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B. soldiers with the Inouisinna Legislature, and seeing no loophole to orawl out at, he quiblles on "a slave
and old," appealing to the sympathy of prejudice. Fecause we said that the negro governments are a failure
he harps about "oppression," he harps about "oppression,"
"easte" and "iyrainy." We stated In the same paper that we were not
on the "color line," but the intellion the "color line," but the intelli-
gence line, as a tssis for suffrage When the amendment was made giving the negro the ballot, so that Mr. Gaston need not fling "enste" at The reconstruction acts, though de
fective, nre final-but, we hope, ìe fatal. The ignorant and debasel el ements, white and black, in the
South should have been provided agninst by suitalle lecgishation-but that is done. Privileges with the massesnever go back wardin a repub
lie. The megro is a freeman and a
alector and will remain so. And in decate from this time he will b found voting solid with the Democ racy of the South. We will go just as fur as the eli
tor of the Bullectin in defencing tho tor of the Bulletin in defending the
rights of the negro, and somewha farther. we believe, in defence of the
rights of white men, and farther sti 1 in defence of the laws of ourcountry trampled underfoot by armod soldiery in Louisiana. Wo will say Government, as long as life, propert
ond the supremacy of th. laws ar ondangered in Louisiana or any ( $t$ :or State in the Union, to quarter sol diers in every city, town, village hamlet and precinct in the State, and
if need be, enforso the laws at if need be, enforse the laws at in bayonet. Bat here we must stop
As long as the State has a state or ganization, recognized as such by the Goverament, any interference
with its courts or Legislature con with its courts or Legislature con rened accordnn
the Republic.
The supremacy of law is the life of
the republic. The reonarchy may live and flourish without constitation or codes, but the republic is the
creaturo of laws and lives through their observance or dies throug their observance or dies througi
their brench. And what stanl be come of the republic, we ask, when
its sworn executors trample its laws underfoot? How can we expect that the States will obey and support the laws when the United States hersel
rashly and wantonly hacks them with the sword and rips them up with the bayonet? True, the Crant the insurrection on the 14th of Sep tember, warrant the Government in
flling Louisiana with soldiers, but filling Louisiana with soldiers, but
are no warrant for interference with the Legislature convened according
to law. Whils General Sheridan has an undisputed right, ns it $i$ his bounden duty, to punish the murderers, assassins and out laws of the State, thero is no war
rant, while the civil law is in opera tion, to declare a large body of citieens banditti and to try them by military tribunal.
the a Repabican we protest agains the infringement of our laws. We Sho not doubt the devotion of Gen. Government, but we fear that they do not feel to the full the spirit of our civil institutions. Bridge Creek, British Columbia, on the 1eth of January, says: "The thermometer at this place was frozen
up, so we could not tell how cold it ap, so we could not tell how cold
was. A Bottle of good brandy and bottle containing two pounds mercury were put out as a test on the $14 t h$ inst. In the morning both were frozen solid. This cold snia has lasted for over two weeks with cury in the thermometer has bee cury in the thermometer has been
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