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Democratic State Ticket.

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The Republic of Mexico.

The changes of Luna herself are scarcely more regular than are the changes in the government of this unfortunate Republic. With each arrival of steamers, we learn of some new outbreak, some new change of policy or administration.

The latest news is, that Commonfort, the late President, is now displaced, and has sought, with his two daughters, a refuge on our shores, and that a new dynasty is introduced, which must, in like manner, run a brief course, and then expire of its own inherent weakness.

It is useless to commiserate this wicked and shattered nation: what we see there is but effect following cause, the natural result of a combination of circumstances and conditions, that will forever bar a healthy and stable government. The last feeble spark of national life has about gone out in Mexico, and though the ascendant power may kindle it into a momentary flame, the next gale that sweeps over the plain will only leave the greater darkness behind.

Monarchs are strengthened by such mockery of free institutions as Mexico and other kindred countries present. The great Revolution and pseudo-Republic of France in '99, did more to fortify the line of kings in Europe than any other single cause, and the more late revolution in that country had an influence scarcely less effectual. It is a truth, that no misrule is attended with more disastrous consequences than the misrule of the people. If it is less tyrannical than the will of the Autocrat, it is certainly more destructive to every hope and interest of the people, by adding to all other evils, insecurity and instability.

Mexico may continue to retain the shadow of Republican government, but can never possess the substance while her natural causes remain the same. The soil of Liberty is the genius of her people; and until its germs have taken deep root in great living heart of the nation, it can never give vitality and power to the structure and machinery of civil government. It will be like a glass palace reared without the iron frame work, which the first gale will crush to the earth.

There is something in the organization of the races of the south which will never allow of successful self-government. They lack that independence and hardihood of character, that true appreciation of the real rights of man, and that moral power and energy of purpose without which Liberty will ever be a vain thing. The philosophy of history teaches a deeper meaning than mere historic truth, in the Vandals pouring from the mountain passes of the north and crushing the south in their iron march. In that event is typified the history of the world. The races of the north must yet sweep over and subdue those of the south: not by fire and sword, as in the days of old, but by civilization, Christianity and the forms of civil government.

The progress of this grand scheme of Providence may be slow, but it is as sure as the law of gravitation. All history and experience point to the Saxon and Teutonic races as the hope of the world.

England has her India, and though her career in that country has too often been marked with crime and bloodshed, it is, nevertheless, in harmony with this grand law of the races—that the more vigorous shall absorb the weaker. It is useless for man to fight against this law; it will triumph, for it is ordained of God. Let Victoria be named Empress of the Indians; it is better it should be thus, for her protectorate must be over them. Let emigration from the north settle the difficulties in Central America; this alone will ever give peace and prosperity to that land of fruits and flowers. In fine, let Mexico be absorbed by our own Republic, for the evils of that unhappy country will never cease till this is accomplished.

That it would be good policy for our government to assume the protectorate of Mexico just now, we are not prepared to admit, but it is certain one day to be accomplished, and until that time, Mexico need not expect enfranchisement from the ills that beset her.

A Word from our Nominees.

Let those who have been so loud in their denunciations of the democratic nominees on the State ticket, read the communication from those gentlemen on this page; their interpretation of the Wallace resolution, a principal plank in the platform on which they stand, is certainly unexpected with any anti-Lecomptonite. It is precisely the understanding we had of it from the first, and what we believed to be the understanding at the time the members of the convention shook hands over it, and ratified it as their unanimous act, any opinion of Dr. Fitch to the contrary. It would no doubt be very agreeable to the Dr., to have the impression go out at Washington that his Kansas policy was adopted by his constituency at home, but unfortunately for him, the people will submit to no such construction being put upon their acts.

"The higher the tempter stands,
The lower must be his fall."

Girls let me say to you, avoid the young man who drinks. Let not your affections overlook the ominous habit; mark well his temperance principles, before you consent to unite your destiny with his throughout the journey of life. And may you never be so unfortunate as to run your arm through the handle of a "rum jug," but look before you leap into matrimony with him who is to have the keeping of your happiness for life. To you we look for the most potent argument against intemperance and vice, and if he who would win your heart sips from the sparkling wine cup, tell him promptly, frankly, he must renounce his "bowls," or you. If he is a man, fear not the result; if not, count yourself fortunate in making so great an escape. May your influence ever be cast on the side of temperance, virtue and love,—the noble qualities of a noble soul.

Parents, to your care is committed immortal souls; guard well the treasure consigned to your keeping. Prevent your child from mingling in the feid atmosphere of intemperance, and teach him by your precept and example, to shun the wine when it giveth its color in the cup, and instruct him in the great principles of virtue, temperance, honor and truth; and thus by training up the rising generation in the paths of rectitude, intemperance and its accompanying vices may be banished from our land. *So mote it be.*

My BELOVED HEARERS:—Upon this occasion, don't do as you have always done before, towit: Give the sermon all away to your neighbor for his benefit; but pull off that outward garb of innocence which covers your besotted habits, and put on the coat which we may fit especially for your own personal benefit.

No longer try to conceal the fact from your neighbor, your friend, your "better-half," that you take a "tip on the sly," in yonder grog shop. For your blooming nose, creaking voice, blood-shot eye, disordered hair and "seedly coat," proclaim the truth in thunder tones to them, or if it has not already, soon will record the startling fact, and bring them helter skelter like hornets in laying time about your ears. The habit is growing fast, and what at first you indulged in as a pledge of friendship, an innocent promoter of hilarity, will soon become an imagined necessity of your existence, and as the villainous habit sinks, you lower and lower in the scale of society. You will be seen taking your daily, hourly glass with shaking hand and trembling nerve in company with those whom you now denominate as "miserable drunks."

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 22, 1858.

EDITORS OF THE VOLKSBLATT:

GENTLEMEN:—Your inquiry addressed to the undersigned separately, dated on the 18th instant, is now before us—as we do not differ among ourselves relative to the answer, that should be given to the question propounded, we take the liberty of joining in that answer. Your request is to inform you, what constaunce we give to a portion of the platform of principles, adopted by the late Democratic Convention, which did us the honor to put us in nomination, as candidates, to fill the several offices, for which we are now before the people. The resolution upon which you base your inquiry, as published, is as follows:

"Resolved, That we are still in favor of the great doctrine of the Kansas-Nebraska bill; and that by a practicable application of that doctrine, the people of a State or of a Territory are vested with the right of ratifying or rejecting at the ballot box any Constitution that may be formed for their government—and that hereafter no Territory should be admitted into the Union as a State, without a fair expression of the people being first had upon the Constitution accompanying the application for admission."

Promising that, after careful consideration, every portion of the platform receives, as it deserves, our earnest and hearty approval—we would say that the first part of the above resolution, but re-affirms and reassures a great principle upon which our political institutions rest—namely, that governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. And, "so forming and organizing their powers, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness." The latter part of the resolution, it is obvious to us, is in reference to the application of that principle in each case as it may arise; that is to say, that there should be a fair expression of the will of the people first had upon the Constitution, under which they are to live. A liberal and proper construction of the resolution would, after the time of its adoption, embrace the application of every territory seeking admission into the Union as a State, and would be of binding obligation in one as another, without regard to whether it were made by Minnesota, Oregon, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, Utah, or a territory by any other name.

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