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REPUTATION

He who refuses to pay a honest debt is a repudiator.

He who resists to pay a debt which he believes to be unjust, as far as he can do so under the constitution and laws, is not a repudiator.

The one is a question of moral ethics, the other a question of politics.

Neither of them are fairly questions of our country.

Yet the persistence of our country to the question of railroad bonds has brought the question of resistance to payment of taxes for railroad purposes into politics this fall.

Apparently to the exclusion of all other topics, as far as the Democracy are concerned, they have, in convention assembled, ignored all other issues—State or National. Now we have been educated in the belief that there is such a thing as a Democratic party, which had an existence long before railroads and railroad bonds were thought of, and which will have an existence years after the Anti-Tax party of Allegheny county shall have been rotten in its political grave.

Why should this party, which boasts the greatest names, the greatest actions and the accomplishment of the greatest public good which have ever benefited this nation—why should this party of principles heretofore, now desert these principles to satisfy the insatiable ravings of a few political demagogues who have seized upon the popular clamor against a serious evil, to aggrandize themselves at the expense of the great principles of Democracy?

What right have a body of men to meet as Democrats and to say that there is no such thing as Democracy to defend? What right have they to say that the great national issues which belong to the whole country shall be ignored and disregarded? Who gave them the right to say that the interests of the State of Pennsylvania are to be sacrificed as completely with the interests on a few millions of dollars in Allegheny county? When before has it occurred in Democratic history that a Democratic Convention, composed of Democratic office holders in part, should seek to endorse a Democratic President? Yet we have now before us such a picture. A Democratic Convention in the Democratic State of Pennsylvania refuses to endorse principles and declines to adopt resolutions complimentary to Pennsylvania's favorite son.

This is certainly a remarkable position which the Democracy of Allegheny county have taken. We are well persuaded that the nine thousand Democrats are as much in favor of Buchanan as they were in 1856. Why should they refuse to endorse him? Why do not the office holders whom he has appointed in Allegheny county, and who have taken the oath to support his administration, stand up for their own replies, but for the rest, we are proud to make the declaration that it is now to be found where it was found fifty-five years ago, and has been found ever since—true to the ranks of those who are true "Defenders of the Democracy." It has, since 1803, never been disloyal to the Democracy, and so far as our party efforts can go, it never shall be. It has neither been led astray by office, nor flattered by favors. Through evil report and through good report, it has upheld the standard of Democratic right, and shall continue to uphold it.

There is not a doubt that our people are tax-bidden, heavily tax-bidden. In this matter of railroad taxes there is no question that we have been hoodwinked—cheated, but we are content to abide the issue of the law. Whichever way the question may be decided by the Supreme Court, we deem it the duty of the Democracy firmly to abide the issue. The law is the basis of society, and the morality of advocating resistance thereto is subversive of all government. The Post will never advocate such a doctrine as long as we can prevent it.

The result of the present agitation will probably have a good effect at least—that of equalizing taxation between the cities and the country. But of this again.

This anti-tax question is one of great importance to the citizens of Allegheny county, and we have no objection to take part in its discussion as a distinct question, but that it is paramount to the great principles of Democracy we deny, and those who have made it so will one day "repent in sackcloth and ashes."

The Success of the Atlantic Telegraph in London.

The success of the Atlantic telegraph was received with satisfaction in London, and yet we find that the English papers treat it very much as a matter of every day occurrence.

The most noticeable sensation was exhibited on "Change" where stock of the company evinced a very considerable upward tendency.

It is a remarkable coincidence, says the Washington Union, that on the day the Agamemnon landed one end of the cable at Valentia, and the Niagara the other at Trinity Bay, the Queen of Great Britain, launched at Chelmsford on a friendly visit to his maternal neighbors. Both were peace movements calculated to preserve and maintain that which will among nations so essential to the happiness of the world. While the visit of Queen Victoria has its significance, we are compelled to exclaim with our London contemporary that the landing of the cable event which throws the Cherbourg meeting entirely into the shade.

THE LATEST NEWS BY TELEGRAPH

The late James Eddy, Esq.

New York, August 23.—A despatch received yesterday announced the death of James Eddy, Esq., a gentleman who has been the General Superintendent of the American Telegraph Company since its organization in 1845.

Mr. Eddy died of the heart disease during a journey to this city less than a week since, which had become greatly impaired by his incessant attention to the laborious duties of his office, without any suspension on his part of his many friends that his condition was so critical.

His death, therefore, was quite unexpected, and the abrupt announcement by telegraph gave a shock to his many friends throughout the country.

Mr. Eddy was a gentleman of much energy of character and a telegraph manager he was no superior. In private life he was amiable and unassuming; a gentleman in his bearing and a statesman in his views.

He was one of the pioneers in the introduction of the magnetic telegraph into this country, and he was the first to connect New York and Philadelphia, and he was the first to connect New York and London.

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