

THE UNION AND THE CONSTITUTION—THEY ARE THE ONLY BASIS OF OUR FREEDOM AND LIBERTY.

The city of Chicago, for the first time in many years, we believe, has elected a Democratic Mayor.

Gov. CURTIS has appointed CHARLES R. COUGHLIN of Bradford county, State Superintendent of Public Schools, in place of Hon. THOS. H. BURROWS, whose term has expired. Mr. B. has made a remarkably efficient officer, and his re-appointment was earnestly desired by the friends of education; but being a Democrat, the no-party politicians were determined that he should not be retained.

Gov. CURTIS having been kicked out of the way, the Republican politicians are now directing their attention to the securing of an available candidate for the gubernatorial nomination. Our information from Harrisburg leads us to believe that the individual most probable to be selected is Hon. W. W. KROVICK, of Wilkesbarre, a renege Democrat, who formerly represented Luzerne county in the State Senate. Mr. K. is understood to be the favorite candidate of Gen. CAMERON, and if such is the case, his nomination may be regarded as certain.

Our gallant soldiers in the field, and their friends at home, should bear in mind that every Democrat in the Senate of Pennsylvania voted against Lowry's bill authorizing citizens of this Commonwealth engaged in the military or naval service of the United States to vote. Traitor sympathizers everywhere deny the right of suffrage to the heroic men who are fighting to sustain the flag of our country and the Union of the States.

The third article of our State Constitution, giving the qualifications of voters, says none but citizens who have resided in the Commonwealth one year, and in the district ten days preceding the election, shall have the right to cast a ballot. This article is binding on every public officer in the State, all election officers swear to support it, and until it is repealed, any vote received by them open to indictment for perjury. The editor of the Journal and Mr. Lowry know this fact, and yet they would have our election officers violate their oaths, in order, as they expect to gain a little political capital. Our soldiers are not so stupid as Republican politicians take them to be, and when they find that the State Constitution contains the article we have quoted, they will not be likely to have a great deal of respect for Mr. Lowry and the other Republican State Senators who by their votes have shown their disrespect for the instrument they are sworn to protect.

DANIEL S. DICKINSON. At a meeting of the Radical League on Saturday last in New York, we put into one of the parlors of the Everett House, and as their names were called they came forward; a badge of gaudy ribbons was pinned on their breasts, and they were marched, with an escort of officers of the society, to the stands designated for them. Among these gentlemen was DANIEL S. DICKINSON, who appeared as happy in his borrowed ribbons, as the Mock Duke did in the slightest degree its military exhortations. Peace, or any steps toward Peace, while the rebel ascendancy in the South remains unshaken, merely paves the way for permanent disunion. But while Democrats give an unflinching support to the war, they will be equally zealous in attempting to uproot the rebel government, by letting it be seen that the South can have all their rights fully guaranteed if they will consent to resume the old fraternal relations. We will not, if we can help it, let them suppose they must persist in fighting in order to ward off emancipation, universal confederation, subjugation to territorial dependence, and government by military satraps. We will never cease to say to them, "lay down your arms and your rights shall be secured, as ours." At the earliest moment, when they will consent to discuss the terms of an arrangement on the basis of reunion, we and all Democrats will pronounce for an armistice. But till then the war must go on, and vigor in its prosecution, like anything else that tends to shorten its duration, is mercy to the combatants.

Do you know, my Democratic friends, how the Republicans serve the Democrats who go over to them? We will tell you how. They serve them as the New York butcher serves his fat ox. He puts gaily-colored ribbons on his horns and marches him through the streets as a spectacle to be stared at, and then—last scene of all—he drives him to the slaughter pen. This is the way the Republicans serve Democrats who are flattered and enjoyed by them into an abandonment of their principles. It is not every man that is so signally privileged to be his own prophet.

DRUM IT UP DAME. We assert, and we challenge any Abolition paper or politician to prove the contrary, that no prominent Democrat in the North has ever proposed a separation of the States, or a cessation of the war on the basis of disunion; and that the only members of either party who have urged the breaking up of the Union, have been Republicans,—such for instance as Mr. CONWAY, of Kansas, who offered a resolution in Congress recognizing the independence of the South; or Mr. GARZIER, who declared that if at the expiration of three months, from April 22d, "a serious impression had not been made on the rebels," we should "bow to our destiny and make the best attainable peace," or Messrs. SUMNER, PHILLIPS, and STRAYERS, who announce plainly that they "want no Union, unless slavery is voted out of it." Will any Royal Leaguer accept the challenge? We offer the use of our own columns to whoever may choose to undertake it.

EX-SECRETARY CAMERON CONVICTED OF BRIBERY.—The majority of the Investigating Committee of the Pennsylvania Legislature in the Cameron case have made a report, finding Gen. CAMERON guilty on the charge of bribery preferred against him by JEFFERSON BOWEN, a member of the Legislature. After arguing the case strongly against the witness in Cameron's defence, they say BOWEN's statement is corroborated in nearly all the leading details by testimony of other witnesses, and it appears from the testimony that other members of the Legislature besides Bowen were offered money.

To a friend of the Constitution.—The Constitution that Washington and his compatriots of the Revolution bequeathed to the American people as a legacy of inestimable worth, is to incur the suspicion and dislike of Abolitionists. They have so long regarded that instrument as a "league with death and a covenant with hell," that they eagerly embrace the occasion of war to nullify its provisions, and undermine its authority and obligations. England, France, and Austria sent simultaneously dispatches to Russia, on the 10th, relative to Poland. The dispatches are friendly, but all of them contain an intelli-gent warning. Russia exhibited signs of military preparations.

THE REBEL GOVERNMENT AND THE SOUTHERN PEOPLE.

The Republican organs are never weary of flouting in our faces the scornful repellant tone in which the Richmond journals comment on the spirit of compromise and conciliation manifested by a Democratic party. "Look ye," they cry, "when the Democratic Abolitionists 'these rebels spurn them.' These recent 'conservatives get no response to their kindly proffers but a storm of denunciations. How absurd, then, to cherish 'any sentiment toward these rebels'—ingrates but an unrelenting desire for their extermination!" But this abusive fury of the rebel organs, rightly interpreted, proves the very opposite of what the abolitionists maintain. The invectives called forth by the idea that the Democrats will guarantee their rights if they will lay down their arms and consent to the reconstruction of the Union, demonstrates that the rebel leaders consider nothing so damaging to their cause as for belief to take root among their followers that the North will meet them halfway if they will consent to come back.

It needs but a slight acquaintance with human nature to see that men will not make a violent opposition to what they consider for their own advantage. The Democrats advocate conciliation; but they advocate it only as a condition of reunion. The rebel government, which sees in reunion nothing but its own demotion; the leaders, whose importance is staked on separation; and the press which this government and these leaders control, burst into a chorus of abuse of the Democrats, because they see that exhibitions of reason, justice and moderation in the North tend to shake their power to its foundations. These leaders have been plotting disunion for thirty years; but they dared not disclose their purpose, and there was probably never a time, up to the actual outbreak of hostilities, when a majority of the Southern people would not have strongly preferred remaining in the Union if they could have been disabused of the idea that the North intended to deprive them of their Constitutional rights. It was because the rebel leaders knew their preference for the Union, that they joined the Republicans in defeating the Crittenden resolutions. The passage of those resolutions would have retained the Border States, and rendered the rebellion abortive. Hence the southern members of Congress withdrew or refused to vote, to enable the Republicans to defeat the compromise. Their recent abuse of the Democrats is in pursuance of the same tactics. They dare not allow the impression to prevail that the Democrats will give the South its rights, if it will repeat its folly and return. Here, as throughout all the steps which led to this fratricidal struggle, the secession leaders and abolition fanatics have played into each other's hands. The northern and southern people, if they could get together in convention, and understand each other's sentiments, could end this quarrel in three weeks. It is only because the secession leaders make their followers believe that the abolitionists are the North, and the abolition leaders make their followers believe that the confederate government with its office-holders and organs are the South, that the war has proved so long and so desolating.

So long as the rebel leaders retain their ascendancy over the southern people, the North cannot, in honor, relax in the slightest degree its military exertions. Peace, or any steps toward Peace, while the rebel ascendancy in the South remains unshaken, merely paves the way for permanent disunion. But while Democrats give an unflinching support to the war, they will be equally zealous in attempting to uproot the rebel government, by letting it be seen that the South can have all their rights fully guaranteed if they will consent to resume the old fraternal relations. We will not, if we can help it, let them suppose they must persist in fighting in order to ward off emancipation, universal confederation, subjugation to territorial dependence, and government by military satraps. We will never cease to say to them, "lay down your arms and your rights shall be secured, as ours." At the earliest moment, when they will consent to discuss the terms of an arrangement on the basis of reunion, we and all Democrats will pronounce for an armistice. But till then the war must go on, and vigor in its prosecution, like anything else that tends to shorten its duration, is mercy to the combatants.

THE INDEMNITY ACT UNCONSTITUTIONAL.—An important decision has recently been made by Judge Van Trump, of the Fifth Federal Circuit, Ohio, State Court. Edson B. Olds, who had been kidnapped by Bliss (a U. S. Marshal, we believe), and others in Ohio, abducted from the State and imprisoned in Fort Lafayette, sent Bliss for the outrage. He was brought into court, where he pleaded the Indemnity Act, and asked a certificate to transfer the case from the Ohio State Court to the U. S. Court, as provided in that act. Judge Van Trump ruled the act of Congress, in so far as it provided for a transfer, to be unconstitutional, and refused the petition. This is the first decision under the act, and the case will undoubtedly be carried to a higher court. If the decision should be sustained by the State Court of ultimate resort, it will bring the State and Federal authorities in direct conflict—for we cannot suppose otherwise than that the President will endeavor to protect his subordinates. He is in the same boat with them as a violator of the Constitution, and if he cannot save them from harm neither can he save himself.

"Where is Gen. McClellan?"—Baltimore Commonwealth. General McClellan is at home, in New York. He has looked President Lincoln a score of times, "When am I to be assigned to a command?" or, "When are my services to be called for?" The answer uniformly is, "By and by." A short time ago, he said to President Lincoln, "I must have something to do, or I must ask your acceptance of my resignation." The President's reply is understood to have been, "We shall soon need you; we really need you now; bid your time; I cannot accept your resignation."

THE NEGRO POLICY OF THE ADMINISTRATION. Adjutant-General Thomas, of the War Department, has commenced a remarkable tour among the various military posts to count the number of colored men in the army. The information obtained from this tour is to be used in the preparation of a report on the negro policy of the administration. The report is to be presented to the President of the United States, and will be a valuable contribution to the knowledge of the public mind. The report will be a valuable contribution to the knowledge of the public mind. The report will be a valuable contribution to the knowledge of the public mind.

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