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In the Way of Becoming Traitors.

There are a great many Locofocos about town who rejoice over every additional bold and successful act of treason in South Carolina and other Southern States. These Locofocos are smarting under their recent defeat at the ballot box, and, it may be, would rejoice to see the Republicans defeated even at the expense of the dishonor and destruction of the Government if need be. They evidently hope that secession will gather such strength by the 4th of March that the Republican Administration will have to accept the terms dictated by armed traitors or fight to protect the National Government. They do not seem to be aware that they are rejoicing with the enemies of their country, and are in a path that, if followed long, may lead them into the position of tories and traitors.

Coercion.

The only kind of *coercion* we are in favor of is for the people to *coerce* the Republican leaders at Washington into a compromise which shall save the country. No other coercion will do it, and we are for applying it right vigorously.—[Cin. Enq.

You are a fine patriot and a model Democrat. You would have those whom the people have sustained at the ballot-box surrender to the armed traitors, who defy the Government, have seized upon its fortresses, torn down its flags, and fired upon its ships! You would effectually blot out the verdict of the sovereign people at the ballot box!

The Working Classes at the North.

The Boston Transcript, noticing the belief that prevails at the South, that the working classes at the North are on the brink of starvation, after stating that they have in the savings institutions of Massachusetts forty-two or forty-three millions of dollars, thus alludes to the manufacturing business:

"Our cotton mills are now working nearly to their full capacity, with the prospect of a demand from the west for their productions which will amply compensate for loss of Southern trade. Take the whole of New England, and there are fewer mechanics and operatives unemployed than in the hard times of 1857, and there is less destitution—none, in fact, which cannot be readily relieved by the usual charitable and benevolent agencies. There is nothing more absurd in the ideas of the secessionists than their insane notion that the North is entirely dependent upon their staple for its commercial and business prosperity.

☞In the Senate on the 11th Crittenden's resolutions were up for discussion. Hunter made a speech in which he said the Union was already dissolved and laying down his programme for its reconstruction at a future day on a slave property basis.

In the House, after some private business, the civil appropriation bill was passed, and the navy appropriation bill was taken up.

New York Tenders Men and Money.

The New York Legislature has, by large majorities in both branches, passed resolutions tendering the President of the United States whatever aid in men and money he may require to enable him to enforce the laws and uphold the authority of the General Government.

Exchange.

In St. Louis on the 10th Exchange was firm. Dealers bought at 5 and sold at higher rates. Illinois currency was 1 per cent. discount, though so scarce that bankable funds were paid out in some cases on checks.

In Chicago on the 10th Exchange went up to 7 per cent., and it was expected to be as high as 8 on the 11th.

MR. LINCOLN'S P. M. GENERAL.—The Chicago Tribune of the 11th says it seems to be generally understood that Gideon Wells, of Connecticut, will be Mr. Lincoln's Postmaster General.

SOUTHERN FORTRESSES.—The Washington correspondent of the Tribune says that Pensacola, Key West and Hampton Roads, three of the most important positions in the South are well guarded with a sufficient force to protect them against the Revolutionists.

☞Mayor Wood, in his message recommending the secession of the City from the State of New York, is but carrying out the programme agreed upon by the officeholders and secessionists some months ago, to create general confusion, overthrow the Government and plunder the Treasury.

☞Simon F. Noyes, for two years a resident of Memphis, Tenn., but formerly a resident of Jersey City, was ordered to leave the State Tennessee a few days ago, because he entertained Black Republican proclivities.

The Anderson Resolution.

The following is the resolution which passed the House of Representatives in Washington, on the 7th inst., by a vote of 124 to 56.

Resolved, That we fully approve the bold and patriatic act of Maj. Anderson in withdrawing from Ft. Moultrie to Ft. Sumter, the determination of the President to maintain that fearless officer in his present position, and we will support the President in all constitutional measures to enforce the laws and preserve the Union.

☞It is reported that Mrs. Douglas made a bet of a hundred dollars during the late canvass that she would sleep with the next President, on the night of the 4th of March. There will be a fuss in the family, probably, if she undertakes to "go in and win."

The Seminal Principle of Evil.

The following extract from a sermon of the Rev. Thos. Smyth, of the Presbyterian Church of Charleston, South Carolina, strikes at the root of the evil of which the secessionists complain; and in order to satisfy the slaveholders the North will be required to redress the original grounds of grievance. Mr. Smyth said:

Now, to me, pondering long and profoundly upon the course of events, the evil and bitter root of all our evils is to be found in the infidel, atheistic, French Revolution, Red Republican principle, embodied as an axiomatic seminal principle—in the Declaration of Independence. That seminal principle is this: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; and that to secure these rights, governments were instituted by God, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed," and so on to inevitable consequences.

Now, let us trace the progressive development of this atheistic, revolutionary and anarchic principle.

First, it led to universal suffrage—that is, it put the government of this country into the hands of a majority.

And what, we ask, could finally be the result of this higher law—that is, this majority and equality-principle—but anarchy, prodigality, profanity, Sabbath profanation, vice and ungodliness in every monstrous form, and in the end the corruption and overthrow of the Republic?

The Texas Legislature Convened in Extra Session.

Governor Houston, of Texas, has convened the Legislature of that State, in extra session, at Austin, on Monday, the 21st of January. Here is his proclamation:

Whereas, There has been, and yet is, great excitement existing in the public mind, arising from various causes, touching our relations with the Federal Government and many of the States, and a portion of the people having expressed a desire that the Legislature should be convened in extra session; and whereas, the Executive desires that such measures should be adopted as will secure a free expression of the popular will through the ballot box, upon the question at issue, involving their peace, interest, security and happiness, and the action of the whole people made known in relation to the course which it may be proper and necessary for Texas, as one of the States of the Union, to pursue, in order to maintain, if possible, her rights in the Union, as guaranteed by the Federal Constitution; and, whereas, our frontier is now invaded by Indians, and the lives of our citizens taken, and their property destroyed; and whereas, the Treasury is without means either to defend the frontier, or meet ordinary expenses of government:

Now, therefore, I Sam Houston, Governor of the State of Texas, for the reasons herein set forth, do hereby issue this, my proclamation, ordering the Legislature of the State of Texas to convene in extra session at the capitol, in the city of Austin, on Monday, the 21st day of January, A. D. 1861.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State, at Austin, this, the 17th day of December, A. D. 1860, and in the year of Independence of the U. S. the 85th, and of Texas the 25th.

{L. S.}

By order of the Governor:

SAM HOUSTON.

E. W. CAVE, Sec'y of State.

Difficulties in the Way of Burning Andy Johnson in Effigy at Knoxville, Tenn.

Brownlow's paper of last week contains the following:

On the night of Jan. 1st it was rumored through our town that preparations were making at the office of Gen. Ramsey to have Gov. Johnson hung and burned in effigy on Gay-st. It was soon ascertained that the effigy was dressed and in readiness at the wholesale liquor house of one Dreyfous, a foreign Jew, who holds forth about two doors south of Ramsey's office. Our citizens—and among them the best men in the place, and irrespective of parties—collected on Gay street, with clubs, pistols, and other "implements of husbandry," and notified the disunionists concerned in this disgraceful work that it could not be carried out without the loss of some blood. They desisted, and now have their *representatives* of a Tennessee Senator in keeping for future work, in this breathing hole of hell, where villainous liquors are prepared for those whose fancy the beverage. And we predict that if Governor Johnson is ever burned in effigy in Knoxville, it will have to be done in such a private, sneaking, and cowardly manner as to make it anything but creditable to those concerned. The must burn it as they would a man's house.

Another Voice from the South:

A merchant in New York, who recently received a letter from a wealthy planter in Alabama, has furnished the New York Times the following extract. The writer says:

ALABAMA, Dec. 24, 1860.

• • • "As to ourselves, Union men, we dare not utter a word—though I do; and have been repeatedly told that 'nothing but my gray head saves me.' Life is worth nothing, and I can only compare our situation to the reign of terror of the first French Revolution. My wife and children are almost crazy from fright, at the hourly prospect of a negro rising, which some of the executed men (negroes and whites) have confessed would take place about Christmas. If we could get our families to the North, we would do it; but even this movement would excite suspicion. And now to our imbecile Government. Speaking as they do of wishing to avoid bloodshed, why, there is not bread enough here to last sixty days, and the shortest way to put a stop to all our sufferings would be, to block up the ports, and break up the mail communication, which would stop the supply of bread and salt, and then the very leaders of this secession movement would be fried in their own fat."

☞Several car loads of goods have passed over the Bellefontaine road within the last few days, on their return to the East, from whence they were shipped South. There was a car load in the city yesterday on its way back to Rochester, N. Y., from Nashville. The boxes had not been opened.—[Indianapolis Sen.

☞A private letter received in Washington from Fort Jefferson, Key West, says: "Five Spanish vessels are lying off the harbor. Their purpose is not known, but the supposition there is, that they meditate an attack on the Mexican coast. The United States cruising vessel having been withdrawn, the people there are in a defenceless condition."

LATER FROM EUROPE.

HALIFAX, Jan. 11.

The R. M. steamship America from Liverpool, 29th, has arrived. She has £162,000 in specie.

The Paris correspondent of the London Herald says the warlike preparations of France are on a far larger scale than at the same period of 1858. Sardinia is purchasing steamers in France to convert them into men of war and transports. A Berlin letter states that for some weeks past the purchase of horses had been made in Eastern Prussia for the French and Piedmontese governments.

The Empress Eugenie is not allowed to attend Cabinet meetings as formerly.

The siege of Gaeta continues day and night; the garrison replied.

A decree constitutes the provinces of Naples, Sicily, the Marches and Umbria as integral parts of the State of Sicily.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE—Liverpool, Friday.—Richardson, Spense & Co., quote the market quiet, giving in to the holidays.

Flour firm and advancing. Wheat advancing—white 13@14. Corn quiet and 6d higher; mixed and yellow 39s 3d; white 40@41. Wakefield, Nash & Co., report flour advanced 6 1. Wheat 1@2d, and holders of corn demand an advance that was not conceded. Breadstuffs steady and firm. Provision market dull.

Proceedings at the Capital.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.

A dispatch from Keitt to the secessionists gives the details of the firing, and says that four balls struck the steamer's hull. A portion of the dispatch was confidential to Southern Senators, but it is understood that it urges them to remain in their seats to defeat the objectionable legislation and the confirmation of McIntyre as Collector of the port of Charleston. Senator Wigfall publicly declares that no ship without the Palmetto flag will be able to enter Charleston until every gun of Fort Moultrie is dismounted.

Reliable authority says that the Star of the West will be sent to Charleston, unless the President changes his mind, with ample naval force to engage the several batteries while she runs in and lands her men and cargo. It is intimated in official circles that the steam revenue cutter Harriet Lane and the frigate Brooklyn will both accompany her in her next effort.

Mr. Pearce has yielded to outside pressure and united in a request for convening the Legislature of Maryland. Gov. Hicks still resists. The disunion movement in Baltimore is headed by Custom House officers, who are the special friends of Mr. Thomas, Sec'y of the Treasury.

Much remark is excited by the transfer of $800,000 in specie from the Sub-Treasury in New York to this city, without any sufficient reason being assigned. This unusual proceeding is not understood in financial circles, and the pretended explanations are by no means satisfactory.

Last night Mrs. Foster and Mrs. Doubleday, wives of officers in Ft. Sumter, arrived by the Southern boat. It is stated that the Charleston people refused to harbor them in that city.

It is generally credited that Gen. Dix will be appointed Sec'y of the Interior, if indeed his appointment be not already made. The President is not disposed to select any Southern man.

From Washington.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.

A Washington dispatch to the Commercial says an earnest effort will be made in the Senate to order the investigation through the Judiciary Com. into the charge of a treasonable plot to establish a Southern Confederacy, with its seat of government at Washington.

Mr. Trescott has come here with pacific overtures from Governor Pickens of South Carolina.

An angry interview is said to have taken place between Gen. Scott and Toombs, in which the former used some plain but not dignified language.

A despatch to the Post says the United States steamer Fulton has sailed with orders to see the Star of the West safe in the harbor of Charleston.

From St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 11.

The object of the appearance of U. S. soldiers at the sub-treasury office is still involved in mystery. Crowds surrounded the custom house all day, but more curiosity than excitement was manifested. Many rumors prevailed, but nothing of a reliable character can be stated. Everything is quiet at present.

Forts Seized.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 11.

Ft. Jackson and Ft. Phillip, at the entrance of Lake Ponchatrain, were seized by New Orleans troops to-day. Troops from New Orleans also took possession of the arsenal at Baton Rouge to-day at 12 o'clock, no resistance being offered.

Taking Possession of the Custom House.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 11.

By order of Gen. Scott, a detachment of forty Federal troops, under Lieut. Robinson, took possession of the Sub Treasury, Custom House and Postoffice building early this morning. Everything quiet.

High Price of Coal.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 11.

The high price obtained for coal at Charleston has induced persons in this city to attempt sending a ship load of it there, but ship owners refuse to take it, though five dollars a ton freight is offered.

From Florida.

MONTGOMERY, Jan. 10.

It is reported here on reliable authority that Florida will pass the secession ordinance to-day.

Henry Winter Davis to go into the Cabinet.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.

The Tribune states as a fact that H. W. Davis has been tendered a seat in Mr. Lincoln's Cabinet.

Alabama Secedes.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Jan. 11.

The ordinance of secession was passed at 2 30 p. m. Cannons are firing, bells are ringing, and the city is in a blaze of enthusiasm.

South Carolina.

CHARLESTON, Jan. 11.

The excitement here has somewhat abated in consequence of pacific news from Washington. The enlistment of soldiers still goes on, but all is quiet. The Legislature did nothing to-day.

Gen. Dix in the Cabinet.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.

Gen. Dix was to-day nominated and unanimously confirmed as Sec'y of the Treasury. The Cabinet is now a unit.

Driving Out Poor White Men.

The Mobile Mercury, of the 27th ult., a leading secession organ in Alabama, comes to us with a leading article headed "Vigilance Needed," and among other things, says:

"2d. Slaves are constantly associating with *low white people who are not slave owners.* Such people are dangerous to a community, and should be made to leave our city."

This is the spirit of secession! All white people who do not own negroes, are "low white people"—they are dangerous to any community, and ought to be made leave the cities and towns and States where they are! This accords with Rhett,s doctrine of allowing none to vote but those who own land or negroes. This doctrine will be avowed in Tennessee, by the secessionists, in less than six months. No wonder they are down upon Andy Johnson! He opposes a privileged order of this sort.—[Parson Brownlow's paper, Jan. 5th.

☞COUGHS.—The sudden changes of our climate are sources of Pulmonary, Bronchial and Asthmatic affections. Experience having proved that simple remedies often act speedily and certainly when taken in the early stages of the disease, recourse should at once be had to "BROWN'S BRONCHIAL TROCHES," or Lozenges, let the Cold, Cough, or Irritation of the Throat be ever so slight, as by this precaution a more serious attack may be effectually warded off. PUBLIC SPEAKERS and SINGERS will find them effectual for clearing and strengthening the voice. See advertisement.

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