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What the Nation Has Lost by the Displacement of the Southern Element from Political Life.

In the last issue of the *Christian Union*, Henry Ward Beecher's paper, we find the following significant article, contributed by Elihu Burritt: The stealthy transformation of our republic into a ring-public may be ascribed, in no small degree, to the displacement of an element in the body politic which was never appreciated at its true value in the better days of our national virtue. It was decried and almost hated by the New England and nearly the whole Northern mind. The same mind now seems to think that the suppression of that element has been a triumph for the cause of freedom, truth and purity. Indeed, its entire extinction is regarded as a consummation devoutly to be wished. This sentiment has become so prevalent that it may subject one to the charge of disloyalty to regret an influence which wrought so powerfully in shaping the character of the republic in its first and best years has been displaced by another more popular. "Down with the aristocracy!" is the watchword of the social Democracy, both in England and America; and the same cry is passing through other countries. This cry does not mean down with men who have made themselves richer than the hereditary aristocracy by sweating out vast fortunes from the toil and industry of a single generation, but down with historical or old families of the country who have retained in their possession estates purchased centuries ago at a shilling or two an acre, and to which such century has added an increased value. Down with men who have come to large fortunes by this slow process of accretion, and have not jumped into great wealth by speculation in stocks, or by trading or manufacturing enterprise, like the great majority of rich people. Now, the worst sin of a landed or hereditary aristocracy, in popular estimation, is their *esprit de corps*, that pride of order which leads them to feel it derogatory to their dignity to engage personally in trade or in those business enterprises which other men of wealth pursue. Then this feeling becomes additionally obnoxious by stimulating what they call a "high sense of honor," a kind of horror or contempt for small or mean acts and ways of life and thought, for a trafficking spirit and habit of mind, and for the everlasting talk about the irrepressible dollar. It is these pretensions, this carriage and pose of mind and life, more than their absolute wealth, that render an aristocracy of this order so repugnant to the popular mind, especially in America. For there is no country in the world where men compass sea, land and fire with more avidity for the aristocracy of abstract wealth than among us. Our railroad kings and merchant princes, stock jobbers and other potentates in our moneyed world, constitute an aristocracy as rich in dollars as the nobility and gentry of England. And these enjoy a public estimation and exert an influence which fire thousands with the ambition to attain the same position by the same or more questionable means. Thus an aristocracy of sheer wealth, however acquired, short of absolute crime, is the most popular order in American society. And the more this aristocracy retains and exhibits the spirit of what the French call *bourgeoisie*, the more popular and influential it becomes, because it remains in affinity, and on the same level of thought and purpose, with the great multitude of money-seekers.

Now, to a thoughtful, observant mind, nothing can be more evident and more disquieting than the fact that this kind of aristocratic *bourgeoisie* has come to the front as a ruling power in this country. It is a moneyed aristocracy that thinks, plans and acts in the fullest spirit of *bourgeoisie*, without that high sense of honor or punctilious *esprit de corps* which governs the department of an hereditary or landed gentry. And it is a hard thing to say or believe, but an honest mind must believe it true, that this "bourgeoisie" regime only came into power at the suppression of that Southern aristocracy which we so energetically denounced when it existed in the full strength of its influence. Scarcely anything was or could be more distasteful or even hateful to us than the carriage, sen-

timent and self-arrogated position of that proud and pretentious aristocracy which adopted the spirit and department of the English nobility and gentry. But one who looks back over the history of the country from its birth as a nation must now see and own that the influence of this Southern aristocracy was an element of immense value in shaping the character of our public men and political life. The existence of many things is only realized by their temporary absence. For nearly ten years the South as a political power has been withdrawn from the Union. It has been ruled, repressed and stifled in its old character and influence by the worst kind of carpet-bagging *bourgeoisie*. During this demoralizing regime, it has shown of all the locks of its power on the National Government and public men of the country. It has not sent to Washington a single representative of its old historical families—no Calhoun, nor Clay, nor Benton, nor Berrien. None of its old names have answered to the roll call in either house at the capital. None of its old chivalry, its high sense of honor, has been represented by the newly imported men who have pretended to answer for the South. The spirit which she boasted, and which we denounced, has ceased to act on the political morality of the nation. Perhaps the whole Northern mind rejoices at the emancipation. We are now showing the world and proving to ourselves, what we are doing and can do without the influence of a Southern aristocracy, as we called it.

Yes, we have shown to the world and to ourselves what we can do as a nation without the influence of the Southern mind; without the pretentious "chivalry" and "high sense of honor," and contempt of small and crooked ways which the "first families of Virginia," and other Southern States boasted of. We have shown that the trade spirit, unchecked by the influence of such chivalry, can do when it pervades the entire nation, dominating national and State legislation, and touching with its golden wand the highest court of justice in the land. We have seen how this great republic has been transmuted into a ring-public, while the South has been reduced to political nonentity, what a concentric series of rings, which "wheels within a wheel," as in the prophet's vision, have been produced from the centre to the circumference of the Union. Look at the succession of these rings: First, the "primary meeting" ring, or the village caucus of half a dozen politicians making up their "slate" around a grocer's cask of onions or dried apples. Follow the series of political rings from that primary meeting of free and independent citizens up through the State conventions to the Congressional caucus and lobby at Washington. Then take the corporation rings, and follow them from the centre to the circumference of their power. Do the same with land rings, gold rings, wheat rings, traffic and transportation rings and tariff rings. Look at the great railway rings, that touch with their perimeters each ocean, at the Credits Mobiler they organize, the legislation they control, and the legislators they demoralize and smirch with the pitch of dishonest transactions. See what men in the highest places of trust have sold and soiled the characters the public had given them by hastening to be rich by treachery or fraud. See how the fine gold of political and commercial probity has been dimmed by these transactions, and the suspicions they engender. What the French means by *bourgeoisie*, we express by *shoddy*; and no word in our language has a more uniformly accepted meaning than this of recent coinage. We all know what shoddy means in textile fabrics. But never did it fill such a place or play such a part in a soldier's coat as it does in our paper money, our paper characters on 'Change, and in the paper morals which the last few years have witnessed.

It may seem disloyal to our Republican institutions to say it, but when it is said, let the candid reader see if he can disprove it; what our country most needs at the present juncture is the element that has been displaced by the political rascals of the South. I do not say that we need a Southern aristocracy, but we need one which shall resemble and exercise some of its best characteristics, and such we need imperatively, North and South, East and West. We need a class with as fine an *esprit de corps*, with as high sense of honor and personal and family dignity as England ever produced or the South claimed to possess. We want such men as the Jeffersons, Madisons, Lowdenses, Pinckneys,

Calhouns, Clays and Bentons, and other statesmen whom the South has contributed to the structure and glory of the nation, whether they come from one side of Mason & Dixon's line or the other. We want men who shall walk through the lobbies of Congress and "wear the flower of a blameless life," and of a blameless thought, though each hall and every step were beset with the gift-bearing Greeks of corrupting rings, seeking to place their gold "where it shall do most good." You may call such a class an aristocracy, or by any other opprobrious name, but it is a class we need in every section of the Union to stand as a bulwark against the overthrow of a shoddy, which threatens to throw down the political probity and purity of our national life and character.

Evangelical Alliances Notes.

On Wednesday the delegates visited Brooklyn, and dined at the Academy of Music.

Rev. Mr. Theshadri, the Bombay convert (a Brahmin) is one of the lions of the occasion. He appears in the picturesque costume of his country—white turban and flowing robes.

Dr. Dorson, of the University of Berlin, read an able paper on the Dogma of Infallibility in which occurs this paragraph:

"Papal infallibility does not insure the unity of the Church. Once it was necessary to believe this infallibility for salvation. To believe it is a sign of the highest piety. To deny it is considered a damnable sin. He who believes what the Pope believes is certainly orthodox."

Rev. George Fich, of Paris, speaking of the Pilgrimages to Paray-Ler Mortier, said:

"As to the Pilgrimages, the people don't know that the lady who represents the Virgin at the end of their pilgrimage is a well known old maid who had confessed herself to the priest as the Virgin. Well, they did not know that this was the Virgin who cursed the potatoes, and the potatoes did not fall. We have done more than these pilgrimages; we have circulated more than 4,000,000 Bibles. Religious liberty is inevitably and ultimately certain. The liberty is insured by the character of the Anglo-Saxon race, a race that knows no obstacle and will not be speedily overcome."

Dr. Stongton, of London, created merriment by saying: "That when he saw an American it seemed to him that he was looking upon a man who was to him a condensation of the characteristics of the world. He had been told since he came here by a gentleman that he regarded an Englishman as an undeveloped Yankee. (Cheers and laughter.) Upon this he thought that an American must be a fully developed Englishman."

STATE NEWS.

C. P. Shell of Warrenton has a hog which weighs 725 pounds.

They are getting married in Raleigh at the rate of two and three per diem.

Mr. M. Lyerly had his arm broken on the Fair Grounds at Salisbury, by a kick from a vicious horse.

The Salisbury Fair is said to have been a decided success. The *Watchman* says it was fully up to expectations.

Thos. Bullend, who lived 7 miles from Wadesboro, was struck dead by paralysis last week while working in his field.

One hundred and seventy-two rats were killed by workmen in Wilmington who were tearing down an old house.

Some one attempted last Saturday night in Fayetteville to throw the train from the track by placing obstructions across the rails.

The American wants telegraphic communications established between Statesville and Charlotte or Salisbury.

The Committee which went on to invite President Grant to attend the State Fair has returned. The President regretted his inability to attend.

The barn of Mr. Solomon Tice, of Forsythe county, was recently burned, and with it, four mules, and two cows, the entire stock of hay etc., says the *Salem Press*.

A runaway match was made at the Simonton House on last Monday. The gentleman was from Wilmington and the lady from Raleigh. [*Statesville Intelligence*].

Friend Furman, of the Asheville *Citizen*, discards the editorial "we," and speaks of a gentleman having "sent me a beautiful specimen of tobacco."

The Simonton Female College, of Statesville, one of the best institutions in the South, has opened this fall under favorable auspices, and each day is adding to the number of pupils, says the *American*.

The Salisbury *Watchman* learns that congestive chills are proving very fatal in the extreme Northern portion of Rowan and Southern Irredell; several persons having died from first attack.

TELEGRAPHIC.

FROM THE AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION.

BY THE SOUTHERN AND ATLANTIC LINE.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE OBSERVER.]

WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11.—Ex-member of Congress Conway of Kansas, almost killed ex-Senator Pomeroy, of Kansas, at 2:30 this afternoon. Conway fired five shots, one of which struck Pomeroy in the breast but did not penetrate. Conway was arrested.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Oct. 11.—The case of Geo. B. Grinnell & Co., brokers, was up before Judge Blachford to-day. Counsel for the firm said they had no objection to being declared bankrupts, but counsel for the same 20 creditors opposed the motion, alleging that there had been a collision between the firm and Mr. Mercers, petitioning the creditors. The case was put over to next Saturday.

Austin E. Phillips, aged 45, of Providence, R. I., committed suicide to-day by cutting his throat at the Chittenden House, on Broadway. He was formerly U. S. Consul to Santiago.

It is now stated that John T. Irving, who was expected to throw much light on the Nathan murder, refused to give information that the officers can work upon till he is assured no action will be taken against him for his crime. He asserts that Nathan's house was robbed by three men, one of whom killed Nathan, and he is now ready to name these men if the District Attorney will assure him he will be protected.

Stokes was called up to-day, but court adjourned and no more jurors were obtained.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

It is said that Fred. Douglas employs a white coachman.

Grant is letting his mustache and beard grow quite long.

The salary of the Lord Mayor of London is to be fixed hereafter at £10,000.

Colorado now has nine daily, one semi-weekly and thirty-two weekly newspapers.

The richest man in Denver is a Mexican, with an Indian wife, and she leads the fashion.

The most unpopular person in Virginia is the man who demonstrated that kerosene oil will cure a snake bite just as well as whiskey.

Most girls fall in love with a man for the same reason that they do with their looking-glasses—because they are constantly telling them that they are charming.

A Cumberland (Md.) court has given fifty dollars damages against a railroad for taking on a trunk and not stopping the train long enough to allow its owners, two ladies, to get aboard.

JESSUP, Ga.—A freight train bound to Savannah, run off this evening near 34 miles Station, throwing off 12 or 15 Box cars. No further particulars can be had. Cars and men have gone to clear the wreck.

A mournful story is told by a Maine editor: "The winds of autumn will soon whistle shrilly; the goose flies southward; the air speaks of snow and ice; everything betokens that in a few weeks more the fall season will have ended, and circles an! snake shows will be no more."

Last Saturday night just as Mr. Webb, of Asheville, was preparing to retire, a stranger entered the room, bearing a bundle in his arms. This bundle he laid down, and then left hastily. Mr. Webb opened it and found a girl baby, about one month old, and of exceeding beauty. Mr. Webb is taking care of the little foundling. The man was an entire stranger to Mr. Webb. We learn all this from the *Expositor*.

New Advertisements.

LOST!

IX Charlotte on Thursday, the 9th inst., a pair of Gold Spectacles. The spectacles were in a leather case which had on it the name "Glover, Charlotte, N. C." The finder will be liberally rewarded by leaving them at the OBSERVER Office. Oct 12 11

Strayed or Stolen.

A brown no-horned Cow with very dark head and legs. Ear marks not remembered. A reward of \$10 will be paid for the return of the cow. Oct 12 11 J. F. DAVIDSON.

Farmers' Savings Bank Notice.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Oct. 11, 1873. WHEREAS, the requisite amount has been subscribed to the Capital Stock of the "Farmers' Savings Bank of Mecklenburg County, N. C." to secure its organization according to the Act of incorporation in a New York case which had on it the name "Glover, Charlotte, N. C." The finder will be liberally rewarded by leaving them at the OBSERVER Office. Oct 12 11

The largest stock of Boots and Shoes in the city, which will be sold at Northern jobber's prices. Our Retail Department will present many attractive features and will be complete with everything kept in a first class Retail Store. Call and examine for yourselves. McMURRAY & DAVIS, West Trade St., between Tryon & College. Sept 14

SPECIAL NOTICE.

A. T. B. SMITH'S, opposite the Court House, you can find a general assortment of Family Supplies. He has Coffee, Green and Roasted; Sugar, White, Yellow and Brown; Black and Green Teas; Syrup and Molasses; Vinegar, Salt, Mackereel, Bacon, Ham, Meat, Flour, Corn, Lard, Butter, Cheese, Eggs, Chickens, Potatoes, and Brooms.

We call special attention to our stock of Pure Liquors for Family use, consisting of Brandy, Whiskeys, Wines, &c. I have also made arrangements to keep Fish and Oysters during the season. 727 N. B. Goods delivered in any part of the city. B. N. SMITH.

THE INTEREST DUE

ON the Gold Bonds of the Atlantic, Tennessee & Ohio Railroad, will be paid in Cash upon presentation at the First National Bank of Charlotte, N. C. R. A. SPRINGS, Receiver. Oct 11-17

COUNTRY HAMS.

(North Carolina Cured.) ONLY 24, weighing from 7 to 15 pounds a piece. If there is anything in looks, something fine has been brought to this market at J. N. O. F. BUTT'S Market. Also, Bologna Sausage and Fresh Sausage just received from the celebrated Richmond Factory. Elegant dried Beef, Sugar-Cured and Canned Hams at Oct 11-17 J. N. O. F. BUTT'S Market.

For Rent.

GOOD stable room for two horses, near the centre of the city, with loft for roughness. Enquire on the premises of S. READING. Oct 10 31

WHITE Lead, Window Glass and Putty W. R. BURWELL & CO., H. H. Mirrors, English Tooth Brushes, Scotch Plaid Fuff Boxes, Lubin's Powder, W. R. BURWELL & CO.

T. T. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. W. R. BURWELL & CO.

CORN Plasters, Dandelion Corn Killer. W. R. BURWELL & CO. Oct 10 Springs' Corner.

The Cry Is,

STILL THEY COME! JUST received to-day, a large lot of Mountain Apples—very large. Also, Bologna Sausage; Bread, Cakes and Pies in great variety at Franklin Bakery. Oct 9-17 C. S. HOLTON & CO.

NEW FURNITURE

AT F. M. SHELTON'S NEW FURNITURE ROOMS.

Just opened and opening, and for sale cheap for cash. At this house will be kept in store Furniture in great variety and of the latest styles and from the most prominent to the most elegant that is kept in this market, consisting in part of Parlor Suits, Chamber Suits, Cottage Sets, Bureaus, Bedsteads, Cradles, Crib, Washstands, Commodities, Center, Ladies work, Extension and Folding leaf Tables, Wardrobes, Book Cases, Side Boards, Safes, Springs of various patterns for Beds, Chairs in great variety. Office, Dining room, Bed room and Children's chairs, Office and Store Stools, Mattresses at different prices always on hand.

Furniture bought at my Store will be delivered in the city, where directed or at any of the depots, properly packed for shipment.

Undertaking.—A full stock of different kinds of Coffins is constantly kept ready for immediate use. Personal attention given to fitting up and delivering the same.

All are invited to call and examine my Stock before purchasing. South Trade Street, opposite the Market. F. M. SHELTON.

Consult Your Interest.

GRAND OPENING OF Fall and Winter Dry-Goods.

The immense increase of our business has induced us to open out a larger stock than we have ever before presented to merchants and buyers generally of North and South Carolina.

Our own recent importations together with our arrangements with the largest manufacturers and importers in the United States, will enable us to cope with Northern jobbers.

Our stock of Prints, Bleached and Brown Shirtings, Sea Island Cotton Plaids, Osaburgs, Ginghams and Domestic Goods will be unsurpassed.

Our stock of Jeans and Kersey's, Cassimeres, Flannels, Foreign and Domestic Dress Goods, Blankets and Shawls, will be one of the largest ever offered in this market.

Our Stock of Ready-Made Clothing is the largest in the city and will be sold at prices that defy competition.

Our Notion Department, on the second floor will embrace everything usually kept in a Notion Department, and will compare with that of any other House.

We have opened up in our Shoe Department the largest stock of Boots and Shoes in the city, which will be sold at Northern jobber's prices.

Our Retail Department will present many attractive features and will be complete with everything kept in a first class Retail Store.

Call and examine for yourselves. McMURRAY & DAVIS, West Trade St., between Tryon & College. Sept 14

To Lovers of Good Bread.

I HAVE just received from the celebrated City Flouring Mills, Atlanta, Ga., 440 sacks of their superior Family Flour, all put up for custom trade in 25 pounds and 50 pound sacks. Every Hotel, Boarding House and Private House-keeper should not fail to test this superior Flour offered for sale by GEO. W. CHALK, Miller's Agent, College Street. Oct 7-17

CAUTION.

BUY ONLY THE GENUINE FAIRBANKS SCALES, MANUFACTURED BY E. & T. FAIRBANKS & CO.



Standard Scales.

Stock Scales, Coal Scales, Hay Scales, Dairy Scales, Counter Scales, &c., &c. Scales repaired promptly and reasonably. For sale also, Troemer's Coffee and Drug Mills, Composition Bells, all sizes Letter Presses, &c., &c.

ALARM CASH DRAWER.

Miles Alarm Trunk Co's. EVERY Merchant SHOULD Use Them. EVERY DRAWER Warranted.

FAIRBANKS' Scale Warehouses, FAIRBANKS & CO., 311 Broadway, New York 109 Baltimore Street, Baltimore, 53 Camp Street, New Orleans.

FAIRBANKS & EWING. Masonic Hall, Philadelphia.

FAIRBANKS, BROWN & CO., 2 Milk Street, Boston. For Sale by Leading Hardware Dealers. Sept 9 law 4m

GUNS!

SINGLE GUNS, At \$2.50, \$3.00, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$8.00, \$10.00, \$12.00 to \$25.00. DOUBLE GUNS, At \$7.00, \$7.50, \$10.00, \$12.00, \$15.00, \$20.00, \$25.00, \$30.00, \$40.00, \$50.00 to \$75.00. Breech-Loading Double Guns. At \$40.00, \$45.00, \$50.00, \$60.00, \$75.00, \$90.00 to \$100.00. PISTOLS, Smith & Wesson's, Colt's, Allen's Sharp's, Whitney and other kinds.

AT MANUFACTURER'S PRICES. AMMUNITION and IMPLEMENTS, For Breech-loading Guns, at a small advance on cost of importation. Metallic Ammunition for Rifles and Pistols at lowest market prices.

A complete assortment of all Spring Guns; Prices and description sent on application. Goods shipped by Express C. O. D. POULTNEY, TRIMBLE & CO., Importers, No 200 W. Baltimore St., Baltimore. Richard's, Dougal's, Greeners, Scott's and their celebrated make of guns on hand and imported to order. Sept 12 4m

Time Tests the Merits of all Things.

1840 Over Thirty Years 1873. PERRY DAVIS' PAIN-KILLER

HAS been tested in every variety of ailment, and by almost every nation known to Americans. It is the constant companion and inestimable friend of the missionary and the traveler on the sea or land, and no one should travel on our Lakes, or Rivers, without it.

Since the Pain-Killer was first introduced and met with such extensive sale, many Remedies have been offered to the public, but not one of them has attained the truly enviable standing of the Pain-Killer.

WHY IS THIS SO? It is because Davis' Pain-Killer is what it claims to be—a Reliever of Pain.

Its Merits are Unsurpassed. If you are suffering from Internal Pain, Twenty to Thirty Drops in a Little Water will almost instantly cure you. There is nothing to equal it for Colic, Cramps, Spasms, Heart-burn, Diarrhea, Dysentery, Flux, Wind in the Bowels, Sour Stomach, Dyspepsia, Sick Headache, &c. In sections of the country where

fever and ague prevail, there is no remedy held in greater esteem. Persons travelling should keep it by them. A few drops, in water, will prevent sickness or bowel troubles from change of water.

From foreign countries the calls for Pain-Killer are great. It is found to Cure Cholera when all other Remedies fail.

When used externally, as a liniment, nothing gives quicker ease in burns, cuts, bruises, sprains, stings from insects, and scalds. It removes the fire, and the worst of heads like ordinary sores. Those suffering with rheumatism, gout, or neuralgia, not a positive cure, they find the Pain-Killer gives them relief when no other remedy will.

It gives instant relief from Aching-Teeth. Every house-keeper should keep it at hand, and apply it on the first attack of any Pain. It will give satisfactory relief, and save hours of suffering.

Do not trifle with yourselves by testing untried remedies. Be sure you call for the genuine Pain-Killer, as many would sell you less nostrums are attempted to be sold on the great reputation of this valuable medicine.

Directions accompany each bottle. Price 25 cts., 50 cts., and \$1 per bottle. Sept 10 law 1m

All is not Gold That Glitters. WE have a fine Stock and can offer great inducements in our line. C. S. HOLTON & CO. Opposite Market. Sept 27