

An Address.

The following address, which has been issued by the Union Central Committee to the Union voters of this Territory, has been sent to us for publication :

Gentlemen :

As the time for the meeting of the Union Convention for April 16, 1867, for the nomination of Delegate to Congress, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it, is drawing near ; your Committee would submit a few thoughts and reflections, that to them seem pertinent and appropriate, in view of the anomalous condition of political affairs. Although we are in a Territorial condition, still, as loyal Americans, we should, and do feel a deep interest in national affairs. Our hearts throb with joy or are depressed with sorrow, as the glory and honor of our great country is advanced or retarded in her onward, determined march to the goal of human liberty and equal rights to all. That our loved country will reach this high of national greatness, is as certain as God rules in heaven and earth.— Then, our country, redeemed, disenthralled, young in years, mighty in resources, grand in achievements, perpetual as time, will diffuse light and liberty to the benighted nations of earth. In this and these are comprised our political hopes, our grand object and purpose as a political organization. But, gentlemen, it cannot be disguised that we have arrayed against us the elements of discord, anarchy and confusion. Bad men with bad designs and purposes ; rebels, traitors, Democratic aiders and abettors of treason and disunion ; sympathizers and apologists of rebellion, all combined in the nefarious purpose of arresting the progress of human liberty and just laws.

Judging the future by the past, they would deluge the country again in blood, bestrew the earth and sea with the mangled remains of human victims, rejoice at the widow's wail, laugh at the orphan's cry, spread havoc, carnage and ruin over the land, if by these, they could ride into place and power; for their avowed principle of political action is to *rule or ruin*. For this they enveloped the country in the flames of civil war. For this they sought to destroy the Constitution and Government of our fathers, but, thank God, were overthrown and disarmed. For this, more lately, under the auspices of their new friend, the President, they appealed to the people, and by them were most signally routed. Yet like their great prototype, the arch fiend who was thrown from the battlements of heaven for *his treason*, they are prowling around, professing loyalty and devotion to the Constitution and Government that for years they sought to destroy. Becoming arrogant under the leadership of "My policy" they call loyalty treason, union disunion, and those who prosecuted the war and saved the Government are traitors in their estimation.

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Citizens of Washington Territory, is it difficult to see through the designs of such men? Are you so weak as to be led by them, or believe in their pretence of loyalty to the Union? Shall *such* men be placed in power by our vote? Shall this Territory send such a representative to the loyal Congress of the nation? We think not. We think your response will be in thunder tones, No! If this is your reply, then, gentleman, *organize*, arm yourselves for the fight; let this Territory preserve herself side by side with the loyal States and Territories of the Union. Let us ignore all prejudice, all sectional bitterness, all personal feeling, for the common good of our glorious cause. Let us send true loyal Union men as delegates to the Territorial Convention, only that they be instructed that the nominee be a capable, sound, reliable Union man, whose political views are not subject to ebbs and flows of the tide, and whose identity and interest in the welfare of the Territory are unquestioned. And we may be assured that not only success, but a triumphant victory will crown the result.

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