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SECOND DAY. CONDUCT OF THE [illegible]

We find in the Standard of this morning a long article [illegible] the conduct of the [illegible] last Monday. We had supposed that the Standard would not say one word in defence of the [illegible] but they have seemed to [illegible] to the polls on that day, and that they had provided [illegible] but from the following extract from the Standard, it would seem that they were not [illegible] to the polls on that day:

"The [illegible] had provided themselves with clubs, and [illegible] to obtain a ticket, in passing out [illegible] steps being [illegible] his foot [illegible] and the fall. At this the [illegible] of derision, to which [illegible] but pressed on to [illegible] and pushing [illegible] and another, [illegible] to be opposed. The [illegible] base pack of [illegible] were [illegible] the [illegible] Col. Cantwell addressed the [illegible] Harris, [illegible] the Sheriff ordered the [illegible] He could be cheated [illegible] the polls [illegible] Harris [illegible] Conservative [illegible] Radical [illegible] to protect [illegible] the Sheriff contending that they [illegible] others, and that [illegible] About this time Jim [illegible] the stick at the Chief of Police [illegible] and the latter retired to Harris, 'Stay on—stay on, Radical!' which some one [illegible] all the platform. Upon which, [illegible] rushed upon the Yeoman with sticks. At this moment, a gen[illegible] fight was imminent. Col. Charr, who had witnessed the affair, at this moment, at much hazard of personal injury, galloped [illegible] into the crowd, and, by words and demonstrations, ordered them to desist. In a few moments, a detachment of soldiers were on the spot, whose bayonets soon quelled the crowd.

Col. Charr deserves the thanks of this community for his promptness on the occasion. One or two persons were struck, one by the Sheriff, but no one was seriously injured. One white Radical who had a swollen eye, and one white Conservative, who had a small knife open, were arrested.

That black incendiary, Jim Harris, is directly responsible for this occurrence, and the community are indebted to the *Standard*, at least indirectly, for such a shocking and fearful an affair. It has, for several days past, called upon the negroes to crowd the polls, directly in opposition to Gen. Canby's orders. Had the white Conservatives of the city been as ready for riot and fight, as the negroes were, under the teachings of Mr. Holden, the city might have been drenched in blood. But we are glad to say the white Conservatives bore themselves with moderation and good sense, determined not to be the trespassers in this matter.

A note has just reached us, from two young gentlemen of the city, who state, that they heard, on Market Square, this morning, (Wednesday,) negroes, in a very secret manner, tell other negroes, that Mr. Holden says that to morrow will be the big day for the white men to vote—tell every colored man—those that have voted and all others—to come in and crowd the polls and keep the whites away."

This readily accounts for the disturbance. We call upon the authorities to enforce strictly Gen. Canby's orders, to prevent crowding and loitering about the polls.—Nothing would so gratify the Radicals as a riot at the present time. We ardently hope that it may be averted, and that our white people, while they exercise their rights with firmness and decision, will counsel and practice all moderation.

SPURIOUS VOTES—PURGE THE POLLS.

There is good ground to believe that thousands of spurious votes have been polled in the State, at the present election. It is believed that many such have been cast in the boxes in this city. Negroes unknown, who claim to have come from Wayne and Orange Counties, were permitted to vote, on making affidavit. This was in accordance with Gen. Canby's order, yet it must be apparent to every one that the means of deception are made so easy, where there are so many willing to encourage the ignorant and vicious to vote under any circumstances, that a number will vote, who are not strictly entitled to it.

The only safe rule in elections, where such large numbers are ignorant, and who know and care but little for the sanctity of an oath, is to require of every voter to vote at the precinct where he registers, unless he can produce an unmutilated certificate from the Chairman of the Board of Registration, where he registered. Indeed, even this plan is liable to objection. The only possible certain protection against illegal voting is to require *every man to vote where he registers*, but give to every man the right to register in the county where he is living at the election, who can prove a residence at least ten days in said county before the election.

For the Sentinel.

THE ALBERT NYANZA, &c. &c.

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There are quite a number of passages of this book yet remaining, which I had marked, going to show the natural characteristics of the negro. Fearing I may weary your readers by so many extracts on this part of the subject and that they may like better the next in the book, I omit all of the kind but one, in which I find the great explorer [illegible] information I find that used [illegible] I will turn attention [illegible] extract I will call attention [illegible] the negro [illegible]

"The black man's [illegible] good and bad points of [illegible] bursting forth without [illegible] as it is [illegible] dence. A creature of [illegible] actuated by [illegible] bounds by his [illegible] suddenly [illegible] exhibition of sympathy. From [illegible] experience with African savages, I think it is as absurd to condemn the negro [illegible] as it is preposterous to compare [illegible] latter [illegible] with that of the white man. It is [illegible] the fashion of one party to uphold the negro as a superior being, while the other denies him the common powers of reason. So great a difference of opinion has ever existed upon the intrinsic value of the negro, that the very perspicacity of the question is a proof, *that he holds a place of debated rarity*. So long as it is generally considered that the negro and the white man are to be governed by the same laws, and should live in the same manner, some call it a curse, some a thorn *in the side of*, etc., commands to which he only submits [illegible] Whatever loss and [illegible] the negro in trouble [illegible] he [illegible] the [illegible] and the African races will put together in the same [illegible] I [illegible] grand error of equalizing, that which is [illegible] has lowered the negro character, and made the fetich [illegible] a species.

I proceed now [illegible] an extract which will show to the [illegible] perplexities of the author respecting the *origin* of the negro. The suggestions urged on his mind by science, and at the same time his unwillingness to accept the conclusions to which he seemed almost forced by his reasonings.

I do not wish to be understood as endorsing the views of our author as presented below, or of the distinguished Geologist, Sir Roderick Murchison, to whose writings he refers as confirming them. Sceptific men, even religious in character, in the ardor of their zeal sometimes throw out suggestions and express sentiments that come in collision with the word of God. When Divine Inspiration has declared that "God * * hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth," it is—to say the least—extremely hazardous for men, in the eager pursuit of science, however strong their reasoning may be to themselves, to utter sentiments in contradiction to such an explicit declaration. With this caution let us see what our traveler has to say on the subject:

P. p. 480, *seq.* "The ethnology of Central Africa is completely beyond my depth.—The natives are not only ignorant of writing, but they are without traditions—their thoughts are as entirely engrossed about their daily wants as those of brutes:—thus there is no clue to the distant past,—history has no existence. This is much to be deplored, as peculiarities are specific in the types of several tribes, both in physical appearance and in language. Accepting the fact of five distinct languages—(the Dinka, Bari, Latooka, Madi and Kitwora)—from the equator to 12 deg. N. Lat., it would appear by analogy that Central Africa is divided into numerous countries and tribes, distinct from each other in language and physical conformation, whose origin is perfectly obscure. Whether the negro of Central Africa be pre Adamite is impossible to determine, but the idea is suggested by the following data:

The historical origin of man, or *Adam*, commences with a knowledge of God.—Throughout the history of the world, from the creation of Adam, God is connected with mankind in every creed, whether worshipped as the universal sublime Spirit of omnipotence, or shaped by the forms of idolatry into representations of a Deity.—From the creation of Adam, mankind has acknowledged its inferiority, and must bow down and worship either the true God, or a graven image;—or something that is in Heaven or in earth. The world, as we accept that term, was always actuated by a natural religious instinct. Cut off from that world, lost in the mysterious distance that shrouded the origin of the Egyptian Nile, were races unknown, that had never been reckoned in the great scale of society—races that we have brought to light in existence had been hidden from mankind, and that now appear before us like the fossil bones of antediluvian animals: *Are they vestiges of what appeared in a previous creation?*

The geological formation of Central Africa is primitive, and, never having been submerged, the animals and races must be as old as they may be older, than any upon the earth. No geological changes having occurred in ages long anterior to man, it is natural to suppose that races that exist upon that surface should be unaltered from their origin. That origin may date from a period so distant, that it preceded the Adamite creation. Historic man believes in a Divinity; *the tribes of Central Africa know no God.* Are they of our Adamite race?

"The fact that Sir Roderick Murchison, as a Geologist, laid down a theory, &c."—to prove that Central Africa was primitive and had never been submerged, induced the author to quote an extract from his address, setting forth this theory.—"In that address he expressed opinions upon the geological structure, and the *races* of Central Africa, which preceded those that I found at the Albert Lake." And he expresses the intense interest with which he read the extract confirming his own views. Sir Roderick, it must be borne in mind, arrived at his conclusions as a Geologist, and arguing from the data furnished by geology—whilst at home—for he never was in Africa at all—whilst our traveller Baker had these very conclusions of the *races* confirmed by his own actual inspection. The reason tells us in this address that it is fair "to infer that the *human* inhabitants of this oldest country in the world are of a like antiquity, though in the absence of any decisive facts"—(such as fossil remains of a certain kind)—"we bear, at present, to speculate on this point," and, thus, concludes: "He who has conjured himself of the ancient condition of its surface must admit, however unwillingly, that, although the negro is of such very remote antiquity, he has been very stationary in civilization and in attaining the arts of life, if he be compared with the Caucasian, the Mongolian, the Red Indians of America, or even with the aborigines of Polynesia."—Thus two men, one in England and England has furnished no greater light of science, in his department, than Sir Roderick Murchison, and an intelligent explorer in the heart of Africa, thousands of miles apart, have come to similar conclusions.

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