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The Record of the Democratic Party.
Tre Democratic party is before the poople,
aekking them to entrust it with the politcal
power of the nation. If this is to be done, power of the nation. If this is to bedina,
there ought to be some good reason for it. But what good reason is there? What is
there in the past history of the Democratic
party that ehould lend the people to abandon
the Republican organization, and place the the Republican organization, and place the
Goverument in the hands of the Demoocrats?
If ever a party should display its love ot Goverument in the hands of the Democrnts
If ever a party should display its love
country it is when that country is in peril
If ever a party should display its power If ever a party should display its powers of
administration, it it when emergencies arise, administration, it is when emergencies aris,
when ereat interests are at stoke, and when
the ship of state is in a storm. Suppose wo apply these principles to the conduct of the
Democratc panty during the Rebellion, and power when the Rebellion first broike out
What did it do to suppress it? lutely nothing. And why? Mataly be
cause the leaders in the Rebollion were
themselves the leajers of the Domore themselves the leajers of the Democratic
party. TTate party, with all the resourecs of
the country at its command, maintained a stubborn and imbecile inactioft, and allowrod
the nation to drif hopelessly into a great
war. The slightest display of force, the war. The
mereot exhibition of the power of the natton
by President Buchanan, would probably have
saved us the whote contest. He was saved us the whole contest. He was appealed
to, by General Scott to do 1 , but refused. He,
and his party with him, contessed ther in and his party with him, contessed therit in-
ability to cope with the problom. The statess.
manship, the executive abtilyt, he patriotism
of the Democratic party, were nuequal to the task of saving the counrry, and th
turned over to the Republicans. But this imbecile attitude of the Demo-
cratie party durng the earlier stages of the
Bebellion grew out or the fict that the Rebellion titeelf was the work of its own leader tent, sympathzed with the Rebellion. And
this continued to be the position of the party, as a party, during the war. It sympathized
with the Rebellion. Its efforts were directed to embarraseing rather than ading the Gov-
eroment. It made for itseif a record more
disgraceful than that ever before made by any diggraceful than that ever before made by any
party in a free country. So true was this, that
honest and patrio ic men in the Demoeratic party, who valued the nation, and believed
its life worth preserving, were obliged to discard their litelong associations, and ioin the
great Union Republican organization. The Democrat, soon forsook a party whose only
sampathes were with the enemies of his
country. Thus the contest went country. Thus the contest went on, unti,
1884, the party capped the climax of its in Now, we submit whethor a party with such
a record has any claims upon popular support or reepect? It proved false to the country in
the bour when the life of the nation hung trembling in the balance. For such a crime
there is no forgiveress. An individual may be forgiven, but a party that failed in such an
hour as that can never more be trusted by the country
And the people phould not forget that the
contest this fall is to deternine whether this
old Democratic party, with all its sins upon its bead, and under the direction of its old
disloyal leaders of 1861 and 1862, and with deelares that he stands by his disloyal record whether this party shall be put in power?
There is no middle ground. Every vote for Clymer is a vote to endorse his own personal
disloyal record and that of the Democrati party of Pennsylvania. How can ancy trae
Union man bring himself to to this? How can any Union soldier thus
tarnish his record? It Clymer and the Penn-
sylvania Democracy were right daring the war, then the Union soldiers and the Unio party and Abratain Lincoln were all wrong.
Are we ready to say this? Is the soldier ready to acknow ledge that he was the "Lin-
con hireling," the "Aboltion minion," the
" murderer," that these disloyal men charged against Heister Clymer and the whole Democratic ticket. Is the true Union man who,
during the war, disgusted and sick at heart party, broke loose trom its trammels and joined that noble and patriofic party that saved the
country- is he reaty now to say that he was If not, let nim vote against Heister Clym
and the whole ticket. Why should any man desire to leave th
Union party? It has a record Union party? It hat a record grander,
nobier, prouder than that of any other party in our country since the foundation of the
Government. It is the perty of progress, of liberality, ot bumanits, ot great and inspiring
ideass. Its whole history is illuminated with country. It comprchends the sublime destiny which the repablic, under the lead of
great and good men, ts capable of achleving. Who would leave such a party to foin hlm-
self to an organization tainted throurh and through with its disloyalty in the past, and
whose only principle and chier inspiration for the present are summed up in a a feroctous ganoliending negro?


