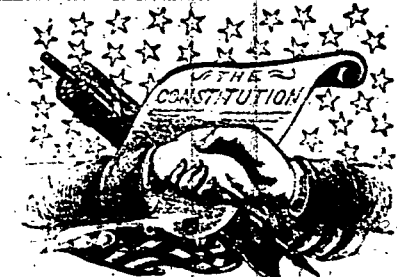


The Necessity of Maintaining Great Principles.

Men may and do honestly differ in opinion concerning finance, taxation, the propriety of an immediate advance of the navy, the capacity of certain Generals, and a hundred other subjects of importance to the well being of the nation. But there are certain great principles that demand recognition from every loyal citizen—principles that cannot be ignored—principles that dare not be violated. Only serious division among the northern people relates to these principles. The great mass of the loyal people at the North demand that the Constitution of the United States shall remain the supreme law of the land, and that the war for the Union shall be conducted in strict conformity with that Constitution; but a portion heretofore distinguished for hatred of the Union, and that the law of "necessity" shall usurp the place of the Constitution, and by virtue of this unwritten law, the slaves shall be liberated and let loose upon the country.

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PURPOSES OF THE WAR!

Congress by a vote nearly unanimous, passed the following resolution in July 1861: That the present deplorable civil war has been forced upon the country by the disunion of the Southern States, and is a result of the policy of secession, and is a violation of the Constitution of the United States, and is a crime against the people of the United States, and is a crime against the world.

Now we are opposed to such policy, not only because it would avail nothing in subduing rebellion, but because it would undermine and destroy our whole system of Government. The States of the Union have the absolute right under the Constitution to control their own domestic concerns—and the Federal Government is prohibited from meddling with them.

Strip the above of its vulgar slang, and it amounts to just this: "We are opposed to a restoration of the Union; we never liked it, and do not regret that the South tried to destroy it." Greeley and Jeff. Davis fully agree with each other in opposing the restoration of the Union, although they may differ as to details in future plans—but certain it is that they both prefer disunion to the Union of our Fathers, and who does not respect the Union is no patriot. Those who wish for new forms of government are revolutionists, traitors, or whatever you may choose to call them—among the leaders of whom may be found Horace Greeley and Jeff. Davis. [The above quotation from the Tribune reads as if it came from the Charleston Mercury.]

Congressman Fessenden recently said in a speech that "the bringing slavery back with the seceded States is to restore with them that condition of things under the influence of which this Government cannot endure." It may exist in name, but the name will become a "deception."

The abolitionists formerly said that slavery was an element of weakness; and this was one reason given why it should be abolished—as in the event of a foreign war, the slave States would be so weakened by slavery that they could not aid the Government, but would have to spend their strength in watching their slaves. Before the war began, they clamored for war, urging that the South could not support a war, but would fall under the weight of slavery—that the slaves alone would conquer their masters.

A thousand times better that the four millions of Africans in the South should remain bondsmen to the latest generation, than that this fair fabric of government should be destroyed, and white and black involved in one common ruin.

The fight between Cameron and Fremont, which agitated the country a few weeks ago, has resulted in the destruction of both combatants. Cameron had influence enough to procure Fremont's removal, but he did not long enjoy his victory. His own head soon rolled upon the executioner's block for the same causes that led to the demotion of Fremont from command.

Mr. Conkling, of New York, stated in a speech that contracts are now being filled for frearms amounting to thirty-eight millions of dollars. These contracts are in the hands of "middle men, speculators and snatchers," who did not own a piece of machinery, or have the slightest knowledge of manufactures.

More Volunteers Wanted.

Capt. R. S. Searle is now in the County for the purpose of obtaining recruits to fill his company, which when organized is to be attached to the Pa. Reserve Corps—the most desirable branch of the public service. Those wishing to enlist can call on J. L. Lyons, over Webb's store, in Montrose, be sworn in and receive pay and board, at once. Mr. Searle will leave for Camp Curtin on Friday, February 14th, to join the company. They will have good quarters, and be drilled and instructed in the arts of war.

Mr. S. is well qualified for the Captaincy, has had considerable experience in the service, and those wishing to enlist cannot do better than to join him.

The annual meeting of the Jackson Agricultural Society, for the election of officers will be held at school house No. 2 on Tuesday evening, Feb. 18, 1863. Business of importance to all interested in the society's prosperity, to be transacted.

The friends of Rev. Wm. H. Adams of Brooklyn, are invited to make him a donation, in the personage, on Tuesday, February 11th, afternoon and evening.

There will be a Sunday School Exhibition in the Universalist Church, at Brooklyn, on Friday evening, the 14th of February. The exercises will commence at 7 p. m.

On the 23rd of January inst., at Great Bend, Charles Taylor, in the 4th year of his age, died of cholera, and was buried in the morning, and all through a hole in the ice, and fell through a hole in order to find the body, — they were unsuccessful.

Commonwealth vs. D. D. Hinds. Surety of the peace. Court sentence John F. Dunmore, prosecutor to pay Commonwealth costs, and D. D. Hinds to pay defendant's costs.

Commonwealth vs. Nelson Smith. Indictment, assault and battery. Docket W. Woodcock, prosecutor. Defendant pleads guilty. Sentenced to pay a fine of \$5, and costs.

Commonwealth vs. Isaac L. Post. Indictment, obtaining property by means of false pretences. Verdict, not guilty, and the prosecutor, J. F. Dunmore, pay one third of the costs, and defendant pay two thirds of the costs.

Commonwealth vs. Oscar Barrett et al. Indictment, conspiracy. Grand Jury direct that C. S. Bennett, the prosecutor, pay the costs.

Commonwealth vs. John C. Cook, &c. Indictment, continuing nuisance. Ignoramus. Court sentence C. S. Bennett, prosecutor, to pay the costs.

Commonwealth vs. Seymour Eldridge. Indictment, colluding with doctor. Bill ignored. Court direct that W. B. Rockwell, prosecutor, pay the costs.

Commonwealth vs. Thos. J. Barnes. Indictment, keeping lapping house. Defendant pleads guilty, and the Court sentences him to pay a fine of \$15, and costs of prosecution, &c.

On motion of W. J. Turrell, Esq., and his statement that A. L. Post, Esq., was formerly a member of the bar of Susquehanna County, and intends to resume the practice of the law in the several Courts of said County, the Court recognize his right and privilege as an attorney.

On motion of J. B. McCollum, Esq., E. S. M. Hill was admitted to practice as an attorney in the several Courts of Susquehanna County.

Commonwealth vs. Thos. Teardon. Indictment, selling liquor without a license. Defendant pleads guilty, and the Court sentences him to pay a fine of \$15 and costs, and give security, &c.

Commonwealth vs. Wm. Roberts. Indictment, causing death by attempting to procure abortion. Verdict, not guilty. Alldright Dunham vs. Lydia L. Estus. In Debt. Judgment opened. Verdict for plaintiff.

D. Stewart & Co. vs. M. S. Wilson et al. Feigned Issue. Verdict for defendants.

Avery Frink vs. J. F. Dunmore. Feigned Issue. Verdict for plaintiff. M. B. Bassett vs. Amos Clark. Ejectment.—Judgment for want of appearance.

Proceedings of the Susq. Co. Teachers Association.

According to adjournment, the Association convened in the Presbyterian Church, at Brooklyn, Pa., Friday, Jan. 10th, 1862, at 10 o'clock, a. m. Meeting called to order by A. N. Bullard, County Superintendent, and organized by electing Rev. J. K. Peck President and E. A. Weston, Esq. Vice President. A committee of five was then appointed to prepare a programme for the session.

After sentences were heard from the members, an exercise in Orthography was conducted by E. P. Gardner, which was followed by an exercise in Practical Arithmetic, conducted by E. A. Weston, Esq. The remaining time was occupied by discussing questions from the box. Adjourned to meet at 6 o'clock.

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At the age of seventeen she made her debut as a teacher in one of the common schools of this county, consisting of pupils principally of foreign extraction; subsequently, as her merits became known her services were sought after, and retained with satisfaction, in many of the best and most advanced common schools. Those who have been placed under her care can best attest her zeal and unremitting efforts to do them good; but I venture to say, that no one among us has been so fortunate as to become qualified for the faithful discharge of the teacher's noble duties than she, and few indeed have accomplished more in the same time. But in the midst of her career, with a youthful hand of immortals around her, receiving instruction at her hand, she suddenly fell.

It appears that Lord Palmerston cannot speak the English language, and the knowledge of Mr. Seward's despatch to Mr. Adams, in which the acts of Capt. Wilkes was described as one undertaken without the order or cognizance of the Government, although it had been read to the Cabinet by our minister in the third week of December. It is now said that if this fact had been made public the war excitement against America would never have made so much progress.

The support of home newspapers should always be a matter of principle with every public-spirited citizen, and the maintenance of efficient, well conducted Democratic papers, the first desideratum with every man who desires the success of the Democratic party. A neglect of these important rules of action has lost many an election, and done manifold injury to the cause which we have labored zealously and earnestly in the cause, without that support which they have every right to expect, at the hands of those whose opinions and views they most clearly reflected.—M. V. Argus.

A strange and unaccountable misstatement of facts appears in the London Post, which says the reason why Secretary Seward's note to Minister Adams, dated Nov. 30th, relative to the Trent affair, was not laid before the British public, is that Mr. Adams did not communicate it to the Government, but withheld it to the exercise of his own discretion. So far from this being true, Mr. Adams, in a despatch received by the latest European mail, said that he not only stated its contents to Lord John Russell, but read every word of it to him on the 20th of December. This misstatement has given rise to the question: whether the Post is really the organ of Lord Palmerston, or does it willfully impose itself as such on the credulity of the British public.

Despatches just received from the British Government show that the disposition of the Trent affair by Secretary Seward is satisfactory, and justifies the expectation of peace between the two countries for a long time to come.

A contractor from Cairo came a few days ago to get some money, and the President being in Secretary Stanton's at the time, asked him if he had not been paid any. "No, sir," the contractor there; "none of the bills contracted there have been paid anything." "This is very strange, we have spent near five hundred millions and I have not found a man who has ever got a dollar of it." The contractor finally admitted that he had received a few thousand dollars, but that it was hardly worth speaking of.

The Washington Star, in noticing Rev. Dr. Cheever's lecture at Washington says: "President Lincoln was not present, and the Fremont clique, who on the night of Greeley's lecture, exhibited such singular discourtesy towards the President by their vociferous shouts and clamors whenever the speaker hinted a censure upon the executive action in relation to the Pathfinder, did not have an opportunity to repeat the insult."

The Doretha Harris, a schooner, cleared a few days ago from Baltimore, loaded with salt for Washington. The flotilla below Aquia creek allowed it to pass, but when opposite the Hebel battery, a signal was given, and it ran right up to the wharf at Aquia creek.

Although it was ostensibly loaded with salt, it is not known that there was nothing else in the hold.

The House of Representatives was addressing a resolution of the Secretary of the Treasury, calling for information as to the amount of the floating debt of the Government. Secretary Chase to day addressed a reply to Speaker Groves, stating that he had sent out circulars to the Heads of Bureaus and Departments in all directions, and as soon as the answer could be compiled he would furnish the information. To do this may take ten days or two weeks. In the meantime the debt is accumulating at the rate of a million and a half of dollars per day.

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Statement of Susq. County Treasury, January 1st, 1861. To available funds in the Treasury, \$2,700.00 To amount of previous years, \$200.00 To amount of previous years, \$200.00 To several amounts of Notes, Bonds, Judgments, &c., per Auditors' reports, \$50,000.00 \$53,600.00

County Auditors' Report. We the undersigned, Auditors of, and for said County, in pursuance of our duties, at the Court House, Montrose, on Monday, the 5th day of January, 1862, and after a full and careful examination of the books, papers, and Treasurer's account, and found in the hands of D. W. Titus, Treasurer, of the County, the sum of \$53,600.00, and we certify that the same is correct, and we have signed our names thereto, this 5th day of January, 1862. D. W. TITUS, Treasurer. S. W. HEDLEY, Auditor. J. H. HARTLEY, Auditor.

List of Collectors. W. Welch, Audition, H. M. Jones, Harford. T. A. Dawson, Audition, W. F. Fann