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"A HYMN."

BY A CORRESPONDENT.

We're coming, Ancient Abram, ancestral hundred strong,

We hadn't no \$300, and so we come along;

We hadn't no rich parents to pony up the tin,

So we went into the 'Froze, and there were we mortared in.

We hadn't no strabismus, nor any greenback piles,

So the doctor rasped us, and put us in the files;

They hold me up as a big rot over the door,

As they took us to an island in the harbor, call'd Mackay.

Our os frontis was all right, our os sternum it was strong,

They call'd us bally fellows, and so we march'd along.

We didn't have three hundred just at that serious day,

So we took the line of march to the island of Mackay.

There was chaps as had the phthisis and some had strabismus,

And some with trisect eyes made curious conclusions;

And some with mounted eye-glasses could see a drey,

So they didn't all go to the island of Mackay.

There was some who had gastritis and some had strabismus,

And of those unfortunate there isn't one as goes;

I try to have nephritis, but couldn't make it work,

So I go for bronchitis, and I'm as good as cork.

There was some with hyper trophy, and some with vesicæ tricipitis,

And some who had myopia, and some who lunge;

But they all, so far as I rec'd, had very best of good on;

And they might all have other reasons for all this "dogy" know on.

But for all the omeopaths taken the largest portion

Stepped up to the officer and popped down the three hundred;

And they say we were bally boys to stand in batty's fray;

So we went with the bold Corporal to the iste in Campo Bay.

NEW YORK DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION.

NOBLE SPEECH

GOVERNOR SEYMOUR.

We reproduce from the Brooklyn Eagle a verbatim report of the address of Governor SEYMOUR, before the Democratic State Convention of New York, at Albany, on the 9th inst.

Governor SEYMOUR having been invited to address the Convention, was introduced by a committee, and after the applause of his hearty greeting had subsided, spoke as follows:

MR. CHAIRMAN: Three years have passed away since you and I and others, some of whom I see before me now, assembled in this room for the purpose of trying to avert the war which now afflicts our land.

We, sir, saw the coming storm; we most reverently invoked that patriot which had just achieved a great political triumph to pause and unite with us in efforts to avert calamities which we feared would shake this Government to its very foundation.

Our fears were derided, our prayers were mocked, and we were told that we were not true men, because we foresaw what is now taking place—a bloody and devastating civil war.

How many have been carried down to bloody graves! How many homes filled with mourning! How much distress, of misery and agony has been felt throughout this then free, and great, and prosperous land of ours!

We meet again to-night, when in the progress has brought us to another of its stages, and once more, Mr. Chairman, on behalf of the Democratic party of this State, I stand up here to-night to appeal most earnestly and respectfully to our Republican friends again to unite with us and save our land from yet greater calamities.

But I will not dwell long on the darker side of this picture. Sad as it has been, some great good has grown out of the struggle. We have learned at last to value our Union right; and those who but three or four short years since heaped upon us words of scorn because we pleaded for it, we would save it, and stigmatized us as 'Union-savers,' are to-day glad to come before us and claim to be the particular and special friends of this Union. [Cheers.]

For this I am grateful, although I think this recognition of the truth of our position might have been made in a more gracious form. But more than that, at the late convention held in Syracuse, I rejoice that it was put forth that party men to struggle for the Union and the Constitution. But a little time since, men were stigmatized as traitors who would protect constitutional rights. This recognition I accept most gratefully, and none the less thankfully because it goes forth to the world with many harsh and unkind censures of myself. I stand here forgetting all that is said that does wrong to you and to me, with a heart full of gratitude to know that at length from all parties a recognition of the great truth that this Union has a value past computation, and that the Union is to be preserved and the Constitution respected by the common consent of all parties. I am not one of those who, in this hour of the country's distress are without hope. Indeed, I regard the future hopefully and confidently. This sad war has taught us not only the value of the Union, but, before we shall have done with it, it will teach us our Union on a firmer basis, and establish the rights of the States on such a foundation that hereafter no power can shake them. [Great applause.]

I know that some of my friends look somewhat dependently upon the future. I know that the acts of the last Congress caused great alarm in all parts of our land. I know that those acts originated in false and mistaken views of policy, and spring from those who would seek to make our Government stronger by concentrating a larger amount of power in the national Capital. I have never for one moment feared the result. I have felt, ever since the adoption of those measures, that the very means seized upon by the advocates of a strong central Government would overthrow forever the theories they were intended to establish. It will be proved by our experience now, and that which is to come, that those provisions in our national Constitution that restrain the

powers of the General Government were not put there solely for the purpose of saving the rights of the States. States have a vitality which will outlive more wrongs and outrages than any party can inflict. [Loud applause.] They may for a moment be overwhelmed and subdued, but they never can be extinguished. They are natural organizations so knit and bound together that every effort has been made to suppress them they will rise up again in all their original power, and maintain and assert all their constitutional rights. It is true that one of the designs of restraining the power of the general Government was to protect the rights of the States; but these were not the first and great objects for which they were introduced. They were placed in the Constitution for the purpose of saving and preserving the national Government itself, because our fathers saw that if this Government were invested with, or attempted to exercise greater power than they conferred upon it, it would destroy itself. Let us see if this theory is correct. A few months ago the national Legislature adopted a measure with regard to the currency, and another respecting indemnity for offenses which officials might commit against the rights and liberties of the American people. They also passed the Conscription act, if I may be allowed to call it such. [Laughter and applause.]

At that time, in conversation with political friends, and opponents too—for I have had no secrets since I have entered upon the discharge of my duties; I have had no regard to public affairs which I have not willingly expressed freely to all; I have had no correspondence which I have not submitted most cheerfully to the examination of the post office authorities—I then expressed the opinion that when this measure of conscription was put into operation, an act which ignores the power of the States and trenches upon constitutional rights, in my judgment, which is inconsistent with the genius of the American people—I then ventured the opinion which I now express to you, that the ultimate result of that experiment would not be the destruction of the rights of States, not an undue increase of the powers of the general Government, but that when they put it in operation they would find themselves weakened and baffled, simply because they had undertaken to do that which was inconsistent with the nature of our Government.

What is the result? One year ago—I think it was within a few days of this time that you and I and others met in this room—the people had voluntarily given half a million of men to the national army; they poured forth their treasure without stint all over our land, in every school, district, and township, our countrymen went forth to swell the national forces. Why? Because they were forcibly compelled? No, but because they were sent by the popular will expressing itself in every minor locality throughout the land. At that moment our Government was armed with a military power unequalled in the history of the world. Forgetting the source of that power, and that with all that military strength their surest reliance must be upon the popular will, they entered upon a line of policy which was opposed to public sentiment. We took issue with them when we went out to the people, and combated them in the very hour of their strength, when they had the largest military array to be found on the face of the globe, and we beat them. Then in those acts which we deemed inconsistent with the rights of the States and rights of persons, and which they supposed were acts calculated to strengthen their power and diminish the power of localities, they passed their own defeat and discomfiture. They passed the Conscription act. They set aside that system which had heretofore prevailed, of filling our armies by the voluntary enlistment of men from different States and different sections of States, and they substituted a system of conscription. What is the result to-day? This State, one year ago voluntarily gave 120,000 men to fill the armies of the Union—the State of New York which beyond any other spot in the Union was distinguished for its contributions of men and money—what do we see in that State to-day? Men going cheerfully and voluntarily forth to sustain the army of the Union here? No! but that very Government whose request was enough to summon hosts to the field, finds itself compelled to put forth its utmost power to drag a few unwilling men from their homes. Is its strength or its weakness? Is its success or failure. Let us go a little further. We are told that it was impossible any longer to fill our armies by the system of volunteering, and yet during the very time that that system has been destroyed by the operation of the Conscription law, the State of New York, since the late of January last, according to the reports of the paymaster general, has raised more than 12,000 men—more than ever before taken out of the State by that very Conscription law. I do not say that a number of men will be carried into the army by the system of substitution, but that it is involuntary, and I venture to say that out of the whole draft made upon this great State under the existing law, there will never be six thousand who will go because they were drafted.

As I said before, I am full of hope for the future, because I believe that any attempt that may be made by the General Government to pass beyond its legitimate bounds, so far from endangering the power of the States, simply endangers the power and the dignity of the Government itself, and they will be taught by experience what our fathers attempted to teach them by admonition, that the strength, perpetuity, and glory of the Government must be based upon the hearts of the people, and cannot be upheld by physical force. Believing, then, as I do, that unconstitutional legislation would be found not to strengthen, but that the doctrine of centralization will be found hereafter to be impossible, and the men who favor it will be forced back by experience to the teachings of our fathers, I am confident that our glorious Union and the rights of the States are to be preserved, and for I feel confident that our political opponents will find themselves driven back upon this subject, as upon many others, to our ground, by the force of necessity. I believe as I do in my own existence that before two months have passed away their own experience in government, and the utter failure of the theory that to make a Government strong you must vest it with power which it cannot wisely and safely

exercise, will be renounced by all parties of men, and out of this sad war we shall have the satisfaction of plucking some great and vital truths that will give a new strength and vigor to our Government, when all classes of men have been taught by the lessons of sad experience that there is but one way to maintain the glory and power of our Government, and that is an adherence to constitutional law, and that is but one way to preserve the Union of these States, which is by upholding the rights of all the States, and giving them those privileges our fathers designed they should have; that there is but one way to secure the durability and perpetuity of the Government, and that is by adhering to the system which makes it beneficial in its operation, which respects the rights of every man, and preserves as sacred the rights of every household. [Great applause.] Let me say one or two words more in regard to the Conscription Act. Many charges have been made against me, which I have never noticed, but perhaps I owe it to you who have sustained me so far, and have passed by so generously and candidly a thousand mistakes which I may have made in policy and judgment, to give you some statements of facts which have hereof, and liberties of the American people. I have never sought to embarrass this Government, offered to it as I am, traduced by its organs and officials. I have never forgotten that still it was the Government of our country. I appealed to the friends of the National Administration—I appealed to its agents, who reproach me with regard to that subject, to avoid the fatal error they have committed, to make them see that they do not find strength, but weakness, and I was destroying the public confidence and the public regard for the national Administration. When that measure was passed, I attempted to save them from the odium which would attach to the execution of a measure intrinsically harsh and burdensome, if any fraud was perpetrated in putting it in operation. I did so in no unfriendly spirit. Who had the deepest interest in having our armies filled by the voluntary action of the citizen? We who are out of power, or the friends of the Government? Could we render any service for which they should have been so grateful as the very efforts we made to save them from the necessity of a course so much opposed to the public will and sentiments? Yet for all this we were traduced and denounced. 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