



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

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SEES IT. The Press, of Nebraska City, evidently understands the situation, and some of our Omaha friends should understand it as well.

THE BALANCE OF POWER. Under this head we are advised by the News of the plan formed by which we are to secure the State University.

Let our citizens seriously consider this important question. Whether the course of the News is not really calculated to array against us such a combination of interests as will sacrifice every hope of our success.

THE "ADVERTISER." In speaking of the Legislative riot and the reasons adduced by Omaha men for opposing with mob violence the passage of a just apportionment bill, to wit: "That South Platte desired to secure power in order to remove the capital," say:

NOT RECREANT. The News says: "The worthy delegation from this county is not recreant." The mere statement of the News to that effect does not make it so, neither will it convince the people.

THE REASON. We see a diversity of opinion expressed in different papers as to why our Senators did not take their seats in the closing hours of the 39th Congress. Some say it was because the two years of the 39th Congress would be deducted from their term of service, and others that they could not take their seats from the fact that Senator Tipton was not there in time, and that it was necessary for both to be present in order that the question of the long and short term might be decided upon at the time of their taking seats.

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'69-71. The dispatches announce that Hon. T. W. Tipton has drawn the short term in the U. S. Senate to expire in 1869, and that Hon. J. M. Thayer has drawn the long term, to expire in 1871.

OMAHA ELECTION. The city election which came off in Omaha on the 4th inst., resulted in a complete copperhead victory. The Republican says frauds, riot and anarchy were the order of the day.

THE FRAUDS perpetrated at the election yesterday by illegal voting were of the most stupendous magnitude. Of this there is the most positive proof. Men voted in one ward and then went by the wagon load and by the platoon to the other wards and voted again.

Some Democratic voters rode from one ward to another for the purpose of driving from the polls legal voters, in carriages provided for them by the money of the Democratic candidates, firing off their revolvers and flourishing their bludgeons as they rode along.

THE REPUBLICAN goes on with numerous instances and incidents, all of which are in perfect keeping with the spirit which actuated the mob on the night of the 16th of February, when the lives of members of the Legislature were threatened.

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MILITARY RECONSTRUCTION BILL. The following is the Reconstruction measure, as finally passed by Congress over the veto of the President:

1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That Rebel States shall be divided into military districts and made subject to the military authority of the United States, as hereinafter prescribed.

2. That it shall be the duty of the President to assign to the command of each district an officer of the army, not below the rank of Brigadier General, and to detail a sufficient military force to enable such officer to perform his duties and enforce his authority within the district to which he is assigned.

3. That it shall be the duty of each officer assigned as aforesaid, to protect all persons in their rights of person and property, to suppress insurrection, disorder and violence, and to punish or cause to be punished, all disturbers of the public peace and criminals.

4. That all persons put under military arrest by virtue of this act shall be tried without unnecessary delay, and no cruel or unusual punishment shall be inflicted, and no sentence of any military commission or tribunal hereby authorized, affecting the life or liberty of any person, shall be executed until it is approved by the officer in command of the district.

5. That when the people of any one of the said Rebel States shall have formed a constitution of government in conformity with the Constitution of the United States, in all respects, framed by a convention of delegates elected by the male citizens of said State twenty-one years of age or upward, of whatever race, color or previous condition, who have been a resident in said State one year previous to the day of such election, except such as may be disfranchised for participation in the rebellion or for felony at common law, and when such constitution shall provide that the elective franchise shall be enjoyed by all such persons as have the qualifications herein stated for election of delegates, and when such constitution shall have been submitted to Congress for examination and approval, and Congress shall have approved the same, and when said State, by a vote of its Legislature elected under said constitution, shall have adopted the amendment to the Constitution of the United States, proposed by the Thirtieth Congress, and known as article fourteen, and when said article shall have become a part of the Constitution of the United States, and said State shall be declared entitled to representation in Congress, and Senators and Representatives shall be admitted therefrom on their taking the oath prescribed by law, and then and thereafter the preceding sections of this bill shall be inoperative in said State; provided, That no person excluded from the privilege of holding office by said proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States shall be eligible to election as a member of the convention to frame a constitution for any of said Rebel States, nor shall any such person vote for members of said convention.

6. That until the people of said Rebel States shall be by law admitted to representation in the Congress of the United States any civil governments which may exist therein shall be deemed provisional only, and in all respects subject to the paramount authority of the United States at any time to abolish, modify, control or supersede the same; and in all elections to any office under such provisional governments all such persons shall be entitled to vote, and none other, who are entitled to vote under the fifth section of this act; and no person shall be eligible to any office under any such provisional governments who would be disqualified from holding office under the provisions of the third article of said Constitutional Amendment.

THE INDIAN WAR. The Cleveland Herald has received a private letter from Fort Laramie, Dakota Territory, dated January 25th, which says the force of United States troops which left Fort Morgan on the 11th ult., arrived at Fort Laramie on the 25th, making the march of 290 miles, through very deep snow, in 14 days, stopping over at Fort Sedgewick two days. The majority of the men were frost bitten, some quite severely. The greatest precaution had to be taken against surprise, as the Indians were murdering and plundering all along the road, both in front and rear of the troops. The letter says: "Our destination is Powder River, where Captain Fetterman was murdered, and the object of course is to clear them out, which I hope we will succeed in doing. All the different hostile tribes are concentrated near that place, under Red Cloud, a Sioux Chief, and their numbers are variously estimated at from 30,000 to 70,000 warriors; but 30,000 is considered a low estimate. Troops are arriving at Omaha with every train, and being forwarded to this Territory as fast as possible; and when the move is made it is expected that at least 20,000 men will start at one time. The third battalion of the 18th regiment is now the 36th United States Infantry, the 2d battalion, the 27th Infantry and the 1st battalion the 18th Infantry.

Another Death from Trichinae Spiralis. In dissecting the corpse of a pauper at the Twenty-third Street Medical College recently, the students unexpectedly found evidence that another human being had been devoured by the infinitesimal worm which the faculty call trichinae spiralis.

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Washington, March 4.—The Senate was called to order at 12:20 by Wade.

After prayer the business was the qualification of new Senators, including Thayer and Tipton, of Nebraska. Thayer drew the term ending in '71, Tipton ending in '69.

House.—After much confusion the House subsided.

McPherson, clerk, called the roll. Wilson, of Iowa, moved to proceed to the election of Speaker.

Brooks arose, and after a speech in which he denounced the organization of the House in the absence of seven States as a revolutionary proceeding, presented a written protest on the part of the minority. The protest was not received and the House proceeded to the election of Speaker. Colfax was elected.

Washington, March 5.—Considerable feeling exists in Alexandria, Va., relative to colored people voting to day for municipal officers. The Gazette says the idea that the negroes have a right to vote grows out of a passage in the Reconstruction bill.

The Washington Chronicle says this is the first election held in the South since the passage of the Reconstruction bill, and as threats have been made by the rebel element, loyal men fear they may execute them on negroes, and it will be well for all parties to understand the law will be enforced against every offender, and if election officers refuse negro votes they will have to take the consequences.

Senator Wilson has introduced the following joint resolution, which was ordered to be printed, declaring that as the municipal officers of Alexandria have refused to obey and execute the laws of the United States, therefore Resolved, That the municipal officers of that city are hereby declared vacant. Persons exercising the authority of said officers shall, on conviction, be imprisoned not less than one year, or pay a fine of not less than \$1,000.

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