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POSTPONED TILL 1870.

The profound and brilliant financiers of the radical persuasion in Congress, who expect to make Gen. Grant President, are evidently determined to put off to a more convenient season the task of introducing economy, to which they are pledged by the platform on which their Presidential candidate is running.

They form a medley—not a system. They consist of a long series of acts by successive national legislatures, each repealing portions of those which preceded it, and each confounding and perplexing the meaning of all the rest.

And we have the testimony of the same journal that the effect of the vote by which the Republican majority declined to act on, or to call for, any bill from the ways and means committee intended to cover the whole tax system, is to postpone revision of the tax laws and reform of the revenue service to a time not earlier, and possibly later, than the spring of 1870.

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THE QUESTION OF UNDOING RESULTS OF RECONSTRUCTION.

It is proper as well as frank to say that one of the chief motives of the recent remarks by the Crescent on the overruling expediency of accepting certain accomplished facts as a basis of future policy, was the desire to save from the shock of disappointment those who may have hoped that the anti-radical movement, under Democratic organization, would or could, by federal action, reinstate affairs in the Southern States, as they were before the reconstruction scheme of Congress was enforced.

If such facts must be submitted to, of necessity, for an indefinite period, the expediency of candidly recognizing them, and of promptly setting to work to make the most of them, is too clear for rational question. It will not do in political concerns, any more than in private business, to try to escape from an unwelcome truth.

Like sin, it will find the fugitive, let him fly or conceal himself where he will. And there is no folly more suicidal and disastrous than that which proposes to shunt out a flood of over-mastering certainties by plunging the head in a pool of muddy delusions.

The first step towards the desired reinstatement would be the repeal by Congress of the acts under which the Constitutions, now about to be inaugurated in the South, were created. But it were idle to think of these acts being repealed by the Republican senators and representatives who enacted them; and it were equally idle to hope for such a reconstitution of Congress, within four years to come, as would replace Republican with Democratic majorities in that body.

Even if the political complexion of the House should be changed by the congressional elections of the next year, in the Senate the Republicans, reinforced by twenty members from the South, would be assured of a majority for the ensuing four years. This majority would take care to veto all attempts by the Democratic majority in the House to undo Republican policy with respect to the Southern States.

And thus, as regards repealing legislation, the Republican power in Congress would be as absolute as it is now.

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It is refused in the Rhode Island Durr case to take jurisdiction over questions of State organization, and it is perfectly safe to assume that it will not hereafter venture to cancel existing State governments in the South, however unrighteous the policy and unconstitutional the legislation which led to their creation.

But let us suppose that the Democrats not only elect the next president, but secure majorities in both houses of Congress. Let us suppose that the whole batch of reconstruction acts is repealed. What does such a repeal amount to? The obnoxious legislation is executed. States are reorganized under its provisions.

Will the mere form of words repealing it dissolve and dissipate these organizations, as the magic trumpet of old romance, with one blast, caused castles and palaces to crumble and vanish? No, assuredly; something more than a legislative formula of repeal is necessary to remove them. Meanwhile they exist de facto, and to the exclusion of any theory of de jure. And if search is made for a logical embodiment of the latter, where will it be found? Not short, in Louisiana, of the old State organization, under the Constitution of 1852. But that is dead—as dead, for all present and practical purposes, as Julius Cæsar. And the work to which Southern statesmanship is now called, is not to exhumate the buried Cæsar, and to pretend with empty mummeries that he is living and all powerful, but to save Rome by laying hold of the realities around us. Who would hope to undo a murder simply by breaking the gun with which the crime was perpetrated? Yet it would be no more absurd than to believe that the whole structure raised by Congress in the South through the reconstruction acts, can be demolished by the mere repeal of this legislation. Long before the repeal, the work would be finished; the ball would have sped to its destination; it would be useless merely to break the weapon.

Yet it would not be absolutely impossible for Democratic majorities in Congress, aided by a friendly executive, to abolish obnoxious Constitutions in the South and clear the way for another and better set of State governments. But they are forbid by Democratic principles to adopt the necessary measures for doing this. They would have to repudiate the Democratic doctrine that to the States alone belong the regulation of suffrage in the States, and would have to assume over the Southern States the same control which the Democratic party has denounced as tyrannical usurpation when assumed by Republican majorities in Congress. They would have, in short, to take up the congressional work of sovereign interference with the organic institutions of those States where the Republicans left it after having prosecuted it to the accomplishment of Republican purposes, and to adopt another scheme of reconstruction to be enforced, by the bayonet if need be, for Democratic purposes. Viewed from the theory now prevailing in the Democratic party as to the rights of States and the limitations of Congress, this policy would be wholly out of the question, even if Congress were at this moment under Democratic ascendancy. And speculation about it as a problem of an indefinite future, must be quite irrelevant to the exigencies of the present. The probable effect of declaring in favor of such a course would be to weaken the Democratic party so greatly at the North as to forfeit the election of a Democratic President and to secure with still greater certainty both houses of Congress to the Republicans. There is not the least probability that the New York Convention will make such a declaration; but there is reason to expect that it will affirm the exclusive authority of the States to prescribe the qualifications of their voters and to frame, amend or abolish their Constitutions. This position would remit the question of relief from white disfranchisement to the States, and from all other evils incident to the odious governments set up by congressional interference, to be solved hereafter by the action of the people of each of those States. As to the precise measures which it would be legitimate and prudent to adopt for accomplishing this end, it is yet premature to inquire. After Louisiana shall have been recognized by Congress as a State of the Union, no previous legislation of Con-

gress can have the effect of fastening upon her a Constitution irrevocable by her own people. To suppose the contrary were to deny her Statehood, and to admit her Statehood is to concede the right of her people to have a Constitution which shall conform to their will, peacefully expressed.

EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS, ETC.

Grimes can't go Grant. See Chase's platform in the political news. Green Greenwood is to live in Washington. Senator Morton is paralyzed worse than ever. It cost \$200,000 to refurbish the Astor House. Quarantine season has commenced at New York. Sprague does not support Chase for president. A brother of Kit Carson was in the Confederate army.

Australia is whispering of separation from England. Fifty dollars will buy quite a pretty bouquet in New York. It is said that Everts will accept the attorney generalship. The Illinois editors have gone "on a little bum" to St. Paul. One of the sins of an enlightened age is—Medicine—EX.

"Alaska Soda" is the latest name given to a cooling beverage. St. Paul is putting up one million dollars' worth of new buildings. Ristori had farewell to Washington in "Elizabeth" on the 17th.

Thanks to the Southern Express Company for New York papers. The head cook at the Astor House has a salary of over \$4000 a year. A California paper nominates Rev. Henry Ward Beecher for president.

Drawing-rooms—One of the regular apartments of a dentist.—[Exchange. Thanks to the officers of the steamers Josephine, St. Mary and Louise. Boston is to give a reception to the Chinese ambassadors on a grand scale.

Strawberries are quoted in the New York market at about "a cent a slice." Eighty per cent. of the Atlantic cable receipts come from the American side. The international bridge of Buffalo will be iron, 1700 feet long, and cost \$17,000.

They had a grand military review in Washington for the decoration of the Civilists. Mosquitoes recently drew a bear from his swamp into the city of Tall-hatchie. Burdigame's Chinese were surprised at the simplicity of the tomb of Washington.

Mrs. LeVert attended a meeting of Sorosis the other day. She is probably a member. There is a dangerous hole in the bridge crossing the lower canal on Common street. The Revolution estimates that \$100,000 a week are spent on the social evil in New York.

New York proposes to establish a labor bureau for the benefit of persons seeking employment. Wm. Phillips is "blowing" at Levery Johnson, and calls him the Maryland go-between. Henry C. Willson, one of the editors of the Commercial Advertiser, died in Brooklyn recently. Gen. Beauregard was lately the guest of a wealthy retired Southern merchant at Staten Island.

The Mobile Tribune says the New York World newspaper is not Democratic, but a mere spy in the camp. It is said John C. Breckinridge has been sued in Paris by a boarding-house keeper for a debt of 2000 francs.

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A citizen of Portland having procured from Paris a door mat made of steel wire, with the word "Salve" (welcome) wrought in the center, a visitor, overcome by curiosity, innocently asked the host what kind of salve he manufactured. Dr. Frank Hamilton publishes in the Medical Gazette a strong protest against debarbing from all public office such medical practitioners as served as surgeons, or in any other professional capacity, in the Confederate army. He calls on Congress to modify the iron-clad oath of July, 1862, so far as it applies to them.

Here is another aggravation to Col. Green, of the Boston Post, from the Pic of last evening: A gentleman residing in Jefferson City this morning gathered quite a number of luscious ripe figs of the "Celeste" variety. The alternate showers and sunshine of the past week have had an almost magical effect upon this delicious fruit. Tired of figs and cream for breakfast in June, ye denizens of a bleaker clime!

During the reception of the Chinese embassy in the national House of Representatives, the delegate from Utah was introduced to one of the interpreters—Teh. "Utah!" said Teh, mechanically bringing his hands together, "Utah! heap of wives!" The remark gave rise to a universal laugh in the vicinity, and indicated singular familiarity with American affairs.

The "first five" of the graduating class at West Point are Cadets Albert H. Payson, John G. D. Knight, Richard L. Hoxie, Edgar W. Bass, and James B. Mackall. As is customary, these young gentlemen will honorably report to the secretary of war for promotion, and, as is usual in such cases, they will no doubt receive commissions in the engineer corps.

The chaplain of the Massachusetts House of Representatives, Rev. Mr. Alger, is the recipient of a gold watch from the members, who were entranced by the excellency of his prayers, which, one of the members remarked, were "in few and brief words" that would not "weary;" and were couched in "ever varying and changing phrase." This will be appreciated by those acquainted with Alger's absurdly exuberant rhetoric, which flowers out now and then into ponderous volumes on sentimental subjects, such as "The Friendships of Women," "The Genius of Solitude," and the like.

The London Record prints an account of a meeting of the Scottish Reformation Society, whose principal object appears at present to be to educate and send forth upon the newspaper world two hundred Protestant youths well skilled in the mystery of shorthand writing, for the express purpose of counteracting "the machinations of the Jesuit newspaper reporters in the galleries of the Houses of Lords and Commons."

LETTER FROM ST. LOUIS. Special Correspondence of the Crescent. St. Louis, June 18, 1868. "Old Sol" is giving us a hot Columbia! He seems to be doing his "level best" to melt us. Monday and Tuesday mercury indicated a temperature of 96 degrees in the shade, and yesterday rose to 100. Think of that! It is a breeze-blest breeze of the Crescent City! When it's hot here it's "bloody hot" no gentle breeze fan our fevered brows. It's a heat square heat from which there is no escape, and the night hours are worse than those of day. Not a breath of air stirs and the monotonous silence is unbroken save by the gentle murmuring and plaintive wail of the fire-eaters. These quiet night hours are not calculated to cause one's spirit to soar above things terrestrial, but on the contrary, render it impossible to banish from one's thoughts matters so ordinary, and "in such a moment" will recur to one those old familiar lines: "Gilt is still, night is stumbe," "chains have bound me, I feel as if I were something crawling round me."

And perhaps long after the witching hour of midnight "fired nature's sweet restorer" may come to one's relief, but so late that the morning, and surveying "the human face divine" in the mirror, one can scarce convince himself that he was duly sober on retiring, and feels as though he had been beaten through a canker with a stocking full of sheep shears! Business is languishing, and its no wonder. People are now principally engaged in endeavoring to avoid being roasted alive, "a consummation most devoutly to be guarded against."

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SOUTHERN ITEMS.

The Berville Pioneer of the 20th acknowledges that the parish of St. Charles is a sign which runs thus: "Miere & Co. Grocery and Post Office." Concordia and Berville have been blessed with rain. The Natchitoches Times says that small fields of sorghum can be found in that parish and anticipate an increased yield of syrup this season. The Natchez Courier, of the 10th, says that large numbers of negroes are arriving at that place from Louisiana and Texas, to swell the carpet baggers' vote. A grand Democratic mass meeting is to be held in Atlanta, Ga., on the 23rd July. Preparations are being made to render it one of the greatest political gatherings ever held in Georgia. The Victoria (Texas) Advocate announces the death on the 10th of Rev. Joel T. Case, formerly pastor of the Presbyterian church in that place. He was an old Texian, and was once captured by the Mexicans and imprisoned two years in Mexico. The Chambers Advocate boasts of a cotton factory that will soon be in operation in Homer, in that parish. It is four stories high and will be turning out cloth within the next thirty days. There must be some very enterprising men in (Alabama).

The Galveston News says: "The continued excellent health of our city, and the favorable weather, with our accounts of the absence of any indications of an epidemic in New Orleans, seem to have produced a general feeling of relief that we are not this year to be visited by the much dreaded yellow fever. Indeed, we hear this opinion confidently expressed by some of our oldest physicians."

The Sugar Planter says: "The cheapest and easiest route, in the end, to St. Louis will be by the Mississippi river. The few hours gained in time by opening any route through the lakes will never compensate for the immense amount of coal required to perform the work. All that is necessary to be done to secure uninterrupted travel with the great West is to construct steamers that will stand the few hours of gulf travel from the Balize to Mobile Bay. That done the trade desired is permanently secured."

The Galveston News says: "Planters from various parts of the country inform us that the freedmen have this year done far better than ever before, until about the first of this month, since which time they have done very little work. The meeting of the State convention led to a very general impression among them that a great change in their condition was about to take place, and that they were about to be inaugurated as the rulers of the State under the new State government to be organized by this convention."

The Baton Rouge Advocate says: "The late rains appear to have been general and have been of great benefit to the country. Corn, cotton and cane are growing luxuriantly and if no calamity occurs to blight the prospect, heavy crops will be made. The potato crop is very large and the amount of money brought into the country from sales and shipments has been of great benefit. Enough corn will be made, and if the cotton escapes its annual visitant, the caterpillar, our planters will have no cause for complaint."

The Berville Pioneer is responsible for the following: "When a duck is shot, it is not a half chicken. A specimen of this kind was shown to us a short time since, and surely it was amusing to behold. Its head was the shape and size of a chicken's with the bill of a Merganser duck attached. Its neck was a duck's neck; its body was that of a chicken, short and thick; its legs and feet were webbed. When it was hatched it did not have a feather or a parcel of down upon it, excepting a streak of very fine chicken feathers directly down its back. This proves to the world that previous writers who have asserted that a duck and a rooster cannot amalgamate, have been mistaken."

Phaton's NEW PERFUME FOR THE HANDKERCHIEF, "Flor De Mayo," A Wonderful Flower. The fragrance of this perfume is so delicious and durable that only two or three drops are necessary to perfume a handkerchief. None of the delicate and fragrant essences are lost, but great care is taken to preserve the perfume as long as possible. It is sold by all Druggists and Fancy Goods Dealers in the United States.

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