

BELLEVILLE REPUBLICAN

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ADVERTISING.—The BELLEVILLE REPUBLICAN has a larger circulation than any other Republican paper published in the county. Our merchants and business men will please make a note of this.

Who are the Imperialists?

The Democratic Watchman and the entire Copperhead press are apparently greatly concerned about a new paper, started a few weeks since, in New York, entitled The Imperialist. They are laboring to make the impression that this paper is started and published in the interests of the Republican party. They know better. They know that there is not an imperialist or monarchist in the ranks of the Republican party. They also know that every man who hates freedom, who loves slavery, who hates Republicanism or genuine Democracy, and who advocates a monarchical form of Government, are found in the ranks of the Copperhead or sham Democratic party. Nearly every rebel in the South is in favor of a monarchical Government. They claim that the Republican Government has proved a failure. Nearly every one of these ex-rebels act with the sham Democracy upon the principle that "Birds of a feather flock together." The ex-rebel leaders, and the leaders of the Copperheads in the North, would overthrow this Republic and establish a monarchy upon the ruins thereof, in less time than it takes us to write this article, if they had the power to do so.

If the Imperialist is published in the interest of the Republican party, why does not the Watchman copy some of its articles? Why does not the Watchman publish to the world the name or names of the Editors and publishers of said paper? They dare not do it. For it is a well known fact that it has been started in the auspices of the "Free Trade League"—that its Editors are unnaturalized Englishmen, ex-rebels or Democrats of the Geo. W. WOODWARD school. The men who long for a monarchy in this country are all found in the Copperhead or sham Democratic party. The Democrats in New York have the Governor of the State, and full control in the city, why do they not suppress the publication of the Imperialist? For the simple reason that they have aided in starting it, and all their sympathies are with it.

The Republican party is the party that saved the Government. It embraces within its organization all the principles of the true Democracy. The great mass of the people belong to the Republican party. No party, says an exchange, "has ever so resolutely labored to give every man his rights, and make it possible for every man to rise, if his talents or ability warrant it, as the Republican party." The measures adopted by the Republicans have, without exception, broadened the base of government. When they found men and women in slavery, they struck off the chains. When American citizens were disfranchised, they gave them back the American citizen's right to frame his own laws, and choose his own law-makers.

Opposed to every measure of Democracy, every step towards a true Republic, have been the leaders of the modern Democratic party. They declared that Capital should own Labor, and they, therefore, made slaves of four millions of people. They expressed nothing but contempt for the "mud-sills," and "greasy mechanics," and "small farmers," who constitute the bone and sinew of Northern industry, and they would have enslaved these, too, if their theories had conquered at Gettysburg and Appomattox. Such men, ruling the South, had such warm and earnest coadjutors in the monied aristocrats, like AUGUST BELMONT, in the social aristocrats, like WILLIAM B. REED, in the ambitious demagogues, such as ANDREW JOHNSON; and in every blatant fault-finder, who, in the past few years, upheld the encroachments of Executive power, against the people's rights, protected by the people's representatives.

True Democracy is the equal power of all the people. A true Republic deprives no man of his voice in the Government, except the law breaker. To such a Republic we really come, and the men who oppose our progress, and the real Imperialists. In whatever degree they disfranchise the American citizen, in that degree are they false to Democracy. Just as far as they go to restrict the rights of suffrage, so far do they go toward Aristocracy, Imperialism, Monarchism, Kings, Emperors, Despots—what not?

Men may justly regret the corruption of politics; may justly rebuke the growth of evil features in our Government; may very properly ask for judicial reforms; may complain, perhaps, that our public servants are not more faithful. But whenever a man, under the blessings of this Republic, with the possibilities it gives him, and the humanity it protracts in him, rails against the Government, as intrinsically bad, set him down for a vicious knave, who hates his brother's equality; or a thoughtless fool, who does not comprehend his own words.

Consistency vs. Inconsistency.

"To say nothing of the claims put forward by a nominal soldier and resident of this county, we will at once get at the merit of the case by asking what possible excuse can be cooked up for the removal of that genuine hero and gallant and courteous gentleman, Maj. Harry Forster, of Belleville. In the records of the war for the Union, there appears the name of no better or braver soldier than Maj. Forster. Covered with honorable wounds, each scar upon his broken frame speaks more eloquently than words, and the exercise of common decency should have prevented his removal."—Clinton Democrat.

It will be seen from the above that the Clinton Democrat has become indignant over the removal of HARRY FORSTER from the Assessors office of the 18th District. The Democrat says that "In the records of the war for the Union there appears the name of no better or braver soldier, than Maj. Forster." When, we ask, did the editor of the Democrat become a convert to the doctrine that the war was "a war for the Union?" Maj. Forster entered the Union army to battle for the Union. No sooner had he done so than the Clinton Democrat and the Watchman denounced him as an abolitionist, and one of "Old Abe's" "dirty hired minions." The Republican party of Centre county, nominated him, while in the army, as their candidate for the lower House of the State Legislature. What did the Democrats and the Watchman do? Did they rally round the standard of Maj. Forster, who was at the time actively engaged "in the war for the Union," and elect him to the legislature? They did no such thing. But worked against him, voted against him, and heartily despised him as they then said, for being such a consummate fool as to engage in an "unholy crusade against his Southern brethren," and for going over soul and body to the "Black Republican Abolition party." The Democrats had no love for Maj. Forster then. They voted against him to a man, and he was not elected as the Union Member of the Legislature.

The next fall he was again nominated by the Union Republican party, and again the traitorous Democracy deserted him, preferring to vote for FRED KURTZ, who had opposed the "war for the Union" opposed the draft, and copied into his little Bevishter all the hard names and foul epithets that P. G. MEEK ever applied to our brave soldiers, and published in the columns of the Watchman.

The letter written in 1863 by Maj. Forster, defining his position, and giving his reasons why he could not support Geo. W. WOODWARD for Governor of Pennsylvania, was sufficient to condemn him in the eyes of the Democracy. In that letter he claimed that he was fighting in "a war for the Union." The Watchman, Clinton Democrat, &c., said it was an abolition war, and that Maj. Forster was an "abolitionist, a turn-coat, and a renegade." GEO. W. WOODWARD is, to day, the same aristocratic, secessionist sympathizer that he was when he ran for Governor; the very same unrepentant rebel he was all through the war. He has never apologized for his treasonable course. He has never retracted one word of what he has written, although he openly declared that he hoped Pennsylvania would secede, and go with the South. For this reason, and for his known treasonable and monarchial sentiments, he was transferred to the stronghold of traitors, the Luzerne District, and by them elected to Congress. The Democrats, all over the State, recognize G. W. WOODWARD as their chosen leader. He has always been right, says the Watchman. He opposed the war from the start, and sympathized with the rebels all through that bloody struggle. He has never changed. He is no turn-coat, no renegade. So says the Democratic Watchman, and the Clinton Democrat re-echoes the cry.

If GEO. W. WOODWARD has never changed, who stands Maj. HARRY FORSTER? WOODWARD denounced the war—Maj. Forster fought to save the Union. The Clinton Democrat and Democratic Watchman praised WOODWARD for his opposition, and denounced Maj. Forster as an Abolitionist. Now, GEO. W. WOODWARD, the semi-rebel, and Maj. HARRY FORSTER are found acting together in the same political party. WOODWARD has never changed. Has Maj. Forster? Will the Maj. admit, to-day, that the Democrats were right in their opposition to the war, and that he was wrong in defending the "Stars and Stripes," and driving back the rebel hordes—the WOODWARD men—and causing them to surrender to the lawfully constituted authorities? The Maj. must admit that he was right, and WOODWARD was wrong. He must admit that Gen. Lee was a traitor of the meanest kind, that he fought to destroy the Union. Nevertheless the Clinton Democrat and Democratic Watchman, that now becomes so enraged at the removal of Maj. Forster class Gen's. Lee, HILL, JOHNSON and other rebel Generals' with Maj. HARRY FORSTER as their fighting men.

While the Maj. associates with such men, while he persists in voting contrary to the way he shot, while he acts and co-operates with the enemies of his country and the men he condemned in his letter in 1863, above referred to, he cannot expect the sympathies of the "Boys in Blue," or to hold office under a loyal Administration. The under a loyal Administration, that hates his brother's equality; or a thoughtless fool, who does not comprehend his own words.

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