

# THE PLYMOUTH DEMOCRAT.

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## The Abandonment of Principle.

The Chicago *Times* advises the Democratic party to abandon its position in opposition to negro suffrage, and argues that by so doing the existence of the party may be continued—and only by so doing. If the Democratic party follows this advice, we certainly think it is very sick, and that its recovery is a consummation devoutly to be wished for.

The democracy have heretofore held that the negro was an inferior race, unfit for self-government, and disqualified by decree of God for the exercise of the elective franchise in our government. That the government was made by white men, for white men, and that the idea of negro-equality was disgusting and degrading. If the democracy does not still maintain these views on this question we must consider ourselves outside of the organization. If the *Times* asks the party with which it formerly acted, to follow its lead on the negro-suffrage question on principle, because negroes ought to vote, then they we still stand, "Bourbon-like," where we have ever stood, unalterably opposed to the disgusting doctrine.

If because the laws to be passed this winter will permit him to vote, in spite of the Democratic party, then let us oppose the passage of these anticipated laws the same as though we had the power to defeat them. If we are laboring to advance a correct principle it does not and cannot change, and must ultimately triumph, and we are unworthy advocates if we desert our cause at the first reverse.

If the *Times* argues for negro suffrage from policy, then we are again "Bourbon-like," opposed to it. First, we think a party scarcely worthy of contempt that will deliberately prostitute its principles for the paltry fee of position and temporary success, and the destinies of the country could not fall into worse keeping than the custody of such men. Second, as policy it would be successful suicide, only. On the plain issue of negro-suffrage the people are with the democracy by an overwhelming majority, and if they were not, old honest, original negro-equality would suit them much better than place-hunting, principle discarding, time-serving democracy of the *Times* stamp.

## Cutting Loose from the President.

Some democratic journals and politicians seem very desirous to have the democratic party "cut loose from the President," and write and talk as though with the accomplishment of the "cutting loose" process the democratic party would be on the high-way to success and its former position in the country. Now so far as we are concerned, we do not propose to "cut loose."

Our big School House is so nearly completed that it has been announced that we are actually to have a school in it this winter.

Our little folks are anticipating a fine time at a Sunday School Celebration which is promised to be held some time the last of this month or the first of next month.

Mr. Barnaby from Salem, O., has recently put up a new steam saw mill in this place and is doing a good business with it. We are glad to welcome to our place a gentleman who comes well recommended as Mr. B.

Our friend M. M. Ga'entle, of this place, has started a branch of his Dry Goods store at Pierceton, Ind. Mr. D. O. Beebe and El. Galentine are to run it, and good hopes are entertained of a brilliant success.

## Thanksgiving Proclamation.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 12th, 1866.

To the people of Indiana:

In the discharge of what I believe to be a solemn duty, and in accordance with a proclamation issued by the President of the United States, I do hereby appoint Thursday, the 22nd of this month, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer, and earnestly request the people, laying aside their usual avocations, to assemble at their accustomed places of worship, and return thanks to Almighty God for the unnumbered blessings He has bestowed upon our States and Nation.

And while returning praise and thanksgiving, let them pray for a continuance of His great mercies, and that He will in an especial manner relieve and comfort those who are yet in affliction; that He will have in His care and keeping the widows and orphans, and the desolate and aged parents, whose husbands, fathers and sons have fallen in battle that our country might live; that He will inspire the nation to make ample provision for those gallant men, who by reason of wounds and disease, contracted in the service of their country, can not provide for themselves, that their last days may be pleasant, and that they may not feel they have served an ungrateful people; that He will elevate and protect from oppression the helpless people who were recently in bondage, and will put it into the hearts of the people to grant to them justice and the equal protection of the law; that He will inspire with wisdom the men who are invested with the power of the Government, and who have in their hands the settlement of the great questions which yet distract and divide the nation, and so order and direct that their measures may lead to peace, justice, and to the harmony, power and glory of our country through all time.

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A Washington dispatch says: Members of Congress are beginning to arrive already, and active caucusing will commence next week.

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## BOURBON CORRESPONDENCE.

BOURBON, Nov. 20, 1866.

EDS. DEMOCRAT: Your Bourbon correspondent has had his hands full for the past four or five weeks, and nothing of very grave importance having occurred here since he last wrote you, is his excuse for failing to fulfill his promise made some time ago. He expects to be able to give you something every week hereafter.

People like the rest of mankind, have been star-gazing for a few nights past in hopes of seeing the meteoric display promised us by the astronomers about the middle of November. But nary a meteor do we see. But there is a pleasure after all, in looking for meteors, even if you don't see 'em! "Moonlight, music, love and flowers!" That's delicious, isn't it? and then to have a "thing of beauty, a joy forever," hanging on your arm, and casting her eye lovingly over your shoulder pretending to be looking for meteors. That's bully!

"Our mind is filled with dreams of meekness, of love, of tenderness, of tenderness. We think of savagery, wildness, basest miseries. Too small for courting, yet too big for kisses. A sort of honey, scrappy silly human that's more than child yet not quite a woman!"

We were hardly prepared for the Chicago *Times*'s negro-suffrage article. However, it is not surprising that the *Times* should write and print such stuff. It has been a time-serving, policy paper during the whole of the past six years, and nothing better could reasonably be expected from it. If negro suffrage is to be forced upon the country there is a party now organized whose policy is negro suffrage and negro equality, and if there are democrats who are in favor of it, let them cut loose from the Democratic party, join the radicals and swallow the negro whole. It may be a foregone conclusion that negro suffrage is inevitable, but suppose it is?

What the democrats want none of the laurel wreaths to be twined around the brows of those who elevate the negro to a position in our government where he may be in the halls of Congress and even in the Presidential chair.

Messrs. Gould & Davis have purchased the furniture establishment of Joseph Watson. Mr. W. has removed to Ohio.

Mr. M. James has erected a substantial lumber office near the depot, and is now comfortably and permanently located in the lumber trade.

The Post office has been moved to the room first door west of Heller & Galentine corner, and Post Master Beals is sparing no pains to give satisfaction to all who have business to transact with him.

Mrs. Martha, wife of Jerome H. Chamberlain, of this place, died on Friday, the 16th, after a brief illness. Her mother and other friends were with her during most of her sickness, and

"San in death her eyelids close  
Calmly as to a night's repose,  
Like flowers at set of sun."

Her remains were taken to Goshen, the former place of her residence, and buried on Sunday.

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## Mexican Affairs.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.

The navy department has received information of the arrival of the *Tallapoosa* at Galveston, from off Tampico. No foreign vessels of war were off the river or in the port of Tampico on the 29th of October, and only one American vessel in the harbor.

Tampico is at present in command of Col. Gomez, with a force of 500 men, controlling customs and enforcing the payment of loans.

The authorities of Victoria, the capital of the state, do not recognize those of Tampico, and their guerrillas seize all goods found en route for the interior markets dispatched from the Tampico custom house.

Gen. Pator, who has a force of 15,000 or 20,000 men in the Huasteca, and is now holding Tampico, has issued a proclamation declaring the Potosi valley open to foreign commerce, which, it is feared, the democracy will not trust it, should it remain with the radicals, where it properly belongs, then democrats will know where to find it hereafter.

The *Times* can do either one of two things; back down from its present position squarely, or remain in the camp of the enemy, whose leading spirits have everywhere extended the Black Republic's hand of fellowship. If it backs down the democracy will not trust it, should it remain with the radicals, where it properly belongs, then democrats will know where to find it hereafter.

CONFIDENCE LOST.—We are personally acquainted with John Morrissey, Esq., and once had great respect for him, and much confidence in his integrity but it is fast passing away. When he accepted the nomination for Congress we began to lose confidence in him. His election has lowered him very much in our estimation, and if he lets himself down so low as to take a seat in this polluted, and corrupt Congress, we shall have lost all confidence in Morrissey.—*Western Mirror*.

GEN. ORTEGA and party remained at Brasos, guests with the commander of the United States colored troops. He has signified his intention not to return to New Orleans. The heavy rains have delayed the inland locomotion to be performed on horse-back.

Fifteen hundred federal troops leave for

the Mexican frontier soon.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 19.

Vera Cruz date to the 13th have been received.

At an extra meeting to discuss the situation, Maximilian's ministers unanimously determined to continue in office without alteration.

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.

The New York *Times* has the following:

"Mr. Johnson has not indicated his purpose relative to the amnesty-suffrage plan mentioned in those dispatches on Friday last, though the gentlemen who advocate the proposition represent that the president has given them encouragement to expect that he will adopt their suggestions substantially, if not exactly, in the form they advise. Several newspaper correspondents have endeavored to excite a doubt of the existence of such a combination of leading men for the purpose of inducing the president to accept the proposition and advise the southern people, as set forth in my dispatches. In order to put at rest such doubts, I am enabled to say, from personal knowledge, that such a combination does exist. A number of the gentlemen operating in it have had interviews with Mr. Johnson, and they have been laboring in the matter for about a month, visiting and corresponding with influential men of the north and south."

Speculation is rife at Washington as to the future policy of the President. If one were to believe all the stories of newspaper correspondents there would be no telling what the President's policy is now or will be in future. He is now a radical, then again a copperhead, rebel and traitor. We prefer to await his coming message to Congress for a definition of his policy.

The *World*'s Washington special says:

"An authoritative denial is furnished of the story that Chief Justice Chase had an audience with the President, relative to the question of extending universal amnesty to the South in return for partial suffrage.

His interview was relative to the causes for the delay in the trial of Jeff. Davis, Judge Chase was not present with the Cabinet, as stated.

BILLIARD TOURNAMENT.—The South Bend *Union* says arrangements are being made for a grand Billiard Tournament, to take place in that city sometime during the holidays. Two or three prizes are to be played for, the first of which will be a magnificent billiard cue, valued at \$50, and \$50 in greenbacks, in addition. Open to players from Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan. Everything connected therewith will be arranged upon a most liberal plan.

The *Post*'s special says: "The facts divulged to-day show that there is little hope that the president will recommend impartial suffrage in his message to congress. He will stand with Mr. McCulloch on financial questions."

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