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VIOLENCE VERSUS BALLOT BOX.

That the Democrats in many places in States South of us in the last election resorted to unwarranted measures in order to secure their political ends, is only too apparent. The evidence taken before the Teller Committee—evidence not disputed because the witnesses have characters, as in the case of Gen. Reuben E. Davis, of Mississippi, and some of the witnesses from South Carolina—shows that the Democrats resorted to the disreputable ways and tricks of the Radicals that their plans might be successfully carried through.

It would indeed be an evil, a sad day for our country, if the time should come when Democrats regard the ballot-box as fair game to be captured at any sacrifice of justice and honor, and unhesitatingly resort to ingenious and multiplied systems of intimidation with which to effect their ends.

First, that the Returning Boards were in the market. Second, that the Radical leaders bought them. Third, who were the purchasers and sellers, and the price paid.

Fourth, that no effort to buy them was ever made by Mr. Tilden. If Oliver P. Morton were living to-day he would be a most important witness. He was the chief manipulator. It was through him that the dispatches were burned. Unfortunately ashes and dust tell no tales.

The safety of our people—their rights and liberties, are all wrapped up in the purity and freedom of the ballot, and in the intelligence and virtue of the electors. A corrupt people will not regard or value properly the right of suffrage and the sanctity of the ballot.

The great question now exercising the people who have never held office and do not understand the profound mysteries thereof, is—how in the world did the grand old men of an earlier time—the Burtons, the Swains, the Dudleys, the Moreheads, the Grahams, the Braggs and others, and the remainder of the officials included, get along in the capitol with only one darkey to wait on them?

Of course they made their own fires and brought their own water. That is the only solution. It now requires eight negroes to make a half dozen fires, sweep out a few rooms and bring the ponderous mails. Let a mule and a cart be hired. Old November or Dave Barham, gratefully

by the principle of Rob Roy's clan as given by Wordsworth—

"The good old rule, Suffice them, the simple plan, And they should take who have the power, And they should keep who can."

This principle of action appears to have entered into their life, and to have governed them in regard both to elections and office. They took office by violence and fraud often, and then plundered at will.

All this sort of thing must be stopped. "The good old rule" of robbery will not suit our country and its institutions. If our people ever countenance the rule of the plunderer—"to take who have the power" and "to keep who can," then our government will indeed prove a failure, and our people will become a by-word and a reproach to the nations.

The ballot-box must be kept pure. Intimidation in all forms must cease. The people must be elevated by education and purified and exalted by Christian principle.

KELOGG AND THE CIPHER DISPATCHES.

A writer in the Washington Post, who signs himself "One Who Knows," says that the reason why Kellogg has so much power with the fraudulent administration and his recommendations to office are always regarded, is that he has the delivered duplicates of those original office copies of the Radical cipher dispatches that were destroyed by Orton, the Radical President of the Union Telegraph Company.

He says that it is very natural that Mr. Hayes should be courteous to the man who had those delivered dispatches. We give some other points raised by "One Who Knows." He says:

"Are you aware that, just before the vote on the New York nominations, John Sherman called on Kellogg at Willard's, and tried to impress him with the importance of voting in favor of the administration?"

"Are you also aware that Kellogg, metaphorically speaking, shook some documents in John's face and asked him if a man who held such documents couldn't enjoy the small privilege of voting as he pleased?"

"Are you also mindful of the fact that Kellogg then went with Conkling and Hayes nominated Kellogg's man, Badger, for Collector of New Orleans?"

"Can you tell why, in almost the same breath, Hayes nominated Kellogg's man and withdrew the name of old Hannibal Hamlin's man, when one voted with Conkling just the same as the other did?"

The Post does not confirm these statements, nor does it deny them, but says:

"We also know that he has at all times exercised a decisive influence over the fraudulent occupant of the White House. His thieves and tools are all in office. His man, Conquest Clarke, who superintended the electoral forgery, is in possession of a song place in the Treasury. He puts men in and out of Federal office almost at his own pleasure. Kellogg is never heard of at the White House family table, nor does his name ascend with that of Mr. Schurz at the Sunday evening song and praise service, and yet what he wants done is done. We are therefore not at all disposed to deny the correctness of our correspondent's suggestions."

If Morton's man Bullock had not stolen and burnt certain tell-tale dispatches we have no doubt that they would have shown very conclusively several things, some of which are known and others are strongly suspected. For instance, they would have shown—

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and kindly remembered by every old student of the University before the war, would have done all that is necessary to be done in the capital before breakfast, and then spent the day in fishing. But times have changed.

A RETRENCHMENT REFORM.

The joint committee of the Legislature have reported on the Asylum. They praise the management of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum, whilst condemning that of the Insane Asylum. They also condemn the policy of the State being made to care for the insane outside of the Asylum. They say they do not believe such a course was ever contemplated by the constitution. They say:

"The burden is growing heavier year by year. The disbursements now are at the rate of \$600 per day. Two years ago \$20,000, last year \$30,000. This year not less than \$40,000 was required, and in the opinion of the Treasurer, judging from the present rate of increase, \$50,000 will not satisfy the next year's demands of this law. Your committee therefore would have recommended a bill repealing this statute provided for the outside insane, but have been unable to introduce the same."

They say the Insane Asylum "has not been managed with care and economy." We quote:

"Your committee are of the opinion that it is necessary to reorganize and turn over a new leaf. They therefore respectfully recommend the passage of the bill herewith presented, and have a strong hope and confidence that it will save to the State the sum of twenty thousand dollars per annum."

It is understood that to get rid of Dr. Grissom, and those under him, the present asylum will be abolished, and a new one created with new officers.

The committee report that Gov. Jarvis does not desire a house to live in. The committee, therefore, recommend that the \$17,500 received from the sale of lots be turned into the Treasury. The Governor sets one very good example in the way of "retrenchment and reform." The committee say:

"The committee herewith, and at the suggestion of his Excellency, the Governor, offer a bill repealing the six hundred dollar clerkship allowed by the last General Assembly to the Executive Department."

The committee say if the various measures recommended by them are adopted the saving to the State cannot be less than from \$80,000 to \$100,000.

That there was some rascality practiced under Secretary Robeson during Grant's time, and that this rascality cost the government many millions of dollars, cannot be denied. The Democrats are for investigating the matter thoroughly, but this is opposed by the Radicals in Congress.

That wide-awake independent paper, the Philadelphia Times, sees through the trickery, and says:

"Millions of dollars have been stolen from the government and squandered by its officers. Why does the Government not investigate the matter themselves, they decline to let the Democrats go any further in the matter, well knowing at the same time that delay will be fatal to all hope of redress. And all because a well known Republican, who is returned to Congress, is interested in having the thing hushed up. In thus shielding Robeson and his underlings, the Republicans in the House of Representatives are shouldering a heavy load, and will have reason to regret it."

The Philadelphia Press accuses us of a want of sense in classifying the New York Sun as Independent, Radical. If not that, then pray what is it? It is certainly independent as even the editor of the Press might see if he would read it; and it is certainly very radical in some of its opinions. The Press will never be classified with the Sun, for it has neither its sense nor its independence. The Press is an organ of the most slavish type. It flourishes the bloody shirt as its oriflamme, and its editor evidently belongs to the Advanced Order of Howling Derivives.

Let the members from the West do their duty in protecting the rights of Wilmington, and then let the good people of that city use their intelligence in getting the Central extension into one of the best agricultural regions in North Carolina.—Shelby Aurora.

There was a bill introduced in the Senate, early in the present session of the Legislature, to prohibit members of the Legislature from riding on railroads on free passes. It was very promptly killed by a large majority; and we think improperly. It seemed to be feared that the passage of such a law would be an impudently upon the integrity of members and State officers. We can say truthfully, and the fact might as well be recognized by those immediately concerned, that in the minds of thousands, they already rest under the imposition of being influenced by this substantial courtesy of the railroads.—Alamance Gleaner.

The wife of Sam Bard, the Southern journalist who died of yellow fever, has begun a lecture tour, making her first appearance at Baton Rouge, La., last week.

The Wilmington STAR—a paper of acknowledged intelligence—calls Dr. James C. Southall, "that greatest of living Southern writers." A high compliment, but doubtless a just one.—Petersburg Index-Appal.

The "boy orator," J. Harry Shannon, left, in company with his father and mother, this morning for Norfolk, whence they "go West," the very place for the perfect development of all young Gentlemen. We had some apprehensions that he might settle in Virginia, but Heaven knows we want no more orators here of any kind.—Richmond (Va.) States.

POLITICAL POINTS.

Uncle Bill Evans took a hand in the defeat of Conkling. Somewhere or other he had the impression that Uncle Bill had resigned or hired a substitute. We are really glad he is still on deck.—Atlanta Constitution, Dem.

Mr. Hayes did not pay any money for the electoral votes of Florida. In this he is clear as Mr. Tilden. But Mr. Hayes did pay in offices for the vote of more than one State. Right here lies the difference between the man who was robbed and the beneficiary of the robbery.—Washington Post, Dem.

There is probably no sincerity in the presence of the Republican leaders that they are anxious to unseat Senator Butler and install Corbin in the Senate. They simply want to get a verdict of res adjudicata so as to preserve the beautiful hide of Mr. Kellogg, when the Democrats take possession of the Senate.—Balt. Gazette, Dem.

The next time Mr. Tilden has a chance to buy the Presidency he'll probably do it, because he must have found out by this time that the innocent are those who succeed. Besides, it may be worth something to be in a position to reward a dispatch thief with a foreign consulate. That also might help to establish the innocence of all parties concerned.—Philadelphia Times, Ind.

Bill to amend the election law. This bill provides for the election of Superior Court Clerks on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November. Passed.

Bill to amend the act for the protection of fish in Waccamaw Lake. This bill allows the citizens of Columbus county to fish in the lake from the first of September to the first of March. Passed.

Bill for the benefit of the Winston, Salem & Mooresville Railroad was passed.

Bill to prevent the felling of trees in Tar river was passed.

Bill to change the name of certain townships in the county of Pender was passed.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. Bill to give certain colored persons the right of inheritance, by legalizing the connection of persons who lived together as man and wife prior to 1868. Passed its readings.

Bill to prohibit the sale of any kind of liquor in three miles of Wake Forest College.

Bill to repeal the act establishing the Criminal Court of Wake. Mr. Richardson, of Wake, offered an amendment that criminal jurisdiction be vested as fully in the Superior Court as it was prior to the formation of the Criminal Court.

The previous question was then called upon the passage of the bill, as amended, upon its third reading. Upon this the yeas and nays were called, when the bill passed. Yeas 52, nays 44.

Bill for the relief of the blind, by paying to persons who lost their sight, or both hands or both feet in the Confederate service, the sum of \$60 per annum out of the Treasury. Ayes 88, nays 1.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Executive patronage is a great power, if one knows how to wield it skillfully, but Executive clemency is not to be lightly esteemed as a political force. The use that Grant made of Executive clemency is the most potent agency in the movement for another term of the "most illustrious American." But for Grant's pardoning grace the men who are now roaring loudest for him would be habited in the homely garb of penal servitude, and their close-shaven heads would be sadly bowed over their dreary drudgery behind the grim walls and grated portals of state prisons. Let no man speak slightly of Executive clemency as a political force.—Washington Post, Dem.

What we mean to say is that the Tribune, in the great heap of its wisdom, has done what it least of all desired—recalled Mr. Tilden to the upper air in the old and formidable character of an honest patriot. Nay more—it has added to this the attractiveness of injured innocence and the mystery of an unexplored job. Two days ago it was a question whether Mr. Tilden could become a powerful competitor with Bayard, Hendricks and Thurman for the Democratic nomination in 1880. This question is now settled. His examination at the Fifth Avenue Hotel on Saturday leaves no doubt whatever on that point. He has fought his battle of Actium and the victory for the present rests with him. Richard is himself again, and the Tribune has already sacrificed its margins and begun to "rehyphocate." Having Gail Hamiltoned Blaine into a rapid decline, it has now involuntarily "kited" Tilden into the political stock exchange once more and made him a good investment, at least for the present. Mr. Reid's journalistic boomerang has returned to slap the face of Mr. Gould's prize journalist.—Springfield Republican, Ind.

OUR STATE CONTEMPORARIES.

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Notices of the Press: A first-class paper.—Hatteras Advance. Emphatically a live paper.—Goldboro News.

The Star is a live paper.—Sunter (S. C.) News. One of the best daily papers in the State.—Weldon News.

One of the very best of our daily exchanges.—South Carolina. Banks among the leading Dailies of the State.—Christian Advocate.

One of the best Dailies in the State.—Statesville Independent. A valuable paper. We cheerfully recommend it.—The Daily Courier.

Banks among the leading Journals of the South.—Marion (S. C.) Star. One of the best and most desirable papers in North Carolina.—Norfolk Protestant.

Full of general news, and a credit to Wilmington.—Elizabeth City North Carolina. One of the best daily papers published in the Southern States.—Horry (S. C.) News.

One of our best Southern journals. As a newspaper any—Friend of Temperance. One of the best conducted in the State; bold, independent and well informed.—Hatteras Recorder.

Able edited, and has a circulation which speaks volumes of comment on its influence.—Magnolia Monitor. Onward and upward it goes until now it has the largest circulation of any Daily in the State.—Fayetteville News.

The Wilmington STAR, now very much improved, has the largest circulation of any paper in the State.—Anfield News. The STAR stands among the first of North Carolina papers in point of enterprise and literary merit.—The Daily Courier.

Unquestionably the best daily journal in North Carolina, and has no superior in any other Southern State.—Marion (S. C.) Times. For editorial ability, general news, correct market reports and literary selections the STAR has no superior.—Rocky Mount Mail.

Is well conducted and has as much general and variety of good reading matter as any Daily in the State.—Warrenton Gazette. This paper, though not many years old, is one of the best dailies in the State, and well merits the support it receives.—Louisburg Courier.

One of the best daily journals on our exchange list. Belongs to no ring save that which encircles the head of the people.—Atlantic Reporter. The Wilmington Morning Star is among the best newspapers in the South. Rich, rare, spicy, always fresh and "on time."—Atlantic Reporter.

A staunch and independent advocate of the people's rights. Deservingly ranks among the first journals of the Southern country.—Rockingham Observer. The STAR is undoubtedly an enterprising sheet, beautifully printed and conducted with marked ability. Mr. Reid deserves great credit for his efforts in this country.—Rockingham Observer.

Those of our readers desiring to take a daily or weekly paper from North Carolina do better than take the Wilmington STAR.—Cherock (S. C.) Democrat. The STAR is one of our most highly valued exchanges, and it affords us pleasure to recommend it as one of the most easy and reliable dailies in North Carolina.—Fayetteville News.

A live newspaper, and the best Daily in the State. The circulation is larger than that of any other Daily in the State, which proves it.—Milton Chron. No paper ever started in North Carolina has grown so rapidly as has the STAR. Though only five years old, it is now a fixed institution, enjoying an influence and a prosperity second to none in the State.—Fayetteville News.

The Wilmington STAR is in the front rank of our Southern dailies, well edited, full of news and select reading matter, telegraphic reports, and in every respect a first rate journal. If we had many such papers our State would be the richer by it.—Greensboro Advance.

WHOLESALE & RETAIL.

Our quotations should be understood, except in the wholesale prices generally. In making up small orders higher prices have to be charged.

Table with columns: ARTICLES, PRICES. Includes items like BACON, Ham, Sides, Shoulders, etc.

Table with columns: ARTICLES, PRICES. Includes items like FLOUR, Sugar, Coffee, etc.

Table with columns: ARTICLES, PRICES. Includes items like LARD, Butter, Eggs, etc.

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Table with columns: ARTICLES, PRICES. Includes items like SOAP, Candles, etc.

MISCELLANEOUS.

KEEP MOVING! Brown & Roddick 45 Market St. GREAT Annual Clearing Sale!

IT HAS BEEN OUR ANNUAL CUSTOM during the past four years to inaugurate a SPECIAL SALE, in order to close out the balance of our STOCK, at which time we make GENERAL MARK DOWN ON ALL SURPLUS STOCK.

Our patrons will find every article marked in PLAIN FIGURES, THE FORMER PRICE IN RED, and the MARKED DOWN PRICE IN BLACK, and the MARKED DOWN PRICE IN RED.

We cannot enumerate every article, as it would occupy too much space, but the following will give quite a general idea.

Winter Dress Goods, Blankets, Flannels, Canton Flannels, ALSO, Ladies', Gents' and Children's Underwear.

We MEAN Business, and will mark every article at such a price that it cannot fail to satisfy any one who anticipates making any purchases in our line.

We would add, for the benefit of our patrons in the country, that they may rely on any orders they may favor us with being promptly and as satisfactorily filled as if they stood at the counter.

ONE PRICE TO ALL! Special Sale. We have decided to make a CLEAN SWEEP of all our LINEN GOODS, such as LINEN TABLE DAMASKS, NAPKINS AND TOWELS.

YOU ARE INVITED TO CALL AND SEE FOR YOURSELVES. We have no desire to deceive or misrepresent anything. Our policy has never been to get as much as we could for our merchandise, but to sell as much as possible, in order to increase our outlet and keep the trade in call.

CALL EARLY. BROWN & RODDICK, 45 Market Street. Jan 12th

Wood of All Kinds. WE ARE SELLING TO CASH BUYERS AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES. Those wanting to buy in quantity can lay in supply from our wharf as cheap as it can be had anywhere.

Notice. APPLICATION WILL BE MADE TO THE General Assembly for an Act to incorporate the FURNITURE MANUFACTURING COMPANY. Jan 28th

Molasses! Molasses! FRESH ARRIVALS. New Crop Cuba, New Orleans, Sugar House, Old Cuba, IN BARRELS AND HOGSHEADS.

Adrian & Vollers. Salt. Salt. Salt. FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES. A LARGE STOCK ON HAND. For sale by O. S. FANLEY, Jr., S.E. corner Front and Dock Sts.

The Navassa Guano Comp'y. Will sell their well known FERTILIZERS delivered free of freight workman and material. 500 Lbs. Middling Guano for a ton of GUANO. 875 Lbs. Middling Guano for a ton of ACID PHOSPHATE.

The Latest Out. THE GENUINE STEWART SEWING MACHINE. THIS MACHINE HAS BEEN GREATLY IMPROVED, and the Company insist on the following advantages: Speed, light running, perfection and capacity of workman and material.

Christmas is Over, BUT I WILL BE PLEASED TO SERVE YOU IN THE BOOK AND STATIONERY LINE, and will endeavor to give you satisfaction in every transaction at 57 1/2 Front Street, Book Store.

Plows, Hoes, Traces, Backsaws, HAMMERS, TRACES, BACKSAWS, SINGLES, TRACES, BACKSAWS, etc. All for sale at the Very Lowest Prices by GIBBS & BURCHARDSON, 38 and 40 Marchion Block. Feb 9th

To Accommodate. I SHALL IN FUTURE KEEP A COMPLETE Assortment of POSTAGE STAMPS, POSTAL CARDS, &c., at New York cost. ALSO, BLANK BOOKS, SCHOOL BOOKS, STATIONERY, &c., &c. C. W. YATES. Feb 9th