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Delay is Dangerous.

It is well said by the New Orleans Times:

There must be a waking up of the American mind all over the continent—not simply here nor there, but everywhere. Appeals must be made to the good sense, the sense of justice, to the patriotism of the American people, to their recollections of the olden times when Americans of all sections breasted the shock of war together, to their national pride, to their fears of national disgrace, to their dread of national downfall, to their hopes of a happy, prosperous and glorious future, if we adjust our differences and become reunited. These results are not to be effected by time, but by action, by correspondence, by coöperation, uniting the South, the North, the East, and the West together in strong and friendly bonds, wherever strong-hearted and high-thoughted men, and conservative politicians, who respect principle and love their country, are to be found. And now, now, while the fleeting hours are passing imperceptibly over our heads, is the time to accomplish these great and glorious results. Delays are dangerous.

We repeat that delays are dangerous. For there never was a time in the history of this country when the coöperation of good men, of all sections and of all parties, without regard to past issues, was of such immediate and momentous importance. Even in the days of secession, the Union, as it was, was attacked, but not on the principle of State and popular sovereignty upon which the Union was founded. By the very act of confederating together, under a constitution similar to that of the United States, the so-called Confederate States pledged themselves, in the most solemn manner, to respect State and popular sovereignty. Independence was lost by their defeat and slavery was abolished; but these, so far as the organic law was concerned, were the only legitimate effects of their surrender.

A congressional majority, however, assuming to be the Government, ignoring alike the rights of the States and the rights of the people, are now engaged in devising legislative measures to cripple the power of the Executive, and to remodel the judiciary department of the Government—in order that sovereign States, reduced to the territorial pupilage of Congress,

"With bowed down heads may wander slowly by,
A race of Kings, without a diadem."

The Executive veto, as a constitutional balance, is already practically gone; Executive independence, as a coordinate department, is to be destroyed by a transfer of the appointing power.

The Supreme Court is to be the creature of a congressional majority to ratify its decree. With these changes, these balances of the Constitution destroyed or impaired, the form of the Government is impaired, and becomes the worst of all despotisms, the uncontrolled power of a mere majority, unchecked and unrestrained by the Executive and judiciary departments. Are the people of the South prepared for this fundamental change in the organic structure of the Government? We believe not, notwithstanding the apparent absolute supremacy of the Radical party. In the recent State convention of Connecticut we have unmistakable evidence that the programme of radicalism is not only understood, but that its purposes will be opposed. For ourselves, we cordially endorse the call of that body for a national convention, to represent the 36 United States. This is the way, in our opinion, to restore the American Union. The national convention of last year had a good effect, but as the congressional majority had not developed its revolutionary designs, the convention did not anticipate them. What then is the duty of the excluded States? If, stung by the mortification of defeat and embittered by its humiliations, the people of these States should, in sullen indifference, refuse to join forces with the patriotic men of the North, who are now manfully struggling for the Constitution as it was, and by their default, enable the Radicals to accomplish their ends, they themselves will become a *participeps criminis* to the overthrow of the country.

The "American mind" should be awakened, "here, there and everywhere" to the impending danger, and despotism averted by the only means of resistance in our power; by the correspondence, coöperation and concert of good men, from every section and from all points, to preserve and maintain the Union and the Constitution of our fathers, as our fathers made the one and interpreted the other, through the agency of a national conservative party, pledged to sustain the constitutional powers of the President, the independence of the Judiciary, the right of representation in all cases of taxation, and the indestructibility of the States.

LIST OF JURORS.—We are indebted to Sheriff Simpson for a copy of the list of jurors impanneled to serve at the spring session of the District Court for this parish, which commences on the first Monday in April. We append the names and the week for which they are to serve:

FIRST WEEK—April 1, 1867.

1 Garlick, Chas.,
2 Rose, W.,
3 Cober, John,
4 Reed, D. R.,
5 Savery, H. P.,
6 Gray, W. T.,
7 Shadden, James,
8 Everett, Josh.,
9 Booth, Isom,
10 Mark, N. M.,
11 McDuffie, G. W.,
12 Birmingham, Reid,
13 Miller, J. J.,
14 Shows, John,
15 Bridges, J. D.,
16 Johnson, B. M.,
17 Boyler, J. F.,
18 Beard, W. J.,
19 Griswold, C. E.,
20 Hendricks, John, Jr.,
21 Williams, Wm.,
22 Levy, H.,
23 Allen, S. E.,
24 Workman, Jas.,
25 Palmer, T. P.,
26 Brown, H. D.,
27 Decker, J. D.,
28 Ansley, J. F.,
29 Adams, W. B.,
30 Stevens, M. P.,
31 Stacey, A. J.,
32 Barker, B.,
33 Lewis, J. B., Jr.,
34 Hare, R.,
35 Gibson, C. W.,
36 Ford, J. M.,
37 Gustin, S.,
38 Hood, S. C.,
39 Bonary, W. G.,
40 Levy, Samuel,
41 Boisseau, Jas.,
42 Walters, John,
43 Michell, F.,
44 Hamilton, G. W.,
45 Lowe, Robt. H.,
46 Wabaster, W. E.,
47 Stewart, M. F. T.,
48 Deloach, W. W.,

SECOND WEEK—April 8.

1 Calhoun, G. M.,
2 Thomas, Isaac,
3 Sojourner, D. M.,
4 Elders, Wm.,
5 Davis, W. P.,
6 Mooring, T. H.,
7 Sherman, J. T.,
8 Stephens, T. K.,
9 Simpson, W. P.,
10 Howell, J. N.,
11 Gaill, Josiah,
12 Walpole, F. C.,
13 Blount, C. W.,
14 Sims, J. B.,
15 Foster, J. M.,
16 Bains, R. P.,
17 Elliott, R. S.,
18 Ernest, W. C.,
19 Flournoy, A., Jr.,
20 Heath, J. P.,
21 Fish, W. J.,
22 Folsom, W. M.,
23 Fellflove, J. T.,
24 Lindsey, W. H. Sr.,
25 Vanadman, C. F.,
26 Davis, John,
27 Slaughter, A.,
28 Hale, Linan,
29 Parks, M. D.,
30 Templeman, L.,
31 Waddell, F. S.,
32 Flournoy, Lucian.

THIRD WEEK—April 15.

1 Kneeland, H. W.,
2 Levy, Moses,
3 Stephens, B. K.,
4 Barker, D. P.,
5 Jenkins, W.,
6 Kitts, T. E.,
7 Kistner, W. H.,
8 Bickham, B. R.,
9 Fellflove, J. G.,
10 Bozeman, G. H.,
11 Barr, J. M.,
12 McDermott, J. H.,
13 Butler, J. A.,
14 Lindsey, Wm. H., Jr.,
15 Murray, W. P.,
16 Andrews, Geo.,
17 Griggs, J. C.,
18 Bickham, T. C.,
19 Butler, P. P.,
20 Elder, D. J.,
21 Attaway, W. W.,
22 Eagan, Wm.,
23 Ford, J. D.,
24 Peak, John,
25 Morefield, A. S.,
26 Thompson, Lofton,
27 Eberstadt, Ed.,
28 Jeter, J. A.,
29 LeRosen, D.,
30 Tallmadge, Joel,
31 Johns, J. B.

FOURTH WEEK—April 22.

1 Herrold, S.,
2 Burnside, C. H.,
3 Packer, R. D.,
4 Davidson, J. M.,
5 Birmingham, W. R.,
6 Kneeland, E. S.,
7 Attaway, J. B.,
8 Parnell, John,
9 Bickham, W. M.,
10 Gill, R. D.,
11 Thompson, J. C.,
12 Cain, S. H.,
13 Spearman, F. G.,
14 Garlick, Henry,
15 Eshard, C.,
16 Beard, W. T.,
17 Ramsey, J. V.,
18 Russell, J. A.,
19 Rutland, Rob't.,
20 Bickham, P. M.

GREAT FIRE IN MOBILE.—A Mobile dispatch of the 10th, gives the following particulars of a great fire which took place on the 9th inst. It would look as though Mobile and Vicksburg were doomed:

Another large and most disastrous fire since 1837 occurred last night. A whole square of the principal business houses situated in the heart of the city, bounded by Water, Dauphine, St. Francis and Commerce streets, with the exception of two buildings at the corner of St. Francis and Water and Dauphine and Water, was entirely destroyed. The loss is estimated at about $800,000. The insurance is about $600,000.

The principal sufferers are J. E. Smith, Marshall & Co., Jackson, Burns & Goode, Freeman & Fosdick, M. Forcheimer, grocers; McKindley & Roane, J. W. Olds, Goode & Labuzan, cotton factors; Buck, Kendall & Co., Clark & Co., Dubois & Co., draggists; Elder Escla, wholesale hardware; W. H. Crockeron, Stetson & Co., boot and shoe dealers; Seawell & Co., A. Newman, clothing; Arnold, hat dealer; Benson, Sage & Co., saddlers; W. L. Trait, crockery. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Marsden's Pectoral Balm for all bronchial diseases.

A MORTIFYING PREDICAMENT.—The Jackson Clarion says a few days ago the Governor of Mississippi received a letter from Peoria, Illinois, informing him that [illegible] State had in its passage from the second presented by the State of Mississippi to Gen. Van Dorn, and which [illegible] property be proceeded to restore to the State for the sum of five hundred dollars. He also informed the Governor that the rifle would be shipped from Peoria [illegible] but it has not arrived yet. The first [illegible] the gun [illegible] Mississippi [illegible] Van Dorn [illegible] Vicksburg