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WOULD THERE HAVE BEEN WAR?

We intended to have commented in few words on one of the points raised by Judge Black. He spoke in terms of ridicule of the opinion advanced by ex-President Davis that there would have been no war if President Buchanan had abandoned the South Carolina ports. This opinion is not singular with Mr. Davis. Thousands of intelligent men in the South believe it. Why should there have been war? We doubt it. Such men as Mr. Greeley, the leader of Abolitionism, and Gen. Winfield Scott, Whig of conservative views, were for letting the South withdraw as it had a right to do under the Constitution. The New England leaders—statesmen we may call some of them—had threatened secession often, and for causes trivial as compared with those that moved the Southern people. Many of the leaders held that even in accordance with the terms of the compact to withdraw when it ceased to meet the ends in view. It became criminal only when the South threatened to resort to the same peaceful means of redress.

We are surprised that as able and profound a lawyer as Judge Black is, with a full knowledge of the history of the formation of the Constitution and with that instrument in his hands, does not see the matter just as the Southern people saw it. It is another instance of judicial blindness. It is the more remarkable because of the cleanliness with which he has discussed the perversions and violations by the Republican party of the sacred instrument. Our contemporary, the Raleigh News-Observer, thus views the opinion of Mr. Davis. It says:

"There was more truth in what Mr. Davis says than one is now apt to imagine. The feeling was bitter during the closing days of the rebellion, and when the South had withdrawn the troops from the South and avoided hostilities, and left Little Rock in legacy of a besieged fort, it is likely that there would have been no hostilities, and North Carolina and Virginia, and the border States would probably not have withdrawn from the Union, and the Southern Confederacy would have speedily fallen without."

Without undertaking to say that this opinion is correct in all particulars we are very much inclined to the opinion that war would have been avoided in some way.

A RECENT ILLUSTRATION OF A GREAT PRINCIPLE.

The very foundation-stones of the republican form of government set up by our patriotic and wise forefathers, was the independence of the States. Just in proportion as the reserved constitutional rights of the States are ignored or invaded has there been mischief and danger. The STAR a hundred times has essayed to make this plain—to impress this fact.

The President of the United States for nearly six weeks has been incapacitated for work. There has been practically no President of the United States, and still there have been peace, quiet, and an actual era of good feeling. There has been no friction, no conflicting of interests. Each State, sovereign within itself, in the exercise of constitutional powers, has gone on smoothly working out its own problems, discharging its own great duties, contributing its share to the development and enriching of the great Union of which it is a part, and illustrating the truth of that happy saying that the States of the Union are "distinct as the billows yet one as the sea."

The Baltimore Gazette has been making a fresh but brief study of the great fundamental doctrine of local self-government in view of recent events. It points out very clearly a lesson that the hour teaches. We regard it of the first importance that American people shall understand that good government and civil liberty are united, and that these cannot be perpetuated unless the rights of Commonwealths are preserved and respected. Says the *Gazette*:

"We have never had a period when the value of State governments was so positively established, and which shows how very essential they are to the stability of affairs and the peacefulness of our whole system of government and law."

We have lived under such a complete system for internal purposes, that no disturbances have been felt, and no protection to rights either of persons or property has been obstructed or denied. In the nature of its birth and sphere of legislation the government of the United States is not competent to this end, and the most lamentable troubles we have ever known have originated in doing violence to well-defined lines of separate legislative districts. The States exempted for the Federal Union—they were the parties having inherent sovereignty, and only delegated to the general government "the few and well-defined powers" for the common defense and welfare. It was in this spirit the Union was established, and if we intend to preserve the substance and the charter of our civil liberty it must be so re-enforced and administered."

COTTON.

In 1870 the South grew 3,011,357 bales of cotton. In 1880 it grew 5,730,968—an increase of 2,722,611 bales, or 89.7 per cent. The increase in population was 30 per cent. The ratio of increase of production of cotton is nearly three times the increase in population. This shows very good work for the colored laborers. What becomes of Northern slaves? How did the slaughtered and bulldozed negroes ever do so much labor? Oh, the shameless, lying minceants of Yankee doodle-dom! But in this increase of production the healthiest pecuniary sign? What about other productions? Is the increase in corn, wheat, oats, bacon, etc., in proportion to the increase in population? If not, then is not cotton raised at the expense of other productions? If this is a fact, and we have no doubt of it, is it judicious, is it prudent, is it the way to prosperity and independence?

North Carolina in 1870 made but 144,935 bales; in 1880 it made 389,516—an increase of 163.7 per cent. No other cotton State shows any such increase. Arkansas comes nearest, showing an increase of 144.8 per cent. South Carolina increased 132.8. Mississippi leads all the States in production, giving 955,803. Georgia is next with 813,965.

The crop of 1870 was the smallest since the war, we believe. It brought almost as much money as the crops that exceeded it by 1,500,000 bales. In 1870 a bale of cotton fetched \$100. What does it fetch now? When the market is glutted with cantaloupes you can buy three for five cents. When too much cotton for the consumption is grown then the price drops. The rule of demand and supply applies to all products.

The Press does not forget that these illiterate Republicans voters are kept in the bondage of illiteracy because they are Republicans.—Philadelphia Press, Rep.

There is no excuse for such ignorance. There is less excuse for such falsifying. The Press is becoming a better paper. It ought to slough off its old Radical skin and become better informed as to the South and less malignant. Why does not the mighty, boastful, rich North educate the negroes after freeing them and investing them with the franchise? Why leave to the South it robbed of hundreds of millions to provide schooling for the "wards of the Nation?" In point of fact the South is sharing its money equally between the races for educational purposes. But this the ignorant Press does not know; or if it knows, it is too unfair to publish it. The South has given more than six times as much to educate the negroes since they were liberated as the total contributions of the North will amount to for all purposes in their behalf.

We do not like much that we see in the Philadelphia American. Being Republican and Northerners we do not expect to agree with many of its opinions. We believe it tries to be fair and honest. Its locality is unfortunate for freedom from party blindness. We give it credit for a consistent dislike of the Mahone-Républican alliance in Virginia. It thus rebukes its party at home:

"We think it nothing less than madness in those Republican leaders and newspapers of the North, who wish to ally the party with the Southern enemies of social reform and public honesty. It is not the party we care for—it is the nation; and for the sake of the nation we plead for such help to Southern schools as will enable those States to meet and overcome their political danger."

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DOGS RETURNING TO THEIR VENGEANCE.

The Conservatives enter the fight in Virginia with a good ticket, with a good platform, and with a good conscience. They ought to win. The purer portion of the Northern Republicans cannot look with favor upon the proposed amalgamation of their party in Virginia with the monarchical repudiation faction bossed by Billy Mahone. A letter from U. S. Senator Mitchell, favoring the coalition, was published a week or two ago. His course is censured by some of the better journals of his party that prefer principle to plunder, and think it not in accordance with honesty for a party that insists upon debt-paying out of Virginia to favor repudiation in Virginia.

Mitchell pretends that his reason for favoring the unholy alliance is that it will secure the negroes their rights. In Virginia, as in North Carolina, the negroes enjoy so much of liberty that it not unfrequently borders upon license. It is late in the day to say otherwise. We are surprised to see such a paper as the Philadelphia American referring to North Carolina as a State where the negroes do not enjoy their rights. Such ignorance is inexcusable. Such a statement is false unqualifiedly.

We have not seen Mitchell's letter, but it is of the old sort we can credit a comment in the American upon it, in which that paper says:

"We especially regret Mr. Mitchell's ill-considered utterance, as he is what we may call an Administration Senator, and his words may help to revive the passions which too long have divided North and South. Just at present we are having one of those jells in political excitement which will do more for the welfare of the nation than all the coalitions that ever were devised. The country is united in feelings of sympathy for the wounded President. North and South have got together to such other than at any time in the last thirty years. Antagonisms are losing their edge. An era of least comparative good feelings seems to be cementing anew the ties of national sympathy. But 'like a discord in the strain' is the cry of a set of Republican Senators and editors who seem to think it the chief end of the Government to bring the South to bay, meanness, foul or fair, which may be at hand. Mr. Mitchell has done the country no good service by his letter."

The *Star* long ago said that if a dozen Northern bloody-shirt flap-doodlers could die and a half dozen Southern impracticalities could go to a better world, that peace would prevail and lying and bulldozing cease to be a political factor between the sections.

The South in various ways has shown itself anxious for reconciliation and friendship. Its latest universal, spontaneous offering was when the assassin shot down the President. If for vile political purposes the Southern people are again assaulted by a slanderous, corrupt Northern press and by mouthy demagogues, we hope the South will place its hand behind its back and forever refuse to shake hands with its defamers. We write thus plainly because daily we see that it is only a part of the North that trusts the South even now. The Republican party as an entirety is no more friendly now than it was six months ago. Its organs cannot forgo for a month to make false and slanderous statements concerning the South and by mouthy demagogues, we hope the South will place its hand behind its back and forever refuse to shake hands with its defamers. We write thus plainly because daily we see that it is only a part of the North that trusts the South even now. 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