



Spirit of Jefferson

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ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINION.

We have read attentively the Attorney General's opinion on the act of Congress under which an attempt is to be made, in the language of the times, to restore the Southern States to the Union.

Of course the first most important question which presents itself is who, under the act, are entitled to vote?

This the Attorney General at once determines by saying, "all who may be registered."

Having been determined then, that all who register shall be entitled to vote, the next and most important inquiry is, who are entitled to register?

Whether we consider the disability as arising out of a participation in a rebellion or commission of felony, the mere fact of such participation or commission of felonious offence does not of itself work disfranchisement.

What do the radical writers of West Virginia—their Governor, her Legislators, her Judges—care for the property of the country or the welfare and happiness of the people?

The animals which we have had on exhibition in our columns from week to week—the McKevils, the Chaplains, the Warners, the Koonces, the Turners, the Paymans—are but the depraved tools of these corrupt and unpatriotic rulers.

It is the opinion of the Attorney General that the phrase "engaging in rebellion," does not apply to conscripts. Officers, whether judicial or executive, engaged in the preservation of order or enforcing the civil law, are not thus embraced.

LOCAL MISCELLANEOUS.

In Memoriam.—In accordance with previous notice, the Ladies of our place met at the basement of the Presbyterian Church on Saturday last, to adopt such arrangements as were requisite to a Floral testimonial in respect to our Confederate dead.

The unborn generations that are to live, and move, and act, on the theatre now inhabited by us, will need some explanation of the system of legesdem and unparalled rascality, which elevated to position, place and power the unclean and unaccounted horse that has made a den of thieves of the bright temple in which our political fathers worshipped.

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DIED.

In Shepherdsdon, on Wednesday morning last, Mrs. ELIZABETH SCHINDLER, widow of David Schindler, deceased, aged 86 years. She was the oldest citizen of Shepherdsdon.

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