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in simply having been at St. Louis. But I was there also in 1861. That was just after the first battle of Bull Run, and St. Louis was thoroughly, wildly, insanely rebel. It was worth a man's life then almost to be seen in the Union uniform. A Union officer about the hotels, where congregated the noistest secession elements, was hooted at and derided, and told, with sneers, "Yes, you'll go South, and you will come back, as the Union soldiers have just come back from Bull Run, with their tails tucked. But, as I remember it, none of our troops from Iowa ever came back in that shape. That was the feeling in St. Louis in 1861, and this feeling I found there again in the same spirit and in the same places, re-expressed by the very same men, when I was there in 1874. it was then that I heard that the Democrats had elected a majority of the national House, and these same fellows who swarmed about the hotel talking treason and deriding Union soldiers in 1861 were exultant and delirious with joy this last time. I remarked to a gentleman who had been a comrade with me in the war, "This looks like the same set of fellows who were spouting treason here at the beginning of the war. What is it that is exciting them so, and what nils them?" We asked a squad of them what it was that made them feel so heard that yell before, and I knew good? I heard one of them say, "We have got them this time. We can beat them this time." We asked who they ment by "them?" They replied, "We'll elect the next President, and Hill." I don't think I am; I don't think I was "scared of" any of the Hills when I met them in the then we've got them. Then we'll get pay for all our property destroyed in the war, and then we'll get pay for our lost slaves. We have the House overwhelming now, and in 1876, the Centennial year, we can get the Senate and a Democratic President. Then we can appoint our committees to suit ourselves, and choose our own Southern claim committee or Southern Claims Court, and make good our losses by the war." They meant that they would get pay for all the proper-ty destroyed by the Union Army, and CUSTOM GRINDING. pay for all their emancipated slaves. THE EX-REBEL PROGRAMME.

Said one, "Give us possession of the Government, and the North will be the rebels next time." This was the

already indicated, and will now state further. The Democrats who press me for my reasons may know them. On the road the other day I met an old democratic friend-one of the Van Buren county Democrats, whom Dave Sheward, in his screed in the paper the other day, said never had any faith in my Democracy after I went into the war. Quite excitedly he wanted to know if it was true the report that I had left the Democratic party. "It is a fact." He asked the reasons for it. I told him they were quite plenty and sufficient, and as we had plenty of time I would tell him some of them. Something of what I have already stated here was first said, and then I said that the first thing I didu't like in the Democratic House was the appointment of Fitzhugh, the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Confederate Congress, as doorkeeper of the House, and the displacement of Union soldiers-many of them crippled in the war-with the ex-members of the rebel army. He wanted to know if they didn't have a right to do this. answered that they had, but that I also had the right to disapprove and denounce it. Another thing I didn't like was Ben Hill's rebel speech and its bold utterance of treason, and I didn't like the rebel yell in response to it all over the South, for I had what it meant. They tell me-the Hills when I met them in the South ; I do not remember that I was. Then I told my friend how worse than all of the many bad and unblushing acts of the Democratic House, I esteemed as infamous the act of appointing to the clerkship of the leading committee of the House the man the Democratic party years ago, for it Hambleton, who named his son John is a matter of record that I have said Wilkes Booth, after the assassin of for years that there was never any President Lincoln. This outrageous hope of the Democrats carrying Iowa. act, in truckling to the rebel element, If I had been an office seeker I should the northern Democrats dare not dis- have left the old party long ago. I sense, thank God, to die.

soldiers there in 1861, as we were gothe same treason when I was there two you, my neighbors, why I have changdidacy of Greeley four years ago, when act. there was some hope for a new party and the death for good of the old Deman. The alarming demonstrations look like it. I see that the Leader in-

imprudence in making it.

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office, and that I have wanted office.

If I had, gentlemen, I would have left

ocratic ranks. This, fellow citizens, is

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vention, and especially honored and lot box instead of on the battle field. lionized by the same gang of rebels I thank you gentlemen, for having who were spouting treason and abusing heard me so patiently. I have not soldiers there in 1861, as we were go- tried to make a speech; I am not a ing to the front, and who were talking speaker. I have tried simply to tell

years ago. Why is it that the nomi- ed parties, and at the same time to nation of Tilden has so revived and make brief answer to a few of the many reinspired the old rebel element. | mad and venomous charges which have Why so much more so than the can- been made against me because of my

A young man in the rural districts mocracy? You can answer as well as had parted his hair in the most impar-I can. It looks like they knew their tial manner; if there was a hair more on one side of his head than on the daily developing in the South would other the difference could not be observed. He had a tolerable good tenterviewed my old friend Peter Myers, or voic , and he had mastered a new now living in Missouri, to-day, and song. The moonlight shone brightly that Pater says that the stories of rais- down on the greensward in front of the ing the rebel flag in Missouri, are unresidence which held the maiden of his true. I hope they are. But the reheart. The youth crept softly up the ports seem to be well authenticated, sidewalk, and let out his soul in meloand I fear some of them are too true. dy, "Darling, I'm waiting for thee, For the people to do these things waiting for thee." He had hardly would be bad, but not so bad, we must completed the second chorus when a remember, as was the robel speech of window blind was cautiously opened, Ben Hill in Congress, so heartily something white was seen by the light cheered by his Democratic colleagues, of the moon, and an oldish voice, not and so wildly applauded in the South. in harmony with the music, said : "It's That speech let me refer to again a all right, young man, but you needn't moment. The Democrats and Demowait any longer; Mariar has gone to cratic press now say they do not in-dorse this speech. But they cheered bed."

"Suppose, Belle," said a poor but it when it was made in the House, and the South cheered it, and their denunhonest Chicago youth to a Prairie avenue girl one day this week, "supciation of it now is not so much depose that a young man loved you nunciation of the spirit of it as of his dearly-very dearly-but was afraid to ask you to marry him-maybe because he was very timid, or felt too And now, in conclusion, as to the poor, or something-what would you reason why I have not left the Demothink of such a case?" cratic party sooner. They say I want

"Think ?" answered the girl imme-diately. "Why, if he was poor, I should think that he was doing just right in keeeping still about it.

The question was dropped right there.

Mrs. Astor, when she wants to feel dressed, wears a million dollars' worth own, and for all I know this man is am not a candidate for office, and nev- of diamonds at a time, and when a still clerk of that committee. The er will be. I have no aspirations for hotel clerk or a minstrel end somu little child, so dishonored by the name prominence in politics, and I do not passes near her his usually magnifi-and the significance of it had the good see why, when as a private citizen I cent cluster just shrinks and folds ense, thank God, to die. BEN HILL'S SPEECH. That speech of Ben Hill's, and the inc. I can stand it all, though, and it shirt front. itself up until it looks as if he had only spilled a drop of molasses on his