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"Narrow-Minded Blockheads."

Many poor ignorant fools of Radicals in the employ of Pennsylvania iron companies were told and they believed that if SEYMOUR should be elected all the iron works would stop and they would be thrown out of employment. Accordingly these pitiful asses voted for GRANT, to keep the works in blast and themselves in employ, as they supposed. This fact we have from Radical sources, and, although ridiculously absurd, we are forced to believe it.

It seems strange that such beastly ignorance should prevail in Pennsylvania, where schools, newspapers and colleges abound, but when we reflect that the Ramp negro "reconstruction" policy has here received a full endorsement, we need be surprised at no evidence of blockheadism or rascality—within the Radical party.—Since the very outset of the war for the nigger the "loil" masses of ignorance and stupidity have been taught to avoid Democratic newspapers and to reject every fact or argument which did not eminate from "loil" sources. The result has been, of course, that not one Radical out of a thousand entertains a correct or common sense view of the political situation. For the purpose of keeping their dupes in ignorance the Radical leaders have sedulously avoided open and fair discussion with Democratic statesmen, and Radical newspapers, for the same reason, have persistently refused to compare measures and principles with Democratic journals. "loil" clap trap and denunciation of "copperheads" and "traitors" have been the sole stock in trade of Radical leaders for the past seven years. We can therefore look for nothing else than the grossest ignorance and most bigoted and bloody-minded party prejudice among the lowest strata of the negro worshippers.

The dupes who voted for GRANT because they believed his election would be followed by a revival of business and prosperity, and that the tariff would be reduced, of course do not know that every protective tariff measure introduced into the Rump Congress for the last seven years was passed by the votes of the Western States, because the people of the Western States are the greatest producers and consumers of the products of the country, and that the people of those States are not a manufacturing but an agricultural people. They need iron, and its manufactured products, woolen cloth and other fabrics, but do not make them. Hence it is a matter of importance to them to have a cheap market in which to purchase. Foreign wares and manufactures are cheapest to them, and they can raise more corn than they can use of their own production for sale to foreign powers. Therefore they are opposed to high tariffs on foreign products, knowing that they would have to pay all such duties out of their own pockets, either in money or in corn taken out of the mouths of the producers of the eastern and middle States. For these reasons the western Radical members of the Ramp defeated every tariff measure for the past two years, notwithstanding that they were offered millions of dollars by east iron manufacturers for their votes.

The tariff law now in force is not as high as the iron and other manufacturers want, yet they are all making money and are prosperous. They want to make million where they now make hundreds of thousands of dollars, but they do not care out of whose pockets or to whose injury it is done. The Democracy are opposed to robbing consumers to enrich a few over grown and unscrupulous manufacturers. They are opposed to high class taxation which rob the many to enrich the few. The radical tricksters have taken advantage of this fact to misrepresent the Democracy and to prejudice their ignorant dupes in favor of GRANT, who can have no more influence over the question, one way or the other than the man in the moon. The election of Mr. SEYMOUR would not have influenced the matter, either, because all such questions rest alone with the legislative branch of the Government, and so long as the west is opposed to high tariffs, no Congress can raise the duties on foreign imports. There is no doubt that, had the Democracy power enough in Congress they would materially modify the present tariff, so as to make it better for the consuming classes, who constitute the mass of the people. The only gainers by the present tariff are the manufacturers and the wealthy class of people.

There is another important consideration, however. By voting for GRANT these dupes voted to support and enforce the destructive negro reconstruction policy, which will keep the South down in stagnation for years, if not for generations to come. By enforcing that "policy," agriculture and every industrial pursuit at the South will be crippled and retarded, and, as a consequence, millions of dollars worth of railroad iron, plows, hoes, steam engines, machinery of all kinds, boots, shoes, cloth, furniture, and a thousand other articles and fabrics of Northern manufacture will be annually lost to Northern workshops, and the wages therefrom will be lost to the workingmen who voted for GRANT. Had they elected SEYMOUR, however, the ten outlawed Southern States would have been encouraged to repair the wreck of war, to cast off the negro incubus, and to build up their industrial interests.—In doing so they would have given employment to every workingman in the North, and, instead of closed workshops, every anvil would have rung with stalwart blows, and every spindle would have hummed a song of joy over prosperous, industry and a united and happy people.

It is thus abundantly clear that in voting for GRANT these "narrow-minded blockheads" struck a most blind and fatal blow at their own interests and welfare. If negro reconstruction goes on they will find that, if their workshops are not closed the amount of work will be materially lessened, and that wages will be reduced much below their present by no means remunerative standard. It has been said that "experience teaches a dear school but fools will learn in no other." It is evident that nothing but the actual experience of suffering and destitution will convince these dupes of radicalism that in voting for GRANT they endorsed the promulgators of a policy which, if carried out, will close the workshops and mills, prostrate the industrial interest of every section, and bring the country to irretrievable bankruptcy. Poor, ignorant fools! we pity them, notwithstanding the undeserving of sympathy.

A Carpet-Bagger in Trouble.

The so-called Governor of Florida, has got himself into trouble, and the niggers and bleached mongrels who constitute what is known as the legislature of that land of the free, are after him with a "sharp stick." One HORATIO JENKS, after the manner of that noble band of president impeachers, has drawn up articles, which when boiled down, skimmed off and cooled, charge him with "falsehood and lying, incompetency, embezzlement, corruption and bribery." JENKS, must be considerable of a tool, if he thinks a radical Governor will be impeached by a radical legislature, for any of these crimes. If such a thing were possible, there would not be a radical in any official position in the country. "Falsehood," "incompetency," "embezzlement," "corruption and bribery," are the characteristic traits that adorn them in the eyes of the loyal masses, for positions of places and profit. Take these from them and they would have about as much capacity to fill the offices they occupy as a blind ram with a broken head, would to protect the flock he follows. If the carpet bagger REED, has, is the eyes, of the mongrels of Florida, been guilty of nothing else than this—there is no danger of his impeachment; to insure that, he would have to be an honest white man and be charged with doing right. But among them he is. If REED should be ousted it would only be more evidence to prove that "such is life."

The Mormons claim that twenty-eight years ago their prophet, JOSEPH SMITH, predicted the secession of the Southern States and the late war, and SMITH'S successor now confidently asserts that a war of races is impending. It does not need a prophetic spirit to predict such a calamity. The hostile state of feeling at the South between the white and black races, induced by the infernal Radical "policy," shows as clearly as the sun at noonday that before long the torch and sword will sweep over the South with relentless fury, terminating in the extermination of one of the races. Upon the heads of the demoniac crew of Radicals be the blood that will flow.

"Up and at Them Again!"

Never despair. No true Democrat will despond at the result of the late election. There is no reason to feel discouraged. Our party in Pennsylvania is at least thirty-six thousand stronger than it was two years ago, and fully fifty thousand greater than in 1864. We have gained ground year by year steadily and surely, not only in numbers but in official power. We have gained hundreds of local offices, and members of the Legislature and of Congress, which the opposition were forced to concede to us in order to carry the State by a paltry majority on the general ticket. Besides this fact, our grand old party has compelled the opposition to respect it as a great power—as an organization that cannot be fooled and trifled with and brow beaten and persecuted and despised, as it was in the years of the war. Three hundred and twenty-five thousand rank and file—representing an aggregate population of nearly two million of people—can not—dare not—be overlooked or despised by politicians or the Government. The majority against us in October was less than ten thousand—a number representing but about one sixty-sixth of the entire poll of votes—and the majority in November is but a few thousand more, made up in part of persons who have not left us, but were attracted temporarily by GRANT'S military reputation, and of frauds perpetrated by the Radical tricksters in the pay of the bonded interest.

The two parties in Pennsylvania are now nearly balanced. We have gained two members of Congress, and the congressional vote will show, we believe, that upon that test there is really no majority against the Democracy at all in the State. Notwithstanding the fact, however, the opposition have still two members of Congress to our one—we having eight and they sixteen. In 1866 they had three to our one, holding twelve members out of their eighteen upon the basis of a paltry aggregate majority of eleven thousand. Now they have eight members based upon a state majority of less than ten thousand on the state ticket, and much less than that on the aggregate Congressional vote. These results are entirely owing to the unfair apportionment of Congressional districts, the result of Radical legislative rascality.

That GRANT was elected is no cause to party triumph. He was not nominated as a party man, he was not a representative political man. He did not in his political principles, what every and enumerated none during the canvass. Those who nominated him did not scruple to avow that he was nominated for his military services, or reputation and not by any means on account of any political views, act or declarations. His backers knew full well the hold which military tinsel has upon the people. They knew that there were asses and fools enough in the country to elect a destroyer against of any political economist, philosopher or sage in the land. They took GRANT as a soldier—knowing his great deficiencies in everything appertaining to statesmanship. They conducted the campaign entirely upon his military record, closed the popular eye upon the suspicion of civil qualifications, public polity, morality, mental capacity, and all that pertains to the statesman and thus they succeeded in securing a majority of the unthinkable voter for their candidate.

GRANT'S election is, therefore, no party victory, as the term is generally considered. He is simply a sort of spontaneous combustion president.—No man knows what his principles are, nor what measures or policy he will pursue. Of course the Radical element will make a strong effort to compel him to carry out their peculiar notions and plans, but, so far, they have had no open assurance that he will fall into their ways. Some of them—now that his election (of which they had doubts) is a fact, accomplished—are already fearful of being "Johnsonized," and, as a consequence, are in sore tribulation. A few months, or weeks even, will tell whether their fears are just or groundless.

Under these circumstances, it is foolish for the Democrats to despond. Let us all up and at them again.—Remember that the pitcher which goes oft to the well is at last broken. The Republican party has been successful quite often, but will assuredly be sometime broken and defeated. A little more hope and work would have given us victory this fall, but it is too late now to regret this. Next time we will do better and win! Although defeated in the state and general election we are stronger to-day than ever before, and Democracy must and will triumph in the end, because it is the party of the people and is fighting their battles.

Seymour and Blair the Peoples Choice.

Every hour brings better news.—Every mail brings later and more correct returns which tally on the side of Democracy. When the first news of the result of the great contest of the 3rd inst., was flashed over the wires, there was reason to believe that the Democracy had scarcely made a respectable show at the polls, but as later and more correct returns come in they show that we have not only made immense gains, but *actually elected our candidates.* Of course they will not be recognized by the party in power as the legally elected officials, but the facts and the figures show that *they are the choice, not only of a majority of the people but of the States.*

There is not a supporter of the radical party this side of the regions of the damned, with sense enough to know that there are States and people south of Mason and Dixon's line, who will have the effrontery to assert that any one of those states would willingly and of its own accord endorse radicalism and its dirty dogmas. The friends of that party know as well as we do, that four fifths of the people of those states are Democratic. That even Missouri Tennessee and West Virginia—the only states in which their party can claim any strength at all—would be overwhelmingly Democratic were it not for the unrighteous proscription and infamous registration acts that are enforced there. These, we say, are facts which no man of any sense or truth will dare deny. They are facts which the returns of the election and the registration acts prove. In Tennessee where the radical majority does not exceed 25000 the books in the registry departments show that over ninety thousand Democrats are disfranchised—Missouri that will not give a radical majority of 20,000 has 95,000 disfranchised democrats, and West Virginia that gives but about 6,000 majority for that party can point to over 26,000 white democrats who are not allowed to vote. These three states, the only ones in the entire south, that radicalism can show any strength in outside of the influence of the army and Freedman's bureau are Democratic by thousands upon thousands as the figures show. The other Southern States are almost unanimously Democratic, as the election returns prove—notwithstanding the negro bureau, the army influence, carpet baggers, all combined to fasten them to the juggernaut of abolitionism that is crushing them to the ground.

Notwithstanding the outrages perpetrated upon them in the shape of State Constitutions, that give the ballot to the negro and take it from the white man, Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Georgia and North Carolina, give their 38 electors to SEYMOUR and BLAIR. Florida would do the same but an infamous usurpation of authority, allows the legislature of that state to cast the vote for the people, and the legislature being *appointed by* the military, in place of being elected by the people, will as a matter of course give it to the Radicals, when nine tenths of the white inhabitants and even a majority of the negro votes, would have decided otherwise. This state has 3 electors which would be as certain for the Democracy, if the people had the choice as Massachusetts is for mongrelism. Texas, Mississippi and Virginia, were not allowed to hold elections at all, *because there* was no hope of radicalism succeeding or of even having a respectable minority in them. These States have 17 electors, making in all 59 votes in the electoral college. Add to these the 33 of South Carolina, West Virginia, Louisiana and Missouri, and we have 92 votes. To these we add, the votes of New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Kentucky, Oregon and Nevada 67 in all, making a grand total of 159, electoral votes, for SEYMOUR and BLAIR, against 158 for GRANT and COLFAX, giving SEYMOUR and BLAIR, *a majority of one.*

This is the plain state of facts just as the figures show them, and simply proves that the Democracy have *not been beaten*, but have been counted out—have been cheated out of their honestly elected President and Vice President, through the workings of a most shameful and corrupt system of legislation, that denies to States and to the people, the rights guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States.

How long the Democracy of the country will submit to these outrages we know not. How long they should we have a very good idea. If they were worthy descendants of the brave old "rebels" who refused to be rode over and trampled upon by british loyalists, in '76 they *now* would assert there rights and place in the Presidential chair, HORATIO SEYMOUR, the choice of the people and of a majority of the States of this government.

We Don't Want Him.

A number of our Democratic exchanges are considerably elated over the prospects of GRANT, proving another JOHNSON to the radical party. For our part we can see nothing in such an event to rejoice over. The Democracy are not in need of GRANT, and his turning "traitor" to the party that elected him, would add nothing to the strength of the Democratic cause, while it would save the radical party from self destruction. We want to see GRANT go along with Congress. We want to see radicalism carry out its measures to the fullest extent. We want them to.

Go on with their Reconstruction.

Go on with their negro suffrage.

Go on with their white disfranchisement.

Go on with their Freedmen's Bureau.

Go on with their disunion.

Go on with their Usurpation.

Go on with their unequal taxation.

Go on with their violation of Rights—their disregard of Constitution—their hatred of white men, and all the devilish doctrines they have preached and practiced since the earth was cursed with the first one of them.

We want the people to see just what they are, what wrongs they can, and what outrages they will perpetrate.

We want the masses to get a dose of their dirty doctrines that will do them for the next ten generations, and we don't want GRANT to stand in the way of that dose being thrust down their throats. Let him go with Congress. The party that endorses Congress elected him. He belongs to it, and we pray God that he may stick to it.

We want to see the masses, the poor, blind, bigoted fanatics who voted against their own interests to tickle bondholders, and please niggers, get *just what they voted for.*

It will learn them a lesson they will not soon forget and teach them hereafter to stand by the party that has always stood by the country and the masses of the people—the Democratic party.

The rebel General Forrest in a letter to the loyal General KILPATRICK, calls slanderous and lying about him from the stump during their late political campaign in the North, and for which he retorts by calling KILPATRICK "a brag, a scoundrel and a poltroon," and offers to back up his assertion or render KILPATRICK satisfaction in the manner usual among gentlemen "on the field of honor." This is all pretty enough, but if the fellow is a poltroon he will not fight to that arrangement, and if he is a liar and scoundrel he is not a gentleman, and therefore unfit to meet a gentleman upon the field of honor. The best way is to let such scamps smother in the foul atmosphere which they raise around themselves.

—New York Journals report that the *National Intelligencer*, a conservative paper and supporter of Seymour, is to be the official organ of the new administration, and that FORNEY'S *Chronical*, will make war upon it. If the report is correct we suppose the party that elected JOHNSON and afterwards GRANT, will have nothing more to do, with "renegate Democrats," until they want an other candidate.

A PAIR OF BOW WOWS. In their passage to Washington, last week, GRANT did the "bows" and COLFAX uttered the "wows." The former merely doused his head at the people, but the latter was as noisy as a rattle-trap. GRANT tries to show wisdom by keeping silence like an owl, while COLFAX aims at the same object by chattering like a magpie.

—Helena, Arkansas, has a president Judge named Bennett, whose home and family are in New York, at which place he spends the greater portion of his time. We suppose if he would stay there all the while, justice would stand a better chance of being meted out fairly to the people of Helena, than with him on the bench and his carpet bag at his feet.

—"Loyalty" has earned for itself such a reputation among intelligent and honorable men in this country, that when any one boasts of it, he is invariably marked down as a fit candidate for the penitentiary.

—It is said that it takes two clerks constantly opening and reading the letters received by GRANT from hungry radicals, begging for little positions where they can steal a few crumbs.

A HEAVY SLAP.—The hardest stroke that radicalism, or rather mongrelism has yet received, is that struck them by the recent elections in the States of the South. In order to whip these States into the support of its dogmas, it inaugrated a war that cost thousands of millions of dollars; murder hundreds of thousands of brave men; established millitary dictatorships over ten States; disfranchised the white people; gave votes to the negroes—and in order to keep in their good graces established a bureau to keep them at the expense of the whole laboring masses, kept those States out of the Union, and put their governments in the hands of those who would use them exclusively for the benefit and success of mongrelism, and yet after all their war, and murder, and white disfranchisement, and black suffrage, and negro bureaus and military dictators, they have been able to carry but *three out of the ten.* Even the negroes whom they have kept, and kissed, and loved, and promised so much, have become disgusted with them, found out who, and what they are, and refuse to be led and used by them. Verily when the mongrel party gets so low and corrupt that even the ignorant, barbarous, darkeys of the South, have more respect for themselves than to belong to it, what must the white men of the North who have clung to it through all its corruption and crimes think of themselves?

IN THE SAME FIX.—We understand that Messrs. JOB W. & W. P. FUREY, Esqrs., editors of the *Clinton Democrat*, have been sued for libel, by a poor, miserable wretch named Purman, formerly of Clinton County, but now a carpet bag official in Florida. If the *Democrat* can libel *any thing* of that kind it must have a dictionary that we have never seen, for in our estimation, the english language cannot be put together in such a manner as to libel the rotten carcass of such an animal. When Purman gets through with the *Democrat* and the Dickenson Seminary with the WATCHMAN they'll both believe it poor business for editors to libel.

—They had spoon therein for Ben Butlers in the days of the Prophets. They were Captains, and Colonels, and Brigadier Generals then as the radicals have made them to-day, and they took with them, just as Butler did, all that came in the way. The following from Jeremiah 31 chapter and 16th verse, while it tells of how they did in "ye ancient" times, would also make a very appropriate text for the funeral sermon of Butler or any of his class.

"And the basons, and the snuffers, and the bowls, and the cuttlers, and the censers, and the cups, that which was gold in gold, and that was of silver in silver, the Captain of the guard took away."

—The Radical fellows are not much inclined to enter into jollifications over their late victory because they don't see yet whether they have won a prize or drawn an elephant. The silence which they commenced in GRANT, a little while ago, now give them the liveliest solicitude. Anything for a word from the Sphinx in their favor but never a word does he utter. We hope they may be kept some time longer on the "anxious bench," waiting for "a sign."

The Democracy polled in Pennsylvania in 1863, 254,000 votes, in 1865, 216,000, in 1866, 200,000, in 1867, 267,000, and in 1868, 321,000. Sixty seven thousand of an increase in five years is not much evidence of either a dying or dead party. The opposition, in the same time, have added only sixty thousand to their party.

—"Our Andy," wants a seat in GRANTS Cabinet. He may get one but it will be on the foot stool of some of Camerons friends. The old "Winebago" will never allow Curtin, to get a better position than licking up the crumbs that fall from his table.

—Seeing how easy GRANT was elected, the Radical scalawags are now lamenting that they did not nominate a man they could depend upon. They begin to see that GREELEY was right when he called them "narrow-minded blockheads."

— If the public treasury had two million and a half of teats, there would be a radical pig to suck each one, and thousands of little radicals running round squealing because there was no more for them.

—Forney's *Press* and other leading radical papers of the States, have thrown off the mask and now declares boldly for negro suffrage.