

Democratic Watchman
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FRIDAY MORNING, JAN. 20, 1865.

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Great are the speculations at the present time about the speedy ending of this horrid war. Great are the expectations of a public that for four years has been willing to gulph down whatever dose a mercenary and deceptive press was proper to prepare for it.

Governor Curtin and "Loyalty." The "loyal" newspapers are not well pleased with Governor Curtin's late message. They seem to think it little short of copperheadism that the Governor should for once regard himself as anything but the pliant tool of the Federal Administration.

Like the past, so it is now. If the people can be induced to believe that this will be the last call, the road over which those in power must travel to obtain a fresh supply of victims will be made smooth; the bloody wheel will turn without trouble or molestation; the feeling of distrust that is gradually growing up in the ranks of the party in power will be allayed, and the work of filling the places of those that have already fallen in the bloody struggle will be more than half accomplished.

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NOTICE. Having sold my Ambrotype and Photograph business, together with my good will in the Photograph business, in the borough of Bellefonte, Pa., to J. S. BARNHART, I will cease to operate in the Car on or before the 1st of April next.

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