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Sir I am a southerner by birth
a son of a Federal Soldier a Lawyer by Profession
a stalwart Republican in Principle and I
heartily endorse your efforts toward the
justification of the G.O.P. and toward the
elimination of effete and untenable policies
which has won the contempt of our opponents
and contributed to our defeat. The Republican
party can not exist and abandon the great
broad principles upon which it was reared
That is a belief in the ~~sanctity~~ sanctity of
home. And the dignity of labor. A party
which believes all Americans are equal.
and that over each man's head should be
a roof and in every household should
be the necessities of life and that an

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opportunity be given to each and every man, who earns his bread by the sweat of his brow the full reward of his own labor and that around the working man should be thrown a bulwark of law to prevent to prevent the encroachment of foreign labor on our own. It is not the party which in the day claims to be the Chivalric and the gentle and when night comes goes forth to deeds of violence to slay to hang to burn and then perchance this Knight of Modern Chivalry returns before the eastern sky blushes with coming day, and strides to the bed room of his dusky paramour then on the morrow protests of his fear of negro equality. It is not the party that resorts to assassination to achieve its ends. It is the party of clean hands. are they not clean. They never killed a congressman elect so that the Chief Executive of opposite political

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faith might appoint a Democrat in his stead
They never killed a United States Marshall They
never burnt a house. They never cut a throat
They never stole the ballot boxes. They never
tore rings from off the fingers of shrieking
wounded. They never applied the lash to the
quivering flesh of some unfortunates. There is it
not an honor to belong to this party And is it
strange that it is with emotions of regret
we see the great party disfigured with the
sopraey of compromise. Can right bleed
with wrong and make right no. with the
no there is no affinity. But the Republican
Party is not dead. its tenets and doctrines
are eternal This is the time for Democrats
exultance when fancy runs mad when
their imagination evils wild in the tangled
future and in contemplation of the feast to

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to they forget and ignore the past.

Yours most respectfully
Robt W Pulkeron
Sweet Springs.

Mrs.

P.S. as much of the above as possible
Please publish as a letter from a
Southerner

most truly

R. W. P.

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