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MORE ABOUT THE SWAMP LANDS.

It will be recollected that the Governor, in his editorial in the *Standard*, defending the sale of the Swamp Lands in the eastern part of the State, which belong to the School Fund, admits that 100,000 acres of about 200,000 of which are "daily covered with tide water and can only be reclaimed at great expense." Of course this means that the remaining 100,000 are *not* thus daily covered with tide water, nor subject to the expense of reclaiming them, more than is common to other uncleared lands.

Now, suppose the company never attempt to do anything with 200,000 acres, but operate only with the 100,000. It is a fact well known that a great part of this land is worth not only *five* dollars per acre, but *twenty five*; but as the Company, it is understood, is selling it at five, we will allude to it at that price, the individual purchasers who enter and give they bond to.

The Governor, or the writer of the editorial in the *Standard*, whom we take to be the Governor, says, "fifty families, with cattle and farming utensils, have settled on these lands;" (they had already settled on it before the Governor and his Board sold it,) "and fifty others have been added to the number." We think it probable this last fifty had also settled there before the sale. Thus we see, from the statement of the Governor, or of his organ, which is the same thing, that one hundred families have already purchased homesteads on these lands and settled on them.

We copy the following in regard to this settlement, from the *Eastern Intelligencer* of the 18th inst. "Two hundred more families will, by arrangement of the Company, soon be shipped to the same point, and from time to time, new accessions will be made to the colony of industrious enterprising, intelligent laborers." The *Intelligencer* says "two hundred more families will soon be shipped to the same point," which, with the one hundred mentioned by the Governor, makes three hundred families that have already settled or made [illegible]

We have heretofore stated, and we did it upon what we conceived to be good authority, and it has not been denied by the *Standard*, that each of these families purchase of the "Hyde Park Settlement," 100 acres of land at $5 per acre. It is likely some of them buy more, but we will take it at the minimum; and now let's see how the matter stands so far:

The Governor and his Board sold 300,000 acres of land for $50,000. The Company has already within less than a month sold to 300 families 100 acres each, making 30,000 acres, at $5 per acre, amounting to $150,000. Thus we see that land which the Governor says could not be sold for more than fifty thousand dollars, and for which sum he accordingly sold it, the private purchasers have already sold 30,000 for three times as much as they paid for the whole, and have seventy thousand acres of good land and two hundred thousand acres of that which the Governor says tide overflows, still left.

Suppose they sell the remaining 70,000 acres of the good land at the same rate, (which from their sales already, there is no doubt they will do,) and they will realize five hundred thousand dollars, or a net profit of *four hundred and fifty thousand dollars*, and still the 200,000 acres remains, which, the Governor himself, or his organ, admits may be reclaimed, although "at great expense."

We call the attention of the people of North Carolina to this affair. We have not overstated the case, nor indulged in speculation; we have mentioned *facts*, most of these facts from the Governor himself, or his organ; if anything, we have under-estimated, for we think it probable the Company will sell much of the land at a higher price than five dollars per acre.—But on the basis laid down above it will be seen that the Governor and Board of Public Instruction, have *thrown away, or given away, four hundred and fifty thousand dollars of the Common School Fund of the State*, that ought to be used for the benefit of the poor children of the State who are growing up without educational facilities.

And while this money is thus thrown away on the one hand, the Radical Legislature on the other, lays a tax of 8½ cents on the hundred dollars of property, for Common Schools. We don't object to this tax—the people will gladly pay it, but we can see no use of throwing away near half a million of dollars to speculators, and then turn round and tax the people to replace it.

Nor do we object to the sale of the lands and their settlement by "industrious, enterprising and intelligent laborers;" we are glad to see them come to the State, and it could possibly be no disadvantage to them, if they paid the price of their lands towards the education of their own children, instead of putting it in the pockets of speculators and capitalists.

We again call on the people to remember this transaction of the Governor and Board of Education. If he did it for a portion of the profits he is inexcusable, nay, criminal; if he did it for nothing, he is not less so.

SENTINEL OFFICE, April 19, 1870.

DR. YATES:—As you have all the merit, so should you who have all the demerit of having originated any personal controversy between us. The Radicals who have been delighted with it, will give you all the merit, while the Conservatives and Democrats will give you all the demerit.

I shall take neither merit or demerit to myself in regard to the matter, for I was not a volunteer, but a conscript in the controversy.

I owe an apology to your friend Holden for allowing you to take up so much of my time and space, which the public will say should have been devoted to the Governor and his profligate administration.

As you may have to bear the blame, among our friends, of originating, so you shall have the gratification of closing the controversy. I am not so tenacious, as are some people, about having the "last word," for this reason, I have generally avoided entering into a controversy with a woman or an editor. You are my senior, and as my foreman, Mr. Collins, who is an old man, says that editorial sile[illegible] T. by said to the widow Wadman, take it.

I intended that my letter of March should close our correspondence, but as I omitted to answer your charge that I begged Gov. Holden to sign or recommend my pardon, I write this to correct the omission. A friend writes that you construe my silence on this subject into an acknowledgement of the charge. I am satisfied, Doctor, that you are alone in the enjoyment of this low opinion of me. That you should say so, is necessary to your self justification.

I am aware that your veneration for the character of Gov. Holden is equalled only by the public detestation of it. I am also aware that it was my denunciation, in [illegible] men who voter [illegible] estimation, stand lowest in public estimation! For example, see his Railroad Presidents, Littlefield, Jones and Dr. Sloan.—See his Railroad Directors, Sloan, Lodin and Billy Henderson. See his Judges, Tourgee, Jaybird Jones and "Greasy" Sam. See his Professors at the University, Pool, Patrick, Martin and Brewer. But I will not pursue the subject further.

I had to send my petition for pardon to the President, as all others did, through the Governor. I did not hand it to him, but sent it by Mr. Webb of Newbern. So far from begging, I never even asked him to sign it.

I did ask him if he had received it, to which he replied, he had, and forwarded it to the President. He added, he "had read it with pleasure and an able petition it was." I left his office under the impression he had recommended my pardon.

Upon learning that he had not, I returned in five minutes and asked him directly if he had. His answer was evasive and full of duplicity and deceit. To ascertain whether he had recommended my pardon or not, I went to Washington City, where I found my petition not in the office of the Attorney General, where it should have been, but in Dr. Powell's pocket. The Attorney General ordered the Doctor to return it to the office "forthwith."

I then read the following endorsement in the Governor's hand:

It strikes me as a bill of indictment against the Democracy. W. W. HOLDEN, Prov. Governor."

The Governor, as I am informed, has tried through others to get a copy of the petition; I have one that I can furnish him.

Dr. Powell had in his pocket the petition of Gov. Morehead, Gov. Graham, and many others, with instructions from the Governor not to present them until further orders. I take it these were his instructions, for when he presented mine, after a peremptory order to do so, he stated that the "Governor did not wish it acted on." Let me say it, Doctor, without vain boasting, that I have as few political offenses to atone for as any man who went through a four years war for secession and a four years war for reconstruction.

I am told you are as implacable in your resentments as a Roundhead, and if it were not for giving you fresh cause of offense, I would re assert what I said in my Charlotte speech, that the lower a man stood in public estimation the higher he stood in that of your friend, the Governor's. I have never sought his friendship or his favor, as you have, nor by my silence aided John B. Neathery & Co., N. Paige & Co. and W. A. Smith & Co., in rescuing him from the public contempt into which he has been fast settling and is now firmly fixed. To borrow from Junius, I think Gov. Holden like Gov. Read, of Fla., is determined not to leave the ruin of his country to other hands. You see, Doctor, your bad example is contagious; there are others who are trying to imitate you, and provoke me into a useless controversy while the Governor, his aiders and abettors, complete the ruin of the State.

Tell your brother editors who profess to fight on my line for the redemption of the State from carpet bag and Holden influence, not to imitate your example. Tell them they can't serve the State by a personal dispute with me. Tell them to be quiet at least until the election is over, after which we can renew our correspondence if you desire it. I cannot answer for my conduct to the people if I allow myself to be betrayed further into this controversy, or provoked into a new one, while State bonds sell for ten cents, and public lands for sixteen cents an acre.

A friend writes that the public have been the gainers by our correspondence; he says you have produced "moderation" in the DEMOCRACY, and I have completely restored the political health of the *Democrat* which, for four years, had been delicate and precarious.

Let us congratulate each other upon the success of our work, and join with Bragg and Graham, Whigs, Democrats and all, in raising the foot of the carpet-bag conqueror from the neck of a proud but naked people.

Now that all true sons of the "Old North State" are engaged in raising their common mother from the pit of degradation and disgrace, into which Holden and his carpet-bag allies have thrown her, it shall not be said that I did not join them with all my heart and soul and strength.

Be, Doctor, when, and hoping that your restored health will last you through the campaign, I subscribe myself as I am, yours in "*Loyalty and Moderation*."

JOSIAH TURNER, JR.

The Cleveland *Herald* thinks the marriage service should be changed to read—Who dares take this woman? and the groom shall answer I dare. Shame on the man.

We clip the following paragraphs from the Wilmington Journal of 17th:

A GOOD EXAMPLE.—A Nevada judge, the other day, fined himself five dollars for being late. Some North Carolina judges would consume their salaries by following this good example.

The Constitution of the United States requires that "when vacancies happen in the representation from any State, *the Executive authority* thereof SHALL *issue writs of election* to fill such vacancies." The crimes of the carpet-bagger Deweese overtook him nearly two months ago, when he resigned his seat in Congress to escape being kicked out, and still we have no order of election from Governor Holden. We suppose Congress will hardly adjourn before August, and North Carolina should be fully represented in that body. Why don't the Governor act?

Mr. Pool favored military intervention in the South.—*Senate proceedings by Telegraph.*

Of course. A man who would authorize a statement in the United States Senate that he had taken the oath to support the Government of the Confederate States only to embarrass it, will descend to any depth of degradation. It did not require this new evidence to convince the people of the South that John Pool would aid in their punishment. Men who lose their self respect and forfeit that of their friends, will do anything to bring others to their own level.

CONTINUED SLANDERS.—The Washington *Chronicle* of Wednesday says: "In Arkansas, as in North Carolina, the machinations [illegible] continue [illegible] tions and of the lies of his ambassador, Littlefield. Here we have the result of their evil machinations. This malicious falsehood of Forney will be published throughout the North, and even in Europe, and settlers and capital will be kept from our borders. The false hearted son of North Carolina and his unscrupulous agent care little for the blow which they give to our national prosperity, so that they benefit their party.

In answer to this statement of Forney's, the Richmond *Dispatch* is permitted to publish an extract from a private letter of one of the Federal soldiers ordered from Richmond to this State to a gentleman in that city:

"I was very sorry indeed that I could not see you before I left. Both —— and myself would like to have seen you very much, but the order came so suddenly that we had no time to visit you. *I do not know for what cause we were sent here; as far as I can understand, every thing is very quiet.* I hope that we will go back to Richmond again."

Thus a Federal soldier, sent to aid in the partizan warfare against North Carolina, gives the lie to the slanders set on foot by an ignoble son of the State.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY IN JAIL.—One of the prisoners confined in jail, a negro by the name of John Terry, was brought before Justice McQuigg yesterday charged with an assault and battery on John Campbell, another colored prisoner, in jail Thursday last. Terry is the rascal who attempted to murder and rob Mr. Peter Mohr at his store on Dry Pond several months since.—He struck Campbell across the face with a club, breaking his nose and knocking him senseless. He was remanded to jail to appear before the Superior Court on this charge also.

A quarrel took place between Sir Edward K, an English gentleman, very well known in Paris, and another sportsman, not less famous, the Baron R. The seconds had in vain endeavored to reconcile them, and it was necessary to have recourse next rate "stone left the principals were agreed that they should fight with—cigars. Two cigars, similar in every external respect, but one of them prepared in such a manner that it should explode and prove mortal to the smoker, were placed on the table. The combatants drew lots for the first choice. The novel weapons of war were then lighted, and after a few puffs an explosion took place and Sir Edward fell on his back. He, however, immediately got up, and was surrounded by his seconds, while his adversary offered him his hand. "Gentleman," said one of the seconds, "you have both of you shown the greatest courage since you were both ignorant of the effects of the explosion. Mr. H. (the other second) and I agreed only to put a little gun cotton in one of the cigars; and now let us to dinner. May such be the end of every duel!" The meeting is said to have taken place on the Belgian frontier.

A WASHINGTONIAN RELIC.—In a shop window at Washington may now be seen an old gold chain, with two seals, once worn by General Washington. The trinkets were given by General Washington to Colonel W. A. Washington, who bequeathed them to his son, Colonel G. C. Washington, from whom they descended to his grandson, James Baroll Washington. Col. Washington lost the gold seal in 1827, while hunting in Montgomery county, Md. Seventeen years afterwards (in 1844) a farmer plowed it up, and so it was restored to its owner. The silver seal is marked in monogram "G. W." It was lost in 1779, on the field of Braddock's defeat, and in 1842 was found in that field by Daniel Boone Logan, who presented it to Senator Johnson, of Virginia, who returned it to its present owner.

A civil engineer of Edinburg, Scotland, has invented a steam engine, or locomotive for common roads that has proved a capital success. A number of them of different sizes, and of ten, six and three horse power, have been in use on the common, poor, crooked roads in Scotland, and do an immense amount of heavy work, with admirable facility. Thack rubber tires are used on the wheels, thus preventing all concussion, and insuring the durability of the engine. This important invention is believed to make it possible to advantageously introduce steam plowing into this country.

A LADY WHO DOESN'T EAT.—The Richmond correspondent of the Petersburg *Courier* says:

I hear again from the lady who lives without eating. About this time last year I gave you some account of her. I am assured by her friends and relatives that she eats nothing at all and that she appears to be kept alive by a daily application of oil to her breast. My informants are intelligent and respectable people, not likely to be imposed on nor invent what they tell, and the lady herself is represented to be devotedly pious. Her beauty is described as angelic.

DROWNED.—On Saturday morning last a sad accident happened at the Rudasill Gold Mine in this vicinity. Two negro men were drowned in the Mine. It is said they were digging as usual, when one of them struck a stream of water which speedily rushed in and drowned both men. They were about 150 feet under ground, and the shaft filled so rapidly that nothing could be done to recover the bodies.—*Charlotte Democrat.*

RAILROAD MEETING.

A meeting was held at the Court House in Charlotte, on Saturday, the 16th inst., to devise means to build the Air-Line Railroad. On motion of Col. W. R. Myers, Hon. Z. B. Vance was called to the Chair, and W. J. Yates and S. B. Alexander were requested to act as Secretaries.

The Chairman and Col. A. S. Buford the President of the road, explained the object of the meeting. Several other gentlemen also addressed the meeting, among them Gen. Laws, of York, S. C. and Hon. James White, of Gaston county, N. C.—Gen. Laws pledged his county to aid the enterprise, liberally, provided the road ran through Yorkville and Mr. White said that his county relied on Mecklenburg.

Col. Myers introduced a resolution providing for a subscription on the part of the people of Mecklenburg to the capital stock of the Air-Line Railroad, and Col. Wm Johnston offered an amendment so as to include a subscription to the Atlantic, Tennessee & Ohio Railroad which was adopted and the resolution passed.

On motion the following gentlemen were appointed by the Chair to solicit private subscriptions to the Railroads: R. Y. McAden, W. J. Yates and T. H. Brem, and the following canvassers were appointed to canvass the county and explain the nature of the proposed subscription: Col. W. R. Myers, Col. William Johnston, Gen. Rufus Barringer, Dr. C. J. Fox and John T. Schenck, col.

On motion, the Chairman was added to the canvassers.

The meeting then adjourned.

Z. B. VANCE, Chm'n.

Mr. Marshall, representing the Eleventh Congressional District of Illinois, has done his duty well against the tariff, and should receive a well-merited commendation were it not a sufficient testimonial of his ability to here reproduce his picture of the tariff, thus:

The farmer starting to his work has a shoe put on his horse with nails taxed 67 per cent., driven by a hammer taxed 54 per cent; cuts a stick with a knife taxed 50 per cent; hitches his horse to a plough taxed 50 per cent. with chains taxed 67 per cent. He returns to his home at night and lays [illegible] tax paid 76 per cent. [illegible] the morning, puts on his humble flannel shirt taxed 80 per cent., his coat taxed 50 per cent., shoes taxed 35 per cent., and hat taxed 70 per cent.; opens family worship by a chapter from his Bible taxed 25 per cent., and kneels to his God on an humble carpet taxed 150 per cent. He sits down to his humble meal from a plate taxed 40 per cent., with knife and fork 85 per cent.; drinks his cup of coffee taxed 47 per cent., or tea 78 per cent., with sugar 70 per cent.; seasons his food with salt taxed 100 per cent., pepper 297 per cent., or spice 879 per cent. He looks around upon his wife and children, all taxed in the same way; takes a chew of tobacco taxed 100 per cent., or lights a cigar taxed 120 per cent., and then thanks his stars that he lives in the freest and best government under heaven. If on the Fourth of July he wants to have the star spangled banner on real bunting he must pay the American Bunting Company of Massachusetts 100 per cent. for this glorious privilege. No wonder, sir, that the Western farmer is struggling with poverty, and conscious of a wrong somewhere, although he knows not whence the blow comes that is chaining him to a life of endless toil, and reducing his wife and children to beggary.

THE NEW BEETLE PLAGUE IN UTAH.—Utah is not only plagued with locusts, but with an insect called the "elephant beetle." A creditable person who returned from the myriads of them covering the earth with their shining, brownish black bodies, and destroying everything which they met in their path. Even small animals, he was informed by the benighted residents, did not escape the voracity of these hordes. Their bodies were crowded upon, and wounded cruelly with the powerful antennæ, until they fell down exhausted by their struggles and loss of blood, when they were fastened upon by thousands and devoured. The entire carcass of a sheep was eaten, and the bones picked clean in three or four minutes; and it is said that a dead ox would be gobbled up by them in a quarter of an hour. So ferocious are these giant beetles, that mothers are afraid to let their children go out of the house unattended by a grown person. In their frequent bloody contests the wounded are devoured on the instant.

IF THE EARTH WERE TO STAND STILL.—If the revolution of the earth on its axis were to be suddenly stopped, the temperature of everything would be raised to such a degree as to be incapable of existing in any other form than vapor. When a bullet strikes the target it becomes so hot that it can not be held in the hand. Its velocity is at the rate of 1,200 feet a second, but what must be the heat produced when a body like the earth moving at the rate of 90,000,000 feet a second, is suddenly arrested? It would soon be converted into a sea of fire, and all life would become extinct.

It is not probable that this catastrophe will take place in our generation, but as the light of the sun is said to be due to the combustion of worlds in its atmosphere, our time may sometime come to add fuel to the flames.

A PIRATE MURDERER.—One E. H. Alexander, who committed a horrible murder near Albany, N. Y., and afterward committed suicide, wrote a letter to his wife in which he made a full confession of the heinous act. In it is this striking passage:

"I am not scared. I am not afraid to die. I have never done any body any harm. I never went to sleep without making a prayer to myself, and I am confident that I will go to Heaven. I don't think it was my fault for doing this, for I could not help it. Nobody in the world ever tried to keep from doing anything as I did from that which I did."

LETTER FROM MRS. LINCOLN.—President Grant has received a letter from Mrs A. Lincoln stating that she was still in Germany and not in very good health, but very much in need of assistance. This she sees has been proposed in the bill pending in the Senate to give her a pension, but the delay in acting on it she is unable to account for. The President will probably send the letter to either a Senate or House committee. The Senate Pension Committee, however, agreed to report a bill giving Mrs. Lincoln a liberal pension.

AMPHIBIOUS.—At the wharf in the rear of Messrs. Barry Brothers' office, yesterday morning, was thrown a specimen of the finny tribe in the shape of a young live alligator. His alligorship was captured in the river a few miles below the city, by a colored man, who brought him here,—when Mr. R P. Barry purchased him with the view of shipping him to New York to be placed in the Central Park in that city. He is about six feet long, and has the appearance of being as harmless as alligators generally get to be.—*Wilmington Star.*

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