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## ROLL, JORDAN, ROLL!

### A MANLY LETTER FROM A YANKEE REPUBLICAN.

In Which He Gives Jordan's Character and Why He Was Sent Away from Durham.  
DURHAM N. C., Nov. 21, 1888.  
Editor Palladium:—An old soldier who served four years in the Union army during our late bloody quarrel or unpleasantness sends you a correct and true version of the Jordan Durham affair; why Mr. Jordan was notified to leave Durham and the kind of fellow it was that left.

This man Jordan when he came to Durham brought with him a character that would reflect very little credit on an inmate of your State prison and he brought it here for the very same reason that he carried it to Boston. The corporate limits of Wake Forest, N. C., were altogether too small for it. The same may be said of the town of Franklin, N. C., where he once resided—foul as it was when he carried it there he must needs bring it here to Durham with its accommodations of loathsome, and thrust it upon this people. It is so full that nothing but justice to the people of Durham would tempt me to make it known to you.

He is charged with, and the charge is sustained by undisputed testimony, that he is guilty of the horrible crime of incest with his own daughter. He was indicted and convicted of a common nuisance while here; he threatened personal injury to two or more peaceable citizens of Durham; was bound over to keep the peace; he attempted to stir up strife and to destroy the friendly relations between employers and employees; between the whites and the blacks, and all together "he was a lewd fellow of the basest sort." His associates were among the most disreputable characters of the place. He was in frequent converse with the negroes, the better of whom consider him a bad character and not to be trusted. It was, and is still, believed that he had something to do with the burning of the residence of Mr. C. B. Green, chairman of the Democratic Co. Ex. Committee.

I called on Mr. James Southgate this morning at his office, and in the presence of several gentlemen he positively denied the truthfulness of Jordan's story in Boston. No threats were made against his life; and to know Mr. Southgate is to believe his testimony. Is-w the Hon. W. A. Guthrie, Republican candidate for Justice of the Supreme Court (for whom I voted) this morning. While he does not approve the methods adopted of ridding the town of a bad man, he is satisfied that Durham has sustained no loss. He is also satisfied that Jordan is a rascal, he, Jordan, bought a small stock of goods of one of his clients, and swindled him out of the price thereof. I also talked with Capt. E. J. Parrish, who rode after the carriage in which Jordan was being conveyed outside of the city limits, he remonstrated with those who had him in charge, and counseled them to let him return and go with his family as he promised to do; they made no objection but released him at once, as the only object was to get him out of town. There was no intention to do him bodily harm.

Now, this man Jordan said to Capt. Waite of the R. & D. R. R., on whose train he rode to Goldsboro, that the "people of Durham did perfectly right; that he was sorry he had ever had anything to do with the negroes of Durham." Comment on this statement is unnecessary.

There is no truth whatever in his statement that the votes of the whites and blacks were deposited in separate ballot boxes, the voting in one precinct where I voted was at the new and unfinished Court House, the staging was still standing outside of building, to which were secured three pieces of joint forming two passages to one of the windows, a column of whites in one, and of blacks in the other passage, and they voted alternately, during the day, the blacks were represented by one of their own color, W. G. Pearson, Poll Holder, and all ballots were deposited in the same boxes. I saw no disturbance at the Polls. Now let me ask you in all candor, do you know of any community where they want a man who takes a character of this kind? I have heard of a cow or far and feather being admitted for much less, and for these things Jordan was requested to leave the City of Durham, and money was furnished him to pay his transportation to Boston.

It is evident that Jordan is trying to make capital out of what he terms a southern outrage. And I have no doubt he will find enough foolish people who will believe his tale and contribute to his wants, and the scoundrel will make more out of it than he ever possessed in his life. When the truth is he ought to have been made to run the gauntlet and every man in Durham, both white and black, should have had a good fair, two-handed lick at him. No sir, he was never implicated for being a R. publican, and a Yankee. There are other Yankees here and many good Republicans, who will spend their lives here in peace and quiet. The writer hereof is what is termed a Yankee, if four years in the Union Army, and forty years of his life spent in the northern States will make one. I have been five years in Virginia, and N. C., three of which have been spent in the city of Durham. I am an Architect by profession, and came here a perfect stranger. I have never disguised the fact of being a Union soldier, but on the contrary have spoken of it freely to all men, and as good friends as I ever had are the old Confederate soldiers with whom I frequently talk of war times, and let me tell you, they are just as loyal to this government, and would respond as quickly to a call, (should an emergency arise) made by the next President for men to bear arms against any nation on earth as your men of Maine or Minnesota, and should I wish to enroll my name as a soldier, I would do so just as quickly under the gallant gray haired Webb, of the old 6th N. C. Regiment as any man on earth; and if I were to lead a regiment, I would want no better men, more true and loyal than those living here in Durham, in fact the woods is full of them.

The old Union soldiers and northern men who are living in the south and know the people as they really are, are thoroughly disgusted with such silly nonsense as is raised in the North over just such men as this Jordan. They are anxious to have good men come here, and make their homes here, regardless of where they come from; let them be Republicans, Democrats, or Prohibition men. The question of how I would vote has never been asked me yet by any man in N. C., in fact, you can vote here or express your political opinions just as freely as any place on earth, so far as I have seen, and I have traveled over the State to quite an extent. Some of the business men of Raleigh have requested me to come there to live, a number of men from Charlotte, N. C., have said to me come down and make your home with us and any man, anywhere from Main to Oregon, who would make a good citizen would be just as welcome.

I don't pretend to say, mind you, that I am especially in love with every man in Durham and North Carolina, neither do I suppose that you regard every man in New Haven as your bosom friend. Men are much alike everywhere. I have been in most every civilized country on the globe and I have noticed but little difference—good men everywhere, bad men everywhere—but I do not pretend to say this. The people of N. C., are as good, as hospitable, as generous, as civil, as noble-minded as any you can find on the American continent. If you want better men they must be imported from some section of the globe that I have never visited. I don't say the old Union men, or the old Confederates, Republicans, Democrats or what not; but the people, the whole people throughout the State wherever I have been.

Do you expect the citizens of any country or section will allow any and every scamp to come in their midst and carry out his communistic ideas according to his own sweet will?—Southern outrages, oh! these southern outrages. But, let me tell you, viewing from my standpoint, it is generally the southern people who are outraged, and I have been looking on for the last five years and know something about it.

### Kind Words from Richmond.

Very encouraging news comes from Durham. Parrish's warehouse has started up again, under the trustees, with Captain E. J. Parrish at its head. We are glad that he as well as the other unfortunate parties have the entire confidence of the public and the planters and the Trade, which assures a way speedily out of all difficulties.

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## WASHINGTON NOTES.

### GLOOMILY AWAITING THE FALL OF THE OFFICIAL AXE.

#### Cabinet Making Premature—Harrison has a Mind of his Own.

From our Regular Correspondent.  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—Now, is the winter of Democratic discontent, and the few, very few that President Cleveland has appointed to office here in Washington, are gloomily awaiting the fourth of March and the official axe. Four years ago, when it became evident that the Democratic president would not turn the rascals out, I wrote these words. The general who makes battle with an army composed of traitors will be shot in the back, and he deserves his fate. Now this is precisely what has happened to Mr. Cleveland. This is one of the causes of his taking off. If it were only the taking off of an individual it would not matter much, but the Democratic Party, through no fault of its own, is doomed to four years of dirty eclipse.

It was amusing to go through the Government office here immediately after the election, and study the faces of the many republican clerks in contrast with the faces of the sprinkling of democrats who have in some mysterious way gotten into office. The former were trying to look lugubrious at the defeat of their friends, the enemy, while the latter were smiling desperately at their own grief. High comedy has furnished few things better to the indifferent on-looker, but behind it all was that terriblest of tragedies, the battle of life, in which not the fit, but only the fittest survive.

Among democratic politicians here and elsewhere, the cursing is both loud and deep. Mr. Cleveland has received something like a ton of mail denouncing him for his lack of political common sense, for his obstinacy against advice, in short for his failure to "hold the fort." Those who sent and are sending these letters may as well know that the President never sees them. He has several clerks whose business is to select and burn all such letters.

It is too early to talk about 1892, but many democrats here, in and out of office, are talking about it, and the drift of their talk or I might say their feeling is that while Mugwump is dead, Democracy is immortal, and that no temporary defeat, much less a betrayal, can smother its eternal fire, or deraciate its love from the human heart. It lived through eight years of the despotism of Grant; four years of the usurpation of Hayes with its sequel of Garfield, and four years more of victory without its fruits. It can certainly survive this galvanization of republicanism.

It seems to be accepted as a fact among Mr. Blaine's friends here, that he should be made either Secretary of State or Minister to England. No one doubts that he could have either position, but it is a mooted question whether he would accept. No credence is given to the report that he would like to succeed Senator Frye. There is an impression here that Mr. Blaine would prefer to remain out of the Cabinet, but as the leader of his party, having a potent voice in making up the Cabinet and distributing the offices. It is understood here that Mr. Blaine will live in Washington next winter.

It is believed that Senator Stanford of California will have a Cabinet nomination. His subscription to the republican campaign fund was enormous, stupendous, big. The President elect and Stanford were personal friends when in the Senate together. It is not thought the California Senator wants anything for himself, but his friends of the Pacific Slope want all they can get.

I may say, however, that Cabinet making at this early day by even the best posted, is premature. American slate makers cannot make the Cabinet of the incoming president. He is reputed to have a little mind of his own, and some diminutive minds have a great deal of obstinacy and self-assertion. It is probable that somebody will be surprised when on the afternoon of March 4, 1889, the Cabinet of President Harrison is announced.

### Times Works Changes.

It is said that when a girl gets to be 35 she is fond of being called Daisy, if that happens to be her first name. At 16 she insists on being called Miss Smith.

## A Scathing Rebuke.

### Under the caption "Dishonorable Appeals to Sectionalism" the Providence Journal administers a scathing rebuke to the Hartford Courant and the other northern papers which have made the case of Eldridge Jordan the occasion for pouring their vials of vituperation upon the South.

Jordan was forced to leave Durham, N. C., for conduct which in a western town would have cost him his neck. Considering all the circumstances, which were truthfully detailed at the time by our Raleigh correspondent, the people of Durham treated him very mildly. He had been an agitator in North Carolina for some time, and the principal charge against him at Durham was that of inciting persons to what is a capital crime in the Old North State. Jordan went North, misrepresented the facts entirely, posed as a political martyr, and immediately the sluiceways of Republican abuse and falsehood were opened. The Journal, after referring in general terms to the transparent eagerness of the organs to make out an outrage where there has been no outrages, devotes particular attention to the Courant, as follows: "The motive in this is perfectly plain. Realizing still that sectional prejudices could be kept even in a low state of life by wholly unwarrantable appeals, the Courant, wilfully overlooking the improbabilities on the face of Jordan's story, does its worst in feeding a sentiment in the North which in the minds of every sensible person is a sin against a thoroughly reunited nation."

The Journal then declares that Jordan was not the outraged but the outrager, that his "escape was the only relief from the law," and adds: "Outrages against the suffrage in the South there are and they are to be rebuked heartily, and outrages against the suffrage in the North there are and they, too, should be rebuked heartily, but it must be submitted that the dishonest use of every scrap of intelligence of southern outrages that is brought North by persons whose responsibilities are questionable on the face is not a creditable political appeal to the sense and intelligence of northern people."

The Journal grows in patriotism, fairness, and magnanimity, and continues to hew to the line of truth and justice it marked out when it became convinced that the South had been maligned.

### No Surrender, No Compromise—The Fight Goes On.

Indianapolis Sentinel, Dec. The battle is not over. The monopolies have won a victory but at a fearful cost to themselves and to country. Their triumph will be short lived. The force of selfishness, ignorance and corruption will not forever prevail. A reaction will come that will grind them to powder. It will come sooner than most reformers deem possible to day as they contemplate the disaster that has overtaken their great cause. Pride goes before a fall. Madness precedes destruction. The insane folly which seized upon the monopolies when they compel the adoption of the infamous Chicago platform only make their destruction more certain and more complete. There is nothing so shortsighted as selfishness. There is nothing so blind as greed. The monopolies have refused a compromise; they will be forced to a surrender. It is a war of extermination from this time forward. The contest can have but one ending. The right will prevail; truth and justice will triumph in the end. After Bull Run will come Appomattox.

The party must be held on the advanced ground upon which that brave and wise leader, that greatest of modern presidents, that type of all that is noblest in manhood and best in American citizenship, Grover Cleveland, placed it in his immortal message of '87. We believe that the Democratic masses of the country have "enlisted for the war" in the great contest with monopoly.

### Stand Together.

What course is left open to the Democratic party of the South? We must wait and see. If it is shown that the policy at which we have hinted is to be pursued, it is necessary for strict organization with the Democrats of the South becomes of paramount importance. If for no other reason than that of self-protection, it is in the highest degree important that they should stand together to a man.

## "THE PRIDE OF THE STATE."

### "The Squares, Most Business-Like Series of Failures in the Whole Record of Assignments."

Whitings Magazine.  
There has not occurred in the business history of the State a financial failure of such general interest to the people of North Carolina as the Blackwell-Durham embarrassment last week.

It appears to have been the squares, most business-like series of failures in the whole record of assignments. Every man involved square to the front, made plain statements, and unreservedly down every dollar he had in the for division among the creditors. All the advertising Durham did this is the best and will do most good. It will prove the best day in her history. It is a reputation and character commercial and financial many times the dollars in.

Of Durham as a town, it ought to be said she is the pride of the State. The name of Durham has gone further into the remote corners of the earth than that of any town or city in the United States; and even beyond that of the United States. It has carried with it the name of North Carolina, and has advertised the State throughout the world. The advantage that Durham has been to North Carolina cannot be approximately estimated. It is beyond ascertainment, and is daily growing and extending. It is a town, with its industries and enterprises, in which every citizen of the State is bound to feel an interest in proportion to his regard to the State, or the public welcome of our people.

The figure that led in the Durham failure is a colossal one. William T. Blackwell is a greater than the conqueror of the nation. He founded and largely built this unique city; and he began it not with money, but with nerve, energy and industry. Following in the way he blazed out, there were hundreds of the same push and restless energy as the old founder, and they have all united to give the town a magical growth and phenomenal success.

Durham will in no-wise suffer from this temporary embarrassment of some of her business men. The business and credit of the place is not affected. They will all be on their feet again, and whatever momentary set back, there will be a quicker compensating movement forward.

People of the pluck and energy of Durham men do not halt at slight obstacles. Where there is so much business, activity and capital, and such faith in themselves and their town, a thing like this is nothing more than a storm of the evening before. While we feel the deepest interest in the welfare of all concerned, and regret any loss or inconvenience they may, any of them, sustain, we really feel more like congratulating than commiserating the community, for we fully believe that it is such a failure as reflects credit and honor upon those involved, and strengthens the business character and reputation of the town of Durham.

### True Principle.

Ashville Citizen.  
The Durham and other papers speak in high terms of the fortitude and unity of purpose of the citizens of that town under the trying financial disturbances which have just visited it. The people have shown they appreciate the true principle which should govern a community. It is easy for a community to stand and work together in days of prosperity; but it is when adversity comes that brings out the true grit and patriotism of a people. The business community of Durham has acted nobly. Instead of rushing in pell-mell to grab, they have united to sustain and rebuild. They have thus shown their confidence in their community and in themselves which is inspiring, so much inspiring, that other and outside parties have tendered all the capital which may be needed to maintain the energy and success of the place. Well done, Durham! May ye go on to even greater achievements.

### The Ensign Wins the Suit.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 19.—The Supreme court today affirmed a decision of the court of claims in the case of Ensign Simon Cook, who claimed that his service at the Naval Academy should be computed in reckoning his longevity pay. The court of claims decided in favor of the Ensign. The decision favorably affects a number of naval officers.