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# "Let us have Faith that Right makes Might; and in that Faith let us, to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it"--A. LINCOLN

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## Address of Schuyler Colfax. The true Reconstruction Policy. POSITION OF THE PRESIDENT.

Mr. Colfax was serenaded in Washing-'ton on Saturday evening, and in reply to the compliment made the following speech : My FRIENDS : I thank you for the

pleasant serenade with which you welcome me on my return to the sphere of public duty. Since I left here I have traveled many thousands of miles over the plains and mountains of the Pacific slope, and up that coast to the British essions, in the extreme North-West: but I will not detain you with any allu speak in regard to them in this city next month. My thoughts more naturally turn this evening to the auspicious condition of our country now as compared with the closing of the last Congress. Then a hostile flag waved over cities and forts and camps and regiments, and we went home in March to assist in raising the troops called for by the President .-Now there is peace over all the land, and the flag of the Republic waves unquestioned over every acre of our national domain. [Cheers.] We never knew the value of our institutions until the hour of their peril. If we had failed, there would have been no resurrection from the tomb of nation. But, thanks to our heroic defenders, no Gibbon will write the history of America's decline and fail. I shall hail the day when all [Cheers.] the States shall revolve in their appropriate orbits around the central Government, and when we can behold them "distinct as the billows, but one as the sea." But we cannot forget that history teaches us that it was eight years after the surrender of Yorktown in the Revolutionary War, though our fathers were of one mind as to its necessity, before the Constitution was adopted and the Union thus established. It is auspicious that the ablest Congress I have seen during my knowledge of public affairs, meets next month, to settle the momentous ques tions which will be brought before it .-It will not be governed by any spirit of revenge, but solely by duty to the country. I have no right to anticipate its n, nor do I bind myself to any inflexible, unalterable policy. But these ideas occur to me, and I speak of them with the frankness with which we should always express our views. Last March, when Congress adjourned, the States lately in rebellion were represented in a hostile Congress and Cabinet, devising ways and means for the destruction of this country. It may not be generally known but it has been repeated to me, on the testimony of members of the so-called Confederate Congress, that Gen. Lee, the military head of the Rebellion, declared last February, in his official character, that the contest was utterly hopeless, but that their Congress and Cabinet determinod to continue the struggle, and 20,-'000 men fell after that time on both sides in the battles around Petersburg, Rich mond and elsewhere. Since the adjournment of the United States Congress not a single rebellious State voluntarily surrendered, not an army laid down its wcapons, not a regiment abandoned their falling cause; but the Union armies conquered a peace, not by compromise on voluntary submission, but by the force of arms. Some of these members of the ly taken part in the Rebellion." Every so-called Confederate Congress, who at nt last March were strug. that eath because he was forced into the hing to blot this nation from the map of the world, propose, I understand, to en-who stayed at home and refused to acopt ter Congress on the opening day of its a civil or military office could take session next month, and resume their former business of governing the country they struggled so earnestly to ruin .-They say they have lost no rights. It seems as if the burning of the ships of our commerce on the ocean, starving our prisoners on the land, and raising armies to destroy the nation, would impair some of these rights until their new governments were recognized by Congress [Cheers.] The Constitution, which seem formed for every emergency, gives to each House the exclusive right to judge of ations of the election returns of its members, and I apprehend they will exercise that right. Congress having passed no law on Reconstruction, ident Johnson prescribed certain action for these States, which he deemed indispensable to their restoration to their relations to the Government. I think this eminently wise and patriotic He declared, first, that their Conventions should declare the various ordin on null and void-not, as so have done, merely repealing them-but absolutely without any force and effect. Second, that their Legislatures should satify the Constitutional Amendment

abolishing Slavery, that this cause of disension and rebellion might be utterly extirpated. Third, that they shall for-maily repudiate the Rebel debt, though by its terms, it will be a long while beby its terms, it will be a long while be-fore it falls due, as it was payable six months after the recognition of the Con-federacy by the United States. [Cheers.] This menths after the second in Fa This reminds me of an old friend in Indiana, who said he liked to give his notes payable 10 days after convenience [Laughter, and cries of "Good," "Good."] But there are other terms on which I think there is no division among the loyal men of the Union, First-that the Declaration of Independence must be recognized as to the law of the land, and every man, alien and native, white and the South Carolina delegation, that the sions to the scenery or incidents of my black, protracted in the inalienable and only right system was to protect "all men journey, as I have already promised to God given rights of "life liberty and the white and black," and if they got generpursuit of happiness." Mr. Linco'n, in that emancipation proclamation which is would follow. We all remember, too. hi the proudest wreath in his chaplet of earnest dispatches to these Southern Confame [cheers], not only give freedom to ventions in settling the Richmond electhe slave, but declared to the Government he would mainta inthat freedom.[applause.] We cannot abanion them and has signed the death warrant of every one leave them defenseless at the mercy of who has been convieted of conspiracy. their owners. They must be protected in their rights of person and property, and these freemen must have the right to sue in courts of justice for al just claims, and to testify that they have security against outrage and wrong. I call them reemen, not freedmen. The last phrase might have answered before their freedom was fully secured ; but they should be regarded now as freemen of the Republic. [Loud and enthus astic cheers.] Second-The amendment of their State Constitutions, which have een adopted by many, of their Conventions so reluctantly, under the pressure of dispatches from the President and Secritary of State, should be ratified by a majority of their people. We all know that but a very mall portion of their voter participated in the election of the delegaes to those Conventions, and nearely, if not all, the Conventions have declared them in force without any ratification by the people .-When this crisis has passed, can they not turn around and say that thesewere adopt ed under duress by delegates elected by a meagre vote under Provisional Governors and millitary authorities and never ratified by a popular vote? And could they not turn over the anti Lecompton argument against us and insis, as we did, that a Constitution not ratified by the people may have effect, but no noral effect Third-The Preident can on all occasions insist that they should elect Congressmen who could take the oath prescribed by the act of 862; but, in defiance of this, and insulting the President and the country, they hve, in a large majority of instances, vted down nercilessly Union men who ould take the oath, and elected those who boasted that they could not take the oath, and would feel disgraced if they could .-Without mentioning names, one gentle man elected in Alabama by a large ma-jority declared in his address to the people, before the election, that the iron pen of history would record the enancipation act as the most monstrous detd of cruel-ty that ever darkened the amals of any nation. and another avowed that le gave all possible aid and comfort to the Rebe lion, and denounced the Congress of 1862 for enasting such an oath. (A voice-"Put them on probation.") The South s filled with men who cannot take the oath. It declares. "I have not voluntariand were turning away when a roughly

BUTLER, BUTLER COUNTY, PA., WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1865. [Applause.] Nor do I forget that whe on his way from the capital to his home insulted though he was at many railway tations, he never faltered in tion to the Union. Nor can I forget his that all men should have a fair start and an equal chance in the race of life, and let him succeed who has the most merit. You all remember his speech to the color ed regiment of the District of Columbia where he repudiated that storeoyped dec laration that this "is a white man's coun try alone," and insisted that it was theirs also. You remember also his remarks to tion which is would follow. We all remember, too, his tions, when a disloyal Mayor and Com mon Council were chosen, and that he The great Union organization of th country carried the nation successfully, aided by our heroic defenders, through the perilous crisis of the past four years. Our beloved martyr President leaned up on it in the darkest hours. It stood by the national cause unfalteringly. It voted down the Chicago platform, which leclared the war a failure, and demanded a cessation of hostilities. The people have the whole power of the Government in its hands, executive, legislative and judicial, and reassured it by the brilliant victories of this Fall. Let us emulate the example of its friends in all the States. Let us study unity in light of duty, and I believe the Executive and Legislative Departments of the Government, when the compare views together. will cordially co-operate in the great work before us all, and so act that the foundations of our Union, wisely and patrioti-cally reconstructed, shall be eternal as the ages, with a hearty acceptance by the South of the new situation. I rejoice to believe that under a system of paid free labor and respecting the rights of freemen the South will go forward in a career of prosperity, wealth and progress unpar-alleled in its previous history. It has a more genial clime than we have in the colder North ; a wider range of produc tion, for it has cotton, tobacco, rice and sugar, which command such high prices now in the markets of the world, with boundless water-power, almost entirely unimproved. Rid now of the shiftless system of slave labor, it will, with its loins girded anew, rival us in the race of prosperity. In conclusion, I can but scho the words of our departed President: With malice toward none, with charity for all, but with firmness do the right as God gives us to see the right, and all will be well " Power of Music. One stormy night a few weeks since,w

were wending our way homeward near midnight. The storm raged violently and the very streets were almost deserted Occupied with our thoughts we plodded on when the sound of music from a bril liantly illuminated mansion, for a moment arrested our footsteps. A voice of sur passing sweetness commenced a well known air. We listened to a few strain dressed, miserable looking man brushed rudely past us. But, as the music reach-

AUTUMN SUNSHINE the glance of augel eyes, as the kisses of first-born lov ze of these an tiful pictures it sketcheth now ached with the glowing hues of ting the valley and mountain's or with purple, and red, and go Whispers of beauty the spirit fills, Tales of a hand that fadeth never ant gildeth the beauting

> utiful rest for the weary soul, with hath no beauty akin to this hems of gladness forever roll wer those haleyon plains of bliss. Down the steeps of life's western hill, Beautiful snushine of hope and light, Every shadow and hope dispel, Lift my spirit from the realm of night.

Soft as the beams of the automn sun, Sweet as the death of the summer flower Gather thy jewels one by one, Take my soul to those fladeles bowers.

#### WIT AND WISDOM -He that swells in prosperity, will be ure to shrink in adversity.

-Why do you drive such a pitifu looking carcass as that? Why don't you put a heavier coat of flesh on him ?" said a traveler to an Irish cart driver. "A heavier coat of flesh ! By the powers the poor creature can hardly carry what little there is on him now !"

-Who is the shortest man m n the Bible ? Elihu of Shuhite. Who was the fastest women of the Bi le? Herodias' daughter, because she got ahead of John the Baptist on a char

ger. What is the worst insect mentioned the Bible ? "The Wicked Flee." FOOL PROVERBS .- Get drunk yoursel nd say that your neighbor staggers. Stand on your head and say the world s upside down.

Spend your time working in cesspools. wonder that you get yourself dia

Mind everybodys business and wonde their ingratitude

Act like Satan through the week, and onder that you don't feel good on Sun day.

To-MORROW .- On the Little Miami Rail oad is a station called Morrow. A new brakeman on the road, who did not know the names of the stations, was approach ed by a stranger the other day, while standing by his train at the depot, who nquired:-

"Does this train go to Morrow, to-day? "No," said the brakeman, who though he stranger was making game of him, 'it goes'to-day, yesterday, week after next. "You don't understand me", persister he stranger; "I want to go to Morrow. "Well, why in thunder don't you wait ntil to-morrow, then, and not come both ering around to-day. You can go to-mon ow, or any other day you please.' "Won't you answer a civil question civilly? Will this train go to day to Morrow "Not exactly. It will go to-day and me back to-morrow."

As the stranger who wanted to go t Morrow was about to leave in disgust, another employee who knew the station alluded to, came along and gave him the required information.

-A lady in a city, a few days since, having purchased some sausa-ges, of a couple of lads, overheard them disputing about the money.---"Give me half on't" said one. "No won't; I'm bound to have it all,' fair, said the other. "Now' taint fair, Joe, you know it aint; half the pup was mine." It is needless to say that

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A DANGEROUS CURE. "Tom, my dear Tom, you are mistaken -indeed you are," said Harry, with a with you to-day?

forced hugh. "I—" with a with you to-day? Why can't you read "Mistaken!" interrupted Tom; "not I, indeed. When did you ever find me mistaken? No, no; I'm a great deal too clear-sighted for that. I never in clear-sighted for that. I never in my life beheld such a change as I see in you going out this cold day to see your moth-since-since-well, it's no good mincing er! No, I can't go." the matter-since you were insane enough to marry. There, that's the truth. Why my good fellow, you are no longer the jolly, merry; good-tempered, easy-going fellow you were, but a miserable, wretched, dejected, surly-"

"Tom, for goodness' sake, stop !" exriage, I believe I'm as happy as most married men; in fact, my happiness would

be complete, but-"Bat-ah ! that's it, Harry; we are com ing to the point now. That little word 'but' tells a long tale. Chaffing aside, Harry, old friend, there is a change in you, a lamentable change. Come, now. you had better unburden your mind; whatever you tell me, rest assured, will

be kept strictly private. Harry remained thoughtful some time his wife's fair young face! The closed He certainly was in a very awkward position. To confess that his wife was get ting very self-willed, and almost unmanbefore it burst forth in all its violence ageable, was not at all pleasant; and yet it was evident Tom guessed something was wrong; he was such a sharp, shrewd fellow; it would be perfectly ridiculous mind Tom's remedy; it had succeeded, attempting to disguise the truth any longer. So in a hurried manner he related why not now ? any how he would hazard his domestic grievances, how he was almost wearied out with the continual eruphe must act at once. So he commenced tions which disturbed his domestic hap by walking hurriedly up and down the room, with his arms folded in a determed piness. The slightest opposition on the nost trivial subject would send his wife manner. He told her it was useless carjuto violent hysterics, till at last he was rying on those ridiculous scenes any lonobliged to give in for the sake of peace ger, that they had ceased to alarm and quiet; in fact, he might say his life

was becoming a burden to him his mind what course to pursue, and "Yes, and so it will be," said Tom. "un hinted in an undertone, as Tom suggested ess something desperate is done." the probability of a separation. So, after "Desperate !" reitcrated Harry, in a

dashing a glass of cold water over her and placing her under the maid's care, alarmed voice. "Yes, desperate," answered Tom; "bu made his timely exit, with a tremendous don't alarm yourself unnecessarily. What ang of the street-door. "Oh! Jane," she cried, in a despairmean is this : yours is a desperate case and therefore requires desperate means to ing voice to the maid, who was soon buseffect a cure. Now, take my advice, the next time your wife creates any disturb cold water, "I fael so-so ill-so wretchince, or you see any signs of a coming ed !" storm, instead of 'giving in,' and bathing her head with Eau-de-Cologne, and call-"Yes, ma'am, dessay yer does. My last oung mistress used to feel just in th ing her by every endearing epithet under

thesun, and terming yourself a brute of a like after one of her-let me see-'at husband for causing your own darling littacks,' I think she called 'em." tle wife such unhappiness, and kissing away her tears, promising that in the fu-Lilian, plaintively. ture she shall reign supreme, and all kind of absurdities—speak in a loud eoice ; say awful bad with 'storicks. I never see your patience is worn out with such non the like of 'em. Poor master had a hard ense; you'l stand it no longer; something ime of it with her." must be done; it will be impossible to ge on living in that wretched state. You might, in an undertone, but audible engentle, Jane ?' ough for her to hear, suggest such a thing as a separation; then wind up by putting don't seem to understand them kind o on your hat to go out, but take care be things. O lor! I shall never forget one fore you go to dash a jug of cold water day if I live to be a hundred years old. over her face; it has a marvelous effect of Mistress was in awful 'steries, I bathed bringing hysterical people to their senses particularly if nature has not beneficent ly bestowed a becoming wave to the hair,

fellow, to bang the street-door loudly af

ter you, so as to leave the impression that

your ten per is seriously aroused, and that

her head, and gave her sal volatile, and sich like, but nothing seemed to do her the lady not relishing the notion of eating puppy sausages, threw her bargain to the dogs. the maid's care, with strict orders not to jumped master, like a madman, and gave water. But be s her. O lor ! sich 3 shaking : it was a me

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"Lor bless yer soul ! she was afflicted

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"Well, ma'am, he was for a time ; but

lemen ain't got much patience :

suggestion would not be received kindly. "My dear Harry, what is the matter with you to-day? Why can't you read Lilian was in despair. Good gracious! vas Jane going to relate any more atrocities? She should go frantic, she felt convinced, if she had to liston. She had better put an end to the conversation at once by pleading fatigue.

"Jane," she said, wearily, closing her eyes, "I feel very tired; I think if I were alone I might try and aleep a little." going out this cold day to see your moto-er! No, I can't go." "But, my dear Lil, it is really a duty we owe her: I should not like her to

let me prevent your discharging it; but I return home penitent; he would see that do not consider it mine to spend a long he had acted wrongly and rashly, and claimed Harry, excitedly. "I shall go tedious evening with an old lady who al- would beg and implore her forgiveness in distracted, mad, if you continue in this jocose strain. I've been annoyed and worried lately. I'm not in a fit state to stand chaff. But, as regards my marpuddings. Harry was astounded. Was it possi-ble that was Lilian-his wife-speaking again he must not look to her for merey. in that disrespectful, light manner of his But listen-yes! that was his step; the saint-like mother ! It was more than he culprit was in the hall. Lilian's heart beat wildly. What a long time he was "Madam," he exclaimed, passionately,

hanging up his hat! How different to what she had expected: she thought he you strangely forget of whom you are would have rushed in frantically, thrown himself on his knees, and vehemently speaking; for the future, if you can not speak in a different strain, I teg you will be *silent*," and he looked defiantly toward the sofa. What a change he beheld in besought her pardon. What could it mean ? But there was no time for further meditation. Harry was now coming cyes, and spasmodic workings of the mouth and throat, he knew too well foreinto the room; she raised her eves to his face; that one look was enough ; it told her plainer than words could have extold a coming storm, and it was not long pressed that penitence was not there Lilian was in hysterics stronger than he Then it was not momentary passion that had caused him to act in the way he had. had ever witnessed before. What was to be done? Suddenly flashed across his No. no ! he must have meant all he said and did ; or why would he not speak now? Tom had assured him positively it had, Why look so cold and stern? Oh, that she could die ! yes, that very minute .---What had she now to live for ? what would the future be to her ?-all dark and No time was to be lost in hesitation ; dreary,

Dinner passed over in gloomy silence, and the evening commenced in the same way. Harry sat in the easy-chair, readhim ; ing the paper, as if unconscious of his wife's presence. Lilian watched anxious and if they continued he had made up ly. expecting every minute that he would show some symptoms of contrition; but no, hour after hour passed by, and still Harry's heart remained hardened; at last she began to doubt if it ever would soften. But she would wait no longer; it was hopeless to think he would be first to speak, and to go on living in that wretched state, she couldn't do it. She employed in bathing her temples with would appeal to his feelings. She felt sure, if she told him how much she had suffered, the wretched suspense she had endured, he would relent. And she would beseech him to never treat her so ne kind o' way, so low, and sinking ngain

"Harry," she said, in a low, quivering "Did-did she suffer like me ?" asked

No answer "Oh ! Harry, dear Harry ! Do speak me; I'm so very, very miscrable." Harry rose slowly from his chair, and

at down by her side on the sofa. "Well, Lilian," he said, gravely. "Oh, Harry ! if you only know all I have suffered, how wretched I have been. I'm sure you would feel for me. Promise me you will never behave to me again

as you did to-day." Lilian, I shall only promise condition, that is-remember-that you never give me cause to do so. "I will try, indeed I will," answered

Lilian, earnestly "Well, my darling, if you really try,

I'm sure you will succeed." And Litian did succeed in overed her little eakness. Whe cy he didn't shake the very life out of determination to conquer. or the fear of a good sound shaking, still remains a mystery. But suffice to say, Harry is ne troubled with any more "scenes," and home now is a perfect elysium. "Oh, how dreadful ! did she die ?" asked Lilian, in a frightened voice. "Die ! bless yer soul, no. 'Steries don't

onscript in the Southern army can tak ed his cars, he stopped tently. as the last sound died away, burst into tears. "For a moment, emotion forbade utte oath; but these were not the choice of the States lately in Rebellion. Fourti-While it must be expected that a mitor ity of these States will cherish for perhaps, their feelings of loyalty the ountry has a right to expect that before their members are admitted to a share the government of this country, a u ity of the people of each State should give evidence of their earnest and chem ful loyalty, not by such speeches as me so common chat they submitted the issue to the arbitrament of war, but that they are willing to stand by and fight for the stand itflag of the country against all its enemes at home or abroad. The danger now is in too much precipitation. Let us rate er make haste slowly, and we can the bowl. hope that the toundation of our gover ment, when thus reconstructed on the basis of indisputable loyalty, will be a eternal as the stars. (Applause.) It ple strain perchance from some gay, President Johnson I have unshaken con thoughtless girl, and sung to others equalfidence. I cannot forget that in the ly as thoughtless, still had its gentle mis-Senate, at the opening of the Rebellion, sion, for it stirred up dear feelings in an he was the only Southan member who denounced it and its originators, and that he was faithful among the taithless. If Ohio foots up about 30,000.

ance when he said : "Thirty years ago my mother to sleep with that song; she has long been dead, and I, once innocent and hap py, am an outcast drunkard-' "I know it is unmanly," he continued after a pause, in which he endeavored to spose he was froze to def." wipe with his sieeve the fastly gatharin "I know it is unmanly thus to giv way, but that sweet tone brought vividly the thought of childhood. Her form med once more before me I-I can't And before we could stop him, he rus ed out and entered a tavern near by, to drown rememberance in the intoxicating While filled with sorrow for the p man we could not help reflecting the wonderful power of music That sin

-The following is a verdict on a negro jury: "We, the under-signed, being a korner's jury to sit on de body of de nigger Sambo, now dead and gone afore us, had been sit-in' on the said nigger aforesaid, and he did on the night of de fusteenth of November come to def by fallin' from de bridge ober de ribber in de said ribber, whar we find he was subscenetly drown, and a'terwards it would take some time and great altera-tions in her conduct to bring you around again. The great object to be achieve is to make her fear the consequences said ribber, whar we find he was subsequently drown, and a'terwards washed on de riber side whar we exciting you into a passion. Once do that and you'll have very little trouble with her afterward." "Impossible, Tom ! I could never do it A CHALLENGE .- A little fop, con Indeed I could not. Lilian is so fragile such harsh treatment would kill her." ceiving himself insulted by a gentle-man, who yentured to give him some wholesale advice, strutted up to him with an air of importance, and said; "Kill her, nonsense! Women are no o easily killed as that. But I'll tell you with an air of importance, and said; "Sir, you are no gentleman! Here what, Harry; if you don't take my advice "Sir, you are no gentieman: here is my card—consider yourself chal-lenged. Should I be from home when you honor me with a call, I shall leave word with a friend to you'll repent.' "Lilian, dear ?" Lilian'was buried in the luxurious cush settle all the preliminaries to your satisfaction." To which the other ions of the sofa, reading, and did not, or would not, hear her husband. replied, "Sir, you are a fool! Here "Lilian ?" he repeated, in a louder is my card-consider your nose pulled And should I not be at home when when you call on me, you will find J have left orders with my servant io show or kick you into the street for your impudence." "Good gracious, -arry, how you start-What ? led me! -One thousand head of hogs were alaughtered at the yards in Covington Ky., last week.

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were there I am afraid she will think something is the matter." Harry spoke nervously, having a vague idea that his who--"

SPIRITUAL FACTS .- That whiskey the key by which many gain an en into our prisons and alms-houses. That brandy brands the seee "No, no. But the shaking, didn't that

"Lor, no, ma'am; it seemed to do he those who cannot govern their appetites. That wine causes many to take a windworld o' good; she never had 'em afte ing way home. That punch is the cause of many un "But, Jane, he must have been a yery

That platen is income a strong strong

real pains. That gin-slings have "slewed" more than sling of old.

could ebear."
"It was a very sad case indeed," sighed Lilian: "Poor thing, how I pity her, it would have kulled me, I'm sure. Oh!
yes, I never, never could have survived that. But, Jane, you don't think that—that your master would ever—shake me, do you?"
"Well, really, ma'am, I shouldn't like to say; but when gentlemen gets into passion, there's no knowing what her your to say; but when gentlemen gets into pas-sions, there's no knowing what they won't by a revenue inspector, whi ted all her trousseau as lay der for Government. Th of Buffalo took pity on h and finally let her go with