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ne[illegible] the United States nor any State shall assume or pay any debt or obligation incurred in aid of insurrection or rebellion against the United States or any claim for the loss or emancipation of any slave; but all such debts, obligations or claims shall be held illegal and void.

SEC. 5. The Congress shall have power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.

Re-Nomination of Dr. VanAkernam.

The Congressional Convention which met at Dunkirk on the 28th, placed in nomination for Member of Congress, Hon. HENRY VANAKERNAM, our present faithful and able representative. Never in this District has a nomination for that important office been more promptly and cheerfully tendered, or the continuation in this position more justly deserved. The nominee has served his constituents faithfully, and has represented the great principles of our government with unswerving fidelity. He had shared the perils and hardships of the campaign with Sherman, as Surgeon of the 154th, and was most assiduous in his official duties as Congressman, in guarding the interests of the "boys in blue," and in maintaining the great principles of justice and humanity advocated by the party with which he is connected. In all the trials of his Congressional career, he did not evade the responsibility of voting on the important questions involved, but firmly and truly represented his constituents in the reconstruction measures which came up for national legislation. He will receive the endorsement of a large majority in the district.

The people are showing good sense in returning the experienced and tried members who have proved faithful to their trusts. Gov. FARRAR enjoyed in a high degree their confidence, and his services were more valuable to his constituents by his repeated renominations. The benefits derived from our past experience will not be lost in the case of the present member. His constituents believe him to be capable and honest, and will cordially support him in their continued service.

HON. IRA HARRIS, our able and faithful Senator, made a speech in this place on Tuesday Evening last. He is one of the men of moral courage whom the people delight to honor, and has stood firm by the reconstruction measures which the people have demonstrated a

[illegible] Tuesday [illegible] Some [illegible] brave [illegible] the old [illegible] represent, [illegible] nation [illegible] present organ[illegible] Union [illegible] great giving the [illegible] of the [illegible] proceedings in a [illegible] the convention from which we the following extract [illegible]

[illegible] limnen[illegible] ing at Dunkirk, he cited Hon. IRA HARRIS, U. S. S[illegible] to give the [illegible] lines. He, as a [illegible] of course, presented the results [illegible] war, as well as its issues, and [illegible] results were involved the issues [illegible] present political campaign. Ca[illegible] len, a Copperhead member, call[illegible] venerable speaker to order. By a unanimous vote the speaker was [illegible] to proceed with his address, wh[illegible] copperhead captain and a sympa[illegible] Chaplain, Rev. L. W. Norton, drew from the patriotic company the hisses and expletives of the [illegible] Senator H[illegible] gave a temperate [illegible] of the questions involved in the [illegible]ent political contest, as resulting [illegible] the glorious victory they had [illegible] by their bravery and perils in the hard fought battles in which the [illegible] participated. He was loudly ch[illegible] and his address was highly [illegible] to the "boys in blue."

In looking over the list of [illegible] and reading the proceedings [illegible] fail to be impressed with the [illegible] intelligence, dignity, and solid [illegible] the men who served in the [illegible] Such men as Col. LOCKWOOD, SCOTT, FAY, [illegible], GREEN and [illegible] Chaplains [illegible]SON, NORTON and Lieut. WARNER, Maj. HALL, [illegible] and WARNER, Surgeon WATERBURY a dozen others—such men as would give character and weight [illegible] movement they endorse. When add to these intrinsic merits of the their glorious record; when you re[illegible]ber all they have dared and suffered [illegible] sacrificed on [illegible] the pure patriotism their hearts [illegible] when we see the [illegible] sleeve of the chairman, the [illegible] or the [illegible]ent arm or the [illegible] there—there [illegible] can but stand in [illegible] the [illegible]ence of such an [illegible]bly and [illegible] see the de[illegible] tion that [illegible] before has there [illegible]ed in [illegible] Congress a Conve[illegible] whose [illegible] have so much [illegible] whose [illegible] are entitled [illegible] [illegible] or whose del[illegible]