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SAM JONES WRITES ON "LESSONS IN LIFE."

A man who is simply posted on current events, to say nothing of moral training and religious influences, who deliberately makes up his mind to do a wrong thing is about as much fool as he is knave. While all natures declares that there is a God every wrecked life and prison wall and court of justice and hangman's rope tell us in louder tones than God has spoken it that it does not pay to do wrong.

Poor Saunders, the alleged Southern Express company robber, with a conscience that made him surrender and somebody else disgorge thirty-seven hundred dollars of the money, with wrecked life and ruined hopes, could preach a sermon today to the young men of America that would cause them to halt and think and reform while the sermons of thousands of preachers would fall dead upon their ears. But what a mighty sermon is preached every morning in our daily papers! This one gone wrong; that one gone wrong; a suicide here; a murdered man there; a wrecked home yonder and a blasted character here, et cetera. The man who does not believe that the way of the transgressor is hard does not believe anything. He has doubted until he now doubts whether he doubts or not. The sooner young men learn the lesson thoroughly that it is not only right to do right and wrong to do wrong but that they cannot afford to do wrong and that they cannot afford not to do right, the better it will be for them, and then they have learned the lesson that forms the very basis of all usefulness here and all hopes of good hereafter.

"By the sweat of thy brow shalt thou earn thy bread." Some men say, is God's curse pronounced upon men? It is God's wise direction to a child. Employment is the very safeguard of character: industry is the very basis of manhood. There is more in labor than the dollars and cents which labor brings. Employment is worth more than emoluments to any man. A man who does good work on half pay is getting along better than the fellow who does sorry work and gets double pay. Fidelity to the task undertaken! Desirous first to do well the thing you are doing, and making all other considerations secondary, is the very ground work of patience and when a man loses patience and gets in a hurry to be rich, then comes the dangerous period. Human weakness coupled with temptation brings about the condition of things which would wreck the world. I had rather follow a plow for a dollar a week than to follow Leiter, the Chicago wheat dealer, at a million dollars a year. A man can plow his way to manhood but he can only speculate himself to hell.

All's well that ends well, gentlemen; and the end is coming. Some men's sins go before them to judgement: others follow on. This is true every day and everywhere. I have seen it in the courthouse in my own county, where men's sins went before them to judgment—sins that wrecked their character, destroyed the confidence of the people of the community in their integrity and convicted them at the bar of justice in the courthouse. Their sins went before them and condemned them before the day of judgment. I have known others whose sins followed them and overtook them at the courthouse, when one witness after another brought up a chain of evidence that came at last with its accumulated forces and crushed them under the wheels of justice. With the big dogs of this country who are speculating and carousing and gambling, their sins are following after them. They don't seem to be ahead like the locusts of Egypt eating up the country before they come on; but the hounds of hell are after them on their heels. They will overtake them. The valuable lessons of life are never learned by some until they are too old to be benefited much by them. If a young man at 16 or 18 or 20 years of age could have the knowledge of things which the experiences of 20 years of future life would give him, he could enter the battlefield thoroughly equipped for the fight. These little dressing, drinking, billiard-playing, club-lounging dudes and boys of rich parents and prospective sons-in-law of rich men, if they could but see themselves as they really are they would run from themselves like a nigger runs from a ghost.

Whenever the roads fork I stop right still and read the signboards on each side of the post. When I read "This is the right way," I am going that way whether the mule I am riding goes or not. If I can't ride him that way, I'll take it afoot. When there are no signboards up at the fork of the road, I am going to be anxiously inquiring whether I am going right or not until I find out. The big sensation Atlanta has had over the woman who went in the barrooms of Atlanta and got drunk is a fraud on creation. I said once that I could prove that no gentleman that God ever made would go into a saloon, and some fellow hollered out: "Prove it." I said: Will any lady go into on?" He hollered "No." "Then," said I, if a lady can't will a gentleman?"

Ah, gentlemen, there is the rub. You not only want a double standard bimetallism, 16 to 1 in dollars and cents, but you want a double standard for man and woman—one standard erected to the skies for women and another one on a level with the mud holes for men. There is not a lady in Atlanta who hasn't as much right to get drunk and swear and gamble as any man in Atlanta, God being the judge. There isn't a preacher in Atlanta who hasn't as good right to rent property to saloons and bawdy houses or to belong to the Capital City club or to go into a saloon and drink liquor as any man in Atlanta, God being judge. This world has lifted certain standards for certain classes, but God lifts the same standard for all.

I am sure that if I were to go into a saloon and take a drink the next time I visit Atlanta it would be telegraphed out of Atlanta by the Associated Press that Sam Jones was in Atlanta drinking liquor to-day, but there are thousands of so-called gentlemen who go in and drink every day and there is nothing said about it. Nobody notices them. I tell you, my neighbors, there is a tremendous difference between a gentleman and a vagabond, and I thank God for the difference. If I were to stand on the streets of Atlanta and swear an oath it would be heralded all over this country that Sam Jones was in Atlanta cussing; but thousands of so-called gentlemen stand on her streets and curse every day and are no more noticed than a dog barking. A blind man can see the difference between a vagabond and a gentleman. The world will make him see. If I was that drunken woman I would stand on my rights and fight the universe and show them that woman has some rights as well as some wrongs.

I see with pleasure that the tabernacle meetings every Sunday afternoon in Atlanta held by the pastors are a sucess. Go it pastors! God bless you in the work! And I would persuade the people of Atlanta to attend these meetings. Throw your weight and influence with them and before the ides of April you will see results that will not only quicken your faith, but go far beyond your present expectations. Atlanta is a godly city in many ways. She has many noble cititizens and more good women than any town almost that I know of her size, but the devil has a mighty force in Atlanta working for him day and night and that force must be counteracted. Overcome evil with good.

SAM P. JONES.

Irish Enthusiasm.

One of the best things that has been told lately to illustrate the ready wit of the Irish was related in a short address the other day by Hira Singh Puri, of Punjab, India, who is making a tour in this country preparatory to resuming his labors in the mission field in India, says The Washington Post. The occasion was a meeting of a literary club, and the topic under discussion was patriotism.

Well, patriotism had been running riot around there for some time. Two or three soul-inspiring speeches had been made on "the flag," "Old Glory" and the stars and stripes. An old soldier arose, and in a measure threw cold water on the desire of some of the younger recuits to exterminate the Spanish nation. His remarks were not received with mark approval. Mr. Puri was then called on for a speech. He was delighted to see such an overflowing of patriotic sentiment, and said that it reminded him of an Irish celebration that he had once attended. The speaker of the occasion was an Irishman, who was making one of the speeches that only Irishmen can make when on the subject of their oppression by England. The speaker finished his address, and was so worked up that he burst forth with "Hurrah for Ireland!"

A man in the rear, who had been rather digusted with the whole proceeding, answered his outburst with: "Oh, d—n Ireland; hurrah for h——."

The Irishman was straggered for a moment, but recovered himself and howled back: "I can't help admiring you, my friend. Let every man holler for his own country. I hollered for Ireland."

She Was Too Busy to Come.

New Orleans Times-Democrat.

He was a mere stripling of a lad. He might have been seven years of age or he might have been nine; nobody could tell by looking at his face. The only mark of certainty about the youthful countenance was the sure sign that some of his ancestors had come from old Ireland. The little fellow walked hastily into the office of the warrant clerk of Recorder Finnegan's court. He did not notice the four persons standing in line waiting to get affidavits made out against some bothersome relative, but the youth pushed through the crowd and engaged the attention of the clerk with this odd demand.

"I want to make an affidavit against my pa," said he, and pushed his little red head around the side of the desk.

"You want what?" queried the clerk.

"I want to swear against pa," said the boy again.

"What has your pa done?"

"He has just been in a prize fight with ma."

"Well, why don't your ma swear out the warrant against pa? My boy, you are too young; you won't fill the bill."

"My ma can't come and she wanted me to fix it up for her."

"Why could she not come?" asked the clerk, getting interested in the youngster's story. He could not imagine why the wife would not be only too willing to swear out a warrant.

"My ma and pa, they got in the fight in the kitchen. That is how it happened. My pa made a dive for her, but didn't land, and then my ma she grabbed up the rolling pin and floored the old man. She is now setten' on him, holdin' him down, and that is why she couldn't come to swear against him. She sent me."

The Best Remedy for Rheumatism.

From the Fairhaven (N. Y.) Register.

Mr. James Rowland of this village, states that for twenty-five years his wife has been a sufferer from rheumatism. A few nights ago she was in such pain that she was nearly crazy. She sent Mr. Rowland for the doctor, but he had read of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and instead of going for the physician he went to the store and secured a bottle of it. His wife did not approve of Mr. Powland's purchase at first, but nevertheless applied the Calm thoroughly and in an hour's time was able to go to sleep. She now applies it whenever she feels an ache or a paid and finds that it always gives relief. He says that no medicine which she had used ever idd her as much good. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by M. L. Marrh & Co.

The Deacon's War Talk.

"Take in that United States flag!" said the old colored deacon, as one of his boys waved a flag from the window. "Take hit in, en never you go foolin' wid it lak dat, no mo'! Fust t'ing you knows dat refruitin' officer will be comin' roun' ter 'lis' me. Don't you wave no flag 'less you has ter. I ain't in favor er dis war. I went thoo de las' one, en broke my two legs runnin' ter keep up wid de 'wite folks! No, suh, I don't want no mo' er it. Take in dat flag!"

A man with a slight headache creates more excitement in the house than his wife would create if she were to be brought home with malignant small pox.

MR. BRYAN'S LETTER.

Raleigh Post.

The Post is a Democratic paper. It is Democratic without qualification or limitation. It preaches Democratic doctrine and defends Democratic policies. It insists on the maintenance of Democratic integrity, and relies upon Democratic conscience to sustain Democratic aspirations and carry into effect Democratic purposes.

It is not necessary for The Post to say all this, having said as much in every issue, more or less, since the establishment of the paper. But a "frequent recurrence to first principles" is enjoined upon us by the State Constitution, and in doing so by way of introduction to comments upon the letter of Hon. W.J. Bryan's addressed to Mr. Josephus Daniels, National Committeeman for this State, which was published yesterday in The Post, should not subject us to adverse criticism.

Mr. Bryan, in his letter published yesterday, advises the Democratic party of this State to "co-operate" with Mr. Butler and his Populist party in the coming campaign. As Mr. Bryan places great importance upon this co-operation, it is to be regretted that he did not state explicity or indicate more directly, the basis upon which it should be done, with whom or through whom it should be negotiated, and how far the Democratic party should play the "charity and liberality" act towards the Populists, and vice versa; or whether the Butlerites should be expected to do any "charity" work at all, but rather be allowed the greatest "liberality in the absorption of the offices. The distinguished gentleman has left us all at sea by these unfortunate omissions.

There are just two solemn, unavoidable facts which come in direct conflict with Mr. Bryan's good intentions as displayed in his letter.

He is woefully ignorant of conditions existing in party affairs and composition in this State; and is woefully, egregiously mistaken in the asumption that the opponents of fusion with Marion Butler which he recommends are "gold bugs."

We do not know that he is to be complained of for either error. He has simply been misled by designing men, some of whom at least have more interest, or think they have, in a Federal administration than in the administration of State affairs. The expectation of Federal appointments, and disappointments therein, have contributed more to Democratic disorganization in this State than any other one thing. But while Mr. Bryan may be pardoned for his mistaken advice, the advice itself is none the less obnoxious.

Mr. Butler and his associates with whom we are asked to co-operate are responsible for the legislatures of 1895 and 1897, and the disgraceful, demoralizing acts of both. They are directly responsible for the Russell administration, its ignorance, its scandals, its extravagance, its reckless disregard of the rights of the people in property or otherwise, its shameless misuse and abuse of power. And all these things Butler & Co. still approve. They are responsible for the legislature which has given towns and counties ignorant government, with vicious negroes and more vicious whites filling important positions. Mr. Butler and his special organs and henchmen who are now held up to the "virtuous element" of that party have declared time and again that the Democrats shall not, under any circumstances,—again obtain control of the State government if they can help it. They will not fuse on any basis that will allow the Democrats to obtain control of affairs, and thus reinstate the decent as well as intelligent and honest government which prevailed for twenty years during Democratic rule. Mr. Butler and his co-operating associates are willing only to fuse on a basis which will return Butler to the Senate, and five Populists to Congress, leaving the State and county governments in as bad condition as now, with the same crowd who have brought on all the present woes at least the "balance of power" to unite with any one on the scheme that promises the the greatest amount of plunder. Mr. Bryan evidently does not understand this condition of affairs, or he would not give such advice as his letter conveys.

We are satisfied that Mr. Bryan has been made to believe that the opponents of fusion are gold bugs; and those who are not gold bugs are amenable to the corrupt or other influences of the Republicans and opponents of the Democratic party. This is simply the grossest slander, in either case, deliberately and willfully palmed off on Mr. Bryan, and he has been made the innocent instrument by which the cause which he has so greatly at heart shall be associated with base purposes founded on absolutely false premises. If Mr. Bryan knew the real condition of affairs, and knew those who compose the Democratic party in this State, he would never have written that letter, nor would he have anything to do with Butler or Butlerism. We can tell him, with all respect, an overwhelming majority of the Democratic party in this State will not be delivered upon any such bargain. And we will add, for his information, a decided majority of Mr. Butler's own party cannot be delivered by him upon any bargain he could make with the Democrats. The whole truth might as well be told as we go along.

For the Democrats to "co-operate" with Butler simply means to condone all that Butlerism, including its "twin cherry" which fulminates in the executive office, Russellism, has done to the great hurt as well as humilation of the people. The Democrats will not do this, it is too great a sacrifice of both "charity and liberality," self-respect and party integrity, Mr. Bryan. As much as you are loved in North Carolina, Mr. Bryan, the Democratic party will not consent to trot along behind Marion Butler's band-wagon, not even to please you, and we will not believe it would please you to have us do so. At all events, it will not be done.

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A PATRIOTIC SPEECH.

President of Trinity College Talks to the Students About War.

Special to News and Observer.

DURHAM, N. C., April 27.—In the chapel out at Trinity College yesterday morning Dr. John C. Kilgo made a most impressive talk to the young gentlemen of that institution. It is so freighted with good sense and patriotic sentiment as to make it good reading for all North Carolinians, and certainly no other medium would place it in the hands of as many of the true sons of the North State as the News and Observer. It was an impromptu talk, came from the heart of Trinity's big hearted and patriotic president and went direct to the hearts of one hundred and fifty of as brave and true young men as ever passed North Carolina soil. I am indebted to Mr. D. W. Newsom for this excellent report. Dr. Kilgo said:

"Congress passed yesterday a declaration of war. It will be something for you to remember, that during your college days the United States went to war with Spain. It will be something for you to remember the causes which led to this war. It has been one of the strangest orderings of history that the critical questions of human history have been settled largely on the battle field. It is the peculiarity of human nature to think itself right even when it is wrong, and to hold most tenaciously to its opinions and these have been broken or maintained at the expense of life. And so a question arises between America and Spain. Congress cannot settle it, diplomatic relations cannot settle it, and now it must be settled with the sword. This is certainly no time for frivolous thought, no time for unpatriotic feelings. Thousands of lives may go down, it may be settled without the loss of many lives. No man can prophesy the issue. It is certainly very trying to see a number of young men with fresh faces, full of hope, buckling on a sword, shouldering a gun, and mounting a car with tears on their cheeks, anxious hearts standing by to see these men move off to the field of slaughter.

"I confess that I had peculiar feelings the other day when I met two trains of American soldiers moving on to the field of battle. Never before did I experience such strange feelings.

"What is the duty of the college student in an hour like this? What can you, as a student, do? Be faithful to your country, young men. We hear a great deal about patriotism and the love of one's country. There are times when your country does not need your patriotism. At such times we are most likely to be boastful. In an hour like this what should you do? You can give to your country your moral support, your prayers, your taxes. You can serve it at home and let it know, and let those know who defend her honor and maintain her national integrity, that down to the last American man there is a feeling of high regard for the purposes and plans of this government.

"I do not know that any of you wish to volunteer. More than thirty years ago there came a crisis like this in this institution. Young men like you then rose up, walked out from Trinity College, shouldered their guns, and never came home again. Trinity College has its brave young students scattered over the battle fields of this Southland. I would not advise you to join the army. I would not put a straw in your way if you felt called to it. That is a question that must be left with you, as with all men. But I venture the assertion that there is no true born American anywhere between the Pacific and the Atlantic, between the great lakes and the Gulf who would stand by and see his country defamed or injustice done her, and never lift his hand for her defence. They may not need you and me to fight, they need us in other places. Fill your place, young man, and if they need you and me ere long, be men and respond. There seems to have come the time in the world's history and progress when a nation like Spain, from every finger of which drops blood, and that of innocent men and women, with a history of murder and outrage and robbery, that God should write Ichabod on Gibralter, and Spain must go down. And I wish to emphasize to you whenever you lead your country along the lines of crime and wickedness which Spain has traveled, you may expect to rn some day upon the same handwriting, and America will go down.

"God never gives a nation a perpetual lease on life, only as it stands by God and the right. The perpetuity of a nation depends upon the righteousness of the people, and you must maintain your government in righteousness. I do not believe there has been a battlefield upon which God did not go, and in which the providence of God did not settle some questions of moral and religious truth. And there are some in this. It may be the beginning of immense issues. Before it is over every civilized nation on the globe may be plunged into war. It may be settled in two weeks. But this I venture, whenever an American fleet thinks the time has come to open its guns on Morro Castle that it will be done by the true courage of American men, and that victory will come to them, or else death will meet them.

"God calls America to-day to right centuries of wrong, and to revenge the blood of innocent men and women. Let America obey her God, and then humble herself as an instrument in His awful hands."

A Parable.

Once a man boarded the Railroad of Life.

He had not enough money to buy a first-class ticket of the road's agent, whose name was Merit.

But he had traded for a cut-rate ticket with a scalper named Cheek.

And he boarded the train and rode a short way.

He was congratulating himself on his shrewdness.

Then the conductor, whose name was Justice, came by demanding fares.

And he pronounced the ticket worthless and put the pretender off at an insignificant station.

THE PACE THAT KILLS.

We quote the following for the benefit of our business young women. We hope they will profit by the advice it conveys:

"The pace that kills a business woman is not the work she does at home.

"Good, hard, faithful attention to business never kills any one, man or woman. Worry and the 'seeing to things' idea—these are two nails in the business woman's coffin.

"The 'seeing to things' is distinctively feminine. No man ever had it. Every woman is born with it.

"Men sit in a street car and watch the driver of truck groan and tug and try to get his wheels off the track, and not a man will move to help that driver, or even sigh in sympathy. Every woman in the car is edging and peering and wishing she dared to go out on the platform and 'see to that truck.'

"That's the thing which kills the women.

"They try to carry the world on their shoulders, and they don't realize that the world is a great deal better off without their puny strength under it.

"Business women try to do too many kinds of things. They are, most of them, 'Jills of all trades. When a business man gets up in the morning he takes a bath, goes to the dining room and eats his breakfast, kisses his family good-bye, and goes down to work, like a sensible man

"The business woman—do you know her? I do. I will tell what the business woman does. She gets up early and goes into the children's room, and fusses around for half an hour or so. If you ask her what she is doing, she'll say she is 'seeing to things.'

"She hires a servant and waits upon her.

"She pays a dressmaker and sits up nights studying fashion books for a new way to have a dress made.

"She buys a hat and takes it home and tears it all to pieces and makes it over again. She dictates to a tywewriter and takes the copy and corrects it herself. She works herself ill over something she can't do and ought not to do, and takes a rueful pleasure ina martyred spell of illness.

'She worries about other people's troubles; she frets over other people's children, she almost takes medicine for other people's headaches, and she puts all her children into nervous irritation trying to see to them.

"If the business woman is worth one-half her salary, she puts all these things out of her mind at the office."

Facts About Havana.

Havana is the capital of Cuba. It is the most important city of the West Indies and one of the principal commercial marts of America.

Situated on the northern shore of the island, on an inlet of the Gulf of Mexico, its harbor is one of the finest in the world. The entrance is through a narrow, strongly fortified channel, three-eights of a mile long. The channel opens into a large basin capable of accommodating 1,000 of any size.

Havana was founded in 1519. Its population is about 250,000.

Railroad lines run from Havana to Cardenas, Cienfuegoes, Matanzas and other important places in Cuba.

Since 1751 yellow fever has broken out frequently in the city and its ravages are severe during the hot months.

With the exception of tobacco factories, Havana's manufacture are unimport More than a hundred factories there are engaged in the handling of tobasco and many of them are of large size. An extensive trade in exporting tobacco is done.

Most prominent among the public buildings are the opera house, one of the largest in the world; the Cathedral, built in 1724, containing, it is believed, the remains of Christopher Columbus, transferred from St. Domingo in 1796, and the palace of the Governor-General of the island. Its public parks and promenades are among the most remarkable in the work.

The city has a university, an excellent botanical garden and a number of scientific, educational and benevolent institutions.

Would Make a Mighty Host.

Stanford, Ky., Journal—"Editor James M. Allen, of the Cynthiana Democrat, proposes to raise a regiment of delinquent subscribers and take them right straight to the front, where the cannon balls are thickest. The services of our delinquents are hereby tendered, but if they are no better fighters than they are payers the Spanish will run rough shod over them."

When once our army gets in Cuba it will make short work of whipping the Spaniards, but several weeks must elapse before that army can be gathered on the southern coast, pseparatory to embarkation for Cuba. Until then we shall have to content ourselves with the knowledge that our warships will give a good acount of themselves in any engagements they will hove either with the Spanish forts in Cuba or with the Spanish warships; and we may as well also prepare ourselves to hear of the occasional capture of an American merchant ship on the other side of the Atlantic by the Spanish. We can hope that the boastful Spanish navy will come over and fight our ships, but there are no indications now in sight that it will do so. It looks as though as we will have to go after them when we have captured Cuba. But Cuba comes first.

The Westfield (Ind-) News prints the following in regard to an old resident of that place: "Frank McAvoy, for many years in the employ of the L., N. A. & C. Ry. here, says: 'I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhœa Remedy for ten years or longer—am never without it in my family. I consider it the best remedy of she kind manufactured, I take pleasure in recommending it.'" It is a specific for all bowel disorders. For sale by M. L. Marsh & Co.

The Rome correspondent of the Standard says: "The Queen Regent asked the blessing of the Pope upon Spanish arms. The Pope replied that he sent it from his heart and hoped to see a vindication of Spain's rights, which had been trampled upon."

WADDELL ON FUSION.

"If We Cannot Win Without Such Dishonorable Methods Let Defeat Come.

Hon. A. M. Waddell, of Wilmington has written the following letter to chairman James K. Jones, of the Democratic National Committee.

WILMINGTON, N. C., April 20th, 1898,

Hon. Jas. K. Jones, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th inst., enclosing copy of your address as chairman of the Democratic National Committee, and have carefully read what you say in regard to the policy which ought to be pursued in the campaign of 1900, and your appeal to me to go to the State Convention and and work for this policy.

You say that you "understand perfectly the difficulties by which you (we) are surrounded in North Carolina," etc.

Permit me to say that I am sure you do not understand the real situation, or the plainness of the path of duty and seff-respect which lies before Democrats here; for, if you did, I am sure you would not ask or expect them to accede to the demands which will certainly be made upon them by Mr. Butler and his party as conditions of "co-operation." I am, and have always been, a bimetalist. I endorse the Chicago platform. I would rejoice to see Mr. Bryan elected President, but I am not willing to see my party enter the open market and bid against the Republican party for Mr. Butler and his followers, at the upset price of voting for him or his allies for the most important offices affecting the welfare of the State. The fight here is one between barbarism and civilization—between white men and negroes manipulated by unprincipled demagogues. Mr. Butler and his friends put the latter in power and they have degraded and dishonored the State. If he wants to undo his foul work becaase it was foul, it is very easy to do so; if he wants to undo it, only on condition that he and his followers shall continue to hold office, I will never agree to accept such condition, because it would be condoning a great crime, and would afford no substantial relief to the people. I will be no party to any such infamous transaction. I would sooner make open war upon such scoundrels than to yield to their demands. If we can not win without such dishonorable methods let defeat come. We have stood it heretofore, and can stand it again better than win by such means.

I know this is not "practical politics," but I haven't much respect for practical politics at best, and none at all for this particular species of it.

However, I am out of politics of any kind, and my opinions are of little consequence to anyone. I do not expect to be a delegate to the State Convention. I shall certainly not ask to be; but if I am, while I will do anything to induce honest white men to act together to rescue North Carolina from the degradation with which she is afflicted, I shall never agree to accomplish even that high purpose by offering a higher price to the demagogues who betrayed her to return to their duty, than that offered by their present allies to remain with them.

Local self-government by white men is infinitely more important to us than the silver question, and if we cannot get it peaceably without trading with Messrs. Butler & Co., we will get it by force at their expense, "and don't you forget it."

I have plainly given you my honest conviction.

Yours truly,
(Signed) A. M. WADDELL.

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