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Democratic Address.

We call attention to the address of the Democratic members of Congress which we print on the first page of the Star.

The ultra Republican Press, with characteristic untruthfulness and desire to humbug when they can not meet facts and arguments, denounce the address as emanating from "Breckinridge" members of Congress.

Employ Negroes.—We hear that quite a number of contrabands have been sent to Alexandria to be hired out. It is said that most of the women that have come here have gone out to work upon wages, and some of the men also.

We publish the above choice bit of abuse because it demonstrates that while the Northern radicals are charging the conservatives with giving aid and comfort to the enemy, the Secessionists, on the other hand denounce these same conservatives as the most formidable of their enemies.

Abolition is Secession. TESTIMONY OF ANDREW JOHNSTON.—"I would not be personal, but an abolitionist is as much a Secessionist as any to be found in South Carolina. Now, as much as these Disunionists of both classes abuse each other, they nevertheless both unite in laying violent hands upon the Government that never harmed either. If I were an Abolitionist, I would break up the Union, for the disruption of the Union must inevitably destroy and obliterate slavery. Hence we are for the prosecution of this war to save the Government as founded by our fathers, for restoring the Constitution as we received it without regard to the peculiar institutions of any State. That a secessionist and an abolitionist are on par, I can prove by a simple syllogism: an abolitionist is a disunionist, a disunionist is a secessionist; therefore a secessionist is an abolitionist."

A Prediction. At the late meeting of Democratic and conservative members of Congress, at Washington, the Hon. Wm. A. Richardson, of Illinois, said: "I suppose I am regarded as a party man. It is known to the gentlemen who are present that within a few days past I have signed an address which has for its object the reorganization of this party. I did so because I saw a disposition on the part of the people for that very thing, and because I saw it would meet the acceptance of the American people."

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JOHN DAWK, the celebrated comedian died in Philadelphia, on Wednesday afternoon of congestion of the brain. He was a native of Ireland, and came to this country before he had attained manhood.

Northern Conservatism.

The Richmond Whig, which was opposed to secession until the State of Virginia joined the Southern Confederacy, thus discourses on Northern conservatism:

"The people of the North are divided into two parties, in the present war, as in the peace preceded it—the conservatives and destructives. The latter are our old enemies, the Abolitionists, who are crazy people—honest, perhaps, in their fanaticism, but fit only for a straight jacket. The former our old friends, who used to declare that they loved us better than themselves, and that, before an army of invasion should march against the South, it should march over their dead bodies. It seems to be supposed that they have changed their character, and been merged by the war into one seething cauldron of Abolitionism. This, however, is a great mistake. The war has not changed their character but only discovered it to the world. It has shown them to be the falsest, the most treacherous, and the most hypocritical of mankind. But for conservative money and conservative men, it could not be carried on a single day—Conservative cities have provided the cash and the soldiers, conservative generals have led their armies, conservatism has, in fine, proved the most formidable of our enemies. We are not aware of a single Abolitionist general who occupies a conspicuous position in the Federal hosts. McClellan, Rosecrans and others are somewhat ultra in their conservatism, and McCook who said that he had an Abolitionist in his army he would cut off his ears, is the same who proclaims, 'The South must be subdued or exterminated.' The conservatism of these men is still, however, conservatism, only it does not mean, as we formerly supposed the preservation of the Constitution and the rights of the States, but the conservatism of Northern commerce and manufactures, at any cost whatever to the South—at the cost of every life and hearthstone in its limits—at the cost of converting its whole territory into one vast scene of blood and tears. That is what Northern conservatism means and nothing else. It is, in a word, the most detestable avarice—a love of money so passionate and absorbing that it would murder a whole people to fill its pockets. That is Northern conservatism! In what is it better than Abolitionism?"

TESTIMONY OF HONEST JOE HOLY.—"We make no apology for this wicked effort in the South to destroy the Government. We grant the necessity of suppressing it. But Abolitionism that has produced it, must also be suppressed. Abolitionism and Secessionism must be buried in the same political grave."

WHERE IS HOSEA? The Harrisburg Patriot and Union says that a secret meeting of leaders of the late Republican party was held in that place last week, and that Hosea Carpenter was in attendance with them.

CONGRESSMEN AND TORPEDOES.—A capital joke occurred about Congressmen not long since. A Michigan Colonel was in command of the guard. Citizens were prohibited admittance. Several came up and asked the corporal to pass them, saying that they were congressmen. The corporal stated the case to the colonel. "They are congressmen?" asked the colonel. "So they say." "Well let them pass and go where they please," said the colonel. "Let them tramp on torpedoes, go into the magazines, and anywhere where there is a prospect of their being blown to the devil, for that is the quickest way to end the war."

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The Army Vote.

THE SUPREME COURT DECLARES IT UNCONSTITUTIONAL. Judge Woodward, of the Supreme Court, rendered an important decision, this morning, in declaring the entire army vote, cast at the late election, unconstitutional. The following cases were before the court, on which decisions were rendered, viz:

In re-contested election of District Attorney for Luzerne county. Certiorari to Quarter Sessions of said county. Opinion by Woodward, Thompson dissenting. In the first case, a person was prosecuted in Philadelphia city for illegal voting at the late election, while he was in the service of the country as a private soldier. The defendant's counsel argued before the trial was had, that the indictment should be quashed for reason that the whole army vote was unconstitutional. This view of the case was sustained by the Judges of the Court, and the indictment quashed. The Supreme court sustains this decision.

THE LATEST FROM GEN. BANKS. The Fight at Winchester.—The Retreat of Gen. Banks since the Potomac at Williamsport. WASHINGTON, May 25.—The army under Generals Ewell and Johnson, with a superior force, gave battle to General Banks this morning at daylight, at Winchester. Gen. Banks fought them six hours, and then retired in the direction of Martinsburg, with what loss is unknown. The enemy, are it is understood, advancing from Winchester upon Harper's Ferry. Our troops there are being rapidly reinforced.

ATTACK ON FRONT ROYAL. Particulars by Refugees from the Scene.—A gallant Defense.—One of the Bridges Destroyed.—The Whig Plug used by the Rebels. BALTIMORE, May 25th.—Two members of Colonel Kenley's regiment have arrived in this city and report that they were attacked by a large cavalry force under Col. Ashby and several regiments of Infantry, and twice repulsed them with great loss. Kenley's force consisted of the First Maryland Regiment, three companies of the twenty ninth Pennsylvania, and while the fight was progressing two companies of New York cavalry came to their assistance.

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LIST OF DEALERS, IN COLUMBIA COUNTY, FOR THE YEAR 1862.

Table listing various dealers and their goods, including items like flour, sugar, and other commodities. Columns include names of dealers, items, and prices.