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tate Congress as soon as business is resumed
after the holidays, and the indications of the loyal men of these States have broken through
their polititcal affiliations to restore fraternity


 temper or the House just boforo the ad
ment point to th probabie defeat of meas poin toking to the restoration
meanstip of of the fow still proseribed be their participation in rebeollion.
 only by the grat mass of the poople of all
poilitical aympathies, bat also by the interests of general peace end paroperity. Whateree
opinions Republican statesmen may hold a to the abbetract jostiee or propriety of general
amnesty, they the patent trutho that some of their moyest to
cided Repubilican States have beon wepe overt to the Demorracy by the obstinate offorts
of unwise leaders who insist upon maintining political supremay by a swoeping di
 ng the ballot as nearly as possible to one
poilitioal faith; but the rule has failed so soig. prradent and sagasious men cannot foill to to
nndertand that oontinued disfranclisement Virginin was a Repulican State. Her
poople desired to be restored in sincere Grant, bat a party of men who had no jus claim to popalar favor insisted upon disfran
chising $A$ large portion of the more ittell
 peoplio of tirg inina, black and white, ho would sepublicans wonld be in power in avery branchoof the Government; but he was antictod cal arithmetic, and counted on disfranchise-
ment as his haven of political sefoty result was the dismemberment of the Repab. boen kicited and onfifed by men aesemining to servative power has gravitatod into Domo cratio. State of Virginia. Tenneaseo was subjected to the same ordanal
Certain Repubbicans resolved to malke their than ope-third the e eitizengs of the state. The resunt was an open Republican revolt, and
 thirds Democratio. The sum total is a D D
mooratic Governor, Sonator, Congression
 West V riginia was the next Nhis subject. Her people, like old Virgion
would have been

 deolegortion, andararor, hopenasator, Congrossional
of West $v$ virginia. lesisos, so po plain that the waytareor should have proitted by them, the thoroughly Re-
publican Stato of Missouri shonld publican Stata of Missouri should have beon gent observer. from the very hour that the
Republican party in Missouri refused to acoept goneral amnosty, thant the people
the State would defy all party discipline an
 President threw the whole power of his
administration into the battle in behalf of ramesty a marked rebuke to himself. Hore. as olsowibere, the sum total of proseription
is $a$ Deurocratio Logidature, a Demoratio Seantor, a more than donbtful Governor and Demooratio State of Missouri.
Theorize as we
 oalled into existence by eivil war, experience
has demonastrated that the policy of proscripwho have the best reason of ony our people
it. While few Repablicans in Missonri, would have entertained the disposition to onfranohise their bitter onemies, the rebels, five yoars ago, time, and basiness intereste, the bitter strifo that was chorished by neigh-
bors against neighbors, and at last, when no amesty, more than onough of tho geareast
will under the circumstancoss be consiatiderad wndertake
 fuel to the angry flame. They may care little
whether Cassio kill Roderigo or whether thererigho kill Cassio, but they are anxions thad
President is for tuarrel, and as the
the time being the mout the weaker party, they baok up the Massahim virtues which had entifirely escappod their
observation during the last quarter of a tury. The World of yesterday is not only
clear that the "mriends of Samner have a
right to complain of Grant;" but
it strdious and laborious habits, his peouniary probity, and for his vast stook of knowledge
in all matters relating to treatios with foreign
nations; and it is natural to expect that a similar tone will speedily be adopted by the
Demoeratio Senators and the Democratic press. We must, therefore, anticipate th
the Demoracy will make all the capital the can out of the existing quarrel, and ther
be not at all chary in the selection of me io compass their end. After their coquettings
with Andrew Johnson, their partial capture of the man who above all others is the father
the Republican party, William H. Sewa and their dalliance with Ohief-Justice Chase,
it is dificult to say who is proof against their
blandishments, or to affirm positively that object of their affected adoration.
So steady Domingo quarrel are conoerned, we think the
President mueh nearrer right than his Sena-
torial adversary bnt tresident muah nearer right than litle use
torial adversary, but there is lite
having a Senate if it is to be made on opinions; and while we differ from Sxmner's
conclusions in toto, we do not doubt his right, oven in a narrow partisan view, to form and
adhere to opinions of his own on oll issines
which are not cardinal priaciples of the Re publican party. We cannot see the wisdom
of eulogizing the acquisition of Alaska and condemning the annexution of San Domingo,
but a member of the United States Senate
has clearly a such be his good will and pleasure, and
he is responsible for it ouly to his
constituents. The practical question
likely to arise in this conneotion is
whether Sumner shouid be displaced from his posinion as Chairman of the Senate Committee
on Foreign Relations, on acoount of his hos
tility to the Presidential Sen De and we hope that before such an course is them if they ehoose atterly reject, if they
will, Mr. Sumner's doctrines
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