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How Can the People trust the Democratic Party?

There was a time in the history of this country, when the Democratic party could put forth some claim to being the friend of the people, and when it succeeded in gaining the confidence of, and retaining, in its organization, the masses of the people. In those days—the days of its power and glory—it assumed to be the great champion of human rights, of constitutional liberty; the friend of the poor and oppressed, and the enemy of soulless corporations and class legislation. How well it succeeded in hounding the people, and retaining power in the National Government, is patent to all. Upon this point we need not dwell for the present.

The student of history knows that its professions were always hollow and false. Claiming to be the friend of American industry, it invariably legislated in favor of free trade. Advocating as its cardinal principle, the doctrines of the Declaration of Independence, it was the advocate and defender of American slavery. Professing to be opposed to monopolies and a paper currency, it legislated to build up said monopolies and chartered banks in almost every county town. Claiming to be the great and only Union party of the country, it was the only party that ever threatened disunion, and that absolutely retained power in the Government for years by assuring the people in every Presidential campaign that if it was defeated at the polls it would dissolve the Union. It proclaimed one set of principles for the South and another for the North, until its wickedness and hypocrisy became so apparent to the people that they arose in the majesty of their power and hurled it from the place it had so long disgraced. Scarcely had the verdict of the people been announced, when this party, claiming to be Democratic, sought to break up the Government, and to dissolve the Union.

"Occasional," of the Phila. *Press*, in speaking of this party, says: "In the past ten years the Democratic leaders had a hundred opportunities to do right, and by so doing to endear the masses to their cause; but in no instance have they seized the fitting moment to do the proper thing. Let us enumerate a few of the golden occasions which they neglected:

1. They forced James Buchanan to break his solemn pledge, that the people of Kansas should vote without intervention on the subject of slavery.

2. They sustained the LeCompton bill with all its atrocities, and ostracized every man in the party who would not endorse it.

3. They seconded the proscription of STEPHEN A. DOUGLAS, because he insisted upon the doctrine of popular sovereignty, and refused to support the LeCompton wrong.

4. They supported JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE for President in 1860, with the full knowledge that he was not the choice of the party, as the result proved, and had been nominated by a minority.

5. They supported the fatal heresy in JAMES BUCHANAN'S last Message, denying the right of the Government to save itself from destruction.

6. They opposed all the great war measures of Mr. LINCOLN's Administration.

7. They prolonged the war by holding out hopes to the Southern people which they knew could not be fulfilled.

8. They encouraged ANDREW JOHNSON in measures which prolonged the miseries of the South through four long years.

9. They revived all the passions of the war by nominating a ticket at New York, on the 4th of July, 1868, and placing it on a revolutionary platform.

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"Occasionally," I think it possible, even yet, for these leaders to do right. We cannot agree with him on this point. Think for a moment of the men who lead the Democratic party, and then ask yourself the question: Can these men do right? To do right is to be a true man—a true patriot. Can VALLANDYMEIR be a patriot? Can MINISTER CYLVER and WM. A. WALLACE, and all the school of Democratic politicians, do right? Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? The thing is impossible. The leaders of the Democratic party are tyrants, aristocrats at heart. They cannot act with the Republican party. Its atmosphere is too pure. Its doctrine of "equal and exact justice to all men" is too Democratic. Their idea of Democracy is a large plantation, plenty of slaves, and a white man's Government. Where the few can lord it over the many, and where all must keep step to the music of the overseer's fiddle."

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liberty-loving people of the United States for the last twelve years. See how it is left, without a National organization, without honor, and without hope of obtaining control in the Nation, so long as the Republican party is true to itself and to its principles. Every man who loves his country, who loves liberty, who prefers the society and companionship of loyal men, to rebel sympathizers and traitors should, without delay, resolve to join the ranks of the Republican party, and act with it and vote with it, enjoying all its honors, all its victories, all its glorious achievements, just the same as if he had been one of its earliest adherents.

Conquer your prejudices; think as honest men should think, and the work is done.

Worthy of Noting.

The principal stock-in-trade of the Democrats, says the *Pittsburgh Commercial*, consists in tirades against the Republican party. Formerly the "nigger" composed the sum and substance of their arguments. The absence of the "nigger" has rendered the Democ-

rats more acrimonious in their attacks upon the Republican party. Their practice, however, does not keep pace with their professions. The other day, when Mr. Keen's resolution for the payment of ten percent extra to the clerks, messengers, watchmen and laborers employed in the various departments at Washington, came up, a Republican member made a motion to lay the resolution on the table. There was an opportunity for those Democrats who are incessantly crying out against extravagance to put in practice their loud professions. The motion was carried by five votes. Seventy-

two Republicans and five Democrats voted yeas. Forty-one Republicans and thirty-three Democrats voted nays.

There is nothing either new or remarkable in this action of the clowns for public economy. It is entirely in keeping with their past course, and therefore to be expected. Still it is of sufficient importance to make a note of for future reference.

Our young friend, Joe W. FUREY, of St. Louis, has retired from the chair Editorial of the *Clinton Democrat*. Personally, we esteem JOE, as one of our best friends, and have always felt sorry that he could not see the corruption, wickedness and anti-Democratic proclivities of the co-called Democratic party, and leave the organization forever. But there are none so blind as those who will not see, and while JOE has ceased his twaddle about carpet baggers.—What can the matter be?

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A colony of Washington county farmers (young men) left the vicinity

of the place it had so long disgraced.

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Will the *Watchman* please explain why it is that every Christian man, who wishes to carry out the golden rule, "Do unto others as ye would that others should do to you," is compelled to leave the Democratic party, as at present organized? It has been so far the last fifteen years. Why?

P. G. MURK, with all his rebel proclivities, it is stated, could not endure the rebel ravings of "Thine for the right," and has made up his mind to leave the Democratic party, as at present organized?

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Editorial and Other Items.

—There were thirty-one deaths in Memphis last week.

—There have been no Indian troubles in Nevada for some time.

—St. Louis is being supplied by Illinois with large quantities of contraband whisky.

—A powder mill at Gorham, Maine, blew up on Saturday. Only one man was injured.

—It is said seventy men were discharged from the New York Custom House last week.

—The Millin county Freedom Fr.

Works have in consideration the erection of a nail factory.

—The track of the Central Pacific

Railroad is again clear, through the deepest snow of the Sierras.

—Francis McQuade, a machinist of

Lowell, Mass., is under arrest, charged

with making bogus five-cent pieces.

—John L. Echberg's hardware

store in Memphis was burned Satur-

day. Loss \$20,000; insurance, \$10,000.

—The Arkansas Senate on Sat-

urday passed a bill legalizing the mar-

riage of colored men and women.

—Our exchanges from various places

East and West state that Wash-

ington's birthday was appropriately ob-

served upon the 25th, but it is not yet known

for what time.

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—Margaret Greenbach, of phila-

delphia, aged sixty-five, was found

drunk on the streets of that city, Fri-

day, and removed to her home where

she died.

—Beebe, the notorious counterfeiter,

was committed for trial in St. Louis Saturday, in default of \$10,000 bail.

A. J. will not have a chance to

pardon him.

—John Rogers, a respectable citizen of Manchester, a town adjoining Richmond, Va., was shot and instantly killed by Tom. Willis. The latter

was arrested.

—The jury in the case of Mallory,

charged with perjury against Com-

missioner Rollins, of the Internal Re-

venue Bureau, have been discharged,

having been unable to find a man

to fit the bill.

The Erie Republican has again

changed hands, and is now edited and published by Wm. P. Atkinson, late of the Erie *Dispatch*. The Republi-

cans is sound in politics and a spicy

newspaper.

—August Schreger and Charles

Elyk got into a difficulty about a dog

Hamilton, Ohio, Sunday night,

which resulted in the latter shooting

the former, killing him instantly.

Gen. Cameron, the trusty friend

of your State has ever had in the U. S. Senate—able and competent—in his

post. He is an indefatigable worker

an unflinching friend of "protection to

American labor;" and of "equal and

exact justice to all men." Penitely

has he need for fears in regard to his

great industrial interests, so long as

Gen. Grant is president of the Ameri-

can Senate.

—He is reported to be a man of

sound head and pure heart.

—And he is a decided friend of

the God-fearing and Bible-honoring

Republican party. So long as

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