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## WHAT I SAW, AND HEARD

The District Commissioners are confirmed and as I predicted a few weeks ago, they will begin now to make appointments. I understand that Ex-Public Printer A. M. Clapp or Major A. O. Richards, will be appointed tax collector. Mr. Clapp is deserving of recognition and his appointment would meet the hearty approval of the citizens. I am sure that the Commissioners would make no mistake in the appointment of Mr. Clapp.

Of course the colored citizens will look for recognition and I am sure they are entitled to it and I believe that the Commissioners will do the honest thing.

Governor Kellogg has been heard from again, this time in Louisiana. He said in an interview that the next House of Representatives will be democratic. Gov. Kellogg may know what he is talking about but I am under the impression that the voters of this country will overthrow both of the two great political parties. The republican party has not the backbone to act and I am sure that it will not see its mistake until it is too late. I don't think that any national election law will pass; I don't think that this Congress will dare to do anything to enforce the laws on the statute books. The condition of the Negroes in this country looks dark. The republican party must do its duty towards the Negro; the 15th amendment of the constitution of the United States must be enforced. Senator Chandler has done all that one man can do for the cause of freedom. If the republican party doesn't want the Negro vote let it say so. I am of the opinion that the Negro must solve his own destiny. I am told that the administration is powerless under the laws, to act or protect the colored man. If a republican is powerless, it would be better to have a monarchy and I know that murderers would be punished.

I am in favor of organization of the Negroes into leagues for their civil and political protection. It is better for the colored man to cease voting if he cannot be protected in his political rights. The people in the North seemed to have been captured by Grady's speech. Their silence must certainly mean an endorsement of it any way. I cannot see what the colored people can expect from this Congress; I know there will be nothing done in the way of legislation. The House is afraid and the Senate is timid. My advice to the colored people is to withdraw from politics. Let us go into business; get education; money which are the best solutions of the Negro problem that can be suggested.

I am told that several prominent names will be sent to the Senate when Congress convenes. Who they are I am unable to state at this time. Col. Shyer is a candidate for the Recorder'ship. He is a German and I suppose the President is aware how much the Germans contributed to the last election in Ohio. It is an old maxim and a true one. The kickers are generally provided for. I am sure that the Negroes will no longer play the baby act. They will show their power and political strength in a few years. No great acts have been accomplished without force and agitation. It is not always necessary to use violence nor is it necessary to tamely submit to every insult. The colored people in the South are powerless and I would not advise them to do any thing to their detriment. Let us all hope for a better day.

## A WORD TO LEADING COLORED MEN.

New York Herald.

A remarkable phenomenon demands the attention of the leaders of the colored public opinion in the South and North. They cannot prudently shut their eyes or the eyes of their constituency—the colored people of the Union—to the sympathy and applause given by all New England and a great part of the North to the recent speech of Mr. Grady, of Georgia, at a Boston banquet.

We do not ask colored men to agree with Mr. Grady's opinions or sentiments. They may dispute

Mr. Grady's statements if they please; they may deny the truth and justice of his conclusions; they may say what they please about his sentiment. All that is beside the question. What they are bound to notice and to call to the attention of colored men of influence everywhere in the South, is that all New England has applauded Mr. Grady; that in the ancient stronghold of abolition, in the region where the negro has been accustomed to count upon finding his most zealous friends and defenders—there, at last, he has apparently worn out friendship.

That is the matter which deserves the consideration of every colored man in the South—a matter which every intelligent colored leader is bound to impress upon those of his people whom it is his place to inform. Scheming and reckless politicians in Congress may contrive federal election bills—they cannot pass; and if they do, they will be repealed under stress of public indignation in the North. The colored leaders of the South who tell their people that there is help for them in federal legislation mislead them, and are either ignorant themselves or reckless demagogues. The colored people of the South must help themselves out of any troubles they may have. They must become a part of the Southern body politic and not an extraneous mass, cohering for purposes foreign to the general objects of their fellow citizens.

The applause and sympathy which Mr. Grady's speech has received in New England should once for all awaken the Southern colored people to the fact that they have in the quarter of a century since the war closed drawn too heavily upon even their most zealous friends in the North. Mr. Grady suggested that it would have been better that the colored men of the South had not been given the vote. We do not agree with him there, for we believe the vote was needed to turn him from a freedman into a freeman. But the significant fact is that no appreciable public opinion in New England or elsewhere in the North has taken serious exceptions to Mr. Grady's opinion.

It is the duty of the intelligent and conscientious leaders of the colored South to tell their people all over the South plainly that they have no help to expect from Northern sympathy, that federal election laws, even they could pass, would not benefit them, and would be repealed in two years under the stress of Northern indignation and opposition; and that they ought no longer to allow themselves to be banded together in their States in a "solid" mass, not forming a political party, but only a political mob. It is their duty to teach their people that they must vote as they think and not as republican demagogues urge them to.

The solid South consists of two parts, the solid white voters and the solid black voters. But what do the blacks gain—what have they gained by this solidarity? Nothing, except here and there a post office or some other petty federal place flung to them by their republican friends as a bone is flung to a dog. It is time for the colored voters to consider their situation and to abandon the false course which has brought upon them, as many of them assert, maltreatment in the South; but, what is far more serious for them, indifference and contempt in the North, and in the house of their friends.

## YOU MUST BE MOUNTED,

EVEN TO ENTER HEAVEN. JASPER'S DREAM—MAHONEY GETS IN HEAVEN AND THE PREACHER LEFT.

(Courier Journal).

Yes, he is in hard luck. Whatever happens, he is sure to get the butt end of it. He is the only perpetual hewer of wood, who is always crowded away from the fire; the only systematic drawer of water, who never gets a drink. Yet, as patient as a camel, he goes on voting the Republican ticket from year to year; and, if one of his race takes a notion to protest, he is straightway bounced for a traitor, and driven out with staves and stones, lucky if he escapes with his life. How long, oh, Lord, how long?

It is none of our funeral. We know that. But it does stick in

our gizzard to see the colored brother so set upon. It was bad enough to be ignored by the Administration. That, however, was to be expected. Mr. Harrison is an aristocrat. He hates a poor man only one degree less than he hates a nigger. But there was a hope that, Congress, the Republican Congress, would, when it met, do something to make things even. Now, what do we see? We see all the black contested election cases in the House, except one, put down at the foot of the calendar, where they will never be reached, and that one exception placed sixth on the list of seventeen, not by the Republicans, but by the Democrats.

It is just as Abram Jasper said in his speech to the colored picnic at Shanty-town, in the late Virginia campaign: "Feller freeman," says he, "you all know me. I am Abram Jasper, a Republican from way back. When there have been any work to do, I have done it. When there has been any votin' to do, I have voted, early and often. When there have been any fightin' to do, I have been in the thick of it. I am above proff, old line, and tax paid. And I have seed many changes, too. I have seed the Democrats up. I have seed the Democrats up. But I is yit to see the nigger up. 'Tother night I had a dream. I dreamt that I died and went to heaven. When I got to de pearly gates, ole Salt Peter, he says:

"Who's dar?" says he. "Abram Jasper," says I. "Is you mounted or is you a-foot?" says he. "I is a-foot," says I. "Well you can't git in here," says he. "Nobody's 'lowed in here kept them as come mounted," says he.

"Dat's hard on me," says I, "arter comin' all dis distance." But he neber says nothin' mo', and so I starts back, an' about half way down da hill who does I meet but Gen'l Willom Mahone.

"Whar is you gwine, Gen'l?" says I.

"I is gwine to heaven," says he. "Why Gen'l," says I, "taint no use. I see just been up dar, an' nobody's 'lowed to git in 'cept dey comes mounted, an' you's a-foot."

"Is dat so?" says he.

"Yes it is," says I.

"Well, de Gen'l sorter scratched his head, an' arter awhile he says, let's do. 'Abram, I tell you what he's do. You is a likely lad. Suppose you get down on all fours, an' I'll mount and ride you, and dat way we can both git in."

"Gen'l," says I, "de you think you could work it?"

"I know I kin," says he.

"So, down I gits on all fours, and de Gen'l gits a-straddle, an' we ambles up de hill agin an' prances up to de gate, an' ole Salt Peter, he says:

"Who's dar?"

"Gen'l Willom Mahone of Virginia," says he.

"Is you mounted or is you a-foot?" says Peter.

"I is mounted," says the Gen'l.

"Alright," says Peter, "alright," says he; jest hitch your boss outside, Gen'l, an' come right in."

And so it goes. Shunned by the Republicans in this world, the colored brother will be, if they have their way, shut out from heaven itself in the world to come. How long, oh, Lord, how long?

The Sunday school of the Metropolitan Baptist church presented, its superintendent, Mr. Geo. A. Carter, with a handsome chair last Sabbath morning. The presentation address was delivered by Miss Minnie Scott. This is in recognition of the valuable services rendered by Mr. Carter and the progress he has met with since he has had charge of the school.

J. N. Weaver of Indiana has secured a position as watchman in the Census office through the influence of his member of Congress Hon. Thos. Brown. Thanks Mr. Brown.

## LOST.

Emanuel Pope, formerly of Azoo county, Miss., wants to know the whereabouts of his sisters, Polly Pope, two married sisters, Milly Kane, Adeline Jane Pope, brothers Joe and Larkin Pope. He left them July 4th, '63, after the fall of Vicksburg Miss. They belonged to Nannie Denmond. If known please address Bee office Washington, D. C.

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