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Prof. Fontaine.

We beg leave to remind our fellow-citizens along the line of the proposed extension of the Shenandoah Valley Railroad, from Waynesboro' to some point at or near Lexington, that the time is near at hand when Prof. Fontaine will begin his geological and mineralogical explorations in the mountains and other places where minerals are to be found along that line. It is hoped that the intelligent people along his route of investigation will remember the importance of the great work in which Prof. Fontaine is about to engage, and that they will extend to him such courtesy and hospitality and assistance as are due to a gentleman of high character and eminent scientific attainments, and that they will give him all the information in regard to minerals, &c., in their respective neighborhoods, and afford to him every facility for locomotion and investigation which may be in their power.

The best interests of the county, and indeed of the State at large, are intimately connected with his work. Should his report of the extent of the mineral deposits in the South Mountain and its spurs be such as we have reason to believe it will be, it will go to the world on the wings of the wind, and a rapid influx of population and large investments of capital will soon follow. We believe that in ten years from this time the country referred to will be one of the richest and most prosperous in the Union.

The Republican Administration Senator from Virginia.

The Washington *Republican*, edited by Geo. C. Gorham, the special Republican champion of Mahone, calls Mahone the "administration Senator from Virginia," and dares "any Republican" "to advise the President to disregard the counsels or doubt the information he may receive from the administration Senator from Virginia." The *Republican* recognizes Mahone as the great "Sir oracle" of the Republican party, and when "he opes his mouth let no dog bark." The old-line Republicans must shut up and take back seats in silence, whilst Mahone will take charge of the Republican party, and engineer it so as to make it subserve the purposes of his own ambition for power, and the gratification of his own revenge. The Republican party has now got the "Old Man of the Sea" upon its shoulders, and it will soon regret it, and will be anxious to get rid of him, but we hope he will stick closer to it than a brother, and that he will choke it to death. He will rule or ruin it, for, like his illustrious and ambitious prototype, "he would rather rule in hell than serve in Heaven."

Judge R. W. Hughes--Solid South.

Judge Robert W. Hughes repeats the declaration of his belief that "unless the Solid South is broken up the Democrats will be likely to succeed in the Presidential election of 1884." He relies upon the policy of Mahone to break the Solid South and to save the Republican party from defeat in 1884. He is the ablest Republican of this State, and yet persons calling themselves Democrats and the opponents of the Republican party, are aiding Mahone to do that which Hughes says is necessary to ensure the success of the Republican party. The Republicans recognize the followers of Mahone as their allies, and upon them and their policy they rely for the success of the Republican party.

COALITION—READJUSTERS AND REPUBLICANS.—The Charlottesville *Jeffersonian* says that the county committees of the Republican and Readjuster parties held a joint conference in Charlottesville on Saturday week, for the purpose of forming a combination for the May elections. It seems that a proposition has been made by the Readjusters to the Republicans to unite with them in the Spring contest and share the spoils.

It is about time for every Democratic Readjuster to forsake the party that is leading them into the Republican party. If you are a Republican, have the candor and independence to say so, but if a Democrat, act with the Democratic party.

ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS.—What means the assemblage at Washington of so many followers of Mahone seeking office from Republicans? Does it not show that these office-seekers have been all the time working for the Republican party, whilst professing to be Democrats and concerned particularly about the readjustment of the State debt? This is true of the assumed leaders, but not of the honest masses, who will now lose no time in repudiating such false leaders.

ASLEEP ON THE TRACK.—The *Mountain Herald* says that Dan. Scruggs, brakeman on a freight train on the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway, was sent out last Friday week, near McKendree station, to flag an approaching train. He seated himself on the track, and soon fell asleep, from which he was rudely aroused by an engine that knocked him off the track, cutting his head terribly and bruising him so severely that it will be many weeks before he is fit for duty again.

MAHONE STATE CONVENTION.—At a meeting in Richmond on last Wednesday of the State Executive Committee of the Mahone party, a call for a State Convention to nominate candidates for Governor, Lt. Governor, and Attorney General was made to meet in Richmond on the 2nd of June—the representation to be on the basis of one delegate to every 2,000 of population.

A DISTINCTION WITH A DIFFERENCE.—Following Mahone when a professed Democratic Readjuster, and following Mahone since he has acted with the Republican party, are quite different, and honest Democratic Readjusters, who have been deceived by him will follow him no longer. Their self-respect and political consistency forbid it.

GEN. GRANT AND GEN. LEE.—Gen. Grant says that, at Gen. Lee's surrender, "there was no demand for General Lee's sword, and no tender of it offered."

Mahone had the floor in the Senate for yesterday morning, when, we suppose, he made a speech in reply to Senator Johnston's speech of Friday.

Mahone's Somersault.

As the Warrenton *Index* says, "Gen. Mahone's democracy and conservatism were not questioned until he commenced to dicker with Republicans.—Four years ago he was a candidate for Governor in a Conservative Convention. Two years ago he masqueraded in Conservative uniform. The negro delegates in the Legislature stripped him of this when they explained the votes they cast in that body in an address to their race. Since then he attempted the difficult role of holding antagonizing elements together by an independent electoral ticket. He was beaten at that game in a Republican Convention, and subsequently forced, in obedience to Democratic Readjuster sentiment—the very same that had combined with negro delegates to elect him to the U. S. Senate—to support Hancock and English. That is the sentiment he has outraged this week by obstructing a resolution to organize the U. S. Senate on a Democratic basis. The somersault he has made has been from a Conservative Readjuster to a Republican Readjuster. It is reported he has done this to obtain control of the patronage of Virginia to be used in the campaign next fall.—Certain it is that he is in high feather at court, the recipient of Republican congratulations and floral gifts from the "White House," and that his house is beset by those who expect that "thrift will follow fawning." Whether the report of bargain and sale be true or false the effect will be the same. Those who trade upon negro votes believe it, the negroes themselves believing it are petitioning him to take charge of their interests; and the probabilities are the Democratic Conservative party will have to oppose Mahone in the next canvass backed by the Federal Administration. The Administration may not oust Republican office-holders and give their places to Democratic Readjusters; but it may force them, whether Readjusters or not, to co operate with Mahone or give place to some one who will. Our judgment is, all will give in their adhesion, and the Democratic Conservative party will have to take position to meet a combination the most formidable perhaps that has presented itself since the days of reconstruction. It not only threatens to compromise the credit of the State, but its civilization."

The Washington *Post* says that "the Virginia Democrats can make short-work of the trader Mahone if they have the requisite courage and energy.

All that is needed is to make it plain that Mr. Mahone proposes, with a few Federal offices, to corrupt enough white Virginians to enable him, with the solid vote of the negroes, to turn the State over to the tender mercies of Conkling, Cameron and Hoar.

Virginia is not a rich State. She suffered greatly from the war, and has not yet recuperated. Her people are poor, but they are not mercenary. They have borne accumulating misfortunes with fortitude, steadily endeavoring to work out an honorable redemption.

Mr. Mahone—accidental Senator—cannot sell them and their honor for pelf or power. Neither can he transfer them as so many voting cattle by indirect means, if they are but warned of his purpose. They should be roused from their sluggishness and confronted with the danger that threatens them."

SUDDEN DEATH OF AN EDITOR.—Mr. John Taylor Crow, who has been for a long time managing editor of the Baltimore *Sun*, died in Baltimore Wednesday evening last after an illness of only a few hours, of cerebral apoplexy resulting from indigestion, aged 58 years and 3 months.

His special qualification as a journalist made his services very valuable to the *Sun*, and his place will be difficult to fill.

Mr. Crow was three times married, his widow by the latest marriage surviving him. He was united to his first wife, Chloe Ann Boucher, at Georgetown, in 1845. She lived less than a year after marriage, leaving a son, who survives. His second wife, whom he wedded ten years later, was Mary E. Owens, of Cecil county, Md.; she died in 1860, leaving a daughter. On February 1, 1881, Mr. Crow married Miss Sue W. Hubard, of Buckingham county, Va., daughter of the late Hon. Edward W. Hubard.

THE WHIG SEVERE UPON THE READJUSTERS.—The Richmond *Whig*, owned and controlled by Mahone, is very severe upon the Democratic Readjusters. Mahone has marched into the Republican camp, and the Richmond *Whig*, in addressing the Readjusters, says:

"The course of our great Senator at Washington has thrilled the popular heart with admiration and enthusiasm, and now is a most favorable moment to rally our veterans and enlist recruits."

Of what stuff does the *Whig* think Democratic Readjusters are made? Are they thrilled with "admiration" when a Democrat, whom they have followed, turns a Democratic Senate over to the control of the Republican party? Are they to "enlist recruits" for the Republican party? They will resent the insult.

MEETING OF TEACHERS OF NORMAL SCHOOLS.—The teachers of the State Normal Schools will meet in July, in the town of Abingdon, in Southwest Virginia. The whole number is said to range from eight hundred to one thousand, and the object in holding the session in Abingdon is probably to give better opportunity to the members in the border counties to be present. About four hundred and fifty attended the session at the University last summer, and spent a pleasant and profitable occasion.

REPUBLICAN COMMISSARY WAGON.—Riddleberger the nominee for office of a *Republican* caucus! Who would have believed this a few months since? He follows his leader, Mahone, who has gone to the Republican camp, and is now calling his friends to join him at the commissary wagon. Riddleberger can coast the declivity with ease, if not grace. *Facilis descensus averni.* This is an age of wonders, and we need not be surprised at anything some people may do.

A BRAKEMAN KILLED.—At Quinnemont, Fayette county, W. Va., on Wednesday, the 16th inst, Chauncey Nichols, a brakeman on the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway, in attempting to jump from one car to another fell between the cars and was crushed to death. His remains were buried at Cotton Hill.

The Yorktown Centennial Association.

The opening of the rooms of the Yorktown Centennial Association last Thursday night at the Exchange Hotel, in Richmond, gave unmistakable evidence of the great interest felt by the citizens of Richmond in the objects of the Association. The First Virginia regiment, the Blues and Howitzers and the different German organizations marched to the hotel at about 8:30 o'clock, where a large concourse of people had assembled. At 8 o'clock the meeting was called to order in the future office of the Yorktown Centennial Association, within and adjoining the office of that hotel, by Hon. John Goode, president of the Association, who stated that in accordance with a provision of the charter they had obtained, their principal office was to be established in the city of Richmond.

Bishop Keane then offered up an earnest prayer, after which the mass-meeting outside was held. It is supposed that there were between three and four thousand persons present. Upon the Exchange Hotel flag-staffs, surmounted by gilded balls, had been placed, and from the upper part of the Ballard House, opposite, powerful locomotive headlights had been placed in such a position that their glare lit up the the vicinity of the flag-staffs, while another headlight was placed directly over the bridge connecting the two hotels. Mayor Carrington, the members of the City Council, Chamber of Commerce, Tobacco Exchange, and Commercial Club, and prominent citizens generally, were present.

The first speaker was Gov. Holliday, who gave an interesting sketch of the beginning of the Yorktown centennial movement, and alluded to the great success of the preliminary celebration last October.

At the conclusion of the Governor's remarks, the chorus, directed by Prof. Siegel, sang the "Star Spangled Banner," Kessnich's band playing the accompaniment.

Gov. Holliday then introduced Hon. John Goode, president of the Yorktown Centennial Association. Mr. Goode reviewed the history of the surrender of Cornwallis, and alluded to the fact that the Continental Congress had, with feelings of gratitude at the success of the cause of the colonies, passed a resolution looking to the erection at Yorktown of a suitable monument to commemorate that important event.

At the conclusion of Mr. Goode's remarks, the chorus and band rendered the "Marseillaise" amid cheers, and the French flag was raised.

Maj. Pope, chairman of the committee on transportation, was next introduced, and said he would leave no effort undone that would facilitate the bringing of people to Virginia. He said efforts would be made by all the lines of transportation to get people here.

Capt. John Hampden Chamberlayne followed. He paid a pretty tribute to our German fellow-citizens, who had been our allies in great works which looked to the prosperity of the country. He concluded with an eloquent mention of the name and deeds of the eminent Virginian, George Washington, the applause greeting which showed it "a name not born to die."

Rev. Moses D. Hoge closed the meeting with a benediction.

THE CHANGE OF SITUATION.—We agree with the Lynchburg *Virginian* in its expression of belief that "the prospects of the Democratic-Conservative party of Virginia have been vastly improved by the fatal blunder of Senator Mahone. Before that, he was only a secret foe, and could do greatly more harm in our ranks than it is possible for him to do now, that he has gone over to the enemy. The danger to Washington and his devoted band of patriots was greatest when Benedict Arnold was secretly plotting against them in the American camp. After he went away to the enemy, he ceased to be anything but an object of aversion. The real danger was then over, for he took no camp followers with him. And it will be so in this case. The treasonable schemes of the Readjuster leader have been completely uncovered, and no real Democrat will care for him longer or reckon him as anything but the open and avowed enemy of the party that, with his aid, redeemed Virginia from carpet-bag and negro domination in 1869. The lines are drawn now, and the rallying cry of 1869, "Opposition to Radicalism," will reunite all of our scattered forces, and fix old Virginia more firmly than ever in the Democratic column. We reiterate it: the prospects for the true Democracy of the State are wonderfully improved since William Mahone went over to his "faithful allies"—allies no longer, but "political brethren."

BARGAIN WITH MAHONE.—The Washington correspondent of the *Dispatch* says that the speech of Mr. Call of Florida in the Senate on Saturday "was highly complimented, and senators at its conclusion congratulated him. He declared that if coin of the United States had been given, the bargain would not have been more clearly defined than it was when General Mahone was given the Sergeant-at-Arms and all of its patronage by the Republicans to aid him in carrying the election in Virginia next fall and placing in all the offices of that State Readjusters and Repudiators. He declared that if the Riddleberger bill were to become a law in every State in the Union public credit and faith would be destroyed and financial ruin follow. Senator Dawes, of Massachusetts, had said that he supported Mahone, Riddleberger & Co., because they are in favor of a free and fair ballot. Now, the laws of Virginia secure these, and if the law has been violated in the past, General Mahone, as a leading Democrat, is responsible for the violation. He called attention to the fact that there is no free ballot in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and other northern States, with all their boasted freedom and civilization.

The Lynchburg *Advance* says that, "public opinion seems to be settling down into the acceptance as a fact that Gen. Mahone and his most prominent followers are going squarely into the Republican party."

> There was a small statesman, Mahone,
> Not previously very well known;
> And when he'd vote "Yes,"
> The Chair'd say "I guess
> He means to vote "No," this Mahone."

Senator Mahone may be relied upon to vote right—when he is "under a misapprehension."

SENATOR JOHNSON'S WIFE DEFENDS HER HUSBAND.—The Washington correspondent of the *Dispatch* says that whilst Senator Johnston was speaking last Friday, "Mrs. Johnston occupied a seat in the gallery, and near her stood two Virginia Readjusters. When the Senator bore down on General Mahone and Mr. Riddleberger one of them said, "Listen to the old liar. He says he is a Democrat, when he was an old Whig and Know-Nothing." Mrs. Johnston at once turned to him and said, "You are mistaken, sir; he was born a Democrat, was reared a Democrat, and will die a Democrat. I ought to know, as I am his wife." There was a speedy retreat of the couple. This reply was worthy of the daughter of the elder Governor Floyd, the sister of the younger Governor Floyd, the kinswoman of William C. Preston, and the wife John W. Johnston."

IN A BAD FIX.—The Washington correspondent of the *Dispatch* says that, on Saturday morning, a Republican Senator "acknowledged to a correspondent that his party had gotten into a bad fix, and expressed the hope that they would be able to get out of it without sustaining further injury."

Mahone is beginning to give them trouble. The end is not yet. We wish them joy of their disgraceful alliance. They will live to rue the day that Mahone entered their camp. They now have, like "Sinbad, the sailor," the "old man of the sea" upon their shoulders. Their alliance with Mahone has exposed their insincerity in reference to the preservation of public credit, and their vaunted honesty in reference to the observance of debt obligations. The mask has fallen, and they stand exposed to public derision.

SALEM AND THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY RAILROAD.—There will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Shenandoah Valley Railroad held in Luray, Page county, to day—Tuesday. On last Tuesday night, at a meeting of the Town Council of Salem, Roanoke county, Judge G. B. Board and Prof. J. D Dreher, Principals, and Col. R. H. Logan and James Chalmers, alternates, were appointed to attend the meeting of stockholders at Luray to use their influence to secure, if possible, the connection of the Shenandoah Valley road with the Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio Road at Salem.

A FEARFUL LEAP.—The Alderson *Enterprise* says that, on Monday of last week, "as Mr. Isaiah Kuhns was riding along just beyond Mr. Nickell's on the Alderson and Union road, his horse took fright at something and jumped over a high embankment fully thirty feet down into the field below. Mr K. was thrown, but sustained no injury. The horse had a considerable gash cut in his hind leg. The escape of Mr. K. was simply marvelous."

EXTRA SESSION OF CONGRESS.—The purpose to call an extra session of Congress has been abandoned, the Republicans having come to the conclusion that it would not be to the interests of their party to do so.

"Practical Politics and a Practical Politician."

The Danville *News*, of the 22d of March, publishes an editorial of near three columns in length, under the title above, devoted to the record of General Mahone, from which the following is an extract:

"It must be admitted that Senator Mahone has shown considerable shrewdness in the matter of "looking after the main chance." He has certainly made a better bargain, considered in the light of pecuniary profit, than any of the men did who four years ago stole the presidency for Mr Hayes. His one single vote he has sold for more than any of them got for their services, arduous as they were. Even "Aliunde Joe" cannot hold a light to him as a seller of an important vote on a critical occasion.

"But we have intimated our doubts as to whether the denunciations which have been heaped upon Senator Mahone by the good people of Virginia, were altogether deserved. Why should he not have sold his vote? We do not mean to imply any approval of the selling of a vote by a high-minded and honorable Senator. Certainly not. But is there any good reason why Senator Mahone should not sell HIS vote, whenever he can find a purchaser? Let us see. He has been a trader in votes for many years in Virginia In the first Legislature after the war he was desirous of procuring the passage of a bill in his own interest as a railroad president. He succeeded in the effort and that bill enabled him to edge his way into the control of the lines of railway between Petersburg, and between Petersburg and Lynchburg, and between Lynchburg and Bristol. He had already, by the kind backing of Gilbert C. Walker, (then president of the First National Bank at Norfolk), acquired control of the railway between Norfolk and Petersburg, and the passage of the bill just mentioned opened the door for him to Lynchburg and thence to Bristol, over the body of Col. Robert Owen, and against the protests of the private stockholders. And how was the passage of that bill procured? The terrapin stews and champagne at the Exchange hotel in Richmond, the "wine, women and cards" for which the Norfolk and Petersburg company's treasury was made to bleed, might tell the tale if they could speak through the lips of W. F. Mercier, then Senator from the Loudon district, and Dr. E. C. Robinson, then Senator from Norfolk city.

"This bill became the germ of the great "Consolidation Scheme," under which the Commonwealth was robbed of over $6,000,000, and the private stockholders of a like large amount, but which for six years made Gen Mahone a "railroad king," with a salary of $25,000 a year! And how was the legislation necessary to put this great "scheme" on its legs procured? If the large sum of several hundred thousand dollars expended for "printing," ($72 000) for lawyer's "services" and for "wet groceries," could speak through the lips of Jno. A. McCaull, the story might be told!

"And how was the very election itself, by virtue of which Senator Mahone holds his seat procured? By a "bargain and sale," under the terms of which the various offices elected by the Legislature were "apportioned" between Radicals, negroes, and recalcitrant Conservatives. A bargain under which even the robes of our county judges were put in as "stock" and dealt out as "swag" to the various claimants for sevices rendered. In fine the whole career of Senator Mahone as a political leader in Virginia, has been a series of BARGAINS AND SALES. Why should not HE carry his, "practical politics" into the Senate and continue his system of "bargain and sale" there?"

The first colored lawyer that ever addressed a Kanawha jury, was Mr. Chas. Armstead, lately admitted to our bar, who defended Frank Henderson, of St. Albans, last Monday in the Circuit Court, who was tried for larceny. The sight was a novel one for Kanawha.—*Kanawha (W. Va.) Gazette.*

Mahone, a Democrat!

In replying to a paragraph in the Richmond *Whig*, which, it is understood, is owned and controlled by Mahone, the Lynchburg *Virginian* says:

We said that General Mahone was only "a secret foe" of the Democracy heretofore; though we have believed that he was a foe nevertheless. Pretending to be a Democrat, he succeeded in attaching Democrats to his fortunes, many of whom will now know that he has openly gone over to the party that he has been dallying with for months past, and called his "faithful allies," desert him. Wherefore, we say that, as these people can be deceived no longer, "the prospects of the Democratic Conservative party have been vastly improved by the fatal blunder of Senator Mahone."

But it seems, now that Gen. Mahone has gone clear over to the Republicans, the special aim and purpose of *his* newspaper to show that he was not a Democrat, and was not elected as a Democrat, although it is not long since that paper said:

"It is a matter of history that General Mahone was and is a Democrat. He has never denied it; does not deny it; has on all occasions avowed it; and to-day claims to be a Democrat."

And Gen. Mahone has established his claim to be a Democrat, by not only joining the enemies of the Democracy, but in abusing that party in the Senate and through his own newspaper.

Touching the charge that he was elected to the Senate as a Democrat or Conservative, we need only quote from the *Whig* of the 16th of December, 1879, which gave the following analysis of the vote cast for him, showing that the Conservative vote in the Senate for Withers was 13 and for Mahone 17, and that in the House of Delegates the vote for Withers was 40 and for Mahone 43, so that, said the Richmond *Whig*:

"It is shown beyond controversy, that General Mahone received a Conservative majority over Withers of four in the House and three in the Senate—or a Conservative majority over Withers of seven on joint ballot."

Ergo: General Mahone was not then supposed to be a Republican, as he has since shown himself to be. He claimed then to be a Democrat, but in favor of readjustment. He was only "a secret foe" then; he is an open enemy now, and should be dealt with as such.

WHAT IS THOUGHT.—H. L. N., the Washington correspondent of the Louisville *Courier Journal*, thus describes Senator Mahone's speech:

"The small Virginian advanced to the front of the Vice President's desk, Conkling looked triumphant, and the Democrats looked satisfied; the little tyrant was about to disclose to the world that the Republicans had bought him. In the background were such patriots as "Clint Wheeler," Tom Murphy, W. E. Chandler, N. H. Ordway, George C. Gorham, and a host of other political cormorants. Mahone spoke, and the illusion of his greatness vanished. He is an attenuated atom, with the manners of a monkey. He coaxed Hill and the Democrats for assuming that he should be held by their caucus; he made grimaces and ran back and forth, squatting almost to the floor as he grew excited, and shaking his head after the manner of a boy who is daring a bigger boy to fight.

The galleries laughed at him sometimes and sometimes applauded him. There was more disorder among the audience, so Hoar said, than he had ever seen in all the years of his Congressional life. Mahone, to sum him up, said he would vote as he pleased; then he was scored, and the Republicans were told they were welcome to him. It is just to most of the latter to say that they are heartily sick of the company they have purchased into—no one doubts that it is a purchase. Mahone is to select his committees, to name the sergeant at-arms and to have half the Federal patronage of Virginia."

REPUBLICANS SUPPORT RIDDLEBERGER.—In reference to the nomination of Riddleberger by the Republicans for sergeant at arms of the Senate, the Lynchburg *Virginian* says:—

"And now they have done it; showing that the bargain was completed before William Mahone went into the Republican ranks, and helped that party to organize the Senate. The Republicans in caucus have agreed to support Mahone's candidate, Riddleberger, author of the bill to plunder Virginia's creditors to the amount of thirteen millions of dollars, for the office of sergeant at-arms They can never shake off the infamy of this transaction. It will cling to them like the poisoned shirt of Nessus, and be far worse than that bloody nether garment they have been flaunting at the South for fifteen years. Those old Debt-Paying Republicans are now pigging in the same trackie bed with Mahone and Riddleberger, the leading Virginia Repudiators. The next thing should be to send the faithful coadjutor of Mahone and Riddleberger, Captain Blair, to Congress from the Ninth District, that he may, in that body, 'propose a vigorous application of Readjustment principles to the National debt.' That is what it may come to.

Speaking of Mr. Riddleberger's nomination for sergeant-at-arms by the Republicans of the United States Senate, the Lynchburg *Virginian* says:

"We have only to add that the bargain and sale consummated by the Republican Senate is the severest blow that the creditors of Virginia have yet received, and the responsibility for the consequences cannot attach to any honest Democrat in this State or in the Senate."

HOW MAHONE'S TREACHERY IS RECEIVED BY HIS PARTY AT CHARLOTTESVILLE.—The Charlottesville correspondent of the *Dispatch* says:—

"The action of General Mahone in allying himself with the Radicals in Congress has been received here by many of his party with intense disgust. He is regarded by them as false to his trusts, and aver their determination to follow him no further."

The Louisville (Ky.) *Courier Journal* says:—

"Now let the Republicans take Mahone, and with him the Senate, and joy go with them. Our notion is that they will be sick of their bargain before they are quit of it.

It will disgust sensible people.

It will reunite the Virginia Democrats."

The debt question is settled so far as the Conservative party has anything to do with it, and now what is the issue in Virginia? Simply whether the six hundred thousand negroes reinforced by a hundred and five thousand white renegades shall control Virginia and destroy her, or the eight hundred thousand white people shall and preserve her purity untouched and her honor unstained. That is the question—the only question we have now to solve.—*The State.*

In all probability the Readjusters of the "Black Belt," will follow Mahone into the Republican ranks. But if he calculates on any considerable following from this section, the Valley, or the Southwest, he will be sadly mistaken. No Democrat who voted the Readjuster ticket from principle, can honestly endorse Mahone's course in the Senate.—*Lynchburg Advance.*

HOW TO DESTROY INSECTS.—The present is a good time to destroy insects which harbor beneath the bark of trees. Scrape off the bark and then wash the trunk and larger limbs with strong soap suds, or with a solution of potash, or even with lye from wood ashes, but do not whitewash.

Mahone, a Democrat.

After stating that Mahone had been an active and influential Democrat, the Lynchburg *News* says:

"And when the Readjuster party sprang up and Mahone became its leader, he still protested that he was a Democrat, and on that profession he was elected to the Senate. He could not have gotten there as an avowed Republican or Republican sympathizer or ally. He knows that well. The great body of the Readjuster party of Virginia, who are true to their Democracy, would never have knowingly consented to send an ally and abettor of Conkling and Cameron and Logan to the Senate. Their manhood and honor would have revolted at the idea. They would have spurned the offer. Mahone knows that. He knows that he was elected as a Democrat as well as a Readjuster. He claimed that his Hancock electoral ticket was the true Democratic ticket of the State. The Readjusters all voted for Hancock, under the lead of Mahone. And the State went for Hancock by aid of the Readjuster vote. These are all palpable facts which cannot be denied.

Mr. Hill is on the right track. The great body of the best people of Virginia are with him. They thank him for defending their honor—for stripping and exposing the betrayer of his people. *The Virginia Readjusters are not Radicals.* He slanders them who says they are."

SHENANDOAH AND MAHONE.—A contributor to the Shenandoah *Herald* thus expresses himself:—

"Burning indignation almost checks the utterance of those of Virginia's sons who could endeavor to defend their common mother from the depths of infamy whither her honor has been sunk by the child she has nurtured in her bosom, and raised to the highest position within her gift, only to betray the interests which he was placed to defend.

Mahone, the archtraitor of America is unmasked, and the withering scorn of an outraged nation of freemen is directing its scorching anathemas at the head of the men before whom the treason of Benedict Arnold pales into insignificance.

Mahone of Virginia, was elected by the conservative vote of the General Assembly of the State to represent its interests in the Senate of the United States. The bloody shirt party of the North had succeeded in recapturing the House of Representatives and electing their president. Mahone wrested, from the hands of the South, the only check they held against the partisan legislation of that vindictive party of hate intent upon its political assassination. He did this by betraying the confidence of his constituents and for his own personal ends, by his single vote delivering the Senate to the Republicans.

Readjuster democrats of Shenandoah is this the kind of democracy you advocate?"

MAHONE NEGRO CONVENTION.—After publishing an editorial of the *Valley Virginian* condemning the policy of the Mahone negro convention held in Petersburg on the 14th inst., in which it stated that "it would be political suicide, and the death-knell of Republicanism in Virginia," the Richmond *Dispatch* says:—

"The *Virginian* sees plainly enough that the assembling of a convention called by negroes, composed wholly of negroes, and intended to determine the course of negroes, was well calculated to arouse the whites and force a race issue.

But, we repeat, Let the regular Democrats bide their time. The enemy has not yet disclosed his position. We do not know whether General Mahone is going to give the *coup de grace* to the Republican organization in Virginia, or whether the Republicans, on the contrary, will maintain their organization as a party, and leave the so called Readjusters next fall, as last, in a contemptible minority. So far, however, General Mahone has the best of the game."

"Federal patronage, with its cohesive power, will rally very many of them around his [Mahone's] standard, and by the end of the next four years they will not be distinguishable from the regular Republicans. Virginia is bound to become a Republican State at an early day."—*Wheeling Intelligencer.*

The Wheeling *Intelligencer* (Republican) thinks that "by the end of four years," the followers of Mahone "will not be distinguishable from the regular Republicans." What think the Democratic Readjusters of this Republican prediction? Will they suffer it to be verified? Will they follow Mahone into the Republican camp? We cannot believe it. He has deceived them heretofore, but he cannot do it again. It was then the fault of Mahone, but if the Democratic Readjusters follow him now it will be their fault.

HOW THE VICTORY WAS WON.—In speaking of the success of the Republicans in getting the control of the Senate on Friday, the Washington correspondent of the Baltimore *Sun* says:—

"The Republicans won their victory not through the voice of the people—not, as Senator Conkling disingenuously and untruthfully put it, as the fruition of the results of the November election—but by means of a bargain made with a Senator elected nearly a year before the November election, and who, as no one would have the temerity to dispute, could not have been elected had there been the least suspicion that he would do as he has done."

Sure enough, what chance would Hancock have had if the result of the late contest had depended upon the vote of Virginia and the Mahone ticket had been successful.—*Wytheville Enterprise.*

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

VIRGINIA.—In the Clerk's office of the circuit court for Augusta county, March 28th, 1881:—

John N. Hendren, Adm'r of Samuel Clarke, dec'd.....Plaintiff,

vs.

A. B. Lightner, Sheriff of Augusta county, and as such, Adm'r *d. b. n. c. t. a.* of Thomas Shumate, dec'd, Malinda Shumate, Thomas H. Shumate, L. Elizabeth Shumate, Alice M. Shumate and Rosa T. Shumate, the last three being infant children of Thomas Shumate and his deceased wife, Carrie Shumate, Wm. J. Shumate, James Carson and Eliza A., his wife, and Chas. Carson.....Defendants,

IN CHANCERY.

The object of this suit is to obtain a settlement of the estate of Thomas Shumate, dec'd, and to subject his real ty to the payment of his debts.

It appearing by affidavit filed that Thomas H. Shumate and Chas. Carson are non-residents of this State, it is ordered that they do appear here within one month after due publication of this notice, and do what is necessary to protect their interests

Copy—Teste.

J. N. RYAN, Clerk.

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VIRGINIA—In the Clerk's office of the circuit court for Augusta county, March 28th, 1881:—

Thomas W. Eubank.....Plaintiff

vs.

Ann Eliza Eubank.....Defendant,

IN CHANCERY.

The object of this suit is to obtain a divorce *a vinculo matrimonii.*

And it appearing by affidavit filed that the Defendant is a non-resident of this State, it is ordered that she do appear here within one month after due publication of this notice, and do what is necessary to protect her interest.

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