

THE PRESIDENT AND HIS EFFIGY.

The G. A. R. veterans at Wheeling, Va., refused to march under a portrait of President Cleveland. They did right. The picture of the president thrust obtrusively upon them by democratic partisans...

Did you ever hear of democratic grand army men becoming aggravated at the picture of Hayes, Grant, Garfield, Arthur or any Republican president, and drag their colors along the gutter in going past it?

The N. Y. Graphic supplements this question by asking: Suppose any democrat had insulted Grant or Hayes or Garfield or Arthur as these grand army men have insulted the existing president, who is considered to be a thoroughly conscientious man...

This then outlines the policy of the democratic party in next year's campaign. Grover shows his hand early, and we now know what we have to expect. A blow is aimed at the industries of the country and any man with half an eye can see the shadow of the demagogue with perfect clearness.

Ten men will do the work for a good-sized distillery while a hundred are needed in a rolling mill and nail factory and five hundred in a cotton and print factory. By all means Messrs. Cleveland & Co. close up the various industrial works but don't you dare lay a finger on the whisky mill, for if you do your next election will be in peril.

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With the president's personal private worth the G. A. R. have no concern; but they know and feel that they are no more to him than a camp of Confederate veterans and naturally enough, when his picture is thrust rudely in their faces as a challenge by bourbon democrats, they decline to salute with their flags the effigy of a man who would doff his hat with as much respect to-day to the stars and bars borne by Confederate veterans as he would to the stars and stripes.

That the G. A. R. veterans did not misjudge the temper and the intent of those who hung out the president's picture over their line of march is shown by the language of Gov. Wilson, when a G. A. R. band serenaded him. In his speech he paid a high tribute to the Confederates, saying: "The blue and the gray are here together, and the gray are entitled to as much credit as the blue."

If the Southerners are loyal, what do they want with the flags? Most of us think that the North should have the flags. If the South is delinquent, that is all the more reason for our retention of the flags. Let the South come and take the case; the North is now conquering the South with capital and enterprise.

Wilson's speech, "The gray are as much entitled to credit as the blue," exactly expresses the position of Cleveland. For valor, sacrifice, for endurance...

for ability, the gray have full and equal credit with the blue, but back of valor, sacrifice and manhood there are other questions that have ineffaceable national significance; questions of right or wrong of moral sense against mere courage in battle. And it is the determination on the part of Cleveland on all occasions...

The Times quotes from President Cleveland's Newark speech as follows: "Indeed the right of government to exact tribute from its citizens is limited to its actual necessities, and every cent taken from the people beyond that required by the government is no better than robbery."

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While I am gratified by the kind tone of the reference to myself as independent in the matter, I regret the use of my name in connection with any public office whatever. I say sincerely that if there were any way possible by which I could stop that sort of thing entirely and forever, I should be happy. It seems difficult for the average American to understand that it is possible for anyone not to desire the presidency, but I most certainly do not. I have seen too much of the wear and tear of office life ever to have a desire to re-enter it.

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Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, Kentucky's "hero of Donelson," who surrendered to Grant, has been inaugurated as governor of that state. There was quite a delay—noticeably so indicating democratic elation that political power had not departed from that party in Kentucky.

THE MISSION OF PARTIES.

It appears to be the mission of the Third, Fourth, Fifth, etc., parties to "send to the rear" the two "old parties." They all claim to be indifferent as to which one shall be sent to the rear, but one or the other it must be. That was apparently the purpose of the "come outers" before they came out of their respective parties and the only difference now is that they have turned their coats. Those who were former Republicans are now trying to send the Republican party "to the rear"; those who were formerly democrats are trying to send the democratic party "to the rear."

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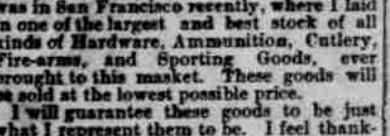
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