

FATHER ABRAHAM



"With malice towards none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nations wounds; to

care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphan, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and a lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."—A. L.

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At a great Republican meeting in Meadville, Pa., on last Saturday, there was one transparency in the procession which was pleasant to Democratic eyes. It was a picture of Blair asleep with an African, and the motto, "I would rather sleep with a nigger than with a Democrat." Blair made use of this expression in his speech in Terre Haute, Ind., in 1860, and hundreds of the best citizens of that place will testify that they heard him make it. He denies it now when he is drunk, but when he is sober he doesn't dare to deny it.

Miscellaneous.

The Carpet-Baggers.

BY GEO. ALFRED TOWNSEND.

"Who be ye 'uns that pitch your camp Beside the brown Savannah? We think not, by your nervous tramp, Ye native to the manor. What number, say! your regiment? What battle field you camped on!— With infantry of Howell Cobb, Or troops of Wade Hampton?"

"We camped upon the Coosa's side With Thomas and with Sherman! This florid couple at my side, Are of Wisconsin's German; These three with Banks were fever-flayed, Long marched along the bayonx; I lost my arm on Grierson's raid, A soldier of Ohio!"

Then with their ancient battle-yell, The hospitable yeoman Rushed from threshold, to fell Their unprotected foemen: "Go back! ye crippled myrmidons, Ye Yankees and yagers! Our Georgia's chivalric sons, Admit no carpet-baggers!"

"Nay brethren, not as soldiers come, With knapsacks and with sabres, Behind the widow-mocking drum, We meet you, friends and neighbors: Our spear it is the pruning hook, For War to make repayment; Our knapsack is the carpet sack To bear our gold and raiment."

"Therein a few good books we bring To feed our higher natures, The Psalms, the Pilgrims used to sing, The testaments, their teachers, The arts which dignify our fate, And make our toil inviting, The charters of our common State Crowned by our fathers' fighting."

"Between us lies our holy truce, Above us God's religion, To bid us turn to purer use, This army trampled region, The softness of the land we saw When violences wronging you, And in this better time of law We seek a home among you!"

Still menaced the Georgia braves, With rifles and with daggers: "Your peace we hate! We curse the State; Go back ye carpet baggers! Your books and Gospels we condemn! Our sires they were but baggers! As for our truce it was a ruse— Go back ye carpet baggers!"

Forth drove they then these peaceful men Across their fields of story; The children mock them as they go, In scorn the women glory, But reverent the negroes come To say, "Our freedom faded Since died the dear roll of your drum; Oh, stay ye travel-jaded!"

"Stay till the ballot we have found, Or ye and we may perish; Right neighborly the grateful ground Together we will cherish; And deeper then our ploughshares go, Than treason's threats and daggers, Till peace and freedom stalwart grow To hail all carpet-baggers!"

All Right!

Hip Hip-Hurrah! It is all right! Pennsylvania is all right! Ohio is all right! Indiana is all right! Nebraska is all right! Boyle is beat! Vallandigham is beat! Hendricks is beat! Seymour and Blair are deal beat! Cake is elected! Ceasna is elected! Schenck is elected! Bingham is elected! Hartranft is elected! Campbell is elected! Seymour and Blair are nowhere! We'll rally round the flag boys! Rally once again! Shouting the battle cry of freedom!

Where now is the "Deerfield farmer," Where now is the "Deerfield farmer," Where now is the "Deerfield farmer," Seymour of the horny hand?

He is planting a patch of melons! He is planting a patch of melons! He is planting a patch of melons! Plowing up the Sully Land!

Where now is Blairing Francis, Where now is Blairing Francis, Where now is Blairing Francis, With his sword and fiery brand (y)!

He's got tickets on the steamer Kuklux, He's got tickets on the steamer Kuklux, He's got tickets on the steamer Kuklux, A light-draft, fast sailing, low-pressure, side-wheel boat, due November 4, in the Salt River Land!

THE Lansing (Mich.) Republican says: We have the most cheering news from every portion of the State. The work goes bravely on. We predict 30,000 majority for Grant. The masses are alive to the real issues of the day. Grant and Colfax and Tanner's Clubs have been formed in the cities and large villages, and are getting into good working order.

Irishmen, Read!

WE appeal to our Irish fellow countrymen to pause before they cast a ballot that will endorse murder in the South and riot in the North—anarchy everywhere.—Irish Republic.

WE, who were equally persecuted with the same despotism, but who escaped the fate of the Irish soldiers in the English army by coming to this Republic, have been doing, and are doing to-day, what the Irish soldier is doing in her army, supporting British power by joining hands with her allies of the South and the North, and fighting their battles.—Irish Republic.

COUNTRYMEN, you who have been nursed by Irish mothers, who have sung you to sleep by lullabies of liberty, will you in this terrible hour when Republicanism is on its trial, and the despots of Europe are plotting its destruction, cast yourselves into the ranks of England's friends, or will you side with the men who have written liberty on their banners?—Irish Republic.

Who can hesitate between Grant and Seymour? None but those who hate human liberty in their hearts or are blinded by partisan madness. Grant saved the Republic; Seymour, if he did not actively help to destroy it, sympathized with those who attempted its destruction. Above all, it would please England to see the Democrats in power again. We cannot afford to please her.—Irish Republic.

WHAT is Democracy to us? What is the South to us, that we should carry them on our shoulders with England cracking her whip as master of ceremonies? Why will we lend ourselves to destroy this Republic, to destroy the hopes of the struggling people of Europe, by marching in the ranks of treason and conservatism, while Liberty is spreading her banner abroad through the land and calling on all men to rally to her support.—Irish Republic.

CATCH a man in a disgraceful act, and he hates you as though you were to blame for his disgrace. In like manner, when a party has failed in fighting a lie into truth, and when it has been brought to bay, and wickedness flung into its teeth, it growls and howls and cries for blood. This is the position of the Democratic party to-day. It has been brought to bay. The blood and the tears and treasures of the rebellion are flung into its teeth, and instead of repenting of its crimes and its errors, it seeks to escape from the terrible accusation by a great show of indignation.—Irish Republic.

WHY are we to-day, as we have been in the past, worshipping at the Southern shrine of slavery? What did the South do for us or for humanity that we should shoulder her crimes and make them our own? Out of the five millions of the Irish race who have found homes in this Republic how many have turned their faces to the South? Not one per cent! If our people were so infatuated with the South how came they to settle in the black North? We will tell them. There was no room for them in the South, for slavery spread its malaria through the land, eating up the labor and the energy of the people. The Irishmen might work in swamps and morasses—might act as roustabouts on river boats, where the negroes would not be sent, for the slaves were worth a thousand dollars each to their masters and the Irishman was worth nothing. The South was only two classes, master and slave. The Irishman could not be the master and would not be the slave, consequently, he had no place in the South.—Irish Republic.

"Know-Nothingism."

The Copperheads and Rebels, in order to secure the foreign vote for Seymour and Blair, as against Grant and Colfax, have charged the latter gentleman, Mr. Colfax, with having been a "Know-Nothing." He refuted this slander in a public speech at his home in South Bend, Indiana, early in the campaign. Moreover, we subjoin the Know-Nothing oaths of the first and second degrees, in which their candidate, FRANK P. BLAIR, had graduated so early and with such high honor. They are to day a part of his record:

FIRST DEGREE.

In the presence of Almighty God and these witnesses you do solemnly promise and swear that * * * you will not vote nor give your influence for any man, for any office in the gift of the American people, unless he be an American-born citizen, in favor of Americans ruling America, nor if he be a Roman Catholic.

SECOND DEGREE.

In the presence of Almighty God and these witnesses, you do solemnly and sincerely swear * * * if it may be legally done, you will, when elected or appointed to any official station conferring on you the power to do so, remove all foreigners aliens, or Roman Catholics from office or place; and that you will in no case appoint such to any office or place in your gift.

Let Every Voter

REMEMBER that the approaching election will decide whether loyal men shall rule this land.

REMEMBER that the Democratic party is now governed and controlled by those who sought to destroy the Government.

REMEMBER that every unrepentant rebel is an ardent Democrat.

REMEMBER that the Democratic party brought on the rebellion because it could not rule the Government.

REMEMBER that our immense debt is a Democratic institution, created because that party brought on the rebellion.

REMEMBER that the Democratic party opposed the government in its efforts to overthrow the rebellion.

REMEMBER that the Democratic party granted the black man the right to vote in Maine, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, New York, Maryland, North Carolina, and other States.

REMEMBER that Dick Johnson, elected by the Democratic party to the Vice-Presidency, had a black woman for his wife.

REMEMBER that the Democratic party is in favor of a direct tax for the benefit of the Government, burdening the poor farmers and mechanics with increased taxation and making them pay the revenue of the government now paid by the rich.

REMEMBER that the Democratic party desire power for the purpose of again establishing slavery.

REMEMBER that the Democratic party has practiced the severest proscription, and while crying freedom it has mobbed and murdered its opponents.

REMEMBER that a Democratic rebellion has loaded the country with debt and taxes. If you want the debt enlarged and the taxes increased vote the Democratic ticket.

These are facts in regard to the Democratic party which we ask every voter to remember. We might state many more facts to prove the inconsistency and corruption of the Democratic party, but the above are more than enough to convince every candid and honest man that the Democratic party is unworthy of support.

Grant's Policy and Practice.

The Army and Navy Journal has an article about General Grant, as President, from which we make an extract. It says:

We may safely predict that the great word of the hour, the great feature to strike all observers, so soon as General Grant has been a month in power, will be the confidence inspired in people of all parties and all political creeds.

Grant, as a soldier, understands well the bounds of co-ordinate and subordinate authority. Congress will not be suffered to encroach upon his prerogative as the Executive, nor will he attempt to encroach upon Congress as the legislative department—distinction simple enough, it should seem to be. A soldier is both used to command and obey—an admirable training, say what civilians will, for any administrative officer, from Poundkeeper up to President.

We shall make bold to predict that he will realize, more than any man who has set in the Chief Magistrate's chair since Andrew Jackson, the executive idea, which should be the central idea connected with the Presidency. The truth is, that of late we seem to have got into a wrong notion of the Presidential office. Men like Buchanan and Johnson have so perverted the public mind, that what General Grant quietly announced that, if elected, he would have no political policy of his own to follow out, even his supporters were a little confused, and his enemies broke out in a storm of rage. What? no policy! What does the man mean? Never was such a thing heard of.

But General Grant was right. The country has twice been nearly ruined by its President's devotion to some pet political theory. A man with a theory is a dangerous fellow—*hunc tu Romane carere*. Buchanan had a political doctrine that if the Union should be smitten by a Southern State on the cheek, its constitutional duty was to turn and beg a Northern State to smite it on the other. Rather than give up that theory, he saw the United States disunite under his own eyes, though he was the guardian of the Union. General Grant has got tired of the prate about "policy," and proposes to introduce us to a little "practice." His past is a guarantee of his future.

Still They Come.

A powerful defection in the Democratic ranks occurred in New York, on Monday evening last, on the occasion of the great meeting over which General McClellan would not preside. While the procession was marching the Seymour and Blair Canal Association, numbering five hundred members, threw down their torches and transparencies, and in a body returned to headquarters, and taking down the names of Seymour and Blair, hoisted those of Grant and Colfax. We're glad to see men falling out with their sins, and in with the friends of Liberty and Union.

Address of the Republican State Central Committee.

ROOMS OF THE UNION REPUBLICAN STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE, PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 14, 1868.—*Republicans of Pennsylvania*: Yesterday you achieved a triumph at the polls scarcely less important in its results than the victory of arms on the field of Gettysburg. The integrity of the Union and the perpetuity of the Republic were secured by the one, its permanent peace and future glory are insured by the other.

Your verdict thus pronounced will be recorded by the American people in November next in a most emphatic condemnation of the party false to the country in the hour of its peril, false to liberty and the rights of man. Every lover of peace and good order congratulates you on your achievements in stripping such an organization of all power to inflict future injury on the country. Henceforth it must sink under the same obloquy that rests upon the Tories of the Revolution and the Federalists of the war of 1812. Entrusted with power, it wielded it for the dismemberment of the Republic. Confided in by its devotees as the guardian of liberty, it exerted all its energies for the perpetuity of human bondage. Professing reverence for free speech and freedom of the press, it silenced both with the bow-knife and revolver wherever it had supreme control. Assuming to be the guardian of the rights of man, it became the champion of human bondage and stood sentinel with baying bloodhounds to seize and return the fleeing fugitive; and at last, dissatisfied with the result of a fair election, it raised its hand against the life of the Republic, and, samson-like, would have buried itself in the ruins of the grandest temple of liberty ever reared by human hands.

It is fitting that a party, scarred by such a record, should die at the hands of the people whose sense of justice it has outraged, and whose dearest rights it has trampled in the dust.

Republicans of the Keystone! Your brethren throughout the Union have watched the struggle through which we have just passed with intense interest, and its result gladdens every patriot heart. Let not your victory dampen your ardor or relax your energy, but march on with closed ranks and solid columns to complete your victory in November.

GALUSHA A. GROW, Chairman State Republican Committee

To the Soldiers and Sailors of Pennsylvania.

HEADQUARTERS SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE, PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 16, 1868.

COMRADES: You have turned the flank of your old enemy, and he is in full retreat; but you must not pause for an instant in your pursuit. Follow him up and press him upon all sides, until he is politically annihilated, and Forrest and Wade Hampton have surrendered in the last ditch. By the wayside you will find many heretofore misguided men, who will gladly join your victorious column. To all such you should extend the hand of welcome, and forget the past.

Be not blinded by the declaration that the Opposition have given up the fight. Place no reliance in rumors of a change of candidates. These things are simply weak inventions of the enemy, intended to induce you to halt in your forward movement. Keep up your organizations of "Boys in Blue." Let them, in fact, be permanent institutions in this generation. Let them continue, glorious monuments of a noble fight, for which your children's children will bless you.

Let your efforts be solely devoted to increasing the vote of last Tuesday, and by this means demonstrate how overwhelming would have been your triumph had the gang of rebel vagabonds who invaded the city of Philadelphia been required by their allies at their own homes.

By order of the Committee, CHARLES H. T. COLLIS, Chairman. A. L. RUSSELL, Secretary.

Grant in 1866.

In the winter of 1866 General Grant was appealed to by Governor Orr, of South Carolina, and others, to advise them concerning the political situation. The following is an abstract from his reply:

"Have nothing whatever to do with Northerners who opposed the war. They will never again be entrusted with power. When you get home urge your people to accept negro suffrage. If you had promptly adopted the Constitutional Amendment abolishing slavery, or the one making negroes citizens, and guaranteeing the public debt, Congress would undoubtedly have admitted you before this. Now it will insist upon adding impartial suffrage. The sooner you accept that the better for all concerned."

THE most prominent supporters of Horatio Seymour are Brick Pomeroy and Pirate Semmes, C. L. Vallandigham and the "butcher" Forrest, Geo. H. Pendleton and Robert Ould, Franklin Pierce and Robert Toombs, Fernando Wood and Howell Cobb, John Morrissey and the double traitor Robert E. Lee.