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The Cause of our Troubles.

The evils which have befallen our country, and which hang so portentously over the future may be mainly attributed to the manner in which our voting population has been educated. Even those who aspire to make and execute our laws, show every day an utter incapacity, not only to make laws, but to understand those which the wisdom of our fathers has made for us. Members of the party now in power from the greatest to the least, never neglect an opportunity to express their contempt for everything said and done by those who conducted our revolutionary struggle and made our government. Principles which have been regarded as most essential to the existence of free government, and which have been established by the experience of many centuries are utterly ignored by these modern philosophers. Even the principles which our own eighty years experience has demonstrated to be essential to the life of our Federal Union, are cast aside for the new discoveries of modern wisdom. It is unnecessary to enumerate instances. It is perfectly manifest to every one possessed of sense either that those who made our government erred most grossly, or that those who now control it are chargeable with fatal mistakes, and we have never yet met a member of the dominant party who did not think the error was with our ancestors.

This party claims a majority in the Northern States of upwards of four hundred thousand votes. We say, therefore, that our troubles grow out of the manner in which our people have been educated.

Americans are possessed of a peculiar smartness, which deceives themselves as well as others, into the belief that they are wise. Many things conspire to foster this opinion. A superficial education is placed within the reach of nearly every one, and very few receive a thorough course of instruction. Nearly all learn to read, the trashy literature with which the country is flooded soon finishes the process, and they become Solons of wisdom in their own estimation. In the light of their intelligence the miserable theories of New England transcendentalism are far superior to those which the long and patient labor of many generations of great and good men established. They despise the works of our fathers because they do not understand them and they will not understand them because they despise them. If they are in doubt as to the result of any proposed political measure, they are much more likely to consult the raving of a moon-struck Alpheus Crosby than the Constitution of their country. Instead of moulding their political opinions by established laws and institutions, they get them from men more crazy than themselves, and propose to mould the government to suit their opinions. The practical good sense of the Democratic element of society, which shields others to do pise has refused to assimilate to the poison. Though their school education may be but superficial, they are too strong by nature to absorb it, and they prefer more solid though less highly seasoned mental food, than that which the Northern Abolition press serves up.

Whether the system under which the present generation of men has been educated was a part of the infernal scheme of those who now profit by it or not the result is the same. The cunning and unscrupulous men who moulded the discordant elements of the Republican party of 1856 into one mass, based all their hopes of success upon the false education of the Northern people. A crafty and most corrupt politician first proclaimed the doctrine of *a higher law*, and all the land resounded with the false and dangerous theory. It exactly suited the egotism of those who composed the rank and file of that party. It was a flattering appeal from the decisions of those who made the Constitution to the brilliant wisdom of modern philosophers. The imaginations of men inflamed and excited by the productions of the Beechers, the Stowes, the Trowbridges, the Greeleys, and this whole fanatical crew became the criterion of right and wrong instead of the carefully constructed and lawful tribunals.

The result has been a discovered Union, a bloody civil war, with all its attendant evils, an overwhelming national debt and all the dangers which darken around the future of our Republic. And still the work goes on. Fanaticism is wiser than wisdom. With the emotional statesmen it is an affair of a day to destroy and effect governments. The work of the fathers has been overhauled and condemned, and ten thousand different plans have been proposed, all superior in their estimation, to the old one. God preserve us from the best of them.

With a government and a country in the situation ours is now, it is impossible to foresee what a day may bring forth. Like a ship which has abandoned her chart, and sails unknown seas without a pilot, the ocean around us may be as smooth and placid as in the old track, until we strike the sunken rocks and the waves are upon us. Our people will learn then, if they do not learn sooner, to respect the wisdom of those who, with such care and skill, guided our vessel through the wild storm of revolutionary strife, into the peaceful waters where we found it, and marked out for us with so much labor, a chart by which we might sail through a long future of peace and prosperity.

We are drifting wildly, and in darkness. Let us be prepared for the catastrophe, if we cannot avert it.

——There are *seventeen* States unrepresented in Congress, and many of the men who compose that *body* are foully misrepresenting the people of their States. Yet they talk of impeaching the President, and of changing our form of government, as being the representatives of the sovereign people. They may talk; but let them beware how they act, for we are hastening towards a day of retribution.

What Shall we Call Them?

We dislike to designate any political party by a name which they do not themselves recognize. No matter how poor in the real principles of the party may be and recognized by the name, if it be one chosen and recognized by others we are willing to condescend in speaking of them. At the time of the revolution, the opposition to Democracy were known as Tories and from the days of Jefferson that name was the one assumed by the Democracy, which he carried them to victory, and their party designation was always a credit. Since they repudiated the latter name, they have never had one which at all indicated their principles, yet we were always willing to speak of them by the names they chose for themselves. They called themselves Republicans, and we called them Republicans too, though we knew they advocated anything but Republicanism. But they have now reached a point now where they can find no name at all for their secret organization. They are made up of such odds and ends that a name which would suit one portion of their party would not suit another, and so they hang together by the cohesive power of public plunder and have no name but what we please to give them. If we called them by any designation descriptive of their principles, it would be too indecent to print and we are compelled to adopt one which merely indicates the character of their organization and does not refer to what they teach and practice. We have selected by them "Mongrels" not in any disrespect to the party, but out of regard for our readers who's sense of decency would not bear the name which would truly describe the principles of the party at present opposing the Democracy.

A Prescription.

The best antidote for Mongrelism is a dose of the Constitution. We have seen it reduce the worst symptoms of the maladies in a few minutes. It even when the patient is raving it will sometimes effect him as the sight of water does a dog with hydrophobia, an infallible cure in various. These are well illustrated how evil, and seldom result seriously. In advance stages of the disease, the constitutional remedy will be apt to cause strangulation, as in the case of John Brown, but should nevertheless be applied to prevent the spreading of the fearful malady.

We have ourselves applied this remedy, in less advanced stages of the complaint, and found it to work admirably. Our experience in the use of it has revealed the fact that it used in heavy doses, it will throw the patient into delirium, somewhat resembling a case of incipient mania a potu and he will see constantly in the form of the devil one Andrew Johnson! This is an alarming symptom of the disease to those who are not acquainted with its homicidal character. If the medicine is unfortunately applied the patient soon becomes sullenly drunk and not a word escapes him. When this state is attained, the treatment may be discontinued.

This remedy is milder than the one used by Jem Lane, but we would recommend his favorite prescription in all cases where the constitutional remedy fails. The French physicians, in treating a disease nearly similar to this, use, very effectively a machine called a guillotine, to produce profuse bleedings. In this way it may be kept from spreading. But the patients seldom recover. Our own remedy we think is the best for the disease as it exists at present in this country.

——The Ohio Flag.—The stripes on the American flag were intended to represent the thirteen original States of the Union. The stars represented *all* the States, and as a new State was added to the Union a new star was added to the flag.

By the recent act of Congress imposing the military despotism bill ten of the stars and four of the stripes have been wiped from the old flag. The very thing has been done by Congress which tens of thousands of men perished to prevent the South doing. Monarch has not forgotten the old hatred for the Union, and is determined to make the flag which was unfurled in '76 a rag. If the States of the South are reduced to mere dependencies upon a consolidated despotism, they have no claim to a place upon our flag. If they have no individual existence, they cannot be represented as a star of our constellation. If as is claimed by the Radicals, we hold the territory but do not recognize the States of the South they have no more right to a place upon our flag than the territory of Utah. And yet the people call themselves Union men and profess great veneration for the old flag. Shame upon them, and shame upon those who from ignorance or fanaticism, support them. They have committed a crime against liberty and against the Republic which the worst "rebel" in the South would have been ashamed of. Let us hear no more of the patriotism of those who have mutilated the "star spangled banner" of our fathers.

AN OLD FABLE.—Among the scarce fables of Heathen mythology is one of Phaeton the son of Sol who artfully obtained from his father permission to guide the chariot of the sun for a day. Phaeton was transported with joy, but neglecting the directions of his father as to the management of the horses he was unable to control them, and they ran away, setting on fire both heaven and earth. In order to stop the conflagration, Jupiter struck him out of the chariot with thunder, and cast him into the river Po.

Some years ago, a party obtained control of the government of this country, by artifice and false promises, and, having neglected the counsel of our fathers, they have filled the land with discord, and brought us to the brink of ruin. To make the parallel complete, the people ought to act the part of Jupiter.

——If the editors of the *Press* desire to discuss any of the principles at issue between Democracy and Mongrelism, we are willing and anxious to engage in such discussion. If they have nothing to say but "copperhead" and WATCHMAN and Andy Johnson, we shall not interfere in their raving, but conclude that they have had a heavy dose of the remedy we publish elsewhere in this issue, for the cure of the malady under which they suffer.

Playing the old Game.

Notwithstanding that every leading Mongrel paper in the country denied very solemnly last fall, that it was the intention of their party to confer the right of suffrage upon the negro, they now applaud the action of Congress in putting the ballot into the hands of the negroes in the District of Columbia. Nearly all of the leading men and papers in the Mongrel party have declared in favor of universal suffrage. The *Right Way*, a puritanical canting sheet, started for the express purpose of forcing this doctrine upon the party has been suspended, because, as the editor expresses it, "the great and glorious principle of impartial suffrage and equality of political rights, without regard to race or color, has been adopted as a distinctive principle of the great Republican party." This shows plainly what is believed by the leaders of that party on the subject. The fact is that they think the people are educated up to the proper point or rather down to it, and they do not deem it necessary to collect their usual purposes. Of course in certain localities where this doctrine would be unpopular, it will be denied, as it was the case every where in Massachusetts. They denied that they were an Abolition party up to the last moment, but never the less succeeded by adding on with those who avowed openly their purpose. It will be the same in the present instance. If that party is kept in power, they will certainly make the negro a voter everywhere as they made him a free man in the face of laws they were bound to obey. Will the people allow themselves to be twice cheated by the same fraud?

Temperance Politics.

The true friend of the temperance cause ought to frown down every attempt to make it political ware. The old Washingtonian system was doing great good and would doubtless have done much more, but the moment it ran into politics it lost all power for good, and was soon utterly ruined. Since the late revival of temperance all over the country, much good has been accomplished, and there is great encouragement for the future. The different organizations have gathered in many thousands of members, and they begin to be a power to exert a vast influence. Let all then influence be used in a legitimate way to make sober men of drunkards, and to prevent others from falling. Muck the demagogues who wish to use the machinery to attain political ends, and set them down as the worst taskmasters of the cause of temperance.

It is contrary to the genius of our institutions to make laws to enforce principles which are merely moral. And whenever law of this kind have been enacted, they have proved utter failures. The only power which can be properly and efficiently applied to eradicate the evil of intemperance is *moral power*, and let all who desire to do so apply it with all their might. But let us have no attempts to organize on a political base. It will certainly ruin the cause, and undo all the good which has been done by it.

Worse than Attila.

Nearly every one has heard of Attila the Hun the "Scourge of God." He was a heathen warrior, who led his armies against the weak and effeminate empire of the East, after the days of the Roman empire between the two sons of Theodosius. There had existed between the Scythian nations and Rome a most bitter hatred for many centuries. The borders of the empire were a continual scene of war. Attila was a great man, and the Emperor was a very small and mean man. The former trampled in the dust Europe and obtained control of all the wealth of the East. He has thus obtained a name which would have done honor to a Christian. The emperor, on the contrary, was a poltroon—and nicknames they call them—he was a wooden head and a good for nothing regulator. Such was the men which Congress seeks to impose upon the free citizens of our sister State. He did not interfere in the government, he did not disturb the possession of property, he sought to exercise no control over the conquered territory whatever. But retired to his own capital the moment the war had ceased. And yet his name is hooted the world over for cruelty and wickedness. What will be the judgment of the future upon a party which treat their own brethren and countrymen a thousand fold worse than *Attilla the Hun* treated those who were the most implacable enemies of himself his religion, and his country!

——The Radicals say that although the people of the South have separated into their State government all the measures which could be urged upon assuming from the changes made by the war, yet they have not acted in good faith, and we dare not trust them. This must mean that the South is to be held in subjection forever. For if they can not be trusted now, surely continued oppression will not render them any more trustworthy. Why does Congress seek to force negro suffrage upon them this State law, if they do not trust their faith? Surely they could not be excused or enforce a doctrine so utterly obnoxious to them all, if they are incapable of enforcing the ordinary laws for the protection of the lives and property of their own citizens.

——The old South proveth that "great barkers are no biters" has proved true in regard to those who howl so loudly at President Johnson now. Ashley and Beast Butler are probably two of the loudest. Butler proved long ago, when on his spoon stealing expeditions, and when bottled up at Bermuda Hundred that he couldn't and wouldn't hurt any one. Ashley was recently forced to "come down" like a whipped cur, and acknowledged himself a coward and a blackguard before the whole House. President Johnson will probably survive their attack.

MORE CONSISTENCY.—The radicals who are so anxious to force negro suffrage on the Southern States, have no courage to take the responsibility of adopting it at home. A few days ago the Ohio House of Representatives voted down a proposition to strike the word "white" out of the constitution by a vote of 38 to 59. In the Legislature of Michigan, a proposition was made to instruct the Judiciary Committee to report the expediency of submitting an amendment at the April election, striking the word "white" out of the constitution. The resolution was voted down 68 to 23. Michigan seems to follow Ohio!—*Holmes County Farmer.*

$23,000,000 Wanted.

We notice that John W Geary, Governor of Pennsylvania, is advertising for a State loan of twenty three millions of dollars. The Legislature of 1866 it will be remembered, at the suggestion of Gov Curtin, levied real estate taxation, by which the State Treasury was deprived of some two millions of dollars. To accomplish this looked strange, for it was known that the State was some thirty odd millions of dollars in debt when Curtin was first sworn in as Governor, and it was equally well known that during the six years by a bombastic and reckless extravagance prevailed in every department of the governor. The extravagance in a word was with all Radicalism in connection with which the State debt had been augmented. How comes it, that the tax on real estate proceeding, to $2,000,000 a year, can be dispensed with at this time? No satisfactory explanation is given to the question but Republican politicians looked wise, as they sounded tax payers that the real estate was no longer to be taxed. Down at Harrisburg now is some pow wowing about the matter, who could not or would not see that was a Radical dodge to catch gudgeons. Offices swamped in the Radical councils last summer, the people were reminded by a remnant that there was a tax on real estate, and they endorsed Governor Curtin to the chair for his economy and prudence, and they said to the men who were extravagant while a Republican administration was doing your local affairs and your business at reduced taxation, you would not do so again, if you were thus wonderfully economical and put one cent more! Thus were the Radicals of Centre county swamped in the Court House, in Bellefonte on Saturday evening, the 23d inst., at 7 o'clock. It is hoped that the meeting will be full, and that the Democracy will be present. Business, it does not do to talk when women and children are starving. Anyone would that meets shall be entertained.

AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

The undersigned, an Auditor appointed by the Court of Common Pleas of Centre county, to distribute the money in the hands of Richard Conley, Esquire Sheriff of Centre county, arising from the sale of the real estate of Rowland Elder, to and among those entitled thereto, will attend to the duties of his appointment, at his office, in Bellefonte on Tuesday, the 9 h day of April, 1867, at 1 o'clock P. M. of said day, when and where all persons having claims against said fund are required to present them for allowance or be forever debarred from receiving any part of the same.

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Power of Government.

It only required four years time, the lives of two millions of American citizens, and twenty five hundred millions of dollars to reduce ten Sovereign States to mere territories, in order that they may be ruled and controlled by a power and will entirely foreign to their local interests. With taxation, without representation, so that north can federation by means of a stump tail Congress may enable the certain favored few to rob and sell the best wealth through their bonded banking and manufacturing interest. Under the present power, the whole national resources are being concentrated into the hands of the few, when truly the proud American citizen will be transformed into the Americ*an* *ser*f of Imperial sufferance. Stripped to all which question is of interest will be acted on merely for the form, as every thing must be carried by previous preparation, dinner, or corruption. We [illegible] government, all control people will be plenty good enough to vote. We will have no licence and police which is the natural forerunning government, in a very simple government, what will be easier or more comprehensive to the local Negro Why, he can vote yes or no every time under the right, when all questions will be by what not in proper shape to be voted on.

And for the cheap of price and republican by-ever we have there are none in the World so base but they would oppose the interests of New England, or any one section to object to a protective tariff, and none so vile as to love the constitution and to cover Indians so as to oppose the Pierce of the East, even if it should be necessary in order that they should control the destinies of this nation to reduce an equality of the Western States to the condition of the South. Lovelace, the strength of national feeling and the cement stone of despotic power will of course be found, for where the people all vote there is liberty. Who is so ridiculous as to object to the majority?—*Bucks co. (Pa.) Intelligencer.*

SUICIDE OF A MASSACHUSETTS LADY.—Ennui, ennui, death, and immortality. From me proceed on. By me things are promised. I question you, Tom Brown, intellect connected, immortality, courage magnanimity, power, benevolence, society, education, philosophy and philanthropy. I [illegible] from my presence. Ye [illegible] to you, [illegible] Everything is unsatisfactory. What is to be done?

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1861	71,150 10	16,111 61
1862	105,289 09	92,170 29
1863	230,9[illegible] 50	100,[illegible] 20
1864	170,453 78	178,188 01
1865	177,814 [illegible]	141,294 96
1866	147,104 [illegible]	128,[illegible] 29

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