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May 3, 1873. 33:1y

## EX-PRESIDENT DAVIS.

He Explains His Late Speech Made Before the Southern Historical Society.

Actuated by the great blow about nothing that some of the papers were getting off over the late speech of Mr. Davis made before the Historical Convention, at Montgomery White Sulphur Springs, an editor of the Memphis Appeal called on him, and the following is how they talked the matter over:

Editor—I come, Mr. Davis, in the interest of the public, who feel, and must always feel, an interest in anything you say, or that concerns you, to ask some questions relative to your recent speech before the Southern Historical Society at the White Sulphur Springs, Virginia. I do this because that speech has been variously commented upon by the Northern and Southern press, and severely denounced by many who have heretofore been numbered among your friends and admirers, actuated to this, as they believe, by the present condition of public feeling. This speech was not prepared nor thought of, but was impromptu, as I understand it.

Mr. Davis—Certainly, it was impromptu. It was a reply made to an address of welcome by the president of the Historical Society of the ex-Confederates.

Editor—A political significance has been given to this speech or short address that you no doubt never intended, removed as you are from the politics of the day.

Mr. Davis—It seems strange indeed that a few remarks addressed to a few friends and associates on a subject upon which between them and myself there could be no diversity of opinion, with the propriety of a historical vindication of the cause and conduct of the Southern people in the late war, should be regarded as an address made to the public with any expectation of affecting political opinion. But waiving all questions as to the character of the address, the place where it was made and the circumstances under which it is delivered, what is there in it to justify criticism, or excite apprehension of evil effect upon the efforts of those whose political success I desire? The expression which is usually referred to is that the Southern people have been more "cheated than conquered." Now, is this true or not? Did the Congress of the United States by solemn resolutions not assure the people of the South that there was no purpose to interfere with the institutions of the States, that the object was to preserve the Union, and the purposes for which it was ordained and established? Did not the Executive (Mr. Lincoln) by proclamation give like assurance to the people of the Southern States? Did not United States Generals commanding departments encourage the same belief among the people? And did not this lead to the impression on the part of very many that the war was waged for an abstraction, or at most for the preservation of property in slaves? And was not the consequence frequent desertion in the winter of 1864-'65, and were not people reluctant to furnish commissary supplies for the support of the (Confederate) armies? And was not all this the result of the belief that their material interests and domestic peace might exist as well under one government as the other, as the result justified that belief? Is there any well informed man who will not say, that had the armies known what a surrender would bring, that they would and could have continued the struggle, and that the people of the country, as long as they had any food, would have contributed it freely to the support of the armies, and that the contest would have continued until the invader, weary of what might be regarded as an endless struggle, would have retired, and, in the language of General Scott, allowed the "erring sisters to go in peace?"

Editor—Of course you did not mean by the use of the word "cheat" to reflect upon any of the officers who surrendered without communicating with you as the Executive of the Confederacy? They held out as long as they had troops and munitions, and only gave up to overwhelming numbers and the pinchings of poverty everywhere felt.

Mr. Davis—Of course the idea conveyed by the word "cheated" was that the people of the South were deceived by assurances given them by the United States Government, through its officials, into the belief that if they laid down their arms they would be restored to all the advantages and privileges of citizenship which they had previously enjoyed. The trials of a long war had made all men desirous for the ease of peace. It was thus alone that the word could be fairly construed. Men who had been reared under the constitution of the United States, and knew how almost entirely their domestic interests were properly under the control of their State Governments, would naturally feel but little apprehensive of the exercise of powers by the general Government if they believed that Government would be restrained within its constitutional limits.

Editor—You will have noticed, no doubt, that many of the press of the union, without regard to section or party, accuse you of a desire to keep alive sectional animosities with a view at some future day to reopen the civil

war. In other words, they identify your expression "the cause is not lost," with a determination on your part to encourage another war. This I do not understand to be your position, but for the benefit of the public I would like to present your own views and words.

Mr. Davis—Those who know me best before the beginning of the late war know how earnestly I strove to avert it. The record of the last committee raised in the Senate to see whether it was possible to harmonize the sections at that time (1860-'61) will show how steadily I strove to find some means which would pacify the public mind then greatly excited, and clearly indicating a purpose in the Southern States to pass ordinances of secession. At that period I was somewhat severely criticised as being too far behind the sentiment of the hour and the demand of the occasion. I regarded it as a material question, one which, however clear the constitutional right of secession might be, would, nevertheless, lead to a conflict of arms, for which I knew the people of the South to be wholly unprepared. There are so many evidences on record of my devotion to the union as our fathers made it, that I have no occasion to say now how strong that feeling was then in my breast. But he would be very dull indeed, who, in view of the present condition of the South, would advise, or desire to attempt to enforce its rights by an appeal to arms.

## "TREADING OUT THE CORN."

It would appear that not all the oxen employed in the Republican party are allowed to go unmuzzled while "treading out the corn." Here is what the Homer Iliad has to complain of:

It is an old saying that a miller's hogs are always fat, though no one knows whose corn they eat. We have a similar proposition in view. We notice that many of the Republican party of this State, both white and black, who ought not to be any richer than others—no visible means of being so—who are traveling "for their health" from Dan to Beersheba—some reaching out as far as Europe—while others, who should be equally favored, and who should "honestly" have as much money and means, are tied down at home, scarcely able to "keep soul and body together." Now, we don't know how all this is done—we only know that some don't steal, and don't say that any do. We know of some however who have thousands of dollars of State warrants, which they obtained honestly and squarely, and on which they can not get a dollar, except at a most ruinous and shameful sacrifice, while others seem to get money out of the Treasury in some way at a paying rate. We know of one man, who, as tax collector, has paid into the State Treasury during the past few years thousands upon thousands of dollars in greenbacks, and has never had a dollar of his own warrants cashed—thousands of dollars of which he holds, and which he obtained honestly and without any swindle or bribery. He feels that he has been muzzled while he has been treading out the corn—for others!

We hardly know how all this is, but only know too well that it is so. And can't the thing be equalized in some way? Can't it be so arranged that those who work hard for the State, and refuse to either steal or hide stolen goods, can be paid their honest wages?

Let us have a change of programme in some way. Indeed we must have, if it requires a new shuffle and deal throughout, with new hands. Honest men must have their dues, in some way and by some means. The number may be very insignificant; but their claims are as large as Truth itself, and must be observed and recognized.

## BLACK MAN'S PARTY.

A Washington special gives an account of the formation of a black man's party, organized in that city under the name of Equitable Rights League. It is a secret organization, and all persons who expect to receive its support are required to vote for and sustain all measures proposed in the interest of the negroes. The National Republican gives the names of a number of those who are affiliated with the order, embracing many office-holders under both the city and the national administration, and a good many influential radicals.

It is charged that the new organization intends to contest the field this fall with the regular republican nominee, when they may fail to obtain nominations for their own set. The new movement is gotten up without the consent of the ring authorities, and is a source of deep grief to the faithful. The President's organ denounces it with much bitterness.

On the 4th of March, 1873, the terms of Zaccariah Chandler, Adelbert Ames, M. H. Carpenter and William H. Brownlow, in the United States Senate, will expire. That will be a sad day for us, and, if the United States Navy should want an ocean of tears in which to float, we should like to secure the contract to supply it.—*Courier Journal.*

A St. Louis paper says the great bridge across the Mississippi at that place will be completed about the 1st of March next.

## BUTLER IN NEW ORLEANS.

MOSES GREENWOOD AND BUTLER.

On one occasion our respected fellow-citizen, Moses Greenwood, was brought before Butler and interrogated as to certain letters he had written to friends in Boston, in which he had dealt in strong terms of denunciation of his fellow-countrymen of that State. Butler read these letters to Mr. Greenwood in a loud and menacing tone, and dwelt with great emphasis upon these sentences in which the invaders of the South were held up to the execration of the Christian world for the conduct of our people—declaring that they were plunderers and murderers, and ought to meet the doom of all such felons.

"And now," said Butler, "what have you, a Massachusetts man, to say of such language, applied to your own people?"

"Only," mildly replied Mr. Greenwood, "that I think about the same now that I did then."

"You do, sir!" exclaimed Butler, rising in a great wrath, and rattling the chain armor which he wore beneath his garments, and grasping the revolver that always lay on his table. "Do you dare to tell me to my face that you maintain such opinions of the most moral, virtuous and merciful people in the world?"

"I do," responded the unappalled merchant and citizen.

Butler was silent. He puffed, and blew, and glared at the audacious Yankee, and then quickly resuming his composure, remarked in a lower tone, "Well, I believe you do; you can