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The Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amend-

ments. Yesterday we published the essential portion of a speech made in the Missouri Legislature by Frank P. Blair, just before his triumphant election to the United States Senate.

He further contends that the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments have been placed upon the statute books illegally, by force and fraud. It never has been pretended that the Fourteenth would have been adopted had it not been for the votes of the Southern States.

There are some who think the position taken by Mr. Blair rather too far advanced. They argue that the amendments in question having got upon the statute books, should be allowed to remain there and acquiesced in for all time, despite the objectionable character of their matter and influences and the undoubted force and fraud which were resorted to in order to place them in that position.

We do not agree with this view of the case. We think the position assumed by Mr. Blair and the Democrats of Missouri is the correct one. The Democratic party fought the questionable amendments earnestly—not factiously, and as a mere ephemeral party policy, but upon principle.

can end only in ignoble defeat.

The Democratic party of the United States is engaged in a struggle for constitutional Government and the rights of the States. It can take no step backward. It cannot either parley or compromise with the enemy.

The idea expressed in the aphorism the world moves, is not so broad in its significance as to imply that everything old should be crushed out and forgotten. True progress accepts and acts upon the good of the past, ignores and rejects everything that experience has shown to be erroneous and dangerous.

It is in vain that attempts were made to the safeguards of the Constitution, in behalf of the freedom of speech, and of the press, and of personal liberty. The mob unreasoning as well as unrelenting, and well knew it was backed by men in high social position, who had wrenched from the necessities of the Government but were too proud to participate in the actual work of violence.

There is no difference between a white man and a negro. It maintains that negroes are as much entitled to vote, hold office, and sit on juries, as white men. This was not the opinion of Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Clay, Webster, and if it really be the true theory of our Government, then the statesmen who shaped and controlled our institutions from the organization of our Government to the advent of Radicalism, were either profoundly ignorant, or inexorably dishonest.

We refer to Abraham Lincoln. This man was the great avant courier of the Radical party. He marshaled his forces, and led them to the first great victory they ever achieved. He was their idol and his memory is cherished by all Radicals, with a fervor that penetrates to the heart's core.

This leads to strong condemnation of the policy of the administration, in expending immense sums of the people's money in an effort to educate the rude negroes of the South. But Mr. Lincoln went further, and affirmed that there was a "physical difference between the white and black races," and that while the two races remained together "there must be the position of superior and inferior," and he was in favor of having the "superior position assigned to the white race."

We must accept the whole situation as it is, and cease opposition to the dominant party, or the Democratic party must be true to its ancient faith, true to its traditions, true to its past history, true to the cause of liberty and to the Constitution, and assume the broad and impregnable position taken by the Democrats of Missouri.

Facetiae.

Coming in with the tied—entering a room with a new married couple.

A man who cannot mind his own business, is not fit to be trusted with another's.

Why does a butcher stick splinters of wood into his meat? To s'kew'r it for his customers.

A coquette is one who first steals your heart by her addresses, and steals her own heart to your addresses.

As they say in England, and might say anywhere, "You can't convince a man's judgment by punching his head."

In a country graveyard in N. J., there occurs a plain stone, with this inscription: "Jane Adams. Died of Thin Shoes, April 17, 1790. Aged 19."

A paper advertises for girls for cooking. A contemporary replies: "You would like them raw, when you are accustomed to them."

Don't judge of moral character by the face. The frog is more innocent than many an animal that has a much handsomer physiognomy.

"Husband, I wish you would buy me some feathers." A man, stopping his paper, wrote to the editor: "I think folks ought to spend their money for paper, mi dadda didden and everybody sed he was the intelligentest man in the country and had the smartest family of boiz that ever dugged taters."

At a wedding recently, when the officiating priest asked the lady, "Wilt thou have this man to be thy wedded husband?" she dropped the prettiest courtesy, and with a modesty which lent her beauty an additional grace, replied: "If you pleas."

An Irish gentleman hearing of a friend havin a stone coffin made for himself, exclaimed: "By me sowl, and that's a good idea! Sure an' a stone 'ud last a man his lifetime!"

Perceiving that the hair and beard of a judge were colored, King Phillip, of Macedon, removed him saying, "I could not think one that was faithless in his hair could be trusty in his deeds."

A Prussian officer being charged with stealing spoons, his King sent him before a court martial. Butler, however, was only sent to Congress.

C. C. Bowen, the carpet-bag Congressman from Charleston, S. C., has three wives now living, and there are thirty five States yet to hear from.

DIVORCE MADE EASY.—One of Gov. Alcorn's negro magistrates took the responsibility of issuing a writ of divorce to a colored couple, tired of conjugal bliss. This is a true copy of it:

"Miss Lindy, this is to certify that James Chapman and Jenny Williams has this day separated before me, and you and he are at liberty to marry whenever you will. T. H. Clay."

The Philadelphia Press says if our Congressmen, after a sharp debate, do not embrace their opponents, as French Assemblymen do, they ask each other to drink, which is just as affectionate.

Greely says "hay" before answering a question, such is his love of agriculture, says an exchange.

Mr. Woodman, of Ohio, has eloped with Mrs. Barton. Appeals to Woodman spare that tree are in order.

A Western editor, going home late, saw "a young lady and gentleman holding a gate on its hinges. They were evidently indignant at being out so late, and we saw them bite each other several times."

During the siege of Paris, Baron Rothschild, tiring of rat, vainly offered 500 francs for a pheasant. He was forced to take fifty scorpions instead, for a potpie, at ten francs each.

A maiden lady at Sparksville, living alone, hangs an old plug hat in her hall, to frighten burglars by indicating male occupants.

Texas has a new game of cards—one player holds a revolver, the other holds the cards while the corouer holds the inquest.

A minister in Salem took for his text—"The flesh, the world, and the devil," and informed his astonished audience that he should "dwell briefly in the flesh, rapidly over the world, and hasten as fast as he could to the devil."

A negro recently died in Augusta, Georgia, who was only one hundred and seven years old. The excessive use of tobacco cut him off in his prime.

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How to Succeed in Life.—Whether we look at Johnson poring over words, or Kitto spelling out his Greek and Hebrew, or Goldsmith bearing his first literary attempts from publisher to publisher, or Joseph Hume during his years of parliamentary persecution, or Cobden in the free trade conflict, or Faraday wasting bottles and retorts, or Stevenson mending the men's watches and enjoying his herring under a ledge, we can but be reminded of the words of Sir Fowell Buxton, and find ourselves compelled to subscribe to them: "The longer I live I am more certain that the great difference between men, between the feeble and the strong, and great and insignificant, is energy—invincible determination—purpose once being fixed, and then death or victory. That quality will do anything that can be done in the world; and no talents, no circumstances, no opportunities, will make a two-legged creature a man without it." The fact is nothing can be done without labor. Let every young man take it for granted little can be done without it. Cesar, we are told, studied in camp, and swam rivers holding his Commentaries in his hand. Alfred, King of England, Frederick the great, and Napoleon, though guiding Empires, found time to converse with books.

Every young man should cultivate habits of industry, before he loses the power by contact with the worthless and the impure. A little less time in pleasure, and a little more money in books, would not deprive you of much enjoyment, and might confer upon you much profit.

Leave off dreaming and go to work. One hour every night after business would be more than two whole days a month, and enough to accomplish feats of learning. All have the chance; they only want the inclination. "If there be one thing on earth which is truly admirable," said Dr. Arnold, "it is to see God's wisdom blessing an inferiority of natural powers, where they have been honestly, truly and zealously cultivated."

Above all things my young men readers, forget not the words of the wise man; "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom," and in acquiring the wisdom of this world, neglect not the things which are to come. Men of Mark in Quiver.

MUSIC IN ASIA.—The Asiatic has no ear and no soul for music. Like other savages and children, he loves a noise, and plays on shrill pipes—on the tarabuco, on the tara or tambourine, and a sharp, one-stringed fiddle or ralia. "Of course, in your first official day," says a traveller, "you will decline no invitation; but you will grow gradually deaf to the entreaties of friends or dragomen to sally forth and hear music! You will remind them that you did not come to the East to go to Bedlam! The absence of music is not so strange, for silence is natural to the East and tropics. When sitting quietly at home in mid-summer, sweeping ever seaward in the glowing heat, we at length reach the tropics in the fervor of a July noon. The day is rapt, the birds and wind are still, and the morning sun glares silemce on the world. The Orient is that primal and perpetual noon, that the very heat explains to you the voluptuous elaboration of its architecture, the brilliancy of its costumes, the picturesqueness of its life. But no Mozart was needed to sow Persian gardens with roses breathing love and beauty; no Beethoven to build Himalayas; no Rossini to sparkle and sing with the birds and streams. Those realities are there of which the composers are the poets to Western imaginations. In the East you see and feel music but hear it never, except in the rich and flowing deep and solemn chant of the surprised novitiates—the priests, monks, nuns and friars that carry music wherever the sublime beauties of the Christian religion are introduced.

AFTER DINNER NAPS.—Many persons are in the habit of sleeping half an hour or an hour immediately after dinner. This is a bad practice. Ten minutes' sleep before dinner is worth more than hour after; it digests and refreshes and repairs. If sleep is taken after dinner, it should be in a sitting posture, as the horizontal position is unfavorable to healthy digestion. Let those who need rest and sleep through the day, take it before dinner, instead of after, and they will soon find that they will feel better, and that their digestion will improve thereby.—Herald of Health.

A party of respectable Chicago ladies have formed a society for reclaiming young men, and they go about the streets nights and pick up young men who show signs of dissipation, invite them to their houses, and treat them to ice cream, chicken salad, etc., and let them go home sober. Half of the young men in the city lie around the streets nights to be taken in.

LIBERAL.—A. T. Stewart, of New York, intends to dispatch this week a vessel laden with 5,000 barrels of flour for the sufferers in France.

Becher is so good a horticulturist that he can raise his own salary