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Sickles will return in time. The hauls of Congress need ventilation. Mlle. Titjens is going back to Europe in April. Miss Blanche Willis Howard is the author of "One Summer."

Woman's work at the centennial is liable to mis-construction. Governor Lippitt, of Rhode Island, ought to be a good speaker. A ship gets mighty unsovereign when she will not answer her helm.

Rockland, Maine, has a cornet band composed entirely of women. Pendleton is a finished gentleman. His career in that direction is ended. In presidential elections men should vote as they fight—for or against the Union.

Dickie Lingard and Mlle. De Murka have both found husbands in Australia. Grace Greenwood's husband has had a land office slide, and is out of a situation. Mr. Barney Williams, comedian, is dangerously ill, with little hope of recovery.

A Democratic paper fears there will be too many irregular candidates in the field. If you wish for money send a postal card to the man who owes you, and the thing is done. A few weeks since the Democratic party was full of coming men; now they are all going.

A hint is as good as a kick, but there are men who will never take one until they get the other. When a man is so busy that he can not mind his own business, he should have assistance. Frontier life is a hard one at best. There are too many pull backs on the outskirts of civilization.

Men who lean against a lunch counter, waiting for the feast, have a lean and hungry look. South Carolina has got the monument fever, and will try and do something for John C. Calhoun. "Julius Caesar" will go to Philadelphia and allow "Henry V." to come back to Booth's Theatre.

The Republicans of Connecticut believe that they can do as well as the New Hampshire people did. It might be well to appoint a clergyman as minister to England; anything is better than a poker player. According to the Graphic picture, the late Chief Justice Nicholson, of Tennessee, was not a handsome man.

Two elephants are playing with the Kilauea Brothers' combination in Boston. They do the heavy business. Buffalo hotel keepers have no national prejudices, but they consider it safe to make foreign counts pay in advance. An old proverb says, "no fool can be silent at a feast." A wise man would not wish to be silent under such circumstances.

A Persian proverb says, "There are only two days for which to feel anxious. One is the day that is past, the other is the day to come. The exact altitude of Gilderey's kite has never been ascertained; but it was as high as some of the Democratic presidential candidates are now. The will of a rich merchant, recently deceased in New York, reveals the fact that he was a negro, and that his brother and sister live in Canada.

Mr. A. J. Frough claims to be the champion lion's den performer. He is the most intrepid since the days of Daniel, who was the original in the business. People living in Philadelphia notice that all old friends living in other places are writing to them now, and expressing desires to renew old acquaintance. Still another Republican paper has come into existence in the parish of St. James. It is called the St. James Journal, and is published and edited by O. F. Hunsaker.

DEMOCRATIC DISPENSATION. Under the permission extended to the Democracy to have fought on either side of the late war, to vote for an enhanced protection for cotton claims, or take either side of the currency question, we find the Democracy run as a double index in the political waters of Louisiana. Whenever any revolutionary act is to be done the Conservative Democratic vessel is bows on; whenever the spoils are to be won or awarded the Democratic Conservative flag is at the fore, and Messrs. McEnery, Booth and Captain Kidd, in full uniform, are grouped upon the quarter deck.

It becomes of much importance to the business men who stopped the military occupation of our city by "ten thousand men," pledged to sustain the Democratic Speaker upon assuming the executive chair, in case of a vacancy by accusation, to ascertain which end of this concern goes forward in the impending election? The difference between Democracy, as broadly blazoned by its organ, and Conservatism, as faint-lined by the "business" organs of the city, is too great to deceive the public longer. The co-operative allies which carry a Quaker flag at one end, and a black banner at the other, must explain. The public demand to know whether the Democratic Conservative or Conservative Democratic party is for or against the Union?

We publish elsewhere a distinct denunciation of the Union as it is at present from the Democratic-Conservative organ. It publishes a proposal to "bury" the Union and take the chances that something better will spring from its unhalloved grave. A Conservative Democratic organ, on the other hand, seeks to palliate or evade this radical opposition to the Union as incorporated by the late amendments of the constitution. The Piousness, then, in asserting that—

The earnest opposition of the Conservatives to the miracle of the present federal administration can not be fairly construed as evidencing a spirit of rebellion or of disgust for the republican form of government. Speaks for itself. The Democratic end of the vessel opposes the construction of the constitution. Why propose to "bury" the Union, if the objection was only to "the miracle of the present administration?" That administration goes out of power at the end of the present official year. It may be succeeded by a reform Republican or even by a Democratic government which will put a construction upon the constitution satisfactory to the Democratic malcontents. Why then propose to "bury the Union promptly?"

The Conservative Democratic organ is evidently alarmed at the anti-Union tendencies of its associates in command. It premises that Republicans oppose former Confederates in Congress because of their antecedent opinions and action. Why, if the Republicans who gave the amnesty under which these gentlemen were elected had distrusted their patriotism, they could have withheld the act of restoration. It is a mistake to suppose that Republican objection arises from any such cause. It has been from such speeches, either sincere or imprudent, as have been made by Congressman Hill, of Georgia, and Congressman Singleton, of Mississippi. It is more especially because of the military resistance of some Southern men to the acts of reconstruction and the deeds of violence and intimidation perpetrated toward a people endowed with the right of suffrage by the people of the United States.

It is an error to say that the time has ever been when "a Southern gentleman, a man of honor and culture," or a soldier without the tinsel and European distinction of "gentleman," but just as true, just as brave, just as sincere as the Chevalier Bayard himself, was "ever branded as a traitor and bandit by the Republican party simply because he ventured ten or fifteen years ago to risk his life and property in defense of his most cherished principles." That such was the action of the Republican party is contradicted by the amnesty, for if the Republican party had believed those soldiers either "traitors or bandits" they would not have voted them free from all disabilities. We pass over much embittered declarations tending to create the same hostility to the Union as the Democrat undertakes who proposes "to bury the Union promptly." After, however, blowing off this heat the Piousness goes loyally down to the following—

It is the duty of the Southern members to show their loyalty and devotion to the Union, the government of which is now in part intrusted to them, by lending all the weight of their talent to the punishment of those bad men, who in the sacred name of liberty have done more to demoralize, depress and impoverish the country than did the war itself. We do not claim the latter member of this sentence to control the principle avowed, nor that the duty of the "Southern members" is restricted to the eviction of Republican officeholders. We take it as a declaration of devotion to the Union. It is verified by the additional assurance: In spite of the still bitter prejudice of other sections, in spite of constant and malicious misrepresentation, in spite of all the forms of oppression which they have been compelled to endure, they have come back to the Union in all sincerity, intending to devote to its support whatever of strength they still retain.

So here, stripped of all the declamatory reasons why the South should never accept a government to which such violation of the Union, we have a distinct declaration that "the South" will show its loyalty and devotion to the Union, and "has come back into the Union" and more, that the South—

Doesn't intend to occupy the attitude of a conquered province; but it is determined to exercise its full share of influence in the control of the government. This is hearty. It is the response of the rebellious peasant of Scott, who, being asked if he were willing to take the oath of allegiance, supremacy and abjuration, replied, "Yes, your honor; and to drink the health of the King, in the bargain, if the ale's good." But what will the Democratic interests of business say to such carnal self-seeking and backsliding as that with which the Scotch peasant was reproached? We leave

these extraordinary and incongruous co-partners to reconcile their own opposite doctrines. We have made the proof that Conservatism in Louisiana is devoted to the Union, and does not intend to abandon the Union, while Democracy openly denounces the Union as it is and proposes to bury the present Union principles, and take whatever form of government may spring from its grave. THE POWER OF EQUAL SUFFRAGE DENIED. The Legislature at its late session passed an act directing the Common Council of New Orleans to submit to popular vote the question whether a certain tax should be imposed upon real estate for the construction of a railroad. The Republican has expressed the opinion that such an exercise of legislative authority was proper, but has offered an argument that such a work, not being indispensable to the public welfare, did not constitute a just cause of taxation. The Legislature, however, has ordered this question to be submitted, and appointed the Common Council of New Orleans an agency to execute the order. As this is the command of a superior to an inferior, while we may see ground to apply to the courts for a construction of the power exercised, we can not see on what plea of executive discretion the subordinate authority can justify its disobedience to the order.

It seems difficult, however, to convince the chief executive of the corporation that the government of which his office is a component is not an independent sovereignty, as contended for in print and speech by some baronial commentators on Magna Charta. The Common Council, however, has dutifully enacted an ordinance in execution of the order. It was submitted to his excellency the Mayor, who returned it with a message explanatory of the reasons why he could not sign the enabling ordinance. The Mayor urges one objection which, if well founded, would render others unnecessary. Unless, indeed, under his own claim of an exclusive power of corporate taxation, the Council should be held bound to provide the means which he says are wanting. The objection is this: "The act imposes a duty without furnishing the means to carry it into effect."

A man importuned by his friends to play poker, said he had "a thousand reasons" for not playing. When he advanced the first, that "he had no money," his friends never troubled him to complete the category. His excellency, the Mayor, proceeds, however, to give the reasons why if the Council had all the money of Rothschild it should not devote any of it to allowing the people to vote on this question. He thinks that the Legislature had no power to devolve this right of taxation upon the voters. If the objections that this tax will violate the financial restrictions imposed by the constitution should have occurred to the Governor, or be regarded by the courts, it would be very well, but seems wholly out of place in the present message. Another point might have better been made in the last convention, but comes a little late at present. It is conveyed in the following extract.

If it be maintained that this is a local tax levied by the majority of registered voters, I submit that, this being by the constitution a representative government, the powers conferred must be exercised by those duly selected to perform the respective duties imposed by it, and that the mass of the people have no more right to make a law or levy a tax than they have to exercise the executive or judicial functions which have been conferred upon other departments. I see no more right in a mere majority to vote away the property of the minority, than to vote away the liberty or life of an obnoxious individual. All such violations of the rights of person and property are alike repugnant to the principles of our American system of government.

Here we have repeated the same doctrine that the voters should not be allowed to vote on a question of taxation, which the Republican lately combated with such force of logic and learning. We are humiliated by the fear that his honor has not pursued our incubation, or that they have failed to produce the same conviction which we claim that they produced elsewhere. In considering this doctrine, we can not help being struck with the singular inconsistency of those who call themselves Democrats. They call upon the household tenants to execute their will, even to the overthrow of the State government; yet they flatly refuse these men the right to vote upon questions in which the taxation of property is involved. We have become, however, accustomed to the total disregard of all consistency. Democracy once meant universal suffrage. It meant a catalogue of principles of which we now see Democrats take either side. In the cosmopolitan population of a great city there must be monarchical, aristocratic, communistic and ecclesiastical ideas, but to any American, comprehending what Democracy really means, it is astonishing to see such doctrine as much of that embodied in the message of the Mayor, emanating from a Democratic functionary, and published in the English language.

FEDERAL SUPREMACY ACKNOWLEDGED. The Supreme Court has decided that it was not charged in the information against the citizens of Louisiana arraigned for violation of the rights of American citizens, that they had done so with the intent to violate these rights because the parties aggrieved were persons of color. Had this intent been charged and proven, the decision would have imposed the penalties of federal law for so doing. The discharge of these prisoners has given natural pleasure to their friends, and we, respecting the authority of the law, acquiesce in its decisions without regard to their effect upon persons or parties. We should think that those politicians who incited those prisoners to violate the law as those others who sent Klux to the State prison at Auburn would feel a deep responsibility from the risk of punishment, and the actual trouble occasioned the victims of bad advice.

The decision has, however, produced one signal and salutary effect. It has asserted the admission from those who have exerted the sovereignty of the State, that the federal government is supreme, and that the decisions of the federal tribunals is the highest power of construction known to the law. We do not know that the Piousness, as a violent partisan paper, fully comprehends the force of its own admissions when it utters the following language: "The Supreme Court of the United States has confirmed the decision of Justice Bradley in the case of the Grant parish prisoners. The announcement will be hailed with delight every where by all friends of constitutional government. The reserved rights of the States have been recognized by the highest judicial tribunal in the land; the conditions upon which the Union was founded have been reaffirmed, and the lawlessness of the party which insists upon what it calls 'the higher law' has received a final and overwhelming rebuke."

We would like some logical reasoner of the Calhoun school to analyze the fatal admissions contained in the paragraph quoted. The men who contended for "the reserved rights of the State," denied the power of the federal government, in any or all of its departments, to construe the rights of the States. They affirmed that in all cases in which the rights alleged to have been reserved were in question, the States alone had the right to judge in the last resort, of the mode and measure of construction and redress. The Southern States all affirmed this doctrine in their act of secession. They expressly denied the right of the federal government to decide the differences between the States and the government. The Legislature of Louisiana expressly asserted "the right of a sovereign State to secede or withdraw from the government of the federal union and resume her original sovereignty when in her judgment such act becomes necessary." We heard then no such doctrine as that the decree of the highest judicial tribunal in the land would be hailed with delight "by all friends of constitutional government." Had the State rights men of that period held with the organs of State rights today, they would have said: There is a question in issue between the federal and State governments. Let it be decided by the Congress or the courts of the United States.

For the Republicans, the loyal language of those who inveigh with such bitterness against the acts of the federal government gives us sincere pleasure. It is true that the escape of parties charged with deeds of political violence may have evoked this tardy recognition of a principle decided by the war, and recorded in the amendments of the federal and State constitutions, but we still hope it is a sincere conviction, and that although the Piousness lately criticized the centennial display by presenting a catalogue of scandalous imputations, without reciting a redeeming quality, we trust that it may abide by the new creed. That creed is, that the reserved rights of the States are just what the highest federal tribunal in this land shall decree them to be.

THE POLITICAL RESERVES. The various parties organized for the coming campaign indicate a condition of discontent with the principal national organization as they are represented here. The Conservative party fears to trust the Democracy with power because of the radicalism and violence which it has manifested upon so many imminent occasions within the last four years. The large and respectable body calling themselves Southern Republicans may have some reason for dissatisfaction with the regular Republican organization, while the Independents manifest a wish to advocate some practical administrative policy, or to support some nomination not obnoxious to objections for incompetency or want of integrity. We have only suggested the motives for these several and separate parties, because they propose no national affiliation and propose no issues which may not be deprived in a single campaign. Recognizing the Conservative as the representative of the old Whig element, it may be inferred that it will demand the control of any canvass conducted against the Republican party. We may even infer that if the established principles of the Republican party shall be represented by an unexceptionable ticket the Conservative party would rather see it successful than to contribute to the renewed disturbances of a Democratic administration. Our observations will be, therefore, confined to the political sections who are not satisfied with either the Republican, Conservative or Democratic organizations. We may suppose that these third or intermediate parties can hold in reserve eight or ten thousand votes. Would it not be wise that they should hold themselves in position to bestow these votes in favor of such a ticket as may be in person and in principle conformable to the moral and mental standard professed by such independent reform parties? It is not for us to suggest the mode in which this shall be done, whether by proposing nominations on the principal tickets, by scratching or compounding tickets.

We assume that a third or intermediate party can elect its ticket against the regular tickets of the contending national parties; and on that ground think that a substantial reserve, although composed of different arms of political service, may render a patriotic and decisive aid to the cause of responsible government. RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS. Were we a member of any Republican convention, club, committee, or other caucus, we should move the adoption of resolutions somewhat of this sort: WHEREAS, The Democracy, moved by a rabid thirst for the occupation of office, have devoted the public time to such scurrilous into the covert misdoings of certain dishonest men calling themselves Republicans, as may suffice to create vacancies which the Democracy expect to fill; and Whereas, The past political life of Democracy has given no assurance that they would reform the abuses which they allege to exist, but leave it to be inferred that they would bring in with them no better than others, a set of principles which have

been repudiated by the American people; therefore, be it Resolved, That the thanks of this meeting are due and are hereby tendered to the Democracy for their patriotic and disinterested services during the past year, and that the President of the United States in the investigation and exposure of official abuses which must exist in the best regulated political families. Resolved, That the Republican party, with a full, unsparring and inseparable exposure of frauds committed by a few out of the numerous office holders, will be enabled to present to the American people, at and after the next election, a register of names true to the principles inculcated by the American people, and free from the bad or doubtful names to which public courtesy has been invited. Resolved, That the Democracy, in addition to the principles deemed dangerous and repudiated by the American people, are liable to the serious objections of holding in suspense an immense amount of unknown and unsuspected political rot which will be exposed by the political detestability of the period. The exclusion of these anonymous persons and embryo defrauders from office, leaves the public without any protection whatever, and the country may be put to the painful expense of exposing and punishing a new set of offenders, and thus "burying the Union in the grave of an unsuccessful experiment."

Resolved, That the thanks of the Republican party are seriously tendered to the Democracy for the patriotic aid referred to, and that they are hereby urged and exhorted to continue the same, with the assurance that such labors in the maintenance of the Republican Union will be regarded as an honorable offset to any former efforts to destroy it. NINTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE SIXTH DISTRICT. The Fire Department of the Sixth District, with those invited to assist in the celebration of the Ninth Anniversary, will assemble at Lawrence Square, corner of Magazine and Berlin streets, On Friday, March 31, 1876, in the following order: ROBERT MAY, Grand Marshal, Aid: H. E. ARBO, Pioneer No. 1; AGOSTO HANLEY, Pioneer No. 1; JOHN E. FLYNN, Home Hook and Ladder No. 1; H. P. DAVIS, Home Hook and Ladder No. 1; JOSEPH CALLOTT, Pioneer No. 2; JOHN J. WATSON, Home Hook and Ladder No. 2; FRANK BARRETT, Young America No. 3; CHARLES WELLS, Young America No. 3. Chief Engineer and Aid: H. P. PHILLIPS, Chief Engineer; GEORGE PHILIPS, First Assistant Engineer; J. BURCE, Second Assistant Engineer. Pioneer Steam Fire Company No. 1, Home Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, Protector Steam Fire Company No. 2, Young America Fire Company No. 3. ROUTE. The procession will form in line, at the position indicated, at 10 A. M., precisely. The head of the procession will be at the intersection of Ninth to Teboupoint, up Teboupoint to Jo. Valence, out Jo. Valence, down Magazine to Charles to Eighth, out Eighth to Prytan, down Prytan to Washington to Magazine, down Magazine to Lawrence Square, where the procession will be dismissed. The Chief Engineer and Assistants will be stationed at the corner of Berlin and Magazine streets, as the companies arrive upon the ground they will promptly report through their Marshals to the Chief Engineer, who will indicate their position. As soon as the procession is formed, the Chief Engineer and Assistants will report in a body to the Chief Engineer, which will direct the companies to be struck upon all the bells connected with the Fire Department, at a signal that the procession has moved. The Marshals and the Foremen of the various companies will be stationed on the ground, as indicated, at the position indicated, at 10 A. M., at the corner of Magazine and Berlin streets. The Aid to the Grand Marshal will report to him promptly at 10 A. M., at the corner of Magazine and Berlin streets. P. S.—In case of inclemency of the weather, the procession will move as follows: Down Magazine to 8th street, up 8th street, up Teboupoint to Jo. Valence, out Jo. Valence to St. Charles, down St. Charles to Eighth, down Eighth to Prytan, down Prytan to Washington to Magazine, down Magazine to Lawrence Square, where the procession will be dismissed. 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