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THE NATIONAL PLATFORM.

PURPOSES OF THE WAR.

Congress, by a vote nearly unanimous, passed the following resolution, which expresses the voice of the Nation and is the true standard of Loyalty:

"That the present deplorable civil war has been forced upon the country by the usurpation of the Executive power, now in arms against the Constitutional Government, and in arms around the Capital; that in this National emergency, Congress, banishing all feelings of mere passion or resentment, will recollect only its duty to the whole country; that this war is not waged on their part in any spirit of oppression, or for any purpose of conquest or subjugation, or with a view to the overthrow or interference with the rights or established institutions of those States, but to defend and maintain the supremacy of the Constitution, and to preserve the Union, with all the dignity, equality and rights of the several States unimpaired; and that as soon as these objects are accomplished the war ought to cease."

TO THE PUBLIC.

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WHAT NEXT, PRAY?—The Louisville Journal states that Mr. Enlow, an engineer on the Big Gray Eagle, was arrested by the provost guard yesterday afternoon for using language derogatory to Dr. Fry, hospital surgeon at New Albany.

Mr. Lincoln once, only four years ago, wrote to a committee of Boston Republicans: "Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves, and under a just God cannot long retain it."

How much longer, then, can he, denying, as he does, "freedom to others" "under a just God" expect to "retain it" himself?

Seventeenth Senatorial District.

The Democrats of the Seventeenth Senatorial District, composed of the counties of Bradford, Susquehanna, Wyoming and Sullivan, have elected W. W. Kingsbury, Esq., Senatorial Delegate to the 17th of June State Convention.

RATMOND, of the New York Times, denies that he ever said the Abolition party was played out. We give him the benefit of the denial, but he is a great fool for making it.—The assertion is true, whoever made it, and had he kept quiet he would soon have found himself enjoying the reputation of a prophet.

Position of the Administration.

A few days ago Mr. Postmaster General Blair made a speech at Cleveland, Ohio, to an audience of thousands, in the following language: "The President sought to avert this contest, but the South insisted upon it, and he was forced to proclaim freedom to the slaves, who were, in every sense, the enemy's sinews of war. The President came reluctantly to this point because it was a fearful responsibility to assume, but, once deliberately taken, he placed the government in a position from which there is no escape. The nation must now redeem the pledge thus made to the slaves, by the utmost exhibition of its power. That proclamation was also a pledge to foreign nations. The measure having been adopted by the President beyond revocation by the civil or military authority of the nation."

All we have to say in relation to these remarks of Mr. Blair is, that if they correctly define the position of the administration the day of peace is far distant, the restoration of the Union an impossibility. There is nothing in the future but war, waste, misery, desolation and final ruin. It makes the downfall of the republic inevitable.

The 17th of June Convention.

We need offer no excuse to men of sense, who appreciate the condition of the country and the requirements of the hour, for referring occasionally to the gubernatorial nomination, and expressing a hope that on that subject all may be well with us.

We are passing through perilous times. Can we rise, as a people, to the height necessary to carry us through them? Can we comprehend the immense magnitude of the issues involved? Can we divest ourselves of mere personal partialities and petty local interests? Can we be, in heart and soul, patriots for the time, and sacrifice every other consideration to the demands of that patriotism?

How will our State Convention, so soon to meet, look at the matter—as wise, unselfish statesmen, regarding only the true interests of the State and party, or as petty politicians, incapable of rising above the interests of cliques and factions?

We hope to see its deliberations characterized by lofty and holy considerations. We hope to see it determine, from first to last, that no man unfitted for the times, no candidate unworthy of the support of the people, in any respect, shall receive its nomination.

If this hope shall prove well founded—if it shall give us a man of brains, a man of experience, a statesman, and at the same time a man of irreproachable moral character, one who is above the arts of the petty demagogue, and scorns all the tricks of the mere politician, we think we can say it will be well with us—the State will be rescued from Abolition rule, the Democratic party will be placed pre-eminently in power, and we may do much towards redeeming our country from the grasp of those who are seeking its overthrow.

If, unfortunately, a different course should be pursued, and a leader unworthy to carry our standard should be selected, it is painful to think of the evil which might follow.

We implore the delegates to think seriously before they come to Harrisburg.

An Opportunity for a Southern Blow.

That remarkably veracious journal, the Philadelphia Bulletin, under the above caption, treats its readers to sundry remarks founded on extracts from two southern papers. It charges that "rebel sympathizing journals and orators in the North have eyes and ears only for 'violations of personal liberty' and 'despotic acts' committed by the Federal administration." If, by "rebel sympathizing journals and orators," the Bulletin means Democratic "journals and orators," we dispose of the assertion by pronouncing it untrue.

But, in fact, we know of no such journals and orators in the North, unless we can call those so that we find arrayed in support of the administration. That they have aided the rebellion immensely we think indisputable; but whether from sympathy with its cause, or because their own track ran parallel so far as a disruption of the Union is considered, we shall not undertake to determine.

That Democratic journals and orators in the North are not eternally hammering away at the Jeff. Davis administration, is because they have enough to do to watch their own administration at home, which has even preceded the rebel rulers in the march to despotism. While seeing clearly enough what the Jeff. Davis administration are driving at, we are not blind to the tendency of Mr. Lincoln's administration, with which we have more intimate relations. We believe them both to be aiming at despotism, and it is our present care to prevent the latter from marching toward the goal at a more accelerated pace than the former—in fact we desire to arrest their progress in that direction altogether.

That once accomplished, we shall be in a condition to interfere to some purpose with Mr. Davis's arrangements, and arrest his footsteps before he reaches the throne to which he probably aspires, even if it should be at the expense of his head and the heads of many others who aim at kingly dignity.

This by way of preface. Now, as to the article from the Richmond Enquirer, squinting toward an "imperial despotism, like that of France," we believe we republished it shortly after its appearance—and we are glad to see that a southern journal of such solid reputation as the Raleigh Standard condemns the atrocious aspiration.

According to the Bulletin, the Standard, which is said to be the organ of Gov. Vance, makes the following comments on the despotic tendency of the Davis administration, or rather of the class in the South which that administration represents:

"We know that military despotism is making rapid strides in these States. We know that they will fight their way out against all comers, with a courage and an ardor which will eclipse even any former achievements of her sons during the existing war. For one, we are determined not to exchange one despotism for another."

Such remarks as these, in a journal of the acknowledged ability and influence of the Standard, are truly encouraging. If a few Republican journals in the North, of equal standing, would pursue the same honest and manly course toward the administration of Mr. Lincoln and the class which that administration represents—and God knows there are quite as good grounds for it—the dream of despotism in both sections would soon be dispelled, and a union of the truly loyal, North and South, would quickly work out the problem, now so apparently difficult, of the nation's salvation.

Omens and Analogies.

Cassandra, just before the fall of Troy, made herself generally disagreeable by prophesying ruin, which nobody believed would come. Miss Dickinson is a sort of converse of the amiable prophetess who tilted Apollo. She prophesies the pleasantest things imaginable for our afflicted country and is believed of her disciples—being, it is said, the most bewitching little optimist in the world. She prophesies impossible victory, and is believed. She squelches incredulous gentlemen, and is applauded by enthusiastic preachers. The Trojans were undone by being prone of Apollo not to credit Cassandra; if the fable holds good in the converse we may sing *Te Deum* in epic earnest, for believing Miss Dickinson. Whom the gods wish to destroy they first make mad. Whether the sign of madness be refusal to believe the utterances of lips divinely inspired or a determination to credit the wildest follies which come from creatures the most silly and ignorant, the result is the same. There is a wide difference between the high Trojan blindness which disdained Cassandra and the frantic folly which froths at the feet of Miss Dickinson.

There are other omens, besides that which the Pagan fable furnishes, from Holy Writ. Mr. Lincoln's resemblance to King Saul is most complete. Taller than those he came to rule—chosen to guide the Commonwealth when engaged in pursuits as rustic as those of the son of Kiah—he has now, it is rumored, exhibited his antitype's predilections for witchcraft. Of course he does not neglect the modern improvements in magic—his Witch of Endor is said to be a medium. The delirium of war has destroyed the equilibrium of his mind. The omen is alarming. History tells us how all the timid questioners of oracles were destined to defeat. Glenfower, who would "call spirits from the vasty deep," could not call victory thence. It is the conquering and dominant mind which enforces favoring oracles; it was Alexander, the invincible, to whom the priestess, when he compelled her utterance, gave the voluntary response—"Thou art irresistible, O, son!" Cassandra might have saved Troy but for the sullen and resentful meanness of Apollo. It

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

BY TELEGRAPH.

NEWS FROM VICKSBURG. CHICAGO, May 26.—Private dispatches were received in this city to-day from an officer in an Illinois regiment, dated near Vicksburg on the 24th, from which the inference may be drawn that the city was not captured up to that time. The dispatches say nothing as to what was done on Saturday. The working of the wires between Memphis and Cairo to-night is interrupted by a storm.

CINCINNATI, May 27.—The latest advices received here from Vicksburg through Union sources are to Friday last, May 22. At that time a vigorous bombardment of the town by land and water was going on. A special dispatch received here from Murfreesboro' says that rebel prisoners report that on Sunday last a courier dashed up with a dispatch from Col. Breckinridge to Gen. Wheeler, at M'Minville, acknowledging that Vicksburg had fallen, that Pemberton had escaped with almost all his army, but he had lost his artillery.

A DRAFT STOLEN. WILMINGTON, DEL., May 27.—A draft drawn by B. Davidson, bankers of San Francisco, to their correspondent in New York, for \$8,000 in gold, endorsed J. C. Brederman, was stolen last night.

1500 PASSENGERS. NEW YORK, May 27.—The steamship Great Eastern is coming down the sound. She will be at Astoria at noon. She has 1500 passengers.

NO REBEL NEWS. WASHINGTON, May 27.—A telegram from Newport News dated to-day has been received by the Navy Department. It says the steamer Georgia, just arrived from City Point, brings no rebel prisoners, and neither papers nor news. This may be considered a good sign, showing the rebels have no good news to communicate.

HELENA NOT TAKEN BY PRICE. CINCINNATI, May 27.—The report received through rebel sources of the capture of Helena, Ark., by the rebel Gen. Price, is false. The Gazette publishes a letter from that place dated the 20th, which states that Price threatened an assault, but it was only a feint to cover a contemplated move on some other point.

THE WAR IN TENNESSEE. MURFREESBORO', May 26th.—Col. Wilder, with his mounted infantry, returned this p. m. from a trip in the direction of M'Minville, whither he had gone in search of the rebel cavalry under Col. Breckinridge. The enemy's pickets were encountered a short distance beyond Woodbury. The firing attracted the rebels in the vicinity, who collected in considerable force to annoy and impede our advance.—A running skirmish was kept up for several miles.

Twelve miles this side of M'Minville our forces come to a camp of Breckinridge's forces, who hastily decamped. Pressing them closely, however, Wilder succeeded in capturing nine prisoners, twenty-five serviceable horses, and thirty head of beef cattle. Among the prisoners are two surgeons, who were driven off by withdrawing from the confederation, and she will fight her way out against all comers, with a courage and an ardor which will eclipse even any former achievements of her sons during the existing war. For one, we are determined not to exchange one despotism for another."

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has taken from Gen. Pemberton his sword, and placed it under arrest. The steamers Margaret and Jesse, Capt. Wilson; Annie, Capt. Carlin, and Kate, Capt. Stubbs, arrived at Charleston on last Wednesday from Nassau, with valuable cargoes. Gen. Forrest and staff arrived at Shelbyville, Tenn., on the 14th inst. He is to take command of Gen. Van Dorn's division.

TULLAHOMA, May 23.—The rumor of the capture of one of our regiments in the front, with one piece of artillery, is not true. The enemy did surround and capture a small outpost of some forty men. All is quiet in the front. The Jackson Appeal of the 13th says that our loss during the first day's engagement near Raymond may be stated at 600 killed, wounded and missing. The loss of officers is said to be small.

ATLANTA, Ga., May 23.—Vicksburg has five months' supplies of every kind, and can be taken only when the force defending it has exhausted its supplies.

BY THE MAILS.

DRIVEN OUT OF KENTUCKY. CINCINNATI, May 26.—The rebels crossed the Cumberland yesterday morning, at Fishing Creek and at Hart's Ford. Three regiments were reported over and more coming.—Our pickets were driven in, and some skirmishing ensued. Before night, however, they were come to at the back track, and re-took the river. They were attacked at the fords, and lost some men.

THE WAR IN TENNESSEE. CINCINNATI, May 26.—A large force of rebels is at Charlotte, Tenn., near Clarksville, under command of Woodard and Ross.

If private advices can be relied on, we shall have stirring news from Rosecrank's army within ten days. It is not improbable that his columns are already in motion. NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION OF LOYAL LEAGUES. UTICA, N. Y., May 26.—The State Convention of Loyal Leagues assembled here to-day. Among those present are Ex-Gov. Clark, Gen. J. C. Cochran, Hon. Roscoe Conkling, Gerritt Smith and Jno. Jay, and a sprinkling of returned volunteers. Hon. Jno. Cochran was chosen chairman, and made an eloquent speech, setting forth the necessity of uniting in aiding the government to put down the rebellion. He disavowed all party feelings.

ELECTION AT ST. LOUIS. ST. LOUIS, May 26.—The election in this county, yesterday, to fill a vacancy in the State Convention, resulted in the election of Chas. D. Drake, radical Emancipationist, over Jas. S. Yeatman, conservative, by about 2,500 majority.

OFFICIAL DISPATCH FROM ADMIRAL PORTER. WASHINGTON, May 26.—Acting Rear Admiral Porter, in a dispatch from Yazoo river dated the 15th inst., says: "A few days since the Mound City, Lieut. Commanding Byron Wilson, came up as far as Warrenton to reconnoitre, and see what guns there were likely to annoy our transports.—The rebels have been engaged for some months in building a strong casemated water battery, intending to mount eight 10-inch guns on it. This work was built with cotton bales covered with logs, the logs covered with railroad iron, and the whole covered with earth. On approaching the works Lieutenant Wilson sent a party on shore to reconnoitre. On climbing up the casemate to look in, the party discovered that a company of artillerymen had taken refuge there, supposing themselves perfectly secure. Our men fired their revolvers into the crowd, and warned the vessel that the rebels were about. Lieutenant Wilson then commenced shelling the fort, and in a short time it was all in a blaze. After burning thoroughly for some time the whole work was destroyed. Thus ended in the space of an hour, a fort which had taken the rebels five months to build, working mostly day and night. I proceeded to Warrenton this morning, to be certain that the work was thoroughly destroyed. It really was nothing more."

REBELS FALLING BACK—53,000 STRONG. MURFREESBORO', May 26.—The rebels have fallen back all along their lines. They have little or no force this side of Duck river.

Very recent intelligence indicates the rebel force at Tullahoma and vicinity to number 53,000 effective men, of whom 45,000 are infantry and 8,000 cavalry. General Forrest has been made a major general, and has gone with his cavalry to Mississippi. General Wheeler takes his place at Columbia, and Gen. Morgan has charge of the line of Cayle Fork and the Cumberland river. Two regiments of rebels are at Bridgeport, where they are strongly fortified.

Engineers have been engaged for two months in laying out works at Chattanooga, but as yet had done little work on them. But few rebel troops in East Tennessee. The mountains are full of refugees, who, on Thursday, at Tullahoma and vicinity a considerable force sent to arrest them.

The rebels have supplies for six weeks at Chattanooga. SNYDER'S DUTY RE-OCCUPIED. FORTRESS MONROE, May 26.—The Richmond Whip, of the 26th inst., contains a letter from Jackson of the 10th, which says that it is reported in Mobile that Snyder's Bluff has been re-occupied, and that the report of the occupation of Yazoo City is disproved.

VICKSBURG—ACCOUNTS CONTRADICTORY. WASHINGTON, May 26.—Up to 10 o'clock to-night no reliable intelligence from Vicksburg had been communicated to the public to-day having been received by the President. It is believed that Grant himself has recently sent any telegrams to the government respecting his movements.

It is understood that a dispatch received to-day states that another line of defenses has been discovered in the rear of Vicksburg, which it would be necessary to take by storm. The Republican of this afternoon announces that General Hooker states that rebel pickets yesterday hallooed to our pickets that General Grant had fully taken Vicksburg!

MOBILE, May 23.—A special dispatch to the Advertiser and Register, dated to-day, says: "The latest from Vicksburg is to Thursday night. Our loss is slight. The injury to the batteries trifling. The garrison is well supplied, and confident of holding the place. Firing was heard at intervals last night and to-day, and the enemy is supposed to be engaged in shelling the city. The enemy are reported to be at Ponchatoula, running the trains that far from New Orleans.

burnside—SERGT. SWIGERT. CINCINNATI, May 26.—There is no truth in the report that Burnside has asked to be relieved of the command of the Department of the Ohio. Yesterday Sergt. Swigert, passing through Green county under orders of the provost marshal, was fired upon by an unknown person. A squad of cavalry was sent to the neighborhood. Six persons were arrested and will be held as hostages till the perpetrators are arrested.

THE ENROLLMENT. The Provost Marshal General is perfecting measures to push on the enrollment as rapidly as possible. A draft as soon as the enrollment shall be completed, and to clothe and equip the drafted men without delay.

With regard to the Enrollment act, a Washington dispatch says: It is pretty certain that the act will be carried out according to the letter of the law. Prominent gentlemen from New York and Pennsylvania have made representations to the President and the War Department.

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PROCLAMATION. MAYOR'S OFFICE, Harrisburg, May 14th, 1863.

WHEREAS, It is the duty of every citizen to lend his aid to the preservation of the public peace; and whereas, the unlimited and indiscriminate sale of intoxicating liquors to a large population most inevitably lead to serious disorders and breaches of the peace; therefore, it is hereby enjoined on all tavern keepers and retail dealers, within the limits of the City of Harrisburg, to close their bars and to discontinue the sale of all intoxicating beverages, including lager beer, at six o'clock p. m. of every day in the week until further notice.

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Do you rise with a coated tongue morning, with bad taste in the mouth and poor appetite for breakfast? Do you feel when you first get up so weak and languid you can scarcely get out? Do you have a distention to the head at times, and often a dullness, with head aches, neuralgic? Are your bowels costive in regular, and the appetite changed? Do you throw up wind from the stomach, and do you swell up after eating? Do you feel nervous at times? Do you not become restless, and unusually look on the dark side of things? Do you have a nervous at times? Do you not become restless, and unusually look on the dark side of things? Do you have a nervous at times? Do you not become restless, and unusually look on the dark side of things?

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