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"POLITICAL PREACHING."

We commend the article in this paper on the above head, to all readers who are disposed to declaim against the Democratic party, and especially to one of our city clergymen, "who will understand it."

It was said of President Pierce that whenever he invited an officer-honor to dine or sit up with him, it was a sure sign that he did not intend appointing him.

A short time previous to the removal of Gen. McClellan, President Lincoln endorsed and eulogized him in a public speech in Washington; soon after he visited him in the field, and offered him the rank of Major-General.

In view of this, Gen. ROSSCRAW'S removal is one of the most extraordinary events of the war. But it is possible that the War Secretary and Gen. Halleck, sometimes upon their own motion, independent of the Executive, in no other way can we account for the removal of the successful General in question.

In addition to this, going to prove conflicting councils and conduct by the Administration, we now have it authoritatively announced that, notwithstanding the President's late eulogium upon Gen. Halleck, that general has been positively removed. The telegraph announces this upon the most reliable authority; and we are disposed to credit it, because of the President being so sweet upon him—a sure indication of the General's deprecation.

It may be that the War Department and Halleck are determined, whenever the President manifest unusual regard for a rising general, to try him up, in order to reserve all the glory for themselves. In no other way can we account for such extraordinary and, apparently, inexplicable proceedings. A letter from the President accompanying an officer for his success, accompanied by an order from the War Department, removing that general from his command, is one of the bits of military strategy, which would confound our ablest tacticians, and puzzle even the astute heads who write elaborately upon the "situation."

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There are several clerical pretenders in this country, who have been riding, not to political meetings, seeking Democrats that they might denounce them. In company with party-brawlers whose morals are none of the purest, they have taken the stump to make speeches for a man to whom not one of them dare administer the communion, unfit as they may perform that sacred office, for any recipient whatsoever.

And the candidate they supported, despised as he is in infancy, denounced as he has been by men who set with him in politics, for fraud, for perjury, for falsehood, for swindling, and even for theft—this man would not dare to present his polluted lips to any of his tainted political supporters to receive that awful sacrament.

Of such preachers I have nothing to say—they are joined to their idols—they should be left alone. But there are some other preachers whose tendencies are in the same direction, who may yet be warned in time to avoid the folly and the guilt of their rampant political brethren.

One of these, who although very decided in his political views, has conscientiously forbore to take office in the late canvass in or out of the hospital—one noted for his gentle manners, his truly Christian deportment, and his persuasive eloquence, took occasion, a few weeks ago, to say something slightly harsh to those of his flock who did not vote as he did.

After the election he again preached on public affairs, and seemed to reproach himself that he had not taken more decided part in the recent canvass—he said that there should be but one party in politics—this in future, he should take more positive ground, &c.

Now, Reverend and most amiable sir, permit a fellow citizen respectfully to suggest that continued abstinence from political preaching will be the most effective way in which you can pursue your holy calling, for you can only do this by having the love and respect of all sorts of people.

In the county where you live, which contains, we will suppose, 25,000 legal voters, more than 10,000 of these after thorough and sharp discussion of all the matters that fall properly within the scope of a political canvass, have solemnly voted against the policy and practices of the ruling powers.

Out of every five men you may meet in this county, two are opposed to the doctrines and the designs of the dominant party. And in our good old Commonwealth, there are 254,000 voters, who, fully understanding (or believing they understand, which is the same thing) their duty to their country and their God, have solemnly declared that they cannot belong to the "one party" which you propose to sustain from your pulpit.

LATE SOUTHERN NEWS.

We have received files of Richmond papers to Saturday last, the 24th inst., from which we take the following extracts.

Lee's Last Failure. From the Richmond Examiner, Oct. 22. It is scarcely time to form a correct estimate of the late events on the Rapidan of the late campaign of Lee.

Shall Richmond be Starved. From the Richmond Examiner, Oct. 21. Upon all the questions of the people of this city will be called on to vote next Thursday.

THE SOUTHWEST AND THE WAR. From the Chattanooga Rebel. Who shall succeed Gen. Bragg? Shall it be Longstreet or Johnston? Or shall we see the great Lee himself with all his glory, out in the West?

The Situation in Tennessee. From the Charleston C. C. Mercury, Oct. 1. On the 30th of September Gen. Bragg took the city of Chattanooga, and forced his grand army back to Chattanooga, with heavy losses, after a desperate battle which lasted three days.

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New Advertisements.

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NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS. The annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Pittsburgh and Connellsville Railroad Company will be held at the office of the Company, on Wednesday, the 11th day of November, at 11 o'clock a.m. All the stockholders are requested to attend the meeting, for the purpose of electing directors and officers for the ensuing year.

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