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Fellow citizens }
and }
Comrades in Blue }

I am happy to meet you here tonight to counsel with you in regard to the great interests of our nation. When the great heart crushing ^{prize} hour of Rebellion came, with you, I donned the blue and fought for the stars and stripes. The march, the battlefield, the defeat, the victory, the rebel dungeon and the glad release, have all brought their burden of joy or of sorrow to my heart. We are brothers bound to each other by memory of the blood we have shed, the sufferings we have endured and the comrades whom we mourn. We are bound together by the memory of the great glory which overspread our skies, when the sunlight of peace drove the war clouds from our horizon, and lighted our eyes to the loving quietness of home and kindred. ~~How~~ our hearts beat with joy and gratitude as we felt that the mighty work was accomplished, and our country freed from the evil which threatened. That we could lay down our arms which we had borne with honor and share again the delights of home. Our wild shouts, our fantastic dances, were but feeble indications of our joy when the weight of a nation's glory was taken from our shoulders. Oh! bright was the day and never to be forgotten the hour when the American soldier laid aside the insignia of war and became a citizen again.

Oh! but was many a braving cheek
And tearful ~~many~~ ^{many} an eye
And many a heart ~~united~~ ^{united} to prayer
Aunt up its grateful cry

While woman's vocal, ecstasy
was bodied in a sigh.

"The war is over!" The words were all in all of joy to
open the avenue of earthly bliss. And when our
Martyr-President fell beneath the assuring hand
with streaming eyes and stricken hearts we yet
thanked God that the Nation had offered its last
sacrifice to liberty. We were wrong brothers!
We rejoiced too soon. The battle of Liberty was
but half fought when we saw our peers
The strongholds of treason had not been thrown
down, - the last ditch was not yet deepened with
traitors. When you came to your happy home
I went to my desolated one and while you
I have been enjoying the well earned fruit

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of your victories. I have been watching the rallying of our enemies and noting the precursors of the coming storm. I come here tonight as one of the pickets of the Grand Army of American Liberty to report to you what I have seen in my lonely beat upon the Southern front - the unmistakable signs of the mustering of Beauregard's hosts, to warn you to be at your posts and not be found sleeping. The enemy whom we thought we had routed has merely executed a flank movement. Some have thought it was a new foe because they could not see the gray coats and the Stars & Bars. They are mistaken. And I will tell you how I know they are mistaken.

Let us first consider the nature and characteristics of the enemy whom we were called upon to meet in 1861 —

What was the great underlying principle of the Rebellion?

The Sec. of Independence —
the North since that time —

— the South since that time —

The result of the rebellion

IV — Massachusetts — Louisiana —
North Carolina — Pennsylvania —

III — Classes of whites at South in 1860 —

I — Land and slave owners — 200,000

II — Land owners — 100,000

III — old Bills — owners of property —

Rebellion waged to preserve property in the hands of the first class — not for Slavery but against free labor — because free labor would break down slavery —

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Southern pride and exclusiveness the basis
of Rebellion — and Southern pride and ex-
clusiveness the basis of the present rebellion

Spirit of the South today —

— *Keep ahead* —

— *A Reconstructionist's fool* —

— *I hate a Yankee* —

— *Killing Negroes* —

— *Col. Fry* —

— *General Grant* —

— *The virtues of Rebels* —

— *Situation of Southern Unionists* —

— *Political Minority* —

— *Legal disabilities and penalties* —

— *Remedies* —

Disfranchisement of Rebels —

Objections to Disfranchisement

— Disfranchisement of Blacks
Only other remedy — Point can be

done —

Blacks worthy

Popular will

Necessity knows no law

— Not depending

will not affect the franchise

or at north or elsewhere except for good

— Save us from negro tyrants

— Not depending to the point

Def. of Blacks the fulfillment of God's word in the
Act of God —

The savior

— Duty of whites

South said when he said

the rightly national part

1846
Full of...