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Mr. Lincoln on Negro Suffrage.

The following extract from a private letter of Mr. Lincoln's, said to have been found on the body of Gen. Wardsworth, who fell in the battle of the Wilderness, is going the rounds of the press. We find it universally credited as genuine, but are perfectly persuaded that it is a hoax. It reads:

"You desire to know, in the event of our complete success in the field, the same being followed by a loyal and cheerful submission on the part of the South, if universal amnesty should not be accompanied with universal suffrage; and now, since you know my private inclinations as to what terms should be granted to the South, in the contingency mentioned, I will here add that, if our success should be thus realized, followed by such desired results, I cannot see if universal amnesty is granted how, under the circumstances, I can avoid exacting in return universal suffrage, or at least, suffrage on the basis of intelligence and military service. How to better the condition of the colored race has been a study which has attracted my serious and careful attention; hence, I think I am clear and decided as to what course I shall pursue in the premises regarding it. A religious duty as the nation's guardian of these people, who have heroically vindicated their manhood on the battle-field, where in assisting to save the life of the Republic, they have demonstrated in blood, their rights to the ballot, which is but the human protection of the flag they have so fearlessly defended."

We repeat, we have no hesitation in pronouncing this document a forgery. That Mr. Lincoln may have favored universal amnesty is quite likely, as his tendencies and disposition are declared by those who have been in the most cordial relations with him, to have been eminently humane. But that Mr. L. declared himself in favor of universal suffrage, we believe to be an impeachment of his good sense and a libel on his memory.

When this question was literally and categorically presented to him, he answered as follows:

"I will say, then, that I am not now, nor ever have been in favor of bringing about, in any way, the social and political equality of the white and black races—that I am not now nor ever have been in favor of making voters or jurors of negroes, nor of qualifying them to hold office, nor to intermarry with white people; and I will say in addition to this that there is a physical difference between the white and black races, which I believe will forever forbid the two races living together on terms of social and political equality. And inasmuch as they cannot so live, while they do remain together, there must be the position of superior and inferior, and I as much as any other man am in favor of having the superior position assigned to the white man."

This was Mr. Lincoln's direct and categorical reply to enquires as to his views on this important subject, delivered only two years before the war broke out, and no man supposes that anything occurred in the interval to change so radically the matured opinions of fifty years, still less to modify those clear "physical differences" which would in his judgment forever sustain the political equality of the races.

It will turn out, in all probability, that the Wadsworth letter has been simply invented to suit a political purpose, and it does not require much sagacity to divine that purpose.—Peterbury Index.

A Great Natural Curiosity.

The Sentinel, published at Jacksonville, Oregon, of the 12th ult., says:

"Several of our citizens returned last week from a visit to the Great Sunken Lake, situated in Cascade Mountains, about 75 miles north-east from Jacksonville. This lake rivals the famous valley of Sibaland the sailor. It is thought to average 2000 feet down to the water all round. The walls are almost perpendicular, running down into the water, and leaving no beach. The depth of the water is unknown, and its surface is smooth and unbroken, as it lies so far below the surface of the mountain that the air current does not affect it. Its length is estimated at 15 miles, and its width at 10. There is an island in its center having trees upon it. No living man ever has, and probably never will, be able to reach the water's edge. It lies silent, still and mysterious in the bosom of the 'everlasting hills,' like a huge well scooped out by the hands of the giant genii of the mountains; in the unknown ages gone by, and around it the primeval forests watch and ward are keeping. The visiting party fired a rifle several times into the water at an angle of 45 degrees, and were able to note several seconds of time from the report of the gun until the ball struck the water. Such seems incredible, but it is vouchsafed for by some of our most reliable citizens."

A PUBLIC WANT.—We hear many and loud complaints of the ferry at Gaston. It is said that passengers are brought over the river at that point in small open boats, exposed not only to the weather, but to the dangers of capsizing. If some enterprising citizen will establish a horse ferry there, he can realize a handsome profit on the investment; and if individual enterprise declines the undertaking, it would be well for the Railroad Company to take the matter in hand, for if the present arrangement continues to the winter season, the travel will be forced to the other route by the Seaboard road, which will be opened about the first of November.—Peterbury Index.

It is reported from Washington that President Johnson has promised Governor Bramlette that Kentucky shall be relieved from martial law, and that a proclamation to that effect shall be issued within a day or two. The removal of Gen. Palmer is said to be also determined upon.

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