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THE RISE AND PROGRESS OF OUR COUNTRY.

TO WHOM AND AT WHAT PERIOD DO WE TRACE THE ORIGIN OF OUR REPUBLICAN SYSTEM?

From the Washington Union.

Under Providence the people of this country are indebted to the Democratic party for its present existence as a nation among the nations of the earth, and for the liberty, and protection, in person and property, which they enjoy at home and abroad. Considering the circumstances in which the Democratic party of the Colonies, at the close of the adoption of the Constitution, and looking at them by comparison with the Federal party, the mind of every reader of past and contemporaneous history must be convinced that the progress and growth of the United States, and in its extent, since it been unexampled, surpassed that of any other. This leads to a comparison establishes the undeniable facts that the institutions of government of this great Republic were founded in wisdom, and that they have been adhered to and successfully carried out by the party and the men who have almost exclusively had the control and management of its affairs from the adoption of the Constitution to the present day. And what party and what men have exercised that control, and direction? The answer cannot be controverted. The Democratic party, its measures, and its men have placed the Republic in the proud and prominent position it now occupies. To what party and to whom are we indebted for the acquisition of Louisiana, Florida, Texas, New Mexico and California? Can any one be found having the hardihood to deny to the Democracy the credit of these invaluable extensions of the area of freedom? What single step in advancement of the general welfare of the country has been made that has not originated with and been executed by, the energy and perseverance of that great party, even up to the fundamental principles of our admirable Constitution? The Democratic party is emphatically the party of progress. Its course is steadily onward and onward. It never recedes from a position attained or point gained in the march of liberal ideas and the expansion of the rights of man as proclaimed in the Declaration of Independence. The man who has no affiliation with our Democratic institutions may talk glibly of the "progress of mind," of "the age," and some superficial minds may be fascinated by the pomp and glittering surroundings with which Emperors and Kings are invested, but the great mass of the American people will deeply imbued with feelings of unchangeable attachment to our country, its institutions and its laws. It is to this large body of our citizens we address ourselves by asking their attention to a retrospect of the political history of the past and the present. It will show to them that with a slight interruption the control of the Federal Government has been in the hands of the Democratic party; and to that party is under obligations for the establishment of all measures of foreign and domestic policy which have resulted in the protection and safety of the Union and the peace and happiness of its citizens.

In no instance has the opposition to the Democratic party succeeded in stalking forward and overpowering the patriotic and wise policy; and, indeed, the same remark would apply to their successors in some of the States—Democrats, for instance, there. The Opposition never have been able to retain power over one gubernatorial term after they obtained it; and in all cases the second year of their administration found the Democratic majority in the legislative branch of the government against them. Other instances both in the State and municipal governments. And to show that it is not owing to the operation of public affairs, but upon sound Democratic principles, we ask the attention of the Conservative, at the time of the adoption of the Constitution, and looking at them by comparison with the Federal party, the mind of every reader of past and contemporaneous history must be convinced that the progress and growth of the United States, and in its extent, since it been unexampled, surpassed that of any other. This leads to a comparison establishes the undeniable facts that the institutions of government of this great Republic were founded in wisdom, and that they have been adhered to and successfully carried out by the party and the men who have almost exclusively had the control and management of its affairs from the adoption of the Constitution to the present day. And what party and what men have exercised that control, and direction? The answer cannot be controverted. The Democratic party, its measures, and its men have placed the Republic in the proud and prominent position it now occupies. To what party and to whom are we indebted for the acquisition of Louisiana, Florida, Texas, New Mexico and California?

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