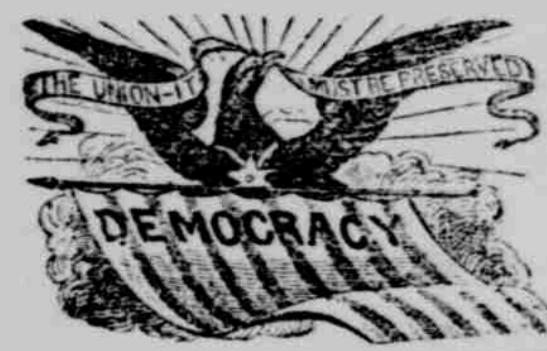


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A CONVENTION.

There is one sentiment now pervading the public mind in the Northern States, which is almost unanimous; a sentiment confined to no section and which does not assume a political character. The people want, they demand, peace. For nearly two years they have poured out with a lavish hand men and money, money and men; the money has been taken from the treasury by robbers; the men—the gory fields of Fredericksburg, Bull's Run, Shiloh, Mumfreesboro and Richmond, tell the tale—and when we look for the results we find our eastern army almost within hail of Washington city, and our western army unable to open the Mississippi river—unable to keep communications open between Louisville and Nashville.

This state of affairs has been endured with patience for a long, long time. Sons have given up almost without a murmur, they were struggling for a hope, now the star has disappeared and the nation realizes the fact that the sacrifices are useless and hopeless; realizing this, the spirit of discontent is becoming daily more manifest, and the cry is becoming unanimous for peace.

Resolved, That it is to the people we must look for a restoration of the Union and the blessings of peace, and to these ends we should direct our earnest and honest efforts, and hence we are in favor of the assembling of a national convention of all the States, at Louisville, Kentucky, at the earliest practicable period, to so adjust national difficulties that the States may live together in harmony, each being secured in the rights guaranteed respectively to all by our fathers.

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend a cessation of hostilities for such period as may be necessary to allow the people of the North and South to express, through a National convention, their wish for peace and a maintenance of "The Union as it was and the Constitution as it is."

Resolved, That the General Government has no power, under the Constitution, to tax the people of the State of Indiana for the purpose of raising money with which to buy the slaves of the Southern States, and we now declare, in advance, that all debts contracted or bonds which may be issued, for want of authority to issue the same, the State of Indiana will never consent that her people shall be taxed for any such purpose.

Self-preservation is the first law of nature, we must and will observe it.

Our Governor.

Our readers will be astonished to learn that O. P. Morton, following the example of his highness, old Abe, has a body-guard in attendance upon him at all hours during the day, and a guard around his house at night. Such is the case. The valuable existence of His Excellency, our beloved chief magistrate is preserved and prolonged through the agency of a small detachment of original "Lincoln Blues," now "Morton Greens." Distressed Governor! He bids fair to rival Joe Wright in unmanly, despicable cowardice.

In conversation with a representative the other day, he said there must, inevitably be a collision between the military and the Knights of the Golden Circle now in the capital, and apprehending that the present legislature will vote the State out of the Union, he has ordered the guns at the arsenal to be pointed at the State House and discharged as soon as the vote is declared.

The poor, demented, conscience-stricken wretch is seeking a feather bed in a fancied thunder storm.

Our Representative, M. A. O. Packard, returned home last Saturday and remained here until Monday evening. He is looking well and eating well. Mr. Packard is one of the leading spirits of the majority in the House, in fact the representative man, he is Chairman of the Committee on Federal Relations and the Committee on the Affairs of the Penitentiary, North, and is a member of the Committee on Judiciary. He is "pointing his gun" at abolitionists and we judge his shots fall with telling effect, from the nature of the assaults made upon him by abolition journals. Our gallant young standard-bearer is an honor to his constituents.

We are pained to learn that Mr. Corbin, is in very poor health, being confined to his room almost incessantly, merely—by force of will—getting into the House to vote for Messrs. Turpin and Hendricks.—Mr. Corbin's merit and position are suitably recognized, although he has been compelled to remain comparatively inactive. He is chairman of the Committee on the Benevolent Institutions of the State, and a member of the Committee on Education, the Committee on Military Affairs, the Committee on Organization of Courts, and the Committee on the Rights and Privileges of the Inhabitants of the State; but is not enough for a sick man. If Mr. Corbin recovers his health he will be heard from in a manner gratifying to his constituents.

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Many anecdotes are told of the gallant Col. Bob Stewart, of the 21 Indiana cavalry, all illustrating his dashing, soldierly qualities. We yesterday heard one related of Morgan and Stewart which illustrates the humor of the one and complements the gallantry of the other. It is said that when Morgan was paroling the officers of other regiments at Hartsville, Col. Stewart asked him why he made an exception of him and his officers. Morgan replied, "It is very plain, Colonel; I can catch these fellows any time, but it is not so with you. I have got you now, and I had better keep you."

Legislative.

From the irregularity with which we receive our daily *Sentinel* we are unable to present our readers with a full account of the proceedings of the Legislature during the past week, but present them all the important resolutions we have seen.—We have made such arrangements that we shall have no trouble hereafter in getting the *Sentinel*. On Thursday the 15th inst. Mr. Ferris introduced the following:

Resolved, That the law of Congress, creating certain counties of Virginia into a State, called the State of "Western Virginia," is an original and independent act of revolution and involves a plain breach of both the Constitution of Virginia and the nation. Unlike the emancipation proclamations, it is not sought to be justified by its authors on the pretense of military necessity. Its passage by Congress and approval by the President betray, even more than any former act of Congress or of the President had betrayed, the deliberate purpose of the Administration and the political majority of Congress to set aside the Constitution and establish upon the common ruins of the Union and the sovereignty of the States a revolutionary Government, monarchical and military in its character, and in which all the great guarantees of civil liberty, recently so recklessly assailed, will be known no more for ever.

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