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Unpatriotic Action of Congress.

Congress signalled its re-assembling after the holidays by new attacks upon the great principle of civil government, as represented by the Constitution and laws enacted in obedience to the spirit and meaning of that instrument.

But, not content with thus refusing to endorse and applaud the course of General Hancock, Congress took a wider step in its opposite direction, and adopted a resolution censuring the President for removing Stanton and Sheridan, and thinking it better for his course in Louisiana.

But the President and General Hancock occupy constitutional, national and patriotic grounds on this question, and the country will sustain them.

Vallandigham's Escape from Canada--His Own Story.

In a recent speech at Hamilton, Vallandigham indulged in the following reminiscences:

I rejoice to say that it was on this very spot I made my first appearance fresh from Canada. None of you ever knew how I got here. But as we are now triumphant it is not much of a secret to keep any longer.

Arrested as a smuggler, I would have been arrested as C. L. Vallandigham, and I might have been sent to Fort Warren at last, but presence of mind saved me.

The Radical Legacy to Posterity.

One of the "grand moral ideas" newspapers complain that Democrats charge all the business confusion and misery in the South as directly due to the black man.

The world does now, and posterity will hereafter, execrate the conduct of the self-hating Radical demagogues, who have not only stubbornly stood in the way of a restoration of the Union, but have used the poor, ignorant blacks as an engine of evil to the country and to the negroes themselves.

The careful observer will note the fact that the leaders of the Radical party do not dare to map out the future of the country under the so-called policy of the party.

"Narrow-minded blockheads" those leaders have been called by one who ought to know them well; but they are not so dull or stupid as to be oblivious to the distress prevailing all around them.

These are the sort of men who lead the Radical party, shape its "policies" and direct its movements.

A Horrible Fraud.

Could the story be written of the gigantic frauds perpetrated during the war, the people would be amazed beyond measure.

There is no telling the ways that men, greedy for gain, will not avail themselves of to advance their fortunes, especially during and since the war, as men have been found willing and anxious to sell soul and conscience for a little fifty lily.

GRANT AND STANTON.—There is a dis-jointer in the pleasant relations between General Grant and the late Secretary of War Stanton.

Happy New Year to the Poor.

If we had our way, every poor man in the world would be happy to-day—his home would be one of happiness, his family happy and contented—the country would be at rest, and we could all enjoy the holidays.

The tax collector goes from house to house, taking from the poor men and poor women often times every penny of their savings.

The bondholder rides in his carriage to a bank, opening his tin box, cuts from his nontaxable bonds, draws his interest in gold, wishes the Banker a "Happy New Year," steps gaily into his carriage, meets the tax collector and says "Happy New Year," rides home, counts his gold, orders a bottle of wine, goes to sleep while some lady's fingers are running the keys of a "conquered" piano and says it well.

Happy New Year to the bondholder who juggles his gold!

Happy New Year to the poor man who looks at his present—the tax receipt!

The people of the South and West, the poor people everywhere must pay taxes. They pay six hundred millions of dollars each year as interest money to bondholders.

Then the railroads having less freight to carry—less business to do, discharge half their employees, reduce the wages and cut back the remaining force of their employees.

Farmers, compelled to pay taxes, cannot settle their store bills. The country merchants cannot pay the city dealer.

The farmer and laborer fails to pay—the country merchant is ruined—the city merchant is ruined—he cannot pay the manufacturer what he owes him—the manufacturer is cramped and is compelled to shut shop and wait for better times.

The Republican legislation has thrown the entire machinery of free government off its balance, the new theory was a failure—the people cannot and will not stand this enormous taxation and discrimination against industry—the equal taxation this paper first asked for has been refused by Congress—and the wave of Repudiation is now coming to wash the misers and vultures from the coffers and body of wounded Liberty, and bring relief to the people!

The crack of doom is not more certain than Repudiation.

The people will tug at their purse strings, yet a little while, but already tens and hundreds of thousands of them are sick, and clamorous for repudiation. The offensive stench so sneered at by "loyal bondholders" robbers of the dead is making them sick unto financial death.

The people have been bought for the robbers to plunder at their leisure, but, to thank God, from the great plains to the West—from the slopes of the Pacific—the blood stained sands of the Atlantic—from the hills, homes and heartstones of the deluded and betrayed people comes the relief which alone will for ever cure the remedy.

It is coming, bondholders!

A Happy New Year for the Poor.—La Crosse Democrat

No Step Backwards.

Mr. Colfax, the speaker of a Republican House of Representatives of a "Bump" Congress, has said, in a recently published letter, that the "Radicals will take no step backwards."

Mr. Colfax, after the assertion he has made and which we have just quoted, means that General Grant is in favor of negro suffrage and equality and all the measures which Congress has taken to subject the States of the Union to negro rule, and that he and his party are for Grant as the Radical Republican candidate for the Presidency, men who will understand him. But Grant is not

a Radical Republican. He has been careful enough not to define exactly his political views, but he has been sufficiently explicit in the little he has said and written to satisfy us that he is not with Sumner, Stevens, Wade and Colfax. He is not fool enough to believe, and not know enough to effect to believe, that an ignorant negro, just relieved from slavery, is fit to be the equal, civility and politically, much less socially, of a white freeman by birth and education.

"Loity" must be Made Odious!

"Treason must be made odious," said President Johnson, and he went to work at once to make it odious.

But it came to be a question, upon reflection, who were traitors. Those who had looked only southward for treason and traitors, got their senses aroused, and began to smell a very large mouse.

"Loity" must be made odious, if we would have a united country!

"Loity" must be made odious, if we would arrest crime and oppression!

"Loity" must be made odious, if we would check monstrous legislation and stupendous robbery!

"Loity" must be made odious, if we would save the nation from bankruptcy and the people from anarchy!

"Loity" must be made odious, if we would avoid a war of races and a permanent military despotism!

"Loity" must be made odious, if we would have the Constitution for the law of the land and the white man for its Governor!

"Loity" must be made odious, if Taxation is made equal, and the poor man relieved of the payment of the rich man's taxes!

"Loity" must be made odious, and "loity" monopolies and combinations broken, if the poor man would have the necessities of life sold at prices within his ability to purchase!

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Party Disintegration.

Does any one want evidence of the disintegration of the "great party" as the N. Y. Tribune styles it? It was recently a numerous but never a great body politically, let him talk a while calmly with intelligent Republicans who are neither party hacks or crazy fanatics.

The truth is, that the great body of the Republicans who vociferated manfully for the union and peace, until within a few months, were persuaded by the Radical leaders to imagine that the policy inaugurated by these lights of other days, would produce that happy result—those leaders, wicked and unscrupulous as they are, were not so ignorant; they knew perfectly well that anything but peace or a proper Union would ensue from their base machinations.

When Republicans consider it an insult to be ranged along with Radicals, it means something. Six months ago there were few Republicans who thus regarded the Radicals.

Permanent influence over the hearts and minds of a people who are born intelligent and honorable, can only be exercised by men who are themselves honorable.

PREPARING FOR DEFEAT.—The New Hampshire election will take place in March next, and that it will be productive of extraordinary results is evident from the present lugubrious tone of the Radical press.

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General Grant's Private Letter.

General Grant is a very clever man in his way; but he is neither the greatest soldier nor the greatest statesman the world ever saw.

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