

ANNOUNCEMENTS.
The Editor of the DEMOCRAT will please announce the name of **CARROLL JONES** as a candidate for the coming Convention, and oblige his numerous supporters from
COTILE, RAPIDES, RINE WOODS.
The Editor of the Louisiana Democrat will announce,
CUPID BROOKS, as a Candidate for the Convention and oblige
BAYOU ROBERT.

THE AMNESTY.
Proclamation by the President of the United States.
Whereas, In the month of July, A. D. 1861, the two houses of Congress, with extraordinary unanimity, solemnly declared that the war then existing was not waged on the part of the Government in any spirit of oppression, nor for any purpose of conquest or subjugation, nor with a view to the overthrow or destruction of any State, but solely to maintain the supremacy of the Constitution and to preserve the Union with all the dignity, equality and rights of the several States unimpaired, and that as soon as the objects should be accomplished, the war ought to cease; and Whereas, the President of the United States on the eighth day of December, A. D. 1863, and on the twenty-seventh day of March, A. D. 1864, did, with the objects of suppressing the then existing rebellion, of inducing all persons to return to their loyalty and of restoring the authority of the United States, issue a proclamation offering amnesty and pardon to all persons who had directly or indirectly participated in the then existing rebellion, except as therein excepted, and of the twenty-ninth day of May, A. D. 1865, issue a further proclamation with the same objects before mentioned, and to the end that the authority of the Government of the United States might be restored, and that peace and order and freedom might be established; and the President did, by the last mentioned proclamation, proclaim and did declare that he thereby granted to all persons who had directly or indirectly participated in the then existing rebellion, except as therein excepted, amnesty and pardon, with restoration of all rights and property except as to slaves and except in certain cases where legal proceedings had been instituted—whereupon condition that such persons should take and subscribe an oath therein prescribed, which oath should be registered for permanent preservation; and

Whereas, In and by the said last mentioned proclamation of the 29th day of May, A. D. 1865, fourteen extensive classes of persons therein specially described, were altogether excepted and excluded from the benefits thereof; and

Whereas, The President of the United States did, on the 24th day of April, A. D. 1865, issue a proclamation declaring that the insurrection was at an end, and was thereafter to be so regarded; and

Whereas, There now exists no organized armed resistance of misguided citizens or others to the authority of the United States in the States of Georgia, South Carolina, Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, Louisiana, Arkansas, Mississippi, Florida and Texas, and the laws can be sustained and enforced therein by the proper civil authority, State or Federal, and the people of said States are well and loyally disposed, and will conform, or if permitted to do so, will conform to their legislation, to the condition of affairs growing out of the amendment to the Constitution of the United States prohibiting slavery within the limits and jurisdiction of the United States; and

Whereas, There no longer exists any reasonable ground to apprehend, within the States which were involved in the late rebellion; any renewal thereof, or any unlawful resistance by the people of said States to the Constitution and laws of the United States; and

Whereas, Large standing armies, military occupation, martial law, military tribunals, and the suspension of the privilege of the writ of *habeas corpus* and the right of trial by jury, are in time of peace dangerous to public liberty, incompatible with the individual rights of the citizens, contrary to the genius and spirit of our free institutions and exhaustive of the national resources, and ought not, therefore, to be sustained or allowed, except in cases of actual necessity for repelling invasion, or suppressing insurrection or rebellion; and

Whereas, A retaliatory or vindictive policy, attended by unnecessary disqualification, pains, penalties, confiscations and other tend to hinder reconstruction, while it not only national restoration, while it not only national restoration, abstract and progress popular energies and national industry and enterprise; and

Whereas, For these reasons it is now deemed essential to the public welfare and to the more perfect restoration of constitutional law and order that the said last mentioned proclamation so as aforesaid issued on the 29th day of May, A. D. 1865, should be modified, and that the full and beneficial pardon extended thereby should be opened and further extended to a large number of the persons who by its aforesaid exceptions have been hitherto excluded from executive clemency.

Now, therefore, be it known that I, **ANDREW JOHNSON**, President of the United States, do hereby proclaim and declare that the full pardon described in the said Proclamation of the twenty-ninth day of May, A. D. 1865, shall henceforth be opened and extended to all persons who, directly or indirectly, participated in the late rebellion, with the restoration of all privileges, immunities and rights of property, except as to property with regard to slaves, and except in cases of legal proceedings under the laws of the United States, but upon this condition nevertheless, that every such person who shall seek to avail himself of this proclamation shall take and subscribe the following oath, and shall cause the same to be registered for permanent preservation in the same manner and with the same effect as with the oath prescribed in the said proclamation of the 29th day of May, 1865, to wit:

"I do solemnly swear, affirm, in the presence of Almighty God, that I will henceforth faithfully support, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Union of the States thereunder, and that I will in like manner abide by and faithfully support all laws and proclamations which have been made during the late rebellion with reference to the emancipation of slaves. So help me God!"

The following persons, and no others, are excluded from the benefits of this proclamation and of the said proclamation of the twenty-ninth day of May, 1865, to wit:

1. The chief or pretended chief executive officers and all heads of departments of the pretended Confederate or rebel government, and all who were agents thereof in foreign States and countries, and all who held, or pretended to hold, in the service of the said pretended Confederate

government, a military rank or title above the grade of Brigadier General, or naval rank or title above that of Captain, and all who were or pretended to be Governors of States while maintaining, abetting or submitting to or acquiescing in the rebellion.

2. All persons who in any way treated otherwise than as lawful prisoners of war persons who, in any capacity were employed or engaged in the military or naval service of the United States.

3. All persons who, at the time they may seek to obtain the benefits of this proclamation, are actually in civil, military or naval confinement or custody or legally held to bail, either before or after conviction, and all persons who were engaged, directly or indirectly, in the assassination of the late President of the United States, or in any plot or conspiracy in any manner therewith connected.

In testimony whereof I have signed these presents with my hand, and have caused the seal of the United States to be thereunto affixed. Done at the city of Washington the 7th day of September, 1867.

ANDREW JOHNSON.

By the President:
W. H. STEWARD, Secretary of State.

Vallandigham.
This Democratic orator and champion of the people's rights is on the stump in Ohio. He recently made a speech to a gathering of fifteen thousand people in Brown County.

We give below the closing remarks of Mr. Vallandigham in his own words, and in full:

I have now finished what I had to say upon the special political issues of the day; discussing them earnestly, indeed, but in all candor and fairness.

Of General Hayes, and the other gentlemen of the Republican party, who have maintained even common decency in the canvass, I have spoken with becoming respect for my own sake and for theirs. But I desire now, in conclusion, once for all, to dispose of the several subjects of a strictly personal or merely personal character, and to do it in a manner and language quite different from my ordinary habit.

You have all heard of the venerable old Quaker gentleman, who, when provoked beyond endurance by the insolence of a cowardly bully, threw his coat upon the ground, exclaiming, "Lie there, Quaker, till I thrash the fellow soundly." [Laughter.] Applying this story metaphorically, I propose now, for a moment, to notice the fact that one Benjamin F. Wade, who, for some seventeen years, has dishonored the State of Ohio in the United States Senate, and disgraced it possibly, the Senate itself, and in the same time presiding officer of the body, one step only removed from the Presidency, Ohio, which, for reckless mendacity and obscene and vulgar abuse of the Democratic party and its public men, exceeds any thing ever uttered in broiled or fish-market, except only a singular harangue by an Indiana orator, one year ago. The motives of the speech are obvious enough, and as infamous as the effusion itself; yet strictly, in both regards, just what would be expected from one whose intellectual and literary indulgences and tastes are confined to the fashion of the hero, celebrated by Mother Goose, who, by an unfortunate friend, having scratched both his eyes out, in a fit of desperation, "jumped into a bramble bush and scratched them in again." [Laughter.]

I am, myself, forbidden further notice of this fellow or his speech. Some five years ago, in the Senate of the United States, he applied language to me similar to that used in his recent vulgar ravings at Marietta. Quoting the House of Representatives, I said, "Now, sir, here in my place in the House, as a Representative, in defence, and I speak indignantly, the author of that speech as a liar, a scoundrel and a coward." From that hour to this present day, I have heard from this dirty libeler of better men, except at a distance of a hundred miles. [Laughter.]

And now, fellow-citizens, I depart still further from my fixed habit, and concede to allude to a recent article in the Cincinnati Gazette, in which the Democratic party in Ohio—men, with the dogs of whose flock the fellow is not worthy to sit—an article consisting, indeed, with the whole course of that infamous paper for years past, but which, for its frontiers, its devilish malignancy and cowardly mendacity, is unequalled by any effusion from the pen of the meanest libeler and backslider who ever stood in the pillory, or who with copped ears was whipped from Newgate to Tyburn at the tail of a cart. [Laughter and prolonged cheers.]

I and I here say to Richard Smith, the miserable scoundrel who controls the Gazette—revels from that noble island which, in his person, did bring forth a reptile, that if he shall succeed in his diabolical purpose of stirring up civil discord, mobbing, rioting, assassination and general terror in the land, he will be the first dog lying in the lap of the Cincinnati. [Cheers.] From language already mutilated, lies, falsehoods and traitorous outrages, he deserves, if ever convicted villain did, the extreme punishment meted out by the old English law for the crime of treason—"to be dragged to the gallows with his neck and then down hanging by his entrails to be taken out and burned while he is yet alive; his head cut off; his body divided into four parts, and his head and quarters placed at the disposal of—Edwin M. Stanton, or Joseph Holt." [Laughter and prolonged cheers.]

Sirs, we have borne these things quite too long in polite and patient silence—we have a right to deal with them as they deserve. So have I, and henceforth, in proper time, proper place, and sufficiently important subject-matter, I propose to resort to the approved customary rules of Radical Republican warfare and tactics. Self-preservation and success shall no longer be my aim, but I intend, by means of proper commanding respect and appreciation, to tend only to provoke assault. Times have changed now, and Republican libelers should be taught that they can no longer indulge in their shameless mendacity and abuse with impunity. Nor shall even the loyal members of the Republican party escape always, such as Deacon Gray and fellows after his kind, and if they find themselves sometimes cracked between thump and finger on the back of a comrade, let them remember that they have no right to complain, if they have no right to destruction. [Laughter and cheers.]

John Randolph once declared that he would take twenty steps out of his way to kick a sheep, and I am not sure that he was not right. In any event, I propose to reserve to myself hereafter, in all instances, in each particular instance, of whether the kick be from the neck or the heel. [Applause.]

Three cheers for Vallandigham were suggested and given with a hearty good-will by the entire audience.

Gallant Capt. Sheff—How he "Punished" the Venerable Col. Shepard, of Mt. Vernon, Alabama—A Full Account Written by Colonel Shepard's Aged Wife.

MAJOR GENERAL POPPE:
General—On the afternoon of July 26, at Mt. Vernon Arsenal, Alabama, one of the greatest outrages that ever blackened the record of history, was perpetrated upon a gray-headed citizen and defenceless prisoner. Hoping that the vast power you wield will be exerted to punish crime in every position, and under all phases, I may wish before you a full statement of the facts.

A week since, Morris Shaff, Captain of Ordnance at Mount Vernon Arsenal, was apparently upon polite terms with Colonel Frederick B. Shepard, a resident in the neighborhood, but he took it upon himself to announce very severely to a public place, upon Colonel Shepard's conduct, calling him a "scoundrel" and a "cheat," because he presumed to apply at Washington for payment for his own cotton. Colonel Shepard wrote Captain Shaff a polite and gentlemanly note, asking him to make candid statement of his words on the occasion alluded to above, declaring that he surely no officer wearing the United States uniform would seek to place the military authority between himself and an antagonist in a private quarrel.

The supposition Captain Shaff seems to have regarded as a gross insult at once to his color and to his own peculiar style of manhood. He made no reply to Colonel Shepard's inquiries, but became enraged at the epithet "military despotism" contained in the note—words he had forgotten to resent the evening before, when Colonel Shepard had used them in the course of a friendly conversation. He returned Colonel Shepard's communication with an abusive indorsement, in his own hand, using language which no gentleman could overlook. Colonel Shepard then challenged him. He received the note, said he had expected it, and would attend to it. Nearly two days passed without him taking any notice of it, and Colonel Shepard sent and demanded an answer.

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The California Election.
[From the New York Herald.]
The temperance and violence of the Radical party leaders and their organs are having their effect upon the country, and indicate a popular movement against the policy of negro supremacy. This is evinced by the recent election in California by the increase of the Democratic vote and the great falling off in the strength of the Republicans in that State. California is slow to feel the influence of a political reaction. This was shown in the commencement of the rebellion, as well as in the subsequent issue between the President and Congress on the question of Reconstruction. The fact that the Republican party in California was rent asunder by internal dissensions, and that the opposition vote has been materially increased, will materially influence the result of the elections in New York and Pennsylvania, and probably in Ohio. In the latter State the Democrats have committed serious blunders, and will be damaged by their own folly. But in Pennsylvania and this State we shall not be surprised to see a general reaction, and the entire overthrow of the party that is seeking to control the Government by a coalition of the Puritan and the nigger.

[From the World.]
Read this handwriting on the wall, ye Democrats who have squandered a third of the nation's wealth, a million of its lives, who have substituted a military despotism for republican liberty in ten of the sovereign States of the Union, plundered the people with your paper money, and cursed them with your paper money, and cursed them with a colossal debt. Read this handwriting on the wall and know your fate, for this is the beginning of the end of your power.

[From the New York Tribune.]
It is very poor satisfaction to be told in despatches from California that the Republicans might have elected the Governor. A great many good things "might have been." There is a doubt that Haight is elected Governor, and that Phelps is defeated for Congress in the San Francisco District. More than this, the disaffection in our ranks impels the Legislature, and the State Senator Congress, to the defeat in itself is not of vital importance; but the manner in which it will be brought about, and the elation it will produce in the ranks of the enemy, are not the most pleasant matters for reflection.

[From the Philadelphia Age.]
The glooms from California will cheer the true friends of the Republic in this country, as the surrender of the State has been chosen by the patriots at the close of the war which gave a separate nationality to the American colonies. California has replied to Connecticut. The Democrats of the East and the West are in a dilemma. The title of usurpation has been chosen by the determined action of brave, self-sacrificing, and patriotic men. This news from California will animate the party in this State in their contest with the enemies alike of the Constitution and the rights of the States and people under the Democratic flag, and make victory a certainty. All honor to the Democracy of California. They have fought a good fight, and the result will be celebrated amid the ringing of bells, and the waving of flags in all parts of the North. In the nation, the Democrats will cheer the patriots at the close of the war which gave a separate nationality to the American colonies. 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