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THE PROFESSION OF PATRIOTISM.

Of the thousands of good and lasting sayings by Edmund Burke, that in which he declared that Patriotism is always the last refuge of scoundrels is among the best. There is no man who has been more of a scoundrel than the Yankee cotton speculator, who follows this war in order to put money in his purse; the speculating boat and ship contractor; the New York Custom House speculators, who were detected in accumulating immense sums by fraudulent means; the speculators who are piling up fabulous fortunes and who are, consequently, the most despised and detested of the people; the speculators who are piling up fabulous fortunes and who are, consequently, the most despised and detested of the people.

Every body knows this, and yet every one seems willing to be imposed upon by those knavish mountebanks. Patriotism is one of the highest virtues, and yet the profession of it seems to be a peculiarity of the basest scoundrels. Your Cameron, Butler, Forney and others, and the numerous small fry, like John Cessna, who were always in some disreputable scheme, are now the leading spirits of the party in power, and the principal stock in trade of professional politicians. Cameron was censured by a Republican House of Representatives for dishonest practices, but that only raised him in Abolition estimation; he was afterwards sent Minister to Austria, and now he commands the Abolition forces of Pennsylvania. Forney, who was discarded by Buchanan, was welcomed to lead in Abolition councils by Lincoln; Butler who was discharged from the command of New Orleans, because of fleeing the island, is now a member of the War and Navy Departments, while the small fry, like Cessna, live upon the expectation of being appointed judges, or some of the territories, where their positions will enable them to impose upon and fleece the people.

The profession of patriotism is a most vile imposition, and is dealt in most extensively by those who have made the speech of Ex-Governor Johnston on Saturday evening last. On Monday, a week he was for Fremont, on Wednesday he was for McClellan, provided the Democratic Conference of the Twenty-Third Congressional District would nominate him for Congress; they refused to do so, and on Saturday evening he announced himself for Lincoln and that too in the name of principle and patriotism. Here is a brief extract from his speech, as we find it reported in the Abolition contemporaries:

"I am in favor of the Union because I believe it to be the only safe-guard of our liberties as a people. I am in favor of the Constitution because I believe the preservation of the Union is dependent upon its supremacy. I am now, as ever, pledged to the earnest support of the former. I am now, as ever, opposed to the latter. I am in favor of the Union because I believe it to be the only safe-guard of our liberties as a people. I am in favor of the Constitution because I believe the preservation of the Union is dependent upon its supremacy. I am now, as ever, pledged to the earnest support of the former. I am now, as ever, opposed to the latter.

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THE PRESIDENCY.

Let us seek we announced the names of Hon. Henry Johnson, U. S. Senator from Md., Bowditch, Ex. U. S. Senator from Ill., Robert C. Winthrop, old Whig Speaker of the U. S. House of Representatives, and Emerson Etheridge of Tenn., as being the candidates. In addition to those distinguished converts we are enabled to announce that Hon. Wm. M. McKim, of Minnesota, and formerly of Indiana, from which State the republicans elected him and Hon. S. Lane United States Senator, but whose seat was successfully spoken for by J. D. Bright and G. N. Fitch, spoke at a Democratic meeting in St. Joseph county, Ind., proclaiming that the only hope of the country in a change of the national administration, which, in his estimation was sure to be effected at the November election.

The Louisville Journal says: The members of our (Kentucky) State government stand as a unit in favor of McClellan, and are working as well for his election. A large and enthusiastic meeting of veterans, officers, and privates of the army in favor of General McClellan for President, was held at No. 121 Broadway, last evening, and an organization formed under the above title. Arrangements were made for another meeting on Wednesday next, of which due notice will be given. Great enthusiasm prevailed, and the meeting adjourned with nine cheers for the old commander and next President, General McClellan.

Mr. Editor: Having heard of an instance in New York, of disloyal abolitionists, attempting to deprive Democrats of their right under the Constitution of voting, by making use of twenty dollars in being on the result of the Presidential election. This is a wicked plan, causing twenty Democrats to lose their votes, whilst only one abolitionist loses his. Having heard of this plan and thought that in all probability the same thing might be attempted here, by conspiring abolitionists, I will write this, to request you to warn your fellow Democrats, and to inform them that the same plan is being used in New York, and that they should be on their guard against it. I am yours for Union.

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Lincoln's Certificate of Character and Capacity.

If the partisans of Mr. Lincoln are so prejudiced against the Democratic press as to be unable to give a fair and impartial account of his life and career, they can hardly be considered the most eminent members of their party. Said Mr. Davis, an Abolition member of Congress from Massachusetts, in a speech delivered by him in Congress in April, 1862:

"I declare upon my responsibility as Senator, that the liberties of this country are in more danger to-day from the influence of the Democratic press, than from any other source. The Democratic press, in its various departments, has done more to injure the Government, than any other power in the field. Here is an endorsement of Mr. Lincoln's administration furnished by Senator H. H. Sumner, of New Hampshire, former candidate of the Abolition party for the Presidency:

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Exit the Printer's Union.

The Printer's Union of this city has been practically disbanded. At its last meeting it was left of its membership only a few members, and these were unable to give up the printer's press, and to make the best of a bad job, they have decided to disband. The Printer's Union of this city might have lived some years longer, were it not for the comparatively low and selfishness of the men who controlled it. Because in proportion times the newspaper proprietors submitted to their exorbitant demands, they have become so unpopular that they could not permanently control the whole business. They so directed matters that all they left the proprietors to do was to pay the workmen. All this was the result of the offices were made by the Printer's Union.

But even this assumption might have been admitted to were it not for the outrageous demands which were finally made by the Union. In the case of the Tribune, they claimed the right to say what the proprietors should or should not do in their own business. It was finally admitted that the Union must be put down, as it has become a nuisance. The demand for an increase of thirty-three percent in wages at a time when the newspaper proprietors were suffering from the enormous increase of the price of white paper capped the climax, and so all the leading journals gave the Union the go-by.

It may be well understood, once for all, by the printers throughout the country, that while proprietors will always command good wages in New York, none who belong to a combination will be employed hereafter. Newspaper proprietors cannot afford to employ men who are on the high seas, and who will strike for higher wages at twelve o'clock on any day. Hereafter the workmen will meet their employers on equal terms in adjusting the scale of the several offices. - M. K. Wood.

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TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

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