



THE WATCHMAN.

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FOR SALE. The undersigned being desirous of abandoning the printing business, offers for sale his interest in the Democratic Watchman.

Trying to Avoid the Consequences. The Centre Democrat of last week, indulged some very severe reflections upon the Democratic organs generally, and the editor, to be more explicit, confined his remarks to Mr. Kurtz, of the Bardonia, and the editors of this paper.

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Democrat will yet discover, and we are sorry that in sifting them thoroughly, for an element of virtue in their case, we are unable to arrive at a more charitable opinion than to suggest to these worthy champions of war and bloodshed, to go and do like Judas—hang themselves, if they wish to save their country that trouble.

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Meditation of Virginia. The Legislature of Virginia, on Saturday last, adopted the resolutions reported from their Committee on Federal Relations, embodying a proposition of compromise, which is said to have originated with the Hon. Roger A. Pryor, and received the cordial endorsement of Messrs. Crittenden, Breckinridge, Douglas, Wm. C. Rivers, and other distinguished statesmen.

First—There must be some definite conclusive settlement of the Slavery question between the sections of the country, or separation will be inevitable.

Second—Proposing the Crittenden Compromise, as amended by Mr. Douglas, as the basis of a fair and honorable adjustment, and as the least that Virginia feels she can take as a settlement.

Third—The appointment of a Commission to each State in the Union to represent the action of Virginia, and to make a response to this measure of conciliation.

Fourth—A strong appeal to the Federal Government to stay its hand and avert all acts which may lead to a collision pending the mediation of Virginia.

Fifth—An appeal to the seceding States to preserve the existing status, and also to abstain from all acts which may precipitate a collision.

A Washington letter states that Virginia presents, with all her influence, the Crittenden proposition, as amended by Mr. Douglas, as a basis of settlement.

In addition to this, five commissioners have been appointed to proceed to Washington on the 4th of February next, to meet with the commissioners from other States to consider and agree upon some sufficient measures of adjustment.

Profitable.—The St. Charles, the largest and most fashionable hotel in New Orleans, and which every Winter averages from five to eight hundred Northern boarders, has at this time but thirteen guests, halling north of Mason and Dixon's line.

Republican Rally. Hand bills were circulated for some time announcing that a grand Republican meeting would be held in the Court House on Wednesday Evening of Court week.

The meeting was called to order, and J. Nos. Hutchinson, elected President. Vice Presidents and Secretaries were elected, and the business on the programme progressed.

Speeches were made, by Messrs. Brown, McAllister and Hutchinson. Brown's speech was characteristic of the man: full of violence, denunciation and bloodshed.

After Mr. Brown concluded his remarks, a majority and minority report were made by the Committee on Resolutions.

The minority report was then read by H. N. McAllister Esq., and defended in an able, argumentative, convincing and happy speech.

The committee of the border States, including Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Kentucky, Missouri, and North Carolina, have agreed upon propositions for an adjustment of pending difficulties.

That the fugitive slave law be amended for the prevention of kidnapping, and so as to provide for the extradition of the commissioners for, &c.

That the Constitution be so amended that the territory of the United States, north of the southern boundary, shall be admitted for admission as a state, it shall be admitted, with or without slavery, as its constitution may determine.

An Editor in Disguise.—Wm. H. Clark, the editor of the Kendall (Ill.) Clarion, loves a good joke, and never lets an opportunity slip that promises a dish of fun.

Can We Stand Idle. [For the Watchman.] Can we stand idle when the dark gloom which now pervades our country; and despair of a settlement of the differences between the North and the South, which is now taking deep root in the minds of the people?

With all these things staring us in the face, why do we stand idle? Ought not every patriot, every man that loves the Union, throw in his might on the side of his country's welfare?

Mr. Hale has shown himself far above the ordinary politicians. He has left party prejudices behind and embarked in a more higher and nobler cause, and that is the perpetuation of the Union.

Let us have our petitions to the Senate and House of Representatives before the people; that we endorse their course in any of the propositions, whether Crittenden, Hale, or Bigler's.

Is not Mr. Lincoln standing idle? Why remains his friends in Washington? You have only to say the word and ten days need not elapse before all these difficulties may be headed and peace and harmony restored again.

Many of the Republicans say that the South is only joking, and do not intend to carry out what they say. I have the first instance to set yet any disposition among the Abolitionists to pacify and conciliate.

Letters received, at Washington, from Charleston, state that the harbor at that place is being rapidly cleared of all obstructions, and that the British consul at Charleston has been instructed, and the British consul at New Orleans will be instructed, to certify to all clearances that may be issued from the custom houses at both of those ports.

The Apalachicola (Florida) Times of the 16th inst. comes to us with the names of Hon. William L. Yancey, of Alabama, and Hon. James H. Hammond, of South Carolina, at its head, as candidates for the Presidency and Vice Presidency of the Southern Confederacy.

It is lamentable, and indeed horrible, to reflect upon, that our glorious Union must be wrecked, and our free institutions go to ruin, because the leaders of a party say our platform must be sustained.

country—and their names will be on every lip—they will become as household words; living, they will be honored, and dying, their epitaph will be, they saved the country;—and our children's children honor and bless their memories.

Cost more than they come to.—The Resolutions offered by Mr. Hutchinson. We congratulate Pappy Pottsgrrove on being hailed now, as—PARRY!

The Leans.—It is suggested that the Leans have a meeting in the Army next week, to offer their services to the President. What say you, Capt. Gilliland?

As soon as Rarey gets through with horse taming in New York, it is proposed to bring him to the seat of Government in Pennsylvania to subdue some of the rampant Jackasses.

The article in reply to the "Centre Democrat," which will be found in another part of our paper, was written by the Junior, the Senior editor having no disposition to indulge in a sport of uncharitableness toward those who should be actuated by a feeling of humility and loving kindness toward their brethren.

The protracted meeting which has been held in the Methodist Episcopal Church in this place for the last six weeks, came to a close on Monday night last.

This female, who died in New York, a few days ago, is said to have left \$300 to the Magdalen Society, of that city, and directed that all other money she had, after the payment of her debts, should go to charitable purposes.

The Post says, that during her life time her eccentric actions were speedily reported, but her many acts of generosity especially to poor literary people, and there are several of this class in New York who can bear testimony to this—were known only to the recipients of her careless bounty.

Just above Vicksburg, by order of Gen. Pettus, a battery has been erected, and every boat heading north of Mason & Dixon's line is compelled to round to, and give an account of themselves.

THE LATEST NEWS. The report of the loss of the allied fleet in the Chinese waters is not confirmed. By the provisions of the late treaty, all the important Chinese ports are to be open to trade.

At Manchester, the well known Bee Hive mills, owned by Mr. Mills, have been burnt, with a loss of \$100,000. The Virginia Senate has indefinitely postponed the consideration of the proposition to adjourn till the 18th of February.

On last Wednesday, Timothy O. Howe, Republican, was elected United States Senator by the Legislature of Wisconsin. At a meeting of the anti-slavery society held in Boston, Wendell Phillips was seized and frequently interrupted in his address.

The Toronto Leader announces positively that the English Government intends to acknowledge the independence of the southern confederacy, so soon as formed. It is reported that Spain is about to occupy the principal fortress of Morocco in consequence of the non-fulfillment of the treaty recently concluded with that Power.

On the morning of the 24th inst., the United States troops at Augusta, Georgia, surrendered the Arsenal to seven hundred State troops, on demand of Governor Brown. Before leaving, they saluted the American flag.

How it Works.—Since the commencement of the active secession movement in the South, a great change has taken place in some of the channels of trade between the North and South. The people of South Carolina have virtually destroyed Charleston, as a shipping port, and the trade that has hitherto found its way there, now seeks new outlets.

The Mississippi Blockade.—The telegraph dispatch announcing that guns had been planted at Vicksburg, by order of the Governor of Mississippi, to intercept all passing steamboats, has since been pronounced in the House of Representatives, at Washington, by Mr. Branch, to be untrue.

THE PECULIARITIES of the female constitution and the various trials to which the sex is subjected, demand an occasional recourse to stimulants. It is important, however, that these shall be of a harmless nature, and at the same time accomplish the desired end.

MARRIED.—On the 26th inst., by Rev. Walker, FREDRICK KURTZ of Aroonburg Reporter, and Miss ANNE, daughter of Wm. Harter, from near Aroonburg. It is proper to state that the happy couple kindly remembered the printers. This is an evidence that they have commenced their new relations with proper motives and will surely succeed.