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## Special Session.

When the old farmers come into our office, they ask what is this extra session doing? What was it called for? We can only answer that we do not know what it was called for. We know it is costing about two thousand dollars a day of the people's money, and that it is proposing to buy property, create offices, legislate against the Germans and for the negroes, etc.—Whether it will be able to wriggle through a bill to increase the interest on the two and a half cent bonds in order to make a gift to the bondholders and increase the taxes on the people we do not know. It is very likely, though, that they may, as the Republicans have the majority of the members present in both branches. But then, as the wealthy men have their property in bonds, which the Republicans have exempted from taxation, why, they care nothing, of course, about the gifts of State money, or the squandering of it as the farmers and laboring men have it to pay.—In Indiana's Herald.

The republican side of the legislature not only propose "to buy property, create offices, legislate against the Germans," &c., but will, we have no doubt, succeed in wriggling through the bill to "increase the taxes on the people," under the pretext of dealing honestly with our bondholders, but in reality to enable the wealthy and aristocratic nobles who have made their fortunes out of the war, still further to "feather their nest" by buying up at a heavy discount our outstanding State bonds, and converting them at par into available funds. The present appearances also indicate that an unscrupulous effort will be made to pass such an amendment to the liquor law as will in fact prohibit the sale of all intoxicating liquors, beer, wine and cider. In other words the Maine law in a modified form is to be enacted in Indiana, if the puritanical element in the legislature be not thwarted in its efforts at compulsory moral reformation.

This party who for years has been crying out in favor of honesty, fairness and the largest liberty, is itself now engaged in pressing to final consummation more gigantic schemes of fraud and corruption, than ever before entered into the heads of any legislative body in the State, and at the same time looking up with countenances as devout as saints.

## Who are Disunionists?

The Anti-Slavery Standard, a leading republican paper of the most virulent type, in discussing the President's reconstruction policy, remarks as follows:

"His purpose, however, remains unchanged, and every desperate expedient he utters only shows how resolute he is to save his own scheme though he destroy the nation in the attempt."

The New York *Times*, another leading republican paper of ability, commenting on the position of the *Standard*, thus lets in a flood of light upon the past history, and present as well as past wishes of the republican party. It says:

When the rebellion first broke out there was a party in the country, consisting mainly of the ultra-abolitionists, which was in favor of letting the South go, in order that the North might be relieved of all responsibility for the sin of slavery, and that Northern men might no longer be hampered in their control of the National Government. It was in pursuance of this policy that Mr. Chase, in the first meeting held after the attack on Fort Sumter, opposing raising any troops or making any war, and it was in pursuance of the same policy that the *Telegraph* took ground in favor of secession, provided a majority of the people of the South wished to secede.

Now that the war is over the same party resist the restoration of the Union, or rather make it wholly subordinate in importance to the elevation to the political power of the enfranchised slaves. As the *Standard* clearly puts the case, they mean to make "everything tend to the purpose of keeping the South out of the Union until negro suffrage is secured." Their policy has been steady and consistent. They have never swerved a hair's breadth from their purpose. They have made "everything tend" to the interest and elevation of the negro race. They would have consented to the division of the Union and the overthrow of the Government; rather than the continuance of slavery. The war destroyed slavery, and now they not only consent, but demand, that the Union shall not be restored until negro suffrage has been secured to the Southern States.

Their immediate purpose is to force Congress; to thwart the President's efforts to restore the Union and re-establish the authority of the Constitution and Government, unless negro suffrage is secured as a condition precedent. We do not believe that either fanaticism or party discipline, or both united, are strong enough in Congress to give them success.

Ford's theatre at Washington, has now been completely remedied, and will be occupied as a depot for "rebel" relics.

## The 13th Article.

The negro revolt in Jamaica, by which so many innocent and helpless white men, women and children were cruelly butchered, has finally been suppressed and the leaders have met their fate by execution. Our readers may know the nature of the outrages perpetrated on the whites by the negroes of the island, we give place to this subjoined article which we clip from the *Jamaica Guardian*, in relation to the butchery at Fort Morau:

The Rev. Mr. Herschell, knocked down on his knees, in vain sued for mercy and offered ransom; the blows fell thick upon him until he was laid low, and while the heart yet beat, a savage cut out his tongue and held it up in triumph. Cheer after cheer rang through the fiendish band after each new act of atrocity.

Mr. Cooke, the Clerk of the Peace, was pushed under the floor by a faithful black servant boy, and remained the whole night in a mud puddle under it formed by hogs. Lying here he could just see through the intervals of the pillars the feet of the rioters as they went by, and hear some of them boast that they had chopped him to pieces. His unfortunate brother had probably been mistaken for him, and he had owed his safety to that circumstance, which prevented further search after him. The next morning his faithful preserver and companion watched the opportunity and led him to the woods, where he remained concealed until the military arrived from Kingston. While the wife and children of this gentleman remained concealed in the house of a druggist, they heard the boast of some men who had brought wounded companions there to be dressed, that "they had chopped that fellow Stephen Cooke so fine his wife would not be able to find a piece of him." The unfortunate woman with difficulty suppressed a shriek, which had she uttered it might have at once drawn down a bloody revenge upon her kind protector, the druggist.

Sec. 4. The General Assembly shall pass laws to carry out the provisions of this Article.

We are unalterably opposed to its repeal, as we think all right-minded men should be. We have negroes enough in our State; if we need more laborers let us employ white men.

## Programme of the Radicals.

The radical members of the approaching session of congress have chalked out their programme for action and will doubtless follow it out to the letter. The Washington correspondent of the Chicago *Times* says:

The breach between the president and the radical members, in relation to the president's restoration policy and the admission of the southern members, is now open palpable and avowed. The radicals, having counted noses and compared notes, are now so satisfied with their own strength that they have boldly proclaimed their views and intentions, and thrown down the gage of battle. This task was intrusted by them to Mr. Colfax, and was ably performed by that gentleman in his recent speech. That speech is understood by the president as being an open defiance to him; and as equivalent as saying, "This is our platform; come and stand on it with us, or we will carry it out without you." It is in effect, the Sumner and Stevens programme. On it, Mr. Colfax will be re-elected speaker, and Mr. McPherson clerk of the house. The house will then be organized without the southern members, and such conditions will be imposed upon those of them that present themselves as will secure their exclusion during the whole of the session. The southern states will thus be kept out of the union. The representatives of the northern states will then proceed to legislate for the southern states, and, under the operation of the constitutional amendment or without it, will pass laws designed to keep the south without representation in congress for thirty years to come.

If the radicals succeed in their nefarious undertaking they will have thereby accomplished the schemes designed by Phillips, Garrison and Sumner years ago, and for which they have toiled, with unwearying interest from the first. We should think that the people might now at least see the truth of the charges made by the democracy against these men and their reckless co-adjutors, the leaders of the republican party. But the most iniquitous part of the radical tactics, and that without which perhaps they never could have succeeded, consisted in falsely charging democrats with a desire to dissolve the union while they were themselves bending all their energies to the accomplishment of that end. While they were steadily plotting treason and disunion they were at the same time engaged in imprisoning democrats whom they falsely alleged were in favor of the same thing. They boldly charged others with their own crimes, and then paid pimps and tools to subdue the charges before military courts, "ordered to try and organize to convict." This they did to turn attention from themselves until such time as they could so debauch the public mind as to render it safe for them to avow their own infamy. That time in their judgment had arrived, and we see the scheme of practical disunion boldly advocated by all the radical leaders at Washington.

Arrest of T. K. Barrett.

T. K. Barrett, Esq., editor of the *La Porte Democrat*, was arrested last week on a charge of "assault with a deadly weapon" on an individual named Richardson, Captain of a company of "loyal Americans" or negroes. The *Democrat* says Richardson had repeatedly threatened the life of the editor, and the latter acted in self defense; that had he shot the brute down in his tracks, no impartial jury of freemen would have censured him. The arrest of Mr. Barrett was undoubtedly the work of politicians who concocted this scheme to release themselves, for a time, from the repeated castigations he so justly administered to them.

From Indianapolis.

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In the house numerous petitions on temperance were presented. Reports from the judiciary committee—the majority recommending the repeal of the 13th article of the constitution, relative to negro emigration and the majority reporting against it—were tabled.

A joint resolution was introduced, urging on Congress legislation equalizing the pay and bounties of soldiers. A bill was passed providing that the failure of appraisers to do their duty should not invalidate the duplicate. A large number of bills and resolutions were presented and referred.

The house bill abolishing courts of conciliation was passed after an animated discussion.

A resolution in favor of Negro suffrage was defeated in the Missouri Legislature.

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