

tion would crush any Constitution.

The Democratic party deny the right of the people to ratify the Constitutional Amendment. We propose to settle all the difficulty of the Dred Scott Decision by putting it into the Constitution. If a man is not a citizen of the country in which he was born, in God's name of what country is he a citizen? If he may not live there, where has he a right to live? We propose to put it into the power of every man, woman and child, black or white, rich or poor, when his rights are invaded, to raise his hand toward the flag, and say, I am an American citizen. [Great appiause.] Why should it not be so, now that all are free? Why should not the man whose fetters melted away in the fire of the rebellion enjoy as full protection from the laws as the blood-stained enemies of the country? Will the Government be weakened by putting all its citizens on a common basis? I propose to strengthen the Union by supporting the measure that makes every man a citizen.

I am a Jeffersonian Democrat in the sense