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ADDRESS

OF The state of the s VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

PRECEDING THE REMOVAL OF THE SEN-ATE FROM THE OLD TO THE NEW CHAMBER;

January the 4th, 1859.

The VICE PRESIDENT said Senators: I have been charged by the committee to whom you confided the arrangements of this day, with the duty of expressing some of the reflections that naturally occur in taking final leave of a Chamber which has so long been occupied by the Senate. In the progress of our country and the growth of the representation, this room has become too contracted for the representatives of the States now existing and soon to exist; and accordingly you are about to exchange it for a Hall affording accommodations adequate to the present and the future. The occasion suggests many interesting reminiscences : and may itbe agreeable, in the first place, to occupy a few minutes with a short account of the various places at which Congress has assembled, of the struggles which preceded the permanent location of the seat of Government, and the circumstances under which it was finally established on the banks of the Potomac.

The Congress of the Revolution was sometimes a fugitive, holding its sessions, as the chances of war required, at Philadelphia, Baltimore Lancaster, Annapolis, and Yorktown. During the period between the conclusion of peace and the commencement of the present Government t met at Princeton, Annapolis, Trenton, and

After the idea of a permanent Union had been executed in part by the adoption of the articles of Confederation, the question presented itself of fixing a seat of Government, and this immediately called forth intense interest and rival-

That the place should be central, having refederacy, was the only point common to the were offered, debated, and rejected, sometimes quiring suitable buildings to be also erected near Congress might alternate between those places. But the question was not allowed to rest, and at length, after frequent and warm debates, it was resolved that the residence of Congress should appointed with full power to lay out a district for a Federal town near the falls of the Deleware; and in the mean time Congress assemremitting in exertions for their respective local-

On the 23d of December, 1784, it was resolved to remove to the city of New York, and to the Constitution.

The Commissioners to lay out a town on the the resolution into effect.

stability in the Government invested the ques- capital of the United States. cal capital should be a commercial metropolis. striking of them.

seat of Government ought to be at some conve-to increase his reputation, he could not afford ment, and even threaten it, we may pause with agent place on the banks of the Susquehanna." to enter the Senate; and it will be remembered, On the introduction of a bill to give effect to that, so late as 1812, the great debates which are reaping the reward of other men's labors. not there," retorted the Jew.

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PUBLISHED EVERY FRIDAY MORNING ison thought if the proceeding of that day had other branch of Congress. To make it is admirable Control the assertion of its rights, took place in the stitution, which has survived peace and war, other branch of Congress. this resolution, much feeling was exhibited, es-| preceded the war and aroused the country to | This liberty we inherit; this admirable Conhave become a party to the Constitution. The question was allowed by every member to be a matter of great importance. Mr. Scott said and it was not until many years afterwards makes the largest personal freedom companies the Lake. We need to see the word of the Austrian army, but has not only given him a footing in Lombardy, but has probably made him master of Como, which commands the Lake. We need to see the word of the Austrian army, has not only given him a footing in Lombardy, and makes the largest personal freedom companies the Lake. We need to see the word of the Austrian army, has not only given him a footing in Lombardy, and the largest personal freedom companies the Lake. We need to see the word of the Austrian army, has not only given him a footing in Lombardy. No subscription taken for less than six months.

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The courts have decided that persons are accountable for the subscribe for them, or not.

Carthago of prince and nonor and even of the Government, assumes its full hears upon whom has been cast a great inheritation for share of duty as a coequal branch of the Legisla, ance, have only the high duty to preserve, to ced. Lomba on the 28th of June, 1790, an act was passed on the 28th of June, 1790, an act was passed on the subscriber of them, or not. on the 28th of June, 1790, an act was passed most important questions, especially of foreign Government were laid, reveal the deep sense containing the following clause:

"That a district of territory on the river, Poeastern branch and the Connococh eague, be, and the same is hereby accepted, for the permanent seat of the Government of the United States."

The same act provided that Congress should hold its sessions at Philadelphia until the first Monday in November, 1800, when the Government should remove to the district selected on the Potomac. Thus was settled a question DELIVERED IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES, which had produced much sectional feeling between the States. But all difficulties were not The report of the special committee appointed to make arrangements for the removal of the Senate from the old to the new Chamber having been read and adonted ten reduced to great straits to maintain the progress of the work. Finding it impossible to orrow money in Europe, or to obtain it from Congress, Washington, in December, 1796, made a personal appeal to the Legislature of Maryland, which was responded to by an advance of \$100,000: but in so deplorable a condition was the credit of the Federal Government that the State required as a guarantee of payment, the pledge of the private credit of the

From the beginning Washington had advocated the present seat of Government. Its establishment here was due, in a large measure, to his influence; it was his wisdom and prudence that computed disputes and settled conflicting titles; and it was chiefly through his personal influence that the funds were provided to prepare the buildings for the reception of the President and Congress.

The wings of the Capitol having been sufficiently prepared, the Government removed to this District on the 17th of November, 1800; or as Mr. Wolcott expressed it, left the comforts of Philadelphia "to go to the indian place with the long name, in the woods on the Potomac." I will not pause to describe the appearance, at that day, of the place where the city was to be. Contemporary accounts represent it as desolate in the extreme, with its long, unopened avenues and streets, its deep morasses, and its vast area covered with trees instead of houses. It is enough to say that Washington projected the whole plan upon a scale of centuries, and that time enough remains to fill the measure of his great conception.

The Senate continued to occupy the north gard to the population and territory of the consouth wing of the Capitol, until the 24th of contending parties. Propositions of all kinds August, 1814, when the British army entered the city and burned the public buildings. This with intemperate warmth. At length, on the occurred during the recess, and the President occurred during the recess, and the President immediately convened the Congress. Both Princeton, whither they had been driven from Houses met in a brick building known as Blod-Philadelphia, by the insults of a body of armed men, it was resolved that a building for the use now covered by the General Post Office. But men, it was resolved that a building for the use of Congress be erected near the falls of the Del-the accommodations in that house being quite aware. This was soon after modified by re-insufficient, a number of public-spirited citizens erected a more commodious building, on Capihe falls of the Potomac, that the residence of tol Hill, and tendered it to Congress; the offer was accepted, and both Houses continued to occopy it until the wings of the new Capitol were completed. This building yet stands on the street opposite to the northeastern corner of continue at one place; and commissioners were the Capitol Square, and has since been occasionally occupied by persons employed in different branches of the public service.

On the 9th of December, 1819, the Senate bled alternately at Trenton and Annapolis; but assembled for the first time in this Chamber, the representatives of other states were un-

for more than thirty-nine years. And now the strife and uncertainties of the past are finished. We see around us on every temain there until the building on the Delaware Capitol is worthy of the Republic. Noble should be completed; and accordingly, on the public buildings meet the view on every hand. The world. Look at the result to-day; twenty- to the services in the Senate of their patriotic results of the services of the services of the services in the Senate of their patriotic results of the services of the services of the services in the Senate of their patriotic results of the services of the ser New York, where they continued to hold their flourish. As this flourishing city enlarges, sessions until the Confederation gave place to it testifies to the wisdom and forecast that globe! the center of population and political con, Pinckney, and the rest - I cannot number dictated the plan of it. Future generations The Commissioners to lay out a town on the Delaware reported their proceedings to Congress: but no further steps were taken to carry steamboat, the railroad, and the telegraph have made communication almost instantaneous -When the bonds of union were drawn close: The spot is sacred by a thousand memories, by the organization of the new Government which are so many pledges that the city of under the Constitution, on the 3d of March, 17- Washington, founded by him and bearing his 89, the subject was revived and discussed with revered name, with its beautiful site, bounded greater warmth than before. It was conceded by picturesque eminences, and the broad Potoon all sides that the residence of Congress mac, and lying within view of his home and should continue at one place, and the prospect of his tomb, shall remain forever the political production to make a people powerful and

proposed New York, as being "superior to any changes which have occurred in the practical place they knew for the orderly and decent be- working of the Government, since the adoption havior of its inhabitants." To this it was an- of the Constitution; and it may be appropriate swered that it was not desirable that the politi- to this occasion to remark one of the most

Others ridiculed the idea of building palaces in At the origin of the Government, the Senate thought it highly unreasonable to fix the seat of council. The President often visited the states of the thirteen to the northward of the body; most of its business was transacted with mankind. place; while the South Carolinians objected to closed doors, and it took comparatively little In the midst of these disputes the House of powers. Mr. Madison observed, on some sense of obligation to our forefathers.

be conferred on an American statesman.

It is scarcely necessary to point out the concession both to the importance and the individuality of the States, and to the free and open character of the Government.

In connection with this easy but thorough that the Senate has transcended its constitutional sphere-a tribute at once to the moderation of the Senate, and another proof to thoughtful men of the comprehensive wisdom with which the framers of the Constitution secured essential the action of the Government.

in this Chamber about one third of the space and great materials have accumulated for histo-is allotted to the public; and in the new ry. They will recall the images of the great apartment the galleries cover two thirds of its and good, whose renown is the common proparea. In all free countries the admission of the people to witness legislative proceedings is will linger around the seats once occupied by an essential element of public confidence; and the mighty three, whose names and fame, as-it is not to be anticipated that this wholesome sociated in life, death has not been able to principle will ever be abused by the substitu- sever; illustrious men, who in their generation tion of partial and interested demonstrations for sometimes divided, sometimes led, and somethe expression of a matured and enlightened times resisted public opinion—for they were of of the Italian legion who had fought under him public opinion. Yet it should never be forgot- that higher class of statesmen who seek the ten that not France, but the turbulent spectators | right and follow their convictions. within the Hall, awed and controlled the French Assembly. With this lesson and its austere, oppressed, but not overwhelmed by consequence before us, the time will never come when the deliberations of the Senate shall functions; seeking the truth, then fearlessly folbe swayed by the blandishments or the thunders

his or in a crowd of reflections on or the his myossible to disconnect from an of Enhancement of reflections on or the finance.—
The most meager account of the Senate involve a summary of the progress of our country.— From year to year you have seen your re-presentation enlarge; time and again you have broudly welcomed a new sister into the Conederacy; and the occurrences of this day are a material and impressive proof of the growth

ives of eleven States, containing three mill ons of people.

On the 6th of December, 1819, when the Senate met for the first time in this room, it was composed of the representatives of twentyone States containing nine millions of people.

To-day it is composed of the representatives of thirty-two States, containing more than twenty-eight millions of people, prosperous, happy, and still devoted to constitutional liberty. Let these great facts speak for themselves to

The career of the United States cannot be measured by that of any other people of whom history gives account; and the mind is almost He loved his country above all earthly objects. speaking, and having made a strong point, force which has marked their progress. Sixtynine years ago, thirteen States containing three millions of inhabitants, burdened with debt, and exhausted by the long war of independence, established for their common good a free threw back its level beams, in hues of mellow- asked the Judge. Constitution, on principles new to mankind, side the proofs of stability and improvement. This and began their experiment with the good wishes he loved and served so well. of a few doubting friends and the derision of than an equal number in any other part of the of Adams, Hayne, Wright, Mason, Otis, Mapower descending the western slopes of the them who, in the record of their acts and utprotecting ideas that involve the progress of the human race; a commerce greater than that memories like those which cluster here. of any other nation; free interchange between tion with a deeper interest. Some members It would be interesting to note the gradual and, in the future, an empire to which the ancient mist ress of the world in the height of her glorycould not be compared. Such is our Is there an American who regrets the past? of constitutional liberty, guarded by wisdom ls there one who will decide his country's laws, and virtue, unlike material elements, do not dethe woods. Mr. Gerry, of Massachusetts, seemed to be regarded chiefly as an executive pervert the Constitution, or alineate her people? Government in such a position as to have nine Chamber and conferred personally with this to posterity laden with the execuations of all

So happy is the political and social condition Philadelphia on account of the number of Quapart in the legislative debates. The rising and of the United States, and so accustomed are we Representatives of American States still unikers, who, they said, continually annoyed vigorous intellects of the country sought the to the secure enjoyment of a freedom elsewhere ted, prosperous, and free. the southern members with schemes of emanci- arena of the House of Representatives as the unknown, that we are to undervalue the treasappropriate theater for the display of their ures we possess, and to lose, in some degree the Representatives resolved, "that the permanent occasion, that being a young man, and desiring when the strifes of faction shake the Govern-

been foreseen by Virginia, that State might not was the idea of seclusion carried, that, when of Government, State and Federal, so peculiar successfully accomplished by his throwing his policy, are apt to pass first under discussion in its founders had of their obligations to the this body, and to be a member of it is justly re- whole family of man. Let us never forget that tomac, at some place between the mouths of the garded as one of the highest honors which can the responsibilities imposed on this generation are by so much the greater than those which rested on our revolutionary ancestors, as the causes of this change, or to say that it is a population, extent, and power of our country snrpass the dawning promise of its origin.

It would be a pleasing task to pursue many trains of thought, not wholly foreign to this occasion, but the temptation to enter the wide transition, it is worthy of remark that it has field must be rigorously curbed ; yet I may be been effected without a charge from any quarter pardoned, perhaps, for one or two additional

reflections. The Senate is assembled for the last time in ed to other uses; yet it must remain forever connected with great events, and sacred to the principles without inconveniently embarrassing memories of the departed orators and statesmen who here engaged in high debates, and shaped The progress of this popular movement, in the policy of their country. Hereafter the baldi. one aspect of it, has been steady and marked. American and the stranger, as they wander At the origin of the Government no arrange through the Capitol, will turn with instinctive ments in the Senate were made for spectators; reverence to view the spot on which so many

There sat Calhoun, the Senator, inflexible, his deep sense of the importance of his public lowing it-a man whose unsparing intellect compelled all his emotions to harmonize with the deductions of his rigorous logic, and whose noble countenance habitually wore the expression of one engaged in the performance of high public duties.

This was Webster's seat. He, too, was every inch a Senator. Conscious of his own vast powers, he reposed with confidence on himself; and scorning the contrivances of smaller men, he stood among his peers all the greater for the simple dignity of his senatorial demeanand prosperity of the United States. Three periods in the history of the Senate mark, in fore the imagination, in the grand and granite striking contrast, three epochs in the history of outline of his form and intellect, like a great On the 3d of March, 1789, when the Government was organized under the Constitution of the representation of th New England rock, repelling a New England English tongue is spoken. As a senatorial orator, his great efforts are historically associated with this Chamber, whose very air seems yet and generous spirit, Garibaldi is said to be the to vibrate beneath the strokes of his deep tones best guerilla leader now in Europe. The valand his weighty words.

his impetuous and ardent nature untamed by age, and exhibiting in the Senate the same ve- THOMAS BURNSIDE -JAMES PETRIhement patriotism and passionate eloquence that of vore electrified the House of Representatives and the country. His extraordinary personal endowments, his courage, all his noble would have made him a favorite of history.man !- orator, patriot, philanthropist-whose light, at its meridian, was seen and felt in the remotest parts of the civilized world; and whose close by. declining sun, as it hastened down the west, ed splendor, to illuminate and to cheer the land

All the States may point, with gratified pride, eight millions of people, in every way happier sons. Crowding the memory, come the names Alleghany mountains, and the original thirteen terances, appeal to their successors to give the that young man knows." States forming but the eastern margin on the Union a destiny not unworthy of the past .map of our vast possessions. See besides, What models were these, to awaken emulation complain of that your honor has forgotten Christianity, civilization, and the arts given or to plunge in despair! Fortunate will be too much!" to a continent; the despised colonies grown the American statesmen who, in this age, or into a Power of the first class, representing and in succeeding times, shall contribute to invest by one brother against another, for the purpose the new Hall to which we go, with historic of breaking their father's will, which cut off

And now, Senators, we leave this memorable Chamber, bearing with us, unimpaired, the This Samuel was a stout, broad-shouldered production to make a people powerful and Constitution we received from our forefathers. Pennsylvania farmer, well.dressed and portly, happy—in a word, behold present greatness, Let us cherish it with grateful acknowledg-showing himself to be somebody; while Abra-Let us cherish it with grateful acknowledg- showing himself to be somebody; while Abraments to the Divine Power who controls the ham was a lank, lean and ill-favored man, with destinies of empires and whose goodness we adore. The structures reared by men yield to Mr. Petriken, counsel for poor Abraham, asked till I die!" "So'll I, boss!" sung out the country; ay, and more-far more than my the corroding tooth of time. These marble a witness "what is the relative wealth of the darkey, "I always does." mind could conceive or my tongue could utter. walls must moulder into ruin; but the principles two brothers?" cay. Let us devoutly trust that another Sen-If there be such a man, let his memory descend ate, in another age, shall bear to a new and larger Chamber, this Constitution vigorous and inviolate, and that the last generation of posterity shall witness the deliberations of the "Abraham, stand by the side of Samuel."

> "Did you know," said a cunning Yankee to a Jew, "that they hang Jews and jackasses together in Portland ?"

"Indeed! then it is well that you and I are

GENERAL GARIBALDI.

The dashing enterprise of Gen. Garıbaldi, so His continued occupation of Austro-Lombardian ground would greatly help the

That the game of War is a game of Chess, upon a large scale, was said by the Great Napoleon. It is quite true thrt strategy avails as much as force, in a campaign. The head to plan is required as well as the hands to execute. An English paper says that Sir William Napier, the eminent Historian of the Peninsular War, who is now dangerously ill, and in an advanced period of life, had predicted, some time ago, from a consideration of the condition of Italy and the comparative position of the combatants, that the attack upon the Austrian right, by which Garabald i established himself in Lombardy, and has cut off his opponents from using the Splugen Pass, was the this Chamber. Henceforth it will be convert- particular move, in the great game of war, which should be made, exactly at the very

sketch of the antecedents of Joseph Gari-

He was born at Nice, fifty-two years ago, and entered the Sardinian navy at an early age. In 1834 he was compelled to fly from Genoa, because of his complicity in a liberal conspiracy. After two years' residence in Marseilles, he went to offer his services to the Bey of Tunis, but received such insufficient encouragement, that he soon left Africa and went to South America, where he commanded, for the Republic of Uruguay, the squadron destined to act a-gainst Buenos Ayres. When the Revolution of 1848 broke out, Garibaldi, with the remains in South America, fought on the side of Italian independence. In Piedmont, in the Tyrol, and in Rome, (which he gallantly defended against the French troops,) his valor was distinguished. His, indeed, is

A spirit that can dare The deadliest form that death can take, And dare it-for the daring's sake.

After Rome was taken, Garibaldi disbanded his little company of adherents and went to New York, where he entered into business .-Thence he returned to South America, and commanded the Peruvian navy for some time. He has lived with his children, in an island near Sardinia, for the last five years. His wife, a woman of undaunted courage, died by his side, from an Austrian ball in Italy. At the sound of the war trumpet, Garibaldi returned to his native land, was recognised and encouraged, and the volunteers hastened to enrol themselves under his command. fast-co

Of lotty stature, strong frame, brave heart, ue of his services and example in Lombardy On the outer circle, sat Henry Clay, with and Piedmont, at this crisis, is incalculable.

KEN-JAMES T. HALE.

The elder James Burnside was president in one of the Courts of Pennsylvania, when the memqualities, invested him with an individuality orable case of Parsons vs. Parsons was on trial. and a charm of character which, in any age, James Petriken, Esq., was one of the counsel, assisted by James T. Hale, Esq. Hale was appalled at the contemplation of the prodigious He loved liberty in all countries. Illustrious which the Court challenged, he said that he could sustain it by citation of cases from the books, but he he had left them at his office

"Why did you not bring your books here?"

"Because I considered the point so plain a not to need the support of other cases; but I will step over and get the books."

As Mr. Hale left the room the Judge in "That man reminds me of a carpenter who

came to work for me, and left all his tools at home. The Court has forgotten more law than

"That," said Mr. Petriken, "is just what we

The case of Parsons vs. Parsons was brought Abraham, the elder brother without a cent, giving all the property to Samuel, the younger.

was a question of law." Petriken saw that the question would not be

Abraham planted his thin figure, in shabby clothes, by the side of the corpulent, well-dressed brother, and Petriken cried out to the jury. "Now compare the parties." The effect was instantaneous and complete, and far better for Abraham than any evidence of witnesses as to the amount of his property. The jury gave him a verdict; and, law or no law, he got half of his father's property .- Harper's Magazine. 1 fools reform, is-to-morrow.

NOBLY SAID.

In the case of the convicted and sentenced Oberlin slave rescuers, whom the Abolitionists hoped to have discharged from imprisonment, by the Supreme court of Ohio, on habeas cor-

with fugitives from justice. But if a weary, frightened slave would appeal to me to protect him from his pursuers, it is possible I might momentarily forget my allegiance to the law and constitution and give him a covert from those who were on his track-there are, no doubt, many slaveholders who would thus follow the instinct of human sympathy. And it I did it, and was prosecuted, condemned and imprisoned, and brought by my counsel before this tribunal on a habeas corpus, and was then permitted to pronounce judgment in my own case, I trust I should have the moral courage to say before God and my country, as I am now compelled to say, under the solemn duties of a Judge, bound by my official oath to sustain the supremacy of the constitution and the law: 'The prisoner must be remanded.' "

Judge Swan was elected by the Republican party, and a few days after he delivered the above sentiments his party met in State con-It may be worth while here to give a brief vention to nominate a judge of the Supreme Court, and selected another man to take his

BEAR IT IN MIND.

It would be well enough for all our readers to bear this fact in mind: Those business men who patronize the printers the most liberally are proverbial for being the fairest dealers.— They can afford to be such, because they have a larger number of customers, and those invariably pay cash for what they buy. He who is engaged in business, and to miserly to pay the printer for keeping his name and business before the country, is generally too penurious to merit patronage from any body, and when they do get it they are compelled to charge tall prices to make both ends meet. Look out for such persons, and give your trade to him who shows you he has a soul in him by patronizing the printer liberally.

A Good one.—We heard a good story, the other day of our friend Jacob Stier, of Upper Mount Bethel, that is worth telling. Jacob is known to all who are acquainted with him at all, as one of the most rampant, thorough-going Democrats in all this section of country. He reveres his Democratic principles, next to his religion, as above all price. In 1856 he superintended the erection of an immense hickory pole at Roxburg, which is still standing. Recently a factory has been erected at Dill's Ferry for the manufacture of axe handles, which are generally made of seasoned hickory. One of the proprietors of this establishment, a Massachusetts gentleman, recently passed through Roxburg, and seeing the hickory, thought it would be a capital piece of timber to cut up for axe handles, and with a view to securing it, he inquired as to who had authority to have it cut down. He was referred to old Jacob, whose Democracy is as tough as the old hickory, when the following conversation took place.

Manufacturer-"Good morning, Mr Stier-I have called to see what you would charge for that old hickory pole standing yonder ?"

Stier-"What do you want it for ?" Manufacturer-"I want to cut it into axe handles."

Stier-"Where are you from sir ?" Manufacturer-"From Massachusetts." Stier-"Then I tell you, no sir! no man from that a --- d Abolition State, can ever buy that pole !"

Yankee sloped .- Easton Sentinel.

"Sally," said a green youth, in a venerable white hat and gray pants, through which his legs projected half a foot—"Sally, before we go into this 'ere museum to see the Euchanted Horse, I want to ask you somethin'."
"Well, Ichabod, what is it?" "Why, you see this 'ere business is gwine to cost a hull quarter of a dollar apiece, and I can't afford to spend so much for nothin'. Now ef you'll say you'll have me, darned ef I don't pay the hull on't myself-I will !" Sally made a non-committal reply, which Ichabod interpreted to suit himself, and he strode up two steps at a time, and paid the whole on't.

"My son, haven't I told you three times to go and shut that gate ?" said a father to a four year old.

"Yes, and havn't I told you these three times that I wouldn't do it. You must be stupid."

Once upon a time, an Irishman and a

The opposing lawyer jumped up and objected to the question. "It was of no consecutive at the table, said she would take "that quence who was richer or who was poorer; it part that ought to be dressed in pantalets." A gentleman opposite immediately called for "that part which usually wears the bustle."

People, says a modern philosopher, go according to their brains. If these lie in their head, they study ; if in their belly, they eat ; if in their heels, they dance.

"I have turned many a woman's head, boasted a young nobleman of France. "Yes," replied Talleyrand, "away from you."

IF The day on which idle men work and