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GOV. SEYMOUR'S MESSAGE.

On the outside of this issue we present a greater portion of Gov. Seymour's Message to the General Assembly of the State of New York. We ask our readers to give it a careful perusal, recommending it as the soundest and ablest document of the times, by great odds.

The present crisis in our national affairs is peculiarly adapted for a display of true greatness and statesmanship. The opportunity was presented, and the man equal to the emergency was not wanting, that man is Horatio Seymour, Governor of the Empire State. His views are liberal, comprehensive and purely patriotic. With a mind large enough to appreciate the magnitude of the struggle before him, he fearlessly closes with the giant of anarchy and disorder that has so nearly demolished our institutions, and leaving the assault, points out a safe method of victory and safety and invites all to follow him. Brushing aside all sneers and sophistry, he displays at once the hideous proportions of military despotism and tyranny, so long unrecognized, under its false coverings, as Patriotism, and fearlessly undertakes its overthrow.

There are but two courses now to choose between. The course of the Administration must be followed, or we must step aside into the path pointed out by Gov. Seymour. The course of the administration inevitably leads to a total subversion of all Law and Order, to a total yielding up of all the liberties dear to the American freeman, and to a submission to a despotic master; in fact, by no professed monarchical; and all this, too, with no good results following the reward for the sacrifice; with no possible hope of a restoration of the much coveted Union of yore, with no heaven-light, even in the dimmest distance, to cheer us on in our gloomy way.

The path opened up by the policy of Seymour's Message, at least surely promises to us the root of all Government; Law and Order. Whatever other calamities may befall us, we have left to us the mighty Law, which, under all circumstances, will preserve our personal rights, make us secure in our property, and the worst come, insure to us a good and wholesome Government, if not our former national greatness. Our dwellings will be still our castles, our hearths sacred and our liberties preserved.

But the course promises more, it promises a restoration of the Government on principles so firm that we should fear no more the adder sting of abolitionism or secession, were they adopted.

By his message, and promised policy, Gov. Seymour has elevated himself a head and shoulders above the intellectual pygmies at Washington, and will ever be remembered with pride and gratitude by all true patriots and lovers of liberty, and will be a shining mark for the poison arrows of abolition malice and hatred; the Man for the Time.

The formation of the State of Western Virginia, (so-called,) is the most wicked, burlesque and miserable farce yet presented to the people by the low comedians at Washington. No other action has so clearly proved their total disregard of all existing law. While the constitution clearly, unequivocally and explicitly says that no new State shall be formed within the boundaries of another, without the consent of the Legislature of said State, and of Congress; with no necessity—not even "military"—for the action; while the administration ignores the existence of a Southern Confederacy, and claims that all the States are in the Union, being merely for the present occupied by dishonorable citizens; a section of country is marked out and formed into a State in *express* violation of a special and plain provision of the constitution at this very point. With just as many as, and about the same proportion of Congress form the 15th Congressional District of Indiana into a State as is banishing Colfax.

We are at a loss to account for this. It is a joke unless it may be for the purpose of more clearly demonstrating to the people that the Constitution is totally "played out," or for the purpose of securing a couple of bogus U. S. Senators thus mothering the voice of the late elections. If the latter be the case, there is no need to restore the Union; old Abe and his sweet lambs can make more States than have seceded, with infinitely less trouble than they can reclaim those that have seceded. We expect to hear of the States of Nashville and New Orleans, in a few days.

The Legislature.
Last Thursday, the 8th inst., the Legislature of this State convened at Indianapolis, and organized by electing the following officers:

SENATE.

President—Paris C. Dunning, of Monroe.

Principal Secretary—J. H. Vawter, of Jennings.

Assistant Secretary—S. R. Hamlin, of Sullivan.

Sergeant-at-Arms—Mr. Montgomery, of Martin.

Assistant—Mr. Shields, of Jackson.

HOUSE.

Speaker—Samuel H. Buskirk, of Monroe.

Principal Clerk—A. T. Whittlesey, of Vandalia.

Assistant Clerk—Joseph J. Davis, of Fulton.

Doorkeeper—B. Burns, of Rush.

Sergeant-at-Arms—Michael Griffin, of Vigo.

On Friday the Senate received a message from the House, announcing that the House would go into joint convention that day, at 2 o'clock p. m., the Senate concurring.

The abolition members, save three, absented themselves, leaving the Senate without a quorum, unable to transact any business. One of the three remaining announced it to be the intention of his fellows to pursue this course, and totally prevent legislation during the session, unless the Democratic members would indicate their proposed action relative to the militia and appropriation bills. If they would take such action on these bills as the abolition members might dictate, then his associates would return to their duty.

In other words, if the majority would permit the traitors and rebels who constitute the minority, to legislate without opposition, they would do so.

Of course the Democratic members rejected this insulting proposition with contempt. And thus matters stand at present in the Senate. The abolitionists persisting in their course, no business can be transacted.

In the House a resolution was offered by Mr. Given, to denounce and condemn the illegal arrests made in the State of Indiana. The resolution caused some discussion, which was participated in by Mr. Packard, who truthfully represented his constituents by denouncing such arrests.

On Saturday, in the House, Mr. Packard, from the Select Committee appointed to wait on the Governor and inform him of the readiness of the House, as a constituent branch of the General Assembly, to hear his message, reported that the duties enjoined had been performed, and that his Excellency declined to appear in person before the two houses in joint Convention, as the Constitution of the State provides. Report accepted and adopted.

Mr. Packard moved that the House respectfully decline to receive the message of his Excellency's private Secretary, and that the same be returned to his Excellency, to be delivered by him in person to the General Assembly of Indiana, the House meanwhile notifying his Excellency when it will suit its convenience to hear him.

Mr. Packard spoke in support of his resolution. He detailed the circumstances of the interview of the Committee with the Governor. The manner of transmitting the message was an act of courtesy to the House. It was a positive insult. The House should demand of every coordinate branch of the government not only an adherence to the Constitution and laws but all the precedents grounded thereon.

And after some further discussion the motion passed.

At a Democratic caucus held for the purpose of selecting candidates for U. S. Senator, Hon. Thos. A. Hendricks was chosen for the long term and Hon. David Turpie for the short term.

No further business of importance transacted.

LATEST.—By the mail of yesterday noon, we learn that the abolition members of the State Senate, failing to frighten the Democrats into any pledges, have promised to regard their oaths, discharge their duty and meet in joint session to elect U. S. Senators. We have no time for further reports.

We find the following prophetic gem in the *M. C. Republican* of last Thursday:

The Legislature of this State assembles to day at Indianapolis. Notwithstanding the charge of tory sheets that the R. public members had agreed not to meet, and thus prevent an organization. The indications are now that every man of them will be in their seats at the opening of the session. The republians have never yet proposed to rebel if defeated at the polls. The Democrats alone threaten and practice that game, thus proving their hypocrisy and hatred of a government ruled by the people.

Rebel reports of the engagement at Vicksburg speak of it as "a glorious and decisive victory." Gen. Pemberton asserts that the position is being strengthened daily, and that he intends to hold it. The Washington Star places the sole responsibility of the Federal disaster upon Gen. McClellan, and intimates that he will be immediately dismissed from the service. Government has taken up all the steamers at Cincinnati and St. Louis, to transport troops down the Mississippi.

Bragg is fortifying at Tullahoma and Chattanooga. He is believed to have received heavy reinforcements. It is intimated that Rosecrans will make no general movement for the present.

Gen. Magruder, in his account of the rebel victory at Galveston, Texas, says that he took 600 prisoners, and a large quantity of arms, stores, &c. The Harriet Lane is represented as being but slightly damaged.

In the Senate yesterday, a bill was passed to raise 20,000 troops for the defense of Kentucky. The bill providing for a further issue of bonds and notes was also passed. In the House, Thad. Stevens introduced a bill to organize a military force of 150,000 negroes to serve for five years. Mr. Spaulding in a speech on the abolition members of our State Senate, who have so clearly proven their hatred of a government ruled by the people.

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