

THE MARYLAND DISFRANCHISE- ING LAW.

An immense State Convention of the people of Maryland assembled at Baltimore on Wednesday, January 24th, for the purpose of taking measures looking to the repeal of the present infamous disfranchising and test-oath registry laws, now in force in that state. This infamous law was passed during the war, in opposition to the wishes of two-thirds of the people of the state. The military tools of President Lincoln engineered the election, surrounding the polls with armed troops, who arrested every man who dared oppose the outrage. Thus the legislature of that once proud commonwealth is filled with the scum and scurf of the various counties—abolition tools, not one of whom could have been elected had the people had an opportunity to vote.

But, to the Convention. The body was organized by calling Hon. Maxey-Gordon Blair, (Post-Master General under President Lincoln,) to the chair. Judge Merritt was chairman of the committee on the Address to the people, and Hon. Henry W. Atchier chairman of the committee on resolutions. On taking the chair Mr. Blair addressed the Convention as follows:

REMARKS OF MR. BLAIR.

Taking the chair, the Hon. Maxey-Gordon Blair, Post-Master General, the honor conferred upon him in the selection of himself as the presiding officer. He said it was indeed a rare honor to be called upon to preside over so important a convention as the one now assembled, and the honor was so totally unexpected by his part that he was scarcely able to do more than thank them. He regretted the present condition of the occasions of the age—an occasion when people were called together to consider measures to preserve for themselves and for posterity their dearest rights.

The country had just passed through a terrible rebellion successfully, and we were still left a united people. It was but natural that after the late severe strife that had taken place, there would be a feeling, but it was not the character of the American mind to indulge in bad feelings from generation to generation. The rebellion was over, and now, no matter what the feelings of the masses of the people had been—no matter what errors of judgment had been committed—now was the time to reconcile all differences, to repair past wrongs, and look forward to a bright future. During the late troubles, amid all the scenes he had addressed, he had never looked up on more intelligent faces, more manly and honest countenances than he now saw before him—men who had filled high positions in their native state, and in the councils of the nation; and yet these men were to be debarred from having a voice in the participation in a government which he was sure they had deserved in courage by a woman.

A WOMAN FROZEN TO DEATH WITH A BABY IN HER ARMS.—During the intense cold of Sunday night, a woman named Mrs. LaFayette, whose husband is a watchman, residing in Fifty-third street, near Lexington avenue, was frozen to death. The facts of the case appear to be as follows: Mrs. Lafayette had four children, one of whom is an infant. She had been staying with the husband of her son, who had come from the South, amid all the scenes of the late troubles, and when she returned with him, they had been separated, and during the winter had been separated again, but had been together again, and during the fight would stay nowhere but on deck, where she shielded a cabin and sheltered the men. In the heat of the battle she was standing on deck, discharging a sabre, and inspiring the men to deeds of valor when she was knocked over by the fall of a canon ball that had hit the vessel, who was shooting therefrom, and was thrown into the water. She sprang forward to her, thinking that he would find her a corpse, when she rose to her feet, covered with the blood of the men who had fallen close to her, but quite unharmed. And half a tonne on each square rod, it will require eighty tons to topdress an acre. The expense of the teams for hauling need not be computed, because they must be kept in winter, and will be required to haul the sand, and the cost will be increased for several years, in the largeness of gravel, clay, and in the better quality.

An active man with a good team will haul, on an average, one ton of earth an acre, and with a team of four horses, will usually produce a maximum result, so that it may be plowed, or spread up in large piles, to dry in the sun, or on the snow or ground, and the frost and rain will render them to a fine and melior condition before the growing season commences, so that a little labor with a shovel will be the easier service with an acre of land, and the cost of labor will be less than the cost of the teams.

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