

WASHINGTON ITEMS

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AN IMPORTANT LEGAL WORK

The Attorney General's Department is engaged in putting into print all the opinions and decisions of the various Federal courts during the existence of the late President. All the opinions are now in the hands of the printer and will be ready for sale in a few days.

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The Radicals and the Philadelphia Convention

Their tariff bill in danger, their constitutional amendment treated with contempt even in Tennessee, and their tenure of office seeming to be threatened by the Philadelphia Convention, the Radicals act as if they had read their doom, and are greatly troubled as to their future movements. The last plan for counteracting the effects of the Philadelphia Convention is that of organizing a convention of Hamiltons, Wardwells, Bottses, Unbelievers, and negroes. The National Intelligencer of yesterday informs us that...

MISSOURI APPOINTS DELEGATES TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

We learn from the New York News that Missouri has taken the lead in the appointment of delegates to the Convention which is to meet at Philadelphia on the 14th of August, the great Conservative State Convention which met at St. Louis on the 3d instant having appointed a full set of delegates from the State at large and from each of the congressional districts.

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The delegates selected, says the News, represent every shade of conservative opinion, and were clearly selected without any regard to party affiliations. Amongst them may be recognized many who have been prominent in national politics. The Hon. John Logan and Hon. Thomas E. Buchanan are members of the present Congress. The former Democrat, the latter a Republican. Willard P. Hall, F. A. Rozier, James S. Rollins, Louis V. Boye, Thomas L. Price, William A. Hall, Gilbert Porter, Robert Wilson, and others have filled important offices, both Federal and State, and have long been potent in their respective parties, while the bands of their chief ornaments in the persons of Samuel H. Gloss, Albert Todd, James O. Rogers, and others scarcely less distinguished for learning and virtues. While a majority of the delegates have been Republicans, and voted for Lincoln, we find among the minority many who have always adhered to the Democratic party, and who have never bent the knee to Baal.

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No more auspicious beginning of the campaign against the Radicals could have been made than that which the Convention of Missouri has just initiated. It insures their victory in that great State, and gives to the Philadelphia Convention a pre-eminence which everything conspires to make brighter and more hopeful. Verily the day is dawning, and the skies are brightening.

A DIABOLICAL PLOT

The President to Reorganize the Southern Representatives and Northern Copperheads as the True Congress—A Notable Scheme Exposed. The fourteenth of August Convention at Philadelphia was called to give seasonable shape to this project, and probably to prevent a similar and short call for a special session of Congress, when, if these rebel claimants are refused admission, Andrew Johnson will recognize them, in addition to the Democratic minorities, as the legal Congress of the United States.

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To consummate this diabolical plot there is to be a change in the National Constitution which will prevent the enforcement of any general law for the protection of the civil rights of the loyal whites and blacks. To this end the money and the offices of the people are to be used with lavish and licentious fury. No man is to be left in place who does not consent to help this nefarious scheme. Disloyal and Copperhead judges are everywhere pronouncing the Civil Rights bill unconstitutional, and the great states are being won over to the cause of the rebels.

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When the two Houses have adjourned, several courses are suggested. One is the proclamation of a general amnesty, which will save the trouble and expense of further pardons, and remit to the whole rebel population all their rights, thus enabling them to take part in the tribunal programme. Succeeding this declaration we may expect the reconstruction of the rebels' plan. In passing over the grounds of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, and the Wilderness, I came to a certain spot where a man named...

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The Washington Chronicle of yesterday furnishes us with what we suppose to be a correct copy of Wardwell's Fourth-of-July speech to the negroes, and says "it is plain but full of heart-cheering devotion to country." Here it is: Fellow-citizens, this is the first of July I have known to be celebrated in Richmond as it should be. I feel incompetent to address you on such an occasion; still I thank you for honoring me with this call. That flag—the stars and stripes—is not the flag of the North or of the South, the white man or the black man. Having been thoroughly washed and cleansed of the foul stain of a dirty name, it will now fly for the benefit of the world's best flag.

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Abraham Lincoln, the nation's noblest man, called you to defend that flag. Manfully did you respond to that call, and bravely did you defend the unconquered and unconquerable old banner. It is my flag; it is your flag. We must and will defend it.

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Under the blessings of God, and by virtue of the American bayonet, wielded by loyal white and black hands, I am allowed to call this meeting my home, this lady my wife, these boys my sons. Gentlemen, I do not forget those to whom I am under obligations; when placed in a dirty jail the black man did not forsake me. No! no! you were my friends in time of great trouble. I have solemnly pledged myself never to ask any blessing of my God without remembering you. I will not enjoy, and with indulgence shall secure you, and all rights and privileges which are not granted to you.

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Proud have I been when I have seen American traitors put to flight and death by loyal American black men. Fellow-citizens, the eye of the world is upon you; yes, more than the world. High up in heaven, near God's own right hand, stand the early advocates of American liberty; they, too, are looking on you. In the name of the thousands who have fallen for the cause of freedom, I beg you to be worthy of the sacrifices made for you. The blood shed that America might be free. Notwithstanding the battle is fought, the victory won, still there is a great work yet to be accomplished. Be always obedient to the law; be good citizens, as well as soldiers. Again I thank you; and may I prove as true to you as you have to me and our country's cause. Gentlemen, good-bye.

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