



It was announced, during the pendency of the bill for the admission of Texas, that the President intended immediately to send a message to Congress recommending the passage of a law granting amnesty to all persons who are disfranchised by the fourteenth constitutional amendment.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 1870

JOHN GATEWOOD, Editor.

EDITORIAL.

The discussions in Congress, within the past few days, relative to the bill for the re-admission of Georgia into the Union, have demonstrated a settled purpose on the part of the Radical members to shape their legislation with exclusive reference to the future benefit of their party.

Senator Morton, of Indiana, during the debate on the Georgia bill, on Thursday, made a premeditated and most malignant attack upon the Southern people, as basely false as it was malignant, in which he charged the alleged crimes in the South to that raw-headed and bloody-bellied radical imagination, the Ku Klux Klan, all of whom, of course, are "rebels."

These false charges against the oppressed people of the South are the precursors of the outpouring of another vial of radical wrath upon our devoted heads. They premonish us of the impending storm. It is true, these fabrications are refuted by the most conclusive testimony.

More than this, the authors of these vile slanders know that, under the trying ordeal of reconstruction, the Southern people have exhibited a spirit of forbearance and submissiveness unsurpassed in the annals of any people. There have been more murders and a far greater amount of social disorder among the "loyal" people of the North and West, during the same period of time, than have occurred among us. These facts exhibit the unscrupulousness and hypocrisy of the controlling party in Congress.

Notwithstanding the extraordinary, not to say unprecedented, legislation embraced in the so-called acts of reconstruction, the people began to regard the last supplemental act providing for the admission of Va. as the end of the series. They were therefore surprised at Senator Morton's blood-and-thunder speech, in which he declared that the war had not ended, and that other and more stringent legislation is required to complete the work of reconstruction.

Having complied with all the conditions imposed by our congressional Thugs, they want to know in what particular they are lacking. The programme is to pass an act, now being prepared by a member of the House, to give the President power to send troops into any portion of the reconstructed States, without waiting for the call of the Governor or the Legislature.

This act, if passed, will be held in terrorism over the Legislatures and people to compel them to file the officers elective with carpbaggers and scoundrels. In the meantime, these emissaries of the radical party will get up disturbances to order, claim the protection of the President, and he will send troops to preserve order.

If troops may be sent into the Southern States, upon such shallow pretexts, why may they not be sent into the other States for the same reason, and especially those that are democratic?

The protest of the Mormons against the passage by the Senate of the House bill abolishing polygamy in Utah has just been received at Washington. Among other things it says: "Of the 136,000 estimated population of the Territory of Utah, all except from five thousand to ten thousand are members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, usually called Mormons. These are essentially the people of this Territory; they have settled it, reclaimed the desert waste, cultivated it, subdued the Indians, opened means of communication, made roads, built cities, towns and settlements, established government, encouraged education, and brought into being a new State to add lustre to the national galaxy of our glorious Union. And we, the people who have done this, are the believers in the principle of plural marriage or polygamy, not simply as an exciting social relationship and a preventive of many terrible evils which afflict our race, but as a principle revealed by God, underlying our every hope of eternal salvation and happiness in Heaven."

We believe in the pre-existence of the spirits of men; that God is the author of our being; that marriage is ordained as the legitimate source by which mankind obtain an existence in this probation on the earth; that the marriage relation exists and extends throughout eternity, and that, without it, no man can obtain an exaltation in the celestial kingdom of God. The revelation commanding the principle of plural marriage given by God through Joseph Smith to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, in its first paragraph, has the following language: "Behold, I reveal unto you a new and everlasting covenant; and if ye abide not that covenant, then are ye damned; for no one can reject this covenant and be permitted to enter into my glory." With this language before us we cannot view plural marriage in any other light than as a vital principle of our religion. Let the revelation appear in the eyes of others as it may, to us it is a divine command, of equal force with any ever given by the Creator of the world to His children in the flesh.

RED RIVER EXPEDITION.—The expedition fitted out by the Canadian Dominion for the suppression of the rebellion in the Red River country, consists of ten thousand picked men, including a steel battery and rocket brigade, and two thousand loyal Indians. This section was formerly under the government of the East India Company, and after its disbandment, the inhabitants considered themselves left out in the cold, and accordingly established a government of their own. Hence the aforesaid expedition.

NEW MEXICO.—The indications are that an enabling act will be passed by Congress, before the expiration of the present session, authorizing New Mexico to organize a State government, elect two Senators and one Representative to Congress. It is said a majority of the people are radical in their politics. If no other reason existed, this fact would be sufficient to secure her admission. She will make the thirty eighth State.

END OF THE PARAGUAYAN WAR.—The war between Brazil and Paraguay was brought to a termination on the first of March, the Brazilian General having killed President Lopez, his son, and several other officers of Paraguay. His mother, and other members of his family, were captured. This ends the struggle between the belligerent powers.

CONGRESS FOR PORT REPUBLIC.—The Governor has appointed the following gentlemen Commissioners:—John W. Lee, W. A. Maupin, Charles Lewis, John W. Palmer, and George W. Kemper.

It is said that Gov. Wilkes has expressed his determination to veto the election bill if it comes to him containing the provision that voters shall have their names written upon their ballots.

Senator Lewis, and Porter, Booker, and Mills, representatives, had an interview to-day with the President in relation to the Federal appointments in Virginia. They had agreed among themselves to leave the control, or rather the recommendation for all appointments, in each congressional district to the member representing the district. This was not to include judgeships or other appointments at large, for there the senatorial influence should have a voice. The President remarked that he would like to accommodate them, but that their plan would simply make the Executive the recording clerk for members of Congress, and therefore he could not become a party to any such agreement as had been entered into by these gentlemen. He had always given the proper attention, weight, and influence, to recommendations of congressmen for the dispensation of public patronage, and that was all he could promise to do. But he must reserve to himself the prerogative of the President in disposing of the Federal offices. And so the matter ended, and thus it will stand.

The Radical women of the North have made such a run upon Nevada for locks of his hair that, in order to supply the demand, he has been forced, it is said, to buy up all the black wool in the District of Columbia.

THE AMNESTY QUESTION. (Continued from page 1)

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. PENDERLETON BRYAN ATTORNEY AT LAW...

NOTICE. I CAN PASTURE FIFTY TO TWENTY CATTLE...

POST OFFICE. RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE POST OFFICE AT HARRISONBURG, VA.

LADIES' BAZAAR. THE LADIES OF HARRISONBURG AND VICINITY are respectfully invited to examine our stock...

VARIETY STORE. A LARGE STOCK OF Spring Goods! IS NOW BEING RECEIVED, AND WILL BE SOLD DOWN TO ABOUT OLD PRICES.

1,000 Dollars Reward! DRUGS VIA EDGAR CURRALL L.V. BIRK, KIDNEY AND DIARRHEA Diseases...

PUBLIC SALE. ON THE 2ND DAY OF MAY, 1870, will be sold as public auction, at my residence near the railroad depot, at Harrisonburg, Va., all the following property...

My Personal Property. Including a Milch Cow, two of which are fresh, 13 head young Cattle, 3 Horses and Carriage, and many other implements used in farming...

COMMISSIONER'S SALE. BY virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of the County of Rockingham, rendered at the October Term, 1869, in the Chancery case of Logan's Executor vs. Rodgers, &c., I will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the premises...

THE TWO LOTS. of land, in the bill and proceedings mentioned, being the same which were sold by Nevel Rodgers to Wm. Peters, and known as lots No. 1 and 2 belonging to the estate of Thomas Logan, deceased.

AYER'S Cathartic Pills. For all the purposes of a Laxative Medicine. Perhaps no other medicine is so universally required by every family as a cathartic, and we have no more certain and safe remedy than Ayer's Cathartic Pills.

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ADVERTISED SALES.—April 22—Sale of valuable lands (Conrad) by Walker and Compton...

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SHENANDOAH COUNTY OFFICERS.—Pursuant to the provisions of the enabling act, the Judge of the County Court of Shenandoah...

JUDGE OF THE COUNTY COURT.—On Thursday last, our townman, Capt. James Kenney, was elected by the Legislature Judge of the County Court of Rockingham...

GOOD REGULATIONS.—Upon entering upon the discharge of his official duties, on Tuesday, Judge Kenney inaugurated a system of rules and regulations somewhat different from those heretofore practiced by our County Court...

AMONG THE INDIANS.—Lieut. Herndon tells us that no tribes of aborigines are found in the deepest forests of South America, from the Andes to the Atlantic coast...

DEMONSTRATION'S MONTHLY.—The Monthly Magazine, published by A. G. Fishback and others, made their report at which was adopted, and a summons was awarded against the land-owners...

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MILLER'S COMBINATION.—We have received one of Miller's patent Combination Hoos for which we tender thanks.

SOLD.—Capt. D. S. Jones last week sold his residence, "Collicello," with 44 acres of land attached, near the Railroad depot in this place...

POTATOES.—A lot of very fine Potatoes for sale and planting—have been just received and are for sale by Lewis & Brown, at the City Meat Market and Produce Store...

COMMERCIAL.—Gold closed in New York on Monday at 115 1/2.

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DIRECTORY.

- MASONIC. ROCKINGHAM UNION LODGE, No. 27, P. M. meets every first Saturday evening...

A man in Boston is so short that when he is ill he don't know whether he has headache or corns.

The latest hick is the new manufacture of butter in England—the principal ingredient being mud from the Thames.

A young lady being asked by a rich old bachelor, 'If not yourself, who would you rather be?' replied sweetly and modestly, 'Your truly.'

Information received in Washington from ex-President Johnson, who is now at his home in Greenville, Tennessee, is to the effect that he is preparing to go to Europe this spring...

A little boy of Hudson, N. Y., couldn't remember the text exactly, but thought it was 'something about a hawk between two pigeons.'

An exchange says: 'The coward who would strike the mother of his children deserves to be shot with lightning and condemned to wander eternally over a desert of gunpowder.'

A husband advertises thus: 'My wife Maria has strayed or been stolen. Whoever returns her will get his head broke.'

It is related of a centenarian who died the other day, that he learned to use tobacco at the age of fifty, but abandoned it at eighty-seven.

At a late printers' festival the following toast was given: 'The printer—the master of all trades; he beats the farmer with Hoe, the carpenter with his rules; and the mason with tall columns; he surpasses the lawyer and doctor in attending to his case, and beats the parson in the management of the devil.'

Mr. Prosser, member of Congress from the fifth district of Tennessee, says he will be the first to succeed in getting a colored boy into the West Point Military Academy.

It is asserted that there never was a better 'stand' of wheat in North Georgia and Alabama at this season of the year than there is now.

MILES.—The following exhibit of the numbers of yards contained in a mile in different countries, will often prove a matter of useful reference to the reader: Mile in England or America, 1760 yards.

The Democratic victory in Connecticut has infused new life into the Northern Democracy. The Boston Post announced it with crowing roosters, and presented the appearance of a party journal in the better days of the Republic.—Rich. Eng.

Printers' Column.

JOB PRINTING. THE OLD COMMONWEALTH is supplied with JOB PRINTING OFFICE

MODERN MACHINERY for the speedy execution of all kinds of... JOB PRINTING OFFICE

We are prepared to do all plain work in our line, promptly and at short notice.

DODGERS! DODGERS! DODGERS! A popular style of advertising, and the cheapest known, we are prepared to print in the best style, by the 1,000 or less, very low.

POWER JOB PRESSES! By which we are able to do a large quantity of work in short time, thus rendering it unnecessary to make a journey to the city to get printing done, as we do our work at

CITY PRICES FOR CASH IN HAND! THE OLD COMMONWEALTH PRINTING OFFICE

PRINTERS' STATIONERY. ALWAYS ON HAND. BLANKS. BLANKS

REMEMBER The 'Old Commonwealth' Printing Office, For Lawlers and Public Officers.

Liquors, Etc.

BOWMAN WHISKY. The undersigned would inform those who use or deal in Liquors, that he is manufacturing a superior article of WHISKY, at the Cold Spring Distillery, near Timberville, Rockingham Co., Va.

DIXIE HOUSE. OFFICERS THE AMERICAN HOTEL, HARRISONBURG, VA. A. J. WALL, Proprietor.

O. W. BOYD, DEALER IN ALL KINDS OF LIQUORS. South side of the Public Square, HARRISONBURG, VA.

JOHN SCANLON, PROPRIETOR OF THE VIRGINIA HOTEL, AND DEALER IN WINE AND LIQUORS. VIRGINIA HOTEL, MAIN STREET, HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA.

TOBACCO TRADE 1870. 1870. 1870. We have in store and in factory, a large stock of every grade of

ROSADALIS. GREAT RENOVATOR. ROSADALIS BALNEO. Dr. J. P. SERRAVALLO'S ROSADALIS BALNEO.

ROSDALIS. JUST OPENING AT THE OLD VARIETY STORE. Bleached and Brown Cottons, Assorted, 1400 yards now on hand.

Private Sales.

Sale of Valuable Real Estate. I OFFER for sale privately, the following desirable real estate:

GEORGIA LAND FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE. I OFFER for sale, or in exchange for property in Rockingham county, Va.

VALUABLE TOWN PROPERTY AT PRIVATE SALE. I OFFER for sale privately the property in this town, located on the North end of Main street, consisting of a

WOOLLEN MACHINERY. for working coarse and medium Wool will do well to call on or address

MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, OF ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. CHARTER PERPETUAL.

UNION FIRE INSURANCE CO. OF BALTIMORE. CAPITAL, \$500,000. GEO. F. MAYHEW, AGENT.

INSURE YOUR PROPERTY. I am acting as Agent for two good VIRGINIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANIES, and will INSURE YOUR PROPERTY at as low rates as are offered by any other GOOD COMPANY.

Watches and Jewelry.

LEWIS. Has a splendid assortment of GOLD and SILVER CLOCKS, Clocks, Watches, Jewellery, &c.

W. H. RITENOUR, WATCH AND JEWELRY. HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA.

UNFAILING EYE PRESERVERS. OUR CELEBRATED PERFECTED SPECTACLES AND EYE-GLASSES.

KISLING, O'PERRALL & CO., REAL ESTATE, AND Life and Fire Insurance Agents, HARRISONBURG, VA.

THE OLD RELIABLE LAND AGENCY OF J. D. PRICE. I WISH to call the attention of all parties wishing to sell or dispose of lands in this Valley.

FALL AND WINTER 1869. NEW GOODS AT THE VARIETY STORE! WE have now on hand, just received, a SPLENDID STOCK OF GOODS.

ROSDALIS. Dear Sir:—Your 'Rosdalis' has proved a great success in my case of Chronic Rheumatism and Neuralgia, after having tried in vain for two months to get relief from other sources.

Mechanical.

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