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among the practical results of a dissolution of the Union; and for these, among many other reasons equally potent, we are opposed to the policy of dissolution—at least until affairs assume a worse aspect than they have as yet shown.

Besides, we hope, like other storms which have hitherto beset us, that the cloud of abolitionism which lowers upon the country, may be dispelled, and peace, and happiness, and love of country, reign again in the land. The people of the old world are coming to a correct view of the slavery question. There the storm commenced, and there the skies first commence to brighten. While we should always be prepared for the worst, let us always hope for the best. Let us hope that the good counsels to which our people have listened, in days gone by, when the country has been beset by dangers, may prevail; and that the sentiment of devotion to the country, which has been called from good men in all of its parts, by the late tragedy at Harper's Ferry, may find a hearty response in the heart of every patriot in the land.

The subjoined article, from the Charleston Mercury, is given as shewing the feeling of the party represented by that paper. We hold the Mercury and many of those of its peculiar views in high estimation, but we think them rather intense:

**The Insurrection.**—The insurrection at Harper's Ferry was simply no insurrection at all. Not a slave joined the reckless fanatics who sought to promote their nefarious policy of emancipation by blood and treason. It was a silly invasion of Virginia by some eighteen men. Four or five men were killed, and a few more will be hung, and there will be the end of the enterprise in its mere physical aspects. The present of the North, looking no further than these results, are pretty harmonious in representing it as a very light and trifling affair; and the parade of Governors, and Senators, and of the military of States and of the General Government to suppress it, as very absurd, and ridiculous.

Events are often important, not on account of their immediate magnitude, but on account of their significance. Aimple on the cheek may be a very trifling disease; but if it betokens erysipelas, it is the indication of disease which

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**A DISCUSSION.**—We are in receipt of this popular Lady’s Magazine for December. It is a splendid number. “Peterson” has a circulation already, of nearly 100,000, but will be greatly improved in 1860. It will contain about 1000 pages of double column reading matter; 14 steel plates; 12 colored steel fashion plates; 12 colored patterns in Berlin work, embroidery or crochet; and 800 wood engravings—proportionately more than any other periodical gives. Its stories and novelettes are by the best writers. Its fashions are always the latest and prettiest. Its price is but two dollars a year, or a dollar less than magazines of its class. Subscribe for it and save a dollar. To clubs it is cheaper still—viz: three copies for $5, or eight for $10. To every person getting up a club, the Publisher will send two splendid engravings of Niagara, of a size for framing. Address, Charles J. Peterson, 306 Chestnut St., Philadelphia. Specimens sent gratis.

**Political—Opposition in Massachusetts.**—A party which is opposed to both the Democratic and Black Republican organisation in Massachusetts has just held its State Convention in Boston. Among others, the following are given as the reason why this party cannot give their support to the Black Republicans:

Resolved, That we are opposed to the Republican State administration, because it is part and parcel of a party which is opposed to the principles of our Constitution that, by an inherent necessity, it cannot exist at all in nearly one-half of the republic—a party which in one State proclaims itself the peculiar champion of the freedom of a certain race, while in another it denies to the same race the liberty of breathing its air or treading its soil—a party which lavishes upon one portion of our citizens professions against hasty naturalization and foreign influence, while in other States, where it is by far its greatest strength and controlling power, it crushes out the principles and panders to the worst passions of the foreign element; and notwithstanding these professions, it here ignores and sets aside, wherever possible, those who would act up to them, and with a despotic hitherto unknown in this commonwealth, communicates all in office who dare to disapprove of the acts of its leaders.

“Reflect before you act, but when the time for action arrives, stop thinking,” was a maxim of Gen. Jackson.