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LABOR AND EQUALITY.

Radical visionaries dwell much in their speeches upon the great prosperity of the South, when it shall become Radicalized and Africanized, because of the dignity of labor, and the removal of those distinctions of color, which have hitherto, as they profess to believe, interrupted and blighted progress. They close their eyes to the injurious effects of their teachings upon the negro, and the universal fact, that, in all countries, not more than one fifth or one tenth of the population ever become permanent owners of the soil, and that the balance of the population must become in some form the employed laborers. The white race, trained to labor, and knowing its power, are always content to be employed, until they are capable or able to become proprietors. In this way the interests of employer and employee become identical, and they become a help to each other, and the skilled and industrious laborer is stimulated to work, expecting at some day to become an owner and an employer.

Had the Congress and the Radical party, after the slaves of the South had been made free, left them to be controlled by those plain rules which regulate labor, and had they thrown no impediment in the way of the operation of those feelings of kindness and forbearance which had grown up between the races, and which would have been strengthened at once by the enactment of the necessary State laws, which would have given ample protection to the freedmen, the condition of the freedmen would have been vastly better than it is now, and a system of labor inaugurated, which would have resulted in permanent and speedy prosperity to both races.

The result, however, is, that while the Freedmen's Bureau may have relieved the wants of some, and the educational schemes of the Radicals taught the negroes letters to some extent, both institutions, combined with the demoralizing teachings which have been spread broadcast among the negroes, have been positive evils to both races in the South, and have now a crop of bad views, bad principles and bad hopes among the blacks, from which both races may reap a harvest of ruin, for years to come.

The Utopian idea that four millions of half-civilized, semi-barbarous people could be made a nation of independent, self-governing citizens in a day—that Yankee energy and ingenuity could, by their educational and political schemes, aided by the sword, make such a people the equals of the white race in all respects in a few short months—and that the only thing needed was to keep down the whites from injuring the poor blacks, exceeds in madness and folly any scheme ever before inaugurated.

What has been the effect of all this Congressional legislation and Yankee teaching? Why, it is simply this that the negro, understanding that he is a freeman and the equal of the white man, considers that he cannot be free, if he is obliged to work under an employer—that in order to be free, he must work his own land; plow his own field, and, if he lacks food or clothing, he must go to the Bureau and get them; that if he is free, he must keep his own shop or be master of the premises he occupies. The idea of working as an employee, as a laborer for others on wages, does not come up at all to the negro idea of freedom. This very thing, they know, many of them were allowed to do when they were slaves,—the only difference being that they had to pay part of their earnings to their owners. But then, in many cases, the owners supported their wives and children. Their idea is, and it is almost insurmountable, that a man cannot be free, until he has arrived at that point when he can work or not work, not as a necessity, but as a matter of choice, as he pleases.

But their idea of equality with the white man goes much further. They reason, "if I am as good as the white man, I ought of course to own houses and lands, and horses and cattle, like the white man." It matters not how many white men around them are poor like themselves, so long as they see that their former owners in possession of anything which, perhaps, their labor may have had the smallest part in procuring, they think they cannot be equal, until they possess it too—that they must be equal in position, in office, ride in the same coach, eat at the same table, drink from the same glass, with white men, and that the government is bound to confer these things upon them, as a matter of right and justice.

This is the knot of absurdities they have received from the teachings of their Yankee friends. What is the effect? Labor is so demoralized, is so little under the control of actual employers, and has become a curse, that thousands of persons despairing of any favorable change will not employ negroes. And it is all the necessary result of Radical teachings, to bring them under the complete control of their party. If Radicals alone could be the authors, then we might be content, but the whole South suffers, and the entire nation must suffer, from this malignant philanthropy and demagogical trickery. Under such teachings, the South never can recuperate, never can recover from her prostration, and never can be otherwise than a burden to the government.

Now—The citizens of Raleigh feel some interest in the Hon. John B. Cooke, since they were so effectively in Turke Hall—They may possibly be, therefore, to know how to proceed on impeachment. Well, our John said so.

INGRATITUDE.

Whether viewed nationally or personally, ingratitude has been always regarded as the most despicable of moral deformities. The most disparaging charge that has been brought against the virtue of Republics, is that they are "ungrateful,"—that it inheres to their character to overlook eminent services, after the benefits which they may have rendered have passed into history, and but impudently to reward the labor of those who have done most to build up the National reputation and renown. There is, unfortunately, good ground for the imputation.

The vice, in its individual, social and domestic application and aspects, has been illustrated by the pen of astute and morose in all ages. Old King Lear, driven out by his unfeeling offspring, with his hoary head and aged frame exposed to the pitiless pelting of the storm, affords the great dramatic opportunity of painting a scene that has since been employed whenever the hideousness of ingratitude was to be most significantly illustrated.

"Old sharper than a serpent's tooth
It is, to have a thankless child!" Our modern scribes afford some remarkable instances of ingratitude, which, though not so touching and affecting as that exhibited in the cases of Lear or of Cardinal Wolsey, which, in fact, though rather of the ludicrous order in themselves, still serve to point a moral and adorn a tale, and to show that human nature has not improved under the Radical process of enlightenment.

We recall four memorable examples: The former Provisional Governor of North Carolina, who owned his investiture with the fascinations of title, and that the balance of the population must become in some form the employed laborers. The white race, trained to labor, and knowing its power, are always content to be employed, until they are capable or able to become proprietors. In this way the interests of employer and employee become identical, and they become a help to each other, and the skilled and industrious laborer is stimulated to work, expecting at some day to become an owner and an employer.

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And, lastly: It is well known that here, in our own goodly city, the number of white Radicals is hardly in excess of fifty, while the same disposed have registered some twelve hundred or more. Without them, the "party" would be so insignificant in all respects that the most powerful microscope couldn't discern it. And yet, in apportioning municipal distinctions, the negroes are only permitted to hope for three out of eleven honors!

OLD VIRGINIA AROUSED.
We call attention to the telegraphic accounts of the meeting on yesterday, in Richmond, of the Conservative State Convention. Eight hundred delegates were present at the organization, composed of the best blood and the true men in the Old Dominion. They are the sons of those noble sires who lived in better, prouder days, who revered the Constitution and the law and loved the Union. Their sons stand upon the same platform, and their voices will be heard.

BANKRUPT ADVERTISING.—The Old North State devotes nearly three columns of its last issue to the Standard and Judge Brooks, in ventilating the question whether or not the Bankrupt advertising must, in all cases, be given to the Standard and the Executive State Committee to meet in Convention in this State. Let them come from Currituck to Cherokee, let the best and best men of the State rally and be on hand at that time.

A negro delegate in the Virginia Convention, advocating the \$5 per day, closed with the following knock-down argument:

"It might be that some of the members were not worth more than \$5 per day. It was worth more to sleep from home, to leave your wife, than to stay at home. If you don't pay me a fair price for services you'll force him to stop."

That followed an eye to all the chamber certain.

THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE. speaking of the fifty-seven members of Congress who voted for the impeachment of the President, says:

"The time is not far distant when the men who thus deliberately gibbered their names, followed by the scorpion-lash of popular scorn, will cry in their agony for the mountains to fall and the rocks to hide them from the odium they have incurred."

On Monday night last, Mr. Patrick Curtis, of Petersburg, Va., went to his stable to find his horse, he was seized by a negro man named Shadrack Adams and shot through the neck by a pistol, shot which passed to the rear of the neck. The negro was arrested and identified and will be tried. His object was to rob Mr. C.—Mr. C. is likely to recover to witness against him.

SPOTS ON THE IMPEACHMENT QUESTION.—When the vote was taken on the impeachment question a number of the members had on hand, unspoken, carefully and elaborately prepared speeches on the subject. An opportunity, however, will be hereafter forced to deliver them in Committee of the whole or in the state of the Union, though they will be somewhat out of date.

MR. DOOLITTLE'S AMENDMENT.—The telegram furnished us, on yesterday, an abstract of this gentleman's proposed amendment to the Reconstruction Act, which embraces the idea of qualified negro suffrage. It will probably be defeated, for we are glad that Messrs. Dooley & Doolittle have brought the Radicals to the "stalemate point." We will help on the great question. Mr. Davis, of Kentucky, rebuked the sentiment of the country, when he declared, in his place in the Senate, on Monday, that "this was a white man's government and ever would be." The friends of this country will never consent to have a President forced on them by negro electoral votes.

A NUMBER of negroes, with others, will soon be engaged in this City, in forming a Constitution for the old State of North Carolina. In New York, Ohio, and other Northern and Western States, there very much engaged, would not be allowed now to enter in Congress.

In the course of debate in Congress, last Saturday, Thad Stevens stated that "new States would be coming in from week to week for the next ten weeks." Whatever that may mean.

RECONSTRUCTION.

The intimation, come from what source it may, that the Conservative people of this State are opposed to the restoration of harmony and peace between the sections of the Union, is false—barely false. There is nothing that Conservatives more so much desire as the restoration of the Constitution and the Union—the return of complete concord and peace between the two sections. It was this desire that led to the unanimous acquiescence of our people in the surrender of our armies, and their readiness to make the sacrifices required of the South in the Johnson policy.

Why do they ignore and object to the Radical policy? Is it because they are opposed to a settlement of our difficulties? Are they disloyal to the government? or untrue to the Union? By no means.

They object, because that policy is opposed to Union.

Because it is unconstitutional and therefore destructive of Union.

Because it ignores the old government, and the old principles of the Constitution.

Because it violates nature and the laws of God.

Because it arrays race against race.

Because it makes the government and its property subservient to a party.

Because it is the means of keeping a corrupt party in power.

Because it is unjust, inhuman and vindictive, conceived in iniquity and born in sin.

The murderers, who are reported to be colored men, then attacked Mrs. Nethercutt by striking her upon the head with a chair.

Report says that Mrs. Nethercutt's skull was broken by the blow and that she cannot survive. The murderers then proceeded to lock the children of the family in the smoke house next to the dwelling, and ransacked and railed the house. During the night the children made their escape from the smoke house and gave the alarm to the neighbors.

Word was at once sent to Trenton and Newbern and parties were started to ferret out the murderers or pursue them. Major Van Horne, the commandant of this post, at once sent a detachment or troops under command of Lt. Fletcher to the scene of the outrage.

Sheriff Colquitt of Jones County, is also in pursuit.

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