

THE GATE CITY.

KEOKUK, IOWA.

MONDAY MORNING, AUGUST 14.

Negro Suffrage—Letter from Judge Cole.

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My dear friends—Yours of the 28th of June was received...

Can the Government safely or wisely entrust the control of sovereign States to the subjugated, rebellious majority...

Where can the Federal Government look for the means with which to preserve its own sovereignty and control those States...

It is sometimes said that the right of suffrage is not a God-given right...

We may have the power to exclude negroes from the right of suffrage...

I have already protracted this letter to too great a length...

It is sometimes said by the opponents of negro suffrage...

You see, therefore, the question is not, whether the negroes are prepared...

But in determining the policy and duty in relation to negro suffrage...

The answer to this specious and stale argument may be found in the fact...

As soon as they can control Congressional action, they will, without doubt...

As to the extension of the right of suffrage to the negroes...

President Johnson, in his reconstruction Proclamation...

But I have digressed from the argument. The seceding States by their acts...

Now, while the institution of slavery is the embodiment of all villainy...

It is, therefore, the duty of the Government to secure protection for them...

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