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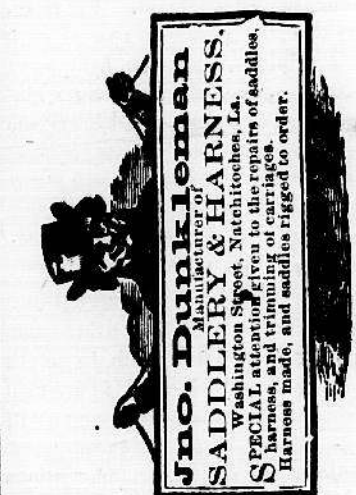
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## Two Letters.

His

If you were dead and in some silent valley  
A red wild rose were blooming on your grave,  
In some lone fen where idle breezes daily  
And somberly green willow-branches wave.

With willing feet I oft would stand above you  
And with eyes your moss-grown name spell out,  
Thinking that once each said to each "I love you,"  
In those far days before we dared to doubt.

But no you are not dead; the world adores you.  
Kneels at your feet and calls your face divine;  
Praises your beauty, worships till it bores you.  
Knows not and cares not that you once were mine.

Edith, I care not that your blood is flowing  
In splendid radiant cheek or dainty wrist:  
That on your supple throat there still is glowing  
A queenly coil of pearl and amethyst.

Our love is dead, so you are dead thrice over;  
Though on your face have dropped no mourner's tears;  
And you and I, who once were maid and lover,  
Are farther sundered than the farthest spheres.

But stars and spheres—  
Oh! what a silly letter  
A plain and prosy man will sometimes write.

I'm sentimental, and you can't do better  
Than laugh at me, once more, with all your might.

The fact, you see, is this: I can't forget you  
In all our quarrel I alone was wrong;  
And I've been blue enough since last I met you,  
A month ago; it seems ten times as long.

Oh! Edith, could I only go and see you,  
And tell you all the things I want to say!  
I can not give you all; I will not free you;  
I love you, Edith. May I come to-day?

HERS  
Why, Tom, dear Tom, of course you may  
You see I call you Tom again;  
So please come over, right away;  
You oldest, truest, best of me!

To tell the truth, I've pitted you,  
And you've, most likely, pitted me;  
But then, you know, it wouldn't do  
To let the world my pity see:

You men, of course, are very wise,  
And think you know a woman's heart;  
But boys and girls have lighter eyes  
Than you to understand her art.

You were just hateful, though that night;  
But I'm afraid I made you so;  
Tom, drop your quarrel out of sight—  
Forgive, forget, and let it go.

Well, Tom, I'll not write any more,  
Although, indeed, I've much to say;  
My music-master's at the door,  
So ex recede, and come to-day.

P. S.—You frighten me to death  
With "willows," "valleys," "grave" and "fate."  
Dear me! I almost lost my breath  
Tom, don't you dare do again!

[Chas. F. Richardson.]

**The Radical Status and Programme.**

The Radical managers in this city having committed the interests of the party in the national contest to Messrs Packard, Kellogg, Pinback and Nash, omitting West by a overwhelming majority—in fact, not but one vote—are now hushing themselves with the State programme, which is to be put in shape at the State Convention, to be held on 27th instant.

As far as we can learn, there is much discord and conflict between the various factions of the party in regard to the head of the State ticket.

It appears that each of the following persons has his followers for the nomination for governor:

First, Kellogg, with his retinue of State officials and dependents, has pledged his support to Williamson for Governor.

Packard, hostile to Kellogg on other points, joins him in pressing Williamson to any other party next to himself. But herein Packard for once separates from his old squad, the Customhouse rogues who have a decided preference for Mr. Anderson.

Tom's worthy co-delegate of the Returning Board, Governor Wells, is very pronounced in his resistance to Kellogg's faction, and cries aloud for Tom Anderson. Herwig, the brazen and the snail of the Customhouse—having no pile in the same manner as Mr. Anderson, through legislative manipulations—thinks that his business would prosper under Anderson's handling of the Executive baton. Gay and the rest follow Herwig, who Packard can draw on their speculations from Washington, and Packard, as long as he has an eye on the gubernatorial chair, will hardly give such special orders.

Ludeling, too, has no supporters in the State and Federal offices, and these he expects to put into a respectable following from the country, and is by no means distrustful of his skill, management and influence to draw recruits from the various other factions and find, which he has served and abided a bold on by his "administration justice."

Lastly, comes Warmoth with a large gang of negro supporters, marshaled by Pinback, and a peevish (in numbers) battalion of cat-baggers, mostly convicted defuncts, perjurers, and lobby vultures and ring-leaders, and bolders monopolies, and fraudulent bankers, and special charters. Warmoth calculates

upon being the second choice of the Andersonites, save the Customhouse, the Ludelings, and has little fear of Williamson, believing that the negroes and the straight-out Radicals will never accept Williamson nor take their candidates from Kellogg. Hence, with characteristic "cheek," he is the most confident and sanguine of all the candidates, and is only troubled by the sturdy opposition of Packard and Grant, his old and insatiable enemies. Packard swears Warmoth will be the weakest candidate who could be presented to the people of the State, and indulges gloomy forebodings of the emergencies of such a nomination and of the need of large military appliances, and the multiplication of blank warrants to secure a full and peaceful vote.

But Warmoth relies on the Returning Board, whose efficiency in counting in will be increased by a few imagined rows and menaces in remote country districts, and a skillful manipulation, in some dark corner of the State House, of the returns by the experienced managers whom he has initiated and drilled into this business.

If the October elections in the North and West should be favorable to the Radicals, Warmoth thinks he can work this old game more boldly and less perilously than he did in 1868, and in the four years following.

This, we believe, is the authentic programme already inaugurated by these various chiefs of the malignant, audacious and plundering gang, which seeks to perpetuate four years longer the government of fraud, robbery, disgrace and spoliation of the people of Louisiana.

It will be one of the highest honors and brightest achievements of the Democracy to defeat and extinguish, to annihilate every vestige of a party that has brought so much misery and infamy upon our State.—N. O. Democrat.

**The Coshatta Affair.**

From the N. O. Bulletin.

It is not too much to say that when the Republican party shall have "put off its corruptible body" and been buried past the possibility of resurrection, the epitaph which will most succinctly and truthfully tell to future politicians the cause of its demise, will be simply this: "Died from too much investigation." The profane exclamations recently made by old Zach Chandler (which everybody remembers, but which to-day we won't repeat, except to say that it was something about having no fan in a warm place, and something, also, about a Democratic House of Representatives) was evidently the expression of a profound conviction—a conviction which we fancy must be very fully shared by Blaine and Belknap, Babcock and a host of other Republican officials about this time.

The shooting of Twitchell and King at Coshatta last April was seized upon by the whole Radical press of the country as an evidence that Republicans in Louisiana were in danger of their lives by reason of their politics alone. It was purely political in its character, and the white people of the State were held responsible for the atrocious deed.

This thing was written up in the most sensational and blood-curdling manner, and virtuous villains all over the country who are themselves steeped in crime, lamented the awful condition of society in which a poor fellow was almost assassinated because—as they chose to assert; and as many doubtless believed—he was a Republican. Ben Butler, the good and pious old spoon taker; grew indignant enough about it to write a letter denouncing our people, with the same conspicuous impudence with which he previously robbed them.

It was "nate" for the Republican—was this Coshatta affair, and its contents fairly reeked with blood for weeks thereafter.

Knowing the falsehoods that would be told about the matter and the capital that would be made out of it by the Radical press, we were extremely desirous that the perpetrator of the deed should be caught; an urged upon the people of Coshatta the necessity for leaving no stone unturned to secure his capture. We expressed our firm conviction that when the mystery was unraveled it would be found that the affair was purely personal, growing out of some private difficulty.

The result of the investigations of the Congressional Sub-Committee, which is given in an interesting letter in this issue, very fully sustains our views expressed at the time. It proves conclusively that there was nothing whatever political in the assault upon Twitchell and in the killing of King, that it was a personal matter—the deed of some man who had been deeply wronged in a way that was irreparable.

There is a story current in and around Coshatta which is generally believed, and which furnishes a key to the desperate and determined assaults upon Twitchell, who has been held up to the world by the Republicans as a man of pure and blameless life. The Republican has dwelt very particularly upon the purity of Twitchell's life, but if the allegations now made be true, and they are well vouched for, then the only wonder is that the assault upon him was not made at an earlier day. Offenses of a similar character are summarily punished the world over. Judge Braghton who is spoken of in the letter