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"Free from the dotting scraps that fetter our free-born reason. MR. STEELE AND THE NEW YORK SUN."

Some time ago the New York Sun attacked Hon Walter L Steele, saying that he "misrepresented the sixth district of North Carolina" in that he voted with Eugene Hale on May 16th against repealing the call for the previous question during the dead-lock in the House on the Potter resolution.

"Everyone here knows that the difficulty was the want of a quorum, and a vote on either side of the question would count equally well. I had voted steadily for the previous question, and never desired anything else, as all my colleagues and others know, I had repeatedly so voted when it was known that no quorum would vote." On one occasion, when it was notorious that there were not enough Democrats present to make a quorum, being a little late, and knowing that a vote was all which was wanted, I passed through the gallery after the ayes had voted, and remarked that it was practically immaterial which way they counted me, but as Hale seemed to be in a great minority I might be counted no. I was astonished that anyone should have misconstrued it; for I knew that all my political associates fully understood that on all occasions, when a practical result could have been reached, I was as strongly in favor of the previous question as the mover of the resolution himself.

Upon which statement the Sun comments as follows: "We are credibly informed that Mr Steele's character is such as to give weight to the explanation of this particularly unfortunate vote. We trust, moreover, that the misconstruction that has been put upon his conduct at one of the most critical moments in the history of our Congress will open his eyes to the danger of voting against his convictions, even in jest."

We fail to see, in the light of Mr Steele's explanation, that this was such a "particularly unfortunate vote," since in this instance a vote on one side was as good as a vote on the other. It is to be hoped that the above statement will "open the eyes" of the Sun to the danger of being too hot on its mush—a form of precipitancy in which it too often indulges.

Many of our readers do not take the Louisville Christian Observer, and in order that they may know how the delegates from Mecklenburg Presbytery to the recent session of the General Assembly of that Church, held at Knoxville, Tenn., were regarded, we copy the following from the leading editorial of that paper, under date of June 5th:

Mecklenburg Presbytery and its representatives were very prominent in the assembly. The reform effected last year in the middle of conducting the publication business is largely due to that presbytery. If the sacrifice of personal ease and comfort is a ground of gratitude, Mecklenburg Presbytery deserves the thanks of the assembly, for it dared unpopularly to secure a thorough scrutiny of the plans of our church work. Many never receive the gratitude, but it may some day have the higher glory of having benefited our Church.

The reforms of this presbytery were Rev S Taylor Martin, of this city, and Rev S H Chester, of Gaston, Grove, Lincoln county. The reforms spoken of by this paper, refer more particularly to the consolidation of the offices of the Church, to-wit: that the offices of secretary of publication and education be merged; that the offices of secretary of foreign missions and of sustenance, be consolidated into one; that two of the church papers—the Missionary and the Earnest Worker—be consolidated; that what is known as the "relief scheme" be abandoned; along with the education of colored candidates in theological seminaries, and finally that the sessions of the General Assembly be changed from annual to biennial. "The committee on retrenchment and reform," which submitted the report embodying the above changes, was composed of Revs S Taylor Martin, R L Dabney, E Hines and W F Ogden, and they estimate that by the adoption of their suggestions and the institution of the reforms which they advocate, the expenses of the Church will be reduced \$12,000 per year. Mr Martin spoke for an hour and a half in favor of the report, but the assembly thinking, perhaps, that the proposed changes were too revolutionary in their character, decided against them by a majority of 9/11 the vote standing 66 to 47.

Mr Martin, however, feels much encouraged at the strength developed and has confidence in the ultimate success of the movement. He had not expected to carry a single proposition at the assembly just held; this and the committee's object was to, quicken the inquiry and secure the institution of the Church to the points discussed.

If Senator Merrimon is not of the opinion that "chickens come home to roost," he will see that the calling of the dry bones of independent political class next winter.

It was claimed about the time of Senator Merrimon's election in 1872 that he was legally elected Governor of North Carolina at the preceding August election, and if we are not mistaken the Democratic executive committee took steps to contest the election. Sam Carrow spent two hundred and forty thousand dollars to influence the election, and there were many things done by the Republican party during that campaign which would not have stood the scrutiny of a legal examination. Many of the Republicans believed this. The Democracy were in line, their legal armor, polished, and ready for the fray. They waited only for the signal from their chosen leader, Augustus S Merrimon. He hesitated. He proved a woman in the contest. Some writer has forcibly said for a woman to hesitate is to fall. He fell. The glorious fight made by the Democracy was as nothing, if he could win. He listened to the siren song of the tempter. Legal proceedings were hushed. The voice of justice was stifled. The honest Democrats, who had done the best and bravest of the day through that long, bitter and memorable contest, were forgotten, while their leader stepped into the fold of the enemy, and betrayed the men who had worked so laboriously in the struggle. Fiat justitia.

This gentleman was, on the fifth ballot, nominated at Yadkinville, on last Saturday, by the judicial convention, for the office of judge of the new, seventh or Rowan district. It is a most admirable selection. Mr Graves is a grand-son of the late Gov Jesse Franklin, and besides being a first class lawyer, and an unswayed public and private virtue, is unsullied kind, courteous and amiable, patient and laborious and has passed the viginti annorum incubationes. In a word, as a learned lawyer and a Christian gentleman, he will reflect the highest honor on the convention, and we predict will, as far as in him lies, restore the judiciary to its ante-bellum standard.

Senator Merrimon claims that he didn't sell out the Democracy in 1872, when he jumped into the United States Senate through the back door; that he only defeated Vance's pledged caucus. The seventy-eight Democrats who voted for Vance represented the Democracy of the State, and in their character as representatives were authorized to cast the vote of their party. Senator Merrimon sold them out for a mess of pottage, and now labors hard in a five-column card to prove that he is not conscience stricken.

If it took Senator Merrimon five years of service in the United States Senate to decide to tell the Democratic party that he and his friends betrayed the party in 1872, how long will it take him to repent after Governor Vance has been installed in the Senatorship, and to learn that after all honesty is the best policy in politics as well as in other affairs?

Had Senator Merrimon quietly submitted to the will of the Democracy in 1872, he might have aspired to almost any position in the gift of the party in North Carolina. But the prize was too tempting, and, like Eve in the Garden of Eden, he fell into sin. We do not say that there is no forgiveness, but we do say that the first step in that direction is repentance on his part.

SO NEAR AND YET SO FAR.—Some of the Senators of the United States are now chewing the cud of sweet and bitter fancies and realizing how easily "it might have been." The motion to restore the franking privilege was lost by a tie vote. Several Senators present, who hoped that the motion would prevail, did not vote for it for fear of the responsibility.

Cotton Crop Reports—Mississippi, Louisiana and Arkansas.

NEW ORLEANS, June 10.—The Cotton Exchange reports the following: Lettins from 37 parishes aggregate the decrease of acreage at 1 1/2 per cent and the weather more favorable. The crop is from ten days to two weeks earlier. Labor is about the same in numbers as last year, and more efficient than for many years. The little fertilization is confined to cotton seed and barn yard scrapings.

MISSISSIPPI.—One hundred and twenty-one reports from 35 counties aggregate an average increase of acreage of 1 1/2 per cent. Weather reports are variable, but the crops generally are two weeks ahead of last year. The plants look healthy and are growing rapidly. ARKANSAS.—Fifty-one letters from 20 counties aggregate the increase of acreage 1 per cent. Up to the 10th of May the crop was unfavorable owing to heavy rains, and grassy. Since then the weather has been favorable and the stands are good. The crop is from five to ten days ahead. Labor is universally reported as good. The prospects, as compared with last year, are good. No commercial fertilizers were used.

Terrible Storm in Georgia—Several Lives Lost.

AUGUSTA, GA., June 10.—A storm of wind and hail prevailed in this vicinity yesterday. Thomas Wynn's gin manufactory at Delair was blown down. The out-houses and fences are prostrated in several places, and some crops are destroyed. A quantity of large hail stones fell, breaking windows, and cutting down cord and cotton. Three white children are reported killed.

The Hum of Spindles Cease. FALL RIVERS, Mass., June 10.—About half the mills in this city have stopped for this week.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

WASHINGTON.

PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS. The District Bill Passed.—The Investigation Discussed in the Senate.—The Woman Suffrage Amendment to be Submitted to Congress.—Belief that Matthews will Disregard the Subpoena.—Adjournment on the 11th.—Probable Repeal of the State Bank Law.—Butler and Corbin, Etc.

WASHINGTON, June 10.—SENATE.—Dorsey, of Arkansas, from the conference committee on the bill for a permanent form of government for the District of Columbia, called up the report submitted Saturday. Concurred in without discussion. The bill now goes to the President for his signature.

SARGENT SUBMITTED AN AMENDMENT TO THE INVESTIGATION MADE BY THE MATTHEWS COMMITTEE, APPOINTED SATURDAY, INSTEAD OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

SARGENT INQUIRED OF WADLEIGH, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS, IF IT WAS THE INTENTION OF THE COMMITTEE TO SUBMIT THE REPORT UPON THE SIXTH AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, CONFERRING SUFFRAGE UPON WOMEN, THIS SESSION.

THE HOUSE IS NOW IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON THE SUNDRY APPROPRIATION BILL.

THE COMMITTEE HAS MADE NO PROGRESS IN HEWITT'S RESOLUTION TO INVESTIGATE WHETHER FREMONT WAS INTERESTED IN THE EL PASO RAILROAD OFFERS TO THE FRENCH BONDHOLDERS OR TO THE TEXAS PACIFIC RAILROAD.

THE CONFERENCE REPORT ON THE MILITARY ACADEMY WAS AGREED TO.

THE SENATE AMENDMENTS TO THE ARMY APPROPRIATION BILL WERE NON-CONCURRED IN.

THE HOUSE WENT INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON THE CIVIL SUNDRY APPROPRIATION BILL. THE AMOUNT FOR PUBLIC BUILDINGS AT ATLANTA WAS INCREASED TO \$60,000.

VANCE, OF NORTH CAROLINA, HAS AN AMENDMENT READY FOR THE INTERNAL REVENUE BILL, TO REPEAL THE TAX OF 10 PER CENT ON SALT.

THE MOTION BY WHICH CERTAIN SENATORS WERE EXCUSED FROM SERVING ON THE MATTHEWS COMMITTEE WAS RECONSIDERED AND THE ORIGINAL ORDER STANDS.

THE PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE HEARD FURTHER THE CASE OF CORBIN vs BUTLER, WITH NO RESULT.

PORT HURON, MICH., June 10.—The propeller Montgomery was burned to the water's edge last night. Her cargo consisted of corn, wheat, flour and merchandise.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

The Emperor's Assassin—Earthquake at Lisbon—Delegates En Route for the Congress—Spanish Affairs—The Proposed Dissolution of the Reichstag.

LONDON, June 10.—The Standard's Berlin dispatch says: "Nobilizing" statement at the judicial investigation before he became insane, shows that he, himself, undertook the work which he discussed with several persons who approved of it."

LISBON, June 10.—A violent shock of earthquake was felt here Saturday night.

LONDON, June 10.—The Times' dispatch from St Petersburg says it is important to guarantee for the state of things to be established by the congress, than on the question of frontiers.

THE DAILY TELEGRAPH'S DISPATCH FROM PERSIA SAYS THAT A SPECIAL COUNCIL OF MINISTERS DECIDED NOT TO SURRENDER ANY FORTRESSES PENDING THE DEBATES IN THE CONGRESS.

THE TIMES' CORRESPONDENT AT BUCHAREST DECLARES THAT THERE IS NOTHING IN THE MOVEMENTS OF THE RUSSIAN TROOPS IN ROUMANIA, TO GIVE GROUND FOR APPREHENSION OF A CONFLICT.

THE REVUE MARITIME SAYS: "In consequence of the favorable news from Cuba, the Spanish government has granted amnesty to all press offenders, and has ordered the liberation of the Creoles imprisoned for rebellion."

THE COLUMBIAS WILL NOT ENTER FOR ANY PAIRS. IN THE FOREGOING RACES, THEY WILL MEET THE BEST MEN OF THE LONDON AND LONDON CLUBS, AND OF OXFORD, CAMBRIDGE AND DUBLIN UNIVERSITIES.

ST. PETERSBURG, June 10.—The Liberal newspapers regret the proposed dissolution of the Reichstag. They profess to believe that a Liberal majority will again be returned to Parliament, more than ever determined to resist the re-actionary policy, whereas, if the present parties are reconciled, and a definite race against the socialistic agitation and lawlessness is submitted, a majority would accept it and thus save the country from the reactionary and ultra-montane experiments.

CONSTANTINOPLE, June 10.—The ministers of foreign affairs telegraphed yesterday to the Turkish ambassador at London positively declaring apochrypha that the statement that the Porte had issued a memorandum relative to the pressure exercised by the Russian plenipotentiary during the negotiation of the treaty of San Stefano.

INDIANS AGAIN ON THE WAR PATH, Cutting Right and Left—Several Killed.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 10.—In the affair near South Mountain, Owebie county, Idaho, four citizens were killed and wounded, and one is missing. The latter is believed to have been killed.

REINFORCEMENTS HAVE BEEN SENT. Another fight was expected yesterday. A considerable body of Indians were seen last night near Gold Spring station, 65 miles from Boise City.

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