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The Republican Party.

If anything can be sorrowfully indelicate, it is the present condition of the Republican party. While the Hydra of insu-rection and ANARCHY is tearing his countless heads in our midst, and the patriotic heart is throbbing with fear and painful anxiety, the exclamations and conduct of this party are not only inexplicable to others but to themselves; and the Union is saved at all it will be by the result of imputable natural law, working to its inevitable result. Charley Reeve used to say in his speeches last fall that "oil and water never would make soap, but that oil and lea would"—that the Republican party could not remain long in existence because it was like the oil and water. Mix it as you would, it would at last separate because there is no affinity between them. It was a principle of nature that they should not adhere, cohære or unite to form a third substance. We laughed at the illustration at the time, but it was applicable and true, as evidenced by every important move of the leading men of that party.

The party is not united on *Principle*, and although by great efforts it has remained "mixed," and apparently has adhered together, yet it is divided, and never can cohere, and already the separation of the unprincipled elements has commenced, and soon each element will return to itself and its apparent strength and consistency be gone.

Seward's talents command our respects, and his last speech shadowed forth some patriotism. He seems to love the Union and fears the danger which now threatens it. He goes for concession, He goes for anything that will save the Union. So with many of their prominent men of the party who have affiliated with them for the temporary success and generally profitable results.

Thurlow Weed, through their press, is decidedly conservative, and even Greeley, the red-mouthed Abolitionist, partly goes with the conservative element, but he occupies an isolated position and is really a disunionist as he contends for the right of states to secede. On the other hand, the Abolitionists, if any of the party are rampant for coercion, the small fry who are not yet real Abolitionists, are non-committal, or are for waiting longer to see what will come of it. The Indiana Legislature in their decided impracticability refuse to contemplate the subject and treat it with contempt, while that of New York labors over ears with loud protestations of patriotism and love for the Union, tenders men and money in profusion, while she cannot pay the interest of her State debts. Only one thing do they now agree in, and that is to cry out a little louder every time the recession bell tolls the departure of another State. The cry now is quite vehement and a little shrilly in its tones as Florida goes by the board and Georgia goes by thirty majority for secession. They cry out that they are "not Abolitionists" "neither were they misrepresenters to their Southern Brothers." They always were and always would be for preserving the integrity of State Sovereignty. Merely how vehement they utter it.

Reckon the speeches of Beecher and shake them in their faces, hold out to them the speeches of Lovelace and the resolutions of the convention that elected him, point them to the men driven back and rebuked, fined, imprisoned and murdered for attempting to take their fugitive slaves—show them the bodies of their murdered Marshals, the statute and decrees of the State courts nullifying a law of Congress founded on the Constitution, they are stone blind and cannot see a thing of it all. Like blind Bartimæus they "saw through the more" for being interrupted. Whisper in their ears their former mottoes: "No union with slaveholders," "Free labor and free speech," "Slave labor is inimical to American interests," read to them Lincoln's speech at Peoria, in 1854, where he says: "No man is good enough to govern another man without that man's consent," or, who else quotes the Declaration of Independence and says: "The relation of master and slave is *prosternens*, a total violation of the principle," that all men are created free and "equal," and that he goes in to allow all the governed *in equal* voice in this government,—or in his speeches at Chicago in the fall of 1856, where he avowed the mission of his party to be a "steady progress toward the *actual equality of all men*," or, in his speech there in 1858, where he quotes the Declaration again as to equality and says: "If one man says it does not mean a negro, why not some other man say it does not mean another man,

Let us discard quibbling about this man and the other man in this race and that race being inferior. Let us discard all these things and unite as one people throughout the land until we shall once more stand up declaratory that all men are created free and equal. Leave you, hoping that the lamp of liberty will burn in your bosoms until these shall no longer be doubt that all men are created *equal*." We may read or whisper these things to them and they are deaf—posture they hear none of it, but say the more, "we are not Abolitionists,"—we are for State sovereignty on this as well as every other subject, but no where do we see them regarding their wife laws and passing resolutions in harmony with their protestations. It is laughable while it is pitiable. But, all their efforts will not save them. The fat of Nature knows no repose, no rest. They will cease to exist by operation of Natural laws for want of affinity—for want of principle to hold them together, and the fears and concessions of their great or good men,—the coercion doctrines of their flesh and bad men—the silence of their cowards and unfeeling men, or the sorry cry of their whiners in "changers" and working men, (politically speaking,) generally cannot save them. Their speedy dissolution may save the Union, and may save in her goodness to man, grant us that it may be speedily. It does not come in time to save it, it will come nevertheless, and it will rest the anathemas of all future generations, as the destroyer of the only true government the earth has ever known.

Humane Old Gentleman.

In speaking of the advertisements that he thought were "dead" in the Democrat, old Mattingly two weeks ago to get feeling very sympathetic and was sorely aggrieved on account of the great outrage we perpetrated upon our subscribers every week. He feels much worse for the than he does for the poor unfortunate of this country who have been so poorly taken care of during the first part of this winter. He says:

He is going to the editor to complain of outrage he incurred in advertising the country papers in their keeper, when he is guilty of a worse outrage every week upon his poor subscribers."

This is the old misanthrope's sympathy for the poor unfortunate persons dependent upon the "old fashioned" of the Commissioners of this country for their food and raiment. He says we are "guilty of a

worse outrage [every week]" upon our subscribers than is committed upon the "poor" of Marshall county. We hope not: We are quite positive that the few advertisements the old gentleman has referred to as being dead, have not caused any of our readers to have to go bare-foot through all the cold weather we have had this winter, especially if they are helpless with dropsy—hope those "dead advertisements" have not caused any invalids who read our paper to go destitute of clothing, and have composed women and girls in delicate health to go so far through the winter with apparently, not half enough of clothes on to keep them comfortable if they were staying in a good, decent house—hope they have not caused any one to have long fever and come nigh dying of it, and we also hope, that if any of our readers have died during the present winter that the "dead advertisements" that trouble old Mattingly so much, have not caused the skin to slough or peel off their legs when they were being laid out. Until they cause some such result, we hope to not have a more inhuman reputation than the Commissioners of this county deserve.

Mattingly by his light and careless remarks concerning the treatment of the poor, and his vindication of the course of the commissioners, shows himself to be more heartless and inhuman than the Commissioners, if possible. After having seen the building and the condition of its inmates, we must say that we cannot have any respect for those who say, "it is good enough for the poor of this country," and we have no exalted opinion of those who founded it, and no patience with those who attempt to justify them in their *unfeeling* and *inhuman* action in relation to the poor of Marshall county. Any person that has any sympathy with the soul cannot, go to this miserable apology for an asylum for the poor, and witness their suffering and destitution as we did, and not have their sympathies stirred up, and not feel like doing all in his power to better the condition of its inmates, or expose it as being what it is—a *nuisance* and an outrage upon the better feelings of the people of the county, who have to pay taxes for the keeping of those victims of that "miserable den" of suffering and destitution.

Elsewhere in this paper will be found a description of the inmates sufficiently lengthy to give the reader an idea of their condition during the first of the winter, at least. We hope and believe that they will be better cared for in the future. If they are, we shall be willing to bear all the calumny and abuse Old Mattingly may heap upon us for what we have said, and may yet say, concerning the Commissioner's "den," as we shall feel confident that "airing" the institution has had a good effect upon its inmates, and, if we can be instrumental, in the least degree, in enhancing the comfort of the paupers, we shall have received sufficient recompence for our trouble and all the lie, that have already and will yet be told upon us—Mattingly may continue to uphold the unlawful action of his Commissioners who founded the *nuisance*—may delude himself about our private affairs—he may continue to announce from time to time that we will soon be compelled to stop publishing the Democrat, and, in short; he may be just as dirty, lying, meddlesome, and passionately mean, as his depraved, unfeeling, repugnant, unscrupulous, ungentlemanly, and, indecently low, filthy, small, pitiful nature may prompt him to be, and we will continue to do as we please and as we can—will say just what we please about the officers of the county concerning their *public action* as servants of the people, whose confidence they have abused, and whose money has been paid for a purpose it has not yet accomplished, in the case of the poor of the county. All he may say about us will not make us have any less opinion of ourself and his blackguardism will not convince those who are acquainted with the condition of the poor house that what we have said concerning it is false, or even an exaggeration. Neither will his abuse of us, who are extremely unfortunate to have been found in Marshall county, which supports an institution that permits her to be thus inhumanly treated—Her clothing is like the rest.

The middle aged man is an Irishman who is afflicted with a ulcer on his leg, which we were glad to learn was getting well, or it is so at least. Otherwise he appeared to be in good health and was able to make fires for the rest of them. He was clothed extra-had on, to all appearances, three or four pair of pants, we supposed this was done to make one pair patch another. Hope he will get out next spring.

The boy is about twelve years old—is idiotic, though bright about some things, and is dumb. We believe his general health is not good, but we do not know what his other misfortunes are. He was more comfortably clothed than any of the others, but we believe he had not been there very long, which, if our recollection is right in this matter, accounts for the better clothing he had on.

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