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In the House of Representatives, Feb. 2, 1869.

AMENDMENT

In the nature of a Substitute to II. R. 842, to be proposed by Mr. NEWCOMB.

A BILL

To aid in the construction of the International Pacific Railroad from Cairo, Illinois, to the Rio Grande River, to authorize the consolidation of certain Railroad Companies, and to provide Homesteads for the Laborers on said Rouds.

He is enerted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, for the purpose of securing the con-atruction and operation of a connected line That, for the purpose of securing the construction and operation of a connected time of railroad from the city of Cairo, in the State of Hinois, through the States of Missouri, Arkansas, and Texus, to some point on the States of Missouri, Arkansas, on the Parific const, and at said paint on said river to connect with any railroad hereafter to be built within the territory of the republic of Mexico, and extending from the RioGranderiver to the Pacific ocean or to the City of Mexico, it is provided as follows: That the Cairo and Little Rock Railroad Company of the State of Missouri, the Cairo and Fulton Railroad Company of the State of Arkansas, and the International Pacific Railroad Company of the State of Arkansas, and the International Pacific Railroad Company of the State of Texas are hereby authorized and empowered to and Fulton Railroad Company of the State of Taxanax, and the Interactional Facility Railroad Company of the State of Texas are hereby authorized and empowered to build, equip, operate, and maintain a compected line of railroads, with a single or double track, from a point in the State of Missouri, on the Mississippi river, opposite or, near the city of Caira, Illinois, through the States of Missouri, Arkanasa, and Texas, to some point on the Ric Grande river in the direction of San Blas, Mexico, to be known and Styled the International Pacific Railroad companies, or either or them, are hereby anthorized to construct their railroads over any lands owned by the United States are authorized, jointly or severally to the state of said lands shall have suitable draws for the passage of steambeats, and shall be built, kept up, and maintained at the expense of the company or companies building the safeluces of shall have suitable draws for the passage of steambeats, and shall be built, kept up, and maintained at the expense of the company or companies building the safeluces of five for may gate or the usefulness of said railroad or any greater extent than such structures of the most approved character of the respective state of the company or companies building the safeluces of said railroad or any greater extent than such structures of the most approved character of the rivers, and the safeluces of road, and control the safeluces of road and connect with sach other and said railroad companies is and shall build their respective ince of road and connect with sach other and said railroad for one and shall construct said railroad or and shall company or companies building the safeluces of road and connect with sach other and the safeluces of road and connect with sach other and the safeluces of road and connect with sach other and the safeluces of road and connect with sach other and the safeluces of road and connect with sach other and the safeluces of the country will allow; the companies being the safeluce of the coun

the same time.

SEC. 9. And be it further enacted. That said compains shall have authority to issue compon bonds to the extent of thirty thousand dollars per mile of road to be built; said bonds to run thirty years, and to bear interest at the rate of seven per centum per annum, payable semi sunually on the first days of Pebruary and August of each year in lawful money, the interest and principal to be payable at the treasury of pf the United States, or at the office of the assistant treasurer of the United States at the city of New York, at the option of the Secretary of the Treasury, under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may presertise. And the President of the United States shall appoint necessary of the Treasury, under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe. And the President of the United States shall appoint three sunspetent persons as commissioners to examine said railroad, and as sections of ten miles of said railroad are built in a good and substantial menner said commissioners shall approve the said with such report shall approve the sains, and cause it to be filed with the Secretary of the Treasury, whereupon the United States shall guarantee the payment of the interest of the bonds authorized to be issued as aforesaid to the extent of thirty thousand dollars per mile of road built; and it is hereby made the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to endorse and register such honds for the United States guaranteeing the payment of the interest thereof in such form as he may shown proper; and the endifferent as he had been facted to the Treasury on behalf of the United States shall income the continued to the treasury on behalf of the United States shall income facte constitute a first mortgage on said callend to a public of the treasury continued to the payment of augh bonds by the Secretary of the Treasury on behalf of the United States shall income facte constitute a first mortgage on said callend the public after the secretary continued to the secretary of the Treasury to make the secretary of the treasury on behalf of the United States shall proper and the secretary continued to the secretary c of the Treasury on behalf of the United States shall inso facto constitute a first mortgage on and railroad, its rolling stock and furniture in favor of the United States to the extent of the interest on said bonds. And it is hereby made the duty of said railroad companies to have on deposit with the Treasurer of the United States, at least ten days before any semi-annual instalment of interest fails due, a sufficient amount of anney to pay such instalments of interest, and for that purpose it is hereby made the duty of said companies to set apart our-third of the gross carnings of said railroad and semi-annually pay into the treasury of the United States all, or a sufficient portions thereof, to meet the semi-annual justalments of interest on said sufficient portion thereof, to meet the sumianual instalments of interest on said bonds, and upon failure so to do the President of the United States shall cause the Secretary of the United States shall cause the Secretary of the Treasury to take possession of said railroad for and on behalf of the United States for the possession of said railroad for and on behalf of the United States of the possession of said railroad for and on behalf of the United States of all lands manner as if such lands had been sold for money.

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INTERNATIONAL BAILWAY. annum. And when said bonds fall due, if proximately the points of connection beannum. And when said bonds fall due, if there remains unpaid to the United States tween said railroads; and said companies any amount advanced on account of interest, one third of the gross carnings of said surveyed and located for construction, railroad shall be paid quarterly into the Breasury of the United States intil such surveyed and located for construction, allowing with interest thereon as aforesaid, maps thereof.

Sec. 5. And be it further seffected, That of any one of said companies to comply any two og more of the companies authority with the conditions and requirements. of any one of said companies to comply any two or more of the companies authorfully with the conditions and requirements ized to participate in the benefits of this of this act shall not work a fortesture of act are hereby employed at any time to other with the same. And for the purpose of making further provision for the payment of the Treasury is hereby directed to re

> First. All sums of money due said companies of account of transporting troops, munitions of war, military and Indian sup-

portation of the mails by said companies.
Third. All moneys arising from the transmission of telegraphic messages by said companies for the United States.
And the Secretary of the Frensnry shall cause semi-annual statements of the interest account to be made with said com said companies shall execute a second mortgage on said railroad, its rolling stock and furniture, and a first mortgage upon the lands granted by the United States, to aid in the construction of said railroad and the lands reserved and granted by the United States, to aid in the construction

whereas there are large numbers of land-whereas there are large numbers of land-less people, including refugees and freed-nien, in the States of Missouri, Arkansas, and Texas, and other States contiguous thereto, who, by fairly remunerated labor. thereto, who, by fairly remunerated labor, can acquire homes; and whereas said railroad companies are willing to dispose of their said lands to such persons as may perform labor in the construction of said, railroads, Be it therefore further enacted. That said railroad companies shall make suitable provision for the sale of lands granted to them respectively by the thited States and State of Texas to such person or persons, who, being inborers on said railroads, may wish to receive all or any portion of the wages due such person or persons in land; and the maximum price to be charged by either of said railroad companies for land so sold is hereby fixed at two dollars and fifty cents per acre; and the title papers executed upon the sale of any land under the provisions of this section shall be at the expense of the company making the same. And in order to son or persons, who, being laborers on said frailroads, may wish to receive all or any portion of the wages due such person or persons in land; and the maximum price to be charged by either of said railroad companies for land so sold is hereby fixed at two dollars and fifty cents per serie and the title title papers executed upon the sale of any land under the provisions of this section, but the title papers executed upon the sale of any land under the provisions of this section, but the rights and interests af fread, incer employed as laborers on said railroad companies for land, and the sale of the companies of the companies of the sale of land, and the sale of the companies and not freedmen, or either state of land, and those with the freedmen of them, for the performance of labore or them, for the performance of labore of them, or any of the companies with the freedmen are just and equivable, and that such freedmen are just and equivable, and that such freedmen are instanced of the companies with the freedmen are just and equivable, and that such freedmen are instanced of the companies with the freedmen are just and equivable, and that such freedmen are instanced of the companies of the labore of the formal person of the said line of readest of the reputation of the said line of readest of the reputation of the said line of readest of the reputation of the said line of readest of the reputation of the said line of readest of the repu are just and equivable, and that such freed-men are treated with humanity and kind-ness; and, it is hereby made the duty of said railroad companies, as far as practica-ble. In the proper construction of their railroads, to give preference in the em-ployment of such laborers as wish to re-ceive in whole of in part lands for their labor. And said companies shall cause markety payments to be made to the labor. And said companies shall cause quarterly payments to be made to the Treasurer of the United States of all lands sold in whole or in part for labor, in like manner as if such lands had been sold for

of this act shall not work a forletture of act are not consolidate their organizations. The rights, privileges, or franchises of any unite and consolidate their organizations other company that shall have complied upon such terms and conditions and in with the same. And for the purpose of such manner as they may agree upon, and making further provision for the payment as shall not be incompatible with this act, of the interest of said bonds the Secretary or with the laws of the State or States in which the roads of such companies may name and style of the International Paci-fic Railroad Company, with a capital stock not to exceed the actual cost of the roads so to be consolidated, and shall file Secretaries of the Treasury and of the Interior; and thereupon such organizations so formed and consolidated shall succeed to, possess, and be entitled to receive from the government of the United States. all and singular, the grants, benefits, immunities, gurantees, acts, and things to be done and performed, and be subject to the same terms, conditions, restrictions, and requirements which said companies, est account to be made with said companies, and any surplus money remaining after the payment of any semi-annual instalment of interest shall be paid to said companies. For the purpose of securing respectively, at the time of such companies, the payment of the principal of the bonds time, are or may be entitled or subject to under this set in place and substitution of said companies shall execute a second subject to under this set in place and substitution of said companies so consolidated respectively. said companies so consolidated respectively; and all other provisions of this act, so far as applicable, relating or in any manner appertaining to the companies so con solidated, or either of them, shall apply and be in force as to such consolidated organization; and two or more consolidation de in pursuance of the provi-

sions of this section.
SEC. 6. And be it further enacted. That said railroad companies, or either of them, shall have the power and authority, for shall have the power and authority, for the purpose of carrying out the purposes of this act, to enjoy and exercise any pow-ers or privileges conferred by the general laws of either of the said States of Mis-souri, Arkansas, or Texas upon the sub-ject of railroad corporations, within the jurisdiction of such States severally, and to prior and exercise. jurisanction of such estates any powers, privi-leges, or franchises granted, os to be grant-ed, to them, or either of them, by any laws which may have been or may be passed by the legislatures of the States of Missouri, Arkansas, or Texas; and that said companies, or either of them, shall have power and authority to obtain by contract or otherwise, in accordance with the laws of their respective States, the rights, powers, and franchises of any other corporation or corporations created by the laws of either of the States aforesaid

laws of either of the States aforesaid whenever it may be necessary or convenient for fully carrying out the objects and purposes of this act.

SEC. 7. And be it further enacted, That said railroad companies shall signify their acceptance of and assent to the provisions of this act within six months from the passage thereof, in accordance with section sage thereof, in accordance with section seven of this act.

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SEC. 8. And be it further enacted, That said railroad companies are hereby authorized and empowered to construct a bridge across the Mississippi river at any suitable point between the city of Cairo, in the State of Hissouri, and to build and operate said tailroad to and across said bridge: Provided, That said bridge shall be built with continuous spans, and be built with continuous spans, and be not less than fifty feet in height high water mark, measuring from to lower chord of said bridge, and the spans shall be at least two hundred and fifty for wide in the clear; and the piers of said bridge shall be placed at right angles with the current of said river; And provided further, That said bridge, shall be so constructed as not to materially obstruct or impair the invigation of said river, SEC. 9. And be it further cuacted, That the said railroad companies shall com-mence work on their railroads within twelve months from the passage of this act, and shall prosecute the work thereon with reasonable despatch, and shall have

their respective railroads completed with in eix years from the passage of this act, so that care can be run upon a connected line of railroads, with a uniform gange, from the Missishippi river, at a point oppo

shull have power and authority to con-tract with any such failroad companies. constructed in the republic of Mexico for the transportation of passengers, baggage, mails and freights upon such terms as may be agreed upon between such companies. be agreed upon between such com ne agreed upon between such companies, and such baggage, mails and reights shall betaken from the territory of one country to that of the other upon such terms and under such rules and regulations as may be agreed upon between or prescribed by the frame into government. respective governments.

Captain William A. Parker ap ALL KINDS OF Blacksmith's Tools and Anvils. list of the navy.

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Two thousand people participated in the Liederkranz ball in New York.

Goy. Hoffman is overwhelmed with applicants for the office of notary public.

Albany; N. Y., has no regular place of amusement. The Bianchi Opera Troupe lately

played at Hong Kong. New York reports one hundred

and nine fires in January. Religious revivals are in progress

in various parts of Iowa. Indiana is selling maple molasse

made this season. Georgia has one hundred and AUCTION & COMMISSION

thirty counties and wants more. "Solon Shingle" and the "Live Indian," as defineated by Owens

are the attractions at Broadway Prussion newspaper editors write in fear and trembling, not knowing

what may be in store for them on

The applications made to the French Governor to secure an exclusive right of way over the French cable, it is confidently asserted, have been rejected by the Director of the

It is reported that Russia is pushing her railroads forward with great energy, and it is believed to be probable that the entire distance from St. Petersburg to Odessa will be completed in the spring of 1869.

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The International Road.

We devote considerable space in the paper to day to the publication of the Bill asking Right of way &c. to the International Pacine Railway via Austin Texas to San Blas deem ing it of great interest to our readers in Texas. We also publish the Report of the Committee on Roads and Canals to the National House of Representatives which report is interesting because of its connection with a road that is to add a thousand per cent to our material wealth, and an an indication that Statesmen at Washington are alive to the ne cessity for Railroad connection with

region of well settled country, is al be in the Cabinet. hear of companies being organized North, West and East, all bending stheir energies to be the first toltake the great wealth of Texas.

Puny politicions may bend their energies to perpetuate the bad acts of the rebellion like a vision of the night, over the fair south, but energy and enterprise will rush in and clare all barriers to progress and lever funds for other purposes. civilization will and void ab initio.

A son of Gen. Bee, a lad of fourteen, has been killed near Parras, Mexico, by robbers.

Clara Louise Kellogg and Max Strakosch have combined to send to New York for a musical education, a girl named Abbatr, whom they

Indians.

It seems the band of Indians that passed around Uvalde, breaking up the District Court at that place and killing a son of Mr. Cox, one of the Grand Jury, have penetrated an entirely new field and as a matter of course reaped a rich harvest. We already have the details of the horrible massacre of all the people on two ranches in San Patricio Co. (or probably west of that county) where some forty persons were murdered in cold blood. The details of the depredation are continually coming in and seem to excite no particular notice, let alone excite-The latest reports we have are

from the ranches on the Frio about eighty miles south of Fort Inge, the abandoned military Post on the Eagle Pass road. They visited the pasture of Mr. Kennedy and took upwards of forty head of saddle horses, visited the Kancho of 'Bill Warr", killed a herder and took all the stock, also striping Daugherty's rancho.

Some sixteen settlers hastily or ganized and pursued the robbers easily overtaking, and bringing them to bay-the rancheros found however that their fees were as brave as they were villanous—the Indians, (25 in number.) quickly turned and fought their pursuers and drove them back, the Indians only using six shooters.

The stock men of Western Texas begin to despair of any relief at the hands of the Government,

Omission .- In announcing on yesterday that Gen. A. J. Hamilton was our preference for Governor, the words, "among the Republicans," should have been inserted.

Houston Telegraph.

It will be seen from the above item, that the Editor of the Telegraph has been talked to by the "republican" friends of its candi-

Yes, Mr. Telegraph! We add our cautions to you, don't draw in your game too aapidly, or you will strip all flesh off of him. What use is Jack to you without plenty of "Republican" barnicles.

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SPECIAL DESPATCHED TO THE AZPRESS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23,—The Senate re-fused to concur in the House amendment to the currency bill, and asked for a mittee of conference; then took up the certain interior places in bond, without collection of Auties, at the port of entry now under discussion.

mittee, reports favorably on the bill continuing education and collection in the departments of the Freedman's Bureau, and several Freedman's Hospitals, includ-ing those of Richmond and New Orleans. HOUSE .- Considering the veto on the

opper tariff bill. Copper tariff bill passed the House over e veto by 115 to 56

A bill allowing the Western Union telegraph company to import tables, duty free,

Abilire-organizing the Judiciary, passed; it provides a Chief and eight Associate Justices. Six to be a quorum and nine Circuit Judges.

A bill amending Civil Rights, passed Penalties for holding office contrary to the fourteenth amendment, discussed at great length until recess.

The Secretary of the Treasury was re quested to communicate information relative to New Mexico, for free post system and frauds connecte Revenue to day, \$171,000.

The Railway interests of this vast that no Military or Navel officers shall be

capitalists of both Hemispheres. We registration of citizens, Urkle was elected hear of companies being organized in Georgetown.

General Brackenridge yous to Petersburg to night.

NEW Onleans, Feb. 23.—The House to day held a seven-hours' session on financial measures; passing bills anthorizing the sale of \$990,000 leyer bonds now pledged for the loan of \$400,000, appropriating \$125, 900 for uniformin the militis, and appro printing \$100,000 to supply the defici in last years levee appropriation, and

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 23.—The Fourth National Bank is closed. Deposits \$500,-000. The failure is attributed to the defalcation of a eashier.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 23 .- There has b a forty-eight hours snow-storm, and all trains are three hours behind time.

FOREIGN NEWS.

LISBON, Feb. 23.—The press of this city

MARKETS

New Orleans Market. NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 23. advanced | cent; middling Cotton sales 3,500 bales; receipts 4,824 bales; ex-

ports 3,000 bules. Gold 1354. Starling 434. Commercia

431. New York Sight St premium. Flour dull; double extra \$7,50, Corn scarce at 85@87. Oats 74@75. Pork dull and lower at 32. Bacon dull : clear ribs 17c; clear sides 17t. Whisky and coffee unchanged and firm.

Cattle, first quality, \$40 to \$55; second and third quality from \$30 to \$35 and \$25. New York Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23. Cotton higher; sales 3,500 bales at 201. Flour heavy; superfine \$5,50 to \$6,35, common to fair; extra Souther \$6,50 to \$7. Freights lower.

Gold 1324: Foreign Market.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 23. Cotton active; Uplands 19 to 194; Orleans 121 to 121; sales 15,000 bales.

REGULATIONS FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF LENT .- Archbishop McCloskey, of New York, has issued through his Chaplain, Rev. Father McInery, the following regulations and rules for the proper observance of the season

1. All the week days of Lunt, from Ash Wednesday till Easter Sunday, are fast days of precept. on one meal, with allowance of a moderate collation in the evening.

2. The precept of fasting implies al so that of abstinence from the use of flesh meat But by dispensation, the use of flesh meat is allowed in this diocese at the principal meal on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays of Lent, with the exception of

He'y Thursday. 3. Their is neither fast nor abstinence to be observed on Sunday of

4. It is not allowed to use fish with flesh meat at the same meal on week days of Lent.

5. There is no prohibition to use eggs, butter or cheese, provided the rules of quantity prescribed by the fast be complied with.

6. Lard may be used in preparing fish, vegetables, etc.

7. The Church excuses from the bligation of fasting but, not of abstinence from fresh meat, except in special cases of sickness or the like, he following classes of persons: First, the infirm; second, those whose duties are of an exhausting or labor ions character, third, persons who are attaining their growth, fourth, women in pregnancy or nursing in-fants; fifth, those who are enfeebled by old age.

(From the Houston Times.) Children and Foots tell the Truth.

We are told that the grandest feature of a fair constitution would be impartial suffrage, based upon some educational qualification. Of course this virtually means the eneral disfranchisement of the cks and no disfranchisement of the whites. The utter hollowness of this "fair constitution" talk cannot better appear than sideration of the above.

About one negro in one hundred can rend and write; and not more than one white man in twenty but what can read and write. This would give the State over to the whites by a majority of fifty or sixty thousand. Or, what would be same thing, it would give the State to the citizens, and would bury radicalism in the deep depths of a political ocean. Adopt such a clause, and before the negroes could learn to read and write, we could undo a dozen constitutions and adopt as many more. For, nutil the negro had learned to read and write he would have no vote; hence, we could do just as we pleased with him, and with the radicals as well.

In all the Southern States readmitted to the Union, negro suffrage has been incorporated into the organic law, and the disfrauchisement of a material portion of the white based on education or intelligence, has never been known on earth. is a chimera. It is worse than baby talk to suppose that any such constitution is going to be offered the

people of Texas.

What! Is anybody fool enough to suppose that the abandoned adventurers at Austin are going to make a constitution which at once kicks the whole radical batch of political paupers out of office? Does any man, outside of a lunatic asylum, suppose that the Austin Convention is going to chop its own head off the first thing? Is going to enfranchise nine-teen twentieths of the whites, and distranchise ninety-nine one-hundisfranchise ninety-nine one-hun-dredths of the blackst

Is this indeed, the "fair constitution" of which we have heard so much talk! The first and second ar ticles to consist of moral, political and physical imposibilities! And what, let us ask in all sincerety, could have induced the editor of the Houston Telegraph to suppose that such a constitution would be offer

ter. He insults the intelligence of the freedmen, even. Why the pro-position is the hollowest mockery we have ever contemplated.

Such "fair constitution" talk does no harm; it only disgusts the pub-lic, it might deceive a few into expecting something from the con-vention, when, in met, there is no reason to expect anything. There is, we greatly fear, a snake in this fair-constituion talk. We don't like it. The only alarming feature which we now see, however, is that it is an attempt to prepare the public mind to accept a constitution which would dishonor and damn our whole people and State. It is a kind of entering wedge to shake the resolve of our people not to be dishonored.

We intend to watch the fair con stitution talkers, just to see what they will consider a "fair constitution", about election time.

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At the outset of our address we would devontly call upon you to join with us in thanks to Him in whose hands are the destinios of gll his creatures, that, through the orderings of His providence, we speak to you under ar different circumstances from those in which you have been addressed by your aswhich you have been addressed by your as-sembled representatives at other periods of our history. Once you were called upon to labor for the overthrow of a guantic system of oppression, which held in its englaving grasp more than three utilions of our bu-dred, and for the recognition of our own claims to citizenship in these United States of America. Now we can interchange cou-gratulations with you. that throughout the broad domain of our befored county. (real the St. John's river upon the worth to the the Grande, and from the Atlantic border to the Pacific coast, the grand anthem of liberty is with a harmony unbroken by the discord which would be caused by the waiting of even one unhappy slave. We can do so, too, with a consciousness that we are not looked upon now, as we were then, in the light of quasi aliens; for the American peo-ple have spoken through their representa-tives in Congress, and suncted that "all persons born in the United States, and not subjest to any foreign power, excluding Indians not taxed, are beenly declared to be eltisons of the United States, Thus, fellow citizens, we have reason to rejoice in the fact that the past has had its triumphs for us; but our condition in the present, together with the duties and responsibilities which it en-forces upon us, demands our attention, and forces upon us, demands our attention, and
of that condition, of those duties and responsibilities, we would now optak.

As to our condition, we need not dwell
long upon that, for you understand fully the

necessity which prompted you to send us to meet together in convention. You know that our mitiscepty, recognized as it has been by stations provisions, has not accured for at throughout the different States of this Union those franchises and immunities which are the pride and boast of our white fellowchisens. Each one of you, in his own trei-vidual locality, is painfully alive to the grie-veness (as various in their character as the localities themselves) which he is called up on to endure. But, let us not be dishearts ened, in view of these grieveness. Let up remember that moen that I see the late of the late,

The camel labor, neath the heavy load,
And the wolf died in silence. Not bestowed
in vain let such emupies be. If they,
Things of ignoble, or of savage mood,
Endure and shries not, we of nobles clay
Should temper it to bear. It is but for a

Let us gird oursel to up manfally, and in the firm and confident trust that the same God who has conferred blessings upon us in God who has conferred blessings upon us in the past will be equally propitious to us in the feture; and that, as He raised up for us then hosts of sympathizing friends, to follow the leadership of a Gerrison, a Gerritt Smith and an Abraham Lincoln, so He still accords to us such friends, so largely increased in number, and bearing so many illustrious names that to single out any two or three from that sparking galaxy would assess in from that sparkling galaxy would seem in s. Suffice it that the mere mention of to the very core, and that they shall be cherished enduringly in our bearts, to be handed down to the greatern remembrance of our latest posterity. God grant that each one of the posterious of those names may long be spared to us, and that the day may long be spinred to us, and that the day ma be far, far distant when we shall be calle apon to tay him away, with tonder bands, and with tearful eyes, by the side of his la-

test stricken compect—the ever to be lamented Thaddess Stavens!

But fellow-eiteness, let us not forget, is
our grateful recognition of those effectual
services for our benefit and behalf, that the
all leving father allows them to us only uson the condition that we have careastly ase
antiringly in our own behalf. He may, in
deed, send His Messiah, as "the way, the
truth, and the life;" but every day He requires us "to work out our own salvation
wish fear and trembling." Still, His promise, that cannot lie, abides; and assured beyond a doubt is that querdon of success ise, that cannot lie, abides; and assured be-yond a doubt is that guerdon of success which evails as if we say told faighfully, auto the sed. Then list, us not be found wanting in this crisis of dur fate; but let us firmly and unflinehingly address ourselves to the duties of the hour.

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In our present condition we are an unjust.

ly degraded people; for we are stripped, more or less, in every State in this Union, of privileges and franchines which are fully enjoyed by every class of our white felloweitheans. This outrainm of our without are ns. This ostracism of us, without any izens. This ostracism of us, without any crime upon our part, urgently demands reduced. And for this reduce, and is ender to the common our imments applied for future of all political experience points to but one assumers and that is, to render the right of suffrage and of eligibility to office as universal as citizenship itself. We all understand fully the importance of this right of enfrage; whose that it is the degreet treasure in rully the importance of this right is callinge; we know that it is the dearest treasure in the gift of any government the atrongent wespon in the possession of the subject, repelling the approaches of despotent and guaranteeing the possession of all other translates a weapon that, is the expressive language of Whittier—

Now, to deay such a right to one class of out a good reason for such a discrimination is manifestly unjust and anti-republican. is manifestly unjust and anti-republican.—
Let us, then, in the premises, appeal to Congress. Tempolity it that the Vederal Constitution, in article four, section four, provides that "the United Status shall generate the overy State in the Union a republican form of generates." Let us ungu men that be dy and upon the great mass of the American people whom it represents that, in settling the definition of this spithed, "republican, we are not estopped, either by ancient or modern assumption of it for the purpose of describing manifest tyrannice, from interpremodern assumption of it for the purpose of describing manifest tyrannies, from interpreting it is to be fight derived from the Desianation of Independence—that Magna Charter of our liberties—that, setting saids Grecian and Roman precedents, as well as those of medieval Europe and of the fathers of our own government, blimded, as the latter were, by a spirit of compromise, or hampered he will achieve the confidential ballocation.

to be ephemeral, we should determine and to be sphemeral, we should determine and insist upon it that a "republican form of government" is due deriving its just powers from the consent of the government one in which transites is the correlative of the right to be represented thetein. Let as a manual to them to consider that most of our stategarders much are mere aristocracies, the mast invited the beautions by them the insignia tolerable, because by them the insignia of (so-called) ropublican nability, are conferred apon the many while they are withheld from the few. And, it making this appeal, let us insist, as we rightfully can do, upon our citzenship and upon the proofs of determined panhood and loyalty manifested by enlared manhood and loyally manifested by entered men at different periods of our national his-tory, and especially during the late unboly rebellion. If the black soddiers' prowess at Red Bank, of revalutionary fame, and at New Orleans during the war of 1812, is for-New Orleans during the war of 1912, is forgotten, surely his gallant hearing at Eort Pillow and before Petersburg still dwells in the memory of the country, for which he gave the highest manifestations of his love, and which he hopes will yet prove grateful for his devotion and solf-sacrifics.

We had purposed, fellow citizens, to have invited to the imperiance of

invited your attention to the importance of n, and of establishing and supporting schools and colleges among us, and also to have pressed upon your consideration the neremons and coneges among us, and also to have pressed upon your consideration the ne-cessity of cultivating babits of industry, and frigality of engaging in agricultural, manu-facturing, and mechanical pursuits, and sconomizing and saving our caraings, and of becoming proprietors of the land. But these tobics have been adaptantly treated by the topics have been so eloquently treated by the Rev. Bishop Daniel A. Payne, in his letter to this convention, that we cheerfully refrain from saying anything further thereon, and content ourselves by referring you to test able production, as put lished in the minutes And we shall now conclude by returning

with a Cate-like persistence to the all-im-persant subject of universal suffrage, and re-iterating our entreafies that each and ever one of you, fellow-citizens, make that matin his endeavors, by petitions and memorial in his endeavors, by petitions and memorials to Congress, to secure its triumph until that triumph is an accomplished fact. Then, in deed, shall we confidently trust in the prespects of a bright and glorious future for our country. Then will she, proud of the feetly and devotion all to of her white and of her country. Then will she, proud of the featly and devotion alike of her white and of her black children, sit honored among the acterritorial extent, by prosperous industric her armies and navies, by her successful and Isureled competition in every department of literature, science, and art, be relipsed by her prouder glory, vaunting that through all her videly extended confines the right of life, liberty, and the purelit of happiness are secured to each and all of her citizens of whatever condition or bue.

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