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REGISTRATION

Messrs Editors: There are numbers of young men (both white and black) who are not quite 21 years old now, but will be before the election comes off, and they are strictly loyal and would like to vote and help carry these States back into the Union, but cannot do so on account of not being registered, and they cannot register, because they are not 21 years of age.

Now, Messrs. Editors, do you think there is any possible chance of making provision for them, so that they may enjoy the right to which they are entitled as loyal men. It is very important, for they do not know how long they will be debarred this great privilege. I believe the Registrars have until October to complete. Return is made, and I think during that time provision could be made for them, that they could take the oath, as they become of age, before some one appointed by Gen Sickles. What is your opinion? A VOTER

EDENTON, Aug. 17, 1867

REMARKS

According to Gen Sickles' plan of registration, after the Registrars have made their first round, some time in September, they will make a second tour, by revision and correction, at which time young men who have become 21 years of age since the first registration, may register. Our correspondent, however, seems to be labouring under a wrong impression. Young men, white or colored, who become 21 years of age after the present registration is completed, will certainly be provided for in future, so that no young man, 21 years of age, will be deprived of the right of suffrage for any length of time, unless the Congress fails to reconstruct the states, and they are consequently compelled to remain for a long time under military rule. If the present plan of reconstruction should fail, which we are by no means prepared certainly to expect, of course there will be no further elections for the people, while under military rule, until the Congress orders them.

While upon the subject of registration we beg to call the attention of Registrars to one thing. The plan of propounding the oath to parties, who present themselves for registration, before interrogating them, when the Registrars have any shadow of a questionable and very objectionable character, Gen Sickles certainly did not intend to have ignorant persons in the sin of perjury. There is so much doubt and so many different opinions on some points as to who should register, that there is danger that hundreds of ignorant persons may be misled and may forswear themselves. Therefore at this place, where parties present themselves to register the Registrars have a discretion, but, each party should be questioned before taking the oath on the points about which they are in doubt. Hence if you don't know you have resided in the State a year, you have resided in the county six months. Is this county your home? Do you intend to remain? Did you hold or exercise any office or authority under such government as to draw out these points, will prevent much trouble. The more reading over the oath will not answer for thousands of ignorant people.

We learn that some persons still insist that old Commissioners of our towns were town officers as will exclude them from registering. This is certainly a mistake. The Commissioner ships of our towns and cities are merely administrative positions of places, without any of the pay, or the honor, or insignia, or responsibilities of an office. They are not Aldermen, hold no courts, execute no general law of the State, nor administer justice, but are simply the agents of the people in the management of a corporation. The Mayoralty is an office—the Mayor administers justice and is a Magistrate of the law and a preserver of the peace.

Equally strange is it to hear, that the officers or managers of the eleemosynary institutions of the State are also held to be ineligible to register. The officers of the Deaf and Dumb Institution and Lunatic Asylum, some of them, it appears to us, can be in no sense held to be officers of the State in the meaning of the law. These institutions are managed by Directors, who appoint the necessary agents to do what the law requires. None of them are appointed under any general law of the State and they have nothing to do with the administration of the law or of justice. They hold mere positions of humanity and mercy to the afflicted, which do not pertain at all to the administration of the government of the State.

RETURNS OF REGISTRATION

We have but few additional returns of Registration. We hope that our friends in the various sections of the State, will promptly forward us the results in their different localities.

Up to Saturday afternoon, the result in *Salisbury* was: Whites 631, Blacks 500. *The Old North State* says that the colored people came to register from every part of the County, so that, in the County at large, the white majority will be proportionally much greater.

In *Charlotte*, up to 12 o'clock, M., on Saturday, there had registered: Whites 566, Blacks 726. At the hour mentioned the blanks gave out, and registration was consequently postponed to the 2nd, and 3rd, of September next, when the Board will set in extra session for two days.

In *Wilmington*, full registration in the First Ward foots up: Whites 195, Blacks 841. Registration in the Second Ward commenced yesterday and will be concluded to-day.

GETTING RIGHT.

Perhaps if the world should last long enough, or the Northern and Southern people could ever understand each other, we might hope for a settlement of our difficulties and *harmony* and Union would prevail. But the country is so completely under the control of partizans who keep the elements of discord all astir, in order to hold on to the public purse, that the prospect of an early settlement of our difficulties is exceedingly dubious. We never met with a Northern *gentleman*, who is a true patriot and loves his country, whether he be a Republican or Democrat, and converse with him an hour, that we do not settle in our minds that if the whole matter of reconstruction and restoration were left to us, we could settle the whole business in twenty four hours. But when we see Northern men and Northern presses [illegible] every rumor or story afloat to the detriment of the Southern people, we lose sight of the hope.

The New York *Nation* is undoubtedly a Radical paper. Its denunciation is generally aimed at Radical excesses and its criticisms are in the nature of discrimination and forbearance that are seldom see in other Radical papers. The same may be said of the editor of the Springfield (Mass.) *Republican*. [illegible] extract from *The Nation* [illegible] of the views and feelings of a large class of the loyal people. If, after the seceding states had been made [illegible] they could come to work out their destiny by the aid of the true Republican party, which denies the problem of reconstruction and negro rights would have been solved. But the moment the idea came to the heads of Northern politicians [illegible] all the rights [illegible] the equal political rights of all the whites [illegible] the whole of the Radical party [illegible] of one hundred [illegible] that put it out of the power of the people [illegible] The conversion of a nation into a state by the power of the sword of the conqueror, is a perfect [illegible] political organization of [illegible] ignorant, semi-[illegible] people, by means of partizan [illegible] is subject, at least in advance [illegible] to be attempted under the most favorable circumstances.

The Southern [illegible] population were a peaceful, and, to the mass, a happy tractable people. Freedom would not have changed their feelings towards their old friends or owners, if let alone. Even the exercise of rights which exist [illegible] of their own seeking [illegible] been injected into their [illegible] Northern and Southern [illegible] but little for the future [illegible] of the South, but [illegible] maintain the [illegible] White people [illegible] people of very doubtful [illegible] of the bottom of it [illegible] superior race and therefore very [illegible]

It is incredible to the nearly [illegible] that every element of [illegible] social affairs has been [illegible] We do not know of [illegible] demand made by any [illegible] privileges of their own most [illegible] and good sense enough to reject the temptations put in their way by bad or designing men. One man in the South Carolina Convention was silly enough to propose a demand for a colored Vice President next year, but the wisdom of his associates promptly extinguished this firebrand. Wherever there is any real trouble, it will, we predict, be generally found that some ambitious or selfish member of the superior race is at the bottom of it.

POPE'S BALL.

It was announced, by telegraph, on yesterday, that District Commander Pope had addressed a communication to Gen Grant, in the course of which he uttered the following remarkable utterance:

It is however my duty to state that, in my judgment, the condition of affairs in the Southern States, even should reconstruction be satisfactorily accomplished, will, of necessity, be a source of [illegible] in a more or less modified degree of what now exists in Tennessee unless some measures are adopted before the [illegible] of the turbulent and disloyal [illegible] of the reactionary party. With [illegible] control in the country to exercise the full [illegible] they possess there can be [illegible]

Now, [illegible] Pope [illegible] over the State of Tennessee [illegible] is an illustration of what is [illegible] and undesirable in government. [illegible] we agree with him. Tennessee is [illegible] reconstructed State. No man [illegible] exclusion made exceptions as in the case of Gov. Butler. All [illegible] who ever sympathized in any manner, shape or form, with the rebellion, was permitted any voice in the matter, or is now allowed any hot or part in the government of the State. Consequently all the turbulence, anarchy and ill feeling that exist in Tennessee must necessarily be the work of those who have all the power in their own hands. The President's hope, therefore, from Gen Pope's declaration, is that the same causes in other States will produce like results, and that they can only be defeated by freeing the country of such restlessness and disloyal men as he says have made Tennessee what it is.

But we know very well that this is not what Gen. Pope means. His premises are sound, but his conclusions are as bad as his generalship was. He admits that Tennessee, *in the Union*, is in an awful condition; but, although the war is over, his "head quarters" are still "in the saddle," and this puissant warrior, who "never saw anything but the backs of his enemies," heretofore, now sees "rebels, in serried phalanx, looming up all around him, no longer with their backs turned, but presenting a bold and defiant front." Every man who questions the constitutionality of the Congressional legislation, or who honestly doubts the expediency of closing up with its former "turbulent and disloyal," and would at once be transported across the high seas. We suppose this is what the second Wellington means by "freeing the country" of them. For he hardly dreams that he is still fighting the Indians, (whom he was sent to exterminate, after the exhibition of his high Generalistic qualities at the second Manassas,) and he in favor of killing them off.

Now we submit that the Hon B H Hill at whom the bull of the Pope is fulminated, has a perfect *right* publicly to oppose, if he chooses, the unconstitutional acts of Congress, and so has every other man—*in a political position*, however much we may deprecate the impotency of such a course.

It is surely not a crime worthy of expiation, that a man should exercise the honest convictions of his judgment. We have no doubt that Gen Grant will receive the suggestion with disgust and administer forthwith the rebuke which it deserves.

"Should reconstruction be not fortunately accomplished," in the language of Gen Pope, or should it be accomplished in no way, it will be found then, as in the past, that the most quiet, orderly and law abiding portion of the people will be those who are for submitting unreservedly to the action of the dominant power, however much they may doubt its motive, wisdom or legality. As in Tennessee, whose [illegible] turbulence or otherwise may happen to be exclusively attributable to those who have the misfortune and the impudence to be subject to their fellow citizens' unfortunate sensitiveness and declaration "against the Congressional [illegible] which will not be complied with. The day will come when they will be called to [illegible] conduct and [illegible] which they wish to leave the country by which we respectfully [illegible]

OBITUARY

It will be seen, by reference to the telegraphic column, that Hon. Stephen A. Douglas yesterday expired. A distinguished member of the Democratic party, from the District and State that he represented, Mr. Douglas' successor has now for Radical abuse of the President and Gen Grant.

Tide Water Correspondence

[From our own Correspondent.]

BEAUFORT, Aug 19 1867

BEAUFORT HARBOR AS A WATERING PLACE

Just now we hear a good deal about the "Springs." Our up the country friends grow actually [illegible] over mountain air and mineral waters. The Pool of Siloam, or the famous Le Droctave fountain of perpetual youth, seem possible by comparison with the alchemical waters of Kittrell's, Saratoga, Cleveland, Pavilion, [illegible] according to the papers, the latest wonder, who has already [illegible] beauty back. [illegible] grey hairs [illegible] in the rocks, and health to be dipped up by the tin cupful.

Far be it from us to [illegible] from the many advantages of [illegible] watering place. Perhaps we admit they are indubitably healthy, [illegible] enough to suit the most poetic [illegible] as a May day scene, done in water colors for an amateur artist; and without as favorable a scendent any one could wish the very spot for sentimental lovers and deluded honey-moonists. But after having swigged down 5-gill doses of a decidedly "salt egg" flavor, as a natational solution to Ceres, or Pluto, (it must have been the latter, if we may judge from the looks of nearly every Spring, from Saratoga to Wilson's (now Cleaveland) paying out $4 per diem, with the *indispensable* privilege of redispensating that little sum a number of times per hour for "sundries," cuddling up under double blankets at night, and scattering all day with a contiguous pine thicket for a landscape with an atmospherical museum of flies, spiders caterpillar midges, ticks, *et omne genus*, grunting around in unpleasant proximity to our thinly attired person—yes, after having been "way down that road," we feel qualified and disposed to urge the superiority of the sea breeze and the ocean bath as a beautifier and restorative, over all the medicinal waters on the continent.

Undeniably, the most beneficial effect may, and often does result from their use, but it is a temporary excitation, and the discontinuance of the daily potation is generally succeeded by lassitude and a relapse into previous health. Convalescents rarely become robust at the Springs, even if again they acquire apparent strength. Not so here, where one may stand on the beach and gaze for miles [illegible] but active exercise can reach upon the white capped waves of old Neptune's realm.

One has but to skirmish with the billows surf for a few weeks, and [illegible] changed from the pallid invalid you [illegible] creep into the hotel, to that lively [illegible] who has just turned a summersault over his chair at the sound of the dinner bell.

Beaufort Harbor offers attraction to health seekers and lovers of fun, unsurpassed by any spot in District No 2. I care not whether it be mountain or coast. Its natural advantages are: a healthy sea breeze and all those concomitants of fishing, bathing and boat racing, usually found at a seaport village.

In addition to these are excellent hotels on both sides of the Harbor, the Macon House at Morehead City and King's Hotel, at Beaufort, where one may enjoy music, dancing, billiards, and all the amusements a gay and youthful society can invent.

Nor does any other place of public resort vie with this in point of economy. Boarding may be had at the best hotels for $4.50 per month, or $2.50 per day. Boats will carry passengers to any part of the harbor for 25 cents. Bathing, fishing, billiards, &c., free. Where else can one have as much fun for so little money? Think of it! Oh, ye fathers of families, whose purses, once plethoric, are now unmistakably consumptive! And when you have the big trunks brought out, have them checked, "Beaufort, N. C. via. A & N C R R"

R. A. S.

For the Sentinel

THE UNIVERSITY

The President of Harvard College, in Massachusetts, in an address to the Alumni at the last Commencement, stated that during the past year, the additions to the funds of that Institution, made in the way of gifts and legacies, amounted to a no less sum than four hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars. The reader of the Northern papers for the last twelve months must have been struck with the frequency of the announcement of donations of a like kind. Hardly has there been a week in which he did not meet the statement of some noble or benevolent citizen, to promote the interests of literature and sound learning. Such things daily show their constantly increasing appreciation of every sort and in almost every degree of generous giving, to schools of science and theology, to Colleges and Academies, by gift and by legacy, in some instances their endowment reaching hundreds of thousands. And these especially from the people of New England and New York, [illegible] a wide and common education has ceased to remain widely diffused, and the [illegible] education has become perfect, [illegible] in the country. And these [illegible] people [illegible] at the South have been used [illegible] as utterly selfish, as devoted to the almighty dollar, as having no better principle than money, no other [illegible] than the doctrine of getting and saving. And not now [illegible] do they devote [illegible] and flowing generosity [illegible] these great objects [illegible] the Southern [illegible]

[illegible] a feature of the [illegible] Northern [illegible] the people [illegible] the support of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]