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## Let us Nominate a Çivilian.

There is no question of greater interest to the Democratic party at this time, than the nomination of a candidate for the very important office of President of the United States. It out, there was some excuse for those is said by some that it is not a proper theme for discussion now, and that Northern armies. Under the resoluwe should await the action of the tion of Congress, of July 21st, 1861, nominating convention. We think declaring the object of the war, all differently, and hold that now is the | who did not know that lying was an very time when the subject should be important part of Abolitionism, might proper conclusion may be arrived at army, and the many thousands of before the assembling of the conven- brave young Democrats who compostion. We believe that the Demo- ed the rank and file of the Northern cratic party can investigate and de- army are to be pitied, rather than termine any question relating to its blamed, for the results of the strife; own interests without engendering for they could only escape by descrany ill feeling or creating any aliscord | tion from the service which they had within our own ranks, and we pro sworn, before the object of the pose to devote a portion of our time war became apparent, to perform. and space to the discussion of this But what can be said in excuse of question until the nomination is made. those who held commissions and In what we shall say, we speak only | could resign at pleasure? Were they for the WATCHMAN, not as the organ carrying out Democratic principles of any clique or party, and the editors when they wore swords for the purof this paper are alone responsible for pose of murdering, ravishing, burn- them. But Yankee cunning succedthe opinions to be expressed on this ing and destroying the people and ed against the good sense of the mas subject.

In the first place, we are opposed than no bread," and contend that for the sake of "expediency" it is better the application of the saying, but we could not be induced to believe that both parties and belongs to neither. It is now well understood by all intelligent voters that the issue between the political parties of the country is one of life and death, and all who are convinced that Democratic principles can save us from impending ruin will vote for the Democratic nominece. let him be whom he will. It is vastly ples of our Republic importent to us at this crisis to have a sound and reliable candidate, who will, if elected, maintain the princi ples we advocate at all hazards.

We do not think there are many men in our party, or even pretending to act with us, who for the sake of expediency would be willing to barter a single one of our glorious and time honored principles. But there are some who desire to delude or bribe unreliable men into supporting our candidate, by neminating some one who has in some way, at some former period, induced the world to doubt the purity of his principles, but who will now if elected carry out the most radical Democracy. We are decidedly opposed to this, as well as every other species of demagogueism. An-DREW JOHNSON is an example, furnished us by the opposition, of the working of this system And even if we could succeed in this way our success would be a perpetual reproach so gallently maintained his position to us, for whenever we cannot have on the shoulders of some fools who a fair, free endorsement by the people our party cannot rightfully main tain itself in power. We are not enand no mere party success is worth the effort required to obtain it.

Many good Democrats, who stood firmly by our ancient principles through all the dark hours of the past six years, now favor the nomination of a military man for President, in case of the nomination of General GRANT by the Radicals; not because an army other is likely to make a more efficient executive than a civilian, but because they hope to dazzle the people by the brass buttons and

blunder. After the defeat of " Clellan, in 1864, it was generally conceded, even by those who urged his mmination, that any able civilian in our ranks would have run as well as he, yet he had the merit of having been kicked out of an army which his Democracy never led him into -While we are perfectly willing to concede the capacity of any of the Generals who are talked of for the nomination, we can never consent that our party shall heap honors upon those who deserted us in our darkest hours, and whose bayonets were turned against us in order to imprison or

When the late civil war first broke

most thoroughly discussed, that a be excused for being deceived into the object to be accomplished by the sacone who is the friend of both sides of despotism shall be repudiated, and the responsibility by charging it upon could unite all the elements of that those who were persecuted for the their victims, and hitherto they have strength held by either. All who purity of their principles shall now been only too successful in getting peo and sound Democrat, just as quickly the support o any Democrat for any magazine of powder, and seek to ex-

> upon us. 🧸 a grand rally for the ancient princi- to war. If we admit that the South

subject in the future, and will not are now applying. All the great men of taxes, to be expended in prevent ake up any more spree in discuss. ing it

the ground won in the skirmish of last fall with the enemies of our institutions, and if we get for a standard bearer a man and statesman, nothing can resist the grand Democratic charge which will be made next November, to wipe out all the defeats we have suffered in the past. to restore the Union, and to establish the supremacy of the constitution over all our vast domain Let every Democrat consider himself a recruiting officer, and enlist men for the great contest which is to be waged the coming year in the only way contests can be carried on "for the Union.

The military hero, who lately carried him, has got down, and is almost lost sight of. The people have had their Phil (fill.) and are not likegaged in a mere scramble for office, ly soon to trouble him again for any purpose,

--- The course of General HAN COCK as a military Governor, if persevered in, may induce the people to overlook his career as a leader in the late crusade for "cotton and niggers," but never to trust him with an important office.

such fearful consequences. ington, Iowa, is talked of by the try in war, the Abolitionists suddenly wounding worst the hands that wield western Democrate as a candidate for pretended to have become the most them. the vice-presidency. He did not win zealous supporters and defenders of blue uniform. We are notry that his military title by the slaughter of the Union. Once more the people men of weight in our party favor this his political brethren, and his nomi- allowed themselves to be deceived, Christian or the magnetic needle to

## Cause and Effect.

It was a favorite saying of WASH INGTON that an act is best proved by its result, and while few may have thought of this in the terse style of that great man, all admit its truth, in one form or another. If the result of anything is nothing but evil, all who observe it must conclude that the thing itself is wrong; and in everyday life the truth of this is generally admitted. The only wonder to us is that while the people practically make this an important rule of life in ordinary affairs, they should sometimes so long lose sight of it altogether in banish our very best and purest politics. We have often wondered apply the rule to the affairs of government, which so largely controls Democrats who filled and led the them in everything else Subjected strictly to it, the Mongrel party of this country could not for a moment maintain their standing before the people, and would be repudlated by them at the first proper opportunity. Since the day that the Abolitionists went into power, they have not accomplished a single good or valuable object for any body in the world, and it is a matter of wonder to us that this case which they do in all others. they have been so long supported by the people.

Years ago, when Northern hostility

manifested itself, the ablest men of the country of all parties foresaw the evil which would flow from a success by the Abolitionists, and most solenfuly warned the people against property of the South, with no other ses, and the government fell into the hands of its enemies. Just as had to having our nominations depend in rifice than the the freedom of the been foreseen and foretold, a fearful the slightest degree on what is done negro and the enslavement of the war immediately ensued, and the by the Radicals in their convention. white man? And when Northern whole land was scourged by the tri If we are staggling to maintain print Democrats were being persecuted, umph of sectional bigotry and hate. ciples, no acon of the opposition can murdered, condemned to death with The Southern people, by adopting change our every in that regard, and out trial, imprisoned without law and what we regard as an improper teme whomever the may nominate, we banished without a shadow of author- dy for a real evil, gave their foes and are bound to select and support the ty, were those who were swords in ours the very opportunity they desirman who can best carry them out - the service of the military despotism ed, and under the pretext of putting Some may be disposed to quote the which committed those outrages, then down insurrection against the authoold saying that "half a loaf is better earning the reward which they now rity of the government, they delibeask the Democrats to give them? If rately overturned the most vital of its they were, they certainly earned it principles. If results correctly test be defeated with a good one. If we conferred upon them. But if it is words, causes produce like effects, the could understand how any one can be proper that those who "bear the cross acts which led to the late war withall a half-way Democrat we might admit shall wear the crown," that those its misery and blood, must have been who do the labor shall reap the re- of the very worst kind. The author ward, then we say that every pimp of the war undertake to escape from love their country and desire to see be rewarded for upholding them. No | ple to believe their false tale. Their the Union restored, and who believe man whomeld a commission and did attempt to escape the judgment of that Radicalism will destroy our in | not resign it after the purposes of the | men in this way is about like a man stitutions, will vote for a straight out war were made manifest, is worthy of who would hurl a fire brand into a as for a man who tries to belong to important position and we hope our cuse himself by alleging the combusconvention will force no such person tible nature of the powder, after a fearful and destructive explosion had Let us have an able civilian nomi- occurred. The fact that the South nated for the great and important was willing to take up the guantlet position of President of the United which the North threw down, does States, and from Maine to California, not change the guilt or responsibility we will once more sweep the North in of those who offered the provocation was equally to blame with the North, We will have more to say on this it does not effect the test which we ing men of the North, in the shape of both sections had for years warned every effort to persuade their breth-robbery and outrage. date, and solemnly warned them that civil war. But they were deaf to all is perfect harmony in our ranks, and five years of the most bloody and terrible war the world over saw would not have occurred if ABRAHAM LIN-COLN had been defeated in the election. The fact that he became presi- for old Brownlow for United States dent under the forms of the Constitu. Senator. We thought this very cu the wisest men of the country, and of white men and elect a Democrat.

this, as in every other instance, results have proved that Abolitionism or Mongrelism can accomplish for this country nothing but destruction. They succeeded in getting better men to fight the war they alone should manage it. All men of intelligence can look for themselves and see what has been accomplished by it, and answer to their own satisfaction whether or not any but bad acts could lead to such evil consequences. The war has now been over for nearly three years; the Mongrels, according to their own declaration, have been all that time "reaping" its results, and what are they? why it was that they did not sooner Debt, taxation, starvation, degradation, free slaves, custaved freemen. disgrace on all hands and ruin staring us in the face; but no union no prosperity, no restoration of law and order, and not a single good thing as the result of all our expense of money and blood. Under the application of the rule referred to, how does all this appear? What must have been the nature of the causes which have led to such terrible results? And will the people apply the same rule in and repudiate the party which has so long imposed upon them, and accomplished no good thing for anybody in to the constitution of the Union first the world? Let the elections of 1868

## An Outrageous Sentence.

We notice by our daily exchanges infamous wrong inflicted upon a vic- ly "played out." tim, than an attempt to have justice Judge Busteed, another very "loyhe has not covered himself with, and feared that the judge will recover. no corruption that has not tainted ly, he is the embodyment of all that from the hands of the Radicals them is impure, nasty, stinking, disgrace selves, and their pets, the negroes times nine months imprisonment to stop it within the coming year. would be the sentence pronounced upon him, in place of inne months upon his victim Mr. MEESER

Many millions of Dollars are

--- The Democracy of the whole Abolitionism would be disunion and than at the present moment. There warnings and entreaty, and delibe- our people to a man are determined rately endorsed the sectional and dis that the "Union must and shall be cession of the southern states and nothing can stand between us and with him. complete victory.

-The few Democrats who are in the Legislature of Tennessee voted tion, which we admit does not in the rious until informed by inquiry that least effect our present inquiry. Se- he is in very feeble health, and they cession and war were the results of entertain strong hopes of his removal acts, committed by the Abolition early in the term, to a warmer climate, party against the solemn protests of when they expect to have the votes

under the rule of WASHINGTON that \_\_\_\_ Wherever militars govern-'results prove acts' surely the acts ments have been established under must have been bad indeed to produce the reconstruction acts of Congress, the Radicals are most heartily sick of --- Gen. A. C. Donger, of Burl ... After they had involved the count them. They are like hilless swords.

- What the Bible is to the

Radical Disturbances."

The mongrels are popping away at the martyr.

imprisonment of nine months. 'Had | this is the true version of the affair ties of the State prison. MR. MEESER been found guilty of li- as told us at the house where it ocbeling any decent, respectable citizen cured, and we can testify from our feit of brutalny on Christman day.

own knowledge that no city in the From agoounts so far received, a negro character, us notoriously correct as and his legislature attract little attenty. At

done all men. In a proper accepta- al" man, was also shot recently by a the miserable wretch who acts as in some whiskey frauds, and a pre-District Attorney of Philadelphia, sentment having been made by a as it would for an artist to add a grand jury the case was to come bedeeper shade to the chimney walls of fore Busteed for trial. Martin was hell. There has been no trick in pol-acting District Attorney and Busteed ities but he has been guilty of, no the presiding judge. Two shots were proved against him; no crime that bone and the other in the leg. It is

Thus it goes. The only violence him. In fact, publicly and political which is occuring in the South is and bloodshed .- Exchange. ful and villainous, and was it justice It is about time this state of things

-We observe that a few of our party, said: Democratic cotemporarie's are falling in with the Abolition idea of calling the country are in it, and Abolisionism. the emancipated blacks of the South my brethien, has done a wonderful sight annually wrung from the poor. labor freedmen. We are opposed to any freedmen. We are opposed to any of harm among the people many shepherds and sen flocks. It got into the Met the name, which best describes them, and broke that up. It got in among the ing the Southern people from mak- of negro. The difference in color, the people against the election of a ing their own living, and in foolish contrasting black with white fairly the old Union into pieces. And, my sectional president, and predicted, as attempts to elevate the negro to an represents the difference between the brethren, I don't know of anything it is A line of battle is forming on the mevitable result of such an elected equality with the white man. Those two races, in every particular. The good for, but to break down and break tion, civil discord and separation of who pay the taxes have grown weary word negro means black, and no other the Democracy of the of it and will remidiate the party should be ampleted to soften the identification. the Union The Democracy of the of it, and will repudiate the party should be employed to soften the idea the old boy, I advise you to send about the Union. And it will North, in particular, had exhausted which permits and encourages such every effort to persuade their breth robbery and outlage.

Should be employed to the mind of white, men break up hell uself in less than three by it. Let every man who believes ours to be a superior race, use lanthe consequence of the triumph of country was never in better condition guage in speaking of the races which marked distinction between them.

> -Much has been said in regard to the separation of Senator Symmen union candidate of the abolition con preserved " We never had a more and his wife, and the causes which vention which met at Chicago in glorious purpose to accomplish, and led to it. All who know what crime 1860. The result that immediately were never in better condition for a was truthfully charged against him followed is too well known to need contest, and unless something not by Mr Voornies, will not wonder more than a mere reference. The sel now foreseen occurs before next fall, that a woman of spirit refuses to live

> > ---One of the charges made against the Democracy by the opposition in 1860 was that of extravagance; yet, according to the testimony of Radicals themselves, we paid all the expenses of government from year to year with less money than they annually steal.

- We challenge all the Radical papers in the country, to publish in wiped it out in Pittsburgh, and carried their columns, a single clause of the over so many amaller cities besides. 'reconstruction acts' of Congress and all this means were.' This is terreconstruction acts", of Congress which can by any possibility, work for the benefit of any white man on

Pendietons chances for the Demo-cratic nomination for the Presidency, are considered good by his friends in Ohio.— Exchange.

A Game' that Won't Win."

On Monday last, as we have been each other in every direction; and if reliably informed Joun J. PATTERtheir hands were only a little more son, and his tool JACK ROBINSON, steady when they shoot, we would went to Harrisburg, fully armed and for them, but took good care that soon be entirely rid of a good propor equipped to contest the sent of Hon. tion of them. A case occurred in S. T. Shugert. That their efforts Nashville, Tennessee, some time ago will amount to anything, but an exwhich fairly illustrates three things, posure of some of their own villianto wit: the miserable meanness of ous acts, there is no one foolish. Northern radicals, who desire to keep enough to believe. If ever any one up an idea at the North that the was elected honorably and fairly MR. Southern people are dissatisfied and Shugear was, and the simple fact turbulent; the blood thirsty disposi- that every respectable opponent he tion even of those mongrels we were had in the entire district, hoots at afraid to enter the army, and the the idea of contesting his seat, is thievish propensity of the hangers on proof of this assertion. But with of every department of the govern him in the Senate, PATTERSON, ment under the administration of stands no chance of making his "ten thousand dollars"-no chance of bleed-We all recollect that a month or ing parties who may want legislation two ago a story went the rounds of all | +no chance of filling the position of the radical papers that a quarrel had Scinator without being responsible for accurred in the billiard saloon of the the actions of one. JOHN J. PATTER-Stacy House in Nashville, in which a son knows as well as does any one, young man had been shot, and in that there is not the slightest ground several instances, editorials were writ- for even a suspicion of unfairness in ten calling attention to the furbulent the late Senatorial election in this and rebellious condition of things in district. But what does that knowlthat city. On a recent visit to that edge amount to with him-alman place, we took pains to ascertain the without character, principle, truth or thath in regard to this shooting affair, common decency, a poor diseased, and discovered that the quarrel took bloated being, whose chief employplace between two Northern men, ment for the past seven years, has who had been connected with the been stealing from the public comquarter master's department during munity, perjury and swallowing Balthe war, and were of course exces- sam copabia. He is about at the end sively 'loya! ' Meeting in a billiard of his string however. Already with saloon high words occured between one foot in the Penitentiary, he needs them, and each got to telling of the but to push on his efforts to thwart that WM MEESER, Esq., publisher stealing of the other while in the em- the will of the people of this district of the Philadelphia Sunday Mercury, ploy of the government. The result a little farther, when a few facts will convicted a few weeks since of libeling was the drawing of a pistol, and the be made known that will open the BILL MANN, has been sentenced to firing of a shot, which drew "loyal" eyes of many of our people, and close pay a fine of \$500, and undergo an blood, but produced no fatal result. those of LOHN J. to all but the beau-

not only as unnecessarily harsh, but North is more quiet and peaceable named Williams shot and mutilated a outrageous. But when a public than the city of Nashville. Brownlow shocking manner, in Southampton coun-BILL MANN, comes into the question, tion, and the people regard all the groes made an attack upon a white man, and is to be bolstered up in such a revolutionary movements now going but finding him prepared, they finally manner, it looks to us more like an on as a mere farce which is very near-deadly feud between the United States soldiers and the negroes, which nearly took the shape of a battle several times the sake of "expediency" it is better they were, they were the they were, they were the were th In Richmand, in the possible to libel the bloated carcass of seems that Martin had been engaged but before much damage was done the police and a squad of armed soldlers areved and stopped the fight. On Thursday another disturbance occurred beween them but the soldiers, being in the minority, were compelled to retreat before the mob of blacks. The latter followed, armed with piscola and malfeasence in office but could be fired, one taking effect in the breast d-d blue coats!" On Friday night, quelled by the prompt action of the miltary officers and police few of the isolated cases of outrage

> BREAK UP HELL | ITERLY .-- Au old preacher in Western New York, who was that was being meted out, ninety would stop, and the people are going men during the political excitement in that State last fall to join the Radical

"No, my brethren, I can't join that party, because all the Abolitionists in It got into the Methodiat church

- When the subject of compensa will best represent and keep up the the Negro State Convention of Virginia ion for the services of the delegates to was up in that body the other day if the blacked of the black Republicans went in strong for the highest figure — 'It,' said he 'you don't pay a fellow enough be will have to steal, and then he will git ble name in de papers." Whether the negro meant that as a monsee or not has not been ascertained Probably he had heard of the method by which Kadiosi members of the Pennsyland Legislature managed to get rich, and did not intend to intimate the possibilityoof a rand on a chicken conp. --Exchange

> TERRIBLE-IN TRUE .- The St. Joseph Union says "The success of the Demoratic party means war."

This is terrible-if true The Demo-California, Kentucky, Delaware, Penn-Cattornia, nentuoky, Delaware, Fennsylvania, Merylaud New Xork, got possession of the Legislature of Ohio, upset Republicantem in cloyal" Boston, with the assistance of some hard-fisted allies. rible! What is the country coming to? - St. Louis Republican

- Old prownlow claims the Radiand nomination for Vice President on the ticket with Grant, on the ground that he can control the vote of Tennes-And if nominated his chances for icalism in the Vice Presidential candiides, and if they prove strong enough nation would probably give satisfactory and supported with might and on the people in a the poor tools of a bonded aristocracy gall and rescaling them all Brimstone.—

who will oppose him.

In their respect, and who is the people in a the poor tools of a bonded aristocracy gall and rescaling them all Brimstone.—

Rechange: an election are considered good, by date to make up for Grant's deficiencies in that respect, and who is fuller of