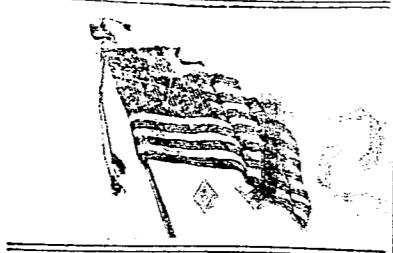


DAILY POST.



The Union as it was.
The Constitution as it is.
Where there is no law there is no freedom.

TUESDAY MORNING, JULY 14.

Democratic Nominations.

FOR GOVERNOR,
GEORGE W. WOODWARD,
FOR SUPREME JUDGE,
WALTER H. LOWHIE.

THE QUESTION OF PEACE.

The welcome intelligence last week of the Union victory at Gettysburg, followed by the announcement of the certain fall of Vicksburg, caused patriotic men to see in these rebel disasters the probability of an early peace. But the radical abolition wing of the Republicans, which now controls the action of the Administration, never had any idea of the reconstruction of the Union, so long as a slave existed in the Southern States. These fanatics may talk of Union as they may, but the only Union they will consent to must be one of their own formation. The absolute abolition of slavery, or an interminable war, is the radical programme—for the truth of which, we refer the reader to the *Herald's* account of the proceedings of a cabinet meeting on Friday last; the extreme opinions of which are but the authoritative party emanations, which are just now being echoed through the radical press.

The President, it will be remembered, in his brief speech to the secessionists on the Fourth of July evening, took occasion to twice impress upon his hearers that the Declaration of Independence declares that "all men are created equal." The point and emphasis of these words, in connection with the congratulations of the rebels on the fall of the rebel cause, could not be easily misunderstood. Accordingly we find the radical press congratulating themselves upon the significance of the President's avowed intent to prosecute the rebels against the leaders of the rebellion, not for their overthrow and annihilation, but for the subjugation of the Southern people. This alarming interpretation of the President's speech is not merely ours, but is that which is put upon it by those who have that unfortunate gentleman under their most rigid and exacting control. According to it, the great Abolition thunder of the *Tribune*, remarks:

"We thank President Lincoln for having this recognition to those who are now engaged in the struggle which so devastated the country, and those who uphold the Jeffersonian principles. We thank the Government and those who uphold the counterrevolutionary party. The Southern assumption of equality is equal, and the Southern government should eschew the name of the American revolution. Let none doubt that the President will hold fast to the truth."

If this were merely intended as an endorsement of an abstraction, as Jefferson intended it—because every one knows that at the time of the Declaration, the United all held slaves—it would create no alarm; but the introduction of Alexander Stephen's monstrous proposition, as an excuse for President Lincoln's intention, looks to a foregone conclusion; which is, no union breaker with slaveholders. We believe that the number of the radicals are fixed as destroy upon one of two things—the destruction of slavery, or the perpetual separation of the States. Now that our arms, destined to fight for the restoration of the Union, are everywhere successful, the issue is to be shifted, opening up to our starved minds a way for subjugation and conquest. If this be not so, why the speech of the President alluded to, the expression of a controlling power in his Cabinet, the interpretation of the proceedings of the radical press; and above all, the present enforcement of a rigid conscription for three hundred thousand more, to augment our armies; instead of the beating and scathing of Lee's army, the fall of Vickburg, the alarm and hasty retreat of Bragg; the certain capture of the Mississippi, and the certain fall of Fort Hudson, being followed by an era of peace, they are ushered in with dark and bloody hints of continued miseries—not to reward Union but for negro emancipation first and negro equality after. A plain statement of facts follows: giant efforts to crush rebellion, we are urged to comply with one of the most rigid conscriptions ever enacted; descriptions which do not even spare the preacher in his pulpit, or the priest upon the altar, bent before the crucifix. Were the rebels successful at all points, instead of being beaten and in the throes of dissolution, our Administration would not show greater anxiety for increased armament, than does the present. At least, it will render more definite its precise intentions, and bring us to a stand.

DRAFTING COPPERHEADS.

Notwithstanding all the warnings of the Abolition press of the existence of "Copperheads and traitors in their ranks," the drafting officers do not appear to have labored to keep these "Southern sympathizers" out of our army. How is this? Are the Loyal Leaguers willing to see these Brethren in a position that may enable them to betray our cause and enslave Jeff Davis, or permanently disrupt our government? It would appear so, for, yet, where Copperheads abound, there are the very places where the rebels have been most successful. According to the *Tribune*, the number which New York City must yield is 26,000, and Pennsylvania 10,000, more, which is in proportion to a conscription of 600,000, while the call supports 600,000 only half that number. The Democratic majority in the Legislature is about 30,000, which go to explain the disproportion. It is likely that the Administration, after all, has more confidence in the Copperheads' loyalty than it has in that of these Loyalty Leaguers.

Mr. Slocum, who drew the numbers from the box, lost his arm, and was confined to his service in a hospital for several days before his return to his occupation. He said that Col. Sam Black had his hand cut off, and that he had to undergo a series of operations before he could get back to Washington.

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