

National Banner.



Resistance to Tyrants is Obedience to God.
J. B. STOLL, EDITOR.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 1870.

DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET

For Secretary of State:
Col. NORMAN EDDY, of South Bend.
For Auditor of State:
JOHN C. SHOEMAKER, of Perry Co.
For Treasurer of State:
JAMES B. RYAN, of Indianapolis.
For Attorney-General:
BAYLESS W. HANNA, of Terre Haute.
For State Auditor:
Rev. MILTON B. HOWARD, of Clinton.
For Superintendent of Schools:
JAMES L. WOODEN, of Fort Wayne.
A. C. DOWNEY, of Ohio County.
SAMUEL H. BUSKIRK, of Monroe Co.,
JOHN PETTIT, of Lafayette.

THE POLITICAL PROSPECT.

The Greensburg Standard, Willie Cumback's organ, has the following:

"We think there is no reasonable doubt that we shall carry Indiana in the coming political contest. The bad feeling that was manifested a year ago has disappeared, and the utmost harmony seems to prevail. The ticket will receive a united and hearty support. Besides, the Democracy will not be able to employ the amount of energy in this contest that was used in the campaign of 1868, and we shall not therefore have an opportunity to canvass against us. We shall have the advantage of the negro vote, which will more than compensate us for losses in the last two years."

The Standard seems to forget that the Radicals spent five dollars to one expended by the Democracy for campaign purposes, and that the gain of 18,000 votes could not, therefore, be attributed to the use of money. It is very true that nothing would so effectually decimate the ranks of the radical party of Indiana as the expenditure of vast sums of money on part of our committees, but the Democracy are not in position to advance such "seductive arguments" to these erring brethren. As it is, we depend upon the justice of our cause and the workings of a revolution in public sentiment, superinduced by the reckless course of the party in power. The Republicans may be united in the support of their State ticket, but were they not equally so in 1868? Yet they lost 13,000 votes at a time when radical leaders studiously denied that it was their purpose to fasten a most obnoxious measure upon the people. That infamy has since been consummated, in spite of the earnest protests of considerate men who were not prepared to prove recreant to the most sacred pledges.

We have no hesitation in saying that a majority of the republican party of Indiana was opposed to the ratification of the fifteenth amendment. The bulk of that party may acquiesce in the decision thus fraudulently rendered, and humbly bow to the despotic decrees of unscrupulous leaders; but it would be putting a low estimate on the intelligence of thought and independence of action to which members of that party lay claims, to suppose for a moment that they will reward their betrayers by voting them a new lease of office. It is more than doubtful, therefore, that the addition of 8,000 negro votes will compensate for the loss sustained by the desertion of white voters whose action in political life is governed by something higher than mere party consideration, and instead of securing victory by the aid of the negro element, the indications now are that the stamp of defeat will be placed upon those who bid defiance to the popular will and arrogated to themselves authority that rightfully belongs to the people alone.

The political situation may be briefly stated in the following words: If the Democracy do not carry Indiana, it will be due to their own blunders, mismanagement and inactivity. By a judicious course, by vigilance and determined action, Indiana can and will be redeemed.

Novel Prosecution.

Rev. Charles B. Smyth, pastor of the Presbyterian church in Eleventh street, New York, was tried in the First United Presbyterian Presbytery on the 3d inst.; for bringing scandal on the church by inviting reporters to lunch, and drinking gin and milk in a common restaurant on the Sabbath day and neglecting to ask a blessing over the refreshment. Mr. Smyth admitted the charges, but plead nervous exhaustion in excuse for the gin and milk. Rev. Drs. Harper and Armstrong made strong speeches against him. He was found guilty, and sentenced to be rebuked. The reverend sinner made a full confession of his guilt, promised to "walk more circumspectly in the future," and received the censure from the lips of Rev. Dr. Harper with bowed head and penitent men. We presume if Mr. Smyth had taken his gin and milk privately, it would have been all right. Taking a moderate drink in public, according to puritan notions, is a horrible offence, but consuming a quart behind the curtain is deemed entirely proper. *Vive la Humbug!*

Brave Boy.

The editor of the Dearborn Independent seems to have been offended by some of those chronic fault-finders who infest almost every community. With fearless bravery, that greatly challenges our admiration, he bids defiance to his adversaries in the following vigorous style:

"The responsible editor of this paper can be found during all business hours at this office. Parties wishing to demand 'satisfaction' will please call (and not take their grievances to outside parties) who will be sure to receive all the attention the circumstances will admit. Gentlemen and others desiring to intimidate, cajole or cowhide us, are requested to have a few friends accompany them, as we have quite a decided repugnance to handling persons."

The Crooks.

As a matter of great interest to all the people of the State, and to many out of the State, we are anxious to reproduce from our exchanges, representative sections, the cheering accounts of the growing crops, both of grain and fruit. A careful review of the State papers shows that more than an average breadth of wheat has been sown this season, and that thus far the prospects are most excellent for a heavy yield. In large and small fruits, despite the fear of the late frosts, there seems to be no possibility of failure. In brief, so far as Indiana is concerned, our gardens and fields are fairly blooming with the richest promises for the harvest home. Peace and plenty fill the heart.

Ind. Journal.

THE CORRECT VIEW.

CONGRESSIONAL DESIGNS UPON THE RISING GENERATIONS.
The federal government, while a distinguished contemporary, was constructed for conciliating in our nominating conventions the conservative element which now holds the balance of power in Indiana as well as other States. We say more than ordinary pleasure, because the paper from which we copy the subjoined extract has been classed among the ultra portion of the democratic press, and in view of the fact that there are those of the stripe indicated by the Democrat who now urge their "claims" to prominent positions, regardless of the disastrous effect which would inevitably result from their nomination. The position of the Democrat is the only one by which we can ever expect to thoroughly extirpate the evils of radicalism. It is the height of folly to think that conservative Republicans can be induced to flock to the support of the most ultra and obnoxious politicians in our ranks; they will not do it. Moderate Republicans do not abandon the radical organization with a view of embracing the extreme ideas of that comparatively small body who set up their peculiar ideas against the better judgment of a vast majority of the democratic party, nor is it reasonable to expect them to discard their belief in the justice of a cause long since determined, merely for the sake of being admitted to full fellowship in the newly-formed association. A little reflection will convince all reasonable men that these conclusions based upon common sense and incontrovertible facts.

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We have on a previous occasion remarked, in view of the great importance of the campaign which we have entered, and the subsequences of a democratic success that have and will be established and the country protected from further spoliation by the radical plunders, that such of our leaders as entertain sentiments of so ultra a character as to have incurred the uncompromising opposition of a large class of influential members of the party, should for the present decline active participation in party strife and bide that inevitable period in the future when the masses of their own volition will embrace their ories, if they be worthy, and breathe vitality into them.

It is too true to admit of controversy that the party repudiating the conservative and well-disposed elements of the opposition by insisting that they shall pay homage to the most ultra, and, in some instances, the most impracticable men in our party. If the extreme men who have been regarded as leaders have any desire for success, or any respect for their radically ultra views, they will gracefully and magnanimously yield to those who come nearer the standard of what the masses consider as wise, and popular leaders.

What it Means.
In our issue of two weeks ago, we published a brief reference to the somewhat remarkable fact that all the democratic editors of Indiana who aspired to official position during the present year, were defeated in convention, concluding the article with the query: "What does it mean?" Several of our contemporaries have undertaken to solve the problem.—The editor of the *Franklin Herald*, who was defeated as a candidate for the Legislature, answers the question as follows:

"We'll tell you what it means, friend Stoll. It means that those who do the most work always get the least pay. It means that the party is selfish, and knows that our services can depend upon from principle, and that an editor may, as far as our party's perquisites are concerned, look for his reward for all his hard patriotic labor, in the next world. It means that our party, unlike the Old Napoleon, does not promote or reward for gallantry, bravely in battle, and especially our opponents, who never lose sight of one principle in political tactics, always come out victorious when the battle is fought. God hates a coward and new recruits will never rally under the officer, unless he has shown his pluck upon well fought battle fields. Together they mingled in the giddy mazes of the dance, fully proving that we need not go away from home to witness the fruits of Radicalism."

We can conceive of nothing that would be too low in the scale of degradation that a radical politician would not resort to in order to catch a few votes.

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The South Bend Union says of the recent election in that city:

"The battle has been fought, and while the combatants, the field, the honor remains untarnished. The Democratic gain upon the United States, and the same shall be apportioned among the States respectively," as provided in the act of 1866, under which every acre of land in the United States was ordered to be taxed, and would have been if the execution of the law had not been postponed, and finally repealed.

The public schools of Indiana now cost something over two and a half millions of dollars, and her share of this will be much more than equal to that sum, while the whole system would be devoted to political purposes against her wishes and those of the people. Such are the designs of Congress, clearly indicated by this bill, upon the rising generation of our country. No member of Congress has yet risen and denounced or even disavowed concurrence in this bill. Is there none who dare do it?

Excitement in France.
Conceding that there has really been a plot to take the life of the French Emperor, the *World* thinks his friends have not been slow to make capital from it.—While the police, with painstaking slowness, are arresting people everywhere, including a harmless insane Englishman, the official organ is publishing the congratulatory letters to his Majesty, which are flowing in like a torrent from his faithful subjects. The Central Committee in favor of the *plebiscite* have sent the *Figaro* containing details of the conspiracy. It is also announced that the "ramifications" of the plot are much wider than was at first supposed, and that these furious heroes of the quill. Its attentive perusal and careful study might have a happy effect and prove of incalculable benefit.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

THE ANDERSON DEMOCRATIC STANDARD says: We say it right here, regardless of the feeling of anybody, that we have got some of the most infernal corrupt villains acting with our party in this county that can be found in this State.

If that be true, the *Standard* has a very plain duty to perform, i. e., to expose the corruption of the guilty without fear or favor. It is a mistaken idea to suppose that democratic papers are published for the purpose of whitewashing thieves or rogues who may happen to belong to the party. To be a true Democrat requires honesty and purity of purpose. He who does not come up to these requirements is not a proper person to receive the commendation of democratic journals.

General Terry has virtually suspended the writ of habeas corpus in the Radical province of Georgia, and is trying citizens (white, of course) before a military commission of his own selection.—*World.*

Georgia must remain unreconstructed until after the fall elections. The Radicals are sorely in need of an electioneering hobby, which can be furnished by inciting mobs and riots. The frightening hooligan of the Ku Klux must be held in readiness to "fire the northern heart."

A negro and a white Radical have been running for Mayor of Virginia, Nevada. The Radicals supported their white representative, and the Democrats rallied around the negro. At the election on the 3d inst. the white Radical candidate had 570 votes, and the negro 298 votes.

The action of these Nevada Democrats demonstrates very forcibly that fools do not all belong to the republican party.—Voting for a negro for mayor, after savagely denouncing negro suffrage, betrays such a lack of common sense that we are entirely out of patience with the fellows who were guilty of the stupidity.

The Brooklyn Eagle says that Schuyler Colfax was the first man that McFarland was jealous of. If that little item of scandal could be true, it would be a few years sooner, Colfax might have been President of the United States.—*Waterloo Air Line.*

Are we to understand from that that Grant gave his accession to the Presidency to a like cause?

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