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The Right Ring.

The Democratic State Convention of Maine, met at Portland on the 25th ult., and adopted a platform, from which we extract the following, set forth as the 6th resolution thereof, viz:

6th. That the exemption from taxation of about one-third of the entire wealth of the country in the shape of government securities, is an outrage upon the rights of the people; that it is in violation of the every principle of justice, and hostile to the welfare of the country; that it is subversive of the very foundation principles of our government, as established by our fathers, it tends to foster and protect the rich capitalists and bondholders at the expense of the laboring class, casting the burden of taxation from the favored and protected few upon the back of the unprotected poor man, whose life and strength are being constantly exhausted to pay the deficit in taxes resulting from this injustice; that the burden of national debt should be equally borne by the property of the country, and that we will support no man or class of men who favor the present iniquitous system of laying all taxes upon the labor and enterprise of the country in order to favor and protect capital.

This has the ring of the true metal—That "the burden of the national debt should be equally borne by the property of the country" is a proposition so eminentiy just, that it is difficult to conceive how any man or any party, could have the effrontery to adopt or propose anything different. Nevertheless, there are men, there is a party, who favor a different rule, who intend, and avow their intention, to relieve almost one-third of the available capital of the country from the burden of taxation, and compel the other two-thirds to bear the whole of it. And the worst feature in this favorite scheme is that by it the wealthiest portion of the people are to be exempt, while the poorer and principally the laboring portion, are to pay the interest on the debt, and ultimately the debt itself. No wonder the laboring classes and non-bondholders are opposed to such a scheme. No wonder they are everywhere crying out against it, and in many instances threatening to repudiate the debt held by non-bondholders. There is a limit to the forbearance of the people, and that limit is nearly reached. Let the aristocrats who hold bonds upon us tax us as we can, but if they wish to avoid the repudiation of their bonds, let them pay as others are compelled to pay, or they may find that others will pay only as they now pay, or not pay at all.

The Registration of Voters.

We call the attention of our readers to the fact the several Boards of registration hold their meetings on the 1st Monday of August at the respective places of holding elections. The board can't two days if necessary. Unless a voter be registered he cannot vote unless he file a written affidavit of qualifications, and prove himself entitled to vote by the oath of a freeholder who is himself registered. All will therefore see the great importance of having their names upon the Registry list if they would not voluntarily disfranchise themselves. We hope every legal voter will attend to the matter at the proper time.

The registration law is considerably complicated and in some of its provisions a burden upon the people which might, we think, have been avoided; but as it is the law, and our political opponents will almost universally procure their registration under it, we do not see how we can consistently neglect attending at the time and place designated, and see that the names of all legal voters and none others, are placed upon the lists. The law may work better than is anticipated, and we should give it a fair trial, after which, if it is defective, it can be amended, or, if thought best, repealed. Let no legal voter refuse or neglect to be registered. Let no man by his own negligence become disfranchised.

The Best Government.

An exchange thinks that if our Government is the best upon the face of the earth, it is probably because we pay the most for it. The cost of running the government in its Federal and State relations last year amounted to the nice little sum of eight hundred millions of dollars, or about \$30 a week to each man, woman and child in this country. This is a luxury that costs more than the people of this country can afford to pay, and if radicals rule much longer, the country will be ruined beyond hope of redemption. There is a mighty work for the Democracy to perform before the next Presidential election takes place.

The Grand Masonic Lodge of Illinois has issued a circular to the subordinate Lodges of the State, calling upon them to contribute to the relief of the distressed brethren of the South.

We see by the Warsaw papers that two elegant brick hotels will soon be erected on the sites of those burned down at the recent conflagration in that place. The place is now entirely destitute of hotels.

The terms black and white are no longer used by the radicals to designate the two races South. Colored and plain will henceforth be substituted to designate the colored lambs from the white trash.

The Republican scribbler over the way keeps up a doleful cry about somebody being defrauded. He thinks the heavy taxation of the American people is owing to the fact that the county printing is given to the Democrat instead of the Abolition organ. It is really a great pity that these "copperhead" officials don't see the matter in the same light that the Abolition scribbler does, and save America this heavy burden by giving their printing to the pious reformer of the Republican.

The enormous sum of money paid us for county printing for the year ending May 31st, 1867, (see Auditor's report published in the Republican last week,) amounts to just \$309 00. In the adjoining county of Stark, with one-sixth the number of tax payers that Marshall has, the Auditor's report shows that, for the same period, the public printing amounted to \$461 20, just \$151 60 more than was paid us in the populous county of Marshall. We know nothing about the other expenses of the county, but if the county officers here are as overweening and overbearing as the persistent disturber of Mexico, the overweening and overbearing Santa Anna, is again about to take part in the disturbance of Mexico. Six months since he was in the city of New York trying to enlist the sympathies of the Gothamites in behalf of his visionary schemes, and it is said that he also made an effort to secure the official sanction of the United States government to the project of establishing himself as Dictator, or Provisional President of Mexico; but all to no purpose. He is now on the way to Vera Cruz and has issued a Proclamation to the Yucatecan of which the following is said to be the true copy.

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The Fourth.

This day, 91 years ago,—the Continental Congress having two days previously declared, "That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be Free and Independent States"—the Declaration of Independence was passed, ordered to be engrossed, and read to the people. In old Independence Hall, in the city of Philadelphia, can be seen the step on which the Secretary stood while reading the declaration to the people in front of the Hall.

The announcement that the thirteen colonies were no longer under the control of British tyranny, was hailed with acclamations of joy throughout the land. A people for years subject to the worst forms of outrage, oppression and wrong, felt now, that the galling yoke of servitude had been removed, that a future glowing with national prosperity and full of good feeling, would be the result of the wise legislation of the Continental Congress.

But a spirit of opposition was generated and fostered by a party in sympathy with military commissions for the trial of all offenses against the King's decrees, in place of trial by jury, high tariffs; of keeping up standing armies in times of peace, and of other unlawful modes of punishment equally as unjust and tyrannical.

Although our country prospered and grew to be a mighty nation under the best government the sun ever shone upon, yet this sectional party finally obtained power, and to-day ten States of this American Union by the usurpations of a Rump Congress and the base pandering of a cowardly Executive to their will, are reduced to the condition of military districts, soon to be admitted into the Union with negro governments.

The Declaration of Independence sets forth the injuries and usurpations imposed upon the people by the King. They are so much in harmony with some of the usurpations of the Rump Congress that their publication will not be unimportant at this time. The Declaration sets forth the following grievances:

The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object, the establishment of an absolute tyranny over these States. To prove this, let facts be submitted to a candid world:

He has refused his assent to laws the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

He has refused to pass laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of representation in the legislature; a right inestimable to them, and formidable to tyrants only.

He has dissolved representative houses repeatedly, for opposing, with manly firmness, his invasions on the rights of the people.

He has obstructed the administration of justice, by refusing his assent for laws for establishing judiciary powers.

He has made judges dependent on his will alone, for the tenure of their offices, and the amount and payment of their salaries.

He has erected a multitude of new offices, and sent hither swarms of officers to harass our people, and eat out their substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace, standing armies, without the consent of our legislature.

He has affected to render the military independent of, and superior to, the civil power.

He has combined, with others, to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitution, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving his assent to their acts of pretended legislation.

For quartering large bodies of troops among us.

For protecting them by a mock trial from punishment, for any murders which they should commit on the inhabitants of these States.

For imposing taxes upon us without our consent.

For depriving us, in many cases, of the benefits of trial by jury.

For taking away our charters, abolishing

our most valuable laws, and altering fundamentally, the powers of our governments.

For suspending our own legislatures, and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

He is, at this time, transporting large armies of foreign mercenaries to complete the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun, with circumstances of cruelty and perfidy, scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the head of a civilized nation.

He has excited domestic insurrections amongst us, and has endeavored to bring on the inhabitants of our frontiers, the merciless Indian savages, whose known rule of warfare is an unmerciful destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

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