

A Negro Empire in the South.

SINGULAR OFFSHOOT OF THE FREEDMEN'S BUREAU.

A correspondent of the New York Herald, writes from Jacksonville, Florida, under date of May 23, an account of the freedmen in the Sea Islands. We extract the following account of a negro empire that was established there:

A full-blooded negro, named Tunia G. Campbell, a son of a preacher hailing from New Brunswick, British America, possessed of some little education and much cunning and unbounded ambition, was appointed an agent of the bureau, under Gen. Saxton, and assigned to the charge of St. Catherine's and Ossawabaw islands, at that time occupied exclusively by negroes who had lived there as slaves and by colored refugees who had come there to avail themselves of Gen. Sherman's order.

A very simple form of government had been improvised for their guidance, and some three or four of their number had been appointed to see just as done among them. The system of government was far too simple for Mr. Campbell's ideas. He at once upon the spot turned the old resident negroes out of their cabins, telling them they were only "runaways," but that they (the new comers) were "American citizens." He then set to work and organized a little empire of his own, taking for his model the Constitution of the United States, but reserving therein as strong a spirit of autocratic power for himself that he was ever afterwards known and spoken of as the Tycoon.

I had the felicity while in St. Catherine's of looking into the laws and constitution of the empire. There was a Senate composed of eight members—four elected from the north side of the island and four from the south; a House of Representatives, comprising twenty members—ten representing the north and ten the south. There was a Supreme Court and a Court of Common Pleas. There were magistrates, sheriff, town clerks, constables, and every office down to a roadmaster. It was provided that all bills must originate with the House of Representatives, be passed by the Senate, and approved by the Superintendent (Tycoon). A majority of two-thirds carried a measure over the head of the Senate; but the right of veto was in all cases reserved to the Superintendent.

This saying clause was repeated with emphatic iteration at the end of every important article of the constitution. This chief justice of the supreme court was empowered, among other duties to preside in the police court, in conjunction with the superintendent, and to charge five and twenty cents each for the issuing of summonses. Appeals from his decision might be taken to the supreme court (in conjunction with the superintendent). To secure due observance of these regulations, King Campbell raised a standing army, placed guards and pickets around the coast and forbade any white man to land under penalty of his life. Everything being thus established to his satisfaction, he convened his cabinet and issued the following:

PROCLAMATION.

Whereas we, through the goodness of God, the Supreme Being, have prospered upon this island, and whereas we feel now the influence of the beam of freedom, which we have emancipated from God.

Therefore I, Tunia G. Campbell, agent of the bureau of freedmen, refugees and abandoned lands for St. Catherine's and Ossawabaw islands, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the President of the United States and Brig. Gen. Saxton, do issue this my proclamation, that the people do assemble on Dec. 5, 1865, at their churches, and invoke Divine aid and return thanks for his great mercy in delivering us from the bond of slavery, and all other mercies vouchsafed to us.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal.

TUNIA G. CAMPBELL, Supt. HOWARD, Secy.

It was only with great difficulty that Gen. Tilson succeeded in depositing Tycoon Campbell from his throne and reducing him to the subordinate position he was more qualified to fill. First he was marched to Savannah, where he was playing the humble role of delegate to the convention of the African Episcopal Church, assembled in that city. He seemed to bear his misfortunes with placid equanimity, contenting himself by insinuating groundless charges against the agent of the bureau who had succeeded him. I saw, also, at Sapelo Island, the ex-Chief Justice of the Supreme Court—a full-blooded Congo, attired in a brown mottled blouse, dark trousers and dirty shirt, but bearing within an aspect of dignified reserve which Mr. Chase himself could hardly surpass. I restrained my risible tendencies, not knowing whether Congress might not soon relegate him in his judicial position, and thus subject me to the dire pains and penalties of a contempt of court.

Wilken's Spirit record the sale of another flying contriver, a Massachusetts by name, by Ethan Allen out of Pocatontos. The price was \$20,000. It is stated that she went a mile in harness in two minutes and twenty-five seconds, and the usual time allowed between mile heats, repeated in two minutes and twenty-eight seconds.

Home-bred Proverbs.

Good proverbs are excellent things. They are to sensible conversation what good sauce is to fine well-cooked meat. One of the authors of mis-spell and quaint letters—Josh Billings—has put forth a few that will pass for very good. We quote them:

It is highly important, when a man makes up his mind to be a rascal, that he should examine himself closely, and see if he ain't better constructed for a phool.

Real happiness don't consist so much in what a man don't hav, as it dux in what he don't want.

We are ap to hate them who won't take our advice, and despise them who do.

There are a grate multitude of individuals who are like blind mules, anxious enough to kick, but kan't tell whare.

There is two things in this life for which we are never tully prepared, and that is twize.

Marrin for love ma be a little risky, but it is very honest.

It is dreadful easy to be a phool—a man can be one and not know it.

Gravity is very often mistakin for wisdom, but there is as much difference as there is between a guide board and the man who maid it.

What a man spends in this life he saves; what he don't get want ment for him, and what he saves, he loses.

A man running for office puts me in mind of a dog that's lost—the smells of everybody he meets and wags his tail all over.

Rize arly, work hard and late, liv on what you kant sell, giv nothing awa, and if you don't die rich, and go to the devil, you ma sue me for damages.

A Fable.—Two neighbors whose names were Self and Will, attempted to cross a stream from opposite sides, upon a foot bridge so narrow as to allow of but a single footman at the same time. They met about midway of the stream, where each insisted that the other must turn back and give the right of the way. Each claimed to be first on the bridge, and maintained his ground as a principle. Each contended for this right as a matter of principle, which would allow of no concession. Each pleaded urgent and important business. Will felt himself morally bound to maintain his rights. Self could not in conscience make concession without sacrificing his honest convictions. Argument resulted in angry words, and from hard words they soon came to blows, and in the struggle to maintain each his own rights, both fell together in the stream. Each with much difficulty gained the shore, exhausted and shivering from a cold bath. Each censured himself with the idea of personal suffering for righteousness' sake; and both became better enemies for life.

While they were muttering revenge upon each other, two other neighbors, named Love and Kindness, met in like circumstances upon the same bridge. It was a meeting of glad surprise. They exchanged cheerful and happy greetings, and each insisted on yielding the right of way to his brother. Each desired to be first in the concession; and to carry out each other's principles, both twice crossed the bridge together. After a friendly chat, they parted company, finding in their experience a practical reason for the injunction, "Let each esteem the other better than himself."

A Great Land Slide.—The Yreka Journal, published in Siskiyou county, in the Northern part of California, contains the following: "An immense slide of ground descended last week from the top of the mountain south of Deadwood Creek, damming up the creek sufficiently to create a reservoir sixty feet deep. The slide came in a solid body, slipping along on a soapy clay formation, upon which the whole mountain rests. The slide traveled a distance of about a quarter of a mile, and held together so compact that it even roved the slides and logs out of the creek without damaging them. For two days and nights the creek was held above the slide, where it was fifty yards from bank to bank, with about one thousand inches of water running. On the morning of the third day the water commenced running over the slide and coursing rapidly through the trees, which remained in the same position they were in on the top of the mountain before the slide.

As there is no station in life, however exalted, which can secure a man the approbation of the wise and good when he descends to mean and dishonorable deeds, so no condition in human life, however humble, will prove as a barrier to true eminence, when vigorous and honorable principles are the mainspring of all our actions.

A Paris correspondent tells of a lady riding in an open carriage in a crowded street, and wearing a very small bonnet with very large artificial vegetables upon it. An ill-dressed horse behind, deceived by appearances, stretched out his neck and nibbled. The horse, hopeful and hungry, bit deeper into the deceptive provender, and finally bit off the back part of the lady's head which was within his reach.

The total number of Senators and Representatives who have had seats in Congress since the adoption of the Constitution is 4,012; the 21 Free States having sent 2,610 members, and the fifteen slave states, 1,402 members. With regard to the more proper names, it has been ascertained that the Smith family have had 49 members in Congress, while the Johnsons number 29, the Browns 27, the Whites 22, the Thompsons 21, the Jones 20, the Wilsons 20, the Millers 15, the Moores 15, and the Taylors 15. To specify the places of nativity and the professions of the whole 4,012 Congressmen, would be more curious than profitable, but by way of approximating to a full statement we may glance at the present Thirty-ninth Congress. Of the 239 members in both houses, 70 were born in New England, 49 in New York, while the remainder are about equally divided between the Middle and Western States, excepting two born in Ireland, one in Scotland, one in Bavaria, and one in Canada. On the score of professions the law claims a large majority, while printers and newspaper men number no less than fourteen members.

Mexican Times Newspaper.—It is stated that ex-Governor Allen's paper, at the city of Mexico, has, by his will, passed into the hands of Jno. N. Edwards, one of Joe Shelby's soldiers. He is also the recipient of \$12,000 money in bank, and a third interest in the Conkha Brothers' great American Circus. Mr. Edwards is a good writer, and has had considerable newspaper experience. He will support the Empire, but discarded political questions. Mr. Edwards went from Virginia with quite a young man, and was at one time engaged in a printing office in Leesburg.—N. O. Picayune.

Value of Real Estate in London.

The Wesleyan Methodists, some time ago, built a hall in Bishopsgate street, London, a freehold, which cost them \$35,000. They have been recently offered \$157,000 for the property. In the course of evidence given recently before the Deputy-Recorder of London, it was stated that land near St. Paul's churchyard was worth £1,000,000 per acre.

Shreveport Prices Current.

News Office, June 25, 1866. Our quotations for Cotton are about the same as last issue, say:

Ordinary, —@14; Good Ordinary 16@18; Low Middling, 19@20 Middling, 20@21. The following quotations are obtained from the principal houses in our city, being their wholesale prices in currency. They are strictly correct.

Sugar—12@15 1/2 c. lb. Molasses—\$9.50 c. gal. Flour—\$10.00 c. 25 00 c. bbl. Bacon—16@20 c. lb. Coffee—20@22 c. lb. Whisky—Rectified, \$2.50 c. Texas \$2@2 1/2 c. gal. Candles—25@28 c. lb. Corn—1 1/2 @ 2 c. bushel. Hops—20@25 c. lb. Rope—20@25 c. lb. Nails—\$8@9 c. keg. Potatoes—\$1@1 1/2 c. bushel. Oil—Lard, \$2@2 1/2 c. 50 lb. gal. Petroleum—\$1 1/2 @ 1 3/4 c. gallon. Wool in Shreveport, Full Blood—Clean, 20@25 c. lb. One-half to Three-fourths Blood—16@20 c. lb. Native—10@12 c. lb. Barry Wool, 4 prices, according to quality and order. Dry Hides, 60 c. per pound, per pound, 35 c. per pound. Hideswax, 25 @ 26 c. per pound. Tallow, 8 c. per pound.

New Orleans Prices Current.

Cotton—Ordinary, 25@30 c. Good Ordinary, 32@34 Low Middling 35@37; Middling, —@40 Sugar—Common, 12@14 c. fully fair, 14@15; white clarified, 16@17 c. Flour—Superfine, \$10; Choice; superfine, —; low extra, \$11—c choice extra \$16@17 c. bbl. Hay—\$2 1/2 c. ton. Oats—50 c. bushel. Corn—\$1.15 c. per 100 lbs. Pork—Mess., \$3 1/2 @ 4 c. bbl. Bacon—23 c. Tagging—Indian, 29 c. lb. yard. Rope—15 c. lb. Coffee—Rio, 29 c. lb. Salt—Liverpool coarse \$1.00 c. sack.

CATTLE MARKET.

Beef—Western choice, —@ 6 c. lb. Western 1st quality, 47@—c. Western, 2d and 3d, 44@—c. 3d quality, —@ 42@44 c. Texas, choice, —@ 42@44 c. 2d quality, —@ 40@42 c. 3d, —@ 38@40 c. Fat Cattle—57@62 c. head. Hogs—16@21 c. lb. gross. Sheep—\$2.50@4 c. head. Money—Gold 147 1/2 @ Silver 135. The following are the quotations for bank notes: Bank of Louisiana, 60@65 Louisiana State Bank —@ 82 1/2 Bank of New Orleans, 93@97 Crescent City Bank, 93@97 Merchants' Bank, 87@90 Union Bank 93 @97 Mechanics' and Traders' Bank, redeem in legal tender United States notes; Citizens' Bank notes, paid in legal tender notes; Canal Bank notes paid in the same; Corporation issues range from 7 to 1 1/2 c.

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Witness the contrary. A gentleman whose position has been prominent among us, and whose character is beyond reproach, visited Boston, going from this city.

The Mayor was delegated to do him honor, and to show him the curiosities of the place. Among these curiosities was the first volume of a New England paper, long since dead. The Orleansian turns open the covers, and the very first thing that caught his eye was an advertisement for the recovery of a runaway slave.

How little the errors we ourselves have committed teach us charity for the short-comings of others. It is the same old story of the mote and beam. O tempora, O mores.—N. O. Times.

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