



The Enquirer.

At 12 o'clock, Thursday, March 4th, 1869, ANDREW JOHNSON ceased to be President of the United States. He took the occasion of his retirement to issue his Farewell Address—directed, not to the Rump Congress, but—"To the People of the United States," by whom it will be read with great interest, and by whom the unanimous verdict will be rendered, that it is a complete and thorough vindication of the policy pursued by him in his official capacity to restore the country to its former position of peace and prosperity, and at the same time proving that the misfortunes of the country have been caused solely by the unconstitutional and outrageous legislation of the most corrupt body of men called a Congress, that ever disgraced any country in the civilized world.

At 1 o'clock, on the day above named, Gen. U. S. GRANT was inaugurated President and SCHUYLER COLFAX Vice President. GRANT delivered a brief Inaugural Address, in which he placed himself squarely upon the negro suffrage platform—the Chicago platform to the contrary notwithstanding; favors the payment of the National Debt in gold—thereby adding the enormous sum of six hundred millions of dollars to the debt; and favors the christianization and civilizing the Indian, "with a view to his ultimate citizenship." So this blockhead GRANT—the luckiest logg-head of modern times—actually holds in his hand, which is stained with the blood of his fellow-country men, the destiny of this great Continent. He makes not the least promise that the heavy taxes the people are paying will be lessened in the least; and those of us who are too poor to run away from the burdensome taxation, must only grin and bear it.

But little satisfaction can be derived from the Address. It affords but little clue to the "general character" of his Administration.

After the Inauguration ceremony GRANT made the following Cabinet office appointments, excepting Secretary of War:

Secretary of State—E. B. Washburn, of Illinois;

Secretary of Navy—A. E. Bovie, of Pennsylvania;

Secretary of Treasury—Alex. T. Stewart, of New York;

Secretary of Interior—J. D. Cox, of Ohio;

Postmaster General—J. W. J. Creswell, of Maryland;

Attorney General—E. R. Hoare, of Massachusetts.

The Radicals are not pleased with this Cabinet. They are dissatisfied with Cox because he opposed negro suffrage in Ohio two years ago; with Bovie because he is unknown to the Radical party of Pennsylvania; with Stewart because he is a free-trader and never voted the Radical ticket until last fall; and so on.

"Let us have peace." Rads, how do you like it? Why don't you repeal the Tenth of Office Law? "Afored," eh?

THE UNION LEAGUE.—The Nashville correspondent of the New York Times (Republican) says that nine-tenths of the Republican voters in East Tennessee are sworn members of the Union League. He asserts that this fact has exercised a very pernicious and demoralizing influence in our Courts and religious societies. He further states that under its careful manipulating, the negroes have been as pliant and manageable as any military organization subjected to long and rigorous discipline. We are informed that, in many counties in the State, it is impossible to litigate successfully without meeting its demands. This is a pretty mirror for a Radical to look at and survey his features in. It is through this hateful organization and the disfranchisement of the people in the middle and western sections of the State that such wretches as Brownlow have been permitted to sway its destinies.

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The Negro Suffrage Question to be Decided Again.

Two weeks ago last Friday, hangman's day, the two Houses of the Rump Congress agreed to force Negro Suffrage upon the States even if they are opposed to it. Our readers well remember that the question of striking the word WHITE from the Constitution of Ohio and giving negroes the right to vote, hold office, &c., was voted down, two years ago, by more than fifty thousand majority. It now appears that Congress has taken the question in hand, and we are to have another decision upon it. The following is the Amendment to the Constitution agreed to by Congress at the time above stated, which amendment, if ratified by the Legislatures of three-fourths of the States, will be a part and parcel of the Constitution of the United States:

Be it enacted, &c., (two-thirds of both houses concurring). That the following amendment to the Constitution of the United States be submitted to the Legislatures of the several States, and when ratified by three-fourths thereof it shall be a part of said Constitution:

ARTICLE 15. The right of the citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States, or by any State, on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude.

SECTION 2. That Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

The Ohio Statesman says that during the late Presidential campaign, the party supporting General Grant, when charged with an intention to force negro voting in Ohio and other States, which at election repudiating it, as Ohio did by 50,000 majority, denied the soft impeachment and pointed to the Chicago platform on which their candidates were nominated, which asserted in strong terms that in the Northern States at least the question of voting was to be left to the State Legislatures.

It is a fitting commentary on Radical profession before an election and Radical practice after the election is over, that the present Congress, the majority composed of the most corrupt and venal body of men ever elected to high office, should thus, before the President, elected to office, on a platform of principles, in sworn in, abandon the platform which saved him from defeat.

The Legislature of Indiana is now in session and has a Radical majority. In that State negro suffrage is so unpopular that the party supporting it dared not make it an issue before the people, or to allow them to vote yes or nay on engrafting it on their State Constitution. The Legislature of Indiana will give the assent of that State to the amendment above given, and thus, against the wishes of the people, that State will be counted as one of the three-fourths, that is to make the rule absolute that, as white men are incapable of self-government, negro aid must be called in, by making voters of all the blacks over the age of 21 years, within the State limits.

At the Fall election of 1867, which elected a majority of Democrats to the Ohio Legislature, negro suffrage by a proposed amendment to the State Constitution, became a living issue, and by over fifty thousand majority, the voters of Ohio pronounced against it. In obedience to the will of the people, then and there expressed, the Democratic Legislature will promptly, by joint resolution, say to the Radical majority in Congress, that Ohio refuses her assent to allowing negroes to vote.

Failing in the attempt to get the required three-fourths of the States, by their Legislatures, to give their assent to the political equality of the blacks with the whites, an effort will be made to elect to the next Legislature a majority of negro suffrage members, so that, Ohio's assent to this negro suffrage amendment can be given—the Radical party, almost as a unit voting for negro suffrage members, the Democracy, one and indivisible, against it.

We have no fear of the result if the question be fairly made and fairly met. But here lies the difficulty. While in the Western Reserve counties, and in such Negro-loving counties as Greene, Clark, Columbiana, etc., the candidates for the Legislature will be fully pledged to vote for giving the assent of Ohio to the proposed change, yet in counties where the Radicals have a poor show of electing their candi-

dates, they will alk the question, and either pledge their candidates until elected against voting for the negro suffrage amendment, or else by the silence of the candidates, or by the raising of a false issue endeavor to avert public attention from the true and great issue of negro voting and negro political equality. If there be a Republican majority in the next Legislature, no matter what pledges the members elect of that party made previous to their election, our word for it, every man of them, if the vote of every man is necessary to carry it, WILL BE GIVEN FOR NEGRO SUFFRAGE AS SURE AS THE QUESTION OF GIVING THE ASSENT OF THE OHIO LEGISLATURE FOR NEGRO VOTING COMES UP FOR FINAL ACTION.

Thus months before the election comes off, or before a single nomination is made, we make this prediction. If it should happen that a single member of the Radical party, no matter whether elected by Radical votes or by those opposed to negro suffrage, if his vote be necessary to carry the measure, votes against it, we will make any acknowledgment that the negro suffrage leaders may demand.

To carry this amendment through, the Legislatures of three-fourths of the States, as required by the Constitution, each and every State of the South, controlled by carpet-baggers and negroes, will count as one. Rhode Island, Vermont and Florida will count just as much in forcing negro suffrage on the people of the United States as the great States of New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio. It is only by the vote of these small States, and of those whose white men are deprived of the right of suffrage and negroes bear rule, that it can be carried if carried at all. The States refused representation in Congress, because they are not, in the Radical geography, States of the Union, will all be allowed to vote for negro suffrage, but none of them against it.

FROM COLUMBUS.

The Completion of the Old Scioto & Hooking Railroad.

COLUMBUS, O., March 3, '69.
Editor Enquirer: It has long been a question with our citizens whether or not the old Scioto & Hooking Valley Railroad shall ever be completed, and whether we shall ever be able to secure a public outlet, and thereby extricate ourselves from our present horrible condition. This is a subject of the greatest importance to the people of Vinton and other counties; indeed, there is no question of a local character that should claim the special attention of the business men of Vinton county more than the one of securing at an early day as possible some public conveyance through the county. We have, beyond a doubt, one of the richest mineral counties in south-eastern Ohio; and all that we need to make us a prosperous and wealthy people, and secure the means to bring it about, is the proper manifestation of public spirit. I have taken the pains to ascertain the feeling of the Northern people in relation to their wants in this respect, and they unanimously agree that they are anxious to have a direct Southern outlet from the Lakes to the Ohio River and thence to the Gulf of Mexico—thereby bringing the great Railroad system in close connection with that of the South; of opening up a great social and commercial intercourse between the two sections, and more especially confining these views to more local interest—that of developing the great mineral wealth of Perry, Hooking, and Vinton counties. And they further agree that no better route could be adopted to secure any of these objects than that of the old Scioto & Hooking Railroad. Now, I desire to impress upon the minds of the people the importance of this great subject, and the promptness with which they should act. Let our business men immediately open up a communication with the citizens of Newark, Zanesville, and other points North, and lay before them such facts and inducements as will aid and assist in the accomplishment of the good work. I am fully satisfied that if we use due diligence upon our part, that it need not be long until we shall see a glorious result, and shall be able to relieve ourselves from the present depressed and embarrassed condition. By the resolutions of the Newark Convention, recently held, the three roads from Cleveland, Sandusky, and Toledo, now aiming for the rich mineral district of the Hooking Valley, are expected to unite somewhere in that Valley, and there form a common trunk to connect with the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad, either at the mouth of the Kanawha River, West Virginia, or at Collierville, Ky., or at both. The three Roads from the Lake are: First, Sandusky, Manassas & Newark's second, the contemplated Road from Toledo to Columbus and thence by the Columbus & Hooking Valley Road; third, the road from Cleveland through Millersburg to Zanesville, and thence to the Hooking Valley. The most desirable connection with the Chesapeake & Ohio Road seems to be at the mouth of the Kanawha River, by way of the old Scioto & Hooking Valley Road to Haden. Somewhere on this old Road, it is supposed, the Junction of the three Roads can be effected.

Yours,

A. J. SWAIN.

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HENRY R. FIZ,
Feb. 24, 1869-3w
O. W. WILSON.

NOTICE
TO BRIDGE BUILDERS.

THE Commissioners of Vinton County, Ohio, will meet at or near

J. W. Brown's Ford on Pike Run, in Eagle Township, in Vinton county, on

Tuesday, the 20th day of April, A. D. 1869,

at the hour of 3 o'clock P. M. of said day, and will to the lowest responsible bidder the building of a

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across said Run.
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