

## THE PLYMOUTH DEMOCRAT.

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## Party Supremacy.

Not long since the radicals of the country advocated entire and complete co-operation with the administration, and denounced all who refused to do this as vile disloyalists, traitors and copperheads, more to be dreaded if possible than rebels in arms against the government. What was before suspected has now become patent to all, which is, that the reason for their course lay in the desire to secure the complete supremacy of their party; not in the love they bore their country. As proof of this we have only to try them by their own rule of action. When president Johnson first issued his proclamation for the re-construction of North Carolina, the radicals found fault with him because he did not recognize the doctrine of negro suffrage by means of which they hoped to secure a party triumph in that State. They howled fiercely, when they found the president immovable in his adherence to what he believed to be the best interest of the country and refused to change his policy on that question in the reconstruction of the remaining rebel states. When it was ascertained that Mr. Johnson could not be moved by threats and intimidations from his purpose, they then suddenly discovered that the southern states ought not to be permitted to take place in the Union at all until they should be first duly educated in their duties to the whole country in general, and New England in particular. They now claim that the states formerly in rebellion should for the time being be kept in a state of subjection by military rule until they will consent to allow the negroes to vote, and will in all things agree to be guided by radicals in its most repulsive forms. Until the radicals learned that they could not control the president they found no fault with the proposition to reconstruct the states. With the negro vote in the south they thought themselves securely seated in power, without that they see certain and early defeat in case the southern states are again represented in the halls of congress, hence unless the negroes can vote, they insist on a system of military tutelage for the southern states. It is even threatened that unless negro suffrage be adopted in the former slaveholding states, their representatives shall not be admitted to seats in congress. They must allow the negro to vote, or the radicals will do all they can to keep them unrepresented in congress. This is the programme marked out, and it remains to be seen whether it will prove a success, whether enough ultra radicals can be secured who will not scruple to purify themselves to maintain their party supremacy. We would hope for the honor of the country that the scheme may fail but we confess we have fears that it may succeed.

The Northern Indianian again calls attention to the propriety of holding a convention of northern Indiana editors at Plymouth, Friday, August 25th. We have already expressed ourselves in favor of such convention; and we believe the time and place, as suggested by Bro. Ripley, will be most acceptable to a majority of our editorial brethren. We would like very much to hear a more general expression from the members of the press on the subject of such convention.

The following is one of the resolutions of the platform adopted by the convention which nominated Lincoln at Chicago in 1860. It is well to take a look at it occasionally, in order to see where we have drifted:

FOURTH. That the maintenance in violation of the rights of the States, and especially the right of each State to order and control its own judgment exclusively, is essential to that balance of power on which the perfection and endurance of our political faith depends; and we denounce the lawless invasion by armed force of any State or Territory, no matter under what pretext, as among the gravest of crimes.

ENLARGED.—That sterling democratic paper, the Warsaw Union, has recently been enlarged and now contains twenty-eight columns well filled with genuine democratic reading. The Union, under the management of its enterprising proprietor, Mr. F. J. Zimmerman, has attained a handsome size, and is now as neat a paper as is published in the 10th congressional district. The democracy of Kosciusko have cause to be proud of their organ, and they should see that it receives a good hearty support. Success to you, Frank, may your labors be rewarded with plenty of cash subscribers and advertisers.

## Kentucky Politics

The state election in Kentucky takes place on the first Monday in August next. A state treasurer, a congressional delegation, and a state legislature are to be chosen. The democracy have made the following nominations for congress:

First District—Hon. L. S. Trimble. Second District—Hon. B. C. Ritter. Third District—Hon. Henry Grider. Fourth District—Hon. A. H. Ward. Fifth District—Hon. Robt. Millroy. Sixth District—Hon. A. H. Ward. Seventh District—Hon. G. S. Shanklin. Eighth District—Gen. T. T. Garrard. Ninth District—Col. J. Smith Hurtt.

Their nominee for state treasurer is Hon. James H. Garrard, of Clay county. The republican candidate for the same office is Wm. L. Neal, of Madison. Their candidate for congress in the fifth (Louisville) district, is Gen. Lowell H. Ross.

Sept. 10th 1863, when Wm. H. Seward was Governor of New York, he wrote to the Governor of Virginia, as follows:

"No person can maintain more firmly than I do the principle that the States are *sovereign and independent* in regard to all matters, except those in relation to which sovereignty has been expressly, or by necessary implication, transferred to the Federal Government by the Constitution of the United States. I have at least believed that my non-compliance with the requisition made upon me, in the present case, would be regarded as maintaining the *equal sovereignty and independence of this State*, and by necessary consequence those of the other States."

THE CROPS.—JOHNSON.—We learn that there is a great deal of wheat in this country left standing in the field from the fact that it was considered not worth harvesting. The corn crop, though as a general thing planted late, is now in a promising condition.—Jeffersonian.

WAYNE.—We are sorry to learn that the wheat is turning out so inferior. But the corn season so far is good.—Republi-

CAN.—It is a settled fact that the wheat crop is not as good as it might be, and in this section not over one half an average crop is looked for. Oats are looking fine and grass is excellent. The prospect for an abundant corn crop was never better at this season of the year than now. In the past four or five weeks it has come forward with a rapidity unprecedented, and if the season continues favorable one large crop may be expected.—Volunteer.

MADISON.—The Standard says the wheat crop in this county is injured to a great extent, but the corn crop will exceed that of last year.

VERMILION.—Wheat is all harvested here, and the result is hardly as good as anticipated. The crop of straw is quite good, but there is not the yield of grain that was hoped for. From what we can learn, the crop in the country will not be much, if any, over half the usual average. Meadows look splendid. Oats very fine, and corn bids fair to yield more than an average crop.—Hoosier State.

KNOX.—The growing corn in this locality looks splendid. The yield will undoubtedly be heavy.—Sun.

FRANKLIN.—Wheat harvest is all over, and although there is an abundance of straw, many farmers complain that the yield of grain will be inferior. Oats and grass are looking finely. Corn is rather short, but has a very fine appearance, and promises with late frost, an average crop.

AMERICAN.—The growing corn in this locality looks splendid. The yield will undoubtedly be heavy.—Sun.

INDIANAPOLIS.—The 69th, 48th and 142d Indiana infantry and the 6th Indiana battery, numbering 1,517 officers and men, will be publicly received to-morrow. It is reported that Gen. Sherman is expected to be present.

The late heavy rains have done immense additional damage to the wheat in the shock, and the meadows everywhere throughout this region are so badly beaten down as to be almost ruined.

The weather was cool last night, almost to frost. It is more genial to-day, but fires within doors after night fall are comfortable. The season thus far, as regards rains and variegated meteorological arrangements, has been most extraordinary.

The greatest activity prevails among enterprising men here and throughout the state, with regard to the projected Chicago Air Line, the Indianapolis and Vincennes, the Indianapolis and Danville, and the Cincinnati, Madison and New Albany railroads.

ADAMS.—The wheat harvest is about over in this county, and our worst fears have been realized in regard to the destruction of the crop. Throughout the country farmers will just about average their seed. We think not over one-half of the grain has been cut. The farmer say the present information will not justify them in cutting it. Hay, corn, oats, fax, etc., are doing finely, and abundant crops may be expected. The rains have, however, been rather plentiful of late to secure the best order.

FULTON.—The wheat prospect is highly unfavorable; the yield owing to the rains, will not probably be more than one-half of that of last year. Corn promises much more favorably, and an increase over last year's yield is anticipated. The wheat was the cause of the blight.—

WELLS.—The wheat harvest has closed in this section, and the crop is almost a total failure. Many fields have not been cut at all, and many more that have been cut will not yield the seed and cost of harvesting. The ravages of the weevil were frightful, but there would still have been some wheat, had it not been for the rust. The rust destroyed the major part of what the weevil spared. Even the little wheat there is of inferior quality.—Bluffton Banner.

NEWTON.—About the same breadth of wheat was sown as last year, and the yield may be one-eighth more. It has been somewhat damaged by rust. Corn looks well, and about one-eighth more was planted than last year; the increase of oats will be about the same.

PARKER.—The wheat crop is almost a failure; the yield will be of all three quarters less than last year. Corn has suffered somewhat, and the yield will probably not quite equal that of last season.

JASPER.—The wheat prospect is better, and the yield will be considerably greater than last year. The corn has not been injured, and as about one-fourth more breadth was planted than last season, the yield will be correspondingly increased.

NOBLE.—Although the usual breadth of wheat was sown, the crop will be only one-third less, owing to injury from rains and weevil, smut and rust. Corn will yield one-half more than in 1864.

## From Washington.

WASHINGTON, July 14. The other parties convicted of the conspiracy and sentenced to the penitentiary, Mudd, Arnold, and O'Laughlin, for life, and Spangler for six years, are still here, no order having been received for their removal to the Albany penitentiary. Their sentence has not as yet been officially announced to them by the officers, although they no doubt are this have become informed by their counsel and friends, none of whom have been allowed to visit them. They seem quite cheerful, and O'Laughlin, who during the trial appeared to be failing in health, seems to have picked up considerably under guard this hot weather. They are allowed the range of the prison yard to exercise in, and the effects of this privilege are perceptible on their health and spirits.

A large number of applications for pardon continue to be received daily, but the president is not acting upon those of parties who took any prominent part in the rebellion. About 75 pardons were granted to day to parties who are not worth \$20,000, all of whom were recommended by the Governors of their states, none of them being of any prominence.

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