Remarks by Speaker Colfax. Loyal Men only should Govern a Rescued

The Hon Shuyler Colfax, Speaker of the U. S House of Representatives, was ollowing speech :

axe of the Union that powerful element would have acquiesced.

be repealed, and in the years that are Governors of, Florida and Mississippi lion—these only are "the state" in the coming it will be the proudest recollection would desense in which Mr. Stephens uses the tempted to make loyalty odious by destinating that their restoration would desense in which Mr. Stephens uses the words. And if the suffrage were consumed to the national councils resulted in developing loyalty at the fixed to them alone, if all civil rights had been taken away from Mr. Stephens and loyalty by this method has not been more. The fixed converged on the state converged on the fixed converged on the state converged on the fixed converged on the

public owes to it allegiance, and is it not vened by the President.

I have no doubt that you, like myself, Mississippi, South or North Carolina, tion of the country. rejoice with exceeding great joy, and are Florida, or Texas. But it was believed, We will problaim i prouder to day of being citizens of this that when the rebellion should end, the Andrew Johnson proclaimed at Nash of traitors to rule, according to their own great country than ever before. There men who had insultingly turned their ville, "Loyal men shall govern a preserved notion. We believed it expedient to was a time in this land of ours when sla-backs on Congress and spurped their Republic." very was regarded as the corner-stone of seats; who had killed the Union defend-American institutions. Thank God that ers and thought to capture this capital, time has passed, and we build henceforth would, with the assurance of other times, on a foundation of liberty. [Applause.] demand that they should govern the To-day, under the legislation of the Amer country which they had ineffectually atican Congress in the great Republic tempted to ruin, and that test outh was shaped by the geography of a continent, placed there as the flaming sword at the and washed by the water of the two great gate of Eden, to warn such men that till oceans of the globe, there is no person there were fruits meet for repentance, or to make any condition precedent to the rich or poor, high or humble, learned or bonds for future good behavior, there was

that our flag might be kept flying in the his proclamation last May appointing profield. They did this relying upon the visional governors declared that the that the state would immediately have their believe it." field. They did this retying upon the visional governors declared that the state which the desired space of their cause, and went before States which had been in rebellion were representatives in the Hense, and they expected in good faith, as loyal men, as the term the people and triumphed. The enact without civil government. That was a ments of that great party are imperishable. fact as palpable as the stars when they and order and to the Constitution—to sup-In 1862, the capital was disgraced by shine in the heavens. My regret is -for port the government under the Constitution. slavery, but they determined that hence I must speak plainly to night-that Con- That was their feeling.", forth it should be free, and with unwagress was not at that time called together. Mr. Stephens here does what, as a law-vering fidelity to principle they placed I believe it would have hastened the work yer, he should know he is debarred from

in the Congress of the United States, nurdered by a rebel conspirator, and the according to law, the first thing home of the free! armies had surrendered. It seemed to hang them under the very Constitution proper definition of the term, the loyal great organization again and me that if ever there was an extraordiand law which he pleads? ween of the State have no objection to have That great organization again and the that if ever there was an extraordidand law which he pleads?

unitedly rallied to its support, and placed pary occasion this was one. But the He urges that the states lost none of ing applied to them (what is attempted that an endment on the statute book, and President and I recognize his full contheir rights by the rebellion. Most true; to be made edious) the term Radical. it is now the supreme law of the land. stitutional authority to decide this ques but the rebels in them-all men who, in Again in this great year 1866, in the tion, deemed that it was not expedient to any way, took part in or gave aid and Senate chamber and in the Representa- call Congress together, and went on him- comfort to the rebellion-list all their

on your statute book which declares that ceeded with that work patriotically, and to recognise them; the loyal people, the other name emits the same oder. The every one born on American soil shall that he thought as an experiment, it faithful Unionists of Georgia, those who attempt is now being made, by rebels and have a birthright as an American citizen. would be well to test it before Congress served in the Union armies, or who, una copperheads, to make treason respectable That law, misrepresented as it has been reassembled. I am confirmed in this be- ble to do that, kept themselves clear from by applying to its opponents the term by its opponents in Congress, will never lief by the messages which he sent to the any participation with treason and rebel-radical. In 1861 the men who now de- Musicots & Carbines be repealed, and in the years that are Governors of Florida and Mississippi lion—these only are "the state" in the nounce their opponents as radicals at-

should there be objections to a law like Monday in December last. It could not bellion, then his theory would be correct yelping Radical! Radical! Redical! that? Every one born on the soil of the Re-meet until its regular session, unless con- ton urging it.

give him the protection? Honceforth the condition of the late Confederate traitors; we preferred mercy to justice; wherever in this land a person shall be States, and it was only one short month the American people were content that oppressed or outraged, or his rights with ago that it received official documents their government should give to Mr. Ste held—wherever tyranny may shake its from the Executive departments, which phens and other notorious traitors and another copy reiterating the declaration rebels, not only the lives they had for the long recess of Congress, and now, at feited to the laws, but liberty as well; not divide the people from Union men by denouncing them as "radicals," they will stress the stress of the last, it is able to not intelligently with only liberty but property; not only property. Congress of the United States has ordained is his right. [Applause] We are sometimes asked (and I know with what solicitude the American people regard it) why the work of reconstruction? I will tell you said it why the work of reconstruction laid down by Andrew John-has been delayed? I do not think it has been delayed? I do not think it has the month of June, 1864, and the Trie President of the United States, and in eight months between the collapse of month of Mar 1865. [Cheare I Len and large a number of month of Mar 1865. [Cheare I Len and large a numb in eight months between the collapse of the rebellion and the opening of this Congress, was engaged in the work, in that policy which seemed to him the most Vice President and by him in the constant and him the constant and the c that policy which seemed to him the most Vice President, and by him in the capi- lecture loyal and patriotic men upon their they are welcome to it. fitting, and the Congress has been en- tal the day when the news of the surren- constitutional duties. miged for the past four months in collecting frestimony, in comparing opinions and action to lay the foundations of that plan of reconstruction which shall make our Union eternal as the ages. [Applause.]

But they have already in past years of them. In the day when the news of the surrence constitutional duties.

We repeat, if the men who were enlanguage of another, if it be desired to The rooms are spacious and well ventilated; and the tattendance call attention to this fact, "Proclaim it, prompt and respectful; and the table is prompt and respectful; and the table is prompt and respectful; and the table is then upon the house tops; write it on generously provided with every delicacy of the sason.

But they have already in past years new. I believed them then, and Then already the foregonetic that the milden radiance of has been the lessee, is now sole proprietor.

In titled a policy of reconstruction. In these collected them them already to identify himself the remarks that he dealers the foregonetic that the milden radiance of and intends to identify himself the remarks that he dealers the foregonetic that the milden radiance of and intends to identify himself the remarks that he dealers the foregonetic that the foregonetic that the milden radiance of and intends to identify himself the remarks that he dealers the foregonetic that the foregonetic that the past that the first headers the foregonetic that the past that the first headers the foregonetic that the past the past that the past initiated a policy of reconstruction. In lieve in them stil'. They showed his in these column; but he is not the every star that bedecks the firmament of and intends to identify himself thoroughly

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Federal office who could not swear that they can be condensed into one single "the state" of Georgia consists of the men he had not voluntarily borne arms against sentence, and that is "Loyal men shall in it who remained faithful to the Union the Union and had not voluntarily given govern a preserved Republic." [Cheers.] throughout the late struggle; if we are, aid and comfort to bloody conspiracy and I stand by that doctrine; the Congress of at the biddidg of Mr. Stephens, to come treason—that law was well understood by the United States stands by that doctrine; to strict legal action, they slone and none the American people, South as well as it will prevail and in the policy of re-others will either vote or hold office, repserenaded at Washington on Monday North. No one expected that theb, when construction which shall be adopted, if resent or be represented. night, April 9, by citizens of Indiana, the rebellion had its armies in the field we are faithful to ourselves, if we are and acknowledged the compliment in the against the Union, any could come knock faithful to the country. If we are faithful ing at the doors of Congress claiming to to the brave men who went forth from loyal men as Colonel Johnson, of Arkan. represent the States of Alabama, Georgia, their pappy homes to die for the salva- sas; but it has not occurred to us to ad-

### What Mr. Stephens Thinks.

Mr. Alexander H. Stevens, of Georgia. to all their rights and privileges in the

unearred, who also not sive in security of the protection of equal laws. [Ap-] (Cheer ]

Again the policy of reconstruction was phints [ ] In m. prouder to-day, also, of the great Line organization of which I line organization of which I line is the bittery of the policy of the control of the policy of the policy of the control of the policy of the p

forth it should be free, and with unwa very fidelity to principle they placed upon the statute blok that law which never, can be and uever shall be repealed, that in this capital should be no slave.

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[Applause 7] stands upon his rights, and evidently beof rebel strength, and the Union party of The Constitution of the United States lieves that he and the men lately in rethe country stood by him, determined to declares that the President, on extraor bellion can there rightfully and safely give that proclamation vitality, as they dinary occasions, may convene Congress, stand. But if he pleads the Constitution is a mockery. Tennessee radicalism did by an endorsement of the people in and it has always seemed to me that last does he not see that under that instru which is but another name for Unionism the winter of 1864 and 1865, when the April was an extraordinary occasion. The ment he is only an unhang traitor? Does -does not desire rebels or their sympa constitutional amendment was proposed President of the United States had been be not perceive that if we are to gostrictly thizers to rule the State of Tennessee or banishing slavery forever from the country, Vice President had assumed the Preside ois to agreet Mr. Stephens, and all who Briefly we have stated what the truly 520 ARCH STREET as an unclean thing, and declaring that dential functions. The rebellion had aided or abetted the great treason, bring loyal men of Tennessee undestand by the henceforth and forever it should be the seen its flag trampled in the dust and its them to trial at our convenience, and term Radical. Thus understanding the

tive hall, they have placed by over self with the work of reconstruction. | rights. They are not "the state," except A rose by any other name smells as whelming majorities that civil rights bill. I believe he entered upon and pro- so far as the general government chooses sweet. A pole-cat or conservative by any that they gave to that American Magna South.

Charta their cordial support. And why Congress at last convened on the first those who with him took part in the re signal than will the attempt to do so by

We did not choose to execute the laws the restiprocal duty of the Republic to It appointed a committee to examine upon Mr. Stephens and his confederate

ing that no man should be eligible for any and I stand by those declarations. Yet appeals to justice and the Constitution-

We have on several occasions urged that Congress should admit to seats such loyal men as Colonel Johnson, of Arkan sas; but it has not occurred to us to advocate this course upon Mr. Stephens' extraordinary theory of the inalienable rights of traitors to rule, according to their own notion. We believed it expedient to encourage the election of loyal representatives in the southern states, by the admission of such ment as Colonel Johnson; just as we hold that the general government should encourage and reward loyalty in the southern states, by conferring that Congress should admit to seats such We will proclaim in our legislation, as traordinary theory of the inalienable rights in his testimony before the Congressional alty in the southern states, by conferring committee on the condition of the states federal offices only upon men who have N. Y Post.

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