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TUESDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 19, 1861. AUCTION SALES THIS DAY.

At 10 o'clock, at the residence of Mr. J. M. Linder, a lot of furniture, including a bed, a table, a chair, and a sofa.

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THE PEACE CONGRESS.

The Peace Congress at Washington is said to have adopted the proposition submitted by Mr. G. W. Pickens, of Kentucky. The vote, which was taken by States, was twelve in the affirmative to eight in the negative.

What the Pickens proposition is we are hardly prepared to say. We have read it, but without being able to arrive at an exact understanding of its meaning. It seems to be, in effect, the Crittenberger proposition covered up with a mass of verbiage, and needing only some footnotes to explain it.

This objection, however, is not at all a serious one, inasmuch as it makes not the slightest difference in the world whether the proposition be an intelligible one or not. This feeble attempt to patch up a compromise has proved even more feeble than we anticipated.

Everybody will agree that no settlement of the question is desirable unless it is cordially agreed to by both sections in good faith, and with a firm purpose to respect and observe all the terms of it for all time to come. And yet we see eight Northern States refusing to accede to propositions that we know would be repudiated, with equal promptness, by the accepted States of the South.

The man most vitally blamed, it seems to us, who fails to see how entirely incapable of adjustment this controversy is, with any view of a re-creation of the old Union. Both Houses of Congress appointed committees early in the session, and these committees have been floundering the question for nearly three months, and what is the result? The result, in both of them have given up the job in despair, and the committees, we believe, have even ceased to meet. The reports they have made have caused no more sensation in Congress than the presentation of a memorial for an increase of postage.

Does this, every fifth rate politician in the Union has brought forward a "plan," which, in his own opinion, will easily save the Union if adopted. No one, however, agrees with him in his opinion, and his "plan" is forgotten the day after it is proposed.

Lastly comes the Peace Congress, for the avowed purpose of doing what they themselves must admit is an impossible thing. Several of the Northern States, indeed, originally refused at first to have anything to do with it; and they only sent commissioners at the last moment, not with any view to a fair accommodation, but for the purpose of voting down fair propositions, and keeping concessions to the South from being made. We are glad of it, for we have repeatedly said, we want no concessions and no compromises wrung from an unwilling and reluctant people.

There are now two divisions of the Black Republican party, and the radical wing, headed by Greeley and Lincoln, is the honestest of the two. They say, and they say boldly and frankly, that they have won the Presidential battle upon certain fixed and defined principles, and it would now be unmanly and cowardly to desert those principles upon compromise alone, their real convictions remain unchanged. We and we altogether agree with them. As little respect as we have for Black Republicanism, we would have still less if it yielded to fear what it has gained on that which it considers principle.

A simple statement of one issue only, out of the many that exist, will suffice to show how utterly impossible it is to compromise this difficulty. The north claims that slavery shall not be introduced into any new Territory, and that no more slave States shall ever be admitted into the Union. That was the leading object of the formation of the Black Republican party. The South claims precisely the reverse. To talk about compromise in a case of that sort is as absurd as to suppose that one individual could be in Europe and in America at the same moment, or that two men could ride astraddle a horse without one of them being behind the other.

And it is not the States to agree upon the terms on which they will live together. The South does not desire the Republican party, for the sake of the Union, to falsify their own words, and cover themselves with the mantle of disgrace, by saying that they are willing that slavery shall go into the Territories and be protected there, when we know that they are not willing that any such thing should be done. The South takes the position that this is a country which cannot be divided into the Union without one section or the other yielding absolutely. Seven States of the South have determined that they will yield no longer to the Abolition demand that their property be excluded from their own Territories; and they have solved the question in the only possible way if it can be solved, as every day's experience goes to show. Let the Federal Government recognize the plain and palpable fact that the Union is a country which cannot be divided into the Union without one section or the other yielding absolutely. Seven States of the South have determined that they will yield no longer to the Abolition demand that their property be excluded from their own Territories; and they have solved the question in the only possible way if it can be solved, as every day's experience goes to show.

NEW YORK CORRESPONDENCE. Social to the New Orleans Crescent. New York, Feb. 18, 1861. Mr. Geo. Colburn. The brief but very brilliant fashionable cartoon that I saw in your issue, entitled, "Portrait of a young man," has been a long time in the air. It is a very good one, and has been a long time in the air. It is a very good one, and has been a long time in the air. It is a very good one, and has been a long time in the air.

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