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WM. E. PELL, PROPRIETOR.

THE BUCCANEER BUTLER INQUIRER.

"It seems to be pretty well settled that a good deal of money was floating about Washington during the last days of the impeachment trial, and Managers Butler and Stevens are confident that some of it can be traced to the pockets of Senators who voted for acquittal. It is not very probable, to be sure, that it was sent to Washington just at that time, and under the circumstances that then existed, for the ordinary purposes of legitimate business. But it must be remembered that a good deal of illegitimate business springs up on such occasions. There is always, for example, a large crowd of gamblers and quasi-gamblers who avail themselves of all events which create a general and sharp public interest to make bets on the result—their main object being to make money. Of course it thus becomes their interest, as well as that of all whom they can interest in the business, to secure the result which enables them to win their wages. In this way many thousands of dollars are always employed on such occasions. We have no doubt that a dozen names might be given of as many well known in this city who are always present at a horse-race, or any other exciting event of which the issue is doubtful, and who were present at the close of impeachment, for the purpose of making money by betting on the result. And we presume that a good deal of money which seems to have been floating about at that time was used for that purpose."—*N. Y. Express.*

We confess our inability to see how any honest, fair-minded man can endorse this extraordinary doctrine. If the Southern States are still at all, they have the same right to regulate the question of suffrage within their own limits as those of the North. It is not States, however, that they are allowed to ratify amendments to the Constitution of the United States—a function that can only be exercised by a State. The simple fact is, the Radical party leaders are afraid to declare in favor of negro suffrage, by act of Congress or otherwise, in nine-tenths of the so-called loyal States; but availing themselves of the defences condition of the South, ruled by five military deserts, they override the Constitution, and by the coercive power of the bayonet, exert upon four millions of negroes the elective franchise, which is several of the Southern States gives them absolute political supremacy. We do not believe that the intelligent and patriotic people of the country will support any such platform, no matter what candidates may stand upon it.—*Washington Express.*

THE CHICAGO PLATFORM.

Plaque No. 2 in the platform constructed by the Radical Convention at Chicago is as follows:

"The guarantee 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."

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