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Flight, Tax, Emancipate.

Some two years ago a prominent leader in the republican party announced that to "fight, tax, emancipate," was the Trinity under which the party should thenceforward go forth before the American people. Those of the party who were then either not educated up to that point, or too corrupt to admit the inevitable conclusions to which their premises impelled them, denied that such was the object of their party, or such the logical result of their teachings. What a change has two short years wrought in the minds of the members of that party. Now after the President has thoroughly committed himself to the policy of emancipation enforced by the strong arm of the military power of the government, and Mr. Chase proposes to tax an already overburdened people five times as much as now, and all the leading newspapers of the party are in full chorus crying tax, tax—tax the people still more—and after a quarter of a million of brave men have offered up their lives through mistaken notions of duty, on the altar of abolition fanaticism, the whole party adopt the motto so offensive two years ago, and glory in bawling out lustily, "Fight, tax, emancipate." These are the watch-words of the administration; these constitute the Trinity, by virtue of which they expect to achieve party triumph in the ensuing political campaign; this is the motto inscribed on their party banners, fealty to which is with them the true and only test of loyalty. Let any one presume to question the wisdom of the policy pursued by them and he is forthwith denounced as a traitor to his country and to humanity, fit only for a felon's cell or an outlaw's halter.

These partisan bigots, blinded by fanaticism, stung by disappointment, vexed by opposition, irritated by censure, have the effrontery to set up their mad schemes as a standard by which the patriotism of the people must be measured, and to those whose manhood, conscientiousness or love of liberty and free government prevent them from singing psalms of praise to this abolition Babel, better for them that they had never enjoyed the blessings of freedom and self government, for then they would not have expected anything different from a procrustean bedstead, or a loathsome Bastille as a reward for outspoken opposition to the policy of the dominant party. With a country ruined, hundreds of thousands of homes made desolate by the demon of war, the people oppressed with taxation such as they never suffered before, their private business opened up in detail to a horde of hungry officials, compelled to reveal under oath the amount of their annual income and the various sources from which it was derived, treated as serfs by the hosts of officers created by a wicked and corrupt administration, placed on a level with the negroes who were but yesterday the slaves of a proud and noble people; still the insane cry resounds throughout the land, "Fight, tax, emancipate," the last man and the last dollar; "no compromise with treason," and he who in imitation of the God-man dares to say "love your enemies," "do good to them that despitefully use you," "if thine enemy hunger feed him, and if he thirst give him drink," "as I have loved you, so ought ye to love one another," is in danger of sharing the fate of his divine Master,—thousands cry out at once "away with him, crucify him, crucify him!" All this in a free country, under a liberal constitution, in the nineteenth century, and still the test of love for God, our country and our fellow men is laid down in the infernal motto "FIGHT, TAX, EMANCIPATE."

Stand firm Under!

Our Bankers, and most of the business men of this place, following the example of the larger towns and cities, have thrown out the issues of all the Banks of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland and Virginia. Others must follow in their train, and it will not be long before the inevitable crash must come. Let every man who can, curtail his expenses, live within his income, pay off existing debts, and prepare in the speediest and best manner possible for the crisis. It will not be long before it will take property that now is worth a hundred dollars to pay a debt of half that amount.

We see it stated that the draft has been ordered to take place immediately in the States of Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Ohio, Missouri, and districts in Delaware and Maryland, to make up their deficiencies under the President's last call for 500,000. These States are

Corporation Election—Abolitionism Demoralized.

The abolitionists acting under the advice of their file leaders here made no opposition to the democratic candidates for Corporation officers on Monday last, except the Marshal. They met in caucus last week and concluded not to run a general ticket but to select their strongest and best man for Marshal, concentrate their forces, and if possible elect him. Deputy Provost Marshal Babington was accordingly nominated, and out of 211 votes polled he received Forty Seven. The miscegens acted very naughtily, indeed we think they treated their candidate very shabbily, or else they were egregiously mistaken as to the estimate in which he is held in this community. We have no doubt however, that he was the best and most available man of their party for the position which they sought to give him.

One William Hooker, a member of Co. D. 73d Ind. Vols. in a communication to the M. C. Republican says that the triumph of the Copperhead (Democratic) party is equivalent to a triumph of the rebellion, and then adds: "The Plymouth Democrat sees and acknowledges this fact."

This man Hooker when at home, claims, we believe, to be a christian, a follower of him who said "I am the way, the truth and the life." We suppose however that since he has seen some service in the army he has concluded that all is fair in war, and hence has no scruples about lying when he thinks a lie will answer his purpose better than the truth. So far from the Democrat seeing and acknowledging that the triumph of Democracy is equivalent to a triumph of the rebellion it has always contended and still does that the only hope of overcoming the rebellion is coupled with the success of the Democratic party,—that the most efficient allies the rebels have are the abolitionists with whom Hooker votes. They might have prevented the war but would not,—they never can end it.

WELL DONE ROCHESTER.—We learn that the democrats elected their whole ticket in our neighboring Town of Rochester by a small majority. This is a democratic gain, being the first time we believe that they have been successful in that place.—Well done, fellow democrats of Rochester, we greet you as worthy brethren and hope your shadows may never be less.

The State Abolition Central Committee have placed in nomination for Lieut. Governor, Col. Conrad Baker, in place of Gen. Kimball, who declines the sacrifice. Col. Baker was a candidate for the same office in 1856.

LIBERAL.—Governor Bramlette, of Kentucky, has induced the War Department to credit Kentucky on the draft 27,000 troops who have joined the Confederate army. A recruit to the Confederates is considered by our liberal War Department equal to a recruit to the Federals.—[Cin. Enquirer.]

There is nothing strange about that except its frankness. The Confederates and abolitionists are both engaged in the same nefarious work of destroying the Union and trampling under foot the Constitution. Why should they not all be credited to the same cause?

The abolition newspapers howl with indignation, over the atrocities of the rebels at Fort Pillow in the murder of negroes! For the last two years, the papers have been filled with instances of the murder of white men in the North, who have been shot down in cold blood, for mere expression of opinion; but these papers have been silent upon this point. Their indignation runs only one way.—Dawson's Times.

Close of the Metropolitan Fair. The Fair, to all important intents, closed on Saturday night, though the west wing of the principal Fair buildings was open on Monday and Tuesday. There was but a slim attendance of people upon these days. An auction was held yesterday, and will be continued to-day, to dispose of a few articles left on hand.

The "sword vote" resulted in a "victory," so far as greenbacks are concerned, for General Grant. At the time of closing the subscription books, General McClellan was 2,250 ahead; but the loyal legions turned in their currency by letter, or secret ballot, to the amount of nearly 820,000—so that the result is General McClellan, 14,509; General Grant, 20,291; scattering, 103; Grant's majority, 15,782. Seven envelopes, containing in the aggregate \$16,522, purporting to be from the "loyal men" of New York, New England, and Chicago, were deposited, deciding the question.

A movement is on foot to give General McClellan a sword, the presentation of which all the loyal legions in the country cannot prevent. We have received forty one dollars from a correspondent who signs "Justice," as the voluntary offering of himself and fellow-clerks for the commencement of a fund for this purpose.—"Justice" proposes that contributions be received at this office to this end.—N. Y. World.

The rebel government has taken possession for two months of all the railroads in the Confederacy, and travel over them by civilians is totally prohibited.

Excitement Among the Military—Curious Rumors About the Treasury Department—A Discrepancy of \$30,000,000 in the Financial Currency—A Rostation in the Female Department of the Greenback Factory—A Regular Harem kept up.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Times.
CINCINNATI, April 30.

All is excitement there among the military, who are to go into active service on Monday.

The alleged corruption in the printing department of the Federal Treasury has created considerable feeling among the friends of Secretary Chase in this city.—The printing branch of the service is under the management of one S. M. Clark, against whom curious rumors have been afloat for two or three months. Strenuous efforts have been made to have Mr. Chase remove Clark, without avail, as it appears that Clark has a hold on the Secretary that could not be loosened. What this spell is with which the father of greenbacks was beguiled, no one could exactly tell, though there are some curious conjectures. Among the rumors now circulated is one of a discrepancy in the fractional currency account, there being a variance of about twenty millions between the amount which is required to be kept in circulation and that reported by the Secretary as actually in circulation. It is also charged that, among the females employed in the greenback factory, Clark has employed women of easy virtue, and that the most barefaced lechery is practiced in the department with these women. It is even said that this branch of the service has a few rooms fitted up in Oriental style of splendor, and that a regular harem is kept, under the control of a leading officer, for the benefit of persons high in the confidence of the President; and that the greenback factory is a place of easy virtue for the benefit of parties of easy morals.

There has been much jarring in the Cabinet family recently, and each department has suspected the other of corruption. This induced the appointment of detectives, who ferreted out the facts above stated. The testimony of the females and others is progressing before the committee.

Grant and Lee—The Approaching Campaign.

From the Richmond Dispatch.

That Grant is a man of far more energy and ability than any that has yet commanded the Army of the Potomac cannot be denied. But then what sort of men have commanded it? The imbecile McDowell, the lying charlatan McClellan, the low, brutal, boasting politician Pope, the murdering coward, Burnside, the drunken braggart Hooker, the timid but gentlemanly Meade. That Grant is a much superior leader to all these, cannot be denied. And yet it may be denied that he is a great General, since he has never done anything to prove that he is so. Let us see what he has done. The imbecile McDowell, the lying charlatan McClellan, the low, brutal, boasting politician Pope, the murdering coward, Burnside, the drunken braggart Hooker, the timid but gentlemanly Meade. That Grant is a much superior leader to all these, cannot be denied. And yet it may be denied that he is a great General, since he has never done anything to prove that he is so. Let us see what he has done. 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