

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1879.

THE BLOODY SHIRT.

We have heard that the Tribune in a recent issue charged the homicide which occurred here to politics, and waves the bloody shirt to its northern readers in order to fire the northern heart, because a Republican was killed in Weldon. We tried, but did not succeed in getting a copy of the paper containing the article. We would lay it before our readers in full if we could. From what we can learn we have quoted its substance:

That no blame can possibly be attached to the Democrats we will make evident. That no political motive could be the cause of the affair, we will, we think, make equally as evident on a statement of the facts which are these:

E. M. Hicks occupied a lot which was claimed by J. M. Foote and L. F. Lukin. Mr. Lukin went upon the land and with him several of his workmen. Hicks shot Mr. Lukin, wounding him, and turned towards Merritt with his pistol pointed at him, and Merritt fired and killed him.

Hicks was a Republican, having been formerly elected coroner on the Republican ticket. Mr. Foote is a Republican, a native of Michigan, having had charge of the Freedman's Bureau when that institution existed and was afterwards appointed post master under Grant's administration, which position he held until the last spring.

Mr. Lukin is a Republican, a native of Manchester New Hampshire, was post master here for some time; was nominated as a elected sheriff of Halifax county by the Republicans for two terms, and was defeated last year before the Republican nominating convention of the county for the same position. All of the others connected with the affair namely: Ben Ivey, Tom Ferguson and Alex Billing are Republicans. Every one of them is an open avowed Republican, except the boy Merritt who is under age, and strictly speaking, does not belong to either party.

Politics had nothing to do with the unfortunate affair. There has been no election in this State since May, and there will be none until next May, and then only municipal elections. What political motive therefore could there be? In view of the facts as we give them above, which are true as every one in the county knows, the Tribune should, if it has any sense of justice correct its statement. This we have no doubt it will do, and we do so for it. The charge is false from beginning to end, and the Tribune knows it; for if we mistake not it has more than once received communications from two of these very gentlemen.

THE MUD CUP BOOM.

We intended to publish the Mud-Cup Boom this week, but owing to the pressure of other important matter it was crowded out. At some future time we will lay it before our readers. We do not sympathize with the boom at all for several reasons. It raises an issue which has been settled by both parties. The Democrats and Republicans have both endorsed the Western Railroad in their political platforms and it entirely too late now to manufacture a feeling against it. We do not see the necessity of making it an issue before the people at all. Let it rest where it is. Let the legislature take action in the matter. It has been before the people in convention assembled, and they endorsed it, and with that let us be satisfied. We have our hands full to carry the State next year with a solid united party, with at dividing ourselves on an issue which strictly speaking is not before the people.

If the Railroad in question is not profitable but rather a burden as argued, why, let us discuss it when we have leisure, when there is no foe to meet. The first cannot control the legislature no matter which party is successful. The first with few exceptions sends Republicans to the legislature who have no voice, if that body is Democratic, and are easily influenced by the Western Republicans if that party has control and will support the Railroad because they do not pay taxes. So that the legislature in our opinion will support the Railroad, no matter which party is in the ascendancy. It is better that the matter should not be made an issue in the campaign. Let us not be divided when we need all our strength.

The whole thing in a nut-shell is this: We had better pay taxes to build the road, and secure the legislature and State officers than to pay the taxes, and turn the whole government over to the Republicans.

THE FUTURE POWER OF THE SOUTH.

Some of our kind friends at the North have been making merry over the anticipated loss of political power which will overtake the South after 1881. Our readers will recall that at the session of Congress next succeeding each census, that body is required to make a new apportionment of members of Congress, allotting to each State such a number of representatives as its population justifies.

In 1872 Congress determined that 131,000 population should be entitled to a representative. On this basis the present Congress has 293 members. The population of the States is now estimated at 48,000,000.

In 1881 the ratio of representation will probably be increased to 160,000. This will give 300 members to the House of Representatives.

Now we apprehend that the South, if this be the basis, will not lose so many representatives as our Northern friends have supposed. The are 16 States which we call Southern States. Their population is very near 17,000,000. The South will be entitled to 106 members of Congress. The New England States with 8,700,000 population will be entitled to 54 members of Congress. The States of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, having about 10,250,000 population, will have 64 members, and the Western States, whose population has increased to over 17 million, will have 107 members. These figures are, to be sure, conjectural. They are merely estimates.

In arriving at our result we start out with the fact that the Western States in 1870 contained about 12,000,000 of people. There have been 2,500,000 emigrants into the United States since that date, of whom at least 2,000,000 have gone to the West. There has also been extensive emigration from the New England and Middle States to the West, so that by immigration and natural increase we think the population of the West, including Ohio, is about 17,000,000. In the next House of Representatives the South will then be very nearly as strong as she is to-day. The New England States and the Middle States will lose somewhat, and in equal or greater measure than the South. Indeed the loss will be more perceptible in New England than at the South. We have no Southern States that are retrograding in population; while both Maine and New Hampshire lost population in the decade between 1860 and 1870. While this will be the position of affairs in the House, the solid Democratic South will gain hereafter in the Senate at least by the substitution of Democratic Senators for Bruce and Kellogg. We will have thirty two Democratic Senators from the South, and these figures are liable to be increased by the admission of New Mexico as a State, and by the erection of new States within the present territory of Texas. And more than this, when we consider that a natural alliance exists between the West and the South, and that the ties that bind these two sections together are daily becoming stronger, and our connection more intimate, there does not seem to be any very great reason for the people of the Northeast to be making merry over the future. One thing is certain, what we have been in the habit of calling "the North" will be largely in the minority after 1881. New England and the Middle States together will have twenty votes in the House less than the South, and fourteen votes less in the Senate. This does not look as if the South will be very weak in the national councils after all. And on the whole, if the North can afford to view the result with complacency.—Hal. Observer.

Read what Dr. R. Stuelow Mackenzie, Literary Editor of the Philadelphia Daily Press says: A good American novel, by a new and able writer, is so rare, that its appearance, to a certain extent, may be greeted as "a joy forever." Such a work, written in a clear and scholarly style, by Mr. Robert E. Billard, of Warren county, North Carolina, we have before us now. It is entitled "Myrtle Lawn." With the exception of a splendid episode in Spain, its action takes place in the New World, within a locality stretching from Mexico to Massachusetts; but the scene proper of its principal events is the vicinity of Baltimore, where the leading dramatic personages are represented as having their proper homes. The main interest turns on the private life of three families; and the nucleus of the story lies in the ambition of a rich merchant, who manumits, by the high education, brilliant talents, pleasing manners, and leading alliance of his only son with a leading physician's daughter, to establish him in public life by the additional leverage of vast riches, acquired in business. Paternal ambition is the rock upon which the happiness of the Evans family and of others is all but wrecked, and the author exhibits much ability in narrating the circumstances of the case. There is another case of love in peril in this story, in which the villain of the tale discredibly figures, while his dearest repentance and confession is a veritable and terrible piece of writing, powerful in its tragic force. Mr. Billard truly holds "the pen of a ready writer"; his style is good, largely owing its grace to education and society, and the moral tone will please a very large class of readers. The Spanish incident which we have referred to includes a spirited sketch in the Carlist war in Spain, in which, at the storming of a stronghold, success is unexpectedly and brilliantly achieved by the self-devoted valor of a daring young American. It is a poem on painting in words, such as Scott or Macaulay might have dashed off in a happy hour of literary excitement. There is nothing of the sort here in modern fiction. The dialogues and correspondence in this tale are admirable, and the author's stream of narrative is at once clear, strong, and rapid.

This proves one thing, however, that the author, if he should determine to rely upon action as well as character and a well-constructed plot, may realize such a purpose in future works, without any purpose to doubt of success. "Myrtle Lawn" is published by T. B. Peterson & Brothers, Philadelphia, in a large duodecimo volume, bound in morocco cloth, black and gold, price \$1.50, and will be found for sale by all B.-sellers and News Agents, and on all Railroad Trains, or copies of it will be sent to any one, to any address, at once, on any one remitting \$1.50 in a letter to the Publishers.

MR. HENDRICKS STATES HIS POSITION.

A correspondent of the Cincinnati Enquirer, who met H. Thos. A. Hendricks in Indianapolis last week, called his attention to a recent statement in the Washington Star that a prominent Indianapolis had said that he (Hendricks) had denounced Mr. Tilden in the bitterest terms. Mr. Hendricks is reported as saying: "I have never denounced Mr. Tilden, nor have I censured him even. I did not attempt to do so. Tilden was to my course after the election in 1876. He decided his course without suggestions from me, and I have no doubt he thought that he was doing that which was best for the country. As to myself, I have always thought it very fortunate to me that I did not fill the Vice-Presidential office. I did not want it, because it would not add to the honors I have had conferred on me by my countrymen, and in a financial way I think my profession quite as profitable."

Mr. Hendricks further said: "I don't ask a nomination as a matter of vocation. When a party elects a man to an office it vindicates him, if such a thing is necessary in politics. If he does not or cannot assume the office afterward, that is another matter. At least it is so in my case. I ask nothing of my countrymen it will be upon my merits. I shall support any man whom my party will nominate. I have no exclusive claim on any nomination. The people, not aspirants, are the judges in such matters. I regard Indiana as a Democratic State, and would be disappointed if any nominee of the party should fail to carry it. At any rate he would receive all the assistance I could give him."

SEYMOUR IN PHILADELPHIA.

A prominent Democrat, hitherto closely affiliated with Randall, made the significant remark last evening that feeling was changing from Mr. Tilden to ex-Gov. Seymour to such an extent that it might be called actual revolution. "The Hayard boom does not meet with the Seymour men's approval," he said, "on the ground that States are wanted now, not statesmen." "You think that Seymour will take the nomination?" the speaker was asked. "Yes, he won't refuse it now." "If you can rely on reports that his intimate friends are circulating. They all say— "Who are they?" "That's a hard question to answer. His nephew is most interested in it. You know that Horatio Seymour, Jr., ran ahead of his ticket for State Engineer in New York. He did not wait to run, but he did, and turned out to be the only Democrat elected whose majority was returned by the Republicans."—From the Philadelphia Times.

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