



The Union as it was... The Constitution as it is...

WEDNESDAY MORNING, APRIL 22.

FAITHFUL PUBLIC FUNCTIONARIES.

Although our rulers in Washington, to whom, as we are now frequently informed, we all owe allegiance, have made no progress whatever in restoring our Union, it must be confessed that they have not entirely failed in their efforts to sustain a corrupt and most profligate party. Had these rulers "the head clerks," as Col. Benton used to call our Cabinet officers, labored as incessantly and energetically for the prostration of the rebellion as they have to disgrace certain Generals, who would not be used by them—we would now be rejoicing in a lasting peace. Or had these officials, to whom it is insisted we all owe "loyalty," labored for the restoration of Richmond a year ago as they did to carry the late Congressional election, our national ensign would long since have waved over its walls in triumph.

Having succeeded in turning out all obnoxious Generals, and there being now no election to attend to, our rulers have turned their attention to the landable enterprise of forming "Union Leagues." Abolitionism having exhibited unmistakable evidence of decay, these new organizations of abolitionists, with a new name, are intended to prolong the official life of an imbecile party, which has given no evidence of energy since its election. Their object is to prolong hostilities with the rebels. Secretary Seward, amid the carps of his department, finds time to write letters of encouragement to the New York Leagues. He advises the organization of such to any extent possible, and desires to belong to them all. Postmaster General Blair appears to have abandoned the postal business entirely, having taken the stump in favor of the Leagues. General Halleck contents himself with writing letters to these organizations, exhorting his absence, in which he intimates his anxiety to place his heel upon certain people's necks. When we reflect that he manifested no such sanguinary disposition towards the rebels when he was in command of our Western forces, we conclude that, since his removal to Washington city, his evil passions have succeeded in obtaining over him a most fearful dominion. Had he shown his ferocity and averted accordingly his Western campaign would have resulted, as it were, in a total defeat.

THE CONSCRIPTION LAW.

Turning now to examine this law in its effect upon the rights of the people under the constitution, the first position that meets us is how the establishing of a new Congressional District of a Post-Office Marshal and his assistants may affect the liberty of the people. By the law he is furnished with two assistants and a surgeon. That a surgeon, perhaps, is not required to get up the Big Black River, is very probable; but the incalculable advantage of the position would justify us in incurring almost any risk or any ordinary loss of life. The Big Black is a good sized river, and at the present stage, capable of carrying a large craft; but in the summer months it becomes low—too low for our gunboats; and hence the need of doing what we propose to do as early as possible.

A NEW SHUFFLE.

The withdrawal of Curtin from the Republican list of candidates for nomination has loosened several screws in the abolition State machinery. He has remained in the ring who would have encountered but little opposition for nomination, but his withdrawal has very much troubled our opponents. Accordingly we find new candidates springing up in every direction. The friends of Mr. Howe, in this county, appear determined to insist upon his entering the political arena. An enthusiastic correspondent in yesterday's Gazette, over the attractive signature of "Loyalty," insists upon his nomination for the very potent reason of his ability to carry this county by the moderate majority of 15,000! This individual pledges himself to see this result verified; he doesn't, however, inform us of the manner in which this majority is to be secured, and until he does we will be entirely willing to run the risk of no Republican candidate carrying the county next fall. Mr. Howe is, we firmly believe, the strongest, as is the most respectable gentleman mentioned in connection with the proposed nomination. But even his excellent character cannot save a corrupt organization from irretrievable defeat. The Republican party of Pennsylvania is doomed; the withdrawal of Governor Curtin is sufficient evidence of that.

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