

## THE PLYMOUTH DEMOCRAT.

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### The Beginning of the End.

On Monday last, Jeff. Davis was bro't by writ of *habeas corpus* before Judge Underwood at Richmond, and discharged.—This action by one of the most radical of all radicals, is equivalent to an admission that for nearly two years past, Davis has been wrongfully suffering imprisonment by the military power of the country. If not wrongfully imprisoned he should not have been released under the writ: if it is proper and right to discharge him now, he should have been released in the first place. Mr. Davis after being discharged, was immediately re-arrested on a charge of treason, and let to bail in the sum of one hundred thousand dollars conditioned for his appearance at the next term of the court to answer the charge.

We very much doubt whether he will ever be brought to trial. The radicals fear to try him, because to do so, and fail to convict, as they most likely would, they would become the laughing stock of the whole civilized world; and to convict and execute him would bring down upon them the indignation not only of Davis' personal friends and associates in the rebellion, but also of all thoughtful and honest men, including hundreds of thousands in their own political party. Either born of the dilemma is dangerous, and yet if he be tried, they must grasp one or the other.—It is more probable that they will, under one pretext or another, stave off his trial in the hope that he may die, and thus leave the question of his legal guilt an open one for demagogues to harp upon in the future.

Should he be tried and convicted, it is extremely doubtful whether President Johnson would pardon him, although thousands of leading radicals would petition him to do so. Johnson and Davis are personal enemies, and Johnson by withholding his pardon could revenge himself against Davis and the radicals who have treated him so shabbily ever since they ascertained that they could not make him do their bidding. Were it not for these considerations Davis would have been released by the President long ago on bail or absolutely pardoned. Jeff. Davis is, and ever since his capture has been, an elephant on the hands of the radicals which they would be glad to dispose of very cheaply. He has been the bear which they have been holding by the ears, uncertain whether it is more dangerous to hold on or let him go.

### Playing for the Whistle.

The expenses of the war department of the government for the present year are stated at the sum of \$150,000,000. The entire expenses per year during the administration of Mr. Buchanan were only \$66,000,000. Now, as then, the country is at peace, yet we spend for one department alone more than twice as much as the whole expenses of the government under a democratic administration. It seems to us that the people are paying pretty dearly for the radical whittle of a war for emancipation and its consequent evils. Perhaps it would be well also to remember that much of this radical expense is due to the tenacity with which, like leeches the radicals in power hold on to the body politic sucking the life blood of the laboring masses. With all their extravagance they could never by any fair means, run up so large an amount of expense for the people to foot up; but they have ignored all constitutional restraints, and stop at nothing that in the remotest degree promises success in consummating their corrupt schemes to retain power. Never in the history of the civilized world, have men been so overbearing, tyrannical, reckless and corrupt as are the leaders of the party now in power. The rights of the people with them are nothing, the laws of the land nothing, the cries of the oppressed nothing, the toils of the laboring men nothing, the union of the States nothing, dishonesty, false pretenses, peculation, theft, robbery and murder nothing to them, provided these things promise success to the perpetrators of them in retaining their power and ill-gotten gains. Tariffs are increased, taxes piled up, the poor oppressed, the rich favored, the memories of our revolutionary fathers maligned, white men degraded, negroes lauded and thrust into positions for which they are totally unprepared and unqualified, military despots established, and a war of races threatened, all to retain power a party the leaders of which are more wicked, revengeful, rapacious and satanic than were ever men before. Meanwhile the laboring classes have to foot the bills while these aristocratic rids in \$1000, carriages and dwell in princely mansions. How long must these things be?

### Maryland to be Degraded.

It is given out by knowing ones in the confidence of radicals high in authority, that Maryland is to be degraded from the position of a sovereign State, to a military satrapy similar in character to those recently established in the southern States. With a view to the overthrow of the state government in Maryland the petition of radical factious in that State, was at the late session of congress referred to the judiciary committee of the House who now

have the matter under consideration, and will doubtless report in favor of the scheme. In case of success, a military commandant, such as Schenck would again figure largely as Oppressor General, and radical ninc-poop over the people, subjecting the civil to the military power, when his will would be law and democrats be compelled to keep close mouth and stay away from the polls, or else be subjected to illegal and revolting punishments for their attempts to do otherwise.

And this is to be done in the name of liberty and all the people are expected to say amen. Will members of the republican party endorse such high handed outrages on the part of their leaders, or will they stop and think, and finally come to the conclusion that the people have some rights that jacobinical leaders are bound to respect? The infamous Schenck, miscreant Stevens, the drunken Chandler, the sot Yates, the braggart Butler, the polished Sumner, the demagogue Colfax, the bloated Wade and a host of their ignoble confederates, favor the project, and we expect to hear by and by, that the rotten Moxy Monitor and his cheek-by-jowl associates in political iniquity, from Hughes down to Mattingly, are all in readiness to defend this infamous outrage upon the rights of a free people. Whether they will be sustained is a question for the people themselves to decide, and the sooner they commence examining the subject the better it will be for them. Delay will jeopardize every right which an American citizen holds dear.

### NEGRO RIOTS.

Negro riots are fearfully on the increase all over the south; in every nook and corner where the Military Despotism Bill can reach a poor, half starve rebel. At Richmond, Va., riots occur almost daily, the negroes being the aggressors in every instance, and killing white men whenever their thirst for blood wants a victim. They attack street cars by night, smash in the windows, and if possible kill the passengers; make raids on the firemen of the city while in procession, and pelt them with stones, and not unfrequently fire upon them with muskets and revolvers.

On Monday at Brownsville, Tenn., at the radical convention, a serious riot occurred, the result of negro incendiary speeches, saying that "every man that had owned slaves ought to have his heart cut out." It was expected by the counsel for the state that one of the associated justices would state that some of the judges dissented from the decision; but no such announcement was made. The full opinion on the legal questions involved will not be read before December next. Nothing was said about the Mississippi case, but it is virtually settled by the decision rendered in the Georgia case.

### BOURBON CORRESPONDENCE.

BOURBON, Ind., May 14, 1867.

EDS. DEMOCRAT:

I have no news of importance to communicate to you readers this week. The sensation has been Yankee Robinsons Circus & Menagerie. It afforded us an opportunity to see what length people will go to raise money to go to a "show," when they haven't got enough of the necessities of life to keep them comfortable for a single day. Had nine-tenths of those who attended the circus yesterday been solicited to give fifty cents a piece for the relief of some distressed widow or orphan, or for some charitable purpose, they would have rejoiced to learn that Mr. Davis had already been released on bail.

RICHMOND, May 14.

As Mr. Davis came out of the court-house yesterday and entered his carriage, after his release, there were loud cheers from the crowd of negroes outside, and about fifty of them gathered around the coach and shook hands with him. He remained quietly in the hotel all the evening.

The first name signed to the bail bonds, after that of Jester on Davis', is Horace Greeley; then that of Mr. Schell, of New York, and Mr. Jackman, of Philadelphia. A little lower down is the name of Jno. Minor Botts, of Virginia. The residents who signed were prominent citizens of Richmond, merchants and lawyers. There seems to be a general feeling of relief, among the citizens and authorities, that Mr. Davis is in the city.

THE IMPEACHMENT.—Postmaster Gen. Bland was before the judiciary committee Monday, testifying in the matter of the impeachment investigation, relative to alleged presidential appointments of postmasters who could not take the oath.

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