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THE RADICAL CONVENTION AND ITS CONSEQUENCES.

Last Tuesday a miscellaneous mob of uneasy Republicans gathered in Metropolitan Hall at Raleigh, to agree upon some leadership which might satisfy the faithful, reconcile the doubting, and bring back wanderers to the fold. The result spoiled several fortunes and nipped several ambitions in the bud. Cates' Baby died in the "burning." It kicked vigorously for a while, scolded lustily, turned black in the face, and died, and Henry N. Brown was quietly laid in his political grave. His death, the radical neophyte, was submissive to the tutelage he had agreed to impose upon him; and unashamedly yielded to the will of his masters. The friends of Turner fought long and loudly for him, and faithful to his instincts of turbulence and disorder, sang themselves from the Hall when they found they could not have their own way, and left the field to ex-Judge Reade, who may claim to be the nominee of that part of the Republican party of the District which cannot reconcile it to their natures to follow in the lead of a life-long enemy.

The Radicals went into the Convention, so-called, irresponsibly antagonistic in sentiment and purpose. One faction felt it due to consistency to adhere to the action of the Executive Committee which had nominated Turner. They did that, not because they loved him, but because they knew he indiscriminately hated his old party, and was the best instrument they could use to bring mortification and defeat upon it. They had admitted they could not elect a man of their own party, and the next best thing they could do was to defeat the regular nominees of the Democrats by using a renegade.

The other side led by W. A. Smith felt hostility to Turner, personal and political, that was unassimilable. They were ready to die before giving him the right-hand of fellowship.

Yet these last ought not to have doubted such tried Republicans as Ike Young, Ike Strayhorn and John Williamson who were willing to pledge their faith for the fidelity of Turner. If he was a good enough Radical for Young and Strayhorn and Williamson, he was good enough for Smith and Boyd and Tim Joe. These men have not been accustomed to be over nice or scrupulous in their associations. They were squeamish about Turner, and proved themselves to have had stomachs more tender than might have been expected from the coarse diet they had been used to feed on.

And so they took up Edwin G. Reade as the dainty morsel. If we are not mistaken, Henry Brown will find him a somewhat tough subject to swallow; at least, he will be remembered here as having been somewhat free in his denunciations of the saintly Judge, about the time, too, that the Judge was about the brightest light of the Republican party, and when he had just struck up the joyful song "we are going home." Mr. Brown may have forgotten all about this; but the impression remains, and we have not heard that Judge Reade became a better man since the days of that denunciation. But the charges that were made against him do not impair his fitness for his party's service; and as he is a man of parts, and of great shrewdness as a politician, he might be made a somewhat formidable opponent if the white people of the District could ever forget that he was the author of the ever memorable and ever infamous Legislative address, (of which more in the future) the object of which was to point out the ready way of the newly enfranchised slave to the homes and the property of his late owner, and subject to his lusts the honor and chastity of the white females of the land. Cursed be the heart that conceived such abominable sentiments, and withdrawn by the hand that penned them.

Reade may or may not accept a nomination made in a way somewhat indefinite and ambiguous. But if the tenor of the resolutions of W. A. Smith are carried out, the Republicans of the District are called upon to vote for him. Turner has not withdrawn, and will continue in the field, if only for the purpose of compassing the defeat of the Democratic nominee. This he expects to do by the aid of those Democrats who supported him in August; and this he may do, if they aid him in such a fitious purpose. Is it possible that they can or will do so, when the inevitable result will be the election of no hateful a man as Edwin G. Reade?

The Raleigh Cotton Market is quiet; receipts last week about 500 bales. Mid-

MR. TILDEN VINDICATED.

We have received from the Hon. Manton Marble a pamphlet giving the secret history of the transactions which accompanied the events leading ultimately to the counting in of Rutherford B. Hayes as President. The Democrats through the country intensely believed in the legal election of Samuel J. Tilden, and were more than indignant at his passive acquiescence in the wrongs by which not only he was the sufferer, but made the whole country victims to the disappointment. Mr. Tilden was believed to have been ready to sacrifice ardent, hard working and suffering friends to considerations of safety to his own person and his own property; and the appearance of a want of courageous determination to assert his own claims to a fairly gained presidency, and to defend the rights of his party in the fruits of a conflict in which it was uncontestedly the victor, has, up to the present enveloped his fate in a cloud of opprobrium, only penetrable by such facts as Mr. Marble has now presented.

Mr. Tilden was opposed to any concessions such as ultimately led to the creation of the Electoral Commission. He was for asserting his rights in the House of Representatives, and fighting it then inch by inch. In this he was foiled by the Senate Committee which had opened up paths for negotiations with the opposition, and which ultimately led to the appointment of the Committee and the surrender of all the advantage of position. The idea of compromise once seized upon, it took tenacious hold upon minds alarmed at the recurrence of strife, only bloody appeared, and at the continued prostration of business only to be revived by the assurance of political tranquility. Patriotism was made to supplant partnership, and generous self-denial to stifle the angry passion of party exigencies. Party leaders took the reins in their own hands, and, in private conferences with each other, had carried on negotiations which could only lead to the surrender of the rights of Mr. Tilden too far to be controlled by him, too far even to be arrested by opposition of friends, except by such resorts as would have necessitated the imputation of fictitious hostility to any method of maintaining peace; and all was sacrificed to that idea.

Mr. Tilden never gave in to the plan of the electoral Commission. He foresaw it as a surrender of his rights. But it was not in his power to reverse the action of the Committee who took the matter in charge. He submitted to the inevitable, neither from want of courage or sagacity, but because his hands were tied by his own friends.

Mr. Marble has well vindicated Mr. Tilden, and has removed the suspicion that has weighed him down. For this we thank him; for the South supported Mr. Tilden with ardor and in all sincerity. But it will be impossible to revive his prestige in the South with the multitude. Impressions made within the past two years can never be effaced. Tardy justice may be done Mr. Tilden, but he can never be the subject of popular enthusiasm. And the financial issues, to be more prominent in the coming than in the last campaign, find in Mr. Tilden the advocate of ideas, utterly antagonistic to those in which the Southern and Western people are now being educated in the hard school of adversity.

And so we bid Mr. Tilden a sorrowful and most respectful farewell.

THE YELLOW FEVER.

Contrary to hopes expressed last week, the scourge has not abated anywhere in malignity except where it is checked by want of victims to feed upon. We hear nothing of it in Grenada, but it is because all who were not attacked have fled, and the place is deserted. The same is the case in Vicksburg. But we find that wherever refugees have refuged they have been immediately attacked. Thus in New Orleans, fifteen thousand persons, relying upon reported statement of the fever, came back, and the direct result was a rapid increase of new cases.

In proportion to population, Memphis has suffered more than New Orleans; upon the 4th inst., the number of deaths was a little below 2800. In New Orleans, the same time, about 3000. And the whole number of fatal cases altogether will now reach about 8000.

The disease seems to have gained foot-hold in Chattanooga, and there is a general panic. But frost cannot be far off in that region.

From recent statements, it appears that the amount of war made predictably that no more money was wanted for New Orleans and some other cities. There is still great suffering from want of necessary indispensable supplies. And one of the worst features of human nature interwoven in the eager desire of some who have braved the pestilence and have escaped, to make all the money they can out of the situation. Nurses are often rapacious in their charges. Druggists demand exorbitant

lars and a half for a gallon of lime water! This is natural, perhaps, but it is not available.

TAXING FERTILIZERS.

We observe frequent communications in the Raleigh dailies and in the Raleigh Farmer, making a demand upon the coming Legislature for the repeal of the tax on fertilizers; the demand being upon the ground that the tax falls upon the consumer. The tax was laid with the best intention, the main object being to protect the farmer from the deluge of worthless composts which, before the imposition of the tax, flooded the State and defrauded the farmer. We have never heard that any allegation had been made that this object had not been accomplished. The imposition of the tax, and the compulsory analysis, etc., etc., but the honest manufacturer. These last have no reason to complain because they get possession, etc., of the market. The question is, do they control the market entirely and to the injury of the farmer? What is the allegation founded upon the presumption that the consumer pays all the burden of the tax? This is a most gross and more political economy, the ground that the producer is the sufferer, than those who maintain that the consumer has it to bear. In the instance of tobacco, no question, it has been held to be very clearly demonstrated, that the low average price obtained by the farmer are the direct result of the excessive revenue charges and other expenses; which, if added to high prices paid the farmer, would put it to the consumer at least so great as to bring the price limit to consumption.

The real and fundamental test of the present question is to ascertain whether fertilizers are higher since than before the tax. In the latter, then the farmer is the sufferer, and the rest to be relieved. If not, the complaint is a piece of demagogical clap-trap, or the interested glamer of parties unwilling to curtail their profits on an article, which without the intervention of the protection given by the tax, would again become worthless, and demand the farmer to an infinitely greater degree than is now complained of.

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Radical forces, disengaged. Billy Smith says he would vote for Joe Turner, who had round his neck a vote for Turner was the consideration for a partner—not otherwise. Ike Young says Turner is the only change. He never at all the negroes he only showed the slaves. The Strayhorn sticks to Turner, and said he would not support the nomine of the convention. John Williamson, negm, stood up for Turner as the nomine of the Executive Committee; while James E. Boyd, an outsider, was decided against Turner. He could not vote for him and retain his self-respect. And so the Convention broke up almost in a row, hardly with the agreement that Edwin G. Reade was its final nomine.

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