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THE LOYAL LEAGUE.

A Peep into the Midnight Radical Conclaves—How the Ignorant Freedmen are Humbled—The Oaths, Signs and Pass-Words Revealed—A Telling Exposure.

To the Editor of the *Nashville Banner*:

Many of your readers will doubtless remember my last letter of June 6th, which was largely circulated by the press of this and other cities of our State. There is one sentence therein not in accordance with the true principles of liberty and human rights, I don't know what constitutes these standards of man, and have been "caused a fool." For writing and publishing that letter, I was at once "expelled" from "Loyal League No. 1," where I had been allowed to "do even unto death," all in my power to "keep ever burning, on the altar of the American heart, the sacred flame of Liberty." Let the world sit in judgment on my life of sixty-five years, and particularly on the part of it embraced in the past seven years. I court its investigation and will abide cheerfully by its award, indifferent alike to flattery or abuse. I shall do my duty even though assails me, and dogs snap and howl.

Expelled from the Loyal League! Now, gentlemen, permit me to introduce you into that sanctum sanctorum of political humanitarians.

At the first door you give two light taps and whisper through a hole therein, "Loyal Men." The door opens. You move on to a second door and give two taps. A loop-hole is opened. You whisper, "Must Rule," and are then marched around a darkened room and welcomed by the "Good Chairman." In the following words: "The good and true are always welcome, etc."

You have now marched round the room and are placed before an altar on which is spread the American flag. Here also lies open a Bible and a book with the original, unaltered Constitution of the United States, gift of our fathers, as it was, is and ever shall be unchanged.

There, too, lie crossed two common swords such as are worn by army surgeons, and between the points a mysterious bronze shield, filled with something, the smell of which reminds you of "Old Robertson."

On your right, at a small altar, stands, lean, lean "Forty Acres"; behind you, at another desk or altar, stands a once proud Marshal. Around this long, dark, dirty room, the "Loyal Leaguers," some black and some white, and among them some of our most worthy citizens. There are also a few whose "coppers" stick out through the white wash given by this "Loyal League."

The gas is now darkened, and "Forty Acres," with eyes upturned "like a duck in a thunder storm," his lean hands open out toward Heaven, mumbles out a prayer. This done, "the jolly, good natured, kind-looking Miller, not of Mansfield," though quite as portly, steps forward with book and watch in hand, and fires the mysterious looking cup, which starts up a flickering flame, such as is represented as burning in the "Eternal Hades." With your right hand on the book, and the left in the air, you now take the "oath of allegiance," known to all, and are most particularly required "to defend the Constitution of the United States," (unaltered,) on which your hundred, and the Constitution of the State of Tennessee. What is the latter Constitution? Who can tell?

You are also sworn to keep the secrets of the league, "to vote for loyal men," &c. In that long, dark, dirty room, on the right side of which stood about one hundred old rusty muskets, in such presence, before the flickering blue flame which but made "darkness visible," with the nasal twang of Forty Acres' voice still sounding in my ears, I was, with the others, made a Loyal Leaguer. Surrounded with such paraphernalia of bunting, we were sworn also, as necessary, to do even unto death all in our power to make liberty eternal, to "vote for none but loyal men," &c.

We were now initiated into the signs and passwords, &c. Let one suffice; but if you wish you can have them all. To pass you as a Leaguer, when questioned, give the "Forty A's"—as follows: Right hand raised to Heaven, thumb and third finger touching their ends over the palm, and pronounce "Liberty." Bringing the hand down on a line with the shoulder, pronounce "Lincoln." Dropping the hand open at your sides, pronounce "Loyal." With your hand and fingers downward to the chest, the thumb thus into the vest or waistband, across the body, and pronounce "League."

There is a great deal of other "forty-foolery" of the same character, unworthy of place here. Suffice it to say that such is the character of a combination which bids fair to re-ignite our unhappy Southern soil with blood—such are the willing, and duped instruments ready to carry out the will of our modern Jephthahs and Dalmatians, Masters of their Gileadons and Lindseys—such are the Loyal Leagues, which in darkness seem, before mysterious looking fires, cross swords and pass singing humbuggs, have sworn in about "forty thousand" simple freedmen, and taken from each a miserable half dollar fee for initiation. Those poor creatures have stood before that blue flame, those armed swords, and the wild upturned eye of Forty Acres, with uniformly uplifted flags of the worthy "Miller," as he pronounced the "Academy of Mathematics" as still as needed to break the terrible spell. Finally, "Carlo Dithus" of their native jungles, the "Old Man" with his poisoned covenant. They will never forget the wild upturned eye of Forty Acres, with uniformly uplifted flags of the worthy "Miller," as he pronounced the "Academy of Mathematics" as still as needed to break the terrible spell.

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