

RESERVATIONS.

The *National Democrat* gives the following reasons why the reservation system as at present practised in this State is a failure:—

"The reason that the system has so far failed is because of the ignorance or faithlessness of the agents or their employees on the Reservation,—one or the other or both—and for the want of sufficient watchfulness over their conduct by the General Government. We know not whether it be true or not, but we have heard it charged that white men on the Reservations are in the habit of living with the squaws as wives or mistresses, or promiseously debauching them at every opportunity. If so, they are a beautiful set of individuals to teach the poor barbarians virtue and morality!"

What you have heard, Mr. Editor, we regret to say, is even true. The example set the Indians by some of those who have been employed to assist in their enlightenment is a fearful one. The *Democrat* further remarks—

"The Diggers are a docile, quiet race, and easily domesticated, if you but give them a certain and permanent home, and know how to manage them. They can easily be taught to work, and there is no earthly reason why they should not be induced willingly to work upon the Reservation farms and to support themselves. The experiment was tried once by the San Franciscan Monks, who founded the old Missions in this State, and it was successful

"We may be mistaken, but we do confidently believe that if men were put over these Reservations who understood the Digger character, in addition to being steady, sober and industrious persons, the system would not be a failure!"

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