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We direct the attention of contractors and builders to the advertisement of R. T. Taylor, found in another column.

TREASON

Where are the Democrats of the North drifting? Surely and rapidly are the conductors of the Democratic press in the North preparing to take an open stand against their Government, and in favor of the armed rebels and traitors of the South.

We have before us the New Castle Journal and Beaver Star. The former of these papers holds the following language in regard to the Administration:

Their course is driving many to support the South. If this emancipation crusade is the real policy of the Government, we look upon the South as the champions of State Rights, liberty and order. This may seem bold, but it is true. They are, in reality, since the purpose of the war is changed, fighting for the rights of the whole nation—for the present Administration has acted no other way than sectional.

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you know that its destruction would not only be an act of humanity, but that it would be in accordance with the principles of the religion which you profess. You, a member of that church whose founder declared Slavery to be the sum of all villainies; you to cry out against a great humanitarian movement? Is not the pretense too bald? Is it not too much like hypocrisy for you to be pretending to be a follower of the teachings of Him who taught that all men are brothers, and yet employ your press, deliberately, to arouse the prejudices already existing against that unfortunate race in blind opposition to his word. Oh, it is too bad. Either renounce one or the other. Don't try any longer to serve two masters. It cannot be done. Either give up Jeff. Davis and the Devil, or pretend no longer to be a follower of the meek and lowly.

Desperate Condition of the South. The Southern newspapers which have been received, give very clear evidence that the authorities of the rebel States are greatly alarmed by the magnitude of the preparations made by the Government of the United States for a simultaneous attack upon all their principal lines and places of defence, and evidently consider the real crisis of the war at hand.

To meet the storm which they see impending, they are making the most extraordinary exertions, and the Governors of most of the Rebel States have put forth appeals to the people, affording convincing proof that if the National armies are now successful, the resources of the South to carry on the rebellion must be entirely exhausted.

The Governor of Alabama, in a most mournful appeal to the people of that State, laments that the conscription is a total failure; that the militia, to military duty are shrinking from the hardships and perils of the war; and that large numbers of the officers and men, under various excuses, are staying at home.

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and all were determined to die in the "last ditch" for Southern Independence.

It certainly proves the existence of a wide spread spirit of insubordination and insurrection in the States of Georgia and South Carolina, which has heretofore been most carefully concealed. It is evident that the rebels have enough on their hands, when in addition to fighting the National armies, it is necessary to employ their troops in suppressing dangerous and threatening insurrections at home.

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For the Argus

What Shall be Done with the Negro

Many politicians and political economists are at the present time, troubling themselves with this important question. The proposition to employ them as soldiers meets with a great many objections, among which it is averred that our soldiers will not fight if the negroes are employed. How far this may be true, has not been demonstrated; but at first sight it seems that it is assuming more than common sense would warrant.

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Rebel Distress

In the Rebel correspondence recently captured on the frontiers, we find nothing of special interest, except some additional evidence of the extreme scarcity and distress within the insurgent States.

Richmond, write to the Rebel Secretary of War that the freight per ton from Nassau to a Confederate port is \$500, payable in advance, and equal to \$1,500 in Richmond. This enormous rate makes it impossible to report on private accounts many articles indispensable to be supplied, and the Government is urged to undertake, on its own account, the business of running the blockade.

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JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 12. The Union iron-clad Queen, which a few days ago ran the Rebel blockade at Vicksburg, has returned to Milliken's Bend. Below Vicksburg she found and destroyed three steamboats loaded with provisions for the Rebel army. She passed down within long range of Fort Hudson, where she was fired at.