



CLEARFIELD, PA.

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**EMANCIPATION IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.**

The bill for the emancipation of the slaves in the District of Columbia passed the U.S. Senate on the 3d instant, by a vote of yeas 29—(all Republicans)—nays 14—(all the Democrats and the Senators from each of the border slaveholding States.) The bill provides for the payment of \$300,000 head to the owner of each slave emancipated, with certain restrictions, and appropriates \$100,000 towards the colonization of such as are willing to leave the country.

If Mr. Sumner, and his Abolition crew, were honestly in favor of the restoration of the Union, common prudence would forbid their enactment of such a measure *at this time*, no matter how pure and disinterested their desire to promote the welfare of the negro. It is taking advantage of the absence from Congress of the representatives of the co-ordinate States, whose people are particularly interested in this enactment, in case the Union shall be restored; and if all existing difficulties to a reconciliation on their part, were removed, this would be a new one of no trifling magnitude. Does it not, therefore, afford conclusive proof, that those who advocate the adoption of this measure *do not* desire a restoration of the Union *as it was*? It is believed that it will pass the House without material change; and should it then receive the approval of the President—about which there are some reasons for doubt—we will have the official declaration of the law-making power of our Government that the restoration of the Union is not so much desired as the *emancipation of the slaves*; that the adjustment of our national difficulties, and the restoration of those fraternal relations that once existed between these now disunited and belligerent States, is a matter of secondary consideration with the whole Republican party.

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**Another Brown is Trouble.**—The Belknap Wachman of the 3d inst., contains the following item:

**W. W. Brown, Esq.**, late County Treasurer of this county, was arrested last week, as defaulter to the State in the sum of \$8000, and is now in jail at this place. We may have more to say upon this subject next week. It gives us no pleasure to chronicle the fact, but our duty as a public journalist demands it.

Many of our citizens will remember the speech this same Brown delivered in this place in the campaign of 1860. He was then not as other men, but vainly boasted in that very speech that he was one of God's noblest works—an honest man. And among other things, in speaking of the probability of war between the North and the South, he thought it was unworthy of serious consideration, as “seventeen men and one old cow” would be force enough to conquer Virginia.”

Alas, poor Brown!

Upon the stability of the Republican organization as a political element, rests the present safety and future peace and prosperity of the American Union. \* \* \* \* We must maintain the organization of the Republican party because it is identical with the preservation and prosperity of the Union.”

We may not exactly understand what our contemporary means by “peace and prosperity.” In view of the many fat contracts and big offices we hear so much about, there may be an honest difference of opinion on this point. But we hope the Lord will deliver us from a continuation of such “peace” and “preservation” as the country is now afflicted with. The people—every man of them—have had quite enough to satisfy them for a whole generation.

**John Bell and Andrew Ewing.** of Tennessee, are making speeches in Alabama, recommending the massing of all the rebel troops in three grand divisions, and at once invade the Northern States.—In a recent speech Mr. Bell said:

The people of Middle Tennessee are not submissionists, and although they may be compelled to keep quiet for a while, yet the flame of Southern independence is steadily burning, and so soon as an opportunity presents itself, it will increase to such fury that every foot upon Tennessee soil will be consumed before he can make his escape.”

There are now but two parties in this country,—the Democratic and the Abolition parties; or, the “Union Savers,” and the “Union Sliders.”

They have met. Fabiusism is the hand of Judas, and in no country have they been better fed than in this. They will accomplish for the American people precisely what they accomplished for the people of Jerusalem and Rome—their destruction.

It is truly shocking to see the fragments of old know nothing party raise their hands as if in holy horror at the sides of a sworn secret organization, which they allege exists among us, styled the “Knights of the Golden Circle.” It is but a few years since these same individuals, through an oath-bound secret political organization, attempted to dismember, in a wholesale manner, those of their own color and race, because they happened to be born on the wrong side of the Atlantic. Now these zealots and fanatics are perfectly horrified at secret organizations, and a classification of races; that they have turned wholesale alarmists, and declare, not only that all white men are equals, but that the negro—Cuffey, Dunah and Sambo—are also the equals of even themselves!

Now, all that we require of these fanatics—who claim to be the “Learned” and “Experienced” of the land—is, that they make the first practical demonstration of their theory by associating, fraternizing and amalgamating with their ebony brethren. It may be, after all, only a matter of taste. We, however, are incredulous, and demand that the *prosperity* practice and illustrate his theory before we will yield the point.

The Abolitionists had great respect for the rights of the people during the “Bleeding Kansas” controversy. They considered it Border Ruffianism to adopt a Constitution without submitting it to the people.

But how changed! A few days ago, when the bill to abolish slavery in the District of Columbia was brought up in the Senate, Mr. Willey of Virginia, moved to amend the bill as to allow the people of the District to vote upon the subject. But the whole Abolition clan opposed and defeated it, and at once passed the bill without having any respect for the rights or property of these people.

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**PROFESSOR VS. PRACTICE.**—The Chicago Convention, which nominated Lincoln and Hamlin, made a platform with only one good plank in it. This was the sixth resolution, condemning extravagance and corruption, which is now most applicable to the present Administration; and in a favor of economy. These were the PROFESSIONS of the Republican party.—Now what is the PRACTICE.

Last week, a bill was before the U. S. Senate, proposing to reduce the salaries of officers civil and military. This is eminently proper in these expensive and troublous times. The vote on the resolution was a tie, when VICE PRESIDENT HAMILTON gave the casting vote against the bill and defeated its passage.

**ABOLITION REVERENDS.**—Exchanges speak of lectures being delivered in various places by what they term Abolition Reverends. Why call them Reverends? You might as well talk about reverend Infidels, a reverend Highwayman, or a reverend straw hat, linen pants, scotch ale contract thief. We should have more respect for the ministerial profession, than to attach their title to every emissary of the Devil that seeks to work the ruin of the country under the covering of Christianity. It is about time these disunion lecturers were called by their right names.—*Northumb'l'd Democrat.*

**Poor Silly Greeley Playing Jacobus.**—Poor silly Greeley tries out for a traitor, weeps salt tears for a traitor, howls like a hyena for a traitor, shouts for all the universe to bring him a traitor? Why, Greeley wants to be bloodthirsty! He wants to hang a traitor with his own hands. Let him come down to our office, and we'll give him a shilling to buy a rope—since the Tribune is so poor—and then he may hang himself to the nearest lamp post, and thus at once satisfy his desire to hang a traitor, and greatly gratify the loyal public—*N. Y. Herald.*

We respect and venerate the pulpit and the true minister of God within their proper sphere. But we do not hesitate to express our conviction that at this moment the pulpit, in the occupancy of thousands of professed ministers of God, is the most *disloyal* thing in America, and has been more guilty than the press, wicked as that has been, in the instigation of those deeds and practices which have caused the rupture of our once happy Union.—*Balt. Sun.*

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