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THE NATIONAL DEMOCRACY.

A number of the Democratic members of Congress have published an address to the country, urging the importance of maintaining the organization of the National Democratic party, inviting the cooperation of every man in the Union who is in favor of maintaining the Constitution as it is, and of restoring the Union as it was. This should have been done long ago, but it may not be too late now; at all events, longer delay would have been still more dangerous. If the Union can be restored as it was, the Constitution protected from wanton violation, and our country rescued from threatened despotism, the National Democratic party is the only agency through which those blessings can be obtained. This the masses of the people—no matter by what partisan name they may have been designated heretofore—know and feel, and will cheerfully embrace the first opportunity offered to repudiate all other parties, and unite with that sound National party that has carried our country in triumph through every storm.

The address will be published in our next. It is well written, and urges every Democrat to yield a hearty support and co-operation to the present Administration in all constitutional efforts to suppress the present rebellion, and indignantly spurns the imputation of disloyalty as applied to the Democrats who refuse to say "amen" to all the acts, whether good or bad, of the people's servants.

"LOYAL" SENATORS.—We take the following extracts from a speech made in the United States Senate, by that "true and loyal citizen," as the *Journal* terms him Ben Wade.

"The man who prates about and quotes the Constitution in this great crisis, is a traitor."

We are surprised that this "true and loyal citizen" ever took an oath to support the Constitution. But we presume this was necessary to enable him to draw his pay and mileage. The following will still further illustrate the "true and loyal citizen."

"He thought that instead of being a pro-slavery being, God was a gradual emancipationist."

To which Senator Howe of Wisconsin said:

"He would not undertake to say what that Great Being was, but if the Senator from Ohio was correct as regards this country, how was it that the annexation of Texas was permitted in 1845?"

That is; if God was an emancipationist, as stated by Wade, he should have prevented the annexation of Texas.

A REASON.—"If we had no slavery in this country we should have no rebellion."—*Republican Paper*.

The writer might have added: If Abolitionism had not been introduced into this country by English Abolitionists, long after slavery was established, there would have been no secession; or that if the marriage relation had never been established there would have been no man hung for killing his wife.

The two greatest afflictions that ever befel the human race, were caused by the Devil introducing himself into Paradise, and the introduction of Abolitionism into America.

FISH OR FLESH.—Does our neighbor of the *Journal* sustain Gen. PATTON in his vote in favor of the resolution of censure of Gen. CAMERON, or does he concur that vote; or is he neutral? The General was the only Republican from Pennsylvania that voted for this resolution, and we candidly think it was among the most sensible votes, he has yet given. If our neighbor disapproves of that vote, we shall be sorry; if he sanctions it, we shall rejoice to know that we can think alike at least upon one act of our Congressman. At all events his patrons have a right to know where he stands—whether he is for the Congressman that is, or the Secretary that was.

AN EQUIVOCAL COMPLEMENT.—Gen. Cameron has embarked on his mission to Russia. Before leaving, a public dinner was given him at Harrisburg, when he made a speech, vindicating himself from the vote of Congressional censure. It is doubtful whether Harrisburg is not the only place in the State where the ex-Secretary of war could raise toadies enough to make a spectacle of this kind look respectable.

ANOTHER meeting of upwards of sixty members of Congress was held at Washington on Saturday last, composed of the conservative men of all parties, willing to unite in an effort to put down Abolition and Secession, and to save the country.—Nearly all the Democrats, all the Border State members, and a few of the more moderate Republicans, were present.

Gen. Banks was at New Market, having had several slight skirmishes.

Gen. Fremont was near Staunton, where a slight engagement took place between

the force under him. Milroy and the rebels, resulting in the repulse and defeat of the latter.

The accounts from the Tennessee and Mississippi rivers are conflicting. One day it is reported that Corinth is evacuated; the next that the contending hosts are in full force menacing each other only two miles apart, followed the next day by the report that no fighting is expected there for some time to come. The bombardment of Fort Wright still continues, intervals of two or three days at a time. It seems to be a strong place, and is defended by a number of gunboats.

Union City, Tenn., and Paducah, Ky., which were captured by our troops not long since, have been recaptured by the enemy, taking quite a number of prisoners.

Forts Jackson and St. Phillip, below N. Orleans, were not captured. After several days' bombardment, a part of our fleet passed the forts and proceeded to New Orleans, securing the surrender of the city, where it is believed Gen. Butler now is with his army, having reached the city by way of Lake Ponchartrain. The Federal gunboats proceeded up the river, and are reported to have taken Baton Rouge without any resistance. Gen. Lovell, with his rebel forces are said to be some 50 or 60 miles north of New Orleans.

The work of destroying the cotton, rice, sugar &c., is going on to the fullest extent.

Thirty-one thousand bales are reported to have been burned at New Orleans alone. A party detailed for this purpose in Arkansas, reports that of a large number of planters visited, but a single one of them interposed any objection to the sacrifice. Throughout the whole region the air is thick with smoke.

The rebel steamer Nashville, after failing to run the blockade off Charleston, succeeded, finally, in reaching Wilmington, North Carolina, with 16,000 stand of arms, 100 tons of powder, and other munitions of war.

The French Minister has made a second trip to Richmond, and returned to Washington. All is mystery as to the object of his visit. Yet we are told, as by authority, that his movements have nothing whatever to do with a settlement of our troubles.

The news from Europe are again assuming a more interesting feature. They now behold the complete and almost total destruction of last year's crop of cotton—which is said to have been the largest and best ever produced—and they behold moreover, that none has been planted this year, and the inevitable result must be that for three years hence the world must get along almost without this fabric, which now forms the principal part of almost every garment worn, or in domestic use. Is it any wonder, then, that the inhabitants of other lands are beginning to feel an interest in our affairs.

LATER AND HIGHLY IMPORTANT.—Norfolk, Portsmouth and the Gosport Navy Yard surrendered—the Merrimack blown up by the Rebels—McClellan within 27 Miles of Richmond.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—The following was received at the War Department this morning:

FORTRESS MONROE, May 8.—Shortly before noon to-day the Monitor, Naugatuck, Seminole, Susquehanna, Dakota and San Jacinto, in the order in which they are named, steamed up to Sewall's Point and the James river, which brought out the monster Merrimac. The following is the account furnished the Baltimore *Advertiser*:

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