

DAILY POST

The Divided Sentiments of the People—Some of the Reasons why they are not United.

Our Abolition contemporaries have, from time to time, evinced a great deal of fretfulness, and indulged largely in denunciations, because the people will not embrace their views, and adopt their policy, in regard to the war. They tell us that, in a war to preserve the Union, the people should be united, and should make in the one purpose. It is, therefore, pertinent to inquire why there is a want of unity in the public mind, on this subject.

In the first place, men of intelligence, deeply versed in the philosophy of Government, have always held that the Union was founded in fraternity, not in force, was the result of voluntary assent, not coercion, and that the history of the country abundantly proves the correctness of this hypothesis. Indeed, this has been the accepted and popular view of the Government since our system was established.

The axiomatic truth, incorporated by the illustrious Jefferson into the Declaration of Independence, that "the Government is founded on the assent of the governed," has been accepted by all American statesmen throughout our history, and has always been a staple of popular American thought. Hence, in all serious party has always been perpetuated by force. In such a system, when one party scorns the compromise of the other, as to be excessive in its demands, the whole system is liable to be overturned.

What could be expected of such a party, coming into power with such principles, openly avowed, but that they would use the power so achieved for the attainment of those ends at which they aimed, and which were the foundation of their whole non-forged system? And how could the system of Government established by the fathers, and which they regarded as the basis of their political system, be maintained, if it cannot, therefore, be a matter of surprise, that truly patriotic men, who were endowed with practical common sense, and who were not without a mind to think could be otherwise than profoundly uneasy, unless, indeed, they were created by the prevailing fanaticism? Accordingly, all men of rational thought, both in the North and in the South, when they beheld our constitutional system, as it was being administered, were seized with a feeling of alarm, and a feeling of indignation.

It was not these trying circumstances alone, but the most prudent and thoughtful of patriotic men of the country resolved to make one more effort to avert the impending calamity. Animated by this feeling, the Peace Congress assembled in Washington just previous to Mr. Lincoln's inauguration. It was thought that such an assembly might have some effect in reconciling the peace and welfare of the country.

results which he and Seward so openly avowed? Was ever a Government more completely revolutionized in the mode and manner of its administration? Was ever a Constitution more completely subverted? Has not every species of machinery, without regard to legal restraint, been put in operation to make the States all non-revolving? Is not such the now avowed purpose of the war? Have they not substituted bayonets for ballots, court-martials for courts of justice, epaulettes for juries, military dragoons for the habeas corpus? Such are the measures adopted by Mr. Lincoln to produce a unanimous public sentiment in every respect. We are also agents for Gold, Gas, Oil, & Steam Pumps for water and oil.

It is not, if they have any spark of their old love of liberty remaining, can they be expected to unite in supporting such a policy, characterized by such madness, folly and wickedness? The Administration wants a united public sentiment, let it restore to the people the Constitution, rights which the Constitution was made to secure. Let our administrators learn to be just, and use and not abuse the power which the Constitution has put into their hands. If you want the people to be safely tolerated while reason is left free to combat it. If you want the people's respect, give the people back their liberty.—Age.

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