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General Grant and Political Parties-Things to be Remembered. From the N. Y. Times.

There are some leading fac's which it may be well for those who are so anxious concerning General Graut's party relations and probable action to bear in mind. The Republicane, for example, who insist that he ought to be, in the strict sense of the ward, a party President-taking the advice of the leaders of the Republican party as his suf-ficient guide and rule of action, because he was nominated and elected by that partywill do well to remember: --

1. That General Grant never was a member of the Republican party until after the war.

2. That he was nominated at Chicago not mainly because he was a Republican, but because he had more of the confidence of the people than any other man in the country.

3. That the canvass proved that he was stronger with the country than the party, and received a great many votes and a great moral support from outside the party limits. 4. That his hold on the confidence of the

country is quite as strong to-day as it ever was, and is not likely to be forieited or lessened by any rash or reckless action on his part.

These considerations combine to give General Grant a degree of independence, in his official action, which few of his predecessors have ever had. The people do not expect or desire him to be a mere party President. His assent to the leading principles and measures of the Republican party has been given in the clearest and most explicit manner, and no one doubts that they will form the basis of his administration. But this faut gives no warrant for the expectation that he will, in all things, consult primarily the wishes or supposed interests of the party as the guide of his action.

On the other hand, those Democrats who are predicting that he will turn his back upon the Republican party and espouse, in any way, the principles or policy of the Democracy, may do well to call to mind: --

1. That throughout the war General Grant received no support from the Democratic party, and always regarded its action as hostile to the cause of the Union, which the war was waged to sustain.

2. That after the war he took more than one occasion to say that no party which, dur-ing the war, failed to do its utmost in support of the Government deserved the confidence of the country.

3. That he has more than once declared that he had far more toleration for Southern men who went into the rebellion than for Northern men who do did not do all in their power to put it down.

4. That he regards efforts to obstruct and embarrass the Government in its endeavors to reorganize Southern society on the basis of existing laws as hostile to the peace, which is essential to the prosperity, of the

country. 5. That in accepting the nomination of the Republican party, he evinced and declared his reliance upon that party, rather than any other, to restore harmony to the nation, and bring the Government back to its natural and beneficent course of operation.

While General Grant has a right, therefore, to expect from the Democratic party such a degree of support as the wisdom and justice of his official action may deserve, there is no reason to suppose that he will look for, or try to get, anything more at its hands. That any part of the patronage of his office will be offered as a consideration for Democratic support, no one for a moment dreams. And

left her whole system rent and broken. The character of the contending parties was not dissimilar. In the chivalry, the gallantry, the devotion, the manly sentiment to the "los" cause" of the cavaliers who adhered to the house of Stuart, the South finds a partial prototype; while in the sturdy viger, the unflinching perseverance, the great unquenched courage in the darkest hour, and the inflexible principle which distinguished the Parliament-we may almost call it the Republican party of that day-the Congress and the North find almost an exact parallel.

General Grant, too, loouns up before the world as a man possessing many of those great qualities with which Macaulay on his great qualities with which ancautry on his pictured page has surrounded William in such splendid pose. He has the same absence of ostentation, the same calm confidence, the same upbending will, the same high sense of duty which Macaulay ascribes to William. Cromwell, even with his iron and relentless rule, was to William what Thaddens Stevens was to Grant-cut many difficulties from his path and created, in its natural reaction, an appetite for, if not less firm, milder and more healing counsels. Let us hope that the parallel may be fully carried out, and that as William, where necessary, by a severe but beneficent moderation, succeeded in completely healing those dissensions which divided and distracted England, and so laying the stable foundation of her after greatness, so Grant may, by his wise and prudent administration, reccncile all opposing elements among us. That he will do so may be with almost certainty prophesied; for the moderate temper of the man naturally inclines him towards conservatism; and should our prophecy be borne out by subsequent events. General Grant will have hastened (for no one can prevent) the coming of that greater future which awaits our country. An opportunity such as no other statesmen ever had lies before him. The voice of passion and of party seems supernaturally hushed. The great masses of the North have a thorough faith in his will and his power to establish peace on a firm basis, and that is the calm, still current of opinion which runs underneath all the noisy babble and brawl which mere politicians raise on the surface. The South, though still in sorrow, look to him with hope, if not with thorough confidence, and are prepared to accept any policy which is laid out for them by their conqueror which is marked with a sense of benignant justice.

The Senate and House of Congress are reposing on their arms, curious and anxious to know what the ides of March will reveal, and we are filled with a deep trust/ulness that that truculent and irascible body will have at last found a President who will exact their respect by the silent grandeur of his character. Even the renowned chief, General Batler, on whom, since the death of Stevens, the war mantle has descended, and who, without the overawing domination which experience and age gave to Pennsylvania's acrid statesman, possesses far more subtlety of thought, more statesmanlike adaptability, more readiness of resource, more superb audacity, and more close and crushing vigor in its application, stands calmly leaning on his spear, unmindful of the small conflicts which rage around him, and watching, with a curiosity not untouched, with confidence the action of his former rival. It will require but a slight turn of the political kaleidoscope to throw Grant and Batler into combination. Both are strong men, powerful in themselves without the aid of party. Both are old Demo-crats. Grant was forced upon the Republican party by his enormous popularity with the masses, and Batler in his Congressional district routed the radical element which assailed him in every quarter, from the feeble yelping of Kilpatrick to the bolder barking of the Tribune. Both are men of the people, and on the vital question of finance, upon which the prosperity of the nation now depends, we look

then been torn by a series of civil wars which I was no slave labor to fall back and lean upon. To starve or put their own hand to the plough was the prerogative. From the lap of luxury they had been transferred to a condition where they must earn their bread with the sweat of their brow. . With them there followed a struggle for existence almost, and the compulsory economy of the war period was compulsory still.

This forced change of circumstances must necessarily have begotten by this time a sig-nal change in Southern habits, and it will be no matter for surprise if they should, in the future, be among the most economical of paople. They manifest a desire and appreciation for recuperation and prosperity such as they never enjoyed before, and they can but be aware that retrenchment, economy, and fra-gality are essential to the attainment of these ands. That they contemplate practising these virtues in the future is therefore manifest.

Turning now to the North, we discover that our habits of living have undergone a change for the worse. With the creation of our war expenses there came a period of Northern extravagance. Familiarized to enormous expenditures by the Government, the people egan to increase their individual cost maintenance, to indulge in luxuries unthought of before, and to look upon frugality and economy in somewhat the same light that the South previously did. Instead of want and famine, the prolongation of the war seemingly brought plenty and prosperity. Mortgages upon the future made money plenty. No one wanted for employment while bounty money passed rapidly through the pockets of those who had never known before what it was to have an extra shilling. All around us many suddenly grew rich through fat contracts or speculation, and exercised a demoralizing influence by the reckless manner in which they scattered their ducats. Contractors and cotton thieves dazzled the eye of the public with their jewelry, and shoddy trailed her silks and satins before the admiring and envious gaze of the less prosperous. Money came quick, and went quicker. Resorts of amusement were patronized as they had never been before. Neither did the end of the war bring with it au end to these ruinous habits which had been so and denly engrafted upon us. The people, as well as representatives, have still gone on as if there were no limits to cur resources, as if the national finances could stand any strain without being snapped asunder, as if our individual pocketbooks would never be less plethoric than now.

Such being the case, it behooves us of the North to stop and reflect whether a continu-ance of these habits may not only work individual ruin, but in a very few years transfer the balance of wealth and power to the South. aided as it is by the immense ootton and sugar interests. We have seen in the dire rebellion the results of prodigality, reckless expenditure, effemicacy, and the living from other men's labor. We have the example of the South as a warving to deter us from the habits and modes of life upon which, as a people, we at the North have entered. Will we profit by it, or still continue to advance backward as our Southern countrymen go forward? These are questions which press home with force upon each one of us.

The New Barcan of Morality. From the N. Y. World.

Could anything be more inexcusably disgraceful than the attempt which has been made in Congress to cheat the widows of soldiers out of the miserable pittance to which they are entitled under the pension law, and to place the character of these women as well as their money at the mercy of the caprice, the cupidity, or the lust of the disbursing officers of the Pension Bureau? "There is a genera-tion that cur eth their father and doth not bless their mother; a generation that are pure n their own eyes, and yet are not from their filthiness; a generation whose eyes are lofty, and their eyes lifted up on high; a generation that for teeth have swords, and grindeth with their jaw-teeth, to devour the needy from off the earth and the poor from among men." Here you have the party of moral ideas photographed to the life, and never were their hypocrisy, their self-right-cousness, and their insufferable meanness made so vividly apparent as they were by this proposition to turn the Pension Office into a bureau of morality, and to compel every woman who presents herself to receive her pension to come armed with a certificate of cood character, and to disprove any allegations against her chastity which malice, envy, or lust may have contrived to invent. It appears that the moral sense of the Commissioner of Pensions has been shocked by the discovery, fancied or real, that some of the widows borne upon the pension rolls of the United States "were cohabiting without marriage, refusing that solemn and legal rite, and living in open prostitution," and he became at once taken up with zeal that "the Government should not be unwittingly placed in the strange attitude of offering a premium on immorality. The method which he, or rather the member of Congress whom he inspired, proposed for the cure of this evil, and for bringing back these erring women to the paths of virtue, was sublimely simple and severe. It was to starve them into chastity; to withdraw the annual stipend on which they were leading a life of riotous profligacy and unbounded luxury, at the rate of eight dollars a month; and to tame the fever of their blood by cutting off their income. It might have occurred to any one who was not a very moral philosopher that, if it were true that the widow of a soldier was leading a life of shame, her downfall might be traced, not to the fact that she had too much money, but rather that she had too little, and that the Government might be placed in the strange attitude of offering a premium on morality if a little of the money which is yearly squandered for the good of the party were devoted to increasing the stipends of pensioned widows, placing them above the reach of temptation and relieving them from the pressure of absolute want, and that good results might also follow a reform in the whole matter of disbursing pensions, since, under the present system, frauds innumerable and grievous are constantly practised upon the pen-sioners, and in many cases the money due them is withheld, month after month, on the most frivolous and vexations pretexts, swelling meanwhile the bank account of the pension agent, and bringing to him a handsome interest. All this, however, has nothing to do with the principle involved in the proposition of the Commissioner of Pensions and the Pension Committee, placed before the House of Representatives by the Hon. Mr. Perham, "of the cold and frigid region of Maine," that the payment of a pension to the widow of a soldier should be made contingent upon her chastity. There was no such stipu-lation in the contract which the wives of the soldiers of our army made with the Government when they gave up their husbands to its service. It was not so nominated in the bond. The contract simply was that, if the husband of a woman was slain, she should receive, as the price of his life, a certain pitifal sum of money, to be paid her so long as she did not to herself another husbaud. It was a hard bargain at the best, and none bat a moral philosopher would dream of now

interpolating into it new conditions. The Government might, with equal propriety, propose to stop the pension of every widow who did not go to church three Fyare them.

times every Sanday, or who wore back hair which was not her own save by purchase. We suppose that any truly moral and trooly loyal philosopher will confess with his lips, if not with his heart, that immorality in a man is as worthy of condemnation as it is in a woman; but we are quite certain that no member of Congress will propose to institute an examination into the private moral character of the one-armed and one-legged male pensioners of the Government, and provide for stopping the pay of any of them who may chance to stray aside from the path of virtue. The full price which the Government demanded from these men and women for the stipend which they are receiving has been paid, and there is no excuse for asking anything more. The wife has given her husband, the widowed mother has resigned her son, the strong man has paid away his limbs and bartered his health, and is content to hobble up towards his grave with a body shorn of its fair proportions, hacked into a hideous ruin, and tortured with constant pain.

They have all paid heavily enough for all they

are to get in the inture; and in the name of

humanity, to say nothing of justice and grati-

tude, let no one seek to lay heavier burdens

upon them ! We do not suppose that it is true that any considerable number of the pensioned widows in the United States are open to the aspersion which the Commissioner of Pensions and the Hon. Mr. Perham have cast upon them. Any one who knows the poor-who has seen them in their own homes, and witnessed the courage, the faith, the piety, and the trustfulness in God wherewith they combat the ills of lifeneed not be told that there is as much virtue among them as there is among the classes whom Heaven has blessed with a happier lot. But if all these allegations against soldiers' widows were true, it requires very little reflection to see that the remedy proposed for the supposed evil would only intensify it. Take Mr. Perham's own statement of the case, for instauce. "Here," said the gentleman from Maine, "are two widows living in the same community, both drawing pensions, and both forming matrimonial engagements; the one gets married honestly and forfeits her pension; the other declines the marriage rite, but cohabits with the man and retains her pension." Here we might pause to inquire whether it is in accordance with truly moral ideas to speak of a woman who enters into a state of concubinage as one who has formed a "matrimonial engagement;" but that is not the point. "The operation of the present system was to punish the chaste woman by depriving her of her pension when she got married honestly," continued Mr. Perham, "and to give a premium to women who lived as concubines. I think the Government should not sllow itself to be placed in that anomalous position." Well, the Government can re-lieve itself from all difficulty of this nature by simply adopting the suggestion of Mr. Raum and repealing that section of the pension law which causes the marriage of a pensioned widow to work a forfeiture of her persion. It is perfectly true that the present rul- is contrary to public policy, since it dis-courages marriage. If that rule were abro-gated, no weak and ignorant woman would be left to be tempted-perhaps by affection, per-haps by dire necessity-to consent to an illicit connection which could only te made a lawful one by the sacrifice of an income which she might deem indispensable for her support. The Government would spend no more money on pensions than it now does if all the widows in the land were married to-morrow. The Government saves nothing by keeping its pensioned widows in a state of single and un-THE PRINCIPAL productive celibacy. There would be a few dollars saved if Mr. Perham's proposition were carried into effect; but it would be money accursed in the sight of men and Heaven. We have heard many hearty and many affected denunciations of repudiation; but, of all the schemes for "breaking the plighted faith of the nation," none is so worthy of scorn and detestation as this proposition to repudiate the REVE debt due to soldiers' widows for the sake of their souls. It could only have originated with "a generation that are pure in their own eyes and yet are not washed from their filthiness," and who "grind with their jaw-teeth to devour the needy from off the earth and the poor from among men."

quarters and their \$8000 a year, let them take up their cross and bear it. Till then,

If, then, it shall seem advisable to General Grant to indicate no choice for Cabinet offic tra until the morning of March 4, or if he shall choose to name a part of them sooner aud leave the residue in abeyance, we trust that he will do exactly as he shall see fit. Curiosity as to his choice is lively and legitimate; but no friend of the incoming administration would have it gratified at the cost of embarrassing the President-elect. Numerous as the office-seekers may be, they are but a small fraction even of the Republicans; and the residue are in no hurry whatever.

We note that a few of our greenest Repubican journalists allow themselves to be tragged into controveray with those who are intent on diffusing a false impression that General Grant is at variance with a majority of the Republicans in Congress, and intent on "setting up for himself," as the phrase is. The fact is well known that he set up for himself many years ago, and has ever since maintained the position then taken. He was nominated by the Republicans because his views accorded in the main with theirs, just as he would have been eagerly and unanimously taken up by the Democrata had he leaned to their side. Their prospects of success from October, 1867, to the date of his nomination at Chicago, were quite as good as ours, not merely in their own view, but in that of dispassionate observers as well.

They now insist that they would have succeeded had he been their candidate, not ours. It rested absolutely with General Grant to decide on which ticket to run; and he chose to identify himself with that party whose convictions accorded generally with his own. But this does not preclude his asserting a large measure of independence, as he undoubtedly will and should do. This may possibly enable journals like the World to reawaken in the breasts of their followers fervent and rapturous hopes destined never to be realized. The role now being played out to its pitiable catastrophe by Andrew Johnson is one rarely or never undertaken unless by an Accident, and one to which no man has less proclivity than Ulyssus S. Grant.



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that he will shape his measures with a view to securing Democratic favor, any further than to make them such as will deserve the favor of all, there is no more reason to

Mere party considerations of any kind, we think, will enter much less into General Grant's administration than many suppose. His first aim will be to deserve the favor and support of all honest and patriotic men of all parties, by doing that which will best promote the welfare and prosperity of the whole country. That there is any better way than this of securing the support of his own party, none but its enemies will for a moment pretend.

#### The St. Domingo Job. From the N. Y. Times.

We are quite prepared to credit the rumors connecting the St. Domingo anuexation scheme with private, speculative, and even General Banks may corrupt considerations. have acted with good faith in advocating a protectorate, and Mr. Orth may have entered apon the annexation business with hands of virgin purity. But that the influences which are at work intriguing in behalf of annexation, and lavish in promises of good faith on the part of Baez and those of the Dominicans who share his fortunes, are pure and honest, We are scarcely able to concede.

There may be good reasons why Baez should desire annexation. He finds it difficult to hold his ground as President, and would doubtless prefer a bargain and sale-himself being the seller-to exile or something worse. His creditors, or rather the creditors of his Government, not unnaturally share his desire. They have no hope of payment, except from Uncle Sam. It is not improbable, moreover, that not a little of the land which we are asked to occupy has already been hypothecated to parties who would have more confidence in its value as a part of the United States domain than while under the control of the Domini-

Some hypotheses of this nature are requisite to render intelligible the project of annexation. On its merits, such a project could not stand a day. It involves so large an addition to the responsibilities of our Government, so serious an embarrassment to the work of pacifloation, and so sure a source of financial difficulty, that it could not endure sober investigation. It may for the moment gratify a love for spread-eagleism. It may supply buncombe with a fresh stock of flowering periods. Bat as a practical measure, considered in relation to the present circumstances and immediate requirements of this country, it is mischievous and absurd. The sinister influences which support it may be strong, but we do not believe that they are strong enough to force this folly through Congress.

## Grant and Ben. Butler.

From the N. Y. Herald.

On the whole historic canvas perhaps no figure has ever stood out in such singular, solitary, and, in some senses, sublime grandeur as at this moment does that of General Grant. In a world too wide for the ambition of the First Napoleon in its wildest dreams to grasp, he sits simple, silent, strong; and the thoughts, the aspirations, the interests, the hopes, the fears, and, in some portious, the tears of a whole nation turn towards him. In vain we soan the page of history for a parallel. dissimilar to that of England when William

to see them standing shoulder to shoulder at the head of the new party which must inevitably be formed. Those who know Grant best predict that he

will not prove himself unequal to the responsibilities of his exalted position. He still adheres to that quality which Carlyle places in the gospel of greatness above all otherssilence. When he accepted a weightier re-sponsibility than this (the command of the Army of the Potomac), he issued no rotund Pope or McClellan small Napoleon pronunciamientos, but simply said to Mr. Lincoln, "I hepe I shall not disappoint the confidence of the country." He did not. We have every reason to believe it will be so now. We may describe him, in full accordance with Humboldt's theory, "as a great man, who, hap-pening to find important business in life set before him to do, did it accordingly as a mat-ter of the merest practical detail." With all his appearance of soldierly simplicity and unaffected manners he is very exclusive, and of less broad but far deeper mind than Lincoln. He has a scorching insight into human nature which makes him very triendly to those to whom he takes a fancy, but distant to those who are not congenial to him. He has a strong partiality for men of solid standing in society as well as in public affairs, and to that extent he may disappoint his ultra radical camp followers. While he will incline towards the best of those of the party which accepted him, he will probably map out humanity on the Biblical idea of the sheep and the goats, and cast aside with cool contempt the selfish dogmas of party. Let us, too, rest on our arms and await the ides of March.

#### Northern vs. Southern Economy. From the N. Y. Commercial Advertiser.

In days gone by the Southerners were looked upon as the prodigal class of our countrymen. While the Northerners husbanded their earnings, lived as a whole considerably inside of their means, economized and added to their substance and the national wealth, the Southerners spent their means lavishly, gratified their whims, tastes, and desires without regard to cost, devoted the revenues of to day to the pleasures of the morrow, mortgaged their crops in advance, and plumed and prided themselves on their hospitality, liberality, and extravagance, while regarding and stigmatizing us as tight-fisted and narrow-minded, absorbed in the almighty dollar, etc., etc. None scattered their ducats at the hotels and watering places with such abandon as they. None lived so freely, or devoted so much time to travel, or travelled so royally.

A reversal of these habits is not at all improbable as one of the results of the revolution through which the country has passed. At the outset the Confederates hurled their battalions sgainst our batteries with no less prodigality than they expended their resources. Leaders in the field needlessly sacrificed men; and those in State, material. With the unanticipated prolongation of the war, Southern resources were subjected to a most exhaustive drain. Want followed. The rebel armies in the third year of the war were reduced to garments and rations which the ordinary mendicant would reject. The people at home were compelled to substitute homespun for purple and fine linen, and often wanted for the common necessaries of life. Poverty reigned from end of the Confederacy The internal condition of the country is not to the other, and the insurgents emerged from the flery crucible through which they had of Orange assumed its sway. England had passed a bankrupt, penniless people. There

#### General Grant's Politics and Policy. From the N. Y. Tribune.

If the world were not full of fools, very many journalists would have to choose some other vocation; and yet the daily maunderings over an imaginary rupture, or alienation, or mutual distrust, or something of the sort. between the President elect and his prominent supporters in the late canvass, are absurd beyond precedent. They have absolutely no shadow of foundation, and their authors do not hesitate to defy the most notorious facts. Thus the World says of General Grant that

"He has in fact already, even before he is in office, revolted from one of the chief tenets of the Chicago platform—that declaring that President Johnson was justly impeached and ought to have been convicted. It is no secret that General Grant thinks the conviction of at the Old-Established Agency. ought to have been convicted. It is no secret that General Grant thinks the conviction of the President would'have been a blunder; that he disapproves of the law which Mr. Joanson was accused of violating; that he desires its immediate repeal as an absurd obstruction to the usefulness and efficiency of the executive head of the Government. The endorsement of the impeachment at Chicago was a virtual endorsement of the law; and General Grant's demand for its immediate repeal evinces the printed by the Government, and ha times a large supply we are enabled diately upon receipt, a matter of gra tance. demand for its immediate repeal evinces the contempt in which he holds that part of the Cnicsgo platform."

-Now, it is perfectly well known among well informed persons that General Grant gave a zealous and effective support to the impeachment of Andrew Johnson, urged Senators to vote for his conviction, and profoundly regretted his escape from that measure of justice. If there be an intelligent human being who does not know this, it is because he has chosen to remain ignorant of it. As to the Tenuie-of-Office act, we challenge any one to name the person to whom the General has expressed a preference for its absolute repeal over its modification as is proposed in the Senate. We are unaware of his choice in the premises, if he has any; and we are confident that others are equally so. If he has a choice, he has been very chary of imparting it to others.

As to the selection of his Cabinet, we think his persistent reticence has been wise and foriunate, and we know no Republican who disagrees with us on this point. He may, even yet, see fit to make a different cast from that which he would have made a month ago; and it would be unfortunate if his freedom of action in the premises were at all embarrassed. Yet all must realize that if Mr. A. or Mr. B. had been indicated by him in January as his probable choice for the State or the Treasury Department, he would have been reluctant to humiliate and mortify that person by sending to the Senate the name of another instead of his on the 4th of next month. Nor ought the Cabinet officers in prospect to be subheted to boring by office-seekers a day sooner than they must be. The inquiry of the demons of old-"Art thou come to torment us before the time ?"-was reasonable and pertivent, provided only that its premise were sound. When the Secretaries in embryo come into possession of their snug official