, it is manifest that the Spaniards will soon have to abandon the whole of the island, except the fortified cities on the coast, from sheer lack of troops to defend it. In this emergency, we learn from the Journal of Commerce, a curious plan has been devised to procure reinforcements and prolong the war. The exhaustion of the colonial treasury is complete. For several months it has been supplied exclusively by the proceeds of confiscation, and that resource is now pretty nearly at an end. The treasury of Spain is equally empty, and all effort to send more troops to Cuba at the expense of the mother country would be in vain. But it is proposed that private capitalists, who have large interests in the preservation of Spanish power in the island, shall among themselves raise the means of bringing over thirty thousand fresh soldiers. It is admitted that any smaller number would be useless: and it is calculated that with that amount of additional strength, General de Rodas, or whoever may be in command, will be able to

put down the revolution. A more impracticable plan was never conceived. To bring thirty thousand soldiers from Spain to Cuba would 'cost not less than ten millions of dollars, and to provide for them for three months after their arrival would cost not less than five millions more. We put these figures at the lowest possible amount; much lower indeed than it is probable the work could be done for. Now are the

Spanish owners of plantations in Cuba ready salary he is going about from Old Point Comor able to put up fifteen millions, or even ten millions of dollars, for the sake of keeping up the Spanish control of the island? The and run off to the oil wells and coal mines of up the Spanish control of the island?

idea is absurd. They are not ready to do it; and if they were, they have not the means.

Everything concurs to assure us that Cuba will soon belong to its sons, as a legitimate conquest. They are fighting under every disadvantage, without shoes, clothes, cannon, or ammunition. But they will win. The people who begin their revolt by proclaiming the freedom of half a million of their own slaves-an act of such grandeur that it has no precedent in history-are not likely to fail on account of any minor difficulties that they may have to contend with.

THE CHINESE TREATY.

From the N. Y. Tribune. The report from Hong Hong that the Burlingame treaty has been rejected; that China is not ready to enter into the family of nations; that Mr. Burlingame has been humbugged; and, what is more, that the whole of this country has been humbugged likewise, is such an awful dashing of rosy hopes that we naturally hesitate to believe it until belief is forced upon us. Stories of a similar character have come to us from the English settlements in China ever since Mr. Burlingame started on his mission. This latest report has, however, a color of confirmation in the rumor that the Chinese Government has signified its unwillingness to receive the Duke of Edinburgh on a footing of equality with the Imperial family; that royal young man being entirely beneath the notice of the boy-Emperor of the Flowery Kingdom, and the white devils gene rally nothing but a lot of ignorant barbarians whose first duty ought to be to pay tribute.

The treaty which Mr. Burlingame nego tiated in Washington was drawn up by him and his Chinese colleagues, and was not substantially modified in the United States Senate. It was, therefore, an offer from China to us, and if it has been withdrawn there must be some special difficulty which the despatch does not reveal-or else Mr Burlingame has most egregiously mistaken his functions and exceeded his authority.

The special difficulty, we dare say, may resolve itself into the opposition of the British residents in China and the old hard-hitting statesmen who have been for a hundred years or more butting their heads against the Chinese wall in the vain attempt to batter it down. Their formula for diplomatic negotiation with China has generally been, "Trade with us on our own terms, or we'll mash your head;" and we are not surprised that they should look with disfavor upon more rational modes of procedure. We are surprised, however, that Mr. J. Ross Browne, who has just been relieved from duty as United States Minister to China, should have assumed, on the strength of his very short acquaintance with the present rulers of the empire and the disposition of the people, to publicly declare the policy of his predecessor a huge mistake, and intercourse with China on a footing of equality at present impossible Mr. Burlingame had the advantage of long, familiar and confidential intercourse with the Court of Pekin, and is likely to have been pretty well informed about its disposition; and he at any rate would not admit that there was any insuperable difficulty in the way of bringing the Eastern and Western civilizations into friendly contact. It seems to us that the opportunities for a fair treaty with China are better now than they ever have been before. China is sending thousands of her people to this country, and their immigration during the next few years will probably increase at a greatly accelerated rate. How we shall treat them, what rights we shall confer upon them, whether we shall protect them in the practice of their national customs, and give them fa ilities to send home to their native country the wealth which they gather in exile, are be coming important questions in our domestic policy, and the answer to them will depend in great measure upon the policy of the Emperor at Pekin. China can hardly be blind to this fact, and we await an explanation of the despatch with considerable curiosity,

THE LITTLE GAME AT GETTYSBURG. From the N. Y. World.

The recent gathering together of ci-devant nilitary men at Gettysburg to "indicate the points of interest on the battle-field was, it has become evident, the shrewd dodge of a pucolic book-maker, whereby an inenbating volume of his is to be widely advertised, and its forthcoming contents made known at the expense and under the guise of a "reunion of the Federal and Confederate generals. From the false pretenses, the transparent telegrams, and the lame and impotent conclusion attending this affair, it may be judiciously characterized as a more atrocious job than the marriage of Tom Thumb, the Boston Jubilee, and the Stowe-Byron paper itself. These latter had their compensations. This Gettysburg little game, in inception, progress, and sequence, has been announced and reported solely in the interest of a so-called military history not yet in press. The assumption of patriotic and pacific motives inspiring the movement is as cool as the result of it is ridiculous. "Reunion" there was none. A few Federal fighters were chicaned into attendance; a swarm of civilians and a cloud of the Grand Army of the Republic darkened the air. Eminent Confede rate generals were coarsely and falsely an nounced as sure to come. None came; but from the gallant Lees did come decorous declaimer of the book-advertising and sectional phases of the fraud. General Lee had been impudently telegraphed as "intending to be present so as to relieve the public mind of the idea that he was dissatisfied with the system of reconstruction and that he did not accept the situation." This insult was as much a menace as a bid. But it missed its mark. The General, without noticing this gratuitous slur, advocates "the examples of those nations who endeavored to obliterate the marks of civil strife, and to commit to oblivion the feelings it engendered." After which excellent and truly patriotic sentiments, fortified by the accompanying letter of General Fitzbugh Lee, his son, how puerile and contemptible appears the inexplicable dumb show through which those fured to the piace were led by the book-maker, who has literally "hossed the business." It is time that humbugs were no longer foisted upon the public in this manner. When advertising is to be done outside of Boston, let it be done in a legitimate way. This hauling of noncombatants over battle-fields, and the antecedent and subsequent accounts of the little game spuriously perpetrated in the name of news, are discreditable, and merit the failure which stamped the proceedings in preparation and in outcome.

GENERAL GRANT'S SUMMER EXCUR-SIONING.

From the N. Y. Herald.

The opposition newspapers are raising a great outery against the pleasure excursions of General Grant, when he ought to be at Washington. They say that instead of attending to the public business and earning his

Pennsylvania, and then to New York, and then to Newport, and then up to the White Mountains, intending to come round by way of Saratoga to New York for a fresh start again on some other wild goose chase; that surf-bathing, fast horses, Havana cigars, fine women, flunkeys and fancy balls, clambakes, chowder parties, trout breakfasts, mutual admiration societies, and all the froth and folly, snobbery and tuft-hunting of our summer resorts seem to be his highest ambition, and that we never have had such tufthunting and shilly-shally President heretofore. An absurd and utterly preposterous outery this, from beginning to end. General Grant has nothing of special moment to require his presence at Washington just now. He is, therefore, doing exactly right in taking these pleasure excursions among the people for in these travels he sees much and learns much that will be valuable to him in the administration of the Government. The people everywhere are glad to see him, and in his quiet way he is everywhere glad to learn the wishes and wants of the people. While believing, too, that business more than pleasure is the object of General Grant in these summer expeditions, we expect that the good results will soon be made manifest after his return for a regular set-to upon the business of his administration.

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