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RALEIGH, May 23, 1872.

Editors of the Sentinel:

GENTLEMEN: My attention has been called to the following editorial in the Charlotte *Despatch*:

THE STATE PRINTING.—The matter of the State Printing for last year, wherein the State Printer had overcharged the State some thirty-three hundred dollars, was on Wednesday, settled at the State Treasury in Raleigh, Mr. Moore, the State Printer paying back the deficit.

Thus ends this matter. This was the only instance of alleged fraud against any Democrat in position for the past two years, and when the fraud was detected, the Legislature promptly ordered restoration to the State. This is the difference between Radicalism and Democracy.

Now I made no settlement with the Treasurer as stated. Mr. Ramsay drew from the Treasury a few hundred dollars, the work being measured by the em quad and leaving still due on the contract made with me for the SENTINEL as State Printer over $2,400. I paid back no deficit and there never was any to pay back.

There was no fraud or cheat in the matter of State Printing, and no man of truth and honesty will charge it. The work was measured in a way different from that, perhaps, the committee understood, if they understood anything about it. The contract is however, in writing, and it was written with the view of measuring by the letter M, and not by the em quad.

Curtis Brogden, the republican candidate for Lieutenant Governor, James Justice, the member from Rutherford, and Gen. Phil. Hawkins, all investigated the printer's account with an eye no doubt, of making party capital if they could. In the minority report they acquitted all parties of fraud, for a purpose to cheat.

If Major Hearne, the editor of the *Despatch*, will refund the money he received three years ago as agent for different editors of the State, he would be better able to make his charge of fraud stick. There are some men it ill becomes to speak of fraud.

JAMES H. MOORE

LACTEAL.

People who live in cities have a hard time of it as well as those who live in the rural districts. They have many comforts It is true, but then—their milk is sadly watered. The N. Y. *Tribune* is directing its attention to this important subject and is heaping facts and figures to prove that the milk business as carried on is a great swindle. It claims that the analysis of skillful chemists and the facts as gathered go to show that beyond any sort of doubt, the milk trade of that city, as conducted by the middlemen who serve families therewith, is one monstrous and flagrant swindle. More than seventy-five thousand quarts of water are daily sold as adulteration in our milk, if not quite, $10,000 a day, an incalculable cost of health and life.

The Cincinnatus of Chappaqua will rectify the milk question and all others, when he is firmly seated in the chair of State.

NATIONAL DEGENERACE.

If what Byron says be true, that "history, with all her volumes vast, hath but one page," then we must surely, if we judge by what we daily behold and by the experiences of ages, be approaching the bottom of that page. We are not as yet a century old as a nation, but our race has been swift indeed. We have passed more than a hundred years through many of the steps that it took classic Greece and opulent Rome to accomplish in many centuries. We have filled out much of the description given by the wise Bacon in his meanings of the fall of nations. He wrote: "In the youth of a state, arms do flourish in the middle age of a state, *learning*; and then both of them together for a time; in the declining age of a state, *mechanical arts* and *merchandize*."

Our youth was lusty and full of promise. We achieved many victories upon ensanguined battle plains and made a name for war among the nations of the earth. We then began to produce amid the peaceful scenes of life, some books, that evidenced culture and literary skill. Our literature, it is true, is not, rich and perfect, but it gives promise. If we did not live by steam, we might in a century or two, hope to produce some immortal works—some Milton to enter our homes and sing to us in his seraphic hymnings of paradise and the life beyond, or some Shakspeare to open to us the worlds of imagination and the inner workings of the great heart of humanity, or some Aristotle or Bacon to teach us how to understand what we see and to unravel for us some of the deep mysteries of man and the universe, or "to decypher and exhibit the hieroglyphics of the senses." But this promise will not end in a rich fruition we fear. The bud that hangs so fairly attain its full flower, for the worms are already at work in its heart.

War and letters have flourished together as Bacon said, and now our nature is given up to the most depraved, the most unhallowed lust for gold. We are as a people thoroughly, terribly avaricious. "Greedy avarice," as Spencer calls it, has eaten out every thing that is noble and good in the nation. We have made "wicked pelf" our God and our age, like that lashed by the corrosive invective of the matchless Burke, has produced its thousands "of daring profligates and insidious hypocrites." It is the age of brass—the "declining age" we fear of our country, when to make money and to live luxuriously will have become the main aspiration of nearly every one. Said Byron, in the same poem from which we quoted the saying above.

"*First freedom*, and then *glory*—when that fails,
Wealth, vice, corruption—BARBARISM at last."

That high regard for truth, that acute perception of duty, that chivalrous courtesy, that noble disinterestedness, that pure honor that was "as nice as ermine" and would "not bear a soil," that unfaltering devotion to principle, that pride that so adorned the lives of our greatest and most honored statesmen of the past and added such a chastened splendor to their lives, have all gone—gone forever. In their place we have only ignorant and unlettered political adventurers, without honor, without virtue, without capacity, whose very viciousness has grown hard, and who are deaf to the claims of patriotism and public safety, and are as easy and willing prey to the "despotism of vice" to "the weakness and the wickedness of luxury."

If this picture is not true, it is because the colors are too faint. We have failed to read the "signs of the times" aright, if our nation is not on the verge of ruin and decay. Our people are as corrupt now as the Romans were in the days of the Antonines, and vice and corruption are eating out the very vitals of national prosperity and national perpetuity. No government can bear such a strain as we are applying daily to its strength. A speedy arrest in the downward course must be made or we will close in gloom and blood a career that opened under pleasing auspicies and gave promise of a long and splendid future. If the patriotism of the country can only be aroused, then the storm of fate may not break over our land and the nation may not sink into "silence and eternal sleep!"

Let then DUTY be the key note of our action,—DUTY TO COUNTRY, DUTY TO GOD, DUTY TO SELF. Let consequences take care of themselves; let us take care of Duty. *Fiat justicia, percat mundus.* Let us all as men—as FREE MEN looking right ahead, go *straight forward*—with DUTY as our POLE STAR and our GUIDING PRINCIPLE, act well our part and SAVE OUR COUNTRY.

REV. DR. HUSTON.

The trial of Lorenzo Dow Huston is now going on before an ecclesiastical court in Baltimore. Only the accused, his counsel and the prosecutor for the church are admitted into the room. The proceedings are secret on the star chamber order.

The New York *Herald* has reports of the proceedings, though that paper is not able to give all of the names of the members of the court.

If there is truth in Virginia Hopkins, the first and only witness yet examined, the Doctor is guilty, and his suit against the Baltimore *American* will bring him no more money than Holden and Bullock left in their respective State Treasuries when they fled to Grant.

HON. J. M. LEACH.

This able and very efficient representative in Congress from the Fifth District, was renominated by acclamation at the District Convention that met in Greensboro' on 22d inst. If *Copting* Settle don't wish he was in Peru or on the Bench again before August election, then Gen. Leach must have forgotten his great talent as a canvasser—or his tongue so eloquent in exposing rascality and in defending his own State and people must have cleaved to the roof of his mouth, and his right hand so skilled in pealing off the hide of political adversaries must have forgotten its cunning.

SUMNER'S SOCIAL EQUALITY SCHOOL BILL.

When Brooks caned Sumner in the Senate, Gov. Hooden declared it was a most righteous caning, and at the same time he denounced his friend Judge E. G. Reid, then in Congress, as a base, white-livered fellow. We think his language was scoundrel, we however, alike think murder and the scoundrel are beneath years ago.

The District of Columbia seems to be Sumner's experimental ground. It was on this territory the slave trade was first forbidden. Sumner now has a bill before Congress to secure equal rights in the public schools of Washington and Georgetown.

The white people of the district pay the school tax. An act of Congress passed July 23, 1866, declares in proportion to number the black shall receive as much of the fund as the white schools.

The fund for the schools as well as the schools are kept separate and distinct. The negroes have their schools and the whites theirs. Neither desire a mixture of the races in the schools, yet Sumner is bent on enforcing it. If Sumner succeeds, his project will end in bloodshed, as did Governor Caldwell's, in attempting to force it on the Greensboro' school board. As the law and the schools now stand, the white has no advantage over the black for. In fact they are at a disadvantage, for they pay to educate both races. Sumner's Civil Rights Bill has passed the Senate. If this bill shall pass the House and thereby become a law, Dr. Blackwell, of the Yarborough, will have to entertain Eppes, of Halifax Duffy, Mayo, of Granville, and the full negro from Cumberland—nor is this all, they will have to eat at the table with Uncle Dupree, Capt Andrews, Dr. Turner, Major Petty and other leaders. This will quicken, also, to the inspiring [illegible] entertain them to a ball—to indictment and upon conviction, fine and imprisonment will follow.

If these leaders we have named are seated at the table with negroes, though they are loyal men and constantly calling for peace, there will be a break-down at the table.

We must confess to not understanding Sumner's radical policy of civil rights. We have in this country separate schools for males and females. Congress has as much right to compel all to go to school, as it has to make all the blacks and whites go to the same school.

The negro in this country has all the rights the white man has and a great many more than some white men have. Any negro, however ignorant and debased, can go to Congress, but Gov. Vance cannot, nor can Gov. Graham.

The negroes are all for Sumner because he is for civil rights. The negroes too are all for Gov. Caldwell, *yet he is opposed to* Sumner's bill.

If Sumner will let the negroes and white men of the South alone, they will regulate for themselves their social equality better than he can.

HABEAS CORPUS.

The writ of *habeas corpus* was always dear to the freemen of North Carolina until the advent of carpet baggers and the dominion of the negro in the State. The old maxim, that in "*war the law slumbers*," never obtained in North Carolina. And hence, amid the clash of arms in 1863, Mr. Foy, of Onslow, in the Legislature, offered the following resolution which was triumphantly passed:

"*Resolved*, That the military power is subordinate to, and governed by the civil authorities; and that this General Assembly hereby requires and directs the Judges of this State who have taken an oath to administer the law, to see that the writ of *habeas corpus* issued by them is executed.

Resolved, That this legislature hereby request and instruct their Senators and Representatives in Congress to urge and procure, if possible, a repeal of the law passed authorizing the President to suspend in his discretion, the writ of *habeas corpus*."

In time of profound peace Holden, Kirk and Pearson suspended the writ while Bergen hanged three men like dogs to trees in the woods.

MINISTER SCHENCK.

This person who for the time is Grant's Minister to England is a fit representative of our present taking, gold speculating President. He is not content, as the reader remembers, with his salary and honors, but desiring to "feather his own nest" more largely, he took stock in what is known as the "Emma Mining Company," and from recent accounts, he has been bought up by a regular swindling concern to use his influence and name to give value and character to a company that the New York *Post* (Radical) pronounces "from beginning to end, to be an unmitigated swindle." It was introduced on the London market as a company owning at least $3,000,000 of ore, but it now turns out that all the very time it could not have been worth more than $850,000, or much less. Many other disgraceful facts have been brought out. Is not General Schenck a capital representative man of the Great Caldwell party? Hurrah! for Schenck. Three cheers for Smellfungus and Useless!

HON. S. J. ERVIE.

The nomination of this high-toned and accomplished gentleman for Congress in the 6th District meets with great satisfaction in our city. He will make a capital representative.

JUDGE MERRIMON.

We learn from the letter from Murfreesboro' in the *News* of yesterday, that our candidate for Governor was called out at that place on the night of the 21st instant, and made a forty minutes speech, in his usual impressive and vigorous style.

The same correspondent says that the choice of a candidate for Congress in that District lies between Messrs. Jarvis, Latham and Carter.

Shall Constitutional Liberty be Supplanted by a Centralized Despotism.

SPEECH OF HON. J. M. LEACH
OF NORTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
APRIL 19, 1872.

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Sir it is not the administration but the people [illegible] have power time to act. They know the [illegible] only a small portion of which [illegible] appointed by executive appointees but [illegible] pose. They expect to pay the [illegible] they want time [illegible] industrial resources of [illegible] wealth that is hence found in the [illegible] their property and [illegible] their children. And they want the [illegible] to the ultimate extinction of [illegible] not be crippled and embarrassed [illegible] present generation. But to leave a [illegible] for posterity. And hence it is that the people, instead of expressing commendation of the administration to this report have condemned it.

Look at their extravagance, the expenses of which would require a long speech to itself. But I must hasten on. In the immense amount improperly expended, the corruption, extravagance, the impudent bribery, defalcation, and plunder of it, as disclosed by investigation and reports of the commission and of committees, appointed, too, in the interest of the republican party, are perfectly appalling both here and in New York, and throughout the country. Why in the twelve of fifteen millions swindle of the Tammany ring, pales before the loud groans of the $100,000,000 of the republican "welkening" swindle and defalcation but recently uncarthed, and yet it is reasonably believed that the [illegible] is taken from the residents in the wealthiest city in the world, while the latter comes from the pockets of the overtaxed people of this widespread country.

Under authority of an act of Congress professing by its object civil service reform, making the astounding declaration that one-sixth of the imperfections and evils of this service, more than $100,000,000 of the people's money were annually lost to the country, being an outrage of one-fourth of the entire revenue of the government. An able committee has been raised in this House on this matter of civil service reform, so vastly important to the American people in its powers, and this House is entertained by a distinguished Democratic member of the committee, Mr. Perry, in the course of remarks submitted by him, in the following language:

"Considerable individual interest among members appears to be felt in it, but the tendency to legislative action upon it is not vehement."

Thus, sir, are the people of this great country, who bear those incredible burdens [illegible] with, so that it is coming to be understood that all this talk of civil service reform is a mere sham and pretense to be kept up until after the presidential election, and then, with other pledges of reform, abandoned. Sir, the Administration, without any further legislation, has the power to check by to cure this rancorous evil of the body politic that is eating out the vitals of the country, by the simple process and remedy of the peremptory dismissing from office throughout the length and breadth of the country, every corrupt, profligate, rapacious, extravagant, defaulting, peculating incompetent office holders with which the land everywhere abounds and is infested, and filling their places with men of honesty and capacity thus elevating, purifying and ennobling, so to speak, the official and moral standard of the nation. Let this be done and more than one hundred million dollars annually would be saved to the people that is now lost. Ought a party to be longer retained in power when officials resorts of its own friends and agent disclose such wasteful extravagances and corruption? Let the country answer.

Another civil rights bill has been introduced in the Senate, and in this House, the provisions of which not only shock the sensibilities of the South, and indeed, fair minded men of all sections, but also will still more degrade and enslave the white people of my section of the country. It professes to be in the interest of the colored race, and yet the great bulk of them (virtually in North Carolina) would greatly deprecate the passage of such an act as positively injurious to them. And I venture the prediction, that with the exception of the colored politicians, few will be found to favor this outrageous bill, for they want their own churches, schools, public houses, and places of amusement apart and separate from those of the white race; and this bill, if passed and practically carried out, would close the public schools, the hotels, and the churches of the Southern country, or admit both races interchangeably to all. There would be no other alternative.

Sir, the country has asked for amnesty. This being the propriety and justice of removing the political disabilities of at least the great bulk of those laboring under them—has found a response and an echo from every portion of the Union. The President recommended it in his annual message; this House has passed bills at least three times removing the disabilities of more than nine-tenths of all persons under them. These bills go to the Senate, and there they lie on the table, and seem likely to remain, while, strange to say, the most distinguished republican leaders of that august body, the recognized mouthpiece of the President, who, by a word or even nod, could pass any or all those bills, have come up to this time the avowed, determined opponents of the removal of disabilities. The House of Representatives, elected by and fresh from the people, beyond all question represent the will of the people; the Senate, not elected directly by the people, but for a time independent of the people, does not, in my opinion, represent their will or wishes. It has been to me both a high duty and a real pleasure to introduce several bills for the removal of the disabilities of all persons who have requested it, and many others I know whom I thought ought to be relieved, in various parts of North Carolina of both political parties; feeling as the people feel, that disabilities should be removed by classes (if some are longer to be excluded, which I regret to believe is determined on by the dominant party) and not by persons on account of their political affiliation. Such discrimination is ungenerous, unjust, unpatriotic, and utterly unworthy the dignity of the American Congress, to say nothing of its gross injustice.

In this connection I beg to allude for a moment to a personal matter, because I have seen gross misrepresentations of myself in some of the subsidized presses of North Carolina. A short time since, in a list of names of divers persons for the removal of disabilities, I included the name of ex-Governor Vance. This was my right as well as a duty I owed to a distinguished Carolinian and friend, and to the people who sent me here. The honorable speaker, (not now in the chair,) by some mis-conception, conceived the erroneous idea that Governor Vance had left his seat in the Thirty-Sixth Congress, and therefore belonged to one of the excluded classes, but when this error of his was corrected by my colleague and others, and I took occasion to say that Governor Vance was a strong Union man, a true patriot, a remnant of no Congress, speaking words of truth and soberness, saying for them the purposes of the Union united, supported, and aided, and when he could be of service to the country, he would be found at his post, and [illegible] United States Senate, the honorable speaker, in the most manly way, [illegible] the mistake, and accepted my explanation, and have [illegible] the speaker to [illegible] pose of my action, and yet the [illegible] have published the [illegible] to injure [illegible] right at home.

[illegible] that I am [illegible] pared to do justice to [illegible] and accorded me credit for the purest of motives in my action, and yet the [illegible] have published the [illegible] to injure [illegible] right at home.

[illegible] Vance [illegible] Union [illegible] elected to Congress while the State [illegible] House of Representatives [illegible] pardon [illegible] the people [illegible] Governor [illegible] Vance [illegible] Union [illegible] Whatever he did was done at the behest of his native State in the [illegible] capacity, and I know of no more scrupulous gentleman in the [illegible] ers and Federal office and [illegible] faithful in aiding with [illegible] pressed the vanity [illegible] of the confederate soldiers, and many other acts illustrative of his generous nature. And, sir, were certain of those who refuse to relieve him from the proscriptive badge in a similar [illegible] and as personal kindness [illegible] directed his forgiving nature as [illegible] mass of his generous heart would [illegible] of more his brethren.

[illegible] all the [illegible] and [illegible] Vance is a candidate for other [illegible] I can [illegible] and life long friend, I [illegible] to the cause of peace that he disinterested and dove of all others to remove.

My limited time will not allow me to speak at any length of the [illegible] the Secretary of the Treasury [illegible] negotiations, and his [illegible] bonds for new ones, paying a [illegible] of interest—a thing hardly [illegible] the love of money-changers and [illegible] to [illegible] changes—and it is no matter [illegible] pute that this banker and [illegible] Secretary is a warm [illegible] the [illegible] of the country. Not [illegible] and of more [illegible] than all [illegible] the stupid and [illegible] [illegible] the Administration on [illegible] pant and grave questions of the [illegible] chains. The highest minds and [illegible] ers, are located and [illegible] and also sitting for weeks [illegible] and the appointment of the [illegible] cabinet, and a power [illegible] not to be [illegible] But go [illegible] to the meantime the [illegible] patriot to the support of these [illegible] and the utter astonishment of England, [illegible] put in a claim for [illegible] damage which is promptly repudiated and [illegible] in England and indignantly [illegible] as an after thought, and a Yankee trick never attempted by any one of the high commission that sat in this city—that the [illegible] native of sin [illegible] was to be turned back about as fast as the vessel could [illegible] and of the two, discretion [illegible] the latter as [illegible] expensive and [illegible] [illegible] and to the wisest and safest [illegible] [illegible] stupid and [illegible] the [illegible] of the old [illegible] in commanding the [illegible] blunder must be claimed [illegible] to the credit as well as [illegible] of prestige of the American people.

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For the Sentinel.

Ploughshare [illegible] for man to [illegible] misnomer. In the first place [illegible] Hargrove never had any time [illegible] with plowshares, or the plowstock except when his families were held in [illegible] time [illegible] of his slaves. He [illegible] a [illegible] slaves by the war, and a few years since declared that had he the power he would [illegible] enslave the whites to get race in the South. Would he do so? Who knows? Though a man of great wealth [illegible] money.

In the first place Ploughshare [illegible] misnomer, because the plows upon which it rests is nothing. Col. Hargrove never used or knew anything about plows, and he could walk over [illegible] plow shares in behalf of the South. What he did say was this. In 1860 he was [illegible] as a "lip secessionist." A mere mouth words, who would be found [illegible] when the time for action came. In [illegible] boasted that when the time came [illegible] would wade barefooted into the [illegible] of secession. Well the time did come, but Pat found great difficulty in getting off his shoes. He made war speeches like Gov. Caldwell, and urged others to wade in—but those shoes of his would not come off.

The war had gone on for over twelve months, and still those shoes clung tenaciously to his feet. He had an excellent excuse for keeping them on. He was young, [illegible] unmarried, and a secessionist. Still those shoes clung to him. It must have been their fault, or he would certainly have "waded in." He was to be patient, he could not get those shoes off, and perhaps never could have done so if he had not stumbled on a pair of boarjacks, in the shape of public opinion, and a pending conscript law. These took them off for him, and in the month of 1863, Hargrove at length gallantly waded in. So you see there were no plowshares in the case—only a couple of bootjacks.

Col. Hargrove was brought up a Whig. After graduating at a Virginia college he determined to locate at Oxford to practice law. Something was said about his whiggery. "Ah," he is reported to have replied, "you don't suppose I am going to tie myself to a sinking party? I shall be a democrat." With this declaration he commenced political life, and soon became extreme in the party view, especially on the slavery question. While a member of the legislature of North Carolina, his vote is recorded in the journals of the House of Commons in favor of a bill to reduce the free negroes of the state to slavery. This was not a bill to prohibit the abolition of slavery, but a bill to make slaves of men, women and children, who had been born free, and many of whose ancestors had served in the patriot armies of the revolution. So odious was the proposition that few voted for it, and of those who did, it is a singular circumstance, that a majority who are now in political life are identified with the radical party.

So intense was Col. Hargrove's secessionism that the well known epithet *fire eater* was too tame to describe him. He was more than a fire eater, he was a sole *shredder*, and lived and moved and had his being in the midst of the hottest flames. Compared to him Yancey, Rhett and Toombs were mild as sucking doves. Even South Carolina was censured by him for her tameness and want of spirit in not sooner going out of the Union. For a long time after the war Col. Hargrove was a Democrat, and very bitter in his denunciation of carpet baggers and the "infamous Union men." He never claimed to be conservative, as that name was not strong enough for him, but called himself an original secessionist and a simon pure State's Rights Low Face Democrat. At length fearing that he might, after all be "tieing himself to a sinking party," he seems to have concluded that the radical party was destined to control the offices, when presto change he "pented himself," joined the radicals and now fights under their banners for —— pay and provent.

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