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"I WOULD RATHER BE RICH THAN BE PRESIDENT" - Henry Clay. RALEIGH, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 1866. VOL. 1. NO. 43.

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The National Union Party and its Principles.

We published, on yesterday, the declaration of principles and the address of the Philadelphia Convention. Our readers will, we trust, file that paper. They will have occasion frequently to recur to the utterances of that body, which has thus successfully inaugurated the true National Union party, based upon the principles and teachings of the Constitution and the action of the Southern States since the cessation of hostilities.

It carefully eschews, on the one hand, the theory of secession, and on the other the radical idea of consolidation, and gives such an interpretation of the rights and powers of both the State and National governments, as flows a platform upon which all the friends of the Constitution and of constitutional liberty can stand.

Neither the address nor the declaration of principles contain an essential idea or principle, which the Southern States and people have not already acquiesced in and endorsed - which have not already passed into organic law, and which we are not in honor bound to maintain inviolable.

Radicals, and those who hold to the doctrine of the right of secession, as still a right of the States per se, will not admit and endorse the address or the declaration of principles. But Southern men, who were original Union men, and those who formerly held in the right of secession, but who now regard it as a dead issue, as no longer a practical question in this country, while they may except to a few of the statements of the address and the verbiage employed in some instances, can but give their sanction to the doctrine and principles so ably set forth.

Moreover, the address and platform elaborate fully the policy of the President and have received his hearty endorsement. The issue is then fully made up. Henceforth there can be but two National parties in this contest; the National Union party, endorsed by President Johnson, and the Radical party, endorsed by the Radical Congress - the one advocating the Union and the Constitution as it is, the other opposing that Union and advocating a consolidated government as fore-shadowed in the President's Harvee and Civil Rights Bills and in the proposed Howard amendment.

Our destiny is linked with the success of the National Union party, endorsed by President Johnson. All the hopes of Constitutional liberty, all the interests of the South and of a Federal Union, are bound up with that party. If it fail, God alone knows what is to be the fate of the Republic and the fate of the National Union men, North or South.

People of North Carolina! you cannot hesitate which of the two to choose. If the Radical party succeed, there is an end to the civil governments of the South; the inauguration of a reign of terror, administered by men filled with hatred and hatred and revenge, more bitter and unrelenting than that of the Jacobins of France, will be the result. The cells are now filled with what is treated up against us in the bosoms of the Radicals and their supporters.

For are North Carolina Radicals and sympathizers less vindictive, less malicious and less punishing than Northern Radicals. Led on by real and violent passions, they will invoke upon their own people the most degrading and the most severe punishments. Nothing will be too bad, so their own guilty heads can be secured.

Our Maimed Heroes. - We see so few that seem once-larger former soldiers slighted from an unwilling front of one of our city hotels on Saturday. These maimed, unfortunate men were probably all from one county, and have come here to swell themselves of the noble confidence of the State in providing our maimed heroes with artificial limbs.

The Issues Joined.

The issues are at last strictly defined. The lines are rigidly drawn. There can no longer be shiftings, or political juggling, or attempted feats of double capitulation. There can, until the great existing controversy is composed, be but two parties in the Republic - the party of the Union and the faction for dissolution. We may even go farther, and assert, with entire truth that, collected to this vital issue, there is still another hardly less important - the Philadelphia platform on one side and universal negro suffrage on the other.

The great National Union Convention has held down broadly and distinctly the principles of the party, which is essential to the restoration of Constitutional Union. These principles are those upon which the entire policy of the Executive has been heretofore based. The President, in his late great speech, re-affirms them with grand emphasis, and as truthfully as eloquently designates them the "Second Declaration of Independence." So far as our observation has as yet extended, they are accepted by the conservative true Union-loving press and people of the country, North and South. But the South can only give them moral influence and support, by exhibiting, as our people have uniformly done since the surrender, an honest acquiescence in the situation and an entire submission to the government of arms. The great battle is to be fought at the North - in its hands rests the restoration issue, and it behooves us, in every way that lies in our power, to strengthen the arms of the friends of Constitutional Union in that quarter. In a few days, the indications of popular sentiment there will be such as to enable us to draw some inference as to the probable effect of the action at Philadelphia upon the public mind, and the probable result of the Fall elections. Meetings are to be held in various quarters for the purpose of ratifying the proceedings of the Convention, and they promise to be large and enthusiastic.

The contest at the North will be bitter. We shall be deeply interested spectators, for upon its result depends our all of liberty and safety, as a people. If the friends of the Constitution are successful, we shall speedily be restored to our rights and privileges under the Union. If they fail, and the Radicalism triumphs, no tongue can tell the further oppressions and humiliations in store for us.

What Southern men, who love the land that gave him birth, can hesitate how to identify himself in such a struggle? Not one, unless it be the few here and there, who seek in the rule of their own fellow-countrymen an outlet for their feelings of disappointment, revenge and hate.

A Word to the Blacks. - If it be true, as reported, that the price of labor in Indiana is a barrel of corn per day to the hands employed in gathering the crop, would it not be well for the thousands of unemployed men and boys, who through our former and still existing restrictive and prohibitive employment, to go out to the North Western States at once? Labor is in demand in those States, and, indeed, in all the Northern States, and is more remunerative than here. It is a mystery how the many colored people in this city, who have no stated or regular employment, are being fed and clothed. Our own farmers need them, if they would work. Many, however, prefer to depend on the bounty of the State, or live by their wits, or by mendicancy, in the towns, where they can lounge and see the sights, and join the societies, and follow in the processions, and buzz for liberty, and be respectable enough to be called, by each other, Mr. and Mrs. such a one, rather than go to the country and work on the farms, and learn to be honest and independent. The colored men and women, who are determined to make an honest living by their own labor and frugality, will be required, and their children after them, while most hunger and street wailing, notwithstanding their mendicancy, will be hated and despised, or rotting in their graves. It is time to speak out on this subject. Those who feel any business in the future welfare of the blacks ought to deal promptly and honestly with their situation. The color, speaking white is raised, when poverty and want will press many of them into the grave, when they are once past work to prevent it.

What are the main elements of the following sentence of President Johnson's noble speech: "The only question is the restoration of the country for our countrymen, how all party considerations or influences. How many are there in the United States that now refuse to be free? They have the shankles upon their limbs, and are bound as tightly as though they were in fact in slavery. I repeat, then, that your Southernism is the second declaration of independence to the people of the United States, and it is a common ground upon which all parties can stand."

This is the heart and kernel of this admirable speech. It is too plain to admit of doubt. - Who are the slaves? - Who are the tyrants that bind them in bondage? Who are they that will set them free?

The capital stock of the Adams Express Company is \$10,000,000, of which \$3,000,000 is owned in Raleigh, Count., where it sold on Friday for \$100 a share.

Southern Loyalists.

We were scarcely prepared to find in North Carolina a sufficient number of persons, in any one locality, who would openly avow their endorsement of the Radical policy. We are glad, however, to find that the Radicals in Henderson County are bold enough to proclaim it. The following preamble and resolutions were adopted at a meeting held at Blue Ridge Academy, in Henderson County, recently. One fact, however, is noticeable: That the day and the date of the meeting are not given in the official proceedings, as published in the *Times* and *Standard*. The resolutions are as follows:

WHEREAS, A Local Union Convention will be held in the city of Philadelphia on the 24th day of September, proximo, with the view of enforcing the restoration policy of the Joint Reconstruction Committee of Congress; and

WHEREAS, It is the duty of all good citizens to protect the innocent and punish the guilty; and

WHEREAS, We have suffered incalculable losses from late war holding offices, in violation of the oath they had taken to support the Constitution of the United States. Therefore, be it

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TELEGRAPHIC.

Speech by the President.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18, P. M. There was a grand crowd present to-day to hear the President in response to Beverly Johnson, who presented the official proceedings of the Convention.

He said, referring with feeling to the scenes represented of South Carolina and Massachusetts entering the Convention together, he was over-ruling Providence was guiding us aright. He said, "I have never performed their duties in the field, and have seen lands imperishable, but turning to General Grant, he mentioned that there are greater and more important things to perform, and while we have had our operations in the field we now need their efforts to perpetuate peace." (Applause.) The Executive Department had tried to pour oil on the wounds, and restore the Union, but it had not entirely succeeded. We have seen, he said, in our department of the Government every effort to prevent the restoration of peace and harmony of the Union. We have seen hanging upon the verge of the Government, as it were, a body called, or which assumed to be the Congress of the United States, while in fact it is a Congress of only a part of the States. We have seen this Congress assume and pretend to be for the Union when its every step and act tended to perpetuate dissension, and make a disruption of the States inevitable, instead of promoting reconciliation and harmony. Its legislation has partaken of the character of "penitential" utterances and resolutions. It has been the course and the policy of one section of your Government. The honorable individual who is now addressing you stands the representative of another department of the Government. The manner in which he was called upon to occupy that position, I shall not allude to on this occasion. Suffice it to say, that he is here under the Constitution of the country, and being here by virtue of its provisions, he takes his stand upon that charter of our liberties as the great guarantor of civil and religious liberty. (Prolonged cheering.) Having been taught in my early life to hold it sacred, and having practiced upon it during my whole public career, I shall ever continue to revere the Constitution of my fathers, and to make it my guide. (Hearty applause.) The President proceeded, and denied the charge that he had ever been tyrannical or a despot, but said such charges were simply intended to deceive and delude the public mind into the belief that there is some one in power who is usurping and grasping upon the rights of the Constitution. It is done by those who make such charges for the purpose of covering their own acts. (That's so, and applause.) I have let it say, in vindication of the principles and Constitution of my country, to call the attention of my countrymen to these proceedings. When we come to examine, who has been playing the tyrant, by whom we feel despotism exercised. As to myself, the elements of my nature, the promise of my life, have not made me a tyrant, or a despot, or a man, who would make any such charges for the purpose of covering their own acts. (That's so, and applause.) I have let it say, in vindication of the principles and Constitution of my country, to call the attention of my countrymen to these proceedings. When we come to examine, who has been playing the tyrant, by whom we feel despotism exercised. As to myself, the elements of my nature, the promise of my life, have not made me a tyrant, or a despot, or a man, who would make any such charges for the purpose of covering their own acts. (That's so, and applause.) I have let it say, in vindication of the principles and Constitution of my country, to call the attention of my countrymen to these proceedings. When we come to examine, who has been playing the tyrant, by whom we feel despotism exercised. As to myself, the elements of my nature, the promise of my life, have not made me a tyrant, or a despot, or a man, who would make any such charges for the purpose of covering their own acts. (That's so, and applause.)

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ed applause) - for in proclaiming and re-proclaiming these great truths, you have laid down a constitutional platform upon which all can make common cause and stand united together for the restoration of the State and the preservation of the government without reference to party.

The question only is the salvation of the country, for our country rises above all party considerations or influences. How many are there in the United States that now refuse to be free? They have the shankles upon their limbs, and are bound as tightly as though they were in fact in slavery. I repeat, then, that your Southernism is the second declaration of independence to the people of the United States, and it is a common ground upon which all parties can stand. (Applause.)

Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, let me, in this connection, say what I wish to say to you. I am much opposed to the indulgence of egotism as any one, but here in a conventional manner, while formally receiving the proceedings of the Convention, I may be permitted again to say, what have I to gain, consulting human sympathies, more than I have gained? Except in one thing, my race is ready run; I have been placed in the high office which I occupy under the Constitution of the country, and I may say that I have held, from lowest to highest, every position to which a man may attain under Government; and surely, gentlemen, this should be enough to gratify a reasonable ambition. If I wanted authority, or if I wished to perpetuate my own power, how say it would have been to hold that which I have just said, "I have held, from lowest to highest, every position to which a man may attain under Government; and surely, gentlemen, this should be enough to gratify a reasonable ambition. 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