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The Most Disgraceful in Political History—How They Were Perpetrated—

A Southern Man on the Situation.

To the Editor of the Inter Ocean.

EUTAW, GREENE CO., Ala., Aug. 7.—I claim descent from one and connection with another of the most honorable Union-Whig families of this State, all of whom were opposed to and voted against secession. Yet, in the breaking out of the war, I promptly joined the army of General Lee and served till the close of the rebellion, receiving desperate wounds in said service; and, pointing to my civil and military record, I challenge the respect of all Southern men.

In 1875, after Alabama, by fraud and the white-line race issue, was seized by the Democratic party, my sense of honor and justice revolted, and I openly espoused the cause of the Republican party. For this crime (?) I am today a stranger and an alien among the friends of my youth and my companions in arms. I have the honor to be a member of the State Republican Executive Committee, Chairman of the Republican Executive Committee of the Sixth Congressional District, and Chairman of our County Republican Committee. I had the honor to represent my county in the late State Republican Convention, and my district as a delegate to the late National Republican Convention at Chicago.

On the 10th day of July I went to the town of Pleasant Ridge, in this county, to make a Republican speech. Soon after I began a crowd of white Democrats, several with open knives and large sticks in their hands, came up and immediately began to interrupt me, so that I could scarcely utter two sentences without interruption. I remonstrated, assuring them that they were injuring their own cause by such a course, and distinctly announcing to them that I did not desire to array one race against the other, but simply to break down the white line race issue raised by the Democratic party; and yet, while reading a letter, published on Aug. 14, 1879, in the Eutaw *Whig* (Democratic paper), I was stopped, forbidden by them to read said letter, and cursed and abused repeatedly in the vilest terms; and one of their number declared that they were all Democrats, and that I should not abuse the Democratic party. The accuracy of this statement is admitted by the Eutaw *Mirror*, another Democratic paper, published here on July 20, 1880. But this is not all. They cursed my little 7-year-old boy, who stood dumb with fright before them. Moreover, I was obliged to desist in my effort to speak, and was assured by Mr. William Horton, an aged gentleman, that I was in great personal danger; and, but for his protection, I am fully satisfied that I should have sustained serious, if not fatal injury. The aforesaid newspaper, the *Mirror*, in commenting on the affair, says: "That which seems to have given offense was a statement which Mr. Bird is said to have made to the effect that the Democrats lay in the shade all the year, and then cheated the negroes out of all they made." Thereupon the editor indites a long leader, calculated to inflame the passion of men. But the charge against me is a miserable untruth. I simply read from the said Eutaw *Whig* the following sentence: "The effort seems to have been, with every recent Legislature, to so perfect the laws touching agriculture that the moneyed man could shut his eyes and sleep the year out, and then gobble up all the laborers made." This explanation was made to said editor, who engaged to do me justice in his columns, but has so far failed to do so.

On the 2d inst. we had here that which Republicans foolishly expected would be an election, but which proved to be a hollow count. This county, in which the Republicans are better organized than they have been for years, and which gave Hayes and Wheeler 1,631 majority, was turned over to the Democrats. At one box, where we had three respectable gentlemen (two of whom were Democrats) to inspect the tickets and see them delivered into the hands of the managers, our 618 Republican ballots on the final count turned out to be only 343, the balance going to swell the Democratic vote; so that this box that gave Hayes and Wheeler 525 majority is now counted Democratic by 15 majority. At another box, where five competent witnesses inspected every ticket carefully, and where every voter marched singly to the box with his ticket in full view and placed it into the hands of the manager, our 280 votes panned out only 79. Of these tickets, 190 were rejected, as we are informed, because they were not folded, when the truth is that I folded every one with my own hands except 135. These are samples of this miserable travesty upon fair elections. This is the terrible mode in which the South has been made solid.

Sir, we are to-day existing under a despotism more dreadful than the Russian autocracy. Here, in our native land, the man who is devoted to the Whig principles of his fathers dare not give utterance to his views, for fear of studied persecution and ridiculous proscription. No good Samaritan goes to him to "bind up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine." He is pilloried in the public press. He who dares rebel against this cruel oligarchy writes in burning characters over his welcome door that terrible inscription from Dante, "Who enters here leaves hope behind." His lintels and door-posts are spattered with the blood of his sacrificed reputation, and friendly feet turn away from the fatal place in instinctive dread of the socially destructive fires that flame upon his hospitable threshold. The forked tongue of slander pursues him and his innocent family; be the hapless man never so vituous, drunken libertines, ignorant parvenues, and social outcasts, by beslime him, seek and gain a galvanized respectability, and a sure passport to Democratic society. These wretched pariahs, whom our fathers would have disdained to set to watch their flocks, have become the tutelary saints of Southern chivalry, and the especial exponents of Southern honor To the care of such abandoned creatures are our priceless reputations committed, vile counterfeits of a noble race, who aside from their instinctive baseness, have neither the intelligence to comprehend high political principles, nor the virtuous courage to maintain them.

Oh, free North! "Can such things be, and overcome us like a summer cloud without our special wonder?"

WINFIELD S. BIRD.

When Hancock Gets In.

An aged colored woman was sitting in a street car in this city a few days ago, and all the other seats were occupied, some of them by strong men. The car stopped and a well-dressed white woman of about 35 years entered. Her movements showed that she was able-bodied and strong. She looked along the row of passengers until her eyes fell upon the old colored woman. "Get up and give me that seat," she said, in a sharp voice and arrogant manner to the old lady. The latter paid no attention to the demand until a man who accompanied the white woman took hold of her shoulder and said: "Don't you hear what she said? Get up and give her that seat." Thereupon the old colored woman replied that she would not give up the seat. "Well," said the white woman, angrily tossing her head, "when Hancock gets in we won't have any of you niggers in the street-cars, and you will be taught to know your place." The old woman replied with some spirit to this, and two or three Republicans who were in the car encouraged her and took up a subscription for her benefit.—*Washington Cor. Chicago Times.*

You Cannot Compare Hancock to Grant or Meade.

We notice that several of the Democratic papers are slopping over about Hancock as a General. They are calling him the greatest General the Democratic Rebellion produced, while in fact he was as inferior to General Grant as a commander, as a planner of campaigns, as a tactician, and in the strategy of war, as Marshal Murat was to Napoleon Bonaparte. Hancock greatly resembles Murat. Like him, he was dashing, showy, and vain as a peacock. Murat was a fine subordinate officer to carry out the plans and orders of a thinking commander; beyond that he did not amount to much, and in these respects Hancock is precisely like him. His most extravagant eulogist can point to nothing of importance he ever accomplished which he had to plan out himself. All his deeds of any note or credit, were the execution of commands from Grant, Meade and others.—*Chicago Tribune.*

A Good Swap.

When Abraham Lincoln was a lawyer in Illinois, he and the judge once got to bantering one another about trading horses, and it was agreed that the next morning at 9 o'clock they should make a trade, the horses to be unseen up to that hour, and no backing out under a forfeiture of $25. At the hour appointed the judge came up leading the sorriest looking specimen of a horse ever seen in those parts. In a few minutes Mr. Lincoln was seen approaching with a wooden saw-horse on his shoulders. Great were the shouts and laughter of the crowd, and both were greatly increased when Mr. Lincoln, on surveying the judge's animal, sat down on his saw-horse, and exclaimed: "Well, judge, this is the first time I ever got the worst of it in a horse trade."

It is Life or Death Now.

The solid South is making a last desperate effort to retain its hold on the Government. If successful now it hopes to so use its influence as to gain a long lease of power. But if defeated this year it knows that the scepter will pass from it never to return. The new census will leave it in a hopeless minority unless it can get control of the new apportionment of members of the lower house of Congress. That is why the South is fighting so desperately and was willing to accept any candidate at Cincinnati that would aid it in the North.—*New York Tribune.*

The specific gravity of the waters of the Dead Sea is such that a human being cannot sink in it. The taste is very pungent, and of remarkable bitterness. It is about forty miles long and nine wide. It is a very remarkable fact that its surface is lower than that of any other known body of water, being 1,312 feet below the surface of the Mediterranean Sea. It has a depth in parts of 220 fathoms.

FURNITURE POLISH.—An excellent furniture polish is made of ten cents worth of beeswax, placed in a tin cup and melted in a hot oven. Into this pour two ounces of turpentine, and let it stand to cool. Apply it briskly to the furniture with a woolen rag, and give it a finishing rub with an old silk handkerchief. This polish is almost equal to a coat of varnish.

An Ottawa young man did not elope with the married woman with whom he had fallen in love, but went boldly to her husband and asked how much money would compensate him for the loss of his wife. The husband thought that $10 was about the right sum, and the lover paid it, taking the woman away.

"No military in ours," shouted the Democrats, and then nominated a life-long soldier. "Down with the National Banks," they cried, and nominated a Nationtl bank president for the second place on the ticket.—*Ex.*

To tell good eggs put them in water, if the large end turns up they are not fresh. This is an infallible rule to distinguish a good egg from a bad one.

They bleed. An exchange says "the Ohio Democratic candidates for Congress have been assessed 20 per cent of their prospective salaries."

Said a justice to an obstreperous prisoner, on the day of his trial: "We want nothing but silence, and but little of that."

Dr. Abernethy used to tell his pupils that all human diseases sprang from two causes, *stuffing* and *fretting*.

Peaches are piled so high in Delaware that they are rolling over the edges of that trim little State.

All Indorse it.

The *Recorder*, Americus, Ga., says: C'Clerks, Senators, Representatives, Doctors Lawyers, Citizens, in public and private life are testifying by the thousands, and over their own signitures, that a remedy has been found for Bright's Disease of the Kidneys and for Diabetes; these are respectively known as Warner's Safe Kidney and Liver oure and Warner's Safe Diabetes Cure." 48m3

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Beating His Wife.

The story was all over town. Everybody was talking about it. It was too bad, they said. What was too bad? Why, the new minister had been beating his wife! Was it possible? Yes; there could be no doubt about it, Mrs. S., who lives next door, heard a shriek about 10 o'clock last night—a woman's from a chamber in the parsonage. She looked across, and through the curtain she could see that a man and woman were running about the room in great excitment. He was flourishing a stick, and striking with it. The blows were plainly heard and as he struck she screamed.

Mrs. S. could hardly sleep that night, she was so excited by what she had seen. She was up early next morning. She hurried through her breakfast, and then started out—to see the poor abused minister's wife, and comfort her? Not a bit of it. She went to Elder A.'s, found the family at the table, and told the news then she footed on to Elder B's and Deacon C.'s, and over half the town. The half that she had not time to call on soon heard it from the other half, and before noon there was a great excitement in Ballville.

The officers of the church discussed the matter with heavy hearts. Such disgraceful conduct could not be endured. Something must be done. But what? Call at once on the minister and his wife and inquire into the matter? Oh, no; that would not be dignified and official. Beside, there could be no doubt about it. Did not Mrs. S. see the beating with her own eyes? So they called a meeting of the session; and summoned the minister and his wife, he to answer to a charge of unministerial conduct, and she to testify in the case.

They came greatly puzzled and surprised. The case was gravely stated by the senior elder, when the culprit and witness burst into a langh. Checking themselves when they saw how serious and sad the session looked, they explained:

The minister's wife, though an excellent woman who loved everybody especially her husband, did not love rats. But the house having been vacant for some time, the rats had taken possession. When they went to their chamber, a huge rodent ran under the bed. The wife screamed; the husband caught up a stick and tried to kill the intruder. Every time he struck at and missed the rat the lady screamed again. How could she help it? It was an exciting scene, and must have looked very funny to their neighbors, who were watching through the curtained window. They laughed heartily when it was all over and the rat was dead, and they could not help laughing whenever they thought about it.

The session were in a fix. They were down on Mrs. S. for making fools of them. They asked her, "why didn't you go over to the minister's and make sure about the matter before you reported it?" And she retorted, "Why didn't you go and inquire into it before you called a meeting?" And all the town that talked about how the minister abused his wife is talking about what an awful gossip Mrs. S. is and how she fooled the elders of our church.

I am mortified and disgusted. Is there any way to cure these mischief-making gossips? Would it be right to hang them? It seems to me that the passage in the third chapter of James about the tongue ought to be printed in big letters on a card and hung up in all our churches. Don't you think so?

Behind the Candidates.

Harper's Weekly.

Benind Gen. Hancock is a "solid south" made solid by force and fraud; behind him is the old enduring hate and injustice toward the colored citizen, the false theory of the government which alienates sections and produced the war; the rag-money vote which his supporters are allied in Main; the most ignorant and degraded vote of great cities—all these are included in the body behind Gen. Hancock, and it is upon these, not upon him, that the eye and mind of the inteligent and patriotic voter are bent. Behind Gen. Garfield is the majority of intelligent and industrious voters in the old free states, and associated with them as with every party, and discreditable men and rings and plans. But can any honest man doubt as to which of these bodies he would more readily entrust the government? Nay, if the choice lay between the two candidates alone, would any American who comprehends what government is in so vast and complicated a country as, ours, prefer a professional soldier merely, however upright a man, to an equally brave, though not a professional soldier, whose remarkable aptitude for public affairs had been ample and carefully trained by long experience? If the chief public question at this time be held that of financial administration, would the finances be more wisely managed by the democratic party and Gen. Hancock? If it be the protection of a free ballot, would the security of the voter be greater with the democratic party and Gen. Hancock? If it be administrative would it be more probable under the democratic party and Gen. Hancock? If it be respect for just state rights and prompt, adequate maintenance of National authority, would either be more sure under democratic administration with Gen. Hancock? Has the present republican administration failed in any constitutional duty to sections or to persons, or in the maintenance of the national faith and a sound financial policy? Has it been less honest, less reformatory, less loyal to law, less conservative and respectable, in the truest sense, than a democratic administration with Gen. Hancock would be? If the nomination of Hancock is to be accepted as the surrender of the democratic party to the republican principles, the country will naturally prefer to trust the party which has always held those principles. If it be not such a surrender, then it is only another feint of a party which, in professing loyalty to liberty and an honest vote, always does seem to be feigning. Of the two candidates there can be no doubt which is fitter for office; and of the two parties which they represent, the judgment of the country for twenty years will not be reversed.

Wicked for Clergymen.

Rev.——, Washington, D. C., writes: "I believe it to be all wrong and even wicked for clergymen or other public men to be led into giving testimonials to quack doctors or vile stuffs called medicines, but when a really meritorious article made of valuable remedies known to all, that all physicians use and trust in daily, we should freely commend it. I therefore cheerfully and heartily commend Hop Bitters for the good they have done me and my friends firmly believing they have no equal for family use. I will not be without them."—*New York Baptist Weekly.*

Fruit Trees and Vines.

Those who wish to plant fruit trees and vines this fall, come to the nursery direct and obtain them fresh, and in good order. Prices very reasonable this fall. ROBT. W. FARNAS.

Hancock as a Traitor.

The publication of Frank P. Blair's famous Broadhead letter, by which he secured the Democratic nomination for Vice President in 1868, and of Hancock's letter to Glover, in which he indorsed the action of the Convention and the nomination of Seymour and Blair, is a valuable contribution to current politics. Although an officer in the regular army, and as such forbidden by the duties of his profession to take an active part in politics, Hancock was even then scheming and planning for that nomination which has come to him at last, and, seeking political employment at the hands of the Democracy, he was anxious to commit himself thoroughly to their cause and to assure them that there was no work so dirty and shameful that he would not gladly undertake it for the reward of political preferment.

The job for which he was an unsuccessful bidder twelve years ago was simply treason; treason not one whit less criminal, black-hearted and odious than the crime of secession which had plunged the country late into four years of bloody war and robbed it of ten years of its national prosperity. The crime which Blair planned, and to which Hancock lent his "candid support" was the crime of Davis and Beauregard repeated. The country still reeled and staggered from the shock of that civil war; its citizens, red-handed with the blood of brothers, still grasped and panted with the exertion of battle, at the time when Blair before the Convention, and Hancock in the army, calmly proposed to renew the bloody ordeal, to issue once more the challenge to war, to call back into the two armies every wearied veteran and to force a conscription of all the young blood of the nation, and, handing over the government to the rebels, to lead them to the fray in better condition than when their cannon had awakened the echoes of Charleston harbor in 1861.

It was war, nothing more nor less. Blair's letter meant war between the rebels and the Union men, with the rebels in possession of the White House and the Treasury, the army and navy and the whole Federal Government. He made a plan and clear threat to set aside the amendments and the acts of Congress by force, to substitute for the tribunals to which we have been accustomed the military authority of a Presidential dictator, Under the hypocritical pretense of defending the Constitution he proposed to usurp an authority which the Constitution never conferred on any one man; the single will of the President would decide what acts of the National Congress were legal or not, what State Governments were lawful and what amendments to the Constitution were binding.

It would have been a very bad day for Mr. Blair and for Gen. Hancock if they had ever undertaken to carry out their brilliant programme of treason. Out of the millions of traitors in the rebellion not one was hung for treason, but the clemency of the victors was exhausted, and if the war-wearied country had been compelled to take arms again in its self-defense it would have vindicated the propriety of visiting on the authors of civil war the penalty which falls on so many of the combatants.

What might have been done or not been done is now fortunately only a matter of conjecture, The evil was averted, no thanks to the Democrats. The fates have decided the question at issue. Blair is dead, the amendments against which he fought are no longer questioned, but the reconstruction acts and the loyal State Governments at the South, which were designed to enforce the amendments, have disappeared before the persuasive terrorism of that white Democracy to which Blair appealed. All that is left us of the struggle is the knowledge that we have in Hancock a candidate who is prepared to set aside by the hand of violence legislation which is not in accordance with his construction of the Constitution, and this has a certain importance to-day. That he was a traitor at heart and in purpose twelve years ago will not be denied by any candid reader of the Blair letter or his indorsement of it. He has not said one word nor done one deed since to indicate that he is less of a traitor to-day than when he went out of his way to lend his candid support to treason twelve years ago.—*Globe-Democrat.*

The Mobile (Ala.) *Register* says: "The fact of the South being 'solid' in support of the Democracy is not evidence of hostility to the North, but of opposition to that political organization from whose rule it would free the North." This is very kind in the *Register* and the people of the South. They tried to shoot us free of "that political organization" and failed, and now, before they are asked, propose to vote for a like purpose. History does not furnish an instance of a people whose acts have been more suicidal than the rulers of the South. That they will accomplish their purpose, overriding every principle of honest government, and making a mockery of "a free ballot," may be possible, but it is something yet to be demonstrated. If the "solid support of the Democracy is not evidence of hostility to the North" it is an evidence of hostility to the essential results of the war, and a menance to the rights of the millions of men in the South and North who are compelled to submit to treatment which differs from slavery only in name.—*Inter Ocean.*

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Wade Hampton's speech at Staunton, Va., was not intended for Northern ears, but it is a good reading. He said, upon opening his speech that he came there to consult with them as a "Democrat, as a man, and as a southern soldier." He adjured them by all their traditions to lead again as Virginians, as they had done before, "not always to victory, but always to honor." He declared that with 138 votes of the solid South the Democrats needed only New York and Indiana to elect their President, and added: "Will Virginia, when we have success within our very grasp, sacrifice the Democratic party? will she sacrifice the south? I will not believe it. I stood four years by the side of Virginians, and I know the stuff they are made of. In these four years I never saw them falter." The fight for "four years" was the one against the National Government, of course. Therefore he added: "At this crisis I cannot, I will not think you will prove false to your traditions, recreant to the exalted teachings, the ennobling inspirations of your glorious past." Most people will understand the "glorions past" was the "four years" fight to destroy the flag and the government. The "traditions" were State rights, slave territory, and stronger chains about the limbs of human chattels. Every day and hour, and every utterance of Southern statesmen prove clearly that they are but cherishing the old love and hating anew their old hate. And yet they ask the free North to assist them.—*Inter Ocean.*

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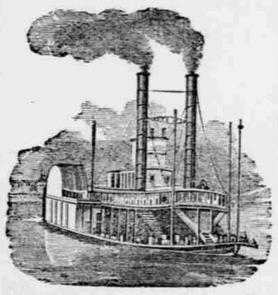

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