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NOT "A WITHERING REBUKE."

The Whig and Register publishes our remarks on the "Memorial" as "a withering rebuke" to the signers. We cannot suffer the construction to pass uncontradicted. It was not our wish to have our article so understood, and do not propose that it shall be. The whole matter lies in a nutshell. Fifty or more Republicans sent to Washington a memorial representing to Congress the condition of the "Union people of Tennessee." They allege a certain state of affairs to exist. They sign it as residents of East Tennessee. A person living here or in Ohio, cognizant of the fact we have never had any KKK in East Tennessee, would at once understand that the memorial had no reference to our section. If, in addition to this, he knew the high character and position of the signers he would be certain they could not mean East Tennessee, for the facts could not be made applicable. But to persons in the North who did not know of our tranquility the memorial would in most cases give a wrong impression. To our thousands of readers who had repeatedly read in our columns the declaration earnestly impressed that we were as orderly and peaceable peoples existed anywhere, and to hundreds who intend to come here, the memorial might seem to conflict with us. To prevent such a construction or any possible damage that might follow a false construction, and knowing very well the "spirit and intention" with which it was signed, as friends of the memorialists, we felt called upon to make a statement explaining that "intent." This we did. In it we gave it as our opinion that a contradiction of the construction the opposition placed upon it "ought" to be made. At that time we had not seen or read the explanation of Dr. Jas. Rodgers or of Messrs. Ross, Stacy and others. The latter explanation was not received at our office until after 12 o'clock, Wednesday night, several hours after our article was in type. It was such contradictions, as they made, we thought due from the memorialists. The "spirit and intention" of the signers being now understood, the base intentions, so cowardly and unnecessarily charged upon them refuted, we think the whole subject ought to be dropped. The memorial has not been published abroad, and therefore all the wild, extravagant cries about injuring immigration, (so ridiculous and insincere on the part of some who put it forth) are unfounded.

The pretended indignation with which some of our people meet the charge of kkk outrages is simply amusing. No sane man can deny that kkk outrages have occurred in Middle and West Tennessee. No man recalling the bitter partisan spirit of our last Legislature, the decisions of our Supreme Court legalizing the rebellion—decisions against which we protested at the time—and the stories of lawlessness which have so often appeared in even Democratic papers, can deny that loyal men in those sections need protection. We are glad they are now to have it in the new kkk bill of Congress. We think they ought to have had it long ago, and we believe if Congress had enforced the Fourteenth Amendment in Tennessee, and elsewhere, we would have had less of lawlessness and crime.

We are glad the Whig and Register has given us this opportunity of contradicting such a construction of our position. Our aim was to put the memorial "in the sense it was intended," to give it the construction the signers themselves give it. We are often called upon to differ with our friends either in their views or, as in this case, with the manner they are put forth. In all such cases we exercise only the privilege every man reserves to himself, and when called upon to do so will do it frankly, in the spirit of kindness, not to provoke discussions or to encourage our enemies.

OCCASIONALLY we find a democratic paper like the Courier-Journal, of Kentucky, honest enough to admit that there is such an organization as the kkk Klan, and that its fiendish work has become so alarming as to endanger the actual peace of the State. That paper, as our readers will remember, implored the legislature of the State to take vigorous steps to remedy the evil, and assailed it vigorously for failing to do so when the necessity was evident.

We find another democratic paper in Georgia honest enough to speak out. The Defender, published at Newnan, in a late issue says:

We regret to hear that this organization is again becoming active. There is neither necessity, wisdom, justice, nor patriotism in any action which has been reported in regard to them, and we feel assured that the great mass of the people of Georgia condemn such conduct. Instead of proving beneficial to the State, it is doing much to bring upon her citizens the severest restraints of military power, and to defer the longed for period of full restoration to the blessings of civil government. This must be patent to every rational man and none but those who for personal gratification would jeopard public peace and public liberty would engage in these midnight movements against the peaceful, the unassuming and the defenceless. Georgia has endured a long, tedious and terrible process of reconstruction, and such violations of individual rights as are now alleged against the kkk have operated injuriously in a number of instances.

AFFAIRS IN PARIS.

The rising of the "Commune" in Paris is an event not unexpected to those familiar with the history of France. It is the old struggle between Paris and the provinces, which so unmistakably cropped out immediately following the war. Paris seeks to rule France. It has always aspired to do it. When the National Assembly made peace and removed to Versailles in place of Paris, it was thought to be acting in the interest of the provinces, and Paris was ready to rush to arms. Gambetta persisted in carrying on the war after all hope was gone, and claimed as his authority the power conferred by a Paris mob. He overran the provinces and desolated them. Paris has five hundred thousand voters, and these think they ought to rule the seven millions of France.

The struggle seems now to be one promising greater length and desperation than it did a few days ago. The Assemblists have been checked, if not actually driven back. The Communists, if provisioned for a few weeks' struggle, may before starvation closes upon them, so far retrieve their past disasters as to force Thiers and his associates to terms, which they now feel reluctant to grant.

Meanwhile the work of plunder and destruction goes on within Paris. Our dispatches show the greatest anarchy to exist within the city, and there can be but little security for any one. There are tens of thousands of idle hands in Paris that will join in this plundering with a relish. Left by the war without labor, means or promising prospects for the future, they have everything to gain and nothing to lose by the continuance of disorders. The extraordinary expenditures of the Empire, which gave employment to thousands more in Paris than could by right be sustained there, when suddenly cut off, left it with turbulent spirits rife for blood and pillage, and they are now rioting in most extravagant excesses.

By the resignation of a member of the New York Assembly, the Tammany party has been one short of the requisite number to pass a bill—sixty-five. The Republicans have heretofore been able to defeat a bill for the special instant election in the Sixteenth Assembly District of New York, to fill the vacancy. Our dispatches this morning, however, state that the bill has been finally passed, and a special dispatch to the Commercial Advertiser says the one vote necessary to carry it cost the Tammanyites sixty-five thousand dollars. That is the way the Democrats manage things in New York.

The East Tennessee Sunday School Convention.

The committee having in charge of the details of this Convention which meets in Knoxville next Thursday, announce that everything promises the greatest success. Advice from various sections state that delegates have been appointed who will be on hand fully prepared to work. This is all well. The Sunday-school cause is one which ought, and evidently does, unite all hearts in christian love and sympathy. When we think of the salvation of children all minor questions sink into insignificance. Souls are saved by preaching, but unless young minds are softened by Divine influences and filled to receive the truth, preaching cannot accomplish the good it otherwise would do. The Sunday-school when properly organized and thoroughly adapted to the wants of a community, must exert a beneficent influence not only on children, but on all classes of society. To make the Sunday-school what it ought to be is the object of the Convention. "In a multitude of counsel there is wisdom," and when the leading workers get together and discuss questions pertaining to the cause, we devoutly hope and believe good will be the result, not only here, but all over this section of the State, and not only for the present, but through all coming time.

It is therefore desired that our people become alive to the necessities of the hour. Let the good people of Knoxville show to their friends of East Tennessee that hospitality which is the evidence of truly great and generous natures. These delegates are coming among us to sojourn two days; let them carry away with them a high opinion of Knoxville and her citizens. Seldom do we have an opportunity like the present; with all our hearts let us improve it. J. A. RAYL, Pres't Knox Co. S. S. Convention. O. B. SMITH, Secretary.

OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, DEPARTMENT OF THE SOUTH, LOUISVILLE, KY., April 10th, 1871.

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