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A hold that this Government was made on the WHITE basis by WHITE men. for to ben-fit of WHITE men and their pos serily forever and should be administered I HITE men, and NONE OTHERS do not believe that the Almighty made the + gro capable of self government .- Dorgla

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THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT. For Prosecutin, Attorney-C. G. CURL.

POURTH JUDICIAL PISTRICT For Judge-W F. TRIMBLE For Presecuing Attorney -J. H. REED.

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# Drake and Radicalism

We have received under the frank of Senator Corbett, (to whom, as well as to Senator Williams we are under obligation for favors.) "a letter of Senater Drake o. Missouri, to Senator Johnson, of Maryland," in reply to a pamphlet written by Johnson against reconstruction. From the notice it gets in our Atlantic exchanges, we were compelled to regard it as not only the voice of the author, but the voice of the radical party, in its own defense. He says :

When, therefore, the rebellion was subdued, the State governments which had existed under the Constitution were State governments were there but they were formed by rebels, as part of the machinery and support of the rebelion, and when the rebellion became a nuility, those governments became, as to the nation and the Constitution, nullities And so the nation found ten of its States without governments valid under the Constitution. Of course, this condition of things could not continue; those States could not remain without governments. Self-disrobed of the governments which identified them with the nation, who should rehabilitate them?"

If when "he rebellion was subdued, the State governments which had existed under the Constitution were gone," and Yet "State governments there were," but they were a "part of the machinery and support of the rebellion," will some radical champion tell us how they became "gone?"

The offices including their powers, functions and duties, constitute the governments; and these powers; functions and duties are prescribed by law; and while the law remains, unchanged and unrepealed the government is unchanged and those powers functions and ducies

are every way the same. Now, this republican oracle tell us "when the rebellion became a nullity those governments The rebel governments that were formed after "the State governments which had existed under the Constitution were gone | became, arto the stion and the Constitution, pullities

If then the rebel governments that rere bullities, all their acts were nullities and of course their declaration of repeal ramendment did not repeal or amend rument which had existed under the Constitution." And therefore the laws of the legal States were analtered of un changed by any of their acts and are now ized mob-the "rebel States" stopped their enforcement for a time, except so far as they may have been smended by an amendment to the Constitution of the United States; for, it will certainly not be claimed by any one that an illegat body, or nullity can amend ur repeal the egal enactments of a legal body.

Then if the constitutions and laws of the "State governments which had zexsted under the Constitution" have not been amended or repealed, they are yet vital. And as those laws provide for ment and operation are revolutionary.

The citizens of the Southern States desired, and now desire to resume the en forcement of the law made by the legal States, but the Congress party are now as the rebel party were during the operation.

Mr. Drake virtually adjuits that the conflict of arms in the South, was a rebellion of certain pe ple in the South, and not a rebellion of the Stuthern States. and this was the position of Mr. Lincolu, and the radical party, during the war.

I pon this position the most the South could loose was the right of resur ption, -of again putting their States in active operation, and all the Federal Government could legally gain was, the perseva. tion of its jurisdiction in those States.

THE RIGHT OF RESUMPTION depends apon whether there be any available means by which the offices can be filled. Oace filled if the law confirming the powers, functions and duties upon them are vital, the governments are in active wer king order.

With us the filling of an office is of frequent occurrence, that it is almost like undertaking to prove the truth of an axiom, to attempt to show that because an office becomes vacant it is not therefore dead but may be filled again. our justices office becomes vacant it may be filled again, and by the same, or another incumbent, who will hold the saute powers, exercise the same functions and perform the same duties as his predeceser ; for the law defines the powers of the office and the offices constitute the government. And this is true also of the office of Governor and all other offices?

Neither does it matter whether all these offices become vacant at the same time or by piece-meal. There is not a State in the Union, except Colorado, where all the offices have not been vacant, and in most States, very many times. Has there was given, but again the giant voice of eral election? If so, why not let the have engulfed old Cannute had he not papers.

theory that the Democracy endorse, and the development of the State of Oregon that ought to meet the approbation of all; founded upon them, were equally null and void, that therefore, upon the crusking out of the relie! power; the people had hut to meet at the polls as provided for by their constitutional laws, fitt up their offices as therein provided, and resume their former stains as they were before the rebellion the Oregon Central Kaniroad. stopped their machinery for a time:

KNOTTY .- Apanias B. Knott has obtained a divorce from his wife in "ernel and abusive treatment." He was Knett. her husband, she was Knott, his wife .--Now she is not; that is to say she is not Knott; and he is divorced, still he is Kwott .- Why not?

Mr. Pendleton was bern in Virginia a. boat the time Mr. Jefferson died. A Times, in verse, of which the following 18 a choice extract :

'And when the epotiess mantle fell From proud Virginia's lofty son. His guardian at gel et ght the veil To grace the unbis Poudiston."

### Progress of the Railroad

The ground has been broken. The work has been commenced. The great line of rail that is to bear the commerce my legal enactment of "The State gov- of the Pacific from north to South, and from South to North is, being laid. A new era is being opened up in Oregon. the same as they were before the organ- | the Northern Panther, the growl of the miles from Portland to Rock Island The

houses dotted our praries, and the for be of like injury to Portland. " ests rang with the woodn an's ax. The Now the P. T. com, any joining with brill whistle of the busy steamer was them, the property owners of east Portheard upon our rivers. But the tide of land can enter upon this enterprise of progress waned, and the brilliant future road from Portland to the head of Rock of the young and rising State seemed sep- Island, borrow all the money they need means for their enforcement, any and all ped for lack of a channel through which for that purpose, and if they could avail to pour the golden harvest of our fertile valley into the lap of the outside world.

Why should the farmer toil to produce n overrunning crib, if he lack the faciliy to teulize a return for the frui s of his oil? At this time gentlemen of enlar-Sacramento, to the tide waters of Oregon, true interests. and accordingly they procured from the United States, the offer of a borns in land, and guarantee of feterest on Bond, from the State and took the initiatory steps for the commencement of the great work In this however, as in all great enterpri ses there are Thomases that doubt, and there are chronic growlers, who like sor ly sentries on an outpost attempt to keep back the tire of progress. And there are those of peakin heart, that see no good their active assistance, and in which they are not to be the chief sharers in the beuefits All these, soured, because the Oregon the two parties. Central Railroad Company proposed to equally energetic men occupied position as directors instead of themselves, prated

whose courtiers had persuaded that he had unalterable. command of the elements; accordingly lie placed limiself upon the beach as the tide approached, and stretching out his royal hand and sceptre, commanded the ocean to roll back and presume not to wet the person of its Lord and master. But the voice of the ocean, as it rolled up was "onward." Again the Royal command South "resurect" by the same silentrule? have escared by flight.

There is a plain, sensible, reasonable So it is with this great enterprise for The voice of Oregon's destiny commands that the ordinances of secession were the banner of Oregon's presperity to be null and void, that the rebel governments full high advanced; and as well may the Cannute opposers attempt to check the incoming tide with their disaffected voi- gress. ces, or dam the Niagara with builtushes as to stop the prosperity of our growing State by preventing the construction of

like groves of oak. The old foliage forms Democracy on all questions. a dark back ground on which the new appears relieved and detatebed in all its engrafted on Summer.

While we feel a w rm and throbbing pulsation at the thought of the mighty poet celebrates, the fect in the Chicago progress Oregon will make, consequent upon this enterprise there is a matter which we feel in duty bound to caution all who are intrusted in the permanent pros perity of the State about, and that is what

we believe to be the sim and object of the Railroad company falsely pretending to be the Oregon Central Rail oad Com pany, who have broken ground on th East side of the Willamette.

Not that we object to two roads, for w do not. But why should that company Well we remember when nothing was claim the old company's name if it has heard in this fair domain but the howl of no ulterior motives. It is about twenty bear, the shout of the savage, and the P. T. company are able to build a road noise of the toil of a few hardy pioneers there. Such a road once buil; and own preparing nonies for their families, and ed by a pavigation company on the Will providing them with the necessaries of amette, would be a complete monopoly of the river; and hence of immense A day passed, and towns and villages value to the owners. It would also be prang up. Farm, Church and School of great value to East Portland, as it would

> it would be f great advantage to them; thousand voters. What disloyal acts have nor would it matter whether they obtain- the hardy moneers in our territories comed it by supplanting another company of mitted, that with one sweeping, startling its rightful name or franchise.

Play your cards low down gentlemen blighting scourge. preventing those States from active ged views grasped the Statesmanlike if you undertake such a selferne, for the In loyal Washington Territory, the parhought flaying the iron track from the people are awakened to a sense of their ties are nearly equally divided; and it

### Where are we tending.

Are you opposed to negro suff age, and vet acting with the radicals? If so, read chis article and reconcile your professions and acts if possible.

The core of the people r siding in the District of Columbia was nearly unanimou- again t negro suffrage, yet Congress, by a party vote over the presidential veto passed a law enfrauchising neuroes and in any enterprise that does not receive place the capital of a great, free nation under the control of vagabond negroes, who have the balance of power between

When Nebraska applied for admission lay the track on the West side of the her constitution was returned to that Terriver, some because James Gaston, was ritory, requiring a clause, guaranteeing President, and others, for that, other negro suffrage. Where, in the radical party, were the suppor ers of Douglas and his doctrine of popular sovereignty:

Colorado is required to go a step fueof the imbility of Oregon to build the ther in obedience to congressional dicta-"Yamhill' goad, and prophesied the death tion, and make her negroes and their chil of the company on each succeeding day dren voters for all time to come, by inser-There was once a King called Caucute ting a provision, that this clause shall be

What logic can be adduced in favor of the foregoing acts of Congress but the clear comprehensible proposition of Thad Stevers, to secure the perpetual ascendency of the republican party?

The republican leaders now propose, by congressional enactment to force manhood suffrage on all the States, and the of speeches of Stevens and Sumper, in favor such an act, have recieved the unqualified been a death and resurrection at each gen the mighty deep was "onward" and would approval of the representative radical

> Republicans legisl tures in nearly every State have proposed to amend the of the President of the Oregon Central State constitutions, but the people voted against negro suffrage.

The Demoracy incorporated a resolu tion in their platform opposing negro suffrage The republicans indorsed Con-

Democrate voted as a unit against negro suffrage. Nine tenths of the republican party voted for negro suffrage and the recent municipal and State elections What a new era is opening upon Ore indicate that the one toth are now vogou! Of her it may soon be said she is ting and will in future vote with the

Our opponents try to paliate the reconstruction acts with the sugar coated idea, freshuess and brilliancy. It is Spring that these States can alter this part of their constitution after their admission.

To know how utterly false this assertion is, read the Alabama and Arkansas. Con stituti ns, framed under these acts-They provide that cach person who is entitled to vote ou the adoption of their respective constitutions, may be compelled to wear that they will never attempt to a mend that clause in the State constitution. " trip and settlement of the matter."

The Alabama constitution, rejected by the people, is to be given them as a provisional government, until they adopt is s their State law. The House has aleady passed the bill, and, what little of he old Constitution, " is left sticking in their throats" to use the chaste language of the chairman of the reconstruction committee will not long delay its passage.

What has voting to do with social equality say republicans, when they can not longer evade the issue of suffrege. We shall present two proposition w ich will answer this question.

In South Carolina the negroes have majority of votes, and will elect begro Governor, Congressmen and Legislature. Who will deny that the governors of State are not equal, socially to the governed?

Such a proposition would be preposterous. The acts of Congress enfranchising every negro in the ten unrepresented States and disfranchising a large portion of the white population, give to the negro in themseives of United States and State aid, those States, a majority of one hundred act they should be subjected to this

> has been asserted that the negro vote elected the radical candidat to Congress.

China would not miss one hundred thousand, from her three hundred and sixty willions, and this; with manhood suffrage, would give China officers in every department of our State and Territorial governments on the Pacific.

This is no improbability. There are now ten thousand Chinamen on this coast who, uniting their vote with either party can elect men, who will give them social, as well as political equality.

Accomplices in crime are legal witpeases against cach other in a law court. Butler and Bingham are two of the erch conspirators in the impead ment farce. But they disagreed about the preliminaries, and Bingham, riting the Fort Fisher affair proved Butier a coward, and referred to New Officans and his public notoriety as a spoon hief. At this Old Ben was very indignant and retorted savagely, that if all that was true, he was not guilty of the blood of an innocent woman.

History, in its annals will donotlers corroborate each of their statements, and write Butler a coward and thief, while on one of its darkest pages, Bingham and Jeffries will fill like characters as Judis cial murderers

In Salem, there are two radical editors who apply every opprobirous epithet that their vindictive natures can suggest to each other:

If we should judge by the reputation each enjoys with those who know them best, both are receiving their just deserts, but it would be an infliction on any other less corrupt party, to be compelled to read their stymy slang.

CONCERNING THE RAILROAD. By request Rai road Co., west side we publ -h fre following statement, which is in response in an item i vesterday morning's Oregonian, to the effect that a suit had b en common. ced by the Company, east side against the Company west side: "The directors of the east side company

have not commerced air action against the

west side company for any purpose but the

President of the east side company has in-

stigated am action in the name of the State to enquire by what authority certain persons e unected with the O. C. R. Co. exercise ti powers of a corporation A similar action was commenced last December against w gentleman connected with the east ad- e mepany. The suit against the west side co. pane was commenced more than a weekage and immediately after its commencement the attorneys of the west side company proposed to the east side to file papers at once and settle the questions involved bef re the Juoge at Ch.mbers, withour delay, and the proposition was decided by the east side attorneys. While Mr Flot was in the oith an officer of the weet side company agreed to submit all question a in dispute to arbitrators, or to the court for immediates tilement said the east side company declined the proposition, by met it with the end first pojeed above, which they now declive to try. The west side company stands really at any and all times to have its organization or its

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