

PUBLICATION ANNOUNCEMENT

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Notices under head of "City Items" cost per line for first insertion, and 10 cents per line for each subsequent insertion.

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Advertisements to follow reading matter, or to occupy any special place, will be charged extra according to the position desired.

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Advertisements discontinued before the time contracted for has expired, charged transit rates for the time actually published.

Advertisements kept under the head of "New Advertisements" will be charged fifty per cent. extra.

Amusement, Auction and Official advertisements one dollar per square for each insertion. At this rate, an extra charge will be made for double-column or triple-column advertisements.

All announcements and recommendations of candidates for office, whether in the shape of communications or otherwise, will be charged as advertisements.

Contract advertisers will not be allowed to exceed their space or advertise anything foreign to their regular business without extra charge at transient rates.

Payments for transient advertisements must be made in advance. Known parties, or strangers with proper references, may pay monthly, quarterly, according to contract.

Advertisers should always specify the date or dates to which their advertisements are to run. Where no time is named the advertisement will be inserted in the Daily Intelligencer, and continued in the Daily Star, to be sent to him during the time his advertisement is in, the proprietor will only be responsible for the contents of the paper as advertised.

Remittances must be made by Check, Draft, Postal Money Order, Express, or in Registered Letter. Only such remittances will be at the risk of the publisher.

Communications, unless they contain important news, or discuss briefly and properly subjects of public interest, are not wanted; and, if acceptable in every other way, they will invariably be rejected if the real name of the author is withheld.

THE MISSISSIPPI OUTRAGE

We yesterday referred to the Yazoo county outrage. The Radicals are trying to make much capital out of it. The offense was inexcusable and enormous.

How sane men could be deliberately guilty of such proscriptio—of such a gross outrage upon free citizenship passes our understanding. There can be no better campaign document for the Stalwarts.

It matters not how freely and promptly and unreservedly the Southern people and papers may denounce the Mississippi outrage, the Northern people will only learn of the crime committed against the rights of a freeman and an elector.

There is no doubt of the offense being committed. The Louisville Courier-Journal, a strong Southern paper, says the outrage was real and substantial. It gives the following account of the unfortunate occurrence:

"A few months ago Capt. H. M. Dixon, a Democrat and a planter of that county, announced himself as an independent candidate for the office of Sheriff. He had a good following in the independent movement, and the registration generally indicated that the independent ticket would carry the county against the regular Democratic candidates.

When this was discovered the Democratic committee at Yazoo City instigated or constituted a mob of four or five hundred armed and mounted men, who threatened to drive Dixon and his associates out of the county if he did not withdraw and leave the field for the Democratic candidates.

"As the men were desperate and threatened violence, Dixon was obliged to withdraw from the contest. The mob then threatened to attack the independent candidates to pledge their support to the Democratic party, or burn their property if they refused. Captain Dixon and his associates, after this disgraceful proceeding, held a meeting and adopted a communication to Judge J. S. Morris, of Vicksburg, formerly Attorney General of the State, asking his advice. The Judge replied at length, counselling the retention of their organization, and condemning the less action of the Yazoo City Democracy."

This is indeed a high-handed and lawless measure. It is a new way to stifle freedom of speech and action and to redress grievances. The Yazoo Democrats are a disgrace to the party and the South. If Independents are to be crushed out by armed mobs in one locality, it will only strengthen them in a hundred localities. Men are not slaves theoretically in this land of the free and home of the brave. Men have a right to think, to speak and to act without fear of mobs composed of desperate men.

When you see a strong independent movement on foot you may be sure there is a cause for it. There are probably a million of men in the United States who do not belong to any party organization, although they may generally vote but one way when they exercise their right of suffrage. That stanch Democratic evening paper, the Baltimore Bulletin, says:

"The mere fact of the existence of so powerful an independent movement in the stronghold of Democracy, argues, moreover, that the people of the South, and the slavish creatures of the Democratic organization that Radical orators and journalists pretend, it holds out also a defiance warring and menace to the selfish leaders who would prostitute Democracy to their own purposes; indicating as it does in the

placard manner that the Southern people cannot be depended on to follow, except where intelligence and patriotism lead. We are disposed to welcome the incident, bad as it is, as carrying with it a lesson, which, if taken to heart, cannot fail to be of great value to the Democratic party.

It is obvious that in order to command the suffrages, not only of the West and of the East, but of the South, the Democratic party must address itself to real reforms, and must not permit the fruits of its labors to be wrested from it by a mere horde of place-hunters and vagabonds."

We are glad to see that many decided Democratic papers, like the Baltimore Bulletin, and Atlanta Constitution, and Vicksburg Herald, and Louisville Courier-Journal, are speaking out boldly in condemnation of the Yazoo plot of protecting free speech and guaranteeing liberty to freemen.

Gov. Stone, of Mississippi, has taken no action in the matter. Both ex-Governor A. G. Brown and ex-Attorney General Morris have written letters severely censuring the Yazoo Democrats. Governor Brown says:

"In our eagerness to expose the wicked designs of the Radicals we got up cartoons of ballot boxes pierced by federal bayonets. Can we now complain if the other side gets up cartoons showing ballot boxes riddled with shot guns, and independent candidates fleeing for dear life before a Democratic mob?"

The best elements in the South can never tolerate or countenance the "shot-gun policy" in politics. It would reduce society to chaos, and make lawlessness supreme. Our papers should be frank and bold enough to condemn without reservation the Yazoo mob violence.

The advocates of the mob pretend that it "was a desperate plot" to array the blacks against the whites. The Yazoo Clarion justifies the whole procedure. It says that the people of that county have resolved "not to permit another race war to be inaugurated in their midst for the benefit of self-seekers."

Another Yazoo paper—the Herald says: "The good people of Yazoo county are agreed upon one point, and that is, no man or set of men shall achieve official preferment by massing the colored voters against the whites."

This sort of proscriptio will not answer. Men—whites and colored—are either free or slaves. If they are free they have a right to vote for whom they please. But there is no necessity for arguing against such insane intolerance. Let the principle of Yazoo prevail and in every section only men of the dominant party would be allowed to become candidates.

The Conkling-Sprague affair is a revelation in part of the corruption that prevails in the "best society" in some sections. The daughter of a United States Chief Justice, the wife of an ex-Governor and an ex-United States Senator, plays a disgraceful part with another United States Senator, a man who has passed his first century, and who has a wife and children whose happiness and good name are wrapped up necessarily in his own.

It is a very shameful and disgusting affair throughout. The sympathy of the public for the unhappy Sprague must be very greatly lessened when it is known that for years he had intimations of a disreputable intimacy existing between the Adonis of the Senate and the Venus of his household. He says Conkling tried to break up his home when he lived in Washington, and now he invades its sanctity in Rhode Island that he may be its destroyer.

A man of Conkling's prominence could not play his role successfully in some other sections of the country without paying a fearful penalty. But it is not only vice and immorality of the Conkling sort that prevail in Northern society to some extent, but there are palpable shams that curse and ruin. It is stated by a Northern writer of cleverness that there are thousands of families who are living in much splendor and luxury who are utterly bankrupt. They are keeping up appearances when there is nothing solid to back it. Jennie Jane, in one of her recent letters, has much that is instructive to say of the humbuggery that afflicts and dominates society. She says:

"Probably there never was a time when so many people who have the appearance of wealth were, in reality, poor as now. It is not only the misfortune, it is the misfortune of this country, that every one tries to manufacture an appearance of being much better off than he really is. Ex-Surrogate Robt. B. Hutchings remarked recently that nothing had surprised him more in the course of his official duties than the disclosures which had made of the baseless foundations upon which reputations for wealth were built up. Thousands of men who live on Fifth and Madison avenues while they are here, whose daughters are sent to expensive schools, whose sons drive T-carts, and whose wives figure as patronesses of charities, are found to be worse than poor, for they have laid out vast and respectable foundations upon which their children can build even a livelihood. They have thrown themselves away upon cats and dogs, their resources are represented by worthless securities, and their great expectations are mere air-bubbles."

The Democratic Governor of Ohio, Bishop by name, thinks that the result in Ohio depends entirely upon

the Greenback vote. If Ewing can get the 20,000 votes of that party that is claimed, Gov. Bishop thinks he will be elected. He says Tilden is stronger in Ohio than Thurman. We believe that the Governor is opposed to Thurman. This may account for his view.

So far from being dead, Indah P. Benjamin is one of the foremost leaders in Great Britain, and is one of the Queen's counsellors. A recent letter from London represents him as in fine health, and although he is sixty-seven years of age his hair still retains its raven hue and his eyes have lost none of their brilliancy or power.

The New Orleans Democrat shows that Mr. Benjamin's success in London is mainly attributable to the marvellous clearness, force and dramatic power of his statements, and the exquisite art of epitomizing the facts and law of the case he has in charge. The recognition of this remarkable power was happily expressed by the late venerable Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court in a side observation to a "brother" of his, after hearing Mr. Benjamin's statement of his case on his first appearance before that tribunal: "It appears to me, Brother C., that your little New Orleans lawyer has stated his adversaries out of court."

And so it proved, and these adversaries were no less distinguished counselors than Reverdy Johnson and Caleb Cushing.

He is rich, but he still loves New Orleans, the scene of his early triumphs, and would like to be there again. He is another illustrious Jew and a man of very remarkable abilities.

The Raleigh News mentions that Major John W. Moore will put to press next week the first volume of the "Comprehensive History of North Carolina." It is to be in two volumes, each containing 350 pages. It would have been less costly if published in one volume of 700 pages.

Green's splendid "History of the English People" is an admirable model. It is in one volume of some 800 pages, we think. We hope this new and more ambitious work of Major Moore's has been written with less hurry than his "School History." A history is only valuable when it is accurate. It can have but little claims upon educated people if not well written. Easy writing makes hard reading, says the proverb.

George Eliot writes but two printed pages of a novel in a day. If she were to write history she would not produce probably five pages a week. Macaulay spent over ten years in writing four volumes. Verb sap.

General Lee, in one brief paragraph, that occurs in a private letter that was not intended for publication, disposes of those persons who have always insisted that Burnside could have been destroyed at Fredericksburg if our army had pushed on. The lesson taught us is valuable—not to criticize able men on the field until we know all the facts. General Lee says:

"The plan of Fredericksburg is completely commended by the heights of Stafford, which prevented our occupying it in the first instance. Nearly the whole loss that our army sustained during the battle arose from the pursuit of the retreating Federal columns into the plain. To have advanced the whole army into the plain for the purpose of attacking Federal batteries under their muzzles, and even to invite repeated renewal of their attacks. When convinced of their inability, it was for them, under cover of a long, dark and tempestuous night, to insure their destruction by the fire from the continued line of guns on the Stafford hills. It was considered more wise to meet the Federal army beyond the reach of their batteries than under their muzzles, and even to invite repeated renewal of their attacks. 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