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THE INFLUENCE OF DEMOCRACY.

The war between the United States and Mexico was fought under the Democratic administration of President Polk.

It was waged in behalf of the principles of self-government, to vindicate the right of Texas, after attaining national independence, to direct her own destiny.

The advocates of the Democratic party, who proposed that we should defend our object, vindicate its advocates, the engaged enthusiasts for its prosecution, and did all they could to render it a national disaster and disgrace.

In the New England States, with difficulty could a regiment be raised, while a noted anti-democratic partisan and Congressman from Ohio, blasted his lips with the infamously odious words, "that American soldiers on Mexican soil might find bloody graves."

Victory, crowned with success the American arms. The gallant Scott stood within the walls of the Montezuma, the conqueror of all Mexico.

What was then the action of Democratic statesmen at Washington?

Did they insult the defeated Mexicans with terms, "victors," to the level of military commissions, and upstart shoulder strapped tyrants from abroad?

Did they over-run the country with heartless adventurers seeking to force Puritanism upon an unwilling people, and to rob them of their property?

Did they trample down with the iron hoof of authority intelligence and worth, and prop up with bayonets the lowest forms of selfish ignorance?

Did they bludgeon the American people with infamy, by transforming the victor's sword into the executioner's knife, and spread into the very bosom of our country?

No! Nothing of the kind was done or permitted by the Democracy then in power.

But on the contrary, every demand of justice and honor found rigid observance, every national and personal right stern protection, and every man made to conform strictly to the purpose for which hostilities commenced.

That was Democratic action then, the same noble impulse aways the Democratic party now.

LIFE IN ENGLAND AND AMERICA.

Statistics show that people in England enjoy a much greater longevity than those of the United States.

Why is it so?

Two climates may have considerable to do with the difference, but we harbor the belief that other causes wield a more powerful influence.

An Englishman contentedly lives and enjoys life. He philosophically takes things as they come, eats for sustenance, dresses for comfort, and exercises for health.

An American rushes into excitement and exhausts his mental and physical vitality amid the fires of passion and anxiety. He clutches at a shadow and worries himself sick because the substance is not there.

He seeks to advance the laws of nature in his eating and drinking. Courts the whirlwind and discards the calm. Lives with his head in the clouds.

We think that the essence of the style of American life will be accepted as, generally speaking, truthful.

We live too fast in this country. Too artificially, too violently, too abnormally.

That is why the people of England, male and female, individually outlive their American cousins, to the average extent of twenty years.

THE DARK DAY.

May 15th, 1780, was memorable in New England as the Dark Day. Thick darkness descended upon the land, and a general pathos pervaded the scene.

Ordinary occurrences of life to general extent ceased. What made the phenomenon more generally impressive, was the known fact, that then the patriots cause of the Revolution quivered on the verge of ruin.

It was a dark day, when followed, by the "dark day" of darkness, but there, after the glorious sun again manifested with his smiling countenance, and ere many months victory began to forth upon the battling hosts of Freedom. All became bright through the mercy of kind Heaven, and so, at the distant period, the incident comes freighted with profitable reflections.

The war was fought to preserve the Union, and vindicate the supremacy of the Constitution, without intruding upon the rights or dignity of a single State. Keep that in constant remembrance! It is as true as breathing.

MORAL LESSONS.

A Yankee carpet bagger by the name of Pierce has been arrested at Richmond, Va., for carrying the same into the State to initiate them into the same.

Twelve dollars a head. We will not let other people's money! Not content with plundering white men, women and children, right and left, under the guise of "loyalty," they must even cheat the poor negroes out of their hard-earned wages.

Prisons are too good for such miscreants. The plagues of Egypt were mild in comparison with an infestation like unto them.

Yet they despise the moral laws of Boutwell and Cresswell seek to fasten upon the countrymen of Washington.

THE COUNCIL AT ROME.

The Pontifical Council of the Roman Catholic Church, summoned by the Sovereign Pontiff to meet at Rome the present year, will be one of the most august bodies ever convened.

Its weight of character and influence may be estimated from the fact, that beneath the venerable dome of St. Peter's, eight or ten hundred bishops, learned and devout, gathered from every quarter of the wide world, from icy realms to a warm perpetual summer bloom, and speaking every dialect extant, will take counsel together on behalf of that mighty organization, whose Christian title bears date amid the early centuries, and whose religious law is bounded only by the uttermost limits of the habitable globe.

STATE ELECTIONS TO TAKE PLACE.

Vermont, September 7.—Governor, State Officers and Legislature.

Maine, September 12th.—Governor and Legislature.

Colorado, October 3.—Delegates to Congress.

Pennsylvania, October 12th.—Governor, State Officers and Legislature.

Ohio, October 12.—Governor, State Officers and Legislature.

California, October 20th.—Judges of Supreme Court.

New York, November 2.—State Officers, Judges and Legislature.

New Jersey, November 2.—Legislature.

Massachusetts, November 2.—Governor, State Officers and Legislature.

Minnesota, November 2.—State officers and Legislature.

Wisconsin, November 2.—State Officers and Legislature.

Mississippi and Texas, November 2.—Governor, State officers and Legislature.

This is the age of stupendous human achievements. Our grand enterprise appears to beget another still more gigantic.

An iron road now spans our vast continent and links together the two mighty oceans. Soon ships will pass from the Mediterranean to the Red Sea, through the Suez Canal, and already a movement is being made to connect England with France by means of a tunnel beneath the waters of the British Channel. Engineers pronounce the work practicable.

A Parac merchant by the name of a "Covage" Jeshenger Ready money," has donated \$1,000 for the erection of a fountain in Hyde Park, London. If the long named East Indian gentleman has money "ready money," to spare, we would be happy to acknowledge a small sum of \$10,000, not for the fountain, but for the sinking of a needed bridge over the Covage's "African."

The ultra-Radicals say Grant and Boutwell will oppose that side of the question in the coming Mississippi and Texas elections. We are glad to hear of such determination, for it guarantees a rising Conservative victory, like unto Virginia and Tennessee.

Two hundred cases of Bartlett pears reached New York the other day from California, per the Pacific Railroad. They turned out in fine order and sold readily at high prices. No doubt poverty added much to their lusciousness.

Grant went from Long Branch to Washington for the purpose of attending a Cabinet Meeting, but after a few hours conference, returned hurriedly toward New York in search of more gifts. His salary is only about \$70 a day or \$3 per hour.

The Pacific Railroad promises to be honestly managed, a financial success. Its gross earnings, from May 10th, the date of completion, to August 1st, were \$1,773,153.

George H. Pendleton has been nominated as the Democratic candidate for Governor of Ohio, in place of General Rosecrans, declined. That is a glorious selection, an honor to the Democracy.

The Democratic party in 1868 polled two million seven hundred thousand votes. If that be dead, look out for ghosts!

It is estimated that the land fund of California, to the elevation of 3,000 or 4,000 feet above the sea, is not adapted to grape culture for wine purposes.

Expecting to run for President, he has announced receiving presents.

The square of his political position, that Senator will not be among the number of the "fat-oil" class.

Perhaps some patriot out there is desirous of exchanging an oil well for a good fat office.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL PARTY IN TEXAS.

That speaks volumes for the influence of Boutwell and Cresswell. The fact is, the people are becoming sick of Grant and all his political adjuncts.

President Grant visited Newburgh on the Hudson on day last week. It has not yet transpired what the people of that place gave him, we hope, however, it was the sensible advice to go and attend to his official duties.

The Temperance men in Connecticut have resolved to form a distinct political party. That is right. Nothing like sailing under true colors. Political temperance will make more candidates, if it does not lessen the number of drunkards.

Two distinguished Chinese merchants, Choy Chew and Sing Nam, have arrived in New York overland from San Francisco. They are gentlemen of mercantile character and wealth, and herald the approach of an immense emigration to this country from the Celestial Kingdom.

To reclaim a man from intemperance, approach him with the simplicity and kindness of a brother, not as an assessor and threatening officer of tyrannical law.

Holmes, the Secretary of the Navy, has gone to sea at the nation's expense. The Public Debt is only two thousand five hundred million dollars.

Since the Virginia and Tennessee elections the Radicals call the colored man "niggers." The colored men will band them with a worse epithet before long.

THE MARKETS.

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