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FROM THE CHICAGO RAIL SPLITTER.

Speech of Ex-Governor Reeder.

On Saturday evening last, Ex-Governor Reeder, of Kansas, delivered the following speech in the rooms of the Republican Headquarters in the city of Philadelphia. John G. Forth, President of the Continental Club, called the meeting to order, and introduced Ex-Gov. Reeder, who spoke as follows, after the cheering had subsided. He said:

The great agent which the wisdom of Providence has selected to sustain and execute the laws of the Universe, is change. All over the face of creation, from the microscopic plant to the whirling planets—on the ocean and the shore—in the sphere of animal and vegetable life—of light and darkness—of heat and cold—of mind, of matter and of physics—in the history of men, of nations, and of creeds; of all human compact and institutions—governmental, political and religious, we see and feel its silent, tireless action, and everywhere we trace its work. Strength exhausts itself into weakness, and weakness arises again by its own silent accretions to strength. Vigor travels its own path to decay, whilst decay under the same agency converts into vigor. All is change but truth, which remains forever a fixed and established standard, by which at all times, in all changes, the fluctuations of this agitated mass are to be measured and tested. Truth, born of this God-ordained agitation, which under God's control, warring upon the false and bringing to the surface of the good from the smallest amount of evil, can alone sit in judgment over this grand irrepressible conflict of creation, this unending attrition of moral, mental and physical antagonism. Without falsehood we could not define truth; without the comparison of the conflict we could not distinguish the one from the other.

And yet there are men audacious enough to attempt to mend God's handiwork by putting an end to the conflict between truth and error, between growth and decay, between the antagonism of all pervading principles and agents, in a manner peculiarly their own. Not by mixing in it, to bear their part honestly and bravely, as Providence and patriotism intended they should, by eliminating the good and rejecting the evil and rejecting the evil, but by arresting the agitation and commanding the world to stand still. When society, apparently learning the lesson from the human body, and the whole physical world heaves with painful struggles and disturbing cries to resist the disease that it feels to be insidiously pervading its constitution, these empirics would decry the agitation of all pervading principles and agents, and make that which is found to be beyond their power, Happy and complacent in their own conceits, they can reason out from their own assertion the same good result to their country as if they had started to reason from the fact. And when some looker on, pointing to the looming fact, innocently but earnestly says—"look, look, and see!" they straightway charge him coolly with meddling with things which are not his business, and that he is meddling with the world, as they have ignored its facts, they dub themselves "conservatives." Wonderful men! [Laughter.] What is to prevent them from walking through a rain storm dry, through a fire unscathed, or over a precipice without a jolt? Or better still, what was to prevent them from carrying Pennsylvania by refusing to vote the Republican vote. Their great prototype was the old gentleman who patriotically informed father Noah, with a contemptuous sneer, that he would not be a part of his ark after the flood, and if this original and antediluvian conservative had not been most unaccountably drowned, I doubt not he would have been quoted as high and ancient authority. [Renewed laughter.]

And there is yet another class of purblind, bear-eyed political philosophers who, believing that although the everlasting hills must obey the law that commands them to congeal, to melt, and to crumble, although all around, of matter, and life, and mind is a seething, surging mass, intended, in the economy of the Creator, to evolve truth and elevate humanity; although, in the conflict of minds and the attrition of facts, empires have continued to rise and fall, since the days of Babylon; yet from this time-serving, space-pervading law of the universe, there is one thing excepted, and that is (I pray excuse the bathos) the Democratic party. They believe that a mere partisan organization, made by human hands, swayed and controlled by the private devotion and corrupt ambition of patriots and demagogues, of ages and fools, of honest men and knaves all commingled and contending, must of necessity be always the same, yesterday, to-day, and forever. It is exclusive of error, inseparable of change, incapable of wrong, a crystallized anomaly in God's creation. And yet, my fellow-citizens, it is this sublime stupidity against which we have chiefly to contend. They, too, have their mode of proof, somewhat akin to that of the non-agitation conservatives, and equally satisfactory. They hold that names are things, that terms are essence, that adherence to an appellation is the only and sure preservative of elemental and constitutional identity; a logic which reasoned out to its result, would prove that if you should happen to get into old Buck's coat and pants, you would be the President, and he would be only the turnout of old clothes. Introduced into natural history, it would prove that when the snake casts his skin he should be very careful that the old skin did not bite us, but need pay no attention to the glistening coils of muscle and venom that had left it. [Applause.]

Let me give you an illustration of one of this class of patriots and philosophers. I met him during this campaign, (to avoid personality, I will not say when or where,) and knowing him and his history well—knowing that from his own personal knowledge, and the evidence of his senses, he was familiar with the most damning crimes of the Democratic party, [Sensation.] I took for granted he had become a Republican; but to my surprise, I ascertained this was not the fact. Reminding him of facts unanswerable, which I knew were impressed on his memory, I demanded to know how this was possible, when the following dialogue ensued: "Ah," said he, "I cannot quit Democracy." "But you have quit Democracy," I exclaimed, "for there is no real Democracy anywhere but in the Republican party, and well you know it." [Applause.] "Well," he replied, "I cannot quit the Democratic party." Pausing a moment, I said, "See here, my friend, let us begin this discussion at the right place. Is there anything at all which the Democratic party could do which would give you out? and if so, tell me what it is." "Well," he replied, "I don't think there is." "Then," said I, "that is the end of the argument; you are in the party to which you belong, and I think you should by all means stay there. I have only one more remark to make, and that is if Francis Joseph, Louis Napoleon or King Bomba had

all such subjects as you, they could save a great deal of money." "In what way?" he asked. "Why," said I, "they could make you submit to any and quiet, and contented under all their tyranny and despotism, kissing the rod that smote you, without any standing army, system of police, political espionage or censorship of the press." "How so?" inquired he. "By calling himself a Democrat," was the reply. [Bursts of laughter.]

The distinguished speaker now alluded in similar terms to the "Conservatives," who, to preserve the present national government, think that early nothing more or less than to vote for patriotism; for the word *tory* is one of the definitions of conservatism. He then branched off on the cant terms used in political parties, and finally spoke as follows on the cant phrase of the "equality of the States." In the first place, he gave an emphatic denial to the equality of the States.

"They are not only unequal in the quantity of their rights, but they are also unequal in the quality of their rights. The free States do not participate in the government, represents their votes alone, while the right of the slave States represents their votes and property together. Having shown the falsity of the premises, I might also show that, even granting the premises, their d. question as to the right of slave migration into the territories is untenable and absurd; but this is a hackneyed theme. One thing let me say, in view of this property representation in the government. Onerous as it is upon free labor, unjust as it is in all its operations, it was, so far as the old States are concerned, the result of the compact, and we must keep our bargain as we made it. But I insist, (said the speaker,) that the extension of slavery, and the admission of every slave State since 1789, except Alabama, Mississippi, Kentucky and Tennessee, are virtual infractions of the compromises on which the Constitution was formed; and that every slave State which shall be admitted hereafter will be a repetition of it.

The Governor now proceeded at considerable length to discuss the subject of slavery, during which he was frequently applauded, after which he alluded to the "African Democracy." This is a good title. In confirmation of his speech, he said:

We now come to the larger battalions of the hostile army—the genuine African Democracy. We will call them Democracy by courtesy, as they will call us Democracy by courtesy, and we will call them Democracy by courtesy, and we will call them Democracy by courtesy. The one great party from which the fragments come was inaugurated in the last century by Jefferson as the Republican party; and based upon well defined truths which had sprung from the teachings of the revolutionary struggle. It signified the beginning of the first half of this century by dropping its name and adopting the name of the Democratic party, which was originally a nickname bestowed by the Federalists. And it has signified the second half of the century, and at the same time discarding every principle which it had ever held dear, and adopting the name of the Democratic party, which was originally a nickname bestowed by the Federalists. And it has signified the second half of the century, and at the same time discarding every principle which it had ever held dear, and adopting the name of the Democratic party, which was originally a nickname bestowed by the Federalists.

Yes, my fellow-citizens, all there was of value and of substance in the creed of Democracy, is now to be found only in Republicanism. [Thunders of applause.] Its life, and soul, and heart and brain, we have, while two demoralized factions are fighting over its empty and shrunken skin. One of these factions, (or parties, if you will,) has a singular history, and a singular composition. Born of an accident, and against the will of its founder, he would have stifled it, if he could, after his immediate purpose was served, but it had grown into a power and a consequence which was beyond his reach, and it compelled him to a course of action which he had never contemplated. Composed, therefore, of a set of followers, mostly honest, patriotic and sincere, and to leaders whose corrupt ambition overleaps all those considerations, and whose dogged resolution is his only recommendation, warred upon by the African Democracy with a bitterness unparalleled, and its prominent men outlawed and proscribed forever by their former associates, it is impossible that its organization can be long sustained, unless it can get the consent of the powers of the South.

It is true, that Mr. Douglas has the best of the argument, on the score of consistency in creeds, but when we know that the great virtue of the party is to be progressive, in the advocacy of slavery, that would seem to be of little account, especially as his enemies charge that he agreed to move on with them in that direction, if the Supreme Court would lead the way, which it has done. That he would have kept this pledge when he came back to the Senate, cannot be doubted. He had rallied a party for his re-election, which, when that was accomplished, had served his purpose, and he was ready to be broken by the lightning foot of the African. In short there is nothing so small or remote, even down to rates of postage, which they prefer to have them sold for conversion into plantations large enough to maintain colonies of Africans. They allow no nomination to office successfully to pass the portals of the Senate till they have scrutinized the opinions of the man on the subject of slavery. 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