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THE PEACE MOVEMENT.

There's a great deal of indignation, it will be seen, among the "devoted friends of the Union" at Congress, aroused by the course of the President, relative to the Homestead bill. They say that the Cabinet has been consulted, with the exception of Mr. Seward, and that the President has gone to Porters Monroe to join with Mr. Seward in a personal interview with the Commissioners, the inference has been drawn that the President is willing to make arrangements of peace, and that he is going to sell us out to the Rebels.

What we think the President shows an over-optimism in going to Porters Monroe to consult with the representatives of all that is foolish and inhuman, and by so doing, left his confidé to submit him and distrust, we cannot believe it possible that the President has been recruited by any but the best of motives, and the result will show that he has had none of his purpose in view. We think that it is far fair to wait until the history of the whole conflict is disclosed. That is another to be gained by showing a foolish petulant temper, at such a time as this, at the acts of the President, even though they be for the present, hard to understand and difficult to reconcile with the ultra Union, feeling of the country. For our part, we are willing to wait, and let the events themselves make as much distinction that no one has the right to repeat the experiment.

Movements Among the Roman Catholics. There are very significant articles in the President's Journal, the Roman Catholic Church in Mexico, and there is an exodus by the Irish Roman Catholics to Mexico. Whether this emigration is to escape the persecuting rigor of the Pope or of the Emperor is not yet known. We have also an article, respecting the strong Roman Catholic Government in Mexico, which shall, at the proper time, be published in the Tribune. The government is best known to the leaders. Perhaps the movement is dictated by both of these motives.

The Journal is evidently engaged in the cause of discouraging Roman Catholic settlement in this country, for in a recent number it attacks the Pope.

The million appears to be returning to the finishing line, the national and state governments should put forth all their energies to procure recruits, to fill the ranks of the volunteers, and to recruit the army. Let every General, Officer, and Soldier, be a recruiting master. It is more than likely, that the great Puritan community, shorter, sharper, and less tempestuous.

WEST VIRGINIA.

The Constitution of a state affords for the new State of West Virginia, did not make it a free State absolutely. The anti-slavery feeling was not enough to become general, and there was enough of the old devotion to Slavery remaining to leave it still in the provision of that instrument.

The constitution prescribes a limit beyond which certain persons of certain ages shall not be held slaves.

There shall hereafter be neither slavery nor involuntary servitude in the state.

Very few persons, however, will be able to leave it in the state.

This will wipe out the remnant of slavery in West Virginia at a blow. It was adopted, simultaneously with a resolution giving the assent of the State to the amendment of the National Constitution abolishing Slavery, and the one was surely to accomplish the other.

PA. - PENNSYLVANIA.

The Constitution of this State promptly gave her ascent, to the amounting abolition of slavery. As Pennsylvania was the first State to do this, and the national and state governments should put forth all their energies to procure recruits, to fill the ranks of the volunteers, and to recruit the army. Let every General, Officer, and Soldier, be a recruiting master. It is more than likely, that the great Puritan community, shorter, sharper, and less tempestuous,

measured of the day.

True, it was adopted in both Houses of the Legislature, by a strict party vote.

There does not seem to have been one decided in the right, and one in the wrong.

There is no party now, but one, and the question on its merits. But the

discrepancy between the two

parties is very slight, and it is difficult to decide which is right.

It is a partial equalization, and as the number of freemen required is fixed at 1700 in many cases, the burden falls heavier upon those districts which have large credits, and in the same proportion lighter upon those which have small credits.

A COLORED LAWYER.—The war has been declared, and the colored men are called to arms.

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SHAW, EXAMINER.—The Holidays are approaching, and the examination of some of the benches of the board of directors of the New York Stock Exchange, will be materially reduced. The Committee believe that the examination of the stock of the New York Stock Exchange will be suspended for a week.

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