

AN ORGAN OF "FRANK ADMISSIONS."

The Philadelphia Press makes the Virginia constitutional convention the text of an editorial on negro suffrage; or rather on the movement to restrict negro suffrage. It quotes from a letter addressed to the convention by some white citizens of one of the strong black districts, urging it to take effective measures to eliminate the negro vote, because those white men have become tired of perpetrating frauds to prevent the negroes from gaining the ascendancy. This is what it calls a "frank admission" of fraud, which it follows up by other quotations from Southern papers on the same line, and admitting that the purpose in thus restricting suffrage is to get rid of the negro vote.

It would hardly be worth while at this late date to deny that frauds have been committed in the South, but no one who knows anything about the way elections have been conducted in States and districts where the Republicans were strong enough to hope to win, would assert that the frauds were perpetrated by the Democrats only. Fraud was so much resorted to by the Republicans that in some elections they cast more votes than they had voters, and had more names on the registration lists than there were grown men in the townships in which they were registered. In North Carolina that was notoriously the case and the election laws enacted by the Republicans and their Populist allies were so framed as to make fraud easy. They not only imported negroes from across the borders, drawing upon South Carolina on one side and Virginia on the other, but they went into the grave yard and resurrected dead negroes, and into the penitentiaries and asylums and borrowed them, "for one day only."

The frauds become so frequent, so common and so flagrant that we looked for them as a matter of course. They could not be concealed for the negroes who were used to help carry elections not only confessed them but made them a matter of boast when and where they thought it safe to do so. This, as much as anything else, had its influence in crystallizing the sentiment for restricted negro suffrage, the only way to get rid of the purchasable and unscrupulous element, which figured so largely in our elections, not only in this but in all the Southern States.

If under circumstances like these when white men had to contend against conscienceless white men and negroes without moral restraint or responsibility, they resorted to fraud to prevent themselves from being ruined what reasonable man putting himself in their place would blame them? It was a matter of self preservation with them, and they resorted to that to prevent the necessity of resorting to something more serious. It was simply a case of matching crookedness against crookedness, fighting the devil with fire, and checkmating the Republican managers with their own methods. When fraud was resorted to by Southern white men it was not as a matter of choice, but as a matter of necessity, or last resort to hold the reins of government and preserve the peace.

This is the history of elections in the South, where the Republicans were formidable enough to make a contest, and that's the reason for frauds where frauds were perpetrated, and is also their justification. When a thief enters your house at night you do not stand on ceremony as to the way you will get him out. But lecturing Southern Democrats for committing election frauds when it was a matter of self-preservation, does not come with good grace from a journal whose columns have been filled with reports of and editorials denouncing the wholesale frauds perpetrated in the rookieried Republican State of Pennsylvania and in the good, loyal Republican city of Philadelphia, where the opposing factions charge each other with all manner of corruption and election frauds. In that city, on the authority of anti-Quay papers, fifty thousand or more fraudulent votes are cast, and the returns doctored to suit. That is without the plea of necessity as in the South, but simply to keep one faction in, for the spoils of office, purely mercenary and with as little extortion or justification as the burglar could offer who lifts a window and sneaks into the house he intends to rob. When the Republicans in the North and in the South get above frauds at elections it will be time for Republican organs to write censorious editorials on frauds at elections by Southern Democrats.

But if all this were true and these lecturing organs think election frauds are so much to be condemned and knowing as they do, that it is negro suffrage which makes them necessary, when they are resorted to, wouldn't they show more sincerity and more reason by recognizing a movement to eliminate the objectionable element from politics, than by opposing it and continuing the conditions that make carrying elections by questionable methods a necessity? If they are as honest as they pretend to be, and knowing as they must know, the corrupt and unscrupulous use that has been and still is made of the average negro voter, they would commend those efforts to protect the ballot box, to eliminate the pliant, venal and dangerous element, and let the respectable, intelligent and responsible citizenship direct the destinies of communities and of the State. Then the incentive to fraud would be removed unless the Southern people should become as demoralized by the greed for office as the Republicans of Pennsylvania are.

A MEANINGLESS PLANK.

Mark Hanna held the reins over the Ohio State Convention, put through the plank he had slated and had the platform fixed up to suit him and Mr. McKinley. The fact is the whole business was arranged before the Convention met, and all the delegates had to do was to go through the form of ratifying what Hanna and his associates had previously agreed upon.

As might have been expected, the platform is an endorsement of everything the administration has done, at home and abroad, and a sweeping claim to the credit for any good that has come to the country since Mark Hanna and Wm. McKinley took charge of affairs in Washington. This, however, is characteristic of every platform with which Mark Hanna has anything to do. He is a broad-sweeping and mighty claimant. But the platform is, characteristically too, a dodger and a deceiver, as illustrated by the following plank in reference to Trusts, which Mark Hanna said in the last campaign were all killed by the Sherman law.

"We recognize the right of both labor and capital to combine when such combinations are wisely administered for the general good, but combinations which create monopolies to control prices or limit production are an evil which must be met by effective legislation, vigorously enforced."

This is the vilest kind of rot. They have been playing it for ten years. It is as unmeaning as the croaking of a frog. Mark Hanna denies that there are any Trusts such as would come within the description in this plank. According to him all the Trusts we have are simply "aggregations of wealth" for the benefit of the public and consequently this plank cannot apply to any of the combinations now in existence. Doesn't every intelligent person who reads the papers, or who buys things, know that these combinations do limit production when it is to their interest to do so, control prices and organize monopolies, but of course there is nothing in their plans of organization to show that and not one of them, of course, would admit it. The men who made that platform knew this, every man in the land of ordinary intelligence knows this, and yet they have the cheek to utter such rot, not for the first time, for it has become a standing fake in Republican platforms.

A REGION RICH IN MINERALS.

We have heretofore made reference to the marble deposits of Cherokee county, but we had no idea when we did that they were anything like as extensive as they are. In a circular letter published by the Murphy Board of Trade, which we find in the Raleigh Post, the following information is given as to the marble deposits and other minerals of the county, which will be read with interest by all North Carolinians:

about fifty miles long from east to west, averaging about thirty miles in width, and we doubt if there is another bit of territory on the continent of equal area which can present a finer array of wealth-producing resources. The surprising thing is that in this wealth-producing area they have been so long neglected.

Some men object to familiarities on short acquaintance. A Pennsylvania farmer standing in some high grass admiring it, felt something oozing around his legs and looking down saw a whopping big black snake climbing up him. With a stick he had in his hand he smote that snake until it uncoiled and made for a tree nearby, up which it climbed. But the farmer, who was mad, also climbed, followed that snake out on a limb and pounded it into a helpless cripple, when it tumbled from its perch. It was nearly seven and a half feet long.

AMERICAN LEATHER IS NOW COMPETING SUCCESSFULLY WITH GERMAN LEATHER IN GERMANY, AND IS IN SUCH DEMAND THAT THE GERMAN LEATHER MAKERS WANT A HIGHER TARIFF PUT ON LEATHER TO PROTECT THEM.

Instead of helping American leather makers, by giving them the benefit of tariff-free hides, the Dingley tariff taxes hides, and gives the leather makers an alleged offset by taxing imported leather. That's the way they build up foreign trade.

CURRENT COMMENT.

It is announced that up to the present the prosecution of Mr. Neely has cost the government \$50,000. Considering the fact that he has not been prosecuted, Mr. Neely is a high-priced man. -Washington Post, Ind.

There are mountains of iron ore in Texas. This fact makes very interesting the problem whether the Texas oil can be successfully used in turning the ore into iron pig, or finished forms of iron and steel. -Philadelphia Record, Dem.

The city of Johannesburg, along with the whole Rand district, has fearfully shrunk in population and business. Whereas the district, before the Boer war, contained 250,000 white and 300,000 black population, there are now about 20,000 whites exclusive of troops and possibly 100,000 "kaffirs," employed in all sorts of work, at the mines on the railroads, etc. It will probably require ten years to restore the district to its one time prosperity. -Chattanooga Times, Ind.

The health conditions of Havana are better than ever before in the history of that city, as the result of the skillful, intelligent and persistent work of United States Army officers. From a breeding place of yellow fever, has been transformed into a clean, habitable place. There has not been a fresh case of yellow fever in Havana in two months, and there is not a case in any other section of the island. So satisfactory is the situation that the marine hospital corps at Havana has recommended that the quarantine be raised on passengers from Cuba to points north of the southern boundary of Cuba. -Baltimore Herald, Dem.

WINKLINS

"He - 'I didn't pass any easy moment until I told you how much I loved you' she - 'Nor I' - 'There Are Many Lovers: The truth should not be spoken at all times. Don't worry; it isn't.' - Brooklyn Life.

"Hicks - How did you like that joke I told you? 'Hicks - First rate, first rate. I always did like that joke.' - Tit Bits.

"Robson - Do you think fishes can hear? 'Dobson - I should hope not. Listen to old Smith - he's smashed his rod.' - Punch.

"Almost Startling - 'It seems strange that such an old man should be in love with me.' 'Yes, doesn't it? Usually they are after some young girl.' - Detroit Free Press.

"Her Opinion - 'He (watching another old man) - 'He is - 'watching older than she. Is he wealthy? 'She - 'Very likely. I presume she didn't marry him just on account of his age.' - Punch.

"Lured to Fate - 'I'm encouraging Edgar to buy an automobile. 'That's it.' 'That's it.' 'If he pays \$1,800 for the kind he wants he can't say economy to me for quite a while.' - Chicago Record-Herald.

"The Modern Version - 'I gave a lady my seat in the street car this morning.' 'said the woman.' 'How generous, dear!' murmured the husband. 'And he never thanked me, the brute!' concluded the new woman. - Ohio State Journal.

"The Bright Side - 'It is said that lobsters will be extinct in twenty-five years,' remarked Hiland. 'Oh, well,' remarked Halket, who is very fond of lobster, 'let us not worry about it. Let us look on the bright side. We may all die before that time.' - Pittsburg Chronicle Telegraph.

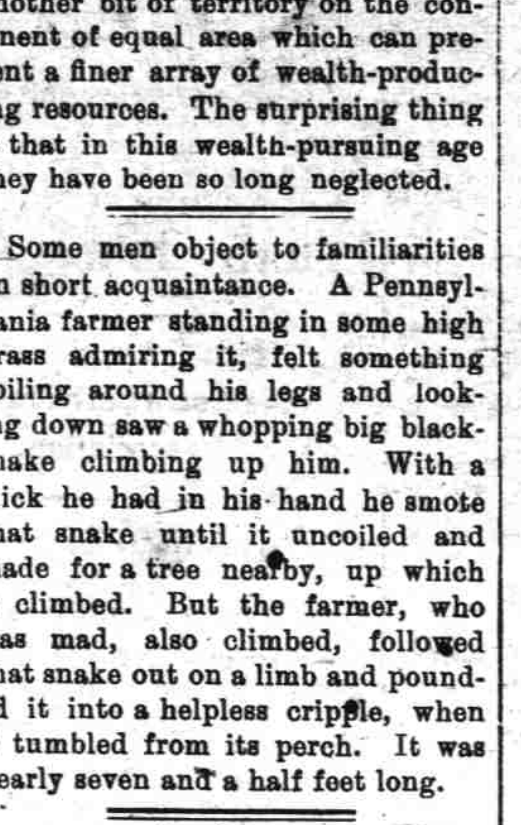
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SUBSTITUTE FOR A VACATION.



Prof. Wm. C. Webster, Principal of Webster's Music School, 600 Steineyway Hall, 11 East Van Buren street, Chicago, Ill. in a recent letter wrote: 'I have used your medicine and cannot say too much for it. I will recommend it to anybody. I keep it in my school in case of need.'

A New Man. N. C. May, Oak Ridge Station, Pa., writes: 'Mr. L. P. Bailey, whose health was impaired and who always felt tired and haggard, by his persuasion, began to use Peruna about a month ago, and now he looks like a different man. He says he feels 100 per cent better.'

These desiring a free book on the cause of nervous depression, and other debilitating diseases should address The Peruna Medicine Co., Columbus, Ohio.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

Wilson News: Last year this time cotton blossoms were plentiful and tobacco was being cured. It seems that crops are much later than usual this year, and the prospect of a bloom in Wilson county, and it will be a week or two before any tobacco is cured. The crop this year in general considered a good one.

Monroe Journal: Frank Buchanan, a Spaniard, who was a member of the house of Julius Helms, another negro, who lives near Griffin's station, Saturday evening. His manner was offensive and Helms ordered him out of the house. Buchanan drew a pistol and shot at him. The ball, from a 32 calibre revolver, lodged in a handkerchief in Helms's hip-pocket, and did no damage. Buchanan then ran and got away.

LIFE IS GROWING LONGER.

Statistics Show a Great Increase in the Average Span of Existence. From statistics and the result of certain changes in the methods of living we can safely affirm that the span of life is steadily lengthening. Three thousand years ago the average duration of the average duration of life was said to be three score years and ten. This would make great before the Christian era, and that year the middle of life's arch, and Montaigne, speaking for himself at the same period of life, considered his real work done at the age of 30. He thought he was growing old by falling into the reminiscence age.

It is estimated that 50 years is considered as middle age. In the days of the Revolutionary war prominent men at that time were looked upon as old at 50 years. We are now living in an era when the span of human life is being prolonged in the future because the possibility of living to an older age has been demonstrated by the great advances made in medicine and hygiene during the past ten years.

It seems that a vast amount of knowledge as to the causes of disease, and new remedies for their successful treatment, have been accumulated, and we have now no new diseases, at least of any serious character, and we are better able to treat the old ones, which, like old foes, appear to us with new vigor.

One of the most interesting and trustworthy statements in respect to old age is that of the habits of centenarians, made some years ago by a commission appointed by the British Medical Association. It is going into particulars of the different cases, it is valuable to note generally the result of this investigation.

It seems that most of these old people were small or medium of stature and of spare habit of body. The voice was clear and strong, and they had very little of their teeth, but nearly all of them enjoyed good digestion, one old man of 98, a clergyman, placing his hand on the organ of the stomach, and saying: 'I know what it was to have a stomach. Nearly all of them had enjoyed uninterupted good health, and many had never known what it was to be sick.'

They were all very moderate in eating, most of them using little animal food. Few indulged at all in strong liquors and those only in notable moderation. They took considerable outdoor exercise, and were all of them of a good natured, placid disposition. -Boy's Magazine.

His Bump. "This," said the eminent phenologist, "is the bump of intelligence, and 'Hoah, boss, quit plinchin dat bump so sordidly!" protested Uncle Ebene. "My hand isn't felt good sense de ole woman rapped me dar wid a rollin pin, an' yo' bet I no get more 'teligence in dat bump dan ter get in 'er way organ.' -Denver Times.

The Japanese language is said to contain 60,000 words. It is quite impossible for one man to learn the entire language, and the cotton and cotton goods familiar with only 10,000 words.

His Life Was Saved. Mr. J. E. Lilly, a prominent citizen of Hannibal, Mo., lately had a wonderful deliverance from a frightful disease. He expected to soon die of consumption, when I heard of Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle gave great relief. I continued to use it, and now feel well and strong. This marvellous medicine is the surest and quickest cure in the world for all Throat and Lung Troubles. Regularly 50 cents a bottle. Trial bottles 10 cents. At R. B. BELLAMY'S drug store. Every bottle guaranteed.

Advertisement for PERUNA TONIC, featuring an illustration of a man and text describing its benefits for nervous depression and general health.

COMMERCIAL. WILMINGTON MARKET. STAR OFFICE, June 26. SPIRITS TURPENTINE - Nothing doing. CRUDE TURPENTINE - Market firm at \$1.00 per barrel for good strained.

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