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## CORRECTION.

Speaker Reed has had a \$50,000 appropriation put through Congress to aid him in re-electing to his seat. On the face, it is an appropriation to re-establish an abandoned navy yard in Reed's district.

The *New Mexican* insists that the Republican party made an excellent record in the 28th Legislative Assembly. Max probably has references to the fifteen thousand dollar steal which the Republican party of that body voted him, but which the "boodie Democratic governor" knocked him out of, all the same, with his little veto.

The *Santa Fe New Mexican* offers an excuse for the outrageous nepotism in high official places under the present Republican administration of affairs in this territory by quoting a long list of similar instances under the preceding Democratic administration. Such excuses do not answer in this part of the Territory. [See June Index.]

There may be a certain kind of logic in that style of argument, where the allegations of like conduct are true. In this case, however, the logic fails, as there is no truth in the *New Mexican's* charges. So they really amount to nothing but a confession without the avoidance.

The fact is noted that many southern cities are shown by the recent census to have made wonderful growth within ten years past. Memphis has grown from 33,000 to 75,000, Nashville from 43,000 to 72,000, Dallas from 10,000 to 39,000, Chattanooga from 13,000 to 55,000, Fort Worth from 6,000 to 31,000, Houston from 16,000 to 33,000, Atlanta from 37,000 to 65,000 and Chattanooga from 13,000 to 46,000. Yet during these ten years, immediately preceding every general election, scarcely a Republican paper in the North has failed to raise the dismal howl of persecution of the Republicans of the south, and pictured those states as rioting in blood and anarchy. These figures tell their own story. What is true of the cities named is practically true of the entire south. Any sane man can see that such prosperity and development would be impossible under the condition of turmoil alleged by the Republican fire eaters to exist there.

## NOT MORE THAN HE WANTED.

President Harrison the other day got a good deal of unexpected but very wholesome advice about the force election bill, which he is urging Congress to pass.

One of the best known Republicans in the South—a man of large interests, formerly a member of Congress—was in Washington and called at the White House to see the President. During his conversation with Mr. Harrison, the latter remarked that he understood the gentleman was to be a candidate for Congress again this fall. The gentleman said no, he had no such intention.

"Why," the President said, "I was told that you intended to run no later than last week."

"Well, I had made up my mind to do so a few weeks ago, but I have since abandoned my intention."

The President expressed regret, and inquired the cause of the Southern man's change in plans. The gentleman answered that the change had been brought about by the agitation over the prospect of the passage of the Federal election law. "If that law is passed," he frankly told the President "I am convinced that there is no chance whatever for the election of a Republican in the South this fall. The sudden and rapid growth of the Farmers' Alliance movement in several of the Southern States gave the Republicans great hopes for a time. The Democrats were becoming badly split up and we saw a chance to make big gains, but as soon as the Federal election law agitation began the Democrats drew together again, and so much feeling has already been developed in the South that no Republican will have much of a chance of election. The South will be more solid than ever. The bill is passed no Farmers' Alliance movement or anything else will keep the Democrats apart."

The President was evidently unprepared for anything of this kind and did not seem disposed to prolong the conversation.

## THE REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE AND STATEHOOD.

The Republican Central Committee of the Territory had a meeting at Silver City a few days ago, the Chairman, Judge Axtell, presiding and making a speech. The *Enterprise* says "the judge made an excellent argument in favor of statehood," and then proceeds to give the substance of some of the points of that argument. Conspicuous among them was, that if we reject the pending Constitution we are disgraced in the face of the whole world as having "voted ourselves unworthy of freedom." That remark expressed the general tenor of the judge's speech, and in it he simply begged the question. He made no argument based on any of the features of the Constitution, attempted no explanation or defence of its many controverted and obnoxious provisions, but summed all that up by the bland assurance that it was as good or better than the Constitutions of the new states recently admitted.

Whether true or not, there was no argument in that. Merely because other communities choose to adopt defective constitutions, if such be the case, is no reason why we should imitate their bad example. The judge had better have explained why it is that this Constitution prohibits the levy of a sufficient tax for the support of schools—why it disfranchises a considerable proportion of the people in voting taxes for schools, and especially why it prohibits the bonding the school district for the erection of school houses.

These are very serious defects in this Constitution, and there are others quite as serious, relating to other matters. All these, however, are glossed over and attempted to be hidden by the very indefinite and unsatisfactory assurance that this Constitution was considered by members of Congress as a more able document than those which the Dakotas, Washington and Montana were admitted under. If true, the fact is so much the worse for the Dakotas, Washington and Montana. So far as his arguments for statehood are concerned, there can be no controversy, but his argument for the pending Constitution fell far below his ability as a speaker and a logician.

He promised that a copy of the Constitution shall be placed within the reach of every voter, before election. It is sincerely to be hoped that this will be done. If there are any doubts now of its rejection, that will be sufficient to ensure its defeat.

Col. Chavez made a speech, and the *Enterprise* was very unkind in calling attention to his record on the Kistler school bill, by saying that "the Colonel has always been an earnest and zealous friend to the free public school." He exemplified in the last Legislature the kind of a friend he is to free public schools, when, as President of the Council he gave the finishing blow to the Kistler bill, during the last moments of the session, and when, too, he could have made it a law by the breath of his mouth, but instead, absolutely and to all appearances intentionally killed it.

Col. Fountain, too, made a speech, and "dwelt particularly upon the school question." Instinctively, the minds of his hearers must have reverted to the records of the House of Representatives where he, as Speaker of the House, and in one of the last votes he gave in that session, voted with the enemies of the Kistler bill, on a proposition that clearly involved, and was so understood, the death of the bill. Yet he had the brazen impudence to assure the Silver City people that he did everything in his power for the passage of that bill, and was always for free schools! Gov. Prince appears to have made the speech of the evening, but his discussion was mainly confined to the advantages of statehood over a territorial condition, on which few people will take issue with him. There was no argument in that.

Quite a number of the western states, notably Wisconsin and

Kansas, rejected constitutions that had been framed under authority of Congressional enabling acts, and were soon afterwards admitted under constitutions framed by volunteer conventions unauthorized by Congress. They rejected the Constitutions first framed and proposed under the authority of Congress because they thought they could do better, and did do better, and Congress endorsed their judgment and action by admitting them under the Constitutions so framed.

It is one thing to be admitted under an ill-considered Constitution that will require years to correct and adapt to the needs of a growing, developing community, and quite another to wait till a Constitutional Convention can be had not dominated by Spanish grant claimants and enemies to public schools, and get a Constitution that will not have to be apologized for and defended, and on which amendatory machinery will not have to be immediately set in motion.

A satisfactory condition of statehood will be much sooner reached by the latter plan.

If the friends of the pending Constitution have no better material than was exhibited at this meeting, to send out campaigning for their bantling, they had better take down their flag and recall the election.

## HOW THEY HELD THE NEGRO VOTE.

A very good illustration of the cunning and successful manner in which Republican leaders so long deceived and led captive the colored people of this country, occurred in the senate chamber immediately upon the close of the Johnson impeachment trial.

A number of colored clergymen had been admitted to the floor of the senate chamber on the last day of the proceedings, when the final vote on the impeachment was taken. They were standing in a row against the wall on what was known as the Republican side, immediately behind the seats of Chandler, Howard, Wade, Sumner, and other ardent impeachers.

Immediately upon the announcement of the vote of acquittal of the President, one of them, an elderly man, threw up his hands and cried in the bitterness and agony of his disappointment "Oh! My God! what will we poor colored people do now! We must all go back into slavery!"

They had been told this so often by their Republican patrons that they firmly believed it. To them, and it has been so to a good degree till now, the failure of any scheming political purpose of the Republican leaders, was an unfailing sign of their return to slavery.

## THEN AND NOW—THE DIFFERENCE.

Congressman Lodge, of Massachusetts, the putative author of the pending Federal election bill, to take charge of elections in the states, had this to say of the Force bill which the Republican party in Congress tried to pass in 1875, but which was defeated by Sam Randall, aided by Speaker Blaine: "We have been incessantly led to regard a violation of State rights with indifference, if not with approval. The principle of State's rights is vital and essential as the national principle itself. If the former, carried to extremes, means anarchy, the latter, carried to like extremes, means centralization and despotism. So long as we have the strong barrier of the States we are safe from usurpation and plebeian rule. Here in the North, State's rights have naturally become words of evil significance, and are even used to revile political opponents. This is not only bad in itself, but it involves an amount of historical hypocrisy which is intolerable."

But the scene is changed now, fifteen years later and Mr. Lodge is fully convinced of the need of perpetuating the rule of the Republican party, and that to that end, if need be, state rights must go to the wall.

It is impossible to believe that the majority of the Republican editors in New Mexico are fools, because they are not, and we must draw the decision that they are deliberately trying to deceive the miser when they deliberately mislead the common people. We all can read simple English and it was plainly that after July 1891 that the coinage of silver shall stop, except at the option of the secretary of the treasury, who is under the control of the gold bugs. We must take the coinage of silver. [See Sec. 471.]

Tom. Catron in reading the resolutions in favor of free schools for New Mexico before the Republican League, reminds us very forcibly of the deaf muting the sculptor. What was? [Blank.]

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There is no sentiment on the republican side of the House favoring New Mexico's admission as a state. [Blank.]

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The righteous indignation of Tom Catron and his crowd as exhibited in their resentment of congressional interference in a domestic affair in New Mexico, sounds funny. It reminds us very vividly of the school yard bullies who cried when the teacher kept them in at recess, and would not let them bully-rag the weaker ones. Brodley Catron has not in long enough while to learn the national lawmakere, a disability which he feels keenly. He may yet have to pay "taxes to educate the paupers of Cerrillos." [Optic.]

Mrs. Clark has resigned the position of warden of the penitentiary. She resigns as a reason for her action that she could no longer endure the place; that she had no authority over the "lady prisoners," that they treated her with ill-disguised contempt; that the prison authorities apparently paid no heed to her reports respecting the impudent conduct of the prisoners nominally in her charge. Further than this she refuses to talk. Mrs. Clark is a most estimable lady, enjoying the respect of all who know her, and unquestionably she faithfully endeavored to discharge her whole duty as warden. But how could she maintain discipline when her orders were scornfully disobeyed and duplicate keys of her department were in the possession of her prisoners? Decent Republicans must be proud of the New Mexico penitentiary management. [Sun.]

A surgeon in Paris has succeeded in restoring an idiot child to a degree of intelligence equal to that of the average child of her age. She was a little girl about four years old with a deformed head and mentally in a complete state of idiocy. The surgeon attributed her unfortunate condition to the curious narrowness of her head, which might, he thought, retard the growth of her brain. Believing that, if this were the case, she might be relieved by a surgical operation, he removed a piece of her skull. The little creature has had no improvement immediately. In a few days she was able to walk—something she had never done before—and since then she has developed into a tolerably bright and interesting child. If surgical operations can cure idiocy there is a large field open for the surgeons. A large corps of them might operate on the craniums of the farmers who vote for a protective tariff. [Chicago Herald.]

One of our exchanges speaks of our old friend Gov. Ross as "a democrat for revenue," which shows that the editor don't know the governor pretty well. Ross is not a democrat for revenue. We have known him about fifty years and can truthfully say that he was never anything for revenue. He is a democrat from pure cynicism—nothing else. He don't believe in democratic principles and democratic men, nor the party, but he is so full of selfishness as a man can walk he hence he is a democrat. Horace Greeley, who was a democratic nominee for the presidency, said: "I don't mean to say that all democrats are here and here thieves, but show me a liar and honest thief and I will show you a democrat." Now, of course we don't mean to say that Ross is a mean man, on the contrary we know him better, and it is only democrats that say so, any way, but he is associating with some who are not free from suspicion of being—well, democrats anyhow; but he derives no revenue from such associations. Gov. Ross is a while, when the ex-Governor's liver hangs down, he goes out away from home, seeks republican friends for a quiet social drink or game of draw, and he at those times feels that the world is fair and bright and that no mistake was made in the earlier architecture; but when his old type returns and his liver and disquiet get mixed up with his other internal arrangements he gets to seeing like Mr. Lovingson's old dad, who tried to get honest and made a fool of himself, but there's no revenue in it for Ross. [Byler's Stock-News.]

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