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Conrad Debaillon, judge of the Twenty-fifth judicial district, has tendered his resignation to Gov. Nicholls, owing to ill-health and change of residence.

President Harrison has confirmed the appointment of Mrs. General Davis, niece of Jeff Davis, made by Mr. Cleveland, as postmistress at Biloxi, Mississippi.

Raceland, with Snapper Garrison in the saddle, won the Suburban Handicap, at Sheephead Bay, New York, on the 18th inst. They were 25,000 people present; value of the stakes \$10,000.

The Philadelphia Times is to shortly have five printing presses, each of which is to have a capacity of printing two thousand complete newspapers per minute, or six hundred thousand per hour.

Grover Cleveland is the strongest man in the Democratic party. It is believed that a majority of the National Democratic Committee favor the re-nomination of Mr. Cleveland in 1892 with Mr. Brice for the second place on the ticket.

In speaking of the far off presidential contest in 1892, Senator Eastis says he expects to see Southern delegations go to the nominating convention and cast their votes solidly for Cleveland. The Southern people have learned to regard him as their truest and best friend, and it will be a difficult matter to win them away from his camp.

And now we learn that the reports recently circulated, to the effect that Sluggish Sullivan had broken his training with Muldoon, and was off on a big drunk, are not true. Sullivan has declared that he means business with Kilrain, and that this one will be the fight of his life. And we believe John means what he says.

The St. Louis Republic says:—The friction which is believed to be causing a hot-box in the Republican Cabinet at Washington has all arisen from Mr. Blaine's mistaken belief that he was elected Secretary of State, and had, in the legitimate exercise of his prerogative, appointed one Benjamin Harrison, President of the Republic.

Editor Hugh Watson, of the Trinity Herald coincides with the views of Editor Battle, of the Shreveport Caucasian, on the question of white supremacy, and so will nearly all the other editors of Louisiana. The question is, to us, a most important one, and is gradually growing more and more in the minds of the soundest thinkers. We believe the standpoint taken, a most correct one.

UNCLE TOM'S CABIN.—There are many who do not know, says the Times, that the cabin occupied by Uncle Tom, of novel notoriety, stands on Cane river near Chopin station, in Rapides parish, and is owned by the Texas and Pacific railroad. The cabin is within sight from the track and is the one in which Uncle Tom lived when he was seen by the neices of Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe, who visited the house and furnished the authoress of the novel the details upon which the story was constructed and made famous everywhere.

A special to the New Orleans Picayune from Clinton, La., of recent date, says:

The Picayune in an interview today with Capt. T. S. Adams, chairman of the committee of the Farmer's National Alliance, relative to locating a cotton bagging factory in this State, that gentleman said that he was awaiting propositions from points in the State desiring the domicile of the factory. He wishes all who have offers to make him to correspond with him as early as possible on this subject. It will be remarked that Alexandria has offered grounds and ten thousand dollars as a donation. It is understood that Moore, with her new activity, desires to add this industry to her borders and will give thirty thousand dollars in stock or donations.

THE TRUE SOUTHERN POLICY.

Rev. Henry M. Field, a distinguished clergyman of New York, in a recent issue of the Evangelist, published in that city, has an important article on the negro question in the United States. In the course of it he says:—

The giving to the blacks of political power was not included in freedom. The suffrage is quite distinct from personal liberty. Alexander II emancipated twenty millions of serfs in Russia, but that did not give them the right to vote. Neither did it give the right to the freed slaves of America. That was not promised in the emancipation proclamation of Mr. Lincoln; it was the act of Congress, ratified by the States under the excitement of the war, long after Mr. Lincoln was in his grave—an act which I do not believe would have been carried through if he had lived. His rugged common sense would have perceived the fearful danger of committing political power to such untried hands. Here, as in the settlement of the many other difficult questions of reconstruction, the country was made to feel mournfully the want of that large kind, common wisdom. To make the matter worse, not only were the blacks left into the citadel of power, but the whites were shut out. Under the military rule that was for a time imposed upon the Southern States, no man could vote who had taken any part in the rebellion. This virtually excluded the whole white population. The system was taken away from the upper classes and given to the lower. Reason would dictate a course opposite to this. Nature seems to ordain that in political societies, as in all human affairs, intelligence shall rule over ignorance, and civilization over barbarism.

Ignorance was set to rule over intelligence, and barbarism to rule over civilization. The whole frame work of society was turned upside down. That which had been at the top was savagely thrown down and put at the bottom, and the bottom was dug out and put at the top. This, whatever the political necessity that compelled it, I cannot but look upon as anything less than the triumph of barbarism and a crime against civilization.

The poor negro was not to blame in all this. He did not ask for political power, he did not desire the right to vote, he did not even know how to vote intelligently. All these responsibilities were thrust upon him by the ferocious and rapacious politicians of the North, who wished to use the negro to break down and enslave the Southern whites, so that they might be more readily and successfully plundered and impoverished. These whites were humiliated, trodden under the foot of oppression and their country was robbed of all worth taking, but, out of it all, no good came to the negro. He was merely the catspaw. Nevertheless he has learned something in the school of crime into which he had been introduced by his white instructors in evil. He had before that been an amiable, good-natured being somewhat given to petty thieving, but pretty generally free from serious crimes. In the school of the Republican politicians he had finally come to be distinguished as a murderer, a robber and a ravisher. This is what the Republican politicians have made of the negro.

The negro has been changed by a single act of legislation from the political condition of a slave to that of a free citizen, but nothing was done, if it were possible for anything to be done, to change his ignorance and brutality into the qualities that should belong to a freeman endowed with all the rights of self-government. The fanatics and malignants who brought about this state of things have never ceased their efforts to use the negro as a weapon to strike down the Southern whites, even at the cost of the negro's own destruction. They know he is not fit to be intrusted with political power, but then he is just so much the more fit for their wicked purposes. There are, however, Northern men who appreciate these facts, and they speak through such a distinguished medium as Rev. Dr. Field. We continue our quotations from his important paper. After citing numerous incidents illustrating the nullness of the negro as a suffragan, the Doctor breaks out:

In such hands the suffrage is a farce—not a farce in the sense that it is only a subject of laughter, but a horrible farce, in which the stake placed for in this tossing of the dice is the government of a people that profess to be civilized. In the effect of a general demoralization of both races, whites and blacks, one of which thinks it no harm to buy what the other is so ready to sell. So general has this buying and selling become, that many have told me that it was absolutely impossible to have an honest vote, and they had given it up in despair. In Jacksonville, Florida, a better class of people have become so disgusted with popular elections that they have petitioned the Legislature to take the business off their hands, and have their city officers appointed by the Governor.

From buying votes it is but a step to fraud in counting them, which is cheaper and quite as effective. Or ballot boxes emptied of the "wrong" votes, and stuffed with the "right" kind. There is but one step further—to intimidation, when men come to the polls with shot-guns, not of course to do any mischief but as a gentle hint to the other side that it might be safer to retire into the woods or to their cabins, and leave the business of electing public officers to those who understand it better.

All this has created such a feeling that we hear a loud cry for the General Government to interfere to secure a free and honest ballot at the South. This might well set us at the North to thinking whether we are not responsible for this complication of affairs. We have forced universal suffrage upon the South, and now are asked to step in to save it from the natural consequence of our own blunders and mistakes.

Have we well considered what it means to "regulate elections" at the South? Do we mean to send an army there, and have soldiers stand guard at the polls? That experiment has been tried with a result that is not encouraging. After the war the Southern States were under military government. Generals who were brave in fighting battles, but who had a limited experience in civil life, were put over them, and undertook to rule the South as a conquered country. For eight years

General Grant was President, with power to re-enforce the action of his lieutenants and if he chose put the whole South under martial law. What was the result? That the former masters were governed by their servants, while the latter were governed by a set of adventurers and plunderers. The history of those carpet-baggers is one which we cannot recall without indignation and shame. After such an experience, the North will be very careful how it tries the experiment again.

It is quite natural that the colored people of the South, if they feel that they are reduced to insignificance by the management of political affairs, should turn to the North to help them out. They are a dependent race, accustomed to lean on the shoulders of their masters, not only for support, but for guidance in everything; and now that this dependence is taken away, they turn to the North for sympathy and aid. To say that the North feels for them, is a very mild way of putting it; it feels deeply for any disabilities or hardships that arise out of their new position. But what can it do? It can help them in the way of education; it can give money for schools and colleges; but it cannot interfere in political and social affairs.—That the South would resent, as we should resent, any outside interference with the affairs of its city or State of New York. We have many things that are had in the counting of votes, but we do not call on the National Government to put them down. That is our business. We believe in home rule, and if that is the law in New York, so it must be in Georgia and Mississippi. As to its internal affairs, the South must work out its own salvation.

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The Bayou Sara Industrial News gives aid intelligence. Owing to continued illness Bishop Galleher has recalled his appointments for visitation throughout the diocese. Shortly after the shock and bruises received in the buggy accident, while in company with Dr. Pugh near Napoleonville, the Bishop was seized with an attack of his chronic malady, gastralgia, which manifested itself with symptoms of unusual severity and he is still under the care of physicians. The Bishop's case has baffled medical science to comprehend. Not only the leading physicians of this country, but also those of Europe, have been consulted to little purpose.—[New Orleans Item.

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