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Prepare for the Presidential Campaign.

The Intelligencer for 1868.

On the first of January next, we will greatly enlarge the WEEKLY INTELLIGENCER, making it a nine column paper. It will then be the largest Democratic Journal published in Pennsylvania.

As we publish an evening daily paper, we possess facilities for making up a first class Weekly Journal, superior to those of any other Democratic office in Pennsylvania. With the proposed enlargement we shall be able to give a very large amount, and a very great variety of reading matter; and we confidently anticipate a largely increased circulation.

Our subscription price is already low, but, as a special inducement, we now offer to furnish the WEEKLY INTELLIGENCER to *new subscribers*, from this time until January 1st, 1869, for *two dollars*.

We hope every reader of the INTELLIGENCER will exert himself to increase our subscription list. The all important campaign of 1868 is already open. It will be the most exciting contest the country has ever witnessed, and the most potent agency to be employed is the Democratic press. It is the bounden duty of every Democrat to help us fight this great battle. Let every one of our readers do his utmost to increase our circulation.

AN exulting Western Democrat says: "The Ohio Democracy have Chased one Presidential aspirant off the track and have Waded into another terribly; and they both have been or will be pretty well Vallandighammered."

COMPLETE official returns show the Ohio Legislature to stand thus: Senate, 18 Republicans and 19 Democrats; House, 49 Republicans and 56 Democrats; showing seven Democratic majority on joint ballot.

THE Tennessee Legislature has passed a law making it a criminal offence to make any distinction between negroes and white people in public conveyances. With the Radicals everywhere the negro is the chief object of concern.

A LADY remarked that, after reading of the proceedings of Mrs. Lincoln in the matter of her wardrobe and jewelry, she thought that even the Democrats would not deny that the husband of such a woman was "Our Martyr President."

OF the sixty Radicals elected to the Virginia Convention twenty-five are negroes; a majority of them very ignorant, and some of them notorious criminals. That is a fair specimen of the sort of Republican government for which the Radicals are so loudly clamoring.

A Radical candidate for re-election to the State Senate in New York has been arrested and held to bail to answer a charge of taking bribes last winter.—How many Radical members of the Senate of this State would be outside of the Penitentiary if they had their just desserts?

EVERY few days the papers announce a small addition to the Conscience Fund. The penitent thieves are all insignificant rascals. The fellows who stole by thousands and tens of thousands are not troubled with any qualms of conscience. Their time for repentance has not come yet.

One of the citizens of Richmond, who was ordered to leave by the negro Vigilance Committee, had committed no greater crime than speaking disrespectfully of Hunnicutt. Such is the negro idea of liberty and law. It is modeled after the standard of loyalty which prevailed during the war.

THE *Inquirer* devotes nearly a column of small type to us in its last issue. The style is so obscure and the English so bad that we cannot tell whether it would be proper to doff our hat in return for a compliment, or to be riled at an attack. Won't the editor be good enough to take a column of his next issue to explain what he meant in his last?

A RADICAL spread eagle orator, who recently addressed a meeting in New York State, wanted wings to fly to every village and hamlet in this broad land, there to tell the story of Andrew Johnson's perfidy to the Republican party. He waited, however, rather suddenly, when a naughty boy in the audience sang out: "Dry up, you old fool; you'd be shot for a goose before you flew a mile."

PRESIDENT JOHNSON has in his possession a letter written to him by John W. Forney, recommending the appointment of a young man named Ringwalt as his private secretary, and denouncing ex-Vice President Hamlin in strong terms. It is dated a short time after the assassination of Mr. Lincoln, and endorses Mr. Johnson's course at that time very earnestly. The President threatens to make it public if he finds it necessary to refer to Mr. Forney again.

THE election of the Blackguard Brownlow to the United States Senate will not necessarily cause a vacancy in the Gubernatorial office of Tennessee. Brownlow intends to continue as Governor until the commencement of the term for which he has been elected Senator on the 4th of March, 1869, when, according to the terms of the bogus Tennessee constitution, he will be succeeded by De Witt Clinton, President of the State Senate, who is likewise a Radical.

THE morals of the city of Indianapolis are quite progressive. The editor of a prominent Radical paper seduced a respectable young lady, procured an abortion and nearly killed her; then fearing the vengeance of her brother, he hired a bully for $600 to "put him out of the way." The ruffian, after getting $400 of the amount, made the matter public, and it is said that the case will be presented to the Grand Jury. As the jury are all bitter Radicals, it is supposed that the matter will be hushed up.

THE New York *Herald* in announcing the fact that handbills have been found lying about the streets of Richmond, offering a reward for the assassination of Hunnicutt and Underwood, says it is generally believed that they were gotten up by the Radicals themselves, as an excuse for the organization of the Negro Vigilance Committee which has been ordering white men to leave the city for speaking disrespectfully of Hunnicutt and company. That is the most reasonable explanation of the story.

The Illinois *State Register* says that an old man, standing on the street in Springfield the other day, addressing a crowd on the subject of politics, said, when asked what he thought of the negro, that he thought the "nigger a big thing." He said he had lived to see the nigger break up the old Whig party, to which he belonged, had seen him divide and distract the Democratic party, had seen him cause a terrible civil war, had seen him break up the white man's Union, and had recently seen him cause the defeat of the Republican party in Pennsylvania and Ohio, and hoped to live to see him defeat, ruin and annihilate the Radicals in the Presidential election next year.

Our Triumph----Our Future.

The recent elections have no narrow significance. The startling changes were not made on any slight grounds. The great political revolution which has swept over the country is no mere party victory. It rises above all such narrow considerations. To effect the great result men of all parties contributed. Multitudes of honest Republicans laid aside the prejudices of the past, and actuated by conscientious convictions, voted for the candidates of the Democratic party. This they did of their own free will, knowing in their hearts that they were acting the part of intelligent freemen. We rejoice at the result. It shows that the American people can be fully trusted to decide on great political principles. It proves that the masses cannot be long induced to follow any party which advocates a policy destructive either to liberty or to the great material interests of the nation.

But we must be permitted to give especial praise to the unterrified and unconquerable Democratic party. Almost from the creation of the Republic down to the election of Abraham Lincoln, it ruled the nation. We challenge any one to point to a single great public measure that obtained the sanction of the people, and became a recognized part of our public policy, which had not its origin in the brains of Democratic statesmen, its advocacy from the lips of Democratic orators, and a popular endorsement by the votes of the Democratic masses. The warlike triumphs of the Republic; our conquests and peaceable acquisition of territory; the rapid and wonderful spread of our borders; the constant and astonishing multiplication of States; the ever advancing march of our civilization; the magical growth of our material prosperity; the increased and constantly increasing culture of the masses; the spread of our commerce; the gigantic growth of our manufactures; and, in short, the wonderful and unexampled advancement of the United States in all the elements of national greatness were due to the wise and comprehensive statesmanship of the leaders of the Democratic party. They controlled and guided the nation. Led by them its advance was the wonder of the world.

With the defeat of the Democratic party, and the election of a President on a purely sectional platform, all the misfortunes which had been foretold as sure to result from such a disaster fell upon the nation. During the terrible and exhausting war which followed, the armies of the Union were largely made up of recruits from the masses of the Democratic party, while a preponderance of those who led them to victory were men of Democratic antecedents. During the struggle the Democratic party was true to the nation. It not only gave up multitudes of its best and bravest to the slaughter, but it still adhered with tenacious firmness to the great principles of constitutional liberty for which it had always contended. It denounced, as was its duty to do, every wanton violation of the Constitution, every unnecessary interference with the reserved rights of the States, every outrage on the liberties of the individual citizen. In the heat of passion, during the mad excitement of unbridled license, it found itself bravely but still fearlessly struggling in a minority in almost every Northern State. Many a mercenary follower left its ranks, and even men whom it had delighted to honor basely betrayed it, for considerations not more reputable than those which actuated Judas Iscariot. Still it never quailed. With a devotion to immutable principles that could neither know variableness nor a shadow of turning, it clung to the pure faith of the fathers of the Republic, determined to rescue the work of their hands from impending ruin or perish in the attempt.

The world has never witnessed a more heroic struggle than that made by the Democracy of the North during the last seven years. No political organization except one founded on the rock of immutable political truth could ever have withstood the assaults made upon the Democratic party during that period. It never despaired, not even in the darkest hour. Knowing that the very existence of the Republic depended upon the ultimate triumph of the great principles it advocated, it bore defeat without despairing and battled manfully and hopefully against error.

The hour of triumph seemed long in coming. Some few grew weary, and here and there a despairing straggler folded his hands and refused to make another effort. But for such our majority for Judge Sharswood might have been thirty thousand; for there have been no deserters from our ranks for several years past. The Democratic masses have been true as steel.

We ask all Conservative and thoughtful Republicans to examine the claims of this great and eminently national party. It is especially and distinctively *national*. It knows no North, no South, no East, no West. It never did, except during the war, and it never will in future, so long as the people of the South abide by the terms given to Lee by Grant. With broad national views on every great question, it steps boldly forward from the stand point of its recent great victories, confident of achieving a complete and triumphant success at the coming Presidential election. It cordially welcomes to its ranks the thousands of honest and true hearted Republicans who acted with it in the recent elections. It honors them as conscientious and patriotic citizens; and it will hail as brethren the multitudes who will help to swell its still greater triumph, now so near at hand.

The Two Forney's.

Animals of the lower grades propagate their species with remarkable rapidity and extraordinary fecundity. There are two John W. Forneys. They have both been to Europe and both filled "my two papers, both daily" with very silly twaddle. The younger was so entirely incompetent however, that the managing editor at home stopped publishing the trash he sent, after wasting a few columns on him. Both Forneys have got back from their trip, and father and son are again figuring in print. The younger is ostensibly the managing editor of the *Press*. His last encounter was with Mr. Simington, the Manager of the Associated Press News Agency. J. W. F. Jr., undertook to dictate to Mr. Simington what he should send in the shape of news; and showed himself to be ignorant, ill-bred and ungentlemanly. Mr. Simington takes him up sharply and gives him such a sound lashing as will do him good, if he has sense enough to be admonished. We have rarely seen any one cut a sorrier figure than Forney *filius* does in this encounter.

ALMOST daily we see the same articles which appear as editorials in the *Express* doing similar duty in other papers. The date settles the question of authorship, and we are reminded how easy a thing it is for some people to get up a column or a half column of editorial. Only yesterday we saw a long article which appeared as original editorial in the *Express* copied into the Harrisburg *Telegraph* and credited to the *Evening Bulletin*. The *Express* editor seems to think literary theft no crime, and we presume a majority of his readers are ignorant of his want of honesty.

The Election to be Treated as if it had Not Been Held.

For some years past the Radicals have been in the habit of treating elections as if they had not been held. The people of New Jersey elected a United States Senator, elected him legally and constitutionally; but he was turned out of his seat by the most barefaced and rascally piece of villainy ever perpetrated in any deliberative body. For a partisan purpose, men holding the high office of Senators of the United States violated their oaths of office and disgraced the nation by such an exhibition of baseness as was never before witnessed. Quite a large number of Democrats, who were undoubtedly legally elected by very decided majorities, have been turned out of the lower House of Congress to make room for Radical contestants who had not a shadow of right on their side. In fact, all that was necessary when an election was at all close, was for the defeated Radical to put in his claim. It was certain to be allowed, and the case decided in his favor.

In our State Legislature similar outrages have been repeatedly perpetrated. At least one Senator now occupies the seat which a Democrat was legally elected to fill. In the lower House Democrats who were unquestionably elected by the people have been turned out year after year to make room for defeated Radicals.

There is good reason to believe that Radical State officers have held positions in this State since the breaking out of the rebellion who were not legally elected. The most gigantic and unblushing frauds were perpetrated during the war, and there seemed to be no mode of redress open to an outraged people. Wrongs of the most grievous character were quietly borne by the people, because a resort to stern and efficient means of redress would then have been attended with a complication of difficulties not to be lightly encountered.

The official returns, announcing the election of Judge Sharswood, have scarcely been made public, until we find the Radicals threatening to treat this election as they have done others. The Harrisburg *Telegraph*, the organ of that notoriously corrupt and unprincipled political adventurer Simon Cameron, boldly announces that the Legislature will make an effort to count Judge Sharswood out, and to force the defeated Cameronian candidate Williams into a seat on the Bench of the Supreme Court.

We do not need many words to tell the Democracy of Pennsylvania what would be their duty should such an outrage be attempted. They feel that the time for submission to such wrongs has gone by. They are ready to assert their rights. They will insist that no man whom they have elected shall be cheated out of his position. There must be no more treating elections as if they had not been held. An attempt at anything of the sort would be good cause for the inauguration of a second Buck Shot war. Let the Radicals remember that the day when they can commit such crimes with impunity has passed away. If they are wise they will not attempt any such outrages as were perpetrated by them during the last six years. We give them fair warning that the Democracy of Pennsylvania will not submit to be cheated out of any of the fruits of their victory.

The Lobby.

Everybody in Pennsylvania knows what "The Lobby" is. We have been much cursed by this institution ever since the Radicals obtained control of our State Legislature. The corruption at Harrisburg has become proverbial. Honesty has been at a discount for several years, and a majority of the Republican members of each House are known to have been always and easily purchasable. That the same condition of affairs exists among the Radicals in Congress is an unquestioned fact. There "The Lobby" now rules, and the same kind of open and shameless corruption prevails which has disgraced this State. The Harrisburg *Telegraph*, the central organ of the Republican party of Pennsylvania, says:

> The lobby business is becoming a regular bore, swindle and disgrace to all who do business with either the Executive or Legislative branches of the Government at Washington. Things have come to such a condition that it is next to impossible to have the least important business transacted with the Departments without first hiring one of the suckers called lobbyists. Legislation, by some sort of hocus pocus, is controlled by these creatures, who block up every avenue to Congress. And what is humiliating is the fact that most of these men are ignorant and abandoned in character, who could not influence a business transaction in commercial or manufacturing circles involving a dollar. Yet these lobbyists can control business of all kinds before the Government. They frequently enlarge or decrease appropriations, as their interests may demand. It is time that the press of all parties call attention to this most disgraceful influence, that the people may be able to devise the way to destroy it.

We agree with the *Telegraph*. It is indeed high time for the press of all parties to call especial attention to this thing. We have been doing our best in that way for a long time past. The entire Democratic press of the North have openly and fearlessly exposed the corruptness and the mercenary character of the gang of public plunderers who make up the Radical majority in Congress; and the result is seen in the recent elections. The people are speaking. They cannot be gulled any longer. They have resolved to effect a change. It is coming very fast. Next spring will bring the full fruition of the great popular revolution which has been inaugurated, and the honest masses will see to it that there is a speedy end of the rule of dishonest Radicals in and out of Congress. The lobby business can only be broken up by a defeat of the party which have fostered it.

A Sensible Letter.

In another column will be found a very sensible letter from a prominent Republican of this county. It first appeared in the *Express*, where the readers of that paper were no doubt much surprised to find so candid a statement of the blundering and plundering of the Republican party. The writer touches a cord in his letter to which a ready response will be found in Lancaster county. The people of this community are slow to change. They cling to old parties and old political associations with great tenacity. But the letter which we publish shows that honest men, even among the Republicans of Lancaster county, are beginning seriously to consider the condition of the country. We commend the letter of S. to all our readers as very sensible. He tells the Radical leaders plain truths in rather unpalatable terms; and though still acting with the party, does so only under protest. He is one of the most prominent Republicans in the county.

THE polls in Richmond were not only kept open a third day contrary to law, but the voting was continued the last day until midnight. In the darkness any and every negro who chose to approach the polls was allowed to deposit a Radical ticket. Thus Hannicutt, Underwood, a renegade Irishman and two negroes were elected. Throughout the State the two races voted almost unanimously against each other. Not one negro in a hundred voted the Conservative ticket. About the same proportion of whites voted with the negroes.

The Election in Virginia.

They have had an election in Old Virginia, not an election conducted as such important affairs should be in a Republic, but on the new patent plan of the Radicals. First, a very large proportion of the whites were disfranchised, and then all the negroes who could be found in actual existence were registered as legal voters, and a heavy per centage of fictitious George Washingtons, Thomas Jeffersons, James Madisons, and other popular names, were added to the lists, to be used as a reserve force, and with their clothes changed to be voted twice in the same district, or, without a change of clothing, half a dozen times in different wards of the cities. The Radical tickets were printed on colored paper, (as was appropriate,) and any negro approaching the polls with a white ticket in his hand had it taken from his fingers, and one of the loyal yellow cast substituted in its place. If he persisted in a desire to vote a Conservative ticket, or was suspected of doing so, he was threatened, and set upon with cries of "kill him! kill him!" It was with some difficulty that the military forces in Richmond prevented the black followers of Hunnicutt and Underwood from murdering such men in the streets. In that city the election was to be kept open two days, but the second day's poll showing a white majority, the election was continued a third day, to enable the Radicals to bring in a sufficient reserve force of negroes from the surrounding country districts to change the result.

These are all facts. They can neither be explained away nor denied. It is thus that a Radical victory has been gained in Old Virginia. The whites voted the Conservative ticket almost to a man, but by negro votes, thus controlled, the State has been carried, and a mongrel convention composed of part whites and part negroes will sit to revise the Constitution.

We ask Northern men of all parties to look at this spectacle. We beseech them to consider it seriously. How long can our Republican institutions continue to exist, if the party in possession of the reins of Government is allowed to employ such means to continue its rule? The pretended election which converted the French Republic into an Empire, and placed Louis Napoleon on a throne, was free and respectable compared to this saturnalia of negro despots in Virginia. The recent election in Mexico, where no one dared to vote, unless he voted the ticket settled by the military authorities, was decent and dignified in comparison. How long will it take the masses of the so-called Republican party in Pennsylvania and elsewhere to see that their liberties, their material interests—all the things they hold dear and sacred in life are directly imperiled by the infamous course of the Radicals in Congress? A triumph for these men at the coming Presidential election would be the greatest possible disaster which could befal this nation. We believe the honest men of all parties begin to see that very clearly.

THE most marked feature in Forney's *Press* is the stuff which daily appears over his signature of "Occasional." These letters from Washington may properly be regarded as indicating the animus of the Radical Senators to whom Forney is clerk. Just now they are very extreme in their utterances. If Forney is to be believed, there is to be no shirking of the negro, no modification of the most advanced ideas on the question of negro rule in the South, and negro equality in the North. The leaders of the Republican party see very plainly that there is nothing else which can save that organization from a speedy annihilation. North and South the leaders are all of one mind in regard to that. In his last "Occasional" letter, Forney gives copious extracts from communications received by the Republican Congressional Committee from white Radicals in the South. One of these writing from Virginia says:

> The only loyal element in Virginia are the emancipated slaves and a few white Republicans, and I tell you it would be far preferable to let the Southern States go, and establish for themselves a separate government, than to allow them to be controlled politically by the whites.

The late election showed how very few *white Republicans* are to be found in Virginia. The whites voted almost unanimously against the negro State convention. In some counties not a single white vote was cast in its favor; in others only two or three; in none more than a very few scattering votes. The negroes were a unit in favor of the convention and the whites a unit against it. But does this prove that the ignorant negroes are the only loyal element there? Does it prove that it would be preferable to dissolve the Union, which cost so much blood and treasure, rather than to permit the intelligent white men of Virginia to control the political affairs of that great State? That is the conclusion at which Forney arrives; but we think it will be long before he gets the people of the North to endorse any such doctrine. The Radicals have dug the grave of the Republican party. It is even now struggling in the pangs of political dissolution. It cannot abandon the mad scheme of negro domination; and that is a millstone around its neck which will inevitably sink it to perdition. It may make one gigantic struggle at the coming Presidential election; but its fate is sealed in advance. It cannot succeed without enforcing negro superiority in the South and negro equality in the North; and it can not force the whites of either section to sanction either of those things. How then can it live?

What Fred. Douglass Demands.

Fred. Douglass is the pet of the Radicals. They point to him as an exemplification of the entire fitness of the negro to take part in politics. He is unquestionably the most capable negro this continent has ever produced. On last Tuesday night, this model Ethiopian made a speech at Newark, New Jersey, in which he exhibited the capacity of the best of his race for self-government. He called upon a Congress in which ten States are not represented and in which the most of the twenty odd States that are represented refuse a ballot to the negro, to force negro suffrage upon North and South by Federal law, alike upon the unrepresented ten and the represented twenty odd. He advocated an abolition of the veto power and of the pardoning power which are conferred by the Constitution upon the Executive, because the last of seventeen Presidents has not wielded them to his mind. He would abolish the Vice Presidency for the very reason that the framers of the Government designed the office, and would transfer all the powers of the Government to Congress, to be exercised by that body in the most irresponsible and arbitrary manner.

If such be a specimen of the political sagacity and statesmanship of the most intelligent negro in the country, what would become of our republican institutions should the balance of power be given into the hands of the more ignorant of his race? That is a serious question, and it demands the earnest consideration of every thoughtful citizen. The leaders of the Republican party are with him in sentiment.

Excusing Negro Criminals.

For the last twenty years certain newspapers in the North have made it a point to publish the most extravagant stories in regard to the treatment of negroes in the South. They have not only exaggerated occurrences in the grossest manner, distorting facts until they could no longer be recognized, but when material for feeding the passions of their readers grew scarce they deliberately invented falsehoods. Many a picture of cruelty which appeared in Abolition journals was a lie manufactured out of the whole cloth, with not even a fragment of truth on which to rest.

During the war this thing was kept up on the most gigantic scale, and Northern newspaper correspondents continually taxed their ingenuity to invent exciting stories with which to stir up the bitter passions of their readers. Since the conclusion of the strife the same system has been employed. The New York *Tribune*, Forney's *Press* and other papers of that class have constantly exaggerated every little difficulty between the whites and the blacks of the South, habitually laying all the blame on the former, and invariably inventing excuses for the latter, even when the negroes were unquestionably in the wrong.

This has been done with the deliberate purpose of bolstering up the infamous attempt to destroy ten States of the Union for the purpose of erecting a Negro Empire on their ruins. No doubt many honest people have implicitly believed the majority of the improbable stories which were circulated throughout almost the entire Republican newspaper press of the country. The Democratic press has repeatedly exposed many of these lies, but, acting with a deliberate intention to deceive, Republican journals have almost invariably refused to make any retraction. At best truth travels but slowly on foot, while lies fly with winged rapidity.

Within a few days past the country has had another instance of the brazen-faced mendacity of Radical newspapers. A few nights since a band of negroes who had organized themselves into a military company, were parading through the streets of Baltimore, when they deliberately fired a number of shots into a crowd of whites, killing one man and wounding others. No paper in that city, not even the organs of the bitter and unrelenting Radicals of Maryland, dared to charge that any provocation had been given, and the commander of the negroes testified at the coroner's inquest that he "*heard no noise and witnessed no interference previous to the firing.*"

Yet with these facts all before them, newspapers, such as the New York *Tribune* and Forney's two dailies, are found exculpating the black murderers and villifying and abusing the white population of Baltimore. When the organs of the Republican party descend to such depths of infamy to bolster up their mad scheme of negro suffrage, it is high time that all decent white men should abandon an organization which lives only by uttering lies from day to day, with the deliberate intention of deceiving and beguiling the honest and unsuspecting masses. We shall have this outrageous system of lying constantly kept up from this time until after the Presidential election. It will constitute a large portion of the Radical thunder in the next campaign.

Bill Kelley Nominates Grant.

The Radical politicians of Pennsylvania, being much alarmed by their late defeat, and fearing that they may very speedily be compelled to betake themselves to honest industry, instead of hanging like leeches on the public treasury, have taken to nominating General Grant for President by a sort of universal acclamation. Jack Hiestand leads the way in Lancaster county, and Bill Kelley follows suit in Philadelphia. We published Jack's platform. Kelley's is like unto it. He made a speech on the occasion in which he declared that Grant was fully and completely in favor of universal negro equality. We do not believe General Grant will permit himself to be made the tool of such miserable demagogues. If he should, he will unquestionably tarnish his fame and forfeit the respect and confidence of a large majority of the American people. No man can be elected President on the platform now being laid down for General Grant. Whoever may be the nominee of the extreme Radicals will be beaten.

Increased Vote in Ohio.

The New York *Times* remarks that the "reaction" in Ohio is more decided than it seemed to be at first. The vote at the late election in that State, instead of being light, turns out to have been the heaviest ever cast. In the counties thus far officially heard from there is an increase of about sixty thousand over the vote two years ago, of which the Democrats gain forty and the Republicans twenty thousand. The *Times* is of the opinion that the theory that the Republicans stayed at home will not answer, but they have evidently in a good many cases voted the other way, whilst of the new voters who have come into the field within the last two years, the Democrats have got more than their equal share.

A More Radical Basis Demanded.

Forney, the United States Senate's Secretary, says the Republicans of Pennsylvania, though beaten, are not disheartened, and will reorganize on a more radical basis. A more radical basis! What can be more radical than the present party basis? Military despotism, debt and taxation, negro equality at the North and negro domination at the South, special privileges for a few at the expense of the many; the Constitution ignored, the Executive and the Supreme Court considered as unworthy of regard, the will of Congress proclaimed to be the supreme law, and venality and corruption permeating every branch of the public service—is that basis not radical enough?

PRIVATE Miles O'Reiley, editor of the New York *Citizen* suggests that Mrs. Lincoln take up each present she received while in the White House, state from whom it was received, and label it with a memorandum of the probable profits in place, or of some shoddy contract, or permit to buy cotton, which the presenter must have noted. Miles thinks in this manner it would be found that the value of Mrs. Lincoln's influence to the gentleman who presented her with a carriage and a pair of horses—certainly not costing over two thousand dollars, all told—must have been in the vicinity of at least four hundred thousand dollars; and very likely a similar exhibit might show that every shawl, and dress, and article of jewelry in her collection must have been paid for (finally by the country) at the most extravagant rate."

WHEN Brooks, a much smaller man than Sumner, caned him, the Boston pet did not attempt to resent it; but went to Europe to have the Duchess of Sutherland, and other abolition dames, bathe his bruised cranium and heal his wounded honor. When a German Baron grew sweet on Mrs. Sumner, the brave Senator did not challenge him; but wrote a letter to Bismarck, reflecting on his wife's honor and requesting the recall of the offender. Such is the honor of the Radical leader of the Senate.

A Negro Vigilance Committee in Richmond.

The negroes of Richmond have begun the war of races. They have formed a Vigilance Committee, and are ordering white men to leave the city. On Saturday morning M. W. A. Monroe received the following threatening letter:

> RICHMOND, Va., Oct. 25, 1867.
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> We, the colored people of the city of Richmond, having formed a vigilance committee, warn you to leave the city in forty-eight hours after receiving this notice. We are aware of your hostile feelings towards Mr. Hunnicutt and his political party. If your family choose to go with you they can do so, or they can remain; we will not interfere with them. If you do not heed this warning, you will have to abide by the consequences. After you have spoken of Mr. Hunnicutt as you have, we are fully determined that you shall leave the city at the expiration of the time given you.
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> By order of the committee.
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> T. B. G., Secretary.

Similar letters were received by other persons. The parties thus singled out for vengeance by Hunnicutt's barbarians are said to have discharged Radical negroes from their employ since the election. What security for life or property can there be in a community in which negroes thus take the laws into their hands?

Grant Not Seeking a Nomination.

The editor of the Atlanta *New Era* had an interview with Gen. Grant on Saturday, in which he said:

That he was not a politician, and had never taken any interest in politics, in fact he had never voted since 1856, when he voted for Buchanan for President. He further said he was not seeking a nomination for the Presidency, and belonged to no party, and no man had a right to speak for him. The Southern editor is of the opinion from Grant's conversation that the General will not accept a nomination for the Presidency from either the radical Republicans or radical Democrats, but might be induced to run as a conservative.

The best thing that could be done for Gen. Grant would be for politicians of all parties to let him alone. His position is such that the Radicals would find him to be a weak candidate if they got him. The people will vote for measures and not for men in the coming Presidential contest.

Sample Specimens.

In Mecklenburg county, Virginia, the Radicals succeeded in electing two suitable candidates. A correspondent of the Richmond *Enquirer* says:

Their nominees were John Watson (negro) and Sanford Dodge, a man (?) with a white skin. The former, I am informed, on the best authority, was a notorious thief in times of slavery, and was sold no less than *five times*. He can neither read nor write. The latter came (I believe) from the North, is an *ex*-minister of the gospel, (but still continues to preach,) and was in the employment of John Morris as whiskey rectifier before his distillery was seized by the government for swindling, and himself lodged in jail.

Such are the men who will almost certainly *represent* (God save the mark!) this county in the coming Convention.

These are, we have no doubt, fair average samples of the Virginia radicals. In Mecklenburg county not a single white vote was cast for these vagabonds or in favor of the Convention. In Fauquier county only three whites voted the Radical ticket. So it was elsewhere in the State.

Stanton's Opinion of Lincoln.

Radical newspapers have been raising a devil of a row during the last four or five years because somebody called the late lamented a "gorilla." The appellation has finally been traced to its true source, and the author of the opprobrious epithet turns out to be that woman-murderer and starver of our prisoners, ex-Secretary Stanton. Shortly after the inauguration of Mr. Lincoln, Stanton and some others in Washington were talking about the great king of the baboon tribe, and the efforts which were being made to secure a live specimen, when he exclaimed, referring to the then President, "Why go to Africa for a gorilla, when we have the original among us." This was said at the time when Stanton was assuring the Southerners in Washington that he was with them heart and soul in the secession movement. This model patriot, being made Secretary of War, and given an ample chance to plunder, became the most intensely loyal creature living, and professedly a devoted admirer of the man whom he had stigmatized as "a gorilla."

THE birthplace of Washington is a Poland, in which, at the mouth of United States cannon, is kept up the farce of a free government. White men are disfranchised. Negroes vote tickets printed on colored paper, at the dictation of a few selfish and low-born white demagogues. No negro could vote any other ticket, except at the peril of his life. The negro barbarians all voted one way. They rule Old Virginia. And, this is all that Radicalism, with unlimited powers, has been able to effect.

WHEN California went against the Radicals they declared their defeat was owing to side issues and the corruption of their candidates. They were unanimous in the prediction that they would carry the State by their old majorities at the coming Judicial election. That has come and gone, and the result is another glorious Democratic victory. What becomes of the side issue excuse? The Radicals will have abundant occasion to remember their oft repeated assertion that revolutions never go backward.

The West Virginia Election.

The result of the election in West Virginia, on Thursday last, for members of the Legislature, is yet uncertain. The Democratic gain in Ohio county, including Wheeling, is nearly 600. The Wheeling *Commercial* of Friday says:

> The Democratic gains are, under the circumstances, truly astonishing. Ohio county leads, with a majority of over 700; Brooke county wheels into the Democratic line, and elects an entire ticket; Marshall makes heavy gains; Marion elects a Radical, but shows a Democratic gain of 250; Taylor wipes out the entire Radical vote and elects a clean Democratic ticket; Jefferson seems to be on the same track; Harrison county is Radical by a greatly reduced majority; Hancock county shows a Democratic gain of 82, and Wood county of 251.
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> If the news from the other portions of the State should be as favorable to the Democrats as those above enumerated, the election of West Virginia will eclipse the Ohio election. In our State some counties were so manipulated by the registration that there were not voters enough left to fill the county offices. In the rich old county of Hardy there were but *sixty-eight* voters registered! The same scale of disfranchisement prevailed in good old Hampshire, which used to contain some twenty-two hundred voters. By the registration she was curtailed to about *one hundred and sixty three*. The people are tired of seeing a portion of their fellow-citizens disfranchised without law. They believe that those who are compelled to support the Government should have some voice in the affairs of the Government.

The Wheeling *Register* (Dem.) of Saturday says:

> Returns from Thursday's elections leave the general result uncertain. In Marshall our gains reach 600, but the success of our ticket is in doubt. In the Second Senatorial district Burley (Rad.) has a majority of about 300 in Marshall and Marion counties over Clemens, (Dem.,) with Wetzel to hear from. Wetzel's majority has usually ranged from four to five hundred Democratic. The election of Clemens will be a Democratic gain. Wirt county has gone Democratic. This is something new in our experience, and Mr. Stewart, the delegate elect from Wirt, is a gain for the Democracy. The result in Brooke county is as gratifying as it is unexpected. We elect a member to the House of Delegates from that county, with a gain upon the general vote of 125.

The Election in Iowa.

The returns from Iowa indicate that a larger popular vote was polled this year than at any previous election. From the reported majorities in the various counties, about one half of them being official, it appears that the vote for Governor was, for Merrill, R., 96,963, and for Mason, D., 62,976, a Republican majority of 23,987. Last year the Republican majority was 35,412. The total vote this year is 149,939, last year it was 147,042.

A Candid Republican.

The following letter from a candid and prominent Lancaster county Republican appeared in the *Express* a day or two since:

A Democratic journal, in commenting on the recent election, says: "*The Republican element of the country has stepped aside to rebuke its leaders.*"

With this view, a defeat is often a blessing. A party long in power must not forget that all its acts are open to the criticisms of its opponents; and a defeat in elections of local importance should lead to reform within the party. Reform must take place or the noble principles for which we have been battling will be sacrificed. Our principles are right, but our extravagance, and faithless execution of the laws, are wrong, and will be used as steps by the Democrats for rising into power. Extravagance is the great sin of Republicanism. The war seems to have blinded our Congress that they cannot appreciate money. Before the war $70,000,000 was considered a large sum for the annual expenses of the Government. We charged Buchanan's administration justly with extravagance, when the expenditure reached $80,000,000. The war has been over nearly two years, and the expenses are enormous. The interest on the public debt is about $130,000,000 and not much in excess of the duties received on imports. Yet we are required to raise by taxation over $300,000,000 per annum, and that too without materially reducing the principal of the debt. This is grinding down the industry of the people too fast, and will not be sustained at the polls, unless it can be shown to be unavoidable. Has Congress economized the funds, with a view of reducing taxes? No. It has passed a Bounty Bill to bestow away a few hundred millions; it has burnt part of the debt costing no interest, and issued bonds in place bearing six per cent., in gold; it has organized an army of excise officers at a heavy expense, but failed utterly in enforcing the revenue laws, strictly and impartially, and lost hundreds of millions to the Treasury which has actually gone into the pockets of its own officers and the dishonest persons engaged in defrauding the revenue, who, in many cases, jointly combined to enrich themselves with the money due the nation. The Government has failed to enforce the law, so as to realize the revenue where it was due. To illustrate this, we will only refer to one article, although others might be referred to, in like manner:

In 1866 ninety millions of gallons of whiskey were distilled. Under the present tax this would realize to the Government $180,000,000 annually, much more than enough to pay the interest on the whole debt, and a sum larger than the expenses of the Government should ever be in time of peace. Last year 14,000,000 gallons of whiskey paid the tax, but we think we can safely assert that 40,000,000 gallons were distilled, which would not be half as much as the annual product in 1866, before there was any tax on it. Why did the Government not collect this tax? Simply because it either lacked efficiency or the will. Distillers when detected were allowed to settle with money—they paid a penalty of $5,000, and made $20,000 by the operation. Getting off so easily, with an excess of $15,000 profit, or rather steadings in their pockets, they, of course, repeated the transaction. Others felt encouraged by the very terms of settlement to "go and do likewise," to cheat fifty or a hundred thousand, and settle with the Government for ten or twenty thousand. In fact, the Government officers proffered a bribe for cheating and many of the excise officers participated in the profits with the illicit distillers. Had the Government enforced the penalty of the law in every case before it, and confined the convicts in the penitentiary, instead of settling for money, the frauds would not have been long continued. Fifty millions of dollars, at least, would have been saved annually. Honest distillers then would have had an equal chance in the business. As it is, all honest men in the business were compelled to stop, and swindlers only could make it profitable. The Government allowed them to go on even when whiskey in open market sold for half the amount of tax on a gallon. The market quotations of whiskey at $1.50@1.70, designated contraband, were published daily for many months, and the Government could see it as well as others. Still the illicit traffic continues to the disgust and regret of all well-disposed, honest tax payers.

It is true that once in a while the excise officers make a raid on contraband distilleries, empty the beer mash in the gutters, and capture the stills and a few barrels of whiskey. But this will not suppress the business. They will start elsewhere what paid so well before. Nothing short of invariably imprisoning in the penitentiary will or can suppress it, but that will. That would soon teach the perpetrators of fraud that it is just as criminal to cheat the government as an individual. It would soon create a respect and reverence for the law, which it sadly needs.

The excise laws strictly enforced, would yield over $100,000,000 more annually to the government, and enable it to reduce the taxes to a few specific articles, and to disband one half of the revenue officers, who grow fat on the industry of the people, and many of whom, as the government well knows, grow quickly rich, not by their salaries, but by the tempting bribes, too often accepted from parties in complicity in defrauding the revenue.

If a Republican Congress means to remain in power, it must see to these things. It is not the *nigger* only that will satisfy the people. The People want more economy and a reduction of taxes. They want to have the laws vigorously and impartially enforced, that taxation may be just, because equally distributed in its burdens.

Let Congress see that $100,000,000 more are realized from the enforcement of the revenue laws—that no further grant be made for bounties, or railroads—that no salaries be increased, but reduced—that no non-interest bearing debt be exchanged for interest bearing—that no more tax be levied on the people than what is necessarily required, without reducing the principal of the debt; and by these reformations show that it can safely reduce the taxes one half, and then it can ask the people to sustain it in office, on a platform that will have a telling effect at the ballot boxes.

On the other hand if it will disregard everything but the *nigger*, and with the laws to be violated with impunity, extravagance to go on, taxes increasing, the revenue wasted, the legal tender notes contracted, the good interest increased, then, by these means, it will directly help our political opponents into power, and the voice from the polls will come, "Weighed in the balance and found wanting." S.

A Great Democratic Victory in Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 23.—The municipal and judicial election passed off very quietly today. The entire Democratic ticket, for Mayor, both branches of City Councils and judges, was elected. The vote for Mayor is as follows:

Robert T. Banks (Dem.)	18,339
Andrew W. Dennis (Rep.)	4,831
Majority	13,508

BALTIMORE, Oct. 23.—The vote for Judges of the Court of Appeals to-day was as follows: Bartol (Dem.), 18,500; Stockbridge (Republican), 4,795; Bartol's majority, 13,705.

For Chief Justice of the Supreme Court—Parker Scott (Dem.), 18,219; John R. Kenly (Republican), 4,846; Scott's majority, 13,373. The Democratic majorities for Associate Judges are all over 13,000. The largest Republican vote was for John C. King,