

7. *Resolved*, That the Democracy of Washington Territory deprecate as a most serious injustice to white labor, the contemplated project of the Republican Revolutionists to introduce negro contrabands into the Territory.

It is instructive though humiliating to note how low down human beings can sometimes go. This is strikingly illustrated by the seventh or tail resolution of the Copperhead platform quoted above. It is in all its essential parts from first to last an unmitigated falsehood, and the men who adopted it, and General Tilton who endorses it, knew it was false when they made it a part of their platform. Had it merely appeared in the Smut Machine at Olympia it might have been regarded as an effusion from poor Hicks or some one else equally reckless of his statements; but it is the deliberate resolve of a body of men met together professedly to plan and act for the National salvation. Hence its turpitude. This absurd charge is so utterly unsupported, that we have hitherto regarded it beneath notice, and should still persist in regarding it in that light, were it not that some of the small fry Copperheads, who cannot spell cider without an s, are gravely repeating it as an argument against the Union party in the Territory. The falsehood originated in the Copperhead legislature of last winter, when Mr. A. S. Mercer,

Union Councilman from this county, asked that body to endorse him as immigrant agent for the Territory. The efforts of Mr. Mercer to bring immigrants into this Territory have already been crowned with partial success. Last year he brought out from the east a number of young ladies, some of whom have already become settled in life and made themselves useful members of society. In response to requests and repeated letters Mr. Mercer has again gone east to assist in conducting many families who are desirous of coming to this new land. Had he received the asked for endorsement of our legislature, it might have aided him somewhat in his laudable enterprise, but the unflinching loyalty of the man was too much for the copperhead body to endorse. It was feared his immigration engineering would bring few if any but

Union men to the Territory and thus hasten the end of the copperhead dynasty ; So the legislature refused to endorse Mr. Mercer as Immigrant Agent, and to ridicule and discourage his known desire to aid in settling this Territory with respectable females and families the copperheads of that body made up, out of whole cloth, and circulated the foolish but insulting falsehood contained in the above resolution. — Absurd as it is, and utterly unfounded, save in the dirty imaginations of the Copperhead party, the lie has appropriately become a chief plank in the platform of the snakes, and the fossil nominee of the snake party stands upon it and endorses it, knowing both its falsity and paternity.

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