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## A Bull Run Defeat.

Radical papers are citing many reasons for the disastrous defeat sustained by their party in the elections in Ohio and Pennsylvania. Some take one view of the matter and others another; and altogether they have the thing pretty well "mixed." The most favorable view of the situation that the *Chicago Journal* can give, is to the effect that the radical party has suffered a Bull Run defeat. The *Journal* says:

"The latest news from the Buckeye State is that the Republicans elected their State ticket, but that the Legislature will be Democratic. This makes it a 'draw game,' but in view of the Senatorial election and the fact that a copperhead is to supersede Senator White, and especially in consideration of the overwhelming Republican majority of last year, we frankly admit that the party has suffered a Bull Run defeat in Ohio."

The defeat of Ben. Wade for the U. S.

Senate is to the Radicals a worse catastrophe than was the Bull Run defeat to the Federal arms. They cannot repair the Ohio Bull Run disaster by Crittenden Resolutions,—they cannot recruit their demoralized army of negro worshippers by promises that if the people will come up and vote the radical ticket in 1868, they will ignore the main principles of their party, viz.—negro supremacy in the Southern States, and negro equality at the North. They have proven false to every pledge; they have deserted every principle of the Constitution, and all the promises they can make to the people between now and the 1st of November, 1868, will not save them from utter annihilation.

The *Journal* will find to its sorrow that "in consideration of the overwhelming Republican majority in Ohio last year" and the overwhelming defeat of the Black Republicans everywhere this year, the Democracy will sweep over the country next year with the velocity of a whirlwind. There will not be left a radical State outside the negro dominions in the Southern Military Districts.

The elections are over; the result is gratifying to the Democracy, and they feel like rejoicing. Our opponents feel badly; of course they naturally would. We would feel so too, were we so overwhelmed with defeat. Having "been there" a number of times, we have a slight knowledge of how it works 'em up. Politics will be ignored for a short time, and then will come the inevitable Presidential campaign, with all its exciting features. Men will rush headlong into the contest, forgetting that they ever had a political friend, and thus will be arrayed against each other, men whose relations have not been disturbed by the heat and excitement of politics for years before. Every body predicts one of the most exciting Presidential campaigns next year that was ever witnessed in this country. Excitement is one of the characteristics of the Yankee mind; and therefore it does not require an extraordinary degree of intellectual discernment to predict what shape the political situation of affairs will assume next year.

GEN. HAYES, the Governor elect of Ohio, owes his election to the fraudulent votes of the negroes. When these fraudulent votes are thrown out, as they most assuredly will be, Gen. Hayes will fall several hundred votes short of an election. In many portions of the State negroes voted without interruption, and in extreme radical localities, such as Xenia, they not only voted, but drove from the polls those who attempted to vote the Democratic ticket. In the county of Greene 600 negroes are known to have voted; and in one single precinct in the town of Washington, Fayette county, 33 negro votes were polled. The Democracy of Ohio will contest the election of Gen. Hayes, if we can judge from the tone of the Democratic press of that State.

The Republicans hereabouts are bitter in denunciation of the radicals. They tell us now that they never favored the policy of placing negroes in office in the South, and disfranchising the intelligent white men. Before the election they frankly told us that they would rather have the negroes rule the South than the white men. How the result in Ohio and Pennsylvania has simmered 'em down! They think a white man is equally as good, if not better now, than a negro.

"ACROSS THE CONTINENT."—An Indianapolis correspondent says:

"Colfax, 'ye honey-mouthed,' is about starting on another electioneering—I beg his pardon lecturing—tour through Indiana this time. He repeats for the six thousandth time, his lecture 'Across the Continent,' for the benefit of the Grand Army of the Republic. He will speak in a number of small places. It is said that when he spoke at Kendallville and Lafayette he didn't make expenses. Unless he meets with better success this time, he had better stay at home. The people are thoroughly tired of him any how. His dodge is entirely too transparent."

Among the many counties redeemed by the Democrats at the recent election in this State, we notice that of Allen. That county, by the folly of a few Democrats, was permitted to elect a radical Auditor last fall; but the local disaffection was healed at the convention in August, and a compromise resulted in placing old Democratic Allen square on the record again.

## A. Johnson—His Fight.

Under the above heading, the *Chicago Times* contains an editorial which every true Democrat in the country cannot fail to endorse. A single extract will suffice to show the proper relations that exist between the President and the Democratic party:

The zealous persons who back in the Presidential smile at Washington are not the only ones that mistake the Democratic triumph for Johnson's triumphs. Not a few Jacobin newspaper concern, in view of the result, are asking, "What will Mr. Johnson do?" "Will Mr. Johnson fight?" And so forth.

It can make very little difference what Mr. Johnson will do, or whether Mr. Johnson will or will not fight. If any Jacobin, or any number of Jacobins, propose to have a fight with Mr. Johnson, there is no formidable obstacle to prevent the fight from "coming off,"—provided, of course, that Mr. Johnson is a fighting man. It will be a fight in which the Democratic party will certainly not take part, nor feel any great degree of interest. Neither do the Democracy propose to interfere to prevent the fight. Mr. Johnson is not their champion. He was nominated and elected as the champion of the Jacobin party, the party which is now "spouting to fight" him. He is their man, and—upon the theory of the jubilant elector who asserted his right to water the judge by a process rather different from Phillips' water-pot—they have the right to fight him if they want to. But they have no right, and no authority to "count in" the Democratic party, or any portion of it as a party to that fight.

Mr. Johnson is possessed of just enough of bigotry and self conceit to suppose that the result of the recent elections is an endorsement of his policy. Every vote cast against the radicals in Ohio, Indiana and Pennsylvania, this fall is as much in condemnation of President Johnson's policy as against the radical policy of Congress.

Let the radicals fight him; let them impeach him. Yes, let them carry out the threats of Speaker Colfax, and hang him. He belongs to them by adoption, let them do with him as they like; Democrats will be nothing more than spectators to the scene.

THE BANNER COUNTY.—We claim Marshall as being the Banner Democratic county of Northern Indiana. The title is one of which the Democracy may well feel proud; and they will see to it that no other county shall hereafter take from them the proud distinction won at the polls on last Tuesday week.

**The Body of Wilkes Booth.** The Washington *Star* pretends to give full details of the disposition made of the body of J. Wilkes Booth, who was reported killed at Garrett's Farm, near Port Royal, April 26, 1865. Of late there have been reports which seemed creditable, to the effect that Booth never was killed by his pursuers, as reported, and that he is now living in some remote quarter of the globe, outside the jurisdiction of even Stanton or Baker. Whether these reports are true or otherwise, we can not tell. In reporting the disposition made of Booth's body, the *Star* says:

"A pine box had been made previously, in which to bury his remains; but this was not used, and about 2 o'clock on the day of his arrival upon the body was wrapped in a gray army blanket and placed in a boat, in which was an officer of the monitor, with four sailors, Gen. Baker and two detectives. The boat proceeded down stream, and finally stopped at the lower arena wharf, on which the body was placed, after which the boat returned to the monitor, leaving Gen. Baker and his assistants in the monitor grounds.

The body remained on the wharf until after nightfall, when preparations were made for interment. Secretary Stanton, Gen. Dyer, chief of ordnance, and Col. Benton, commandant of the post, were on the ground, as well as Gen. Baker and his detectives. Three men of the laborers' gang were sent for, and they were first directed to dig a grave in one of the pententiary cells, but, after taking up the brick flooring, they came to the granite foundation laid in the ground, and the laborers were directed to stop. The body was then selected in the workshop, five or six feet south of the iron door opening into the prison from the warden's department, and they were directed to dig the grave to the depth of about ten feet. The grave being ready, the body, encased in an ammunition box, or arms case was brought by four of the ordnance men, in charge of a sergeant, lowered into the grave, and it was filled; the brick flooring being mostly replaced, and the workshop which remained to be prepared for the monitor having been accomplished, the windows were boarded up, and the door made secure, Secretary Stanton taking the key with him. This key was kept at the warden's department until a few weeks ago, when it was turned to the arsenal officer.

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The name of this military upstart has not been forgotten by our readers; nor has his latest military achievement passed from the public mind. It will be remembered that he it was who caused the mobbing of a Democratic newspaper office in Arkansas a short time ago. For this valorous deed, Gen. Ord had him promptly arrested and tried by a military court. The court sentenced the Col. to pay a fine of \$1,000, and be reduced to the rank of Captain. What gives the affair more significance is the fact that Gen. Grant has approved the sentence.

## The Elections.

Although the victory in Ohio and Pennsylvania is not quite so complete as reported at first, it is enough to gladden the hearts of all true union men. Ohio has selected an abolition Governor, but by fraudulent votes. The Democrats have both branches of the Legislature, thus insuring the election of a U. S. Senator, to succeed that miserable old renegade and negro worshipper—Ben. Wade. Pennsylvania is Democratic all over; so is Indiana; and Iowa has reduced her radical majority many thousands. The radicals have everywhere been routed. The way to do is to keep them on the defensive, and that's just what we're going to do.

**Railroad Meeting.**

At a meeting of the citizens and business men of Plymouth, held at the Parker House on Tuesday evening, the 15th inst., for the purpose of encouraging and aiding in the completion of the Railroad from Plymouth to Elkhart, G. Blain, Esq., was chosen Chairman and A. C. Thompson was selected to act as Secretary.

The following resolutions were offered by C. H. Reeve, Esq.:

Resolved, That as citizens and business men of Plymouth, we are of opinion that the completion of the Rail Road from Plymouth to Rochester, at an early day, will be of material benefit to this country; and we are willing to lend our efforts directly, to aid in its completion.

Resolved, That we are of opinion a reasonable amount of subscriptions can be procured in this country, either as donations or for stock; and we are willing to exert ourselves to aid in obtaining the same.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to design a programme of proceedings, preparatory to soliciting subscriptions to the stock of the Rail Road from Plymouth to Rochester, at an early day, will be of material benefit to this country; and we are willing to lend our efforts directly, to aid in its completion.

Resolved, That the committee on programming be also a committee to solicit subscriptions or donations and that they be authorized to add to their own number indefinitely, and that as many of us may be selected to act, will use the best of our efforts to discharge the duties of the position.

Remarks having been made upon the foregoing resolutions, by several citizens present, they were unanimously adopted.

The committee selected consists of C. H. Reeve, Esq., M. H. Rice, H. B. Penning, G. Blain and S. Myers.

The most harmonious feeling pervade the meeting, and the expression that the road ought to be completed, and that the proposition made by the parties proposing to complete the road, was a fair one, was unanimous—they proposing to advance the means and complete the road by the first of February next, and ask no pay for subscriptions or donations until the road is finished and the cars running from this place to Rochester.

On motion of Mr. Penning, the newspaper of Plymouth were requested to publish the proceedings;

And then on motion the meeting adjourned.

G. BLAIN, President  
A. C. THOMPSON, Secy.

**Democratic State Convention.**

At a meeting of the Indiana Democratic State Central Committee, held at Indianapolis, on the 10th, inst., the following action was taken:

Resolved, That a delegate State Convention be held of the Democracy, and of all opposed to the present radical rule, at Indianapolis, on the 5th of January, 1868, at ten o'clock A. M., to nominate a State ticket, to elect delegates to a National Democratic Convention, and to select candidates for Presidential electors for the State of Indiana.

Resolved, That the basis of representation shall be the Democratic vote for Secretary of State at the last general election, and that there be appointed by the several county conventions one delegate, and an alternate to act in his absence, for every two hundred such votes, and one for each fraction over one hundred such votes in each county.

Resolved, That the Democracy in each county be requested to hold its convention for the selection of delegates on Saturday, December 14, next.

Resolved, That the delegation from each county be requested to appoint a chairman, who shall send to the Secretary of the Central Committee a list of the names of the members of the delegation, with the post office address of each, and that an observance of this request be essential to secure seats in the State Convention.

Resolved, That the Democratic State Central Committee of Indiana send congratulations to the Democracy and conservatives of Connecticut, Kentucky, California, Maine, Pennsylvania and Ohio, on the occasion of the late brilliant political victories in those States; that we regard these results as the reflex of enlightened popular opinion in all the free commonwealths not entirely abandoned to the control of fanaticism and the domination of sectional hate, and as the dawning of the day when the country shall have a restored Union, on the basis of the WHITE MAN'S RULE, PAYMENT AND REDEMPTION OF OUR NATIONAL BILLS ACCORDING TO LAW, AND EQUAL TAXATION on all and every species of property within the States. Indiana will join the hosts of the redeemed states in 1868.

W. H. TALBOT, Chairman,  
REGINALD H. HALL, Secretary.

**VIEWS OF THADDEUS STEVENS.**—The *Washington Evening Star* says that Thad Stevens has written a letter since the election last week, in which he says he will demand the impeachment of the President, beginning to end, was conducted in a manner entirely different from any form heretofore known or heard of. Well might the reports that Booth is yet alive, excite the strongest suspicion against Baker and Stanton, that the man killed was not the assassin of President Lincoln, but so reported in order to obtain the reward offered by the government for his capture.

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