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## FAIR PLAY.

Under this caption, the Richmond *Dispatch* of last week, attempts a reply to an editorial of the Lynchburg *Press*, charging the Democratic party of the South, the *Dispatch* among them, with resisting the new amendments to the constitution. The *Dispatch* travels nearly two hundred miles to find a political adversary to encounter upon this question, well knowing that neither hills, valleys, or rivers intervened between it and ourselves, who have frequently made the same charges. Why it should have pulled on its league boots and strided so far, we are at a loss to know, unless it is that it fights better at a distance than it does nearer home.

In reply to its assertion that it is acting in good faith with reference to these amendments, we have to say to it in the language of Philip S. White, who, when he accused a fellow of being drunk who was staggering from one side of the street to the other, was told he was a liar, informed him he had better take down his sign. If the *Dispatch* is acting in good faith *now*, it is only recently that it has come over. Its columns are constantly filled with arguments to prove their unconstitutionality—it charges our party with having outraged the South by engrafting them into the constitution, and even in the article alluded to as a reply to the *Press*, declares that they are liable to be stricken out at any time by the provisions of the constitution. We believe that the *Dispatch*, together with the Southern branch of the Democratic party, are in favor of their revocation the moment they acquire the necessary power, upon the very principle that the constitution provides for their repeal, and will not hesitate to avail themselves of the provisions whenever it becomes possible. But a short while ago, it followed the lead of the Norfolk *Journal* urging the party here in the South of the necessity of declaring to their friends in the North, their desire and determination not to make war upon these amendments, because the Northern branch of the party was opposed to any such measure, and would not support for President, any one who countenanced such a fight. After thus pledging itself to this platform, one of the Northern papers declared that if Southern Democrats expected to make a successful campaign with the reconstruction measures of Congress declared unconstitutional, that its members North would not support them, neither could they hope to succeed. Indignant at the declaration, the *Dispatch* fired up and dealt its Northern cotemporary some severe blows about the ribs, assuring it that Southern politicians knew their business and would not be dictated to by that class.

We mention these facts to show that the conversion of the *Dispatch* if converted at all, is of recent date, and that it is our duty to take its professions on probation, for fear it might reflect by improper conduct upon our society. It holds certain opinions with reference to the war and its consequent constitutional changes, but proposes to base no action upon them. If the *Dispatch* can honestly entertain the opinion that a public measure is wrong and injurious to the interests of its party and section, and not favor the abolition of it, then we confess it possesses supernatural powers, seldom exhibited. Its skirts are clear of any violation of the constitution, and wipes its hand of the "slave robbery."

For party purposes, we might be willing to concede its statement as true, but to do justice to history, we must declare that you were the immediate cause of the robbery at the time it occurred, although, if left alone for a little longer, the controlling influences of Providence would have consummated it. Heaven had decreed that the cords which had so long bound their fettered limbs should be severed, and the combined strength of man and devil could not have prevented it.

You accomplished by the rebellion, in four years, what for more than fifty had been the prayerful efforts of philanthropists at the North; the abolition of slavery, and yet you wipe your hands of it!—We are glad they are claimed to be clean, but we imagine they are still stained with the blood of the war, in its defence, and unless you are acting in *good* faith, and we hope you are, (pardon us for being suspicious) and will cease to fight us on the question of equal rights, you may drive your mad followers into another hopeless effort to curb the progress of human civilization.

POLITICAL PROSCRIPTION.—When we are permitted to have a calm in the political storm now dashing through our streets, demolishing houses, twisting the branches from our flesh-budded trees, tearing away signs, arraying friends against friends, and brother against brother, we expect to publish a series of articles upon "political proscription and its effects upon Richmond," which we hopewill be read by those who feel an interest in our city with the same dispassionate view we have exhibited in writing them. To ask a fair consideration of this subject, at a time like the present, we feel sure would result in nothing, for the minds of our people are not ready to receive them, already furiously stirred by the great spoon of political hatred. We anticipate our articles because we feel a great interest in the subject and believe that the day is near at hand when our citizens will take a proper view of this subject and unite with us in our attempt to throttle the monster and crush it out from amongst us.

## THE STATE JOURNAL.

THE STATE JOURNAL enters upon a new career, under auspices which promise permanence and increased usefulness.

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It will not be the vehicle of personal detraction, nor be used to get its pets into office, nor to keep others out. The safety of all is in the triumph of the cause; and to secure it, all must labor zealously and devotedly, and take their chances in the general result.

Aiming to treat every member of its own party generously, it will be just to its opponents. It will discuss all questions of public interest fairly and temperately. Asserting the right earnestly and resolutely, and bating no jot or tittle of the truth which it is called to declare, it will aim to "speak the truth in love."

It will commend genius, patriotism and virtue everywhere, and be as prompt to expose corruption and imbecility in its own party as in another.

We shall advocate all measures to advance the public good, originating in our own party or outside. There are vital questions enough between us and the opposition without seeking issues where all good men should stand on common ground.

Believing popular Education to be the one crying want of our State and of the country, we shall give large space to its advocacy. To educate thoroughly all the children of the State should be the supreme and paramount work of legislation. To this sacred task we consecrate our paper. We shall plead the cause of the little ones who have no voice; and, in so pleading, we plead for the future of Virginia in whatever can make her great and glorious.

The financial condition of the country, and especially of the South, will not be neglected. We advocate a financial policy which will bring back again to the South more than its old prosperity. We are for the encouragement of a varied home industry. We are for Free Banking, under a system which makes money absolutely safe and accessible to business men at living rates. We are for such a revenue system as will preserve the public credit without imposing undue burdens upon the people.

Realizing the vast importance of mechanical and manufacturing industry, we shall labor heartily for the development of these interests, we shall give accurate and detailed information of our vast natural wealth in mines, forests, water-powers and fisheries.

Believing in the "harmony of interests," we shall endeavor to show how fully each is dependent upon the prosperity of all; that labor and capital, employer and employee, should be allies and friends, enriching each other by fraternal co-operation.

Agriculture is our pet. Fresh from a Virginia farm, which we leave lovingly and reluctantly for awhile, we have learned something of what wide and varied knowledge, what patience, economy and administrative ability it takes to make a farmer. We shall give large space to Agriculture and Horticulture.

In conclusion, we will say that we will unite cordially and earnestly with men of all parties to remove every obstacle to the moral, intellectual and physical progress of our State and nation. There are thousands of noble young men and women in the State full of grand capacity, now dormant and wasting. The old Commonwealth is sounding the drum-beat to duty. Let them shake off the night-mare of conservatism and old traditions, and march bravely to the work of this new day. So shall they make the future of Virginia worthy of the past, and themselves worthy of a great ancestry!

## REPUBLICAN NATIONAL PLATFORM.

The National Republican party of the United States, assembled in National Convention in the city of Chicago, on the 21st day of May, 1866, make the following declaration of principles:

1. We congratulate the country on the assured success of the reconstruction policy of Congress, as evinced by the adoption, in the majority of the States lately in rebellion, of constitutions securing equal civil and political rights to all; and it is the duty of the Government to sustain those institutions and to prevent the people of such States from being remitted to a state of anarchy.

2. The guaranty by Congress of equal suffrage to all loyal men at the South was demanded by every consideration of public safety, of gratitude, and of justice, and must be maintained; while the question of suffrage in all the loyal States properly belongs to the people of those States.

3. We denounce all forms of repudiation as a national crime; and the national honor requires the payment of the public indebtedness in the uttermost good faith to all creditors at home and abroad, not only according to letter, but the spirit of the laws under which it was contracted.

4. It is due to the labor of the nation that taxation should be equalized, and reduced as rapidly as the national faith will permit.

5. The national debt, contracted as it has been for the preservation of the Union for all time to come, should be extended over a fair period for redemption; and it is the duty of Congress to reduce the rate of interest thereon, whenever it can be honestly done.

6. That the best policy to diminish our burden of debt is to so improve our credit that capitalists will seek to loan us money at lower rates of interest than we now pay, and must continue to pay so long as repudiation, partial or total, open or covert, is threatened or suspected.

7. The Government of the United States should be administered with the strictest economy; and the corruptions which have been so shamefully nursed and fostered by Andrew Johnson call loudly for radical reform.

8. We profoundly deplore the untimely and tragic death of Abraham Lincoln, and regret the accession to the Presidency of Andrew Johnson, who has acted treacherously to the people who elected him and the cause he was pledged to support; who has usurped high legislative and judicial functions; who has refused to execute the laws; who has used his high office to induce other officers to ignore and violate the laws; who has employed his executive powers to render insecure the property, the peace, liberty and life of the citizen; who has abused the pardoning power; who has denounced the national legislature as unconstitutional; who has persistently and corruptly resisted, by every means in his power, every proper attempt at the reconstruction of the States lately in rebellion; who has perverted the public patronage into an engine of wholesale corruption; and who has been justly impeached for high crimes and misdemeanors, and properly pronounced guilty thereof by the vote of thirty-five Senators.

9. The doctrine of Great Britain and other European powers, that because a man is once a subject he is always so, must be resisted at every hazard by the United States, as a relic of feudal times, not authorized by the laws of nations, and at war with our national honor and independence. Naturalized citizens are entitled to protection in all their rights of citizenship, as though they were native-born; and no citizen of the United States, native or naturalized, must be liable to arrest and imprisonment by any foreign power for acts done or words spoken in this country; and, if so arrested and imprisoned, it is the duty of the Government to interfere in his behalf.

10. Of all who were faithful in the trials of the late war, there were none entitled to more especial honor than the brave soldiers and seamen who endured the hardships of campaign and cruise, and imperilled their lives in the service of the country; the bounties and pensions provided by the laws for these brave defenders of the nation are obligations never to be forgotten; the widows and orphans of the gallant dead are the wards of the people—a sacred legacy bequeathed to the nation's protecting care.

11. Foreign immigration, which in the past has added so much to the wealth, developement, and resources, and increase of power to this republic, the asylum of the oppressed of all nations, should be fostered and encouraged by a liberal and just policy.

12. This convention declares itself in sympathy with all oppressed peoples struggling for their rights.

13. That we highly commend the spirit of magnanimity and forbearance with which men who have served in the rebellion, but who now frankly and honestly co-operate with us in restoring the peace of the country and reconstructing the Southern State governments upon the basis of impartial justice and equal rights, are received back into the communion of the loyal people; and we favor the removal of the disqualifications and restrictions imposed upon the late rebels in the same measure as the spirit of disloyalty will die out, and as may be consistent with the safety of the loyal people.

14. That we recognize the great principles laid down in the immortal Declaration of Independence, as the true foundation of democratic government and we hail with gladness every effort toward making these principles a living reality on every inch of American soil.


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