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CHAMBERSBURG, JAN. 29, 1862.

## THE NATIONAL PLATFORM!

## PURPOSE OF THE WAR!

CONGRESS, BY A VOTE NEARLY UNANIMOUS, PASSED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION, WHICH EXPRESSES THE VIEWS OF THE NATION AND IS THE TRUE STANDARD OF LOYALTY:

"That the present deplorable civil war has been uponed from the country by the disunionists of the Southern States, now in arms against the Constitutional Government, and in arms around the Capital, and in arms around the City, now banishing all feeling of mere passion or resentment, will recollect only its duty to the whole country; that this war is not waged on their part in any spirit of oppression, or for any purpose of conquest or subjugation or purpose of overthrowing or interfering with the right or established institutions of those States, but to defend and maintain the supremacy of the Constitution, to preserve the Union with all its dignity, moral, political, rights of the several States unimpaired; and that as soon as these objects are accomplished the war ought to cease."

## The Democracy and the President.

We are glad to perceive that the Democracy, throughout the country are supporting President LINCOLN in the grounds he has taken against the emancipation policy of the Abolitionist portion of his party. The Democracy will stand where they have always stood in regard to this question. They have always opposed abolitionism in every form, and will do so still without caring whether it meets the approbation of the Republicans or any other party. If President LINCOLN sees fit, for the good of the country, to adopt Democratic doctrines, we are with him, and will stand by him until those principles triumph which they assuredly must.

They are founded upon constitutional grounds,

and have nothing whatever to do with the Chicago platform, and if carried out by President LINCOLN, in good faith, will save the country from the horrors which would undeniably be brought upon it by the adoption of the policy recommended by the radical Republicans. The time has fully arrived when something must be done to put a stop to the wild and wicked designs of these crazy fanatics. These enemies of the Union are continually prating about "slavery being the cause of war"—"slavery must be abolished before the war can stop"—"where can be no Union with slave-holders" &c. Men who talk this way have no regard for the Constitution, and are as bad as armed Secessionists. The Government has no authority to abolish negro-slavery in any State, and were it to do so, it would be an act of usurpation, alike despotic in character and ruinous in its consequences. It would destroy the Union at one fell blow. Not a State would be bound by that instrument, because its terms of union would be abrogated. The Constitution is binding upon all, in all its parts, or it is binding upon none. To urge the abolition of slavery by the Government, is, therefore, to urge disunion to advocate secession, to demand a permanent separation of the States. Men who urge this suicidal policy upon the Government, or defend it before the people, should be marked as disunionists—as aiding and comforting the rebellion—as seeking to involve the country in common anarchy and ruin. They are recreant to every principle of constitutional liberty. Had they not been abolitionists in the North, there would have been no secessionists in the South. It is only the terror of Northern Abolitionists that makes the rebellion the solid column that it is now.

The effect of this emancipation scheme upon the North would be most disastrous and plunge us into utter disarray. We can never hope to be of one sentiment—except to subdue the rebellion. We must put it down, however we can, surely if we think, or we need not look for unity of action, the part of the Northern people, above a time when it is so much needed. The

Democracy will never stand to see the Constitution trampled upon by the Abolitionists of the North any more than by the Secessionists of the South. They have shown their readiness to take up arms to subdue one set of traitors and they will do promptly, if need be, take these up to put down the other.

The recent course of the President has given the heartiest satisfaction to the Democracy of the North, and the only other step needed to quell the rebellion is to convince the people of the South that he is earnest.

Every day brings us news that there is a strong Union feeling in the South, and this must be cherished as the only hope of peace and sure foundation upon which the Union can be restored. If the North is flooded with Abolition petitions, and the emancipation of the negroes made the object of the war in the eyes of the Southern people we will wipe out the last vestige of Union sentiment in the South. A cordon of states has well said: "If we wish to stifle the last spark of that latent unionism at the South, that we confidently anticipate will soon burst forth with irresistible power, and consume the precipitators of rebellion; if we wish to convince the Union men that the Government uttered a great lie, when it declared that the object of the war was the suppression of rebellion, and not the emancipation of the slaves; if we wish to falsify the sullen records of Congress; if we wish to unite the Southern people as one man against the Government, and steel their hearts against the North; if we wish to deceive and betray the noble patriots of Kentucky, Tennessee, and Missouri, who, relying upon our good faith have taken the field in defense of the Government, and cause their weapons to fall from paraded arms; if we wish to justify the declarations of the rebel leaders that the Government aims at the liberation of the slaves; if we wish to stand before the world as a Nation that broke its word and fulfilled its promises; and if we wish to allow the Southern Contract Committee to appropriate ten thousand dollars for the expenses of that Committee. A resolution that no appropriation shall be applied to carrying on the war for the emancipation of slavery was tabled by a vote of 91 to 47.

TUESDAY, JAN. 21.

The Senate passed resolutions allowing certain officers to receive presents from the Japanese Government, and instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire into the expediency of conferring the rights of citizenship on foreigners who may serve in the present war; also a bill authorizing the Secretary of War to appoint two Assistant Secretaries. The bill to complete the drainage of Washington, was discussed, amended, and carried over until to-morrow. The bill to expedite Senator Bright's case was referred to the Senate.

## Blowing Hot and Cold.

The semi-official makes a feeble effort to "mollify its outraged Republican friends" for its attempt to fasten on them the disgrace and disloyalty that belongs to the Abolition party. It was only last week that it extolled the Abolitionists to the skies as the "most upright, moral and pious men in the community," following out "Christ's injunctions," and "God's direct command," but the next took the precaution to add, last night, "not suffer the shame of being classed with these 'upright pious men,' that he was not one of them"—"not now, nor never was!"

The Republican editors cut a sorry figure when mounted on the back of the nigger, as their "feet Roisante," and are guilty of making some very absurd curiosities from the "direct command."

The semi-weekly man is very much like the old darky, beg pardon for the soubriquet, in which we place him, and in this being an Abolitionist, whose dark skin patch had suffered some by the soldiers.

The pious old darky complained to the head officer about the depredations of the soldiers upon his property and added—"I pray to God to have mercy on them, but I wish them to do the devil all the time."

The Dispatch editor is very ready to crack up the Abolitionists but exceedingly careful to keep himself clear of the column of the "direct command."

In the Senate the resolution dealing

with the abolition of the Slave Trade, was introduced in the Senate by Mr. Bright, and was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

The following extract from the

Watchman, published at Kingston, W. I.—

"The news from the United States is not very cheering. A battle seems to have been fought at a place called Bell's Bluff. One of our correspondents says that place is in Rhode Island, but as Rhode Island is three hundred miles from the seat of war, in New England, we suppose there is some mistake about it. At all events, a battle was fought, in which two thousand and one hundred soldiers were killed, and two hundred and twenty were wounded. But, to my knowledge, the news that came out of the battle was that the Federal forces

were beaten, and the rebels won.

The House passed a bill authorizing

the President to appoint Inspectors

for any of the fortifications on the coast.

Among the bills reported was one from the Post Office Committee, to establish a post office system.

The Post Office Committee, having

had a full hearing, voted to pass

a bill authorizing the Postmaster General to establish a post office system.

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**Other States.**

CHAMBERSBURG, JAN. 19.

**LOCAL NEWS.**

**Norfolk.**—The Books of the under-signed, less proprietor of the "Pal of York," will remain in this city, where all persons keeping slaves, &c., &c., are earnestly requested to sell and make payment of it early a day as possible.

GEO. H. MURKIN.

We would like to refer to the advertisement of T. E. Keeney, Esq., who will sue for a house, lot No. 102 on West Queen Street. The property is worth \$10,000, and those wishing to purchase a home,

**SHATTUCK'S BAND.**—The Band attached to the 17th Regiment was mustered out of service, at Camp Wood, Kentucky, on the 2nd inst. Mr. J. T. Shattuck, the leader, takes the position of 2nd Lieut. in Capt. Jerry's company, 7th Virginia Cavalry. Mr. Shattuck is a well educated, popular, and one that will be esteemed and popular with the company.

**FORM AND CONCERT.**—The entertainment in Franklin Hall, on the 21st inst., was a complete success. The audience was immense—the Band performed to perfection—the singing by the ladies was delightful—the music on the piano exquisite, and the poems witty, satirical, profound and patriotic in turns.—*Da Capo!*

**FRANKLIN COUNTY.**—The following figures exhibit the valuation of property with assessment of tax thereon, and also the population and number of taxable inhabitants in Franklin County:

Assessed.	Taxed.
Dev. & Goods, 370,000	\$30,100
Real Prop., 1,000,000	100,000
Iron, 600,000	60,000
Milk, 300,000	30,000
Leather, 200,000	20,000
Paper, 12,000	1,200
Books, 12,000	1,200
Beds, 200,000	20,000
Furniture, 600,000	60,000
Feeds, 100,000	10,000
Total, 3,000,000	300,000

Total payments to the State \$11,111,165.71  
Mainly derived from Franklin County.

Money Received from the State

Common School Appropriation, \$ 718,67

Monetary Aid to Asylums, 1850, \$ 7,000

Subscriptions to State Military Regt., \$ 97,04

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