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many years. It has had power in both branch-es of this Legislature. It has had the Execu-tive. It has had power at Washington. All the power of the Government has been in its hands; and when has it ever brought down the iron heel of despotism upon freedom of speech and the press? Sir, to the honor of the party I represent, I say it has ever sustained these great rights and the liberties of these great rights and the invertices of the people; and, therefore, I honor it. One of the virtues of that party which courses me to adhere to it is, that it has ever protected the rights of the weak, and that it has never used its power to crush the liberties of the American people. M'Mas-ters, editor of the Freeman's Journal, Ellis B. Schnable, Kev. Mr. Stewart, Ex-Mayor Barret, of Washington, (afterwards offered an appoint-ment by Lincoln.) the editors of the Patriot and Union, Colonel Wall, William Gilchrist, George J. Jones, M'Gregor, Charles J. Ingersoll, Doc-tor Olds, D. A. Mahony, Pierce Butler, and scores of others, have been arrested upon this same charge of disloyalty. Mr. SMITH (Chester.) Will the gentleman

allow me to ask him a question ? Does he consider the charge-Mr. PURDY. I will be through in a few

moments and then the gentleman can have an

opportunity to reply to me. In addition to these the West Chester Jef-fersonian, the Freeman's Journal, Democratic Standard, N. H., the Bangor Democrat, the Trenton True American, the Dubuque Herald, the Williamsport Democrat, the Easton Senti nel, the New York News, the Huntingdon Monitor, the Carlisle Volunteer, the Luzerne Union, the Fulton Democrat and many other journals have been destroyed by mobs.

Now, sir, I come to the main question. When or where has any member of that party ever denounced these usurpations-these viola tions of law-this trampling upon the rights of the people of this country? Where have they denounced it? Has it not been encouraged ! And is not the allusion made to the mobbing of my own press to day, rather in justification than denunciation of these charges? Sir, the men who mobbed my press were men who were never before in my town. They were men who tarived there late in the evening and were de-tained until midsight. They knew nothing of me, nothing of my press, nothing of the politics of my county—nothing further than that they got into a Union League rum shop, as profligate as such a shop can be in any vicini-ty; and they were there told by a certain man who controls that remarkable institution, that there was a disloyal paper in the town and that the establishment had a rebel flag. They went with axes, and with murderous intent and they chopped through the doors of my of-fice when no one was there. The proprietor of the building entered and went up to try to pursuade them to desist. They drew bowie knives upon him and got into a scuffle and caught bim by the coat; and the fact of his coat slipping over his head and he falling down two pairs of stairs, was the only thing that saved his life. But he has been upon his bed from that day to this; and the Lord only knows when he may recover. But, sir, as to the flag business. They went

there and they completed the destruction of my office, as they had done in hundreds of they stole a flag; but it happened to be a very large American flag, which the patriclic lad es of that vicinity had made and presented to me, and which has flotted from my office window on all public cccisions, from the breaking out of this war to the present time. That was the "rebel flag" which they found there; and, sir, I am very sorry to say that they took that flag, heretofore honorable, and disgraced it by carrying it at the head of a mol of rioters

Now, air I should not have made the remarks which I have made to-day, but for the purpose of testifying that I scorn these repeated insin-uations of disloyalty against the Democratic party. I say, sir, that the history of this country, (and I care not how far back you may go,) will bear us out in the assertion that we have been, and that we are to-day the really loyal party. We are in favor of sustaining the civil authorities. We are opposed to mobs, to revolutions. We are in favor of sustaining the Constitution and the Union; and sir, if there be any test of loyalty higher than this, I am not able to reach it. It may possibly be the test of loyalty which has been introduced by Thaddeus Stevens and other gentlemen of that char-acter, who say they will not have "the Con-stitution as it is and the Union as it was". that they are bound to form a new Constitu tion and a new Union-who make the aboli-tion of slavery in the Southern States a test as to whether those States shall be allowed to come back into this Union. If that be loyalty, sir, we want none of it. We have no test of Toyalty save that which requires a man to be loyal and true to the Constitution. The test of love for the Union, that which we hold dearer than all else, that which we have ever labored for, is with us unconditional. W want the Southern States returned to this Union; and we do not wish to throw in the barrier that a law must be passed for the liber ation of their slaves before they can be allowed to come back. That, sir, is the position which some of the prominent men upon the other side of the House take; and I say, if there is any disloyal party, the disloyalty lies upon that Side and not upon ours. Mr. GRABER said a few wor: is in vindication of Schuylkill county. The only part of his re-marks which could be distinctly heard was to the effect that Schuylkill county has now in which touches upon the word loyalty? Why is it that our friends upon the other side are so them at their own word; I have endeavored to believe that they are truly and heartily with us; but when I see them rise in their places and atter upon this floor speeches more fitting for a rebel Congress than the Legislaturo of a free State, I am inclined to doubt their professions of loyalty to the Constitution and the Unior

the effect that Schuylkill county has now in the army seven thousand men. Mr. PRICE. Mr. Spoaker, I had not in-tended to easy anything upon this resolution; but the extraordinary conduct of the gentle-men upon the other side since this matter was introduced by the gentleman from Washing-ton prompts me to rise in my place and ex-press my feelings upon this subject. Why is it that the gentlemen who claim this day to belong to the Democratic party, rise in such wrath whenever a motion is broached which touches upon the vord howith is place which they are in and such professions. sensitive in reference to all measures, whether here or in Congress, looking to the exclusion of rebels and traitors from the benefits which we claim for loyal men? I have tried to take

Mr. PURDY. I beg leave to set the gentleman right. I made no such assertion ? Mr. PBICE. The gentleman who last epoke I allude to. There is nothing in this resolu 1863 tion, as I understand it, which impeaches the loyalty of the Democratic party as a party. It alludes only to those who gave spirate at a barry. It assistance to the rebels within our border-during last summer. But the gentlemen upon the other side assume that it bears upon themselves, and one of them gets up here and makes a speech, which I have no doubt was all prepared and was ready to be delivered on any fitting occasion. They give us to under tand that they are touched by the words of this resolution. I do not so understand it; but when they range themselves in that position and let us look at them in that position, the inference is strong that they very much suspect themselves, and want by words to get away from the idea. The gentleman has talked about men who

the gentleman has based about min who belong to the Democratic party. I know, sir, that in my own county, the county of Delaware, the leaders of the Democratic party did give assistance to the rebels at the opening of this schulling. In a church in my turns a rebellion. In a church in my town a sermon was delivered at the opening of this rebellion, when South Carolina was wavering, when her people were in convention, and she was hesi-tating what to do and looking to the North for sympathy, and assistance there was a sermon preached in a church in my fown, which when problemed was entitled 'Northern' Hearts em-brace Southern Homes !"

I know that there was a gentleman in the town intimately acquainted with Governor Pickens, then Governor of South Carolina, and that the purport of that sermion was to give direct assistance to the rebellion then about to culminate; and that the men of this party forwarded printed copies of that sermon to Gover-nor Pickens, and that he answered them, saying that he "thanked them for their timely assistance to South Carolina in her hour of need and distress."

It gave them strength and support.

Sir, one of these gentlemen represented my county in the Democratic convention in Harris burg last summer, which nominated Judge Woodward for Governor; and while the rebil cannon were thundering in the cars of the peo-pla of Harrisburg, he wrote home that there were no rebels near; from no other object that we could divine, than to keep our people, who were rushing by hundreds to arms, from coming here to prevent the invasion of our Common wealth.

Now, sir, this resolution proposes, as I under stand it, that only those men thall be paid who have been true and loyal to their government The gentleman from Franklin (Mr. SHARPS) changed his position, as I apprehend, on this measure during the course of this discussion. I know by his last remarks that he would be in favor of making a discrimination; his difficulty is how to get at it. I see upon this floor now two men with bucktails in their hats, If they should be appointed commissioners, have no doubt that they could easily tell who are loyal men and who are not. The men of that regiment know who are rebels and way are not; they can discriminate, and so can all others, between the friends of the government and its enemies.

I know, or have been informed, that there are people in the border counties of this State that assisted the rebels during the late invasion. I am informed that in Adams c unty the citi zens of that county pointed out to the rebets the hiding place of twenty six Union men, and had them arrested. In another instance, a man pointed out the place of concealment of two thousand six hundred cattle belonging to the people of some of these counties; and those catthe were taken by the rebels and used as food for their armics. When the militia from my county went down there to that place and heard of it, they took that man's property from him; and I have no doubt he will be coming forward and asking to be paid for what our troops took from him. I say that we should not give such men as this one cent. It can easily be ascer-tained from those betrayed neighbors who these disloval men are.

I was informed by one of the commissioners. who was appointed by the Governor to esti-mate the damages occasioned by the rebel raid, that those counties are filled with such people, and that there should be a discrimination made between the loyal and the disloyal. This is the reason I shall vote in favor of the reso-

I have understood, also, that while the bate of Gettysburg there was charging our soldiers, who were defending his home, one dollar a loaf for bread to sustain them, and that was persisted in till surgeon of one of our cavalry regiments, out a surgeon of one of our cavary reguments, our of mercy to the soldiers, took possession of that man's house as a hospital... I do not know what his politics are, and I do not care'; I say that the man who would so treat the soldiers that the man who would so treat the soldiers of onr country, when they were defending his home, is a disloyal man, and he is one whom I would not pay for any losses of property oc-cusioned by the taxing possession of his house. As I understand it, this resolution is designed to reach such men, and only such men, as those; and I cannot conceive how gentlemen upon the other side can find it in their hearts to speak against a resolution like this. The measures of the Government laye been denounced here. I do not intend to speak at length upon those measures. I can only say that just such speeches as have been delivered by the gentleman from Northumberland were delivered all over my county last fall; and while that county gave one thousard one hun-dred majority three years ago, it gave one thousand seven hundred last year. That was the answer of my constituents to such speeches. are all hollow hearted. I hope that the resolution will be adopted, and that the committee who are to have charge of the subject may be good mee, and that they may be able to discriminate between those who have rendered assistance to our enemies and these who have not. Mr. BARGEB. Mr. Speaker, I do not pro-pose to enter into any discussion of this subject at this time. It now lacks five minutes; of one o'clock, and I wish to ask the gentleman who made the motion to postpone indefinitely, to withdraw it, so that this subject may bo postthese who have not. poned for the present, and that then, by an extension of the hour of adjournment, we may go through the order of reading bills in place. I know that a number of gentlemen desire to present bills. Mr. RICE withdrew the motion for indefinite postponement, and moved that the further consideration of the subject be postponed until to morrow morning.



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Mr. SHABPE. I beg leave to interrupt the gentleman from Delaware one moment. If. the gentleman alludes to me, I wish him to unthe gentleman alludes to me, I wish him to un-derstand that I do not desire any rebels to be paid for losses which they have sustained I made my objections solely upon the ground that I believe it to be impracticable to inquire into this matter—for no other reason. Mr. PRICE I did not allude par-ticularly to the gentleman, though I in-tended before I got through to refer to his change of position in reference to this matter einer the resolution was offered.

matter since the resolution was offered.

I say that I am inclined, and I know that those around me are inclined, to doubt these professions of loyalty, when they hear such sen-timents attered as have been promulgated this morning.

The gentleman from Northumberland protests against this discussion having assumed a party shape, or that it should have been opened up so broadly. I ask this House to bear me witness that the gentleman from Northumwitness that the gentleman from Northum-berland was the man who did, it in his first public, just received and for sale by sneech upon this subject. speech upon this subject.

The motion to postpone till to-morrow was agreed to. On motion of Mr. BARGER, the hour of ad-

journment was extended until the presentation of bills in place should be concluded.

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