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MAHONE has sold his birthright and is now geedily awaiting the mess of pottage.

—During the debate on the silver question Senator Thurman requested the privilege of asking Senator Windom a question. The present Secretary of the Treasury replied: "I will try to answer the question, but will first say that I am probably the only man in this body who is conscious of the fact that he does not know anything about financial matters."

THE sheriff of Marion county had a noose for the murderer, Black, specially prepared in New York at a cost of twenty-five dollars, but it broke short off at the first pull, and then he went out and got a quarter's worth of rope that wasn't specially prepared, and tied a good old fashioned knot in it and swung the murderer into eternity in a jiffy.

NEW YORK'S World's Fair for 1883 promises to be a dismal failure. The scheme began with a great flourish of trumpets, and General Grant, who happened to be out of employment, was chosen president to give it *eclat*. Somehow or other the *eclat* was not forthcoming, and Ulysses has sent in his resignation. He sees no money in it, and that always lets him out.

COLUMBIA has waked up from her sleep. Seeing that no foreign capitalist would make a beginning, her own citizens have got to work and subscribed already nearly a hundred thousand dollars for a factory. Thompson and Nagle will receive fifteen thousand dollars for their franchise, and will retain an interest in the enterprise. This looks like business, and heartily congratulate Columbia on her good beginning.

The Future.

Well informed persons say there is no doubt that Garfield will call an extra session of Congress about the middle of May, to consider a funding bill, and to transact other matters, which means to reorganize the House and appoint committees of investigation to junket through the land during the summer under pretence of preparing evidence for contested election cases. Never before has the two houses been so evenly divided. The Senate is a tie, and in the House the Republicans have a majority of one over the opposition. As three Republican members have been appointed to other positions, all three vacancies must be filled by Republicans to retain this slender majority. With such an even ballance, no revolutionary legislation can be passed. The Democrats will be able to pay back the Radicals in their own coin by refusing to vote on extreme measures. A philosopher once said "Let me know which party will be beaten, I wish to join that." It is much easier to oppose than to conduct a government. Republican mismanagement led to Democratic ascendency, and Democratic mistakes have again put their opponents in power. Two years from now the lower branch is as apt to be Democratic as anything else, and four years from now the people will pronounce whether the masses or the monopolists shall rule.

The South is gaining in wealth and power every day. Northern capital is coming here; and every dollar invested in the South is a fresh guaranty that we shall not be molested by the general government. Let Messrs. Garfield and Conkling and Company begin to harass the Southern states, and trade down here, and the very capitalists who dived into their pockets to elect them, will dive deeper to defeat them. This is not a sentiment of fraternal love, or Christian charity, but not a sentiment of justice to the people of the North, but six millions of bales of cotton, with all that may follow—factories paying fifteen and twenty per cent., railroads bringing rich products, Northern merchants collecting millions of dollars from Southern customers—these form a bulwark still more impenetrable than the cotton bags that buried the British back at New Orleans.

If the South has progressed so rapidly in four years of good rule, how much richer would she be had she been free for the whole past decade, and how much more powerful will she be by 1890? These are comforting reflections, but they are based upon strong grounds. There is no need to despair of the Republic. The Democratic party will live for all time, and as it represents sound political principles and equity towards the South, the South will remain Democratic in spite of the Mahones, just as she triumphed over the scallawag and the carpetbagger. There is no use to divide and she will not do it until her welfare is guaranteed equally by all parties in the Union.

—Texas denies the right of a white man to marry a colored woman. One Emile Francois asserted his right to marry, despite the Texas code. He was indicted, convicted and sentenced to prison for five years. The case was carried before the United States Circuit Court, and Justice Woods decides that the fourteenth amendment abrogates that article of the Texas criminal code under which Francois was convicted. The right of white and colored people to intermarry is, therefore, established. Taste is the only barrier remaining.

THE HILL-MAHONE DEBATE.

Col. Randall Gives the Glory to the Georgian.

After describing the opening of the debate by Pendleton, and Conkling's reply, Colonel Randall thus writes to the *Chronicle and Constitutionalist*:

When Mr. Conkling had condescended to sit down, there was a slight pause, as if to afford Mr. Pendleton an opportunity to reply. But the gentleman from Ohio had fired off his gun and appeared to be out of ammunition. Then, as under similar circumstances last Friday Senator Hill took the floor and at once went to the core of the matter. Without mentioning Mahone's name, he poured out on the unknown traitor's head, alluded to by Conkling, the most terrible avalanche of invective that was ever born from mortal lips. He quoted Mr. Conkling's positive assumption that, on Friday next, if the Democrats would be patient, the Republicans would be sure to organize the Senate to suit themselves. Mr. Hill said he assumed that this was a mistake, as the Democrats had a majority, even when all Republicans had been seated, and that there could be no Republican organization unless a man elected as a Democrat played the part of a traitor and disgraced his commission. He assumed that there was no such infamous person in the Chamber, but if such a person were really there, he would like to know who he was and what was the price of his treason. Various attempts to choke Hill off by interruption were made by Hoar and Conkling and Logan, but one Georgia Senator flung them away like the boar of the forest shake from his side the dogs that assail him. Hill, without mentioning the name of Mahone, and even repudiating the idea that a base a wretch existed as Mr. Conkling intimated, he hotly flayed that individual, who, covered with rage and confusion, fled the Chamber more than once and reappeared in limp and ragged fashion, after Don Cameron, the trainer and both holder of the Republican cancus, had nursed him into something like decorousness. "No man," said Hill, as Mahone at last came back and took a front seat, "no man has a right to accept a commission from one party and act with another. No man so treacherous is worthy of a place in the Senate. Where is the man? Who is the man? Where is the man who can rise in this presence and confess that he disgraces the commission he holds? Into that sore spot Hill kept pounding away, until one could almost fancy he saw the ghastly wound and the raw and gangrenous condition of it.

Then into the arena fronting the Vice-President what was left of William Mahone pranced like a jack released from a box. He showed himself, I must admit, a good deal of a man by being able to survive at all Ben Hill's rousing and he struck back with a vicious fierceness that extorted the plaudits of the galleries and the sympathetic Republicans who clustered about him. He denounced Hill for making insinuations about him: raved about Bourbon Democracy and Georgia tissue ballots, and claimed that he was accountable only to his constituents, and served notice upon the Democrats that as he had in the beginning repudiated their caucus he now repudiated them. It was a complete flop. Amid a good deal of hand-clapping from the Republicans, he sat down and was swallowed up by his desk, upon which he placed his feet, in total contravention of Senatorial decency.

Hill immediately retorted that he had not arraigned the Senator from Virginia, who had arraigned himself, "I was defending you," he said, "from infamous representations, and you accuse yourself. I have vindicated the Senator, and hope he will vindicate himself. Does he deny that he is a Democrat and was elected as a Democrat. When Mahone squeaked out a denial, Hill retorted: "Did you not vote for Hancock for President, and would you ever have had a seat in this body if your people had known that you meditated their betrayal into Republican hands?" Mahone never opened his lips. "He is dumb," said Hill. "He cannot deny it. The guilty conscience is its own accuser." Mahone jumped up again, shrieked out that this thing must stop or he would hold Hill to a "personal responsibility." This squeal excited only derision. [illegible] remembered how General [illegible] took water when Jubal [illegible] and Hartley Johnson brought him to the pistol point and vainly endeavored to get "satisfaction" out of [illegible] said Hill, "I have accused all the newspapers, and fifty millions of [illegible] acting vainly to [illegible] the gentleman

[illegible] entered the [illegible] hooted him out. [illegible] No one seemed to [illegible] the Georgia Titan. [illegible] Mr. [illegible] got upon [illegible] scornful, scathing, vitriolic [illegible] ed out that the Senator had made a degrading [illegible] to the Senate that he had [illegible] apply the slave driver's whip to the backs of freemen who dared to act according to the dictates of conscience, and that it till became men in States where there was no free [illegible] and life to count to do or say such horrid things. He made no allusion to [illegible] witch-burning, Indian-cursing, Quaker-exiling ancestry, and the [illegible],000 white men of Massachusetts, disfranchised because of ignorance or poverty. He wound up with the old Puritanic shout that was so effective twenty years ago, and it may be that its potency is not exhausted yet. I dare say he voiced the stalwart opinion of his section, and I should not be surprised if some of the startling events I have all along dreaded will take form and head from this time forth, unless indeed the business interests of the North prove mightier than its passions.

When the pattering of rain from Mr. Hoar's little thunder cloud ceased, the fall came, and, in that interval of calm, Mr. Morgan offered some resolutions showing how sorry we all are for the assassinated Russian Emperor. Overcome with grief for that dead potentate, the Senate adjourned.

Now what is the moral of all this? It is conceded on all sides that Mr. Hill surpassed himself and as a forensic debater, grand orator and towering intellect he has no rival in the Senate. "Ben Hill," said Senator Vance, "covered himself over with glory like a horse blanket." "He ran Mahone, like a rabbit, up a hollow tree," said Senator Williams, "twisted his tail off with a forked stick and then smoked him out." Mr. Hoar may try to belittle the series of speeches made by Mr. Hill, but the effort will fail. It was the greatest exhibition of the powers of the human mind ever witnessed in the Senate Chamber for many years, and Mr. Hill stands unapproachable and alone in the mightiness of his grandeur as an intellectual gladiator. That he has immeasurably advanced his already great reputation as a public man is certain. Whether he has unintentionally done good or harm to the country remains to be seen. Mahone has gone over anyhow to the enemy's camp, and Hill only bound him to the pillory and lashed him after he had accomplished his treason. The storm was brewing, as I tried to let you know, and had to burst anyhow. What we have to regard now is the effect of Hoar's speech upon the Northern people. If it prove a disturbing element, watch Garfield and see how he will, in all human probability, ride on its highest crest and earliest onset. All of this may be very bad or very good for us. We shall soon see. One of our old prophetic statesmen takes, I think, the gloomiest view. He says: "The neck of our party is a tough one, and the knife that has been hacking at it is a dull one. But the neck is almost sawed through." I am not so desperate as that. The formidable Democratic minorities of the Senate and House will put new life into the party, I hope, and healing its gasping wound. meanwhile, let us not despair of the future or of the Republic. Sore trials may be in store for all of us; but they may be endured and surmounted. This day perhaps we have made history and turned the corner for weal or woe. Mr. Hill has made Mahone temporarily an accidental celebrity. The chances are also that he has consigned him finally to the company of Mr. Kellogg, and branded him so that he will find even Virginia too hot to hold him comfortably and securely. J. R. R.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—Since 1854 India has had a famine every four years. Previous to that, a famine every ten years was about the average. England's rule brings famine, pestilence and war.

—The New York *Times* says there is a strong probability that the proposed World's Fair will not be held. General Grant said he will abandon it unless the necessary funds were raised by Wednesday of this week.

—A six hundred thousand dollar site for a new Opera House in New York has been chosen. It is a block at Broadway and Fortieth street. With a building on this site worth $400,000, the metropolis will have a musical palace to be proud of.

—When President Antonio Lopez Santa Anna visited the United States he contracted debts which he did not pay. His creditors have found out that he had deposited with the Safe Deposit Company diamonds valued at $30,000, and they will be sold to settle the claims.

—Secretary Blaine begins work vigorously by a note to the British Minister, calling attention to the misrepresentations of the British Consul at Philadelphia, in relation to the hog cholera in the West, and desiring that immediate steps be taken to correct the injury which the report is likely to do to American trade. Secretary Evarts initiated the move for a correction by a note on the 7th of March.

—Some good natured newspaper correspondent has been reminding the organs which spoke of Mrs. Garfield as the first mother who had seen her son made President, that there is a Mrs. Jesse R. Grant in Jersey City who can contest their claim. The organs ought not have needed reminding on this point. They surely have not forgotten that when Grant returned from his tour around the world he waited over one entire train before going to Mexico, in order to call on his mother in Jersey City.

—President Hayes sent ten veto messages to the House during his term. He vetoed the silver bill February 28, 1878; the bill for holding a special term of the United States Court in Mississippi, to try timber cases, March 6, 1878; the bill to restrict Chinese immigration, March 1, 1879; the army appropriation bill, with the measure prohibiting the use of troops at the polls attached, April 29, 1879; the military interference bill, May 12, 1876; the judicial expenses bill, because of restrictions touching the employment of marshals at elections; the special marshal's appropriation bill, June 30, 1879; the special deficiency appropriation bill, which was destined to have the deputy deputy marshals appointed by the United States Circuit Court from all political parties, May 4, 1880; a bill regulating the appointment of special deputy marshals at elections, June 15, 1880; and, lastly, the refunding bill. Of these only the silver bill passed over the Presidential veto.

A HORRIBLE SCENE.—A special to the *News and Courier* reports that James Black, colored, was executed at Marion on Friday for the murder of Eli Wilcox, colored. He had been reprieved twice. Black made an effort to address the crowd, but words failed him and he said nothing. At one o'clock the prop was removed and to the horror of the spectators the rope broke and Black fell heavily to the floor below, spitting blood and calling for water. Eighteen minutes later the trap was sprung a second time and Black died of strangulation. Black weighed 150 pounds. The rope broke just at the end of the knot and was completely rotten.

—Richard and Ben James, colored, were convicted at Marion on Saturday by a mixed jury, of the murder of D. M. Harrell, in August last, and were sentenced to be hanged on June 22. Louis James, a third accused, was acquitted.

—A man advertises for a competent person to undertake the sale of a new medicine, and adds that it "will be highly lucrative to the undertaker."