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Epitaph for the Late American Republic. Here lies a people, who, in attempting to liberate the negro, lost their own freedom.

LINCOLN HAS SPOKEN.

His Governmental Policy Unveiled.

He Goes for Taking the Southern War Inevitable!

The President elect has finally opened his mouth, and as Mr. Partisnon would say, got his foot into it. He made a stump speech to the crowd on his arrival at Indianapolis yesterday, in which he unwittingly, we think, unveiled his whole Federal policy in regard to Secession. If it was good policy in him not to write a letter on the disturbing topics of the day, we should say it was equally good policy not to speak upon the same subjects yesterday, the drums and shouts of the crowd, carried away all his ministerial reserves, waked the "old war horse" in him and he made a regular stump speech, instead of delivering a diplomatic Presidential address.

His idea of coercion may be gathered from the following extract:

Would marching an army into South Carolina with hostile intent be invasion? I think it would, and it would be coercion also, if the South Carolinians were forced to receive it. But if the United States should merely hold and relate its own forts, and collect the duties, or withhold the mails where they were habitually violated; would any or all these things be invasion or coercion? Do professional Union-lovers resolved to resist coercion, understand that such things as these, on the part of the United States, would be coercion or invasion. If they do, their idea of preservation is exceedingly thin and airy.

That tells the story. The Federal forts are to be retained, the Southern ports blocked, and the Federal duties collected. This of course will take any amount of hard fighting and a large draft upon the blood and treasure of the country. There is no mistaking this language, and this speech will be read throughout the South today with the greatest alarm. The Cotton States will look upon it as the declaration of war, and will take immediate measures to resist the shock. The Border States, pledged against coercion, will assume the position of armed neutrality, and will see for a parley with the advancing chieftain of the Black Republican party.

The whole programme of the Peace Congress, the Peace Committee and the Peace Measures of Congress are knocked into a cocked hat by this war speech, and long before Mr. Lincoln reaches Washington he will be required to modify his views, or he will be stopped from the crossing of Mason & Dixon's line.

Mr. Lincoln's policy, had it been timely adopted, might have been both right and expedient; but events have so far progressed as to change the aspect of the position, and now it is to the government and to decide whether the revolution has not been too successful to be called any longer a rebellion. When these Colonies fully achieved their independence they were treated as equals by the Mother Country. Mr. Lincoln leaves no doubt of his intention to subjugate the Cotton States and the whole South if he can, and conquer a peace at whatever expense it may be to the country. Nons versus!

OBITUARY.

The National Democrat Dead—Old Flood Defunct—Johnston and Ben. Harrington on the Sick List.

Let the bell toll for the National Democrat, who has departed this life, and for the old Flood, who has been defunct for some time.

The National Democrat, established in this city by Mr. Johnson, the Marshal, and Ben. Harrington, the Post Master, to destroy Douglass, has put down the PLAIN DEALER, and the old Flood, and has branched its last morning after a sickly existence of two years, one month and seven days.

By a species of black mailing on federal officials, JOHNSON and HARRINGTON have succeeded in keeping this thing going until finding their own terms of office about to expire, and having no influence beyond their commissions, barked out of its publication themselves, and let FLOOD finish it alone. This is the tenth paper we are told that FLOOD has run into the ground. He is emphatically the Sexton to the profession. He is death to the printers and his pen is poison to the people.

He proposes to furnish "The Oracle," "Merry Dandy's" paper, in place of the Democrat. This sheet is worse than the first. Both are Lecomp-ton bantlings, weakly and sickly, and not what the people want. It is the dead burying the dead, and both sink.

Roll of Honor.

KELLOGG, of Illinois, enters the roll of honor with the DIXONS, CLEMENSES and JOHNSONS. When speaking of a compromise line to save the country,

Mr. FARNWORTH (Rep. Ill.) asked his colleague whether he favored slavery South of the line?

Mr. KELLOGG replied that he would adhere to the line with all his legal and logical consequences. In further response to a question from Mr. Farnsworth, he reminded that gentleman that the (Farnsworth) voted for the Crittenden-Monrocy amendment, which embodied a provision to admit Kansas with slavery in the constitution, if the people should so determine.

Mr. FARNWORTH said he knew the people would not so determine.

Mr. KELLOGG resumed, saying that he voted for that amendment, and that he recognized the principle it embodied. He did not care whether his proposition was found in the Breckinridge, Douglas or Republican platform. It was enough for him if it suits the country. [loud applause.]

It is refreshing to see patriotism rise above party. This rousing a country like ours to sustain a "principle" and that of doubtful soundness, is like a man in this city who once said he was opposed to working at five shillings a day on "principle," and would stick to "principle" if his family starved.

When a man has the alternative presented to support his dignity or his family, the choice should not be difficult, especially if it involved no undoubted moral principle.

The Insurrection Union Bill.

The gentleman who were getting up the grand Union Insurrection Bill on the 4th of March, have progressed finely thus far in their work, and it promises to be a complete success. A plan has been prepared for the temporary building to be erected for the purpose on the occasion, on Judiciary Square, and the design is an admirable one, as it will afford ample accommodations for a large number of people. The site chosen is one just in front of the barracks recently erected near the City Hall for the use by one of the artillery companies recently stationed here by order of Gen. Scott. The expense of the hall is estimated at from twenty to twenty-five thousand dollars.

The modest Carl Schurz sends the following dispatch:

NORWALK, Ohio, Feb. 1, 1862. Gov. RYDALL—Appoint Commissioners to the Peace Convention at Washington. Myself one to strengthen our side."

Mr. Hunt contradicts the statement in the New York Times, that F. Sumner has been secretly reinforced.

The "Confederator."

In the Southern Confederation, a constitution has been adopted to continue in force one year from and after the inauguration of the Provisional President elected under it, said constitution being substantially that of our United States. It embraces, however, a section expressly forbidding the African slave trade, a provision giving to Congress the power to prohibit the introduction of slaves from any State not a member of the Confederation, a rigid provision for the reclamation of fugitive slaves, and a provision for the settlement of all matters between the States of the new Confederation, "had their late confederates of the United States, in relation to the public property and the public debt" of the late Union, at the time of the separation respectively of the former States from the latter.

This puts a quietus on the charge that the reopening of the slave trade was the greatest object in view South.

But the power with which the Provisional Congress of the Southern Confederation is invested, "to prohibit the introduction of slaves from any State not a member of the Confederation," involves a very significant stroke of policy. It is simply a warning to the border slave States, and to North Carolina and Tennessee, that in making their election between the General Government at Washington and that at Montgomery, they must act upon the alternative of losing or retaining the profitable market for their surplus slaves which they have thus far possessed in the cotton States.

Virginia sells perhaps fifteen millions worth a year and Maryland does a heavy business that way as well as Kentucky and Missouri. But King Cotton must remember that Virginia is no more anxious to sell than the South is to buy.

But there it is. The systematic initiative government of an independent Southern Confederation, organized, located, and in practical operation within fifty days from what was considered the ridiculous secession ordinance of South Carolina.

The South Continuing to Cuba.

CLEVELAND, 28th January, 1862. EDITOR OF THE PLAIN DEALER—DEAR SIR—I wish to say a few words on the secession of the slave States to gain by leaving the free States? I will answer to you as I understand their minds.—They think they will get Cuba by treaty or conquest, Mexico by treaty, as well as trade to all parts of the world, direct with them, instead of going by New York and other Northern ports; but they are reckoning without their hosts, as Cuba will be ruled by the blacks—Spain having come to the conclusion that she will not sell or give up to any one except the blacks, who have agreed to pay and give allegiance to Spain, by allowing them to choose their rulers, such sums as may be agreed upon by treaty this is now made, and to take effect when Spain thinks proper, or a demonstration is made to take it by the United States or Northern States. As to Mexico, they have a colored President already, and will never agree to unite with slavery of any kind, much more colored. Then as to trade, that will be free to those that can do it best and cheapest, and any one who knows anything about building and fitting out and manning the cotton States will see that the North has nothing to fear by the South's seceding, while the South has everything to fear from outside, as well as inside pressure, for the border States will be chosen, as soon as they get rid of their slaves, by selling them South or moving South with them, come into a Northern confederacy, which would leave the cotton States with a large number of slaves and Cuba and San Domingo to see, that they would want to come back faster than they went out for protection from their slaves.

Yours, for TRUTH AND JUSTICE.

Speech of Hon. A. H. Stevens at Montgomery, Ala., Feb. 10.—The Hon. A. H. Stevens said in response to a serenade last evening. For though we meet as strangers from different parts of the world, we are one people, citizens of a common country. Allow me briefly and sincerely to return my unfeigned thanks for this compliment. The state of my health and voice and the night air here, for reasons, prevent me from doing more. This is not the time nor place to discuss the great question now pressing on the public mind.

It is sufficient to say that this new republic has been formed, the Confederate States of America have been ushered into existence to the great joy and satisfaction of the nations of the earth, and that the new provisional government is its true but soon to be followed by one of a permanent character which will surrender to the people the rights and liberties which they more perfectly we trust, for peace, order and domestic tranquility. That ought to be the object of all Governments.

The future of this new government? The fate of this new Republic will depend upon ourselves. Six States only at present constitute it, but six stars yet appear in our constellation, and the remaining States, if the provisional government may have no greater number than the original 13 of the original Union, with more than three times their population, wealth and power. With such a beginning the prospect of the future presents strong hopes to the patriotic heart for bright prospect in our career, but what the future shall be depends upon ourselves and those who shall come after us.

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Washington Despatches to the Press.

GOVERNOR LESCHER OF VIRGINIA. The happiest visitor at Washington, for under two weeks past has been Governor Lecher, who, after remaining two days, returned to Richmond last evening. The result of the late election on the part of the Governor, as he has announced, has led him to believe that the Seceder had carried the Virginia compromise, they intended to establish a Provisional Government, and to declare the place of Governor of Virginia vacant, but honest John was too much for them. He threw himself upon the people, and with the aid of Millon, Gleason, Harris, Dr. Hoffman, and others, conquered his enemies and the enemies of the country.

THE REPORT ON THE STOLEN BONDS. The long-looked-for report of the committee of five, appointed to investigate the facts connected with the stolen bonds, through the agency of Gov. Floyd, will be presented to the House tomorrow morning by the indefatigable chairman of the committee, Hon. J. Y. Morris of Ill.

THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF THE SOUTH. The election of Jefferson Davis as President, and Andrew Pickens as Vice-President of the Provisional Southern Government, has been understood here as an attempt to unite the conservative with the radical element in the new Confederation. Davis is a Virginian, and Pickens is a South Carolinian. They are both gentlemen in their way, and as they antagonized each other in the late campaign, will be able to co-operate in the future.

MR. LINCOLN'S HISTORICAL ADDRESS. Great hopes are entertained that Mr. Lincoln, in his inaugural address, will suggest a resolution of the people, to which our national troubles may be referred. I have some reason to believe that he will do so.

THE SOUTH CONTINUING TO CUBA. CLEVELAND, 28th January, 1862. EDITOR OF THE PLAIN DEALER—DEAR SIR—I wish to say a few words on the secession of the slave States to gain by leaving the free States? I will answer to you as I understand their minds.—They think they will get Cuba by treaty or conquest, Mexico by treaty, as well as trade to all parts of the world, direct with them, instead of going by New York and other Northern ports; but they are reckoning without their hosts, as Cuba will be ruled by the blacks—Spain having come to the conclusion that she will not sell or give up to any one except the blacks, who have agreed to pay and give allegiance to Spain, by allowing them to choose their rulers, such sums as may be agreed upon by treaty this is now made, and to take effect when Spain thinks proper, or a demonstration is made to take it by the United States or Northern States. As to Mexico, they have a colored President already, and will never agree to unite with slavery of any kind, much more colored. Then as to trade, that will be free to those that can do it best and cheapest, and any one who knows anything about building and fitting out and manning the cotton States will see that the North has nothing to fear by the South's seceding, while the South has everything to fear from outside, as well as inside pressure, for the border States will be chosen, as soon as they get rid of their slaves, by selling them South or moving South with them, come into a Northern confederacy, which would leave the cotton States with a large number of slaves and Cuba and San Domingo to see, that they would want to come back faster than they went out for protection from their slaves.

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