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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1883

If Mr. Cox should be defeated he will be tempted to cease smiling forever more.

Mr. JAY GOULD has demonstrated how a man can swallow himself. As a speculator he devoured two elevated railways in which he was interested as director and large stockholder. His story on the witness stand is interesting.

TO THE four mortally wounded victims of the Danville massacre who died of their wounds add the three who were killed outright. That gives the true number of the killed—viz, seven, instead of four, as reported by the committee of citizens.

THE Arbitration League is in session in Philadelphia. "The City of Brotherly Love" is an appropriate place for such a meeting, and its purposes appeal to the most exalted sentiments of humanity. But arbitration as a substitute for war is not likely to become an established fact until the coming of the millennium.

THE annual report of the district commissioners, which is given very fully in this issue, is a production the citizens of Washington can well afford to pay the compliment of a careful perusal, as it affects their material interests in many ways. It covers a good deal of ground, and the subjects treated are of personal concern to our people.

A NOTE of warning was handed to Hon. T. J. Wharton, of the circuit, while presiding at Hatcher's trial, to be read to the jury. It was a notice to Amos Burnett, chairman of the independent executive committee of Copiah, to keep out of the county.—Jackson Miss. Tribune.

A friend informs us that Amos Burnett is the Burnett who was shot early in the canvass, but recovered from his wound in time to become again "obnoxious." The penalty for obnoxiousness in Mississippi appears to be banishment or death.

THE tabular statement made by the commissioners showing the expenditures in the several sections of the city compared with the assessed valuation of property in the same sections is misleading. The section of the city described as "Washington northwest" covers a vast territory, but a very large proportion of the expenditures complained of by persons who claim that the money has been unevenly distributed is invested in the northwestern quarter of "Washington northwest." The tabular statement should have been subdivided.

DETERMINED NOT TO PAY.—Many thousands of dollars have been lost by speculating in Virginia bonds. We do not doubt that many thousands more will be lost in the same way. We do not expect to put an end to such speculations. We only wish purchasers to know that those who are "quitting" Virginia bonds are not to be taken. It will always prove to be a different matter to control a state to say he's debt when his legislature committed it, than the popular vote that the "Boree-Dee-Dee" are determined not to pay.

We find the above copied in the news columns of THE NATIONAL REPUBLICAN and credited to the Index-Appal. Of course, this is a mistake, as no such paragraph ever appeared in this paper before, editorially or otherwise.—Petersburg Index-Appal.

We apologize humbly. The paragraph should have been credited to the Richmond Dispatch.

In commenting on Judge Blackwell's testimony before the committee investigating the Danville butchery, the Philadelphia Press says: "This does not directly confirm Gen. Mahone's statement that for days the poor victims were found dead in alleys, in warehouses, and under barns, it lends any probability to it. The democratic committee reported a few negroes left dead or wounded on the scene of the affray, but the number who were mortally wounded by the volley fired at the retreating negroes, without at once falling in their tracks, must have been considerable. No amount of whitewash or explanation can make the Danville affray anything else than an unprovoked butchery by whites of undefending negroes."

The interview published elsewhere with a distinguished Parisian journalist is interesting as affording an insight to the French way of looking at the threatening eastern crisis. There is pretty good evidence, however, that the views expressed as to the non-combative-ness of the Chinese are not well grounded, for, while John may not be spearing for a fight, there are not wanting good indications that he is not going to do much to avoid one. As to the part Russia or Japan would play in it, it is safe to say the chances are even that they would be as likely to act in alliance with China as with France.

ALL the power of the democratic party lies in the south. Eliminate the states that took part in the rebellion, and the party at once becomes of less consequence than the moribund greenbackers. But for all that the northern democrats have always contrived to appropriate all the points of party vantage. This they have done by calling up the ghost of the rebellion to frighten their southern brethren into the background. They are insidiously playing this little game now to defeat Carlisle. But the ex-confederate wing of the party is pretty tired of expending its vigor for the benefit of its impotent northern ally, and the present opportunity for electing a southern man to one of the great offices of the nation is very tempting. And why should not these democrats assert their power? They've a south "solid," and what could go democratic if Han-

dall or Cox is elected that would not do so if Carlisle is elected. Is the tail always to wag the dog of the democratic party? This is merely thrown out as a suggestion.

Sectional Influence in National Conventions.

Who will control the southern delegates in the republican convention?—Washington Post.

The southern delegates will not be controlled by the bourbon democracy who bulldoze the southern elections. They prove their ability to control themselves by remaining true to republican principles in the midst of the political hell made for them by the brutal intolerance and pig-headed ignorance of their opponents. They will not be used to further any man's ambition. Their first thought is their own redemption from political bondage. They will be anxious to support for the presidential nomination the man of ability, fidelity, and nerve who can with the most certainty be elected. They will have equal rights with all other delegates. They will average as well as the delegates from the north in all that goes to make up republican manhood. The fact that they are blackguarded by the organs of the party which carries the south by the aid of felons, whom it afterward shields from punishment and defends from criticism, will not affect the minds of intelligent and sincere northern republicans against them. The effort of the bourbon press to make trouble in the republican party, by predicting that the "solid south" in the republican national convention will be wielded in the main for some particular interest will prove fruitless. The republicans of the south will represent doubtful states as well as hopeless ones. Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and North Carolina are contiguous states, in which it is possible to have an approach to fair elections for national officers if the laws of the nation are sternly enforced. These states have forty electoral votes. There are northern states having still greater electoral strength which will require equally hard work to save them to the republicans. If only the certain republican states were to be represented in the national convention some northern states would have to be ruled out. If doubtful states ought to have a voice, then the states above named would be a fair offset to the doubtful states of the north.

But shall the republicans and their independent allies of the states of South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky, and Missouri, who fight with the beasts at Ephesus, and die daily because of their fidelity to the national cause which hounds them—shall they come from southern political battlefields, maimed and scarred, and mourning their dead, to represent all there is of national allegiance in the south and find jealous scowls among their political brethren of the north? No. They will be received as equals, and as brave and faithful men. As to their "control," they will be controlled by their own common sense. They will not come to dictate nor to be dictated to. They will naturally be anxious to promote the nomination of a man who can secure the votes of the doubtful states north and south. They would most likely regard the opinions of the representatives from those doubtful states as very important. They would not be bound to agree with it, but they would be likely to give it the weight it ought to have. This they would no more be bound to do than would the delegates from northern states which are sure for any candidate that may be nominated. The delegates from Ohio, New York, Indiana, Virginia, California, Maryland, Nevada, Delaware, New Jersey, North Carolina, Connecticut, and West Virginia will represent the states in which the presidential battle will be fought the hardest, though everywhere it will of course command every energy of the republicans. These states have 140 electoral votes out of the whole 401—forty from the south and a hundred from the north. The remaining 113 southern electoral votes are as confidently counted on by the democracy as are the remaining 148 northern electoral votes for the republicans. The states which are in no danger and the states which are hopeless will all be very likely to turn to the doubtful states above named to see who can best bring out in them the whole strength, not only of the party, but of the prudent and law-abiding non-partisans, who are too busy to keep informed about politics, but who are always to be relied on for patriotic action in a crisis.

And now that we have explained to our morning neighbor what our understanding is as to the influences which will probably "control" the southern delegates in the republican convention," would that frank and ingenuous journal have any objection to giving its views as to who will control the northern delegates in the democratic convention? Will the democratic delegates from solid New England be given back seats? Will New York and Pennsylvania be set off with the northwest, and told that the states which are sure to furnish democratic electoral votes are alone to be heard?

The solid south claims the north as its political slave, and so far as the northern democracy are concerned, its claim is valid. It cares not which of its political chateaux is dignified with being called president, for the democratic party when in power is the president. The democratic party—that's the bourbon south.

Another Lesson for a Dull Scholar.

The republican papers all over the country have had a deal to say about the killing of Madison Cox in Copiah county, Mississippi, on the day of the late election, but none of them have seen fit to state that the difficulty which ended in his death was the result of a long personal feud, or that the man who did the shooting had been held in answer as the next term of the circuit court.—Washington Post.

Only a few days ago the Post said the murdered man was a negro, and hinted that he may have earned his fate. It no longer says that, though we have not observed that it has ever corrected its statement.

The above quoted tale will appear as weak as the first one when we restate the ascertained facts of the case.

J. P. Matthews was the chairman of the republican committee of Copiah county, Mississippi, and also of the seventh congressional district committee. He was among the largest, if not the largest, of the taxpayers of

Copiah county, and a man of family. The ticket he was supporting was composed of white men of property, of intelligence, of high social character, and influence. He was a native of the town in which he was murdered. He opposed secession before the war. The Jackson (Miss.) Tribune says:

A week before the election armed bodies of men were riding at night through the woods of intimidation or kidnaping. Houses were fired into, negroes were taken from their houses and whipped, in one instance killed; so that before the sixth of a reign of terror had begun. On the fifth an armed body of men, commanded by E. R. Wheeler, marched into Hatcher's. Among other things they passed a resolution on Matthews. The words of this resolution we cannot give, but it seems to have been in effect a warning to Matthews to remain in his house on election day, and under no circumstances to go to the polls to vote. To disregard this order the death penalty was attached. Matthews disregarded the order. He went to the polls. He voted, and as he turned the captain of the band of regulators and the peace officer of the polls with his own hand inflicted the death penalty.

Concerning the murderer, Wheeler, the same paper says: "He was immediately haled on \$5,000 bond, and put at the head of a crowd of mad men to visit other precincts in the interest of the democratic candidates." It expresses the opinion that "there will be nothing done with Wheeler," and adds: "Why should there be? He was only an instrument. Why punish the blind and bloody tool? He was one among the leaders of a successful revolution to override law." We have before alluded to the action concerning this murder by "the citizens of Copiah county met in mass meeting" on the day after it occurred, at which it was resolved that whereas "rumors" were "current" that the relatives of the murdered man had threatened vengeance on his murderers; therefore—

1. "If any person shall be injured, or attempted to be injured, either in person or property, by the relatives of said J. P. Matthews, that we hereby declare that we will hold his said relatives and friends who participate accountable for the same; and that we will regard them as without the pale and protection of the law and common enemies of society, and that we will visit upon them certain, swift retribution."

2. Assurances of protection of the law to same relatives "so long as they obey the law and become good citizens."

3. That, in the opinion of this meeting, it is necessary to the safety of society and the welfare of all races and classes in this county, that hereafter the Matthews family shall keep out of politics in Copiah county.

4. Forbids organizing colored voters on "peril of the person or persons attempting so to do."

5. Pledges "lives, fortunes, and sacred honor" of all present to "hold ourselves in readiness to enforce the foregoing resolutions, and to meet at any time upon the call of the chairman."

6. A band of twenty-four from each superior district of the county to serve "the brothers and sons of the late J. P. Matthews" with this deadly proclamation of outlawry.

7. That "the honors heretofore worn (and worthily so) by Beat No. 2, be, and the same are hereby, awarded to Beat No. 3."

8. That this "is by no means intended to reflect upon the past and present services of Beat No. 2, but to show our appreciation of the result of the election of the ticket in Beat No. 3."

9. Clubs not to disband, but to be subject to call.

10. Thanks to Hatcher's brass band for music "on this occasion."

Such is the history of the bloody assizes of the democratic party in Copiah county, Miss., of which the central organ of the democracy has nothing to say beyond what we have given it credit for above.

A friend writes us from Jackson, Miss., as follows:

J. L. Meade, chairman of the mass meeting, is a democratic editor, has been a member of the legislature, was editor of the Westville News when he uttered and published the now famous sentence: "If we can't vote the nigger down we can knock him down."

Beat 3, to which is awarded the honors, is the beat wherein the most killing took place. The Vicksburg Post is the only democratic paper which, at least, condemns the murder.

King (Ind.) beat Lowry (dem.) for governor in Copiah county (1881), and in spite of fraud, &c., they had to give it to him (King) by a small majority, but now Copiah goes by 2,000 majority for the party of reform. Turn the rascals out!

The Post had better call in the aid of some Mississippian to help it keep still on the subject of the Copiah murder and the resolutions of its bourbon defenders. It need not make itself an accessory after the fact. No man can be compelled to criminate himself.

Rebelling Against the "Business Interests."

Cincinnati News Journal. Behind Mr. Randall in his contest for the speakership are found the very forces democracy has most to fear, and against which it has to contend in the coming national contest. The Randall movement in the south comes distinctly and plainly from the iron, and coal, and railway protection combination, added to the old sugar protection sentiment of Louisiana.

Ochiltree's Enthusiasm. Philadelphia Evening Call. Tom Ochiltree, who has been to Mexico since his return from Europe, is in ecstasies over the climate at Seltito. He declares it is the finest in the world. Seltito, it may be remembered, is located at a point where the air is so cool and dry that a man can drink all day without having a headache the next morning.

Official—One Thing the President Will Recommend. Chicago News. It is expected that President Arthur will again recommend in his message a constitutional amendment to enable the President to veto separate items of appropriate legislation. This recommendation is not only a good one, but essential to the present political situation.

Call in the Police. Editorial in New York Sun. Richmond enjoys the privilege of possessing a daily journal, the State, and we trust that its columns sometimes contain utterances of respectable statesmanship; but when it writes about Mr. Tilden and the Sun and Judge Holman, it talks like a first-rate fool.

A Painful Lesson. New York World. Mr. C. P. Huntington was interviewed when passing through Louisville, and denied that he intended to buy any more roads for the next week or so. This indicates rather a painful lull in one of our prominent industries.

The Responsibility for It. Richmond Waig. The results of this violence have been felt in the north, and the responsibility for it must be fixed. That it shall be inevitable, and they who fix it without regard to the whole truth are to be pitied.

VISITING WORKINGMEN.

A Delegation from France Coming to Study Our Industries.

New York Sun. A delegation of seventeen workmen, representing eighty trades unions of Paris and the neighborhood, are expected to arrive on the steamer St. Germain from Havre next Wednesday. Their object here is to visit the Boston exhibition, their expenses being met partly by the trade unions of Paris and partly by the municipality. Among the delegates are Bullin, house painter; Saut Martin, blacksmith; Ritsaner, tinsmith; Camelinet, bronze worker, and Dumay, metalist. Printers workmen, and other tradesmen are also represented. In 1870-71 Dumay was the mayor of Crouzet, an iron center adjoining Paris. All the other delegates are men of high standing in their trades. They will visit the leading cities of the United States to study our industries and the social and industrial conditions there in working classes. They will be accompanied from abroad by several French journalists.

In this city the trades unions and labor societies in co-operation with the United French societies of New York, propose to give the visiting delegation an informal reception and banquet on the evening of their arrival, and to that end a meeting of delegates from these bodies will be held to-night at Frank's hall, 123 West Houston street, at 8 o'clock.

IN A HAREM.

A Sentimental Correspondent Pictures the Anguish of the Egyptian Wives. Cleveland Leader.

It would take many more years to tell you all of that eventful night. I have seen much of Egyptian harem life since then. I visited a rich harem with a school teacher who has access to these homes. We passed through court after court, attended by two eunuchs and a black eunuch. Noble girls stood here in white robes, some smoking, some sitting, some on the floor, and as many slaves standing ready to do their bidding. They are the wives of two rich brothers. Some were young, some were old; one pretty little wife, only 14 years old, had one child 2 months old. She had a chance to say a word to the teacher some weeks ago, and told her she remembered when some man took her from her mother in Canea, about three years ago. She had been sold twice since. She said the old wives beat her sometimes, when they saw the husbands and their affection toward her. She is so sad; she smokes, sitting, leaning on the floor, and as many slaves standing ready to do their bidding. 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