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## DEMOCRATIC MEETING.

last Saturday evening Messrs. Conn, Senator from the south & part of State, Horace Corbin and M. A. O. and our own representatives in the Legislature, being on their way to Jefferson City to inspect the Penitentiary at that point, addressed the citizens of our town, at Corbin's Hall.

The gentlemen did not design speaking here, but at the urgent solicitation of their friends, at a late hour in the afternoon consented to do so. The notice was very short but the Hall was crowded to its utmost capacity.

The speeches of Messrs. Conn, Packard and Corbin were a full and fearless expression of the Democratic sentiment of the country, to-day, and were enthusiastically endorsed by the large audience with hearty applause. The speakers took fearless and unqualified grounds in favor of the Union and the Constitution and against usurpation, tyranny and abolitionism, and did not shrink from plainly denouncing the President for perverting the war from its just purpose into a crusade against slavery, nor did they neglect to condemn the administration for its tyrannical usurpations. They gave a full account of their labors thus far at Indianapolis, and promised to keep our doughty abolition Governor within due bounds.

While the speakers deplored all violence they considered it the duty as well as the privilege of Democrats, as American freemen, to maintain, firmly, their rights and liberties, and warned the abolition "powers be" that the people is the strength of every government.

The speakers were able, loyal and patriotic, expressing the sentiment of the Democracy. Many of the abolitionists around town maliciously misrepresent the meeting and denounce it in round terms. This is all nonsense and merely for effect. Abolitionists have grown into the belief that they possess certain inalienable rights, possessed only by themselves, in fact especially denied to Democrats, among which are freedom of speech, and an exercise of constitutional rights. They will probably subside to a level with common folks, one of these days and submit to a little friendly admonition with more patience than they manifest now. Patience is a great virtue.

ETING AT LAPORTE. Last Saturday the Abolitionists of Laporte had a revival. By means of advertising Gov. Morton, Caleb B. Smith and other notables, they succeeded in drawing a crowd, which was addressed, edified and made happy by ergo, old C. Colfax, Catheart, G. "Unapologetic" Hathaway and the infamously known Dr. Copp, ex-professed-christian and ex-elder.

As might have been expected the proceedings would have been infamous had the parties been worthy of aught but supreme contempt. One of the most laughable features of the show was the introduction by Copp, and passage by the crowd, of a resolution prohibiting the introduction of the "Chicago Times" in the city of Laporte. *Unfortunate Times!* How hard a fate is yours! C. Colfax Catheart—a lunatic; G. U. Hathaway, a —, and Captain Copp—a knave, have pronounced against you.

The abolitionists of Laporte County know their days are numbered, and are now in their death agony. May they never be resurrected.

## MEETING AT BREMEN.

Pursuant to a previous notice given, a large and enthusiastic meeting of the citizens of German Township assembled at the School House at Bremen on Saturday the 31st day of Jan 1863 at 2 o'clock P. M. The meeting was called to order by Jacob K. Oberbeck on motion Wm. P. Higley was elected chairman and Nathaniel M. Lucy Secretary. On motion of Jacob Knoebel the chair appointed a committee of five consisting of Jacob Kuehbeck, J. D. Aineent, Ozias Baird, Simon Snyder and John A. Brougher to report Resolutions for the meeting.

During the absence of the committee John B. Kiet was called upon, and addressed the meeting. When the committee returned they reported the following Resolutions, which after some discussion were unanimously adopted:

Let it be known that we are now, as we have ever been, unchangably devoted to the Union of the States and our free institutions, and we hold it to be the duty of all our patriotic to maintain them in a proper and constitutional manner; that the whole theory of our government is based

on the redress, as far as possible by peaceful means.

2d. Resolved, That the administration, in suspending the writ of habeas corpus, arresting private citizens, not subject to Military Law, and incarcerating them in political Basilles; issuing its proclamations declaring the slaves, held in certain States, free; and in numerous other instances usurping power violating the constitution, infringing upon State Sovereignty, and disregarding the popular will, and especially in diverting the war from the object of restoring the government which the President originally declared should be his sole purpose; deserves our unqualified reprobation and justly entitles it to the condemnation of all true lovers of constitutional liberty and State rights.

3d. Resolved, That while we condemn and denounce the flagrant and monstrous usurpations of the administration, and the encroachments of abolitionists we remain equally hostile to the Southern rebellion; that we regard the doctrine of secession as a ruinous heresy unwarranted by the constitution, and destructive alike of the security and perpetuity of the government and the peace and liberty of the people.

4th. Resolved, That peace, fraternal relations, and political friendship should be restored over the people of the States; that the first interests of all and the welfare of mankind demand that this should be done in the simplest and most effective manner; that we hold that our Federal organization should do justice to all and injustice to none; that State Sovereignty and national Union are the true safeguards of freedom, and we pledge ourselves to uphold both, as our hope in peace and our defence in war.

5th. Resolved, That it is to the people we must look for a restoration of the Union and the blessings of peace, and to this end shall 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, Ky., at the earliest practicable period, to so adjust our national difficulties that the States may hereafter live together in harmony, each being secured in the rights guaranteed respectively to all by our fathers.

6th. Resolved, that we respectfully recommend a suitable number of our ablest men as Commissioners to communicate with other States, and the Congress of the United States, inviting their co-operation in carrying into effect the object of the foregoing resolution.

7th. Resolved, That we earnestly recommend a cessation of hostilities for such a period as may be necessary to allow the people of the North and South to express, through a national convention, their wishes for peace and a maintenance of the Union as it was under the Constitution as it is.

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