



The legislature has adjourned, and for all the good it has done, might as well not have been convened. The session has been a continuous effort on the part of the republican majority to carry into effect a score or more of schemes by which money was to have been transferred from the public treasury to the pockets of leading loyalists in different parts of the State. In a few instances we regret to say they have been successful, but for the most part they have through the unswerving fidelity of the democratic members, aided by a few conservative republicans, completely balked of their prey. We wonder if the Governor will think it worth while to call another extra session?

Radical Consistency.

The radicals ignore Andrew Johnson's plan of reconstruction, and insist on keeping the rebellious States out of the Union treating them as conquered provinces. In the catalogue of States so treated is Tennessee, of which Mr. Johnson is a citizen. Congress refuses to admit representatives from the State on the ground that it is out of the Union, yet it recognizes Mr. Johnson as president. If Tennessee is not in the Union so as to entitle her to representation in Congress, then Mr. Johnson is not legally president, not being a citizen of the United States, and the government is to day under the lead of a usurper, although elected by the forms of law to the office which he holds.

Again, if the late rebellious States are not in the Union, then action in adopting the constitutional amendment prohibiting slavery was illegal and void so far as it effects the change sought to be accomplished, and as a necessary result the system of slavery still has a legal existence therein, unless the proclamation of Mr. Lincoln abolished it. This the radicals themselves will scarcely contend for, else why the necessity for the constitutional amendment. If slavery was already abolished by the proclamation, the amendment was a work of supererogation and goes for nothing. A pretty mudle the radicals are making of the grave matters of government; but it is no worse than might have been expected from men of their views and antecedents. Oh, for the good old days of democratic rule and sensible legislation.

Export Duties—A New Scheme to Rob the West.

New England has a scheme to alter the Federal Constitution, so that export duties may be levied. The object is to get cotton ten or twenty cents cheaper than foreign nations can buy it and pay the export duty to that amount. New England being in the Union, she would receive it free, and would have the entire control of the home market. She could raise the prices of her manufactures of cotton, and oblige the West, as the consumer, to pay it. She—in connection with the Atlantic States—would also like to levy an export duty on breadstuffs raised in the West, so as to cut off from a foreign market, and oblige us to sell in the narrow and contracted market of the East. Glaring as these schemes are to impoverish the West to aggrandize the East, there are men and there is a party in the West that is stupid enough to favor them. Such a party deserves no other reward than to be always what they are—mere "hewers of wood and drawers of water" to smarter people than themselves.—*Cincinnati Enquirer.*

It is again rumored that Secretary Stanton has tendered his resignation, and that he insists upon its acceptance. It is a pity that he cannot get the President to hear his petition. Stanton will never resign his position—he will have to be kicked out of the cabinet as Beast Butler was out of the army, if he is got rid of before the expiration of his term.

The Dayton (Ohio) *Empire* alluding to his probable retirement says:

"But where would such a miscreant as Stanton go?—or where could he go, to hide himself, from the scowls and close his ears from the imprecations of the tens of thousands of our people, on whom his despotic and bloody and inhuman acts have inflicted such untold misery during his administration? Where? Wasn't it that there never lived in his breast a sentiment of pity, he would certainly be an object for pity. Were he ever known to have harbored a generous sentiment for any one but himself, he might be commiserated.—But, with brain full of selfishness and heart full of malice, all his inclinations devillish and all his aims despotic, a tyrant in office, and a poltroon when beyond the call of his bayonet-guard, what is he but a being at whom the finger of scorn will ever be pointed, and whom history, truthful history, will not fail to hand down to coming ages as a monster of infamy!"

Ex-Attorney-General Black, of Mr. Buchanan's Cabinet, has formed a law partnership in Washington with Mr. Lamon, formerly law partner with Mr. Lincoln.

Bleeding Kansas vs. West Virginia.

We all remember the Republican clamor about bleeding Kansas, having its origin in the charge that the State Constitution there was imposed upon the people against their consent. We revive the reminiscence in order to show how the same party acted and acts in reference to the fraudulent handling known as Western Virginia. The *Spirit of Jefferson*, a Virginia paper, says:

"It is curious to see how little weight the voice of the people has had in the matter. The counties of Logan, Cabell, Nicholas, McDowell, Mercer, Greenbrier, Pocahontas, Webster, Morgan and Pendleton, having a white population of about 55,400, never cast a vote for the Convention—has submitted the question of the new State to the people—not a member of the first Wheeling Legislature—not for the Convention that framed the Constitution of the new State. The counties of Fayette, Wyoming and Mason never cast a vote for the new State or its Constitution. In 1850 the vote of Braxton was 754. It cast but 83 for the new concern. Barbour, with a vote of 1,269 cast 459; Boone, with a vote of 563, cast but 78; Hampshire, with a vote of 1,915, cast 157; Hardy, with 1,479 votes, cast 192, and Pendleton, with 929 votes, cast 116. The whole State as it stood at the time, cast but about 19,000 votes out of a voting population of 48,000, and in these latter days, Jefferson County, with a vote of 1,859, cast only some 91 in favor of going over to the Mountain State, as some of its friends delight in calling it."

The fact that this mock organization in Western Virginia is suffered to exist is one of the greatest political crimes of the day. The State was made from Virginia without and against her consent. The Federal Constitution provides that no State shall be made without the permission of the sundered fragment. Congress has just as much power to consolidate all the New England States into one as it had to divide Virginia against its consent.—*Enquirer.*

The White Count Must Come Down.

The negroes of this city held a pow-wow, a few days since, which certainly did honor to the intelligence and renown of their white allies of the black Republican party. They laid down the following as the platform which they are going to stand upon: "We claim the right of equal suffrage, and we will have it, or we will trouble those who keep it from us." There—we advise the white ones to come down now. This is fair notice that if we do not all come down to the odious level of the negroes, they will catch us down. So the black negroes of New York have planted themselves essentially on the same platform with the white negroes of Congress. All ought to go on well now. These noble philosophers also resolved that "the name of Frederick Douglass is a tower of strength in the country," and that "prominent men, such as Frederick Douglass, Gen. Butler and Wendell Phillips, be invited to deliver lectures at the Cooper Institute in aid of the movement." The movement is to raise ten thousand dollars to send a delegate to Washington in the person of Mr. Frederick Douglass, as a representative of the colored population." Having just excluded the representatives of the southern States because they are not negroes, we think it will be entirely in keeping with the dignity and designs of Congress to receive this negro as the "representative of the colored population." Why not? The colored population have 150 or so of white representatives in Congress, why should they not have one of their own color. It strikes us that the white folks are rather monopolizing the business of representing the colored population."—*N. Y. Day Book.*

THE Extra Session.

The Indianapolis *Herald* says:

The special session has closed. It has been disastrous, in its action, to the welfare of the State. It cannot have involved fewer than half a million of dollars, much of the sum being voted into private pockets. We shall examine its acts as we have leisure. One of the objects for which the session was called, viz: to vote money to the *Journal* office, has been liberally accomplished, though the amount voted this session is only a retainer in the matter, only a sum paid to bind the bargain. The present appropriation will necessarily be followed by others, running up to, probably, a hundred and fifty thousand dollars more. But their important persons are stock-holders in the *Journal* office, and for the great and important services and sacrifices, particularly the *services*, without money and without price! they made during the war, they ought to be compensated. We are now learning where Col. H. C. 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