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Throwing off the Mask.

For a time before the election, the Republican was very chary in its attempts to define its position on the negro-equality question. It dodged and prevaricated when asked to face the question squarely, saying that negro suffrage was not an issue before the people. It endeavored to mislead its readers by placing false issues before them, working upon their fears and enlisting their prejudices against the democratic party, falsely asserting that it would if it could, restore slavery, assume the rebel debt, pension rebel soldiers, &c. All this, and more, it did for the sole purpose of diverting the public attention from its pet scheme of negro equality. Now that the election is past, it throws off the mask, and as boldly as it dared, comes out in favor of the odious political creed of universal equality without regard to color. In a brief article on this subject last week it said:

"The true principles of a free government, says Junius Browne, is to give every man a chance, whatever his station or antecedents. That we will give to the negro as his right. No bugbear about negro equality will deter the people from meeting out to the emancipated slave the long demanded justice of making to him that last atonement for what the country has compelled him to endure."

Let us see what this giving to "every man a chance" means, and in what way and to what extent it will affect the negro. He must have a chance to sit at the same table, ride in the same coach, attend the same school, vote at the same elections, hold the same offices from the highest to the lowest grades, and in all things, and in every respect, enjoy the same rights and privileges, with the white man. It seems that "no bugbear about negro equality will deter" the Republican from giving the negro an equal chance in all these respects with the white race. That we do not misstate the position of our radical neighbor and his political associates, our readers may see from the following extract from a late number of the Chicago Tribune, which we append as a commentary on the text of the Republican.

"The negro was admitted to the struggle and carried 150,000 bayonets in the union army and rendered important service to the nation in putting down the rebellion. The white men of the country owe him a debt for those services. They owe him the ballot. * * * Should not the native born black man who has periled his own life to save that of the nation, be equally entitled to suffrage? The debt is fairly due. How can we avoid paying it and escape the crimes of ingratitude and repudiation? * * * We admit that it is right to exclude ignorant, shiftless and worthless black men from the polls, and we also insist that ignorant, shiftless and worthless white men should be weighed in the same scale."

The logic of the Tribune may be unsound, nevertheless, the fact is boldly avowed that black men and white men are to be weighed in the same scale. If this be not negro-equality will some advocate of the doctrine please tell us what it is? How do the poor men of this country like the programme of establishing an aristocracy of mixed colors, black and white, who shall have the exclusive right to vote, and hold office while men with Saxon, Celic or Circassian blood only in their veins are excluded, because forsooth this same mixed aristocracy arrogate to themselves the right to pronounce them "ignorant, shiftless and worthless" because they are poor? Such is the programme of the radicals, and it is to be seen whether the masses of the people can be so far blinded, or debauched as to aid in consummating this scheme for their own degradation.

Sale of the Indiana State Sentinel.

The proprietors of the State Sentinel have published the following notice of the sale of the newspaper part of that office:

To put at rest the numerous reports which have been in circulation for some time past, in regard to the sale of the Sentinel, we will still state that on Saturday last we disposed of the newspaper part of the Sentinel establishment to Messrs. HALL & HUTCHINSON, who take possession on the 1st day of November, from which time our connection with it ceases. We still retain the machinery, presses, book and job type.

By this arrangement the publication of the Sentinel will be conducted under Democratic auspices, and remain as it has been for the last twenty-five years, the central organ of the Democratic party of Indiana. The Sentinel will be published in its present shape and place of business, until the new proprietors have the opportunity to procure the type and materials to enlarge and otherwise improve it, and remove the office to their own place of business.

The arrangements for the future editorial conduct of the paper have not yet been accomplished, but the new proprietors hope to have everything in a working order in a few days. It is the intention to place the establishment on a permanent foundation, and make it, in every respect, worthy the support of the Democracy of Indiana. We will add that this transfer of the Sentinel has the approval of the leading Democrats of this city.

Cartelettes.

Our neighbor across the way in his extreme anxiety to make a point last week, confesses to having caricatured a soldier on the march for the front, and another who got crippled in the service. We should have seen how thought of caricaturing any thing else, or any body else as a soldier who having gone into the field to serve his country, returns to his home crippled for life by the loss of a leg or an arm. Abolitionists, however, have no scruples on such a subject; they can slaughter a one armed soldier in their conventions, caricature in their news-papers one who has lost a leg, and then at the next election with shameless faces ask the subjects of their coarse and unfeeling jokes to turn round and vote for them and their party friends. Well if "the old gentleman" thinks he can make any thing either personally or politically by this course we think he will find it not to be a paying investment.

Has he Deserted Them?

We are almost daily asked the question "has the President deserted the abolition party?" To this inquiry we are forced by the peculiar position of all parties to give no definite answer. Abolitionists claim him, and occasionally a democrat claims fidelity to his mandates, but the majority of the democracy only endorse him so far as he is democratic. It is very evident that the abolitionists are sorely grieved over many of the President's official acts, and by the way they vilify the Tennessee it is quite certain their endorsement extends no farther than ours. The following from the Washington correspondent of the Chicago Tribune reads a little as if the President was deserting them:

"Thus, it grieves us to learn that John H. Haskin, Democratic member elect from New York, has no more (apparent) difficulty in securing the displacement of Republican postmasters in this district to make room for the leanest of the underfed, than if a Democratic President were in power. It grieves us to see the President order the Government advertising into the miserable *Constitutional Union* of this city, whose living name is but the least noxious of the torments of treasonable falsehood with which its columns have been flooded for five years past; and this solely, His Excellency is said to have explained, to keep the paper alive."

Thus, while it grieves many of the radicals to see their friends sacrificed, we are not prepared to say that the President has deserted the party. His official acts are not wholly democratic.

The Weight and Length of the National Debt.

Mr. James Fair, the calculating prodigy, has made the following calculation of the weight and measure of the National debt, taking as a premise that its amount is, in round numbers, four thousand millions dollars:

A silver dollar, measures one and a half inches in diameter. Hence eight dollars, laid side by side, makes one foot, twenty-four one yard, and 24,240 an English mile. The circumference of the globe is 21,000 miles, and therefore \$12,384,000 bid in one line would girdle it. But even this enormous sum, being less than a quarter part of our debt, the whole amount of the latter would encircle it four times and overlap by 8,610 miles.

Now estimating the weight of a silver dollar at one ounce, sixteen of them would make a pound, and reckoning 2000 pounds to the ton, the entire debt would weigh 125,900 tons, and therefore 125 ships, of 1,000 tons each, would be required to float it by water.

Again, allowing two tons for the burthen of a heavy baggage wagon 62,500 wagons would be needed to convey this monstrous mass of indebtedness in silver. Now an elliptical circle formed of these wagons alone ranged lengthwise with their tails, would encircle the three cities of New York, Albany and Troy.

Still another interesting gauge of this huge amount. Were it possible for a man to count \$60 per minute and continue to work steadily without intermission for 10 hours of each day for six days in the week, it would cost him 365 years and 40 days to complete the computation by single silver dollars. Thus, it would employ 465 men more than one year, 4,380 men one day for ten hours, and 1,138,300 one of those hours to finish the job.—Cincinnati Times.

ALABAMAS GOING TO BRAZIL.—Major Hastings, of Alabama, appears to have succeeded in organizing a colony to emigrate to Brazil. The Salem Messenger says he is to have one hundred families, or five hundred paying members, each paying a quota of money, which they forfeit in case they fail to be ready to embark at the time and place designated by their written agreement. The transportation will cost twenty dollars for adults and ten dollars for children between two and twelve years of age, each family being entitled to one ton of freight free of charge, and each unmarried person, not of the families, to two hundred pounds. The time and place of embarkation are already designated; about half the requisite number have signed the agreement. The full number will soon be obtained, when the final arrangements for the departure of the colony will be made.—Atlanta Era.

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The Republican still harps upon the order of the board of commissioners authorizing the employment of a physician residing in Plymouth to attend upon the inmates of the county asylum when sick.—It totally ignores the fact that they also authorized the employment of a physician who resides in the immediate neighborhood, and who has in consequence been several times called to see the sick of the asylum.

As we understand the matter they have done just as any prudent board would have done; in case he can't be procured when needed then another can be had. The Republican concludes its article with the following choice rhapsody:

"Can it (the Democrat) not say the other physician, though a graduate, is a quack and irresponsible?" This is doubtless what the Republican would say under similar circumstances, but as we are not in the habit of affirming that to be true of which we know nothing, we cannot so far imitate the tactics of our gentlemanly neighbor. Indeed we are inclined to the opinion that "the other physician" though comparatively young is competent, at least, to discharge the ordinary duties of his profession, or the commissioners would not have authorized his employment. The gossip of the Republican about the expense of employing a physician living here, being four times as much as it would be to employ the "other physician" who lives near the asylum is all gratuitous.—

The "other physician" true to the instincts of his party has invariably charged much more relatively for services thus far rendered, than the one who lives here as a comparison of their bills on file in the Auditor's office will show. This does not in the least surprise us, for who ever knew an abolitionist, *alias*, a modern republican to get hold of the public teat, and not draw for all their was in it? The Republican has *now* word to say in reply to that portion of our former article relative to awarding the asylum to Mr. Taplin at a greater sum than another offered to take it. Will it tell us why it found no fault then? Would it have found fault now if the award had been made to a republican? It has become a mania with our neighbor to approve everything that goes to the benefit of its party, or party friends, and to grumble and mutter at everything which in the least would benefit its political opponents. It never stops to consider the propriety of things, because it sees no propriety in anything that can not be used for the benefit of its party.—All its fine spun sentences about economy are evidently prompted by mere partisan spirit and though in themselves proper enough, will be taken with many grains of allowance, coming as they do from a man who on similar occasions heretofore had not a word to say because a friend instead of an opponent was the recipient. All the rant of the republican editor about the slander of the poor man, which it affects to see in our former article on the subject, is owing doubtless to the same cause that enabled him to see the slander at all; a glass too much, perhaps, has caused "the old gentleman" to see what did not exist, and then rant about it. Better keep cool, neighbor, or we may want you to answer for your friend Taplin some rather tough questions relative to certain stock bought and sold by him while on the farm, and we may possibly have something to say relative to the invader of the property on the farm when he came under and when he quit. We have no mind to go into this matter, however, unless driven to do so by the course of Mr. Taplin's friend of the White Man's Badge is just the thing.

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Wendell Phillips says that "President Johnson is three-quarters rebel." Phillips is trying the effect of the Abolition whip over Johnson's shoulders. He was accustomed to use it over Lincoln's back to good effect for his side. It remains to be seen whether Johnson can be brow-beaten and bullied.

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