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REHABILITATION OF CRIME.

The Republican and the Democratic Parties Contrasted.

Sound Advice to Irishmen.

[From the Irish Republic.]

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The rise and march of the Republican party—which culminated in the election of Lincoln—was but the protest of an outraged and indignant nation against the existence of the worst form of human slavery; existing, too, in the only free Republic on earth. Previous to the election of Lincoln, the intelligent patriotism of America was in the Republican party; the first shot fired on Fort Sumter brought in the less intelligent but honest patriots of the land; and the defeat of the Union army at Bull Run brought into the Republican ranks every man who had an interest in the preservation of the Republic. So much was this the case, that during the war there were only two parties—Republican and Traitors. Men essayed to preserve their identity as war Democrats and be loyal to the Union at the same time; but they were swallowed up in the great vortex of patriotism that was known as the Republican party. From the breaking out of the war to its close, Democracy was unheard of, unless where its virus broke out in riots and slaughter, as in Baltimore, New York, and other places, and in the ranks of the Knights of the Golden Circle. Remember that all this time we were classing the true loyal Democratic soldiers, who were fighting under the Republican banner of the Union, as Republicans. Many others were scared into the ranks, and some went to show they could be Democrats and loyal at the same time. We wish to speak without hurting the feelings of the few good men who have held on to the old party more for *Andrew Jackson's* sake than for that of *Andrew Johnson.*

The Republican party, on the night of Lincoln's assassination, embraced the truth of America in numbers and caliber Lincoln was the acknowledged center around which the great body revolved. He was the General that led the nation to victory. The man who had the greatness in his "honest" soul of blending all the elements, and moulding them into one solid mass to oppose treason and preserve liberty.

When Lincoln fell, the Republican army lost a General who has not yet been replaced. Here is where the great army that carried the starry flag of freedom through the great rebellion, and brought it back crowned with victory, began to *struggle.* Instead of one mighty leader to conduct the minds of the millions into one single focus, and direct the patriotism and power of the united party on the true road to healthy peace, a dozen *would be-leaders,* each with his own little admiring ring, essayed to take his place. The dozen leaders divided the grand army into as many corps, and each acted independent of the other. This was the signal for the scattered and defeated hosts of treason to rally again and attack the disintegrated mass.

The pigmy whom an inscrutable Providence and a conciliatory party placed in the second post of honor, and who took the dead giant's place, and who *should* have followed up the programme of his great predecessor to a severe and successful end, *betrayed* his trust and *sold* the cause of the people. The army which he found in marching order, and which had cost so much to perfect, and on whose unchanging forward course the hopes of the nation depended, was halted and dispersed.—Treason was invited to hold its carnivals over the graves of the loyal dead, and a few renegades in power mocked at the wrath of the people. Those who had laid down their arms, and had agreed to accept the issue of battle and acknowledge their errors, grew courageous as the Executive of the victors courted their consideration. Instead, therefore, of having the South reconstruted, and the nation at *peace,* treason is as rampant in the land to-day as in the palmy days of the rebellion. Men who were silent, and gave sullen submission to the law in the presence of armed men, are now loud-mouthed in their defiance of the same law, and are backed by an unscrupulous Administration and a cowardly Democracy, who, while inwardly sympathizing with their more honorable friends of the South during the war, vented their hatred only in groggeries and secret conclaves.

For any recent seeming Democratic victories, or, as we call it, the "Rehabilitation of Crime," the Republicans have none but their leaders to blame. So safe did they feel in the patriotism of the country, and in the overwhelming strength of their party, that they never dreamt of danger Each of the leaders rode on his own favorite hobby, and as a consequence matters foreign to the grand principle of their party were brought in as side issues The wily and unscrupulous enemies, who have but one end in view—*power,* and to attain which all considerations of honor or principle are trampled under foot with as much relish as they would have trampled the flag of the nation in the mire during the rebellion—were not slow to take advantage of the criminal mistakes of the Republican leaders.

As the Republican party in certain districts raised the banner of temperance, the others immediately invited the whole country into the camp, where "whisky straight" or crooked was tendered to all. When a portion of the Republican press advocated the preservation of the Sabbath, the Democratic press advocated the erection of public ball rooms, and the laying out of beer gardens where all could come and drink, dance, or fight, as they chose.

We do not wish to be understood as condemning temperance or the propriety of keeping the Sabbath holy; nor do we wish to justify those who have bellowed so much about liberty, and who have forsaken the party of liberty for the consideration of being allowed to drink more beer or whisky, or to dance on the Sabbath. What we wish to get at is the reasons for the "rehabilitation of crime."

That the Democratic party, with all their baits of "license to do what you please," can ever become a national power in America, is an impossibility, unless through the blindest mismanagement and bungling on the part of the Republicans. Let those who have been tinkering up the grand platform of "Universal Liberty," tacking on their patches here and there, which only serve to arouse the fears and prejudices of ignorant but well-meaning men, and which do not add in the least to the beauty of the structure, stop their dangerous tinkering and present a united front to the enemy. In its simplicity, the platform of universal liberty will hold all freemen. Let it so stand.

The great and absolute necessity of the time is, that the men who have endeavored to destroy this Republic shall not get into power. All other considerations must be put aside. When the country is thoroughly reconstructed, and when you are fully satisfied that treason cannot spit upon your brother's graves unrebuked, then will it be time enough to enthrone all the virtues on the Republican platform. Don't depend on principle too much. There is as much power in the cry of plunder to many as in the cry of principle. You must remember that all the prejudice and ignorance and crime in the land are arrayed against the Republican party. The gold of European despots will be lavished to restore old systems, and stop this wave of "universal liberty" that overtops the world.

We say that in the Democratic party are honest and well-meaning men, and we wish to have this acknowledgement kept in view, as we are going to say something not quite so flattering to that side of the house. The whisky interest of the country is arrayed on its side. Not alone the great manufacturers who have their money invested, and the dealers whose existence depends on its sale, but the unfortunate men whose lives are made desolate, and whose homes are ruined, and whose families are made miserable by consuming it. These very men who destroy soul and body in the rum-shops are opposed as viciously as the manufacturer to the Republican party.—These are all Democrats. The prize fighters, pick pockets, gamblers, sports, and all grades of criminals, are all Democrats. We defy a contradiction to this statement.

The sympathizers with the rebellion, and, of course, all the rebels, are Democrats. In fact, the Democratic party, at this hour, is but a grand conspiracy of all the criminals of the nation to get possession of the Treasury and reverse the decision gained on the battle-fields at the expense of four hundred thousand lives.

We appeal to our brothers who have pledged their lives to the establishment of an "Irish Republic" to stand true to universal liberty. No matter who wavers, we must stand on principle. We—while counseling carefulness to the Republican party in their dragging in of minor issues, and so endangering the stability of the American Republic—must stand true to liberty for liberty's sake. We must not sacrifice principle at the shrine of selfishness. Let the American people see, when those who boasted of their love for freedom so loudly now threaten to desert the party who have made four millions of slaves freemen, unless the good ship is trimmed to suit their caprice, that Irish Republicans are true to their colors. Let no Irishman, who understands what liberty is, ever forget that the *Republican party* struck the chains from the limbs of four millions of slaves, against the protest, in the field and in the forum, of England and the Democratic party. This alone should array every man who has escaped from European slavery on its side. Let our countrymen remember that *Democratic ascendency means* FREE TRADE—*and that free trade means English ascendency.* Let them remember that England was the ally of the South, and that if Democracy regains the ascendancy in America again, farewell to liberty in Ireland, as far as sympathy or assistance from America is concerned. Let them remember that the Republican platform is, "Universal Liberty and Protection to Home Industry." Universal liberty cannot be limited by geographical lines, nor to any race, and home protection means destruction of British commerce, and destruction of British commerce means the decay of England, and the decay of England means the rise of Ireland. Let not our true men be led astray by any sophistry whatever. They are pledged to liberty, and must not shake hands with slave makers. Mark the men who waver now, and enter them down as false to liberty and country. Let the American people be convinced that we are worth their sympathy, and we will receive more in one year toward the freedom of our persecuted country than can be dragged out of the pockets of conservative fogyism—Irish or otherwise—in a hundred years. Remember our platform: "LIBERTY—HER FRIENDS, OUR FRIENDS: HER ENEMIES, OUR ENEMIES."

WONDERFUL ESCAPE.—On Monday last a little five year old daughter of widow Grant, living about four miles south west of town, fell into a well fifty feet deep. Her cries were heard, and her mother ran to the neighbors for held. One man doscended to her rescue, but found when he had reached within ten feet of the child that he could go no farther owing to the narrowness of the well. He came back and another man tried to descend, but with the same result. They then lowered a bucket, which the child caught hold of, and was drawn up ten feet or more, when she fell back, being unable to hold on in her exhausted and frightened condition. Some grab hooks were then procured and let down. They caught in the child's clothing and she was brought nearly to the top, when the hooks tore loose from the dress, and the girl fell back again! The hooks were again let down, and this time caught around the child's wrist, and in this way she was taken out. A doctor was called, but in an hour or so the little thing was playing around the yard; bruised considerably but not seriously hurt! Such are the facts as we learn them from a party who saw the mother in town on Tuesday.—*Washington Record.*

☞There is a ladder to heaven, whose base is placed in human affections, tender instincts, symbolic feelings, sacraments of love, through which the soul rises higher and higher, refined as she goes, till she outgrows the human, and changes, as she rises, into the divine.

TRUTH.

An Essay read before Olive Branch Lodge, No. 2, I. O. of G. T., Oct 22d, 1867.

BY MRS. B. SPURLOCK.

"Truth, though crushed to earth, shall rise again;
The eternal years of God are hers."

'Tis now as in all the dark shadowy past; the enemies of truth are still hurling their most keen and deadly darts at her. Wave on wave of opposition are surging over her, and the demon of unrighteousness is arrayed against her; but truth knows no fear; she has had her willing martyrs in all ages, and stronger grow her devotees, and millions are her hosts. We have our Tells, our Luthers and our Greeks.—Recall the cry of the Waldenses from the rocky caverns, and now hear the groan of the conquered Roman Pontiff; and hark! do you hear the clanking chains of slavery? No, it is the long and loud huzzas of American Freemen.

"Thus error's monstrous shapes from earth are driven.
They fade, they fly—but truth survives their flight;
Earth has no beam to quench their beam of Heav'n."

She goes marching on from conquering unto conquest, and now she is marshaling her hosts against her most subtile enemy, *Alcohol*—the damning foe of our beloved land and which is now snapping at our great nation's head, and filling our Poor Houses and Prisons, and peopling the regions of eternal woe. 'Tis only drink that turns the heart to stone—the man to a demon. Selfish and alone he drinks the means that should be given for the comfort and sustenance of those he has sworn to support; then covered with infamy and disgrace he returns home a fiend incarnate, and vents his wrath on his wife and children. If they remonstrate, he with demoniac rage beats, bruises, and sometimes murders his once bosom companion.

How then can temperance societies grow old or tedious, more than the scriptures or preaching. The female portion of society should league together, in self defence, on this subject, for they are *terrible sufferers;* and they have it in their own hands if they would rise in their might and purity, and work and pray to drive intemperance from our land. And now is the time to work; the waters are troubled, we must take issue in this great epoch.

Never did nations pass through greater and more momentous changes than has ours in the last few years, and still they come! "Lord! choose them for us in justice and in mercy."

Good men everywhere are becoming startled at the rapid strides intemperance is making in our own fair Columbia. We find, wherever we go, with a few exceptions, the deadly poison thrown broadcast, to entice the unwary youth, the disappointed middle aged man, and the time-tossed mariner on his troubled billows; and when once bitten, hydrophobia is written in the blood shot eye; and would they had the philanthropy of the blacksmith, who, when bitten by a mad dog chained himself to his anvil that he might not bite others; but they take up the work of their great adversary, and are ever on the alert seeking whom they may devour.

Then on to the conflict. Mother, wife and sister, are called into rank.—If the Maid of Orleans, Joan of Arc, could turn the tide of war and secure the coronation of Charles XI, of France, what might our millions of virtuous women accomplish if their influence should be directed towards the removal of the fearful evil from our dissipated land. Then let all get into the field, and make one united effort, and strive by word and deed to hasten the spread of the glorious truths taught within this sacred Lodge, and ever keep inviolate the sacred, binding, and life-long pledge; and never touch, taste, or handle the tempting cup, for there is a *viper concealed within.* Then down, down, deeper down, will crawl its venomed head; and hushed—hushed—forever will be its hissing. For God will not be mocked. He hath said the wilderness shall blossom as the rose, crooked places be made straight, and love and peace make paradise with man.

☞No person who has lost any of his property by gambling within four months of his application can receive the benefits of the bankrupt law.

SOMETHING TO REFLECT ON.

While the Copperheads are rejoicing over some partial and accidental gleams of success, they will do well to read the following record of 1862:

That year Maine gave but 6,025 Republican majority, and one Copperhead was elected to Congress. New Hampshire gave 3,798 Democratic majority for Governor, and elected one Democrat to Congress. New York went copperhead on the State ticket by 10,752 electing Seymour Governor and *seventeen* members of Congress of the same ilk against fourteen Republicans.

Pennsylvania went copperhead by 3,524, and elected *thirteen* copperheads to Congress against eleven Republicans.

New Jersey voted the same way by 14,591 majority, and elected *four* copperheads to Congress, to one Republican.

Ohio went copperhead by 5,577 and elected *fourteen* copperhead Congressmen, against five Republicans.

Indiana went copperhead by 9,543 and elected *seven* copperheads against four Republicans.

Illinois also went copperhead by 16,646 and elected *nine* copperheads to five Republicans.

In Michigan the Republican majority was cut down to 6,614, and one Congressman was lost.

Wisconsin went copperhead by 1,077 votes and elected *three* copperhead Congressmen aganst three Republicans.

The people did not intend in 1862 to give the copperheads a victory. They would not believe there was any danger of it till it came. The next year they aroused and redeemed themselves, and in all the States named gave unprecedented Republican majorities.—So, now there is no change in the sentiment of the country, no real gain for the reactionists, but only apparent gains, the result of over-confidence, or neglect on the part of the Republicans.

☞Stanley, the correspondent of the Missouri *Democrat,* reports the following speeches as having been made by two of the principal Indian chiefs while signing the treaty of peace at Medicine Lodge Creek. Really, they do not sound very "friendly:"

Satanta said: This building homes for us is all nonsense; we don't want you to build any for us. We would all die. Look at the Pennektatus. Formerle they were powerful, but now they are weak and poor. I want all my land, even from the Arkansas south to the Red River. My country is small enough already. If you build us houses the land will be smaller. Why do you insist on this? What good can come of it? I don't understand your reason. Time enough to build us houses when the buffalo are all gone; but do you tell the great father there are plenty of buffalo yet, and when the buffalo are all gone I will tell him.—This trusting to the agents for my food I don't believe in it.

TONAENKO'S SPEECH.

Two years ago the whites made a treaty on the Arkansas; that treaty has not been broken by us. It promised annuities—let us have them. I don't see any necessity for making new treaties. You are piling more papers here, one after another. Are you ever going to get through with this talk?—When you came here we were glad to see you, besause you came with presents, but our squaws and papooses are tired. You told us yesterday in council to come up here to sign papers.—We have come here, why don't you let us sign?

A CHANCE FOR BACHELORS.—Some young damsel thus advertises in the "Personal" column of the Chicago *Tribune.* It will be strange if some man can't be found to take pity on the darling: "Wanted a hand to hold my own, as down life's vale I glide; wanted an arm to lean upon, forever by my side. Address Miss Emma W. Handlin, Chicago P. O."

That's us Emma. We are mighty strong in our hand and arm, and can hold up a heap of anything containing crinoline. Take out your "ad" and trot this way.—*Vedette.*

☞The New York Democrats resolve that any party whose administration of public affairs prove corrupt, ought to be swept srom office. The *Tribune* thereupon says: "Please begin, gentlemen, with the government of the City of New York. If there is anything more corrupt than that organization, in ancient or modern history, we never heard of it; and which party always controls it we believe is pretty well known.

☞Dictionaries never were more sorely needed in the campaigns of a political party. What is a Democrat?

1. It is one who denies the authority of the whole people.

2. It is one who would disfranchise a large proportion of his fellow creatures.

3. It is one who would exercise over them an irresponsible tyranny.

4. It is one who denies the right of the majority to make the laws.

5. It is one who asserts the right of an autocrat to administer, make, and alter laws at his will and pleasure.

6. It is one who makes color and not character the standard of citizenship.

7. It is one who extenuates an attempted revolution of government by the minority.

8. It is one who believes the ballot to be a piece of personal property, vendible to the highest bidder.

9. It is one who is so much in favor of free discussion that he would like to cut out the tongues of all who differ from him, and are in favor of a practical extension of human rights to all upon an equal basis.

10. It is one who—but never mind! Now look at the dictionary—*tit.* "Democrat."

☞The two Union committees of New York city (radical and conservative Republican) have reconciled differences, and are now working together as the Union Republican Association. Both committees resolved "that all Union Republicans who support the State ticket and platform adopted at the late State Convention, be requested to enroll themselves as members of the Union Republican Association in the District in which they reside." This is an auspicious omen of success.

☞"You may run General Grant for President next year," said an enthusiastic Copperhead, in Madison, to a Republican, the other day, "and we will run Vallandigham and beat him." The candidates suggested would be fair representative men of the two parties.

☞It is positively stated that neither Quantrel or Bill Anderson attended the late Democratic convention at Leavenworth, and that neither is responsible for the resolution opposing the amendment of the State constitution, prohibiting rebels from voting; or proposing repudiation of bonds issued to suppress the rebellion and sustain the the goverament. In justice to these distinguished Democrats, these facts should be generally known.—*Junction City Union.*

☞A Southern paper the other day administered a most crushing rebuke to one of the gentlemen who is in the habit of indulging in the bluster about fighting again in case of a defeat at the polls. It said: "Why didn't you fight when fighting could be of some use? You who blustered, while we fought, are very ready to renew the battle. We who fought while you swaggered have had quite enough of it."

☞In a sheech at Philadelphia the other night Gov. Geary said: "I hear from good authority that Andrew Johnson will prevent Congress assembling, and call his Maryland troops to his aid. If he does that, I will call the sons of Pennsylvania to my aid, and I know that three hundred thousand will come and give secession such a blow as will make disunion stagger."

☞Adam and Eve escaped two serious annoyances of modern lovers. In the first place Eve had no mamma to make judicious inquiries as to Adam's social position, prospects of patrimony; and Adam had no "governor" to see that he did not throw himself away on a portionless girl.

☞Iowa gave 27,000 majority for the Republican ticket at the recent election. Two years ago the Republicans elected their ticket by only 16,000 majority. The gain is 11,000.—Not much of a reaction in Iowa!

☞To a patriotic friend who wishes Andrew Jackson were where Andrew Johnson is, the Brookville *Union* replies that seeing Andrew Johnson where Andrew Jacksen is would suit it quite as well.