Selections

PRESIDENT LINCOLN—GENERAL BANKS

Extract from a speech delivered by Major H. Bush, Pliny, before the Free Colored Men of New Orleans, at Economy Hall, on Monday evening, November 14, 1864.

I esteem President Lincoln (long applause) as the closest friend of the colored man, and as the safest friend of the white, because he is a friend of the colored. With a simple honesty of purpose that lifts him occasionally to the dignity of an inspiration, he is anticipating history upon this subject. That he does much or little for us is not, to me, the wonder; but that he lives at all! Standing in the midst of civilization, with all the past and all the future converging upon him in the tremendous present, is it not a marvel that he is not swept away by the torrent? He is an element of strength, and we are far from being the only ones who have recognized the facts of the case. His administration has been, in fact, a triumph of the free soil, the organization of the labor, the laborers, and the laborers themselves have made money, and for the "worn." Such is the fertility of the soil and the organization of the labor, that even those experimenters might have made money for the "worn." I know of one plantation on which was the labor, and all the appliances, with the growth and promise for two hundred bales of cotton—product is four bales.

Many of those Eminent politicians, who were...

Conserve, attended by trouncing adventurers, who...
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