



RIGHT OR WRONG: WHEN RIGHT, TO BE KEPT RIGHT, WHEN WRONG, TO BE PUT RIGHT.

EBENSBURG: THURSDAY DECEMBER 7.

Spurious Loyalty of the Rebels.

The idea that the rebels of the South, who have been for thirty years educating the people of that section of our common country in the heresy of rebellion, would immediately upon the restoration of a conquered peace change their deep-rooted treason into unconditional loyalty, is fast being exploded...

President Johnson, in order to satisfy the South that the government had no vindictive spirit against the South, adopted not only a mild but a magnanimous policy of reconstruction, giving the people of the rebel States every opportunity they could ask or desire to reorganize their State governments...

Worth, the secession candidate for Governor in North Carolina, has been elected Governor over Holden, the Provisional Governor, by a large majority. Not one of the candidates elected to Congress from that place can take the oath.

We have other evidences of Southern disloyalty. The notorious Geo. N. Sanders advises all Southerners to take any oaths called for, get control of the State and municipal governments, and then manage to suit themselves.

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Congress.

Congress met on Monday, at 12 o'clock noon. The Senate was called to order by Vice President Foster. Rev. Mr. Gray offered up an impressive prayer. Some business was transacted, when the body adjourned.

Thus propitiously begins the Thirtieth Congress, which is destined to be one of the most important deliberative bodies which ever convened in the National Capitol.

Governor Curtin.

Gov. Curtin sailed for Cuba on the 28th ult., to recruit his health, which had been failing for several months past. He will be absent till the first of January. Commenting on this subject, a correspondent says: "The people generally have no just appreciation of the herculean labors performed by the loyal Governors during the war."

Restoration of the Writ of Habeas Corpus.

The President has issued the following proclamation restoring the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus in certain States in the Union:

WHEREAS, By the proclamation of the President of the United States of the 15th day of December, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus in certain cases therein set forth was suspended throughout the United States; and whereas, the reasons for that suspension may be regarded as having ceased in some of the States and Territories.

Now, therefore, be it known that I, Andrew Johnson, President of the United States, do hereby proclaim and declare that the suspension aforesaid, and all other proclamations and orders suspending the writ of habeas corpus in the States and Territories of the United States, are revoked and annulled, except as to the States of Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas and Texas, the District of Columbia, and the Territories of New Mexico and Arizona.

Done in the city of Washington, this first day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, and of the independence of the United States of America the ninetieth.

By the President. WM. H. SEWARD, Secretary of State.

Black Suffrage in Pennsylvania

An article in the Honesdale Republican, written by F. B. PENNIMAN, Esq., gives so clear an account of the history and present bearings of this subject, that we re-produce it in full:

In 1682 William Penn promulgated "The Frame of Government" for Pennsylvania, under authority of the Charter granted him by King Charles II. In this document the right of suffrage is given, without restriction, to "the freemen of said province."

In 1701 Penn granted what is known as the "Charter of Privileges." By this instrument the right of suffrage was broadly given to "the freemen of each respective county."

The first Constitution of Pennsylvania was adopted in 1776. The Convention that framed this instrument was presided over by Benjamin Franklin. It gave the right of suffrage to "every freeman of the full age of 21 years."

In 1790 a new Constitution was framed. Thomas Mifflin presided over the Convention that made it. This instrument gave the right to "every white freeman of the age of 21 years."

In 1838 this Constitution was revised. John Sherman presided over the Convention. The basis of suffrage was changed, so as to include only "every white freeman of the age of 21 years."

For 150 years, black men, if black men there were, voted in Pennsylvania on precisely the same conditions as white men. None of the evils now predicted of black suffrage were experienced.

The Constitution of 1838 has been changed several times by special amendments, but in the main is still in force. Five years must elapse after one amendment before another can be proposed.

Amendments must be proposed by majorities in both branches of two successive Legislatures, and then be submitted for ratification to a vote of the people. As the amendment authorizing soldiers to vote in the field was adopted in 1864, four years more must pass before another amendment can be proposed in the Legislature, and six years before an amendment can be submitted to a vote of the people.

What may happen in six years the keenest human sagacity cannot foresee. It is hardly worth while for people to perplex themselves now as to how they will vote on any question, at so distant a period. "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." A large part of the present voters of the State will either be dead or removed to some other Commonwealth prior to the year of grace 1871.

The policy of rightfulness of insisting on the introduction of black suffrage into the States recently in revolt, raises a different question, and one which is immediate. If the people of the Northern States are to take any part in the solution of that problem, or if the general Government is to act directly in solving it, measures to that end must be taken without delay.

So soon as the States lately in rebellion shall have been restored to their former position as members of the Union, the right of Congress to regulate or control the basis of suffrage therein will have expired. Now Congress can justly dictate the terms on which those States may be restored to their former status.

After their restoration this body will cease to have any discretion over the qualifications of their voters. If the right to vote is an inherent natural right, then it is inalienable, and its denial involves oppression and injustice.

If suffrage is a conventional right, like the right of holding office or contracting marriage, then it may be given or withheld, according as prudence shall dictate, and on such conditions as shall seem most likely to conduce to its salutary use.

That there are two sides to the question, under this aspect, we not only admit, but assert. We are not only content, but anxious to have it discussed fully and in all its bearings. But we have neither respect nor patience with men who pro-

pose to settle it by appeals to passion or prejudice. Such men put into the jury box, would hardly fail to consent to a verdict through sinister or corrupt motives, or placed on the bench as judges to take bribes for their opinions.

DEATH OF VAN AMBURGH, THE LION TAMER.—Isaac A. Van Amburgh, famous for his feats as a tamer of wild beasts, died suddenly at Philadelphia, on Wednesday morning, in the 55th year of his age.

Our Noble Chief has Passed Away, an elegy on the death of Abraham Lincoln, 40. It's all up in Dixie, by Tucker, 30. Jeff in Fetters, by Tucker, 30. I'm lonely since he left me, by M. Keller, 30. He, or down in Pennsylvania, by Schmidt, 30. I believed her true to me, by H. Millard, 40. I have so much to tell, by J. R. Thomas, 35. Let him rest, tribute to the late Stephen C. Foster, embellished with likeness, 40. Limerick is beautiful, by Boucault, music by Dan Bryant, 40.

Van Amburgh, in the course of his career, had many severe contests with the animals, in some of which he was much bitten and torn, but he always came off the victor. He possessed great physical strength and fearless courage.

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