

WAR DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES... W. M. BRIDGES, Editor and Proprietor.

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THE WAR BEGUN.

The war was inaugurated and the bombardment of Fort Sumpter, at Charleston, commenced on last Friday morning at 4 o'clock. The immense preparations by the administration for the relief of Fort Sumpter during the past ten days, urged the Southerners to a commencement of hostilities before the relief should arrive.

In proportion as the days of anarchy are numbered in Italy, it seems to be transferred to this country. An Italy divided and in civil strife led to many long years of misery and misrule.

Wonderful!—It is published with gusto in the Republican papers that Louis Napoleon, the Empress Eugenia, and the Prince Imperial, (6 years old,) all approve of the President's Inaugural. They evidently understood it—especially the latter.

J. H. Lane and S. C. Pomeroy, Republicans, were declared elected to the U. S. Senate, by the Legislature, last week. The papers say: "Some doubt is thrown upon the legality of the election, owing to the excess in the number of votes; in other words, there was cheating. Moreover, if the Republicans of Kansas can find no men of better character than Lane and Pomeroy to support for the United States Senate they deserve to be cheated. They are both notorious braves."

Liberty and a Grave.—The Republican papers are full of gloom on account of the recent escape into Canada of 106 fugitive slaves, although the announcement is accompanied with the statement that "these unfortunate creatures are entirely destitute and starving." It appears that over 1,000 fugitives have reached Canada since last fall, by way of Illinois.

The report that the Mexican Gen. AMPUDIA, was marching against Texas turns out to be false. The old General of that name has retired from active scenes for the rest of his life.

If Congress at its late session had adopted the Crittenden, or some other just and honorable compromise, the difficulties now surrounding our beloved country would have been averted.

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ARMING THE MILITIA.

On the last page of to-day's Advertiser will be found the special Message of Governor Curtin to the Legislature on Tuesday last. The Message was referred to a special committee of the two Houses; a bill was reported by them appropriating half a million of dollars for arming and equipping the Militia, and authorizing a temporary loan to meet the expenditure. It also provides for the appointment of an Adjutant General, at a salary of \$500 per annum, and in addition \$3 per day when engaged in service; a quarter master general and commissary general, each to receive \$5 per day; each to employ a clerk at \$1,000 per annum. The bill was made the special order for Friday afternoon, when it was immediately passed by both Houses and received the Governor's signature.

Before last fall's election the Republicans promised among many other things all kinds of "freedom," (except free-trade),—prosperity and happiness—Homes for the Homeless—Lands for the Landless, and so on. They have not only not fulfilled their promises but the probabilities are that they can never—do not intend to fulfill them. Instead thereof they are given stones for the bread they promised. They give to the "homeless" a knapsack—to the landless a musket,—instead of prosperity we have civil war, bloodshed and misery, and instead of "freedom" they would pass Allan and Sedition to tie up the tongues of all who will not shout "Lincoln and Republicanism." We owe allegiance to no Republican party and its policy, and if its principles and policy do not suit us we will condemn them—and so will a free people while life and Liberty remain. The people can never be forced into an approval of the policy and measures of any administration, and least of all to those who goaded the Buchanan administration to the bitter end. As they ventilated our policy so will their's be, and they cannot prevent it by any laws they may pass, because the Constitution, that corner stone of freedom, guarantees freedom of speech and of the press. We claim as much patriotism and love of country as any one, but will not be dragged into acknowledging a thing right when every fibre of the heart tells it is inexpedient and unwise. We believe in the government protecting its property and enforcing the laws, but we also believe that there should have been sufficient wisdom in the officers of the government in this Christian land and enlightened age to have settled the controversy in peace, and with honor to both the North and the South. Their inability to do so proves that they're either behind the age, or imbued with the principles of the European despots.

The State Senate on Saturday re-enacted, by a unanimous vote, (and we presume the House has since concurred,) the old law of Treason against the United States and the Commonwealth. It provides that any person who shall aid or assist the enemies of this State or of the United States with arms or ammunition, or shall give intelligence to the enemy; or fit out vessels for privateering; or resist by force the execution of the laws, &c., shall be subject to an imprisonment not exceeding ten years and a fine not exceeding \$5,000.

GOOD OF EVIL.—We perceive that the war now inaugurated between the North and the South has had the happy effect of bringing all the "higher-law" advocates to a defence and love of the constitution and the laws. A few more trying difficulties for our institutions and those "higher-law" men will become pretty good patriotic and law-abiding citizens. If they will only now prove sincere the people will forgive their treason at heart or late years. As their conversion is so recent, however, the louder they can now shout, and the more virulent their abuse of democrats, the sooner their "higher-law" treason to the constitution and the laws will be forgotten—perhaps! Also, their patriotic hearts will soon allow them to respect a decision of the United States Supreme Court; suffer the execution of the Fugitive Slave Law; and, probably, advocate the repeal of state laws conflicting with and nullifying laws of Congress. If it does, some good has come out of evil already.

It is a matter of great surprise that under the emergencies of the nation the President should have postponed the meeting of Congress to the 4th of July, upwards of two months and a half. It should have assembled at the very earliest practicable moment.

A noticeable fact that the very men who were loudest in their opposition to the war with Mexico, are now the most urgent to precipitate the country into a civil conflict.

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A Good Excuse.—A Republican paper says: "The nation offers for the decrease of four thousand votes to the Governor in New Hampshire is, that so many were absent at Washington for office."

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FIRE OPENED ON FT. SUMPTER

Major Anderson Replies. Brisk Cannonading. No Signs of the Federal Vessels. The Firing Ceased for the Night, to be Renewed in the Morning. Only two Sceders Wounded.—The Pawnee, Harriet Lane, and another Steamer Off the Bar.

CHARLESTON, April 12.—The ball has been opened at last, and war is inaugurated. The batteries on Sullivan's Island, Morris Island, and other points, opened on Fort Sumpter at 4 o'clock this morning.

Fort Sumpter returned the fire, and a brisk cannonading has been kept up. No information has been received from the seaward yet.

The militia are under arms, and the whole of our population are on the streets. Every available space facing the harbor is filled with anxious spectators.

CHARLESTON, April 12 (received in Philadelphia at 3 P. M.).—The firing has continued all day without intermission. The report of the two of Fort Sumpter's guns have been silenced. It is reported that a breach has been made in the southern wall of Fort Sumpter.

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