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THE POPULISTS RESPONSIBLE.

The stirring events occasioned by the Scott episode has been the universal talk for the past week and the general belief of the matter is this: That while Scott is subject to severe criticism, the real cause of all the trouble is directly chargeable to the supervisors. Their persecution became unbearable. The responsibility rests on the populists who have blindly elected to office men who are controlled by prejudice instead of sense. The policy of the populists has been to coerce. Man is a proud being and in being forced to do things against his will much harshness must be used, which is always resented.

Although this party feebly attempts to place the blame wholly upon Scott, and the odium on the party to which he belongs, there is a well defined belief among the tax-payers that the calamity would never have occurred had the board been guided by reason instead of malevolence. Hate controlled their actions and they believed their autocratic power to be illimitable. In fact they were tyrannical. Their administration has been shamefully prodigal, much of the expense being incurred solely to impress contemporary officials with their superior rank. The full effect of this disastrous policy will not be felt or realized at present. An empty treasury will not seriously inconvenience the ordinary tax-payer for some time. They gleefully contemplate that the empty treasury will aid them in getting votes this fall, but its direful results will be fully realized by tax-payers who will be called upon to make up this vast shortage in the years to come, and before casting their votes for such a party of calamity makers will ponder well whether reform, as experience has given it, is not many times more grievous than alleged corruption. This board has not for a moment had the interest of the county at heart. Their desire has been to hurt some one—to punish him because he is not a populist. They learn nothing by experience and their present policy is the same, lured on by a briefless syndicate, whose astral front forces itself upon them at every turn. The most difficult road to success is the one requiring the wanton destruction of all else traditionally sacred.

We have stated that Scott's bond had been violated by jugglery of the board. But even were this wrong, their actions for two years have so thoroughly frightened the bondsmen that they have taken individual action so that they are about all execution proof and a small portion only could be collected from them. And right here we want to remind this board that they were the ones to set the example of repudiation. If they have a conscience, it must admonish them that this charge is true and that they it was who set this ignoble example. They repudiated the settlements made by this county years ago with D. L. Darr, G. C. Hazelet, M. D. Long and others. Settlements made in good faith, with nothing concealed. Now if they are treated to a large dose of the same nauseating medicine they have been prescribing for others, let them gulp it down and not whine like curs. And let the tax-payers remember that their sufferings are caused by the heedless and idiotic passions of a board of supervisors who are populists. On that party rests the greater portion of responsibility.

NEEDY fiddled, and Grover Cleveland—Oh, he went fishing.

McHUGH's "hard licks" are delivered by proxies Golden and Harrington.

CONGRESSMAN BRECKINRIDGE appears to be the "black sheep" of Kentucky chivalry.

KEELEY says his gold cure is a preventive of insanity. Mr. Keeley is a scientist—but there's Kautzman!

It is bad taste to speak of "Scott's retreat to Mexico." The move should be known as his "Triumphant March."

CONGRESS must believe that Lieut. Totten is right and that the end of the world is at hand, or it would get a faster move on itself.

SENATOR HILL had not up to the hour of going to press telegraphed to Gray Gables for information regarding the president's health.

THERE seems to be some sort of affinity between the fire, which destroyed \$2,000,000 worth of property in Minneapolis, and the democratic party.

FOR the man who deserts his post in the face of danger the entire civilized world feels only contempt. The penalty according to military law is death; in politics, oblivion.

WE are glad the responsibility for the cholera and the yellow fever cannot be placed upon the democratic party, which already carries a load that is slowly but surely crushing its life out.

IT begins to look very much as if it was not what is wanted by any man or set of men, in a financial measure, but what can be gotten from a majority of congress that will escape a presidential veto, that must we worked for.

ADMINISTRATION democrats in congress are displaying a wonderful amount of confidence in banking upon the assistance of republicans, to save them from a majority of their own party.

DID Congressman Rayner of Maryland speak for the administration when he said of the Chicago platform: "I am not blinded nor intimidated by the glittering words of a convention declaration?"

WHAT use has the democratic majority of the house for such cumbersome things as rules and committees, anyway? It will be much easier to keep the republican minority out of its rights without them.

THE president should try to control his temper, just as everyone else should. Fretting and fuming is no more becoming to the president than to a child, and it is more calculated to make him enemies than friends.

THE Sun intimates that it has been giving THE FRONTIER some "hard licks." We had not thought of it in that light, Charles, as our wind is still good and no evidence of grogginess having yet appeared.

IT would not be surprising should the democratic party find itself in the hands of a receiver before the close of the Fifty-third congress. Every promissory note it has out will, before then, be protested by the public bank.

THE county division scheme, rather than being one of republican origin, as the Independent would have people believe, seems to be of independent birth. We draw our conclusions from the complexion of the rural agitators.

THE letter published in last week's Sun, purporting to have come from Barrett Scott, is a vile slander on the intelligence of that gentleman. Barrett is a fine letter writer. The imitation in question is a piece of carpenter work.

THE delay in announcing the committees of the house may be intentional. There are democrats who wish the tariff let alone for the present, and Speaker Crisp may be one of them. Without the ways and means committee no tariff bill can easily get before the house.

SCOTT's bond with an assessed valuation of \$50,000 was deemed insufficient for the amount of money on hand and he was peremptorily ousted from office and a bond accepted from Hayes with an assessed valuation of only \$14,000. Some people call this consistency, and then wonder at crime.

WHEN McHugh referred to C. H. Toncray as "another of the fallen republican angels" he opened his mouth only to put his foot in it as usual. Toncray, when a citizen of the United States, was a rock-ribbed democrat. At one time he was interested in Fremont's democratic daily, the Herald.

KAUTZMAN's system is full of Keeley gold. If his party is sincere in its demand for an increase of circulating medium they should take him to Crawford and have him coined. Buffalo chips in this case should be the standard and let the coarser substance come in on a ratio of 30 to 1.

THE Independent says that THE FRONTIER has been paid for lying for Scott; neither has it been paid by Scott, nor has Scott ever offered it pay, and the man who asserts to the contrary is a liar of the first water. Put this in your pipe and smoke it, Mr. Kautzman.

THE Sun attempts to answer our charge of supervisor extravagance by asserting that it is because Scott has skipped with the county's cash. This sophistry will not satisfy the people Charles. They know full well that no levy has yet been made to meet the deficiency caused by Scott's trip to Mexico.

THE FRONTIER is not the champion of the state banking board, in whose hands the Holt County Bank now is, neither does it know the cause of this delay in settling up the affairs of the bank, which we have been asked by the Independent to explain. We think it is time that at least a statement should be published.

LET us think! Ah, yes; now we remember. It was a certain gentleman who is now interested in "bringing to justice defaulting officials" that not many years ago signed a name (not his own) to a mortgage, and then sojourned for awhile in Canada, but finally came back and "squared" the deal by the liberal use of money. This will not come before the grand jury.

THE board of supervisors will meet again on the 30th inst. At that meeting it is said that Treasurer Hayes will be required to give additional bond. That he should be required to do so there is no question. The assessors' books show that his bond at present is only worth \$14,000. It will be remembered that this bond was accepted by the board when Scott's bond with an assessed valuation of over \$50,000 was rejected. And the assessors' books are the best evidence as Mr. Harrington and Judge Marshall have both so said.

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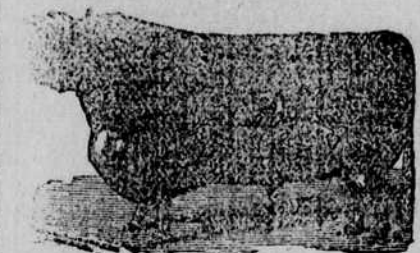
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