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REPUBLICAN PROSPECTS.

We may as well look in the face the significant fact that serious obstructions lie between the Republicans and the possession of the next House of Representatives. The loosening of parties exhibited in the late elections in Vermont and Maine cannot be misinterpreted, and, unless some remedy for these new disorders is found, we may look forward to more serious trouble in the elections which are before us. It is certain that the Democrats and the Greenbackers are inclined to coalesce in most parts of the country, and so far as elections have occurred up to the present time the tendency of this new and extraordinary coalition has been to supplant Republican members. The vote last week in the state of Maine, as we write, indicates that we have lost two members of Congress, and that their places are supplied by two Greenbackers, while the election of Governor is thrown into the legislature, the character of which is not yet decided. Enough already appears to convince one that if these proceedings continue the Republicans will lose the House by a very large majority.

It is gratifying, therefore, to observe that there is among the Republicans in most states a disposition to preserve their unity and reconcile existing differences. New York has set a noble example, where the leaders of the two wings of the party, such as Mr. Conkling and Mr. Everts, have declared for peace, and for the burying of grievances in the common purpose of a Republican success. It only remains to complete in other states the same plans as are fixed upon in New York to change the whole face of affairs.

It is not now a time to quarrel about what has occurred during the present administration. The unity of the Republican party, the inflexible adherence to its old principles, and the getting in a position to put an end to such outrages as have characterized the present House is of more importance than anything else. Mr. Conkling and Mr. Everts perceive this and take the lead in that better style of "conciliation." Nor is it the special occasion on which Republicans ought to spend time in brooding over the blunders of the past, great as we acknowledge them to be. Without desiring particularly to force anybody upon the stool of repentance just now, we take the liberty of saying that the Republican party would be much better off if it could blot out a good deal of the history for which it has been made responsible in the last twenty months. We southern Republicans being especial victims, might be pardoned for a little grumbling even now, on our own special account. But even we are willing to forget and forgive injuries, and to suppress rising complaints, in this period if we can do anything toward restoring the country to a condition of safety, and retarding the conspiracies that are now on foot. We would be glad if we could save several of the Congressional districts which the Democrats now hold illegally in the south, having obtained possession of them by fraud and crime. We think there are at least fifteen districts which ought to be carried by the Republicans, and which would be if we could have fair elections, so that what is lost by the defections in Maine and other northern states may be balanced by southern districts now held by the Democrats under the bondage of fraud and intimidation.

THE VIEWS OF A NATIONAL DEMOCRAT OF THE LEADERS OF THE STATE DEMOCRACY.

It is written, that "The ways of Providence are past finding out," and generally acknowledged that the ways of the democratic leaders of the South are nearly so. It sometimes happens, however, that the murky clouds that separate the democratic leaders from the great mass of their voters are dispelled for an instant and their diabolical exposure.

A writer in the *National*, a newspaper published at Raleigh in the interest of the Independents, who evidently knows of "the tricks that are dark," from long affiliation with the democratic party, it not suiting his purpose at the present time to have the masses of the Democracy believe in the apostolic succession of its leaders, gives a few plain truths of how things work for the edification of his friends.

Here it is: Eight years have elapsed since the re-ascension of Democracy to power in the law making branch of the State. Nearly two years have passed away since the control of the Executive Department has been in their hands. We ask the candid men of North Carolina: If any change for the better has taken place? Has the labor of the country been increased? Have the mercantile interests of the State been benefited? Has not the working man been worse off than he was? What has become of the right of the people of Raleigh and other cities and towns of North Carolina to elect their own Mayors?—taken away by the Democratic party. What has become of the right of the people of the different counties of the State to say

who shall disburse the money paid to the several county Treasurers for the government of said counties—taken away by the Democratic party.

Who has become of the right of the people to elect their own Justices of the Peace?—taken away by the Democratic party?

Who has exempted the rich lawyer's libraries and salaries to the amount of \$1,500, and laid a tax upon the poor laboring man's working tools?—the Democratic party. We said that the Democratic party has done those things, and a hundred others detrimental to the working classes. We beg pardon. We do not mean that. We mean to say that the men who claimed to be the leaders of the Democratic party have done those things. The men who constituted the real Democratic party of North Carolina had no hand in these great outrages. They were deceived. How were they deceived? They have been deceived by electing to office designing lawyers and political tricksters—men who care nothing for the genuine principles of Democracy except so far as they can use them to impose upon the unsophisticated. We tell the bone and sinew of the State, that the men who have betrayed them under the disguise of Democracy, make it their study to do so. They assemble together and patch up platforms and resolutions with which to gull and mislead with no intention or desire to carry out what they profess.

THE PERIL.

The Chicago *Inter-Ocean* speaking of the Southern claims has this to say: The rebel claims now before Congress aggregate about \$200,000,000. These are of a character not barred by the constitutional amendments, and are subject to the action of Congress, without appeal to any other tribunal.

The *Inter-Ocean* ventures the prediction that the advent of a Democratic majority in both houses of Congress will signalize the opening of legislation which will result in the payment of these claims. And when once the gate is opened the amount named will prove but the beginning of the flood. Then will come the aggregation for the payment of slaves, the pensioning of rebel soldiers, etc., etc., until our own debt will be lost sight of in the magnitude of this raid upon the public treasury. Do our readers appreciate the dangers of this movement? It is not a secret by any means, though frank avowals of the design are suppressed by the leaders of the Democratic party as far as possible. They cannot prevent the least discreet members of their party from speaking out, however, and so we have from numerous Southern sources the open confession that this is to be the object of their political ascendancy, and that "conciliation can only come through the recognition of their claims by the North."

We do not believe, by any means, that every Democratic member of Congress will support such a raid. Neither are we sure that every Republican will stand firm in the midst of temptation in opposition to such claims. But as a rule, we can depend upon the latter to vote steadily and persistently against the scheme, while unfortunately, the former, owing to party association and the necessity of "harmony," cannot be counted on to resist the majority of their own party associates. The opening will be insignificant; some minor claim will be denominated just, the claimant loyal, and the amount demanded will be small. This successful, the precedent established, and the work will begin in earnest. And it is not long before the Democratic majority will be in a position to vote steadily and persistently against the scheme, while unfortunately, the former, owing to party association and the necessity of "harmony," cannot be counted on to resist the majority of their own party associates.

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Treason Standards and Threats.

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"The South is marching on!" "Mark that!" The future belongs to us and ours. Davis and his Cabinet and his soldiers will rank with the Washingtons, the Hampdens, and the Tells in the Pantheon of History, while Grant and his horde of bloody hirelings will be classed with the Vandals, Goths, and Huns."

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Democratic Inconsistency.

During all the period of the war the Democratic party opposed the issue of greenbacks as being an unconstitutional measure. Now they have suddenly changed their tactics, and "demand" the substitution of greenbacks for national bank notes. As a war measure the greenback was condemned by Democrats because it materially aided the friends of the Union to secure it from disintegration. Now the national bank notes are condemned, and "we," the Democratic party, "demand" that greenbacks shall be substituted in their place. This is done to capture votes; but it is a dangerous step. There is no question about the legality of the national bank and their paper issue. Public opinion is not so pronounced in reference to greenbacks or government legal tenders.

"The constitutional right of Congress to borrow money is unquestionable, but their authority to issue obligations for a circulating medium, as money, and to make these obligations a legal tender, can only be found in the unwritten law which sanctions whatever the Representatives of the people, whose duty it is to maintain the Government against its enemies, may consider, in a great emergency, necessary to be done."

Chief Justice Chase, in 1870, dissented from the decision of the majority of the court on the Government legal tender question, concluded his opinion in these words:

"If the plain sense of word, if the common consent of parties, if the opinions of courts avail anything in determining the meaning of the Constitution, it seems impossible to doubt that the power 'to coin money' is a power to establish a uniform standard of value, and that no other power to establish such a standard by making notes a legal tender is conferred upon Congress by the Constitution." As a war measure Secretary Chase approved the acts authorizing the issue of greenbacks. Subsequently, as Chief Justice, with Democratic leanings, he limited his views to Constitutional authority in the matter in time of peace. At the December Term 1870, when Chief Justice Chase gave his opinion, the Supreme Court consisted of nine Judges, all on the bench. Five of those judges, in determining the constitutionality of the acts of Congress making the United States notes a legal tender in the payment of debts contracted before and after the passage of the acts. The four Democratic Justices dissented from the judgment of the court.

It will thus be seen that so far as the decision of the highest legal authority goes in favor of the constitutional power of the Federal Government to make a government currency a legal tender it hangs upon a majority of five to four of the Supreme Court; the minority—all Democrats—holding views directly opposite to the new policy of Judge Thurman and his party, who "demand" that the government shall do away with the national bank currency and substitute greenback legal tenders in its place.

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No portion of the President's journey was more interesting than the visit to the great wheat farms beyond Fargo, in Dakota. The farmers gave him a most cordial greeting, dropped their work and hitched wagons and carriages, and drove the party for two hours over the great fields to witness the threshing and manner of management of these immense farms. The farms under the control of Mr. Delamater are connected by four miles of telegraph, so he can sit at his headquarters and direct the work. Twenty-five threshers are busy in the fields. In one field nine four horse teams and seventeen two horse teams were turning under the stubble, preparatory to next year's crop. They follow each other with the precision and step of an army. The plows are of the most modern pattern, the drivers sitting comfortably in their easy, cushioned seats, without a stump or a stone to disturb them. One of the speakers at the Presidential reception at Fargo said that seven years before he camped on the town, on the bank of Red River, hunting a place where a bridge could be thrown across the river for the railroad. Now to see the great life, the substantial buildings, the warehouses, and the great farms, it was like the work of a magician. And for three hundred miles further, as the party traveled they could still have found the same wonderful scene.

The people of Bismarck, learning that the President would be unable to visit them, forwarded a fat antelope to Fargo, which was served up for dinner to the party.

Senator Thurman's zeal in betraying him into some inconsistencies, and his ambition to win popular favor is placing him in foolish attitudes. He was one of the authors of the electoral commission proposed as a means of settling the presidential difficulty; he was a member of the commission, and as a member he voted against an amendment requiring the commission to go behind the Louisiana and Florida returns. Notwithstanding this, in his late Ohio speech, the senator said "the Republicans have a man in the white house called the president." The senator was one of the men by whom the president was put there, and by questioning his right now he creates a dilemma for himself. Either he did a very wrong thing by aiding in the creation of the commission, or else he is doing a foolish thing by assailing its right. One of the horns of the dilemma he must take. There is lack of judgment, or lack of honesty, or lack of consistency, one or all, in his former or later position. It would look as if he was only a demagogue, and wholly guileless of any statesmanship whatever.

Says the *Okolona* (Miss.) States: "The South will never be satisfied until the African is totally eliminated from American politics." Nor until "sack cloth and ashes," in ruin and beggary through the payment of thousands of millions of fraudulent rebel claims, the North and its people "repent" their resistance to the overthrow of the Constitution and the Union, and the destruction of freedom and free institutions.

A boot invented by Capt. Barthe of the French army has been recommended by many officers whose men have made trial of it as a substitute for the shoe and gaiter at present worn by the French infantry. This latter form of covering for the foot has long been very generally condemned. The boot which is now recommended is formed of two pieces of leather, reaching some way above the ankle, and opens on the outside of the leg, from the top to below the ankle bone. This opening, again, is covered by a piece of soft leather, and is closed by means of three long leather strings fastened to the boot on one side and about 12 yards of the same on the other. The advantage said to be possessed by this boot is that the pressure upon the instep and the tightness of the upper part round the legs can be regulated, at pleasure; that it can be so easily fastened and unfastened that during any halt a man can throw it open; that it is especially kept out wet and dust; that the bottoms of the trousers can be either worn inside or outside the boot; and finally, that, being of simple manufacture, it is a cheap boot.

A correspondent sends to the *Jaffa Catholic Guardian* (Ceylon) the following account of a miracle which occurred there on the 14th instant, on the occasion of St. Sebastian: "A deaf man, born of non-Catholic parents at Jaffa, a close connection of the best of the deaf and about 12 years of age, after having been allowed to remain a couple of hours tied to the cross erected in front of the celebrated shrine, was able to hear and to repeat the words Father, Mother, &c., for the first time in her life. The parents of the child, overjoyed at the circumstance, begged the Rev. Fr. Ghilini to administer to her the sacrament of baptism, which was performed in a most imposing manner. I relate the fact as I saw it. Let skeptics and scoffers say what they like. There is no denying a fact attested by hundreds of eyes and ears."

Addressing his students, Mr. Spurgeon told a story to illustrate the need of goodness being attractive. "When I was in Ararat, quite recently," said Mr. Spurgeon, "I heard of a minister who was called to a certain church, and, at the close of the service, was strongly urged to preach for a future supply, the collection after his sermon having been unusually large. 'Dear me,' said the speaker, 'you are becoming gride, and I am afraid you will not be able to preach for me.' 'Last Sunday it was two weeks ago,' said the minister, 'and I was told the minister within himself, 'I gave that sermon myself.'"

Woman's Paradise.—The Jewel Department of the Great Exposition, Ladies find it worth their while to spend hours in the section where the French jewelers display their treasures. I went there with M. Castellani the other day, as he pointed out wondrous after wonder, I, too, began to feel some interest in the emeralds, the sapphires, the diamonds and the antique gems displayed, although it does seem a burning shame to lock up all this money in such compact form. I held in my hand yesterday two diamond ear pendents which belong to the collection of the ex-queen of Spain, sold the other day. These two mighty diamonds, which to floods of light and drank it greedily, were purchased by a rich prince who lives here for a quarter of a million francs. What immeasurable good Queen Isabella might have done with that money at intervals during her reign! What hospitals she might have founded; what naked Spanish beggars might she have clothed! What masses might she have caused to be said for— But all this is useless theorizing. The diamonds will aggravate the rivals of some other great lady, for many and many a drop to come. They were but a drop in the ocean of wealth which I saw all around me. Here European luxury showed to what extent its demands can go.

Collars of pearls, tiaras of diamonds, emeralds and rubies were strewn about in reckless profusion. Policemen strolled carelessly about, but were generally in the immediate vicinity of any case which an exhibitor was opening for the purpose of showing goods. There will be no two "grand prizes" given to the French jewelers. In bracelets of emerald gold there is such wonderful variety as I have never seen before. There is also a mass of small caskets, bonbonnières, etc., each of which is worth a fortune. The emeralds attracted Castellani's practiced eye, and while he was pointing out their special beauties he told me a story to illustrate the great difficulty nowadays experienced by jewelers in distinguishing between true and false. It appears that at one time in the reign of Napoleon III. he was severely punished for money, and it was determined that the emeralds, each one worth a fortune, in one of Eugenie's necklaces should be sold, and false ones put in their places. The imperial treasury was charged with this delicate task, and succeeded in doing it. After Eugenie's fall from power an English jeweler purchased the necklace which the deposed empress had left behind her, and had it not been for curiosity to discover how much the emeralds were worth—a curiosity which led him to unsettle one and test it—he would never have known that the stones were false. When he found that they were not genuine he demanded an explanation, and the whole matter came out.

Emeralds abound in the display of crown jewels in the main corridor of the Champs de Mars palace on the side next the Seine. Within the railing around the priceless collection sits a sharp faced man, who is probably one of the sharpest detectives in France; and inside a second railing stands four policemen. There is no danger that any one will have a chance to put his or her hand through the glass and grasp a handful of Koh-i-noors. The police are too quick for that. When the wandering pickpocket has no chance. Just as he fancies himself safe, he is touched on the shoulder by some quiet faced man, who invites him to accompany him to some neighboring "station."

Sometimes, when the pickpocket does nothing besides wander innocently about, he is arrested, and, when discharged, is informed that he must leave the country at once.—Ez.

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