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THE SOUTHERN PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY.

The Southern Presbyterian Assembly met recently at Baton Rouge, La. The meeting of this influential body was regarded with great interest throughout the country, and especially in the North where it was hoped, rather than expected, that some movement would be made for either a re-organization or prospective union of the Presbyterian Church.

The Assembly, however, appeared to meet at all times, next year, without making any provision for a reunion with the Northern branch. At first sight it might appear that this omission is indicative of a disposition to perpetuate the divisions between the two sections of the country.

The question of slavery, in the form in which slavery operated as the motive of an original rupture, being settled by the event of the war it might appear as if there were no obstacle to a settlement of the difficulty and reconciliation between the divided churches.

But it must be remembered that while the religious rupture preceded the political rupture, and was not necessarily dependent on the course of secular events, so the termination of the civil conflict does not logically imply a settlement of the theological controversy. The arbitrament of arms might solve the question at issue between the sections as political organizations; might decide the power of the right of secession; might compel the Southern States to return to the Federal Union, and the Southern people to yield obedience to the Federal authority.

But no such instrumentalities could be invoked in the case of the divided religious bodies. Freedom of action would be denied them, while their appropriate sphere, after the war, just as they possessed it before the war. The question under discussion having never been brought under the form of debate, could not be removed under the jurisdiction of force. Opinions on abstract theological or metaphysical points cannot be controlled by armies and navies.

And this is just the sort of sacrifice that was required of the Southern Presbyterians. If they had been asked merely to recognize the essential facts of the abolition of slavery, of course they would not have hesitated to comply. But far more than this was demanded. The enactment of the highest authority recognized in the Common Book of Discipline of the Northern Church, and the declaration of the authority presiding over the Board of Domestic Missions, are the supreme law, or would be the supreme law of the united church.

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THE RADICALS IN CONGRESS.

Mr. Sumner has presented a memorial from the Boston Board of Trade for the passage of a law exempting cotton from the development of a tariff. Southern states long enough to enable them to collect their demands. Such is the wording of a late dispatch from Washington.

In other words, the merchants of Boston unaided during a struggle which has impoverished the poorer portions of the country, seek to cut the throat of the South, by deferring the enforcement of the stay laws, until, having collected the principal and interest of their claims through confiscation and sale, they will leave nothing to render the enforcement of those laws expedient or necessary.

A bill has already been brought before Congress leaving a tax of ten cents upon every pound of cotton in the South, but that process would be too slow in its effects—far too high in the end to the cultivator of that staple, the enterprising manufacturer of New England might be delayed, by the tenacity of the lingering landlord, for a series of years under the stay laws, from becoming the great landlords and planters they now desire to be.

If we of the South had not a life-long knowledge of the grasping and unscrupulous heart of the same time, unfeeling spirit, which impels the Northern radicals to compass our ruin, we should attribute their inordinate hatred to sectional insanity alone; but there is a method in it which is not called to madness—it is simply a deep-seated and relentless purpose to prostrate the Southern people, if possible, at their feet.

In any man so obtuse as to believe that the radicals can sit still in their devotion for the African race, and at the same time persecute the white people of the South with relentless cruelty, the dissonance is irreconcilable and unnatural. The true cause of the anomaly is that they find in our former slaves the chief and readiest instrument where-with to aggravate our miseries, and, if possible, accomplish our ruin.

They are prompted by another motive equally potent, and that is more honest, more freedom from selfish impulses, more christian virtue and heroic courage in the remainder of the country than could be concentrated from all the generations of Puritans that have lived since the Mayflower.

The "so-called" National Congress has been converted into an exhibition room, where the circle elect from every party New England statesmen, and the African race, and also the white and colored people of the South.

These halls once rung with the fiery eloquence of Randolph and Hayne; they echoed the philosophic prophecies of Calhoun, the broad and enlightened statesmanship of Clinton and Elias Wright, Benton, Webster and Clay; they are now silent, save to the absurd flattery of Stevens and Sumner, and their ignominious parody upon the patriot and the statesman.

This radical party is the incubus which weighs upon the vitality of the country, which promotes discontent and discussion, and frightens away foreign capital and industry. The conservative and sensible portion of the people, who compose the great majority, need only to wait with patience for a while, and they will see the monstrous issue of demagoguery and covetousness strangled by its own throat.

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BARNETT & LION'S. SOUTHERN. GREY JACKET STOMACH BITTERS. A Purely Southern Manufacture. From the recipe of a well known and justly celebrated.

GREY JACKET CHIEF. The peculiar properties of these Bitters are that, whilst possessing all the good qualities of Bitters in general, they INVIGORATE WITHOUT INTOXICATING; are one of the best Tonics ever known, and having been the means of relieving and in many instances saving the lives of thousands on the battle field, can be relied on in all dyspeptic and febrile disorders.

Every ingredient contained in the article, and everything used in the putting up of these Bitters ARE FERROUS ON SOUTHERN SOIL, and contain an infinitesimal quantity of the best Tonics ever known, and having been the means of relieving and in many instances saving the lives of thousands on the battle field, can be relied on in all dyspeptic and febrile disorders.

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New Goods

C. A. BARRIÈRE & BRO., 135 CANAL STREET. Just received per steamship Carolina and Alabama— 2 cases of BARRIÈRE 1 case of GERARDINES 5 cases of PRINTED LINEN CAMBRIC 5 cases of LINENS 2 cases of FRENCH PROCELERS 25 cases of PURPLE and LIGHT ENGLISH PRINTS 10 cases of ENGLISH HOSIERY. Comprising a great variety of styles of the best make. The above, together with the balance of our stock, will be sold very cheap.

C. A. BARRIÈRE & BRO., 135 Canal Street, Terre Beaufort. Wrought Iron Portable Ranges. VAN'S PATENT. These Ranges are made of Wrought Iron; need not brick work; are strong and durable. They have met with success since the year 1840, and are now, for the first time, introduced into this market. The Ranges are made of Wrought Iron; need not brick work; are strong and durable. They have met with success since the year 1840, and are now, for the first time, introduced into this market.

THE JEWELRY MANUFACTORY, in the upper part of the building, below now in waiting order, the MOST COMPLETE SETTING, ENAMELLING and REPAIRING will be executed and promptly delivered. Mr. J. S. BAKER having taken charge of the WATCH DEPARTMENT, Watches will be Repaired in the very best manner. Mr. W. C. DRIVER, late of Lima & Goddard's, will be happy to meet his friends as J. B. ZIMMERMANN, 94 & 96 Canal Street.

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Meeting of the Southern Press Association. By authority of the Constitution of the Southern Press Association, and at the request of several of the members thereof, I hereby convene a meeting of said Association, to be held at the Hotel de la Ville, in New Orleans, on Wednesday, Feb. 1st, 1866, to receive the reports of the Officers, and to transact the business required by the Constitution.

North, Brush & Mason. Late NORTH & CO., 86 Canal Street. In view of the attention of Merchants in the city and country to their superior and well assorted stock, I have the pleasure to announce that I have secured a large and varied stock of Fancy Goods, which I will sell by the Piece or Package.

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