



PITTSBURGH, MONDAY MORNING, SEPT. 21, 1863.

The Union as it Was, the Constitution as it Is.

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET.

- FOR GOVERNOR, George W. Woodward. FOR SUPREME JUDGE, Walter H. Lowrie. FOR DISTRICT JUDGE, John H. Bailey.

PRESIDENT LINCOLN ON SHAKESPEARE.

Our versatile President has found time, amid his multitudinous duties, to write the following letter to Mr. James H. Hackett, the celebrated representative of Sir John Falstaff:

My Dear Sir:—Months ago I should have acknowledged the receipt of your book and accompanying kind notes and have to beg your pardon for not having done so.

For one of my age I have seen very little of the drama. The first presentation of it I ever saw was years ago last winter or spring. Perhaps the best I can say is that I never saw it as I truly can. I am very anxious to see it again.

While writing this letter, suspending the harsher corners, thereby indicating another moment below upon the rights of the citizen, the following lines in his dramatic hero, which darkly foreshadowed his design upon the life of Duncan, must have been present in the President's mind.

"They teach bloody instructions, which being taught, return to plague the inventor." If the President of the United States had been much thought upon the moral of his favorite tragedy, he has not, we think, profited much by the awful lesson it contains.

Until the appearance of this letter of the President to Mr. Hackett, we had no idea that his dramatic inclinations were for tragedy at all, especially for such terrible characters as some of those he has made his special study. From the President's style, we would have inferred that his Shakespearian researches were confined exclusively to Dogberry and Verges, in "As You Like It," and that the philo-sophical reasoning of Hamlet and the troubled spirit of Richard had no attractions for one of his peculiar bent.

Mr. Hackett will, doubtless, avail himself of the President's invitation to visit the White House, and there perform the opening speech of Richard the Third. It is not often that the heroes of the mimic stage are allowed access to the Presidential mansion. Mr. Hackett will, therefore, improve his opportunity. The

The Rebel Rans and Pirates.

THE REBEL RANS AND PIRATES. UNLAWFULITY OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND THE MERCHANTS OF EARLY REBELLION.

From the London Star, Sept. 18. So then we are to have a war with the United States. Earl Russell's letter to the Emancipation Society, in which he parades the imbecility of the Government, which he is a member, to stigmatize a person for not having done more for the cause of the slave, is a coming historical. History will tell that at the time of the great revolt of the slave holders in America, the destinies of Great Britain were in the hands of men who allowed the part of quibbling attorneys, and who let their country drift into a terrible error.

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The South rose up in arms, and are contending for secession. No. 2. Be it enacted that the people of Pennsylvania, and the sovereign people are both ignored. The people would have been treated as rebels, and the rebellion, since the commencement of the rebellion, has been strictly confined to the question of resistance under the Constitution.

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