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ONE OF THE DANGERS THAT THREATEN DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS.

It will be remembered by those of our readers who were fortunate enough to hear the very thoughtful speech of Senator Merriam in this city, that he considered at some length the dangers that threatened the happiness and safety of our country from the immense corporations.

Probably the greatest danger that threatens the civil institutions of our vast and rapidly growing country—a country that may have eighty millions of inhabitants before the century ends—is in the immense growth and power wielded by the moneyed corporations.

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graceful chapter. When the carpet-baggers and negroes and a few seedy scallawags constituted the Legislature of North Carolina in 1868-'69, tens of millions of dollars of the people's money were voted away by the scoundrels, and hundreds of thousands of dollars found their way into the pockets of the rascals in the way of bribes.

The same sort of corruption has occurred on a far more imposing scale in Washington. The arena was wider and the stakes were vaster. The game, therefore, assumed proportions in keeping with the magnitude of the plans and the absolute grandeur of the proposed villainy.

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thinks that the frauds were perpetrated by the Radicals. This is altogether probable if such a thing were possible. It says: "Where there is so much smoke there must be some fire. Where there are so many charges of fraud, made and reiterated with so much persistent energy, and reported by the best of citizens under conviction of their truth, there must be something to give them color.

Hayes and his fraudulent family have been holding a solemn pow-wow over the Democratic frauds in Louisiana. It is certainly very probable that the main frauds were the work of the Radical party. Hayes's "pals"—the fellows who stole the Presidency—were candidates, and did all the rascality possible, no doubt, on election day.

THE PLOT. The fact that such bitter, uncompromising partisans and unscrupulous bull-dozers as Zach Chandler and Cameron have the ear of the President is a very suspicious circumstance, and bodes no good to the country. We have already published some interesting letters from the careful correspondent of the Baltimore Sun. It is quite apparent from what he says that mischief is brewing in the White House, and the fraudulent President is listening with a charmed ear to the evil whisperings of very depraved and designing men.

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Congress. Then again the Radicals are largely in the minority in the Union. They have not a majority in over five States. According to the Post, "so far as can be gathered from the incomplete returns at hand, not over 80 out of the 133 Republican members-elect represent majorities of their constituents, the other 53 standing upon the insecure footing of pluralities, in many cases slender and in all cases falling far short of majorities. The returns show not only that the 148 Democrats were chosen by a popular majority of over half a million in the aggregate, but also that the 133 Republican were chosen mainly by pluralities in triangular contests, and represent on the whole a minority of their constituents."

Gen. Joe Johnston, in an interview in Richmond with a reporter of the Washington Post, said: "The South is now as close a part of the Union as is New England. Virginia has the same interest in the general prosperity of the country as Massachusetts, and her representatives and the representatives of the South will be found to be as active in support of all measures tending to the general good of all sections of the country as the gentlemen from Maine or Vermont."

A certain amount of rest and sleep is just as necessary for health and longevity as food. No man is a steam engine in trousers. Edison violated every law of nature, and in endeavoring to do the work of ten men he is broken down at thirty-two. We hope quiet and a long holiday will restore him. If he dies the gas companies may get the upperhand.

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TRUNK ROBBERY.

A Dashing Young Stranger Arrays Himself in Stolen Plunage and Comes to Grief. Four or five days ago a young, well dressed and somewhat prepossessing stranger applied at a certain private boarding house in this city for board, which he secured without trouble, and was assigned a room immediately opposite one occupied by a young gentleman living in this city.

Yesterday morning a warrant was issued for the dashing youngster and officers placed on his track, and during the afternoon he was overhauled in a bar-room in Brooklyn and arrested. He had on the stolen shirt, pants and shoes at the time, but had pawned the pistol with a saloon keeper down the street, where it was subsequently recovered by one of the officers.

A Story of the Sea-Strange Conduct of a "Sea-gull," and a Pleasing Instance of the Power of Human Kindness. One of the most remarkable, and at the same time pleasing, incidents, showing the power and influence of human kindness and gentleness, even upon the "fowls of the air and the beasts of the field," has come to our knowledge within the past few days.

A Suspicious Character. Yesterday morning, few minutes before 3 o'clock, Officers W. H. Biddle and M. E. Walker, of the police force, came upon a colored individual on Fourth, between Orange and Ann streets, who was acting very suspiciously. He was taken into custody and conveyed to the station house, his answers to the questions propounded to him being, if anything, more suspicious than when he was first arrested.

What the Whole Thing Means. [Evening Telegraph, Rep.] The fact of this whole business is that the old Grant clique, because of the recent successes of the Republican party—successes that were achieved on the strength of an issue that had nothing whatever to do with the prominent issues of the war and reconstruction periods—are making a desperate effort to capture Mr. Hayes, with a view of having him administer the Executive branch of the government for the promotion of their interests, even if those interests shall be antagonistic to the best interests of the nation; and Mr. Hayes, for his part, shows a decided disposition to permit himself to be captured and to become an even more super-serviceable tool than was Grant.

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FROM WASHINGTON.

The President interviewed on the Subject of the Solid South—He Admits his Southern Policy to be a Failure—Determined and Vigorous Action Decided Upon for the Future [Special dispatch to Baltimore Sun.] WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—The National Republican, of this city, will to-morrow publish the following as the views of the President in regard to the situation in the South. In answer to a question as to whether the Southern policy had been discussed in the Cabinet, the President is reported to have said: "That is a mistake; the time for discussion has passed. It is now too late for anything but the most determined and vigorous action. The determination was reached several days ago, and the deliberations of the Cabinet on this subject since then have been comparatively brief and confined mainly to the consideration of the duty of the Attorney General in the premises." The President has always thought that his policy would win back the South. He was asked how he accounted for the result in the face of the fair promises of the South. "That question," said he, "leads directly to a discussion of what has been truly termed the Southern policy of the Administration. When that policy was first inaugurated it was with an earnest desire to conciliate the Southern leaders to round off the sharp angles of sectional difference and to soften the asperities of political strife. No one will deny that the attempt to enforce this policy was most earnestly made, nor that it was carried out with a conscientious desire to accomplish the result for which it had been inaugurated. Of the personal and partisan sacrifices I made in this effort, and of the consequent interruption of certain relations which had previously existed between myself and some of my supporters, I have nothing to say just now. But it appears that the leaders who made those pledges either did not exert themselves to keep them or were unable to do so. In fact, I am reluctantly forced to admit that the experiment was a failure. The first election of importance had since it was attempted had proved that fair elections, with free suffrage for every voter in the South, are an impossibility under the existing condition of things."

It is not because the Republican party appears as the sufferer in these results that I complain," continued the President; "it is because free suffrage and freedom of political rights have been interfered with that I am called upon to take cognizance of these disturbances. If the facts were exactly reversed, and if the Republicans had committed the outrages upon the Democrats, my duty would be the same. It will not do for me, or for any official before whom these questions may come, to treat them otherwise than in a non-partisan way. The partisan press will naturally take a partisan view of the case, and I will be held to account for aiding the Republicans—the stalwarts, I mean—in flaunting the bloody-shirt, as it is called." Mr. Hayes said further: "I can't expect to hold the office I do without being kicked and cuffed a little, you know, but for all that I shall do my duty as Chief Magistrate of all the people, Democrats and Republicans alike, and if, in the faithful execution of the laws, justice shall demand the punishment of this or that man, whatever his political connections may be, I shall not be deterred by partisan criticism. All that I know is that great crimes have been committed, and it is my duty to aid in the punishment of the criminals." The President said that "Governor Hampton, for example, has tried repeatedly to repress the violence which has characterized the campaign in South Carolina, and failed. Such Republicans as Judge Lee, and Mr. Rainey and ex-State Senator Swails, of that State, have advised me of these facts. They say that Hampton cannot control the 'red-shirts,' as they call them, and they have repeatedly informed me of speeches he has made denouncing violence in the conduct of the campaign. And it appears that Gov. Nichols, in Louisiana, is earnestly opposed to these proceedings or the same kind of violence in his State."

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Spirits Turpentine

Person county sends two convicts to the penitentiary. A correspondent, writing to the Raleigh Observer from King's Mountain, says: "Allow a former citizen of this District to nominate the Hon. A. M. Waddell as a compromise candidate for the United States Senate. We shall have more to say hereafter."

Washington Press: The port of Washington now has three large fine schooners engaged regularly in the West India trade, besides others that make occasional trips. — Jim Williams, on foot all the way from Lenoir county, put in an appearance here on Tuesday in search of a fugitive and failures with the convict. — Baltimore Gazette: North Carolina has for some years been shipping cotton-seed oil to Italy in a clarified state, where it is used in place of the more expensive olive oil. It has of late begun shipping peanut oil. It is strange that the Italians have never been attracted to our refined petroleum as a substitute for olive oil. — Rev. J. C. Alexander filled the Presbyterian pulpit on Sunday, at Graham, and preached to a large congregation, after which the installation ceremonies took place, conducted by Rev. J. C. Alexander, and Rev. A. Currie. Seven-teen converts themselves with the church, and the ordinance of baptism was administered. The services closed Sunday night by a sermon by Rev. J. C. Alexander.

Charlotte Observer: The extraordinarily large shipment of chickens from the western States, the large number of them for foretelling the early coming of a Methodist conference. — A little daughter of Mr. H. T. Rhyne, of Brevard Station, on the western division of the Carolina Central Railway, fell a day or two ago and broke an arm above the wrist. — Several merchants and shop keepers report that, within the past two or three weeks, articles exhibited as specimens of stock, at their store fronts. — Raleigh Observer: Mr. I. H. Davis, of Lenoir, writes under date of the 12th, that his wife "gave birth to three boys on the 28th and 29th of October." All of the returns not yet in, so that it will take the official count to ascertain the result. — In the Free Church, at Company Shops, there has been a large revival, resulting in the conversion of seventy-five or eighty persons, conducted by the Quakers. There is also in progress now a revival of religion in the Baptist Church at Reidsville, Rev. F. H. Fountain, pastor. — The Shelby Aurora gives an account of a shocking murder committed by one Jim Jeffries, a negro. He beat a negro boy named Lewis Gaffrey with a stick first. He then kicked him and said he was going to shoot him. Lewis ran and Jeffries took down a gun and shot him. The bullet entered the body in the region of the heart, causing death in a few minutes. The little boy Charlie gave the alarm as soon as he could, and Jeffries made good use of his legs and left that section as rapidly as he could. The citizens turned out in a body and succeeded in arresting and lodging him in jail, in this place, on Tuesday.

Greensboro Patriot: We are authorized to announce that a general amnesty has been granted by the Attorney General of the United States to all persons guilty of violating United States revenue laws in relation to spirituous liquors, provided that they come into court and plead guilty, and pay or secure the costs. — Mr. T. B. Keogh's cook was badly burned, last Thursday morning, when her dress catching fire. Mr. Keogh, who was sitting around her, extinguishing the flames, but not till she was fearfully burned. — We frequently hear complaints of destruction of sheep by dogs, and it is a good idea for the legislature will have the good sense to do something to abate this dog nuisance.

Tarboro Southerner: Have we had an election? — Cotton fields are nearly bare. — Edgewood, a farrier, complains of short cotton crops. — Miss Rebecca Moore, of Rocky Mount, is dead. — We learn from Captain Baras, just as he goes to press, that it is currently reported and believed in Hamilton, from where he had just returned, that Martin has been defeated in the First. — "Say, John, what's de news?" "News? Why, didn't you say dey had caught dat nigger, 'n' put 'im in jail?" "De debil, you say?" "Yes, I do," says he. "You see de Retiring Bode got de wife, an' dey say he's 'lected, an' since dat Bode in Louisiana, an' de nigger in, dere is nuffin dot," but we was satisfied. "Well, I declare! Tell you what, nigger, yer can't get 'hind dem K'ntrin Bodes now, you fix 'em!"

Raleigh News: On Saturday Mr. P. H. Johnson, of St. Mary's, was out gunning for squirrels. In company with him was a colored boy, some 13 years of age, who was in his employ. Soon after arriving in the woods, Mr. Johnson, a squirrel in the top of a large tree. In falling the game lodged in a crotch of the tree, some four feet from the ground. The negro climbed up after it, and just as he reached the fork of the tree, the squirrel and fell headlong. He struck the ground with great force, and the fall broke his skull, leg and arm, besides injuring him internally. He died in a few minutes. Among the best performers in the Great London Circus is Mr. William Gorman, who has won a wide reputation as a rider. Mr. Gorman, who is a colored man, was a member of the circus, and was riding a white horse, a brother of Gen. John C. Gorman, who some years ago went from this city to Kentucky. — A day or two ago James Mangum, of Greenville, was before U. S. Commissioner Purdy on a charge of peddling tobacco without a license. He was put in jail. Yesterday he gave bail and was released.

Charlotte Observer: Reports from the Seventh District come in slowly, but they are all in favor of the Grant clique. Surry and Alleghany—leaving Col. Armfield Rowan, Davis, Watauga, Forsythe, Alexander and Iredell. — A colored woman, Sarah Price, was sent to jail yesterday by Justice J. P. Price, of Berryhill Township, on the charge of concealing the birth of a bastard child. — The Fair had a brilliant ending Friday night in the grand dress hop at the Central Hotel. The fair closed yesterday afternoon, while riding rapidly around the race track on horseback. Mr. William Walker was thrown violently to the ground, and when rescued was found dead and stunned. A gash had been cut on the back and side of his head, but upon examination by physicians the injury was found to be only scalp deep. During the week the fair was open to the public, and learned from an official source, new post-offices were established in North Carolina as follows: Yellow Creek, Graham county; Tryon City, Polk; Elk, Robeson; Sampon, Beatty's Bridge, Bladen; Hall's Ferry, Davie; Gulley's Mill, Wake; Old Richmond, Forsyth. — Gen. Clingman is making a big effort to get himself for the position of "dash horse" in the race for United States Senator in January. Mighty near all our people remember Wyatt, Calgwell, the gay and festive, limping pedestrian bacchanalian, the lighted, inebriate son of a gun; the poetic, grandiloquent grandson of Patrick Henry. And it may be remarked here that the supposition is that it was when Wyatt was in the money on the old man, begging him for money to buy drinks—the supposition is, we say, that it was under these circumstances that P. H. exclaimed, "Give me liberty, or give me death!" Well, the light-hearted Wyatt has been heard from again; he who quotes poetry and sings sentimental songs for drinks has turned up in New York.

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