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REGISTRATION.

In a few weeks, the people of this State will be called upon to register their names as voters under the Reconstruction Act.—The opinion is universal, among all persons who ponder well the political situation, that it is the imperious duty and the *obligation* of every man, entitled to vote, to register his name as a voter. The Congress evidently regards this as a boon, not only to the colored man, but also to those whites whom it does not put under the ban. What may be the ultimate result, the advantages or disadvantages to the people, it is, nevertheless, of the highest importance under the present regime that we should not make ourselves amenable to the charge of *conservatism*, or place ourselves in a position in which we cannot extricate ourselves from a dilemma in which bad men among ourselves may seek to involve us. Let every voter, therefore, be sure to register.

More than this. Business, distance from the avenues of news, or sheer indifference to passing political events, have kept thousands, to this moment, ignorant of their duty. Every well-informed citizen should, therefore, exert himself to communicate, in some effective way, the necessary information to the masses.

MR. HOLDEN AND THE COLORED PEOPLE.

The disregard for truth and fairness so long exhibited by Mr. Holden, as an Editor, would justify us in never alluding to him or his paper; yet the influence he still retains among a certain class of persons makes it necessary, that we should notice him specifically. His tender in to-day's *Standard* is characteristic, and embodies many falsehoods and lies that is usual for that frequent journal.

He whole issue indicates the deepest anxiety in regard to the colored men, and, before a unusual concern lest, after all, the blacks will follow the respectable whites, and wholly dislodge the Holdenites.

The following extract, extracted from his leader of to-day, of which there are several in the same article, indicates his unequalled meanness:

"Only a few days since, Brother Pitt sent a thoughtful, hair-brained young rebel to a leading colored man of this City, with the promise of a seat in the Convention, if he would take ground against Holden. The young man, who had been instructed by Brother Pitt, told the colored man that 'Holden was about to deceive the colored people.' Our colored friend did not entertain the idea, and the young man retired with several lies in his ear. Brother Pitt, himself, previously tried another leading colored man in the same way, and failed."

There is not a word of truth in the above. We challenge Mr. Holden to the proof and defy him. It is manufactured from the whole cloth. We have in no instance, either personally or through others, voluntarily sought to control or direct the sentiment of the colored people, otherwise than through the columns of the *Standard*. Several have called on us to ask our advice. We have readily and frankly advised them according to our best judgment. Our advice has been: 'Be careful not to be misled by designing men. Avoid political wrangling and partyism. The results of the war have made you freemen, and the action of Congress has enfranchised you. It is the law of the land. Do not act hastily—commit yourself to no one, but wait and watch. When you are called on to vote for delegates to the Convention, be sure to select men you know to be good and true. You know the people—you know whom to trust.' This is about the substance of all our advice to them.—We have found it unnecessary to give them any special counsel in regard to Mr. Holden or the Holdenites. They have been generally very well posted on that point.

As to making preparations to any colored man about using a candidate for the Convention, either directly or indirectly, it is all false. Mr. Holden measures up as purely a parrot which we regard as an idiot.

We have seen but one colored man's name mentioned in this County, in connection with the Convention. That was Jas. H. Harris. Number of our friends have remarked, in our presence, that, as between Mr. Holden and any white friends, and James H. Harris for the Convention, they would unquestionably vote for Mr. Harris. In this sentiment we have concurred.

Mr. Holden, Esq., of this city, has been invited by the Friends of the Union Conference Female College, at Asheville, to deliver an address before the young ladies of that institution, on the 13th inst.—

It is to be hoped that Holden will not make any allusion to the "Holdenites" in his address. If he should, he would endeavor not to insult such an audience by the language of offensive and indecent topics.

Gov. Helm, in a recent powerful speech, at Louisville, Kentucky, thus "hits the nail on the head":

"Tell you that the Northern States are returning to let the negro vote on their side of the river. They wish to compel him to remove to the Southern States, where he will be allowed suffrage. This action is based on the idea that the negro will naturally go where he has most privilege, and especially that educate but evil line. They wish to drive the negro away from you, because you dare not control him without running the risk of the interference of Federal power."

Having nothing to do with "change" in gen-

FARMING OPERATIONS.

The favorable omens of a good farming season have put the farmers to work with a hearty good will. The ill-wind, which has so long blown over us, in political affairs, has for the moment discouraged our people, yet a few days of bright sunshine dispel their melancholy, and with cheerful faces they take up "the shovel and the hoe" to provide for the latter part.

Necessity is upon us. Work, field-work, is absolutely necessary for our wants, but it serves more than one purpose. The payment of debts, provision for our families, and the means of recuperation, demand it, yet the moral and social interest of society find no greater help than from the steady, laboring and quiet labors of the field.

In this section, we are glad to say, every effort will be made for the production of a good crop of cotton and corn. We are really glad to find that some of our townsmen, who power well the political situation, have waked up from the languor and ease of city life, and are ploughing the plough vigorously. Cotton, however, forms the chief article of production, and we are glad to believe that the indications are decidedly promising for a good crop. To all, then, we say, "speed the plough."

SOUTHERN & NORTHERN RADICALISM.

A gentleman from the North, himself a Republican, and quite a prominent member of that party, remarked to us, some days since, that his opinion Southern Radicalism far outstripped Northern. In other words, he declared that the so-called Southern Loyalists were entirely too Radical for him and those with whom he acted. We are glad to see daily evidences that the character of these men is becoming better and more properly appreciated at the North. Their vindictiveness and malice have disgusted the large majority of those whom it was their desire to propitiate. They see through their purposes and motives,—they recognize the estimation in which they are held by their own fellow citizens,—they now know the record of their leaders,—and they are amazed, even with all their bitterness, at the horrible and disgusting depravity of men who are seeking the injury and ruin, the political degradation and confiscation of property, of those who were not half so guilty as themselves of the crime of involving the country in war.

Genius, consistent, home-like Union men here at home, hold these impudently self-styled "Southern Loyalists" in similar esteem. They refuse all affiliation with them, and spurn them as unclean.

If these malevolent demagogues fail, in their last and desperate effort, of getting the colored people to unite with them, or show any respect for them, they will be of all individuals the most tormented, rejected and despised.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, Under the laws of Tennessee the colored man is invested with the right of suffrage and it therefore becomes his duty to justify his entrenchment by a prudent, thoughtful and patriotic exercise of that great and inestimable privilege; and whereas, our conservative white fellow-citizens have invited us to appoint delegates to the State Convention to assemble in Nashville on the 16th instant, and participate with them in nominating a candidate for Governor, thus showing their disposition and desire to secure our rights and promote harmony between the two races. Therefore be it resolved, That we cordially accept the invitation and will faithfully labor to make the political unity thus inaugurated redound to the good of the State and the whole Union.

Resolved, That we do not desire to be an element of discord in the community in which we live; that to seek to unite the colored race against the white, or the poor against the rich, would only bring trouble; that we believe the common good of both depends upon the spirit of harmony and justice of all towards each other.

Resolved, That, believing the spirit and tendencies of radicalism unfavorable to these aims, we take our stand with the true Union Conservatives of Tennessee and in unite our race throughout the State to do the same.

Resolved, That our right to vote involves the right to hold office, and that its denial is unjust; and that our interests and rights as free men require also that we should have the right to sit upon juries.

Resolved, That while thankful to overriding Providence that slavery is removed from the land, we have no ground to fear that any attempt will ever be made to re-establish it.

While the resolutions were being read, the radical negroes, who had been out in the courtyard, came in and came near breaking up the Convention in a row. It was very evident that they were intent on mischief, and were instigated by white men, who had not the courage to act out the promptings of their own malicious hearts.

WILL THERE BE WAR IN EUROPE?—Will Napoleon go to war? He is now fifty-nine years of age; with a constitution somewhat impaired; with several failures reeking against him—the French people with a "World's Fair" on his hands, the expenses of which he has cunningly and meanly settled upon the different governments whose people take part in it; with his troops in the streets growing rapidly with age, to take part in affairs; with a growing suspicion among the French people that their master is a bit of a hussar; with a man before him, Count Bismarck, of great ideas, more powerful will and real courage, as the head of a united and victorious Germany.

This is Napoleon's position in brief. He has himself given some hostages for peace—but said from those he can scarcely afford to go to war in Europe. To make war on Prussia is to run over on what, if he is defeated, would ruin him; it would be a war in which he must ruin his adversary or be ruined himself. We do not think Napoleon's position quite so desperate that he is likely to do this. In this case he can only run over on what, if he is defeated, would ruin him; he will be lost, the reputation he once had for strength and resource coming to an end.

JOHN BROWN.—This distinguished gentleman has many friends throughout the South who would be pleased to hear of his whereabouts and of his health. The Nashville *Democrat*, of the 23rd, says that the old Brown is now residing in Stewart county, Tenn., and that his health has improved and he is enjoying the correspondence of friends.

SHOOTING AFFAIR.—On Saturday, a little girl named Annie Gardner, was shot in the streets of Savannah, and instantly killed, by a negro man named Alexander Gardner. The couple were standing together in the street quarreling, and shortly thereafter the girl was found lying on the pavement, a small bullet hole in the left breast, marking the course of the messenger of death.

There is a lady in New York who, when she is unable to attend church, sends her card.

From the Nashville Union, April 7.

CONSERVATIVE COLORED CONVENTION IN NASHVILLE ATTEMPT TO BREAK UP THE MEETING IN A ROW BY RADICAL FREEDOM.

The Convention which was called by the colored citizens to meet yesterday, met at the Court House, at one P. M. A large crowd of colored men and white men assembled at the appointed hour. There was an intention on the part of many of the colored men to break up the Convention by introducing into it radicals who pretended to be conservatives. Brownlow's militia were there, and instead of being the conservators of the peace, by their acts encouraged a spirit of lawlessness and intolerance.

After much confusion Joseph Williams took the chair and made a speech, reviewing the questions at issue, and delivered a strong rebuke to those who attempted to suppress the freedom of speech. He said it was a case of necessity to free us, but it serves more than one purpose. The payment of debts, provision for our families, and the means of recuperation, demand it, yet the moral and social interest of society find no greater help than from the steady, laboring and quiet labors of the field.

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From the Brooklyn Eagle.

LADIES' SOUTHERN RELIEF ASSOCIATION.

The movement in this city for collecting funds for the relief of the starving poor of the Southern States is now meeting with a success worthy of the reputation of Brooklyn for Christian benevolence. This success has been mainly due to the labor of the noble ladies of the Brooklyn Southern Relief Association, who have been untiring in their efforts to arouse public sympathy.

The fullest publicity has been given to all the details of this movement from time to time, but as there are many persons whose interest has been somewhat tardily awakened, who may desire further information in regard to its objects, its means of aiding the starving women and children of the South, and as to the trustworthiness of the persons who are entrusted with the distribution of the funds collected, we now present all the information we have in regard to the business, which we think should be sufficient to satisfy every one that the money contributed will be honestly applied. First we give the remarks of Uncle Sam that he illustrated us. This is not true. It was not their intention to free us at all. It was a case of necessity in order to suppress the rebellion. Our true friends are those who raised us; they have stood by us all our lives, and we should encourage them by standing by them. Some of the radical colored men have come here with a Brown low pill in one ear and radical whisky in the other. They do not look at the question fairly. Let others do as they may, but as for me my hopes and sympathies are with those who wore the gray. They are our friends.

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