

State Sovereignty and Negro Suffrage.

All admit that the country is just now in a desperate condition. Slunk in despotism, and verging upon the last and most ruinous extremity of anarchy. The public spirit and private faith alike demoralized and broken up by party animosities and sectional hatred. Every man's hand against his neighbor, and the wild passions of revolution raging in opposition to all those grand fundamental principles of government on which the government was founded.

The Libel Mania.

The Libel mania promises to be a very busy one. During the past week the proprietors of the Sunday Dispatch and one of the brilliant little Evening Stars were brought up to the rack. The former by no less a personage than the great American orator, Edwin Forrest, the latter by a more private or less notorious individual for an alleged or fancied wrong in publishing an extract taken as current news of a day from a Pittsburgh paper. Ever since William B. Mann attempted to establish a character for himself at the expense of the proprietors of the Sunday Mercury every jackass in the country imagines that his reputation is at stake or injured by the slightest allusion to his peccadilloes or short comings.

Sunday Mercury

Mr. Sumner declares that the negroes are progressing in education. We deny it. Let the gentleman bring forward a single specimen of an educated negro, in the white man's meaning of an educated man. We know that five thousand yes have pronounced no such specimen. It is twenty years since Mr. Gibson made this challenge. Let any one quote to me one single line written by a negro worth remembering. Mohammed refused the negroes the gift of prophesy on the ground that they were incapable of receiving or imparting education. He attributed the white and black races to a different origin or creation. He affirmed that difference in the intellectual and moral nature of the races was as great as in their physical characteristics. And history has abundantly shown that the great Arabian philosopher was right. All efforts to educate negroes have been time and means thrown away in a waste or move useless undertaking than in attempting to educate Indians. All the senseless platitudes of the Senate chamber, on the subject of educating negroes are proofs of the ignorance or dishonesty of those who use them.

Movements of the Democratic Party.

In all parts of the nation the Democratic party is united, vigilant and full of spirit. The great issues of the day are fully appreciated by the masses, and they are prepared to do battle on behalf of the Union, the Constitution, and the continuation of a republican form of government. Congress has prepared a platform for the Radical party which has fairly aroused the Democracy. That platform contemplates an entire change in the vital principles of American nationality. Under the system established by our fathers, the States were free and equal, subject only to the restrictions of the Constitution. Main was the peer of Louisiana and Pennsylvania could claim no right which did not belong to Georgia or Florida, or South Carolina. The Radicals have broken down that system. They have destroyed States, obliterated the authority of officers elected by the people under State laws, and now take one portion of the Union by the throat and slave Congressionals and other the other portions of the government with absolute sway.

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