

CANADIAN ANNEXATION—UTAH PROBLEM AND NEGRO QUESTION.

(Written for the DEMOCRAT.)

Immediately after the election of Mr. Harrison, the republican press began solving the treasury surplus problem by hinting that the new President would incorporate in his inaugural message the recommendation that negotiations be entered into with England regarding the purchase of Canada. At the time we noticed these press notices, we at once concluded that the intention of Mr. Harrison is to recommend such, if he finds the majority of the influential journals on his side. Whilst we were muddling our meagre stock of brains in the endeavor to ascertain of what benefit such a purchase would be, we ran across a paragraph in the Louisville, (Ky.) *Courier-Journal*, which stated that a meeting was held at Montreal on the 15th ult. by the "Le Club National," the leading liberal club of Canada. The question, "Which would be the best system of Government for Canada, viz: Imperial Federation, Annexation or Independence," was ably discussed by some of the leading public men of Canada. Annexation is an old doctrine with this club, and only a few years ago when Jose Dultare, M. P., Rudolph Lafame, Minister of Justice in Mackenzie's Cabinet, and other celebrated Canadians were its leaders, annexation to the United States was one of the campaign planks. This particular meeting from the meagre dispatch before us was attended by over four hundred members and was widely enthusiastic for annexation. It was unanimous on the point that the present Confederation was an institution tried and found wanting. Believing as we do that the present treasury surplus belongs properly in the tax payer's pockets, we felt this move would cause all who agree with our noble standard bearers in the recent election to gently kick at increasing our national debt by purchasing a white elephant. If the "Canucks" want the protection of the stars and stripes, let them first proclaim themselves free and independent, as did a little handful of patriots away back in 1776. With the large population of Canada, the mother country, with all her petty wars in the Soudan and elsewhere—would have to give them their liberty. Then having severed all allegiance to the vast empire governed by the Queen of the British Isles and Empress of India, the Republic of Canada could, we think, very easily gain admission and thus swell our now immense National domain. There are several points in favor of our securing Canada, but in a short time, at best, it will be ours without increasing the National debt one cent. The points as we see them are 1st, it will stop all diplomatic gerrymandering about the seizures of fishing smacks and do away with quite a deal of International foolishness; and, we will control the St. Lawrence River, a stream navigable for men of war and thus have a continuous chain of sea coast on the Atlantic. Ben. Butterworth, (the Congressman from Ohio, who is now in training for Sherman's seat in the Senate, when the venerable John of financing fame returns to a Cabinet Port-folio,) introduced a resolution to the effect that negotiations for its purchase be entered into as speedily as possible. We are almost sanguine that under the next four years of republican rule the purchase will be made, but let it be recorded that every democrat in Congress, who believes in revenue reform and the lessening of the tariff, will vote "nay," for they are far seeing enough to know that it is only a matter of a few years when Canada will knock loudly at our doors, begging for the protection of the stars and stripes.

We notice Utah will not be included in the "Omnibus Bill" of the democrats for admission. That is good for the present, but let our energetic law-makers, who want to have the word—philanthropist—recorded against their names, combine and pass a bill looking toward the purchase of the state of Chihuahua in Mexico, and colonize it with the Mormons of Utah. Get the human brutes out of our domain and in payment for the purchase money paid for Chihuahua, we could take their lands and buildings in Utah, then Utah could step into the sisterhood of states and become one of our best in a mining, pastoral and agricultural point of view. We do not charge a cent for this "pointer." Let the Hons. Binger Hermann, Mitchell and Dolph take notice.

Once more the negro mill is set in motion—not in the "Solid South" this time, but at a burg bearing the uncommonly happy name of Felicity in the state of Ohio. Felicity was the place of places where run-a-way slaves en route to Canada would stop and recruit. It was the hot bed of abolitionism. This time the negro population had grown to 400 or more, and Felicity drew the color line in her public schools and commenced to rout the negro. What says our esteemed republican friends to this? Then by the way, the higher negro element of the South clamor for recognition in Harrison's Cabinet and say, that if they are not properly recognized, they will believe then that democracy instead of re-

publicanism is their friend, and that the party that gave them the right of the franchise did it merely for their votes. We await the result with much pleasure. In the meantime, we add: "Go it colored white man, you are entitled to all you can get from the republican party."

YOUNG DEMOCRACY.

We see that senator R. A. Irvine has an eye on the interests of the tax-payers. Yesterday he introduced in the senate the following resolution which "on motion of Carson of Multnomah was laid on the table. Several democrats called for the yeas and nays but president Simon disregarded the call:

"Resolved That the enrolling committee, the engrossing committee, and the Judiciary committee, shall each be allowed one clerk, and no more, and neither of said Committees nor any other committee of the senate shall employ any additional clerical aid unless authorized by the senate, and such authority shall be obtained upon the report of the chairman of the committee that such clerical aid is actually necessary.

There are many committees such as the committees on Elections, Claims, Public Lands, Federal relations, Mines Public Buildings, Counties, Military Affairs and others that have no more use for a clerk than a wagon has for a fifth wheel. Senator Irvine would do away with them."

Field Marshall Murat Halstead is not in favor of having a Cabinet position given to ex-Senator Blanche K. Bruce, not because he would "discriminate against the complexion of any statesman," but just because.

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