

VALLEY SPIRIT.

FIRST ANNUAL MESSAGE
OF
ABRAHAM LINCOLN,
President of the United States.Read in Congress Tuesday, Decem-
ber 5, 1861.Fellow-citizens, of the Senate and House
of Representatives:In the midst of unprecedented political
trouble, we may urge some of great gravity
to God for general good health and most
abundant harvests.You will not be surprised to learn, that
in the peculiar exigencies of the times,
our intercourse with foreign nations has
been attended with profound solicitude,
chiefly tending upon our domestic af-
fairs. A large portion of the American
people have, during the whole year, been
engaged in an attempt to divide and de-
stroy the Union.A nation which endures foolish do-
matic disputes is exposed to disrespect
abroad, and one party, if not both, is in a
sovereign state to invoke foreign intervention.
Nations thus tempted to interfere
are not always able to resist the counsels
of seeming expediency and dangerous
ambition, although measures adopted under
such influence seldom fail to be un-
justifiable, and injurious to those adoptingThe disloyal citizens of the United
States who have offered the ruin of our
country in return for the aid and comfort
which they have invoked abroad, have
received less patronage and encouragement
than they probably expected. If it
were just to suppose, as the insurgents
have seemed to assume, that foreign na-
tions, in this case, disregarding all moral,
social and treaty obligations, would not
solely and safely for the most speedy
restoration of commerce including especially
the acquisition of cotton, these actions
appear yet not to have seen their way
to their object more directly or clearly
through the destruction, than through the
preservation of the Union.If we could dare to believe, that foreign
nations are actuated by no higher principle
than this, I am quite sure a sound ar-
gument could be made to show them that
they can reach their aim more readily and
safely by aiding to crush that rebellion
than by giving encouragement to it. The
principal lever relied on by the insurgents
for exciting foreign nations to hostility
against us, as already intimated, is the em-
barrassment of commerce. These nations,
however, not improbably saw from the
first that it was the Union which made as
well our foreign as our domestic eco-
nomy. They can scarcely have failed to
perceive that the effort for disunion pro-
duces the existing difficulty, and that one
strong nation promises more durable peace
and a more extensive and reliable com-
merce, than can the same nation break
into hostile fragments. It is not my pur-
pose to review our discussions with foreign
States, because whatever might be their
wishes, or dispositions, the integrity of
our country and the stability of our go-
vernment morally depend not upon them, but
on the loyalty, virtue, patriotism and in-
dependence of the American people.The correspondence itself with the usual
reservations is herewith submitted. I re-
quest to hope it will appear that we have
practiced prudence and liberality towards
foreign powers, averting causes of irritation
and with firmness maintaining our
own rights and honor. Since, however,
it is apparent that here, as in every other
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tion provision for defending our sea coast
line occurs to the mind,I also, in the same connection, ask the
attention of Congress to our great lakes
and rivers. It is believed that some for-
tifications and depots of arms and munitions,
at well selected points upon these,
would be of great importance to the
national defense and preservation.I call attention to the views of the Sec-
retary of War expressed in his report upon
the same general subject. I deem it of
importance that the loyal regions of East
Tennessee and Western North Carolina
should be connected with Kentucky and
other faithful parts of the Union by rail-
road. I therefore recommend, as a military
measure, that Congress provide for the con-
struction of such road to speedilyas possible. Kentucky, no doubt, will
co-operate and through her Legislature,
make the most judicious selection of a line.The Northern terminus must con-
nect with some existing railroad, and
whether the route shall be from Lexington
to the Cumberland Gap, or from Lebanon to the Tennessee
line in the direction of Knoxville, or some
still different line can readily be de-
termined. Kentucky and the General
Government co-operating, the work can
be completed in a very short time, and,
when done, it will be not only of vast
present value, but also a valuable at-
tribute of future security, while the cost, if all
else fails,Some friends designed chiefly for the
interests of commerce and having no
political bias, have, however, sug-
gested that it be postponed to thenext session of Congress, and I have
consequently so recommended to theSenate. I have, however, in view the
possibility of a long delay in the ad-
vancement of the bill, and thedesirability of early action, I have
recommended that the bill be introduced
in the present session, and I have

asked the Senate to consider it at once.

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December 11, 1861.

upon against the Government, of returning
them in the person's favor. In our judg-
ment the most whole world would not bring
\$25 apiece at auction; and yet the
Government has paid over a hun-
dred thousand dollars for them.

It is the effort to place capital on an equal
footing with it and always labor in the service
of the Government. It is the demand that
labor is a valuable only if it is associated with
capital that nobly labor who immediately
lays out capital, somehow by the use of it,
indeed his labor. This demand, it is
not modified whether it is in that capital
shall hire laborers, and thus induce them to
work by their own interest, or buy them and
drive them to it without their consent.

Having proceeded so far, it is necessarily
concluded that all laborers are either
laborers or what we call slaves. And surely,
it is assumed, that whenever once a
laborer is fixed in this condition, for life.
Now there is no such relation between
capital and labor, as there is between
anything else a relation of right for life
to the relation of a hired laborer. Now
these assumptions are false, and all inference
is to them are preposterous. Labor is
as to us and independent of capital. Capital is
only the fruit of labor and could never have
existed if labor had not first existed.

Labor is in the superior of capital and
deserves much higher consideration. Capital
has its rights which are as worthy of pro-
tection as any other right. Nor is it de-
nied that there is and probably always will
be a relation between labor and capital, pro-
ducing mutual benefit. The error is in as-
suming that the whole tribe
of the community exists within that relation.

A few more expand, and that few
avoid labor, or buy another to labor for them.
A large majority belong to neither
estate, neither work for others nor have others
working to them.

In most of the Southern States a majority
of the whole people, of all colors, are neither
slaves nor masters, while in the Northern,
a large majority are neither slaves nor hired.
Men with their families, wives, sons and
daughters, work for themselves on their
farms, in their houses, and in their shops,
taking the whole product to themselves, and
saving no favors of capital on the one hand
nor of hired laborers on the other.

It is not forgotten that a considerable num-
ber of persons mingle their own labor with
their capital—that is, they labor with their
own hands and also pay or hire others to
labor for them; but this is only a mixed and
not a distinct class. No principle stated is
disturbed by the existence of this mixed
class.

Again, as has already been said, there is
not of necessity any such thing as the free
hired labor being fixed to that condition
of life. Many independent men, everywhere
in these States a few years back in their
lives, were hired laborers.

The pride, I might add, beginner in the
world, labor for wages a while, saves a sur-
plus with which to buy tools or land for him-
self; then labor on his own account another
while, and at length hires another new
beginner.

This is the just, and generous, and pro-
perous system which opens the way to all;
gives hope to all, and consequently energy
and progress and improvement of condition
to all. No men living are more worthy to be
trusted than those who fall up from poverty.

None less inclined to this of youth aught
which they have not honestly earned. Let
them beware of surrendering a political power
which they already possess, and which, if
surrendered, will surely be used to close the
door of advance, next against such as they,
till to fix new liabilities and burdens upon
them, till all of liberty shall be lost.

From the first taking of our national
census to the last one, seventy years, and we
find our population at the end of the period
eight times as great as it was at the beginning.
The increase of those other things
which men desireable has been greater.

We thus have at one view, what the
popular principle applied to Government through
the machinery of the States and the Union
has produced in a given time, and also what,
if firmly maintained, it promises for the
future.

There are already among us those who, if
the Union be preserved, will live to see it
contain two hundred and fifty million.

The struggle of to-day is not allegorical for to-day;

it is for a vast future also. With a reliance
on Providence, all the more firm and earnest
let us proceed in the great task which events
have devolved upon us.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1, 1861.

Pandering the Government.

The question is often asked, why
go not the officers of Government buy
horses, forage and army supplies
from the first hands instead of
middlemen, who act as contractors?
The country is filled with Com-
panies of Substitutes and Quarter-
masters, who appear to have very
little to do, and who are well paid
for what they do. "Very strange to
say, not a horse, hal' of hay, or bag
of oats, is purchased by one of them,
unless it comes through the hands
of a contractor." Thus, for instance,
a man receives a contract at Wash-
ington for 1,000 head of horses, al-
though he has not got money
enough in his possession to buy the
most expensive mares that ever drew
a canal boat. He goes to the cap-
italist, and either sells him the con-
tract or gets him to fill it. The
horse is then raised to the inspec-
tor, who sees that the following
illustrations the quality of the horses
foisted upon the Government:

"We extend you an hour in
the morning to transact your busi-
ness with us, and you will be am-
biented with the same care and
attention as appears before the public.
We are the last shippers of meat,
and we make no charge for trans-
portation, and we will sell you
any quantity of bacon, ham, sausages,
sausage, hams, &c., at the lowest
prices."

Wood is also offered, as the following:

"We offer wood at \$1.00 per
cord, and we will sell you
any quantity of wood, at the
lowest prices."

Iron Bridge, Pewter, Copper, Nickel
etc., etc.

DRUGS, &c.

Fresh Garlie, just received, at

SPANGLETON.

Cinnamon ground and unground,

SPANGLETON.

Sugar Savory, at

SPANGLETON.

Ground and unground Cinnamon, at

SPANGLETON.

Fresh ground Pepper, at

SPANGLETON.

Ground Cloves, at

SPANGLETON.

Baking Soda, Green of Tartar,

SPANGLETON.

Spanish Garrison, his Ground

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Ladies Wine, at

SPANGLETON.

Bird Pepper, Long Pepper, Cooper's

SPANGLETON.

A fresh lot of Cattle Powder, at

SPANGLETON.

For Coughs and Colds, Bryant's Pol-

ypomel.

Wright's Sugar Coated Pills, Mc-

Lan's Silver Pill, Headache and Digrase's

Pain Pills, at

SPANGLETON.

Sweet Tijoum, at

SPANGLETON.

W Meyer has just returned from

the eastern market with a large and well selected

lot of Drugs, Ointments and Eye ointments, which will
be sold at the lowest price.

W. HENRY'S

A large lot of Pomade and Oils for

HENRY'S

Soap, Castile, White and Mutter,

HENRY'S

Fine Toilet Soap for 3 cts to 50 cts

HENRY'S

Transparent Case for Perfume,

HENRY'S

Large Assortment of Brass Knives

HENRY'S

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF GLASS

HENRY'S

A New article of Fruit Case, that

HENRY'S

is sold for twenty years.

MILLER'S

READY-MADE CLOTHING.

J. WHITE,

MERCHANT TAILOR,

AND DEALER IN

READY-MADE

CLOTHING, (Home Made.)

FURNISHING GOODS.

CABINET BASES.

PIRELS

Hold by the yard, a low mean to high

in the County, and made for

calling with goods.

MATTHEWS

CHALK, AND

INDIA MEASURES,

For Sale between Kyeler's and the

Diamond, CHICAGO.

Sept. 24, 1861.

FALL AND WINTER READY-
MADE CLOTHING.—RENOVATION.

J. H. MILLER, Merchant Tailor, has removed his

large stock of old and new

goods, and will sell at the lowest price.

He has a large number of old and new

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WORKS, A.C.

B. M. BROWN & CO.—**DRUGGISTS.**—The business of B. M. Brown & Co., Druggists, is now well established, and the firm is in full operation. All kinds of drugs, medicines, &c., are now in stock, and will be supplied at reasonable prices. B. M. Brown & Co.

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HARDWARE.

BUILDING HARDWARE.—POTTER:—The trade of Building Hardware has been well developed at the present time. The demand for such articles as Hinges, Bolts, Nails, Screws, &c., is very great, and the market is well supplied with every article of the kind.

EDGE TOOLS.—WE HAVE EVERY VA-riety of Edge Tools required by the trade. Machinists and Engineers are supplied with everything of the kind.

LATEST AND BEST—**PATENT FRUIT JARS,** (GARRETT PATENT).—Fruit is good, and no exposed surface of glass.

They are the open, simple in operation, reliable in use, and easily preserved.

POTTER & BODINE, MANUFACTURERS AND PROPRIETORS, No. 100 CHESTNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA.

Also, manufacturers of Patent Glass, Wine & Liquor Bottles, Druggists and Candy Boxes, &c., &c. Wm. B. Bodine, President.

S 5000 WANTED.—THE COMMISSION of Health of Franklin County, under authority of the Act of the Legislature, will pay the sum of \$5,000 for the services of a medical man to be engaged in the service of the County. Duties will be performed at the Commission's Office, where books will be ready.

By order of the Board of Commissioners.

H. D. POKERMAN.

Franklin County, Pa.

FANCY FURN., FANCY FURN.—John Farina, 111 South Second Street, between Tenth and Eleventh Streets, (Route 18 Market Street,) Philadelphia.

Imports and exports in all kinds of FANCY FURN., Furniture, Chairs, and other Ware. Having the most complete assortment of all kinds of STONE, MARBLE, & BRASS FURNITURE, and FLOWERS AND FURNITURE, will be sent to any part of the country, and will be sent to any part of the world. We will be pleased to receive from those trading in purchases, as I am enabled to obtain very desirable FURNITURE.

All my FURN. have been purchased for goods, and made by "FRENCH" workmen, and have been made by a very skilful master, who is necessary that I should depend upon my work for every small advance on cost.

At the same time, the names, number and street: John Farina, 111 Market Street, 118 Arch Street, Philadelphia.

H. WARD, Manufacturer and

