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Advertisements, to secure immediate insertion, must be handed in on or before Thursday evening, each week.

For County Commissioner.

We are authorized to announce JACOB GREENAWALT, of Manor township, as a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Union Republican County Convention.

For County Treasurer.

We are authorized to announce the name of WILLIAM ROBERTS, of West Hempfield, as a candidate for County Treasurer, before the Union Republican County Convention, subject to the decision of said Convention.

Gen. Pope and B. H. Hill.

Our readers may remember that we published an editorial in our columns some months ago, in which we called the attention of the people and of the Government to the fact that the rebels—defeated on the battle-field—were allowed to poison the minds of the people on the subject of the *causes* of the war, and to sow the seeds of another rebellion by keeping alive a sectional feeling in the South, and licensing into notoriety the defeated *ruffians and traitors* who had inaugurated the rebellion.

The particular instances to which we then called attention, were the publication of the life of the cut-throat and robber, Moseby, (of *course*, by the Harpers,) and "The war between the States," by A. A. Stephens, we forgot by whom published, the very title of the latter work being treason.

Now at the time of writing the article in question, we hardly had the vanity to hope that so humble a sheet as the "COLUMBIA SPY" and so feeble a pen as ours, could move the great Government of the United States to action in the matter; but, *we did hope* that our suggestions would be endorsed by journals wielding a larger influence, and that we might be thus indirectly instrumental in effecting the desired object—we were disappointed, however. The government has concluded to be magnanimous, (?) and to allow the treason which was defeated in the field, to hold high carnival in the papers and floating literature of the day. We have seen the effects and are seeing it daily; Davis liberated and sent on a tour to Canada to raise up friends and partisans for a fresh insurrection; the rebel General Beauregard a welcome guest in New York. Pardoned rebels flaunting their faded uniforms at fashionable balls and parties in the South, and making open boast of their participation in the rebellion; and not only so, but openly and defiantly advising the obstruction of the process of reconstruction under the humane provisions of the laws enacted by Congress for the bettering of the condition of the South.

What *we* failed to effect, may be effected however through other agencies. Gen. Pope has officially notified the government that the work of reconstruction *cannot go on* while such pestilent fellows as B. H. Hill and his brother traitors are allowed to use their personal and social influence against it, and urges the necessity of getting rid of them. The suggestion coming from such good authority is warmly seconded by the loyal press throughout the country, which we are exceedingly rejoiced to perceive, and we may reasonably hope that the government will appreciate the soundness of his views. While the government is discussing *this* question, we hope they will condescend also to give a moment's consideration to the suggestions alluded to, as having emanated from us months ago. Great that confiscation will not be enforced against these grandees; may not one, at the mild remedy Mr. Gen. Pope, the extreme expatriation, for which many of our patriots will it be if the rising generation be as treasonable as the speeches of B. H. Hill, (and this pestilent trash being read by hundreds for every one who can have an opportunity of hearing the speeches, and the book too,) having the advantage of emanating from LOYAL northern publishing houses?

Again we call upon the General Government, (through Congress,) to adopt some measures that will have the effect to check this diffusion of *literary treason*, and we call upon the press of the country to second our appeal.

We have here for prosecution, or at least for punishing the publication and sale of obscene and immoral books, and we ask, (before the adjournment of the Government) made treason respectable, a tradition in the minds of our people that treason was the most odious of crimes, and in consequence that the utterance of treasonable sentiments, orally or in writing, was immoral. It certainly would not require a great stretch of the imagination to direct weeks landing the books and speeches of the secession leaders in the category of the obscene and immoral literature of the day.

But we leave the enforcement of existing laws to the lawyers, and only ask of Congress that they give the country the benefit of the danger which we think we see arising from this broadcast publication of such baneful seed over the land.

The Cincinnati *Gazette* says that there is just one reason why Mr. Johnson determined to put Mr. Stanton out of the War Department, law or no law, and that was that Mr. Stanton adhered to the policy of Congress in the affair of reconstruction, and believed it the duty of the Executive to faithfully execute its acts. Mr. Johnson has set himself against the legislative power, and he regarded all who adhered to it as his enemies. It is as the New York *Times* says: "The fact stands out sharp and clear, that Mr. Johnson found no fault with Mr. Stanton until the positive adhesion of the latter to the policy of Congress brought down upon him the vengeance of his superior. No amount of ingenuity on the part of the President and his friends will make or alter the complexion of the war of impeachment. The programme was laid down by others. Mr. Stanton is simply the victim of a conspiracy to defeat the reconstruction, or some other, policy of Congress. The attempt of his superior to remove him from the War Department constitutes no part of the charges against the President. The obligations of any kind, and pledging the expenditure of funds in the Treasury to Department are without foundation."

The Indians in Montana have murdered and another party of whites, near Gallatin, Tenn.,

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The Cincinnati *Gazette* says that Mr. Johnson is assuming a very defiant attitude, and all his friends are boasting to that already that either the law will be changed, or the Supreme Court will be packed, or Wade made President, or Wilmerding, the corrupting agent of the extra bounties due the soldiers, will be made Secretary of War. The Cincinnati *Gazette* says that the President is at his wits end, and that his friends are in a state of panic. The Cincinnati *Gazette* says that the President is at his wits end, and that his friends are in a state of panic.

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