



If any man attempts to haul down the American Flag, shoot him on the spot.

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PLATTSMOUTH, N. T.

The Union Triumphant!

DEMOCRACY PLAYED!

JOHNSON SCOOPED!

Cass County Redeemed.



Let the Union Bird Scream!

Table with columns: Rep., D. M., showing election results for various locations like Plattsmouth, Omaha, etc.

The following are the majorities in this county, on the general ticket. Marquet's majority will reach about 200.

FROM DOUGLAS. Douglas County gives 17 majority for Marquet an 9 for Taffe. Hurrah for old Douglas!

INDIANA. Is reported at 20,000 majority for the Union.

BETTER AND BETTER. The returns from Washington county indicate 125 Republican majority in that county.

Now that we have a fair, honest expression of the people, and have the election conducted fairly and honestly, the 58 majority of Rock Bluffs.

Stand not upon the Order of your Going

The Louisville (Ky.) Sunday Herald closes an article on the Southern Loyalists Convention with the following remarks: "If the schemes of these Abolition Radicals should be carried out, this country would not be fit for a cent white man to live in."

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WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

The Philadelphia Ledger publishes the following, dated Washington, October 10th: The President has sent to the Attorney General the following questions and requested a response to be returned in writing:

First, Is the present Congress, composed of members from the Northern States alone, such a Congress as the Constitution requires, or is it an illegal and unconstitutional assemblage?

Second, Would existing circumstances justify the President in sending his next annual message to an illegal and unconstitutional assemblage pretending to be the Congress of the United States?

Third, Does that clause in Section 5 of the Constitution which makes each House the judge of election returns and qualifications of its own members give to the present Congress the right to exclude members from ten States, or to impose dishonorable or unconstitutional terms upon their admission?

Fourth, Does the President's oath of office require him to enforce those provisions of the Constitution which give to each State an equal right of representation in Congress?

Fifth, What steps do the Constitution and his oath of office require the President to take in order to secure the assent of a Constitutional Congress?

The President evidently knows what answers will be given to his questions, and puts them accordingly. Have not the people spoken?

A Braggart Well Answered—A Soldier's Widow's Letter to Andrew Johnson.

The Philadelphia Press of Friday, publishes a letter from a soldier's widow of that city to President Johnson, in answer to that portion of his Cleveland speech in which he asked the audience—'Who made greater sacrifices in the war than I?' 'Who suffered more than I?' &c., and submits to the just judgement of the world whether on the score of sacrifices and sufferings his claims to popular sympathy and support bear any comparison to hers. She says:

'Before the rebellion, sir, I had a husband, kind, loving, industrious, economical, who for myself and our four little ones, made a comfortable provision. Our home was the abode of peace and plenty. What has become of him? He was started to death at Andersonville, and that, by the "volunteers" men whom your "policy" would fain restore, without repentance, to the head of our Government. Since then I have been trying my best to earn bread for my little ones by plying the needle. At times, when that kind of employment has failed me, I have been compelled to stand from early morn till night over the wash tub. I had two brotherly men, kind and generous. Had the rebellion left them as it found them, pinching poverty I should never have known. Alas! alas! one of them perished at Belle Island, and the other had his right arm taken off by a rebel shell at Antietam. He cannot assist me. The privations and hardships I have had to endure have so shattered my own health and strength that I feel at times unable even to endure the fatigue of plying the needle. So that, except my trust in a merciful God, I have sacrificed for my country, my ALL—husband, brothers, house, home, living—and am cast, a beggar, in the cold charity of the world. And all this I owe to the Southern slaveholders and to their iniquitous attempt to murder my beloved country, as they did murder my husband and brothers.

Now, Mr. Johnson, since you invite a comparison, what have you suffered? Exhaust your cars, and wounds, and bruises? Did you lose a leg or an arm, or were you even so much as scratched or bruised? Where is the blood you shed? Would it stain a white counterpane? How much property did you lose? Why, if you speak truth, during most of the time of the war you were living on the "fat of the land" in Nashville, out of harm's way, protected, as you were, by Union bayonets. Out of Uncle Sam's overflowing commissary stores you drew plenty to eat and drink—the best of meats, and what was of still more consequence to you, the choicest of liquors. Add this to your handsome salary as Military Governor. Then, the great Union party, whom you have so foully betrayed, made you Vice President, with a salary of \$8,000 per annum. Then, to crown it all, John Wilkes Booth made you President, and there you are yet, to the tune of \$25,000 a year with "fixins." The rebel lion found you, I learn, comparatively a poor man. Now you are rich, with a sound body, not to speak of your mind whose soundness is not certain.

You, Andrew Johnson, talk of your sacrifices and your sufferings, and challenge a comparison. Did he slip on you? Why, sir, upon that score I ought to be America's Queen, and you ought to be sweating over the wash tub! And now sir, are your questions as to who suffered more than you, who sacrificed more than you by reason of the war, answered? I did sir, and I know of hundreds of poor women, tossed from the heights of affluence into the vale of penury and want, who have suffered and sacrificed ten thousand times more than you, and are making no ostentatious parade of it either.

Yours respectfully, MARY JANE CATERWAITE, A soldier's widow, and the mother of four fatherless children.

Chicago Oct. 10—Norman B. Judd, late Minister to Prussia was today nominated for Congress by the Republicans of Chicago, beating John Wentworth, late member, after a protracted and bitter canvass.

Chicago, Oct. 10—Returns from the Indiana election continue meagre and slow, but it is generally conceded that the Republicans have the Legislature, and fifteen thousand in the State. The 4th 7th and 8th districts are very close and doubtful. The Democrats carry the first district and the Republicans all others.

NOW AND THEN.

Before the election one would have thought democrats believed the Constitutional Amendment one of the worst things ever proposed. That it forced negro suffrage on the States, and that it robbed the people of their liberties. Now, they laugh at such an idea, as a good joke. They have no earthly objection to the document; in fact, think it just the thing. Query: Can any party be right, or any where near it, that acts upon this principle? Can a party be depended upon as a safe guardian of the national honor and welfare, that will oppose a measure merely because it did not originate with them? Let candid men think of these things, now that the excitement of election is over.

Important to Travelers on Railroads. As there is a great deal of travel on our railroads at this season of the year, we have procured the railroad signals, which will be found interesting to those who travel on the cars or witness the movement of trains, and the men who operate the roads may desire to know the signals are given by the whistle, by lanterns, flags and motions of the arms.—The signalification is: One whistle—"Down brakes." Two whistles—"Off brakes." Three whistles—"Back up." Continued whistle—"Danger."

A rapid succession of short whistles is the cattle alarm, at which brakes will always be put down. A sweeping paring of the hands on a level with the eye is the signal to "go ahead." A downward motion of one hand, with extended arms, "to stop." A beckoning motion of one hand, "to back." A lantern raised and lowered vertically is a signal for "starting," swung at right angles or crossing the track, "to stop," swung in a circle, "back the train." A red flag waved upon the track must be regarded as a signal of danger. So with other signals given with engine.

Heated at a station is a signal for the train to stop. Stuck up on the roadside is a signal of danger on the track ahead. Carried unafraid upon the engine is a warning that another engine or train is on its way.

Rev. Dr. Bellows, of New York, delivered a most eloquent and impressive discourse on the occasion of his return to the pulpit last Sunday, during which he reviewed the recent course of the Administration. It will be remembered that a few weeks since Dr. Bellows preached a conciliatory sermon, wherein he refrained from imputing blame either to Congress or the President. He now, however, condemns the latter with marked severity, affirming that he and his advisers have sought the glory of bringing about a speedy reconstruction without any regard to its permanency. When he departed from the city on his vacation tour, he was depressed with doubts and fears. His vacation "has been," he says "haunted with the spectre of fearful hypothesis—a horrid, desperate struggle between even numbers for the control of our national policy and the possession perhaps, of the glorious name itself. Thank God! the glorious news from Vermont and Maine, so soon to be echoed from Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana, has exercised this frightful ghost, and shown us that the people are sound at the core—and will not bow the knee to bad, intend to support their insubordinate and patient Congress, and wait their own safe and prudent time for allowing their late traitorous foes to come into our political sanctuary, and officiate as fellow priests at the altar sacred to liberty."

Washington (Rep.) is elected in the 11th Indiana district by 500 majority, and Orth (Rep.) in the 8th district by 300. Gen Hunter (Rep.) has 500 majority in the 3d district. The Indiana Legislature is Republican by 6 majority in the Senate and 12 or 15 in the House. Cavode, (Rep.) has 300 majority in the 21st district.

It is stated that Fred. Douglas will soon commence the publication of a paper to be devoted to universal suffrage.