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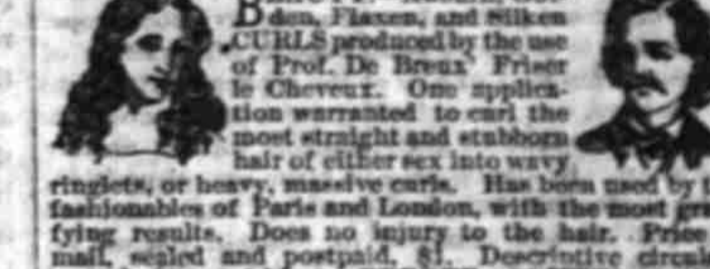
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THE DIALOGUE.

Question. With which party should the colored man vote? Answer. The Union Republican party. Q. Why should the colored man vote with that party? A. Because that party has made him free and given him the right to vote.

Q. What is the meaning of the word radical as applied to political parties and politicians? A. It means one who is in favor of going to the root of things; who is thoroughly in earnest; who desires that slavery should be abolished, that every disability connected therewith should be obliterated, not only from the national laws but from those of every State in the Union.

Q. What has that party done since the surrender of the rebels? A. It has sustained Mr. Johnson in his efforts to restore your old masters to power in the country, and opposed every act for your benefit which the republican Congress has adopted.

Q. Who abolished slavery in the District of Columbia? A. A republican Congress and Abraham Lincoln, a republican president. Q. Who freed the slaves in the South? A. Abraham Lincoln, the republican President, by proclamation.

Q. Why cannot colored men support the democratic party? A. Because that party would disfranchise them, and, if possible, return them to slavery—and certainly keep them in an inferior position before the law.

Q. With whom do the disloyal white men of the South desire the colored men to vote? A. With the democratic party.

Q. Why do they pretend to be the best friends of colored men? A. Because they contend they are fitted only for slavery, or an inferior position, and are happier in either condition.

Q. How would it suit them to be served in the same manner? A. They would not endure it. They call themselves a superior race of beings, and claim they are born your rulers.

Q. Are the slave-holders and the leaders of the rebellion members of that party? A. They are, and would not regard you as having any right if they were in power.

Q. Does not the military reconstruction act secure to us these rights? A. Yes; but you may yet be deprived of them if your enemies get into power.

Q. What! are the democrats using my own money to take away my rights? A. They have always done so, and will continue to while they remain in power.

Q. Some people say that if we vote against the white people of the South it will make them our enemies and we will be destroyed. Is it so? A. This will not be the case, because they will try to befriend you to secure your vote.

Q. You would advise us then to disregard these threats and vote with the republican party? A. Most certainly I would. Had you not rather suffer, or even starve to death, than to aid a party to re-enslave you?

Q. What is the reason that several of the Northern States do not give us the right to vote? A. Chiefly because they have in the past been controlled by the democratic party. In the Western States where what are called the "black laws" exist, which forbid colored people to live there, there are large bodies of whites who moved originally from the slave States, and carried the hatred and prejudices of slavery with them.

Q. Well, I am satisfied. You have clearly shown me my duty, and I shall impart the information to my people.

A. Let me say to you further, that the democratic party will use all means to get the colored people to put it in power again, but you must remember what has been its past record, and see to it that you do not trust it in the future. In order that you may work to the best advantage for the success of the party which has been and still is your true friend, you should have an organization, or association, where you can bring together your people, and such white men as belong to the republican party.

ARTICLE I. NAME. This Club shall be known as the Union Republican Club of _____, (name of town), county of _____, State of _____.

ARTICLE II. This Club is organized for the purpose of advancing the interests of the Union Republican party in this State and throughout the nation. It will strive to elevate labor, educate the ignorant, and sustain the cause of universal justice.

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