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THE RECONSTRUCTION FRAUD.

The liberty of action allotted the citizens of Mississippi, Texas, and Virginia, under this last reconstruction measure, is simply no liberty at all; however their voices may be heard, there is no voice in which they will be heard, and that to the direct and exclusive advantage of the Radical party. We do not say that the citizens of these States may fairly defeat the entire instruments, known as "constitutions," that are to be submitted, or any portions thereof, in case of a divided submission; nor do we say but that they may fairly elect any Governor, Legislature, State officers, or Federal Representatives, that they may nominate. Indeed, we do believe that by their superior political skill they will carry their policy, whatever it may be, at the polls. But what of that? The second section of this reconstruction credit reads:

And be it further enacted, That the proceedings in any of the said States shall not be deemed final, or operate as a complete restoration thereof, until their action respecting shall be approved by Congress.

Now, as nothing is to be final, or operate as a complete restoration, until approved by Congress, it is to be the Congressional approval, and not the popular act in any or all of these three States, that is to do the work. Will Congress approve the defeat of the so-called constitutions in whole or in part, of the election of a Conservative Governor, or of a Legislature that will not ratify the negro equality amendment, or of Democratic Representatives, United States Senators, or State officers? We know not. He who thinks so is wilfully blind to the temper and a spidily ignorant of the record of that delegation to the Forty-first Congress, and not one of the names has been, or will be, admitted. South Carolina presented a mixed delegation, and the representatives were taken, and the representatives left. Mississippi, Texas, and Virginia have, within these few weeks past, seen every single one of their State officers ejected from office by Congress, which has the right to hold State offices on a pledged adherence to Radical interests. There are things that are of record, and not to be denied. The "Times" for not its reputation lies them, or any of them; and yet it would persuade the citizens of these three outlying States that their will, as expressed at the ballot box, is to be the law. Why, this very seventh section we have quoted gives a plain-blank contradiction to such a view. It is expressly stated that not the ballot box, but the Congressional approval, is to decide all that is to be decided. Let the vote go as it will, "nothing is to stand until Congress be willing to have it stand." What the citizens of these States may do under these circumstances is for them to say; but this abominable system of fraud shall not before them without at least one voice of protestation, exposure and warning.

It is the fixed purpose of the Radical majority in Congress to admit no Senator or Representative from the South that will not act and vote with that majority. In every single case where a seat is now contested, the Radical contestants are to be sworn in; and to any future election the same rule is to apply. The five contested Louisiana seats, the one in South Carolina, and the six seats to be filled from Alabama, the seven from Georgia, the five from Mississippi, the four from Texas, and the eight from Virginia, are to be settled on the single principle that none but Radicals need apply.—*N. Y. World.*

WHAT A COTTON MILL COSTS.

Col. Palmer, President of the Vicksburg Manufacturing Co., in his paper read before the Agricultural Society, made an estimate of the cost of erecting a cotton factory. The total expense of erecting a factory for 4,000 spindles, including houses for operatives, he estimates at \$100,000. Such a factory would employ 27 operatives and consume 200 bushels of cotton annually. The net profits would amount to \$17,000 or 84 per cent. on the cost.

If his figures are correct, there are few investments more profitable. And in addition to the direct profit, there are numerous indirect gains, which are shared by the whole community in the vicinity of such factories. The gathering together of a number of operatives, who must be fed, clothed and supplied with fuel, furniture, etc., will furnish a market for many articles of home production which otherwise would be of little value. Would not be well for persons having surplus means to look into this matter and see whether a stock company can be formed, for the establishment of a cotton factory in this country!—*Yorkville Enquirer.*

JOSH BILLINGS IN THE EDITOR'S CHAIR.

His Answers to Correspondents.—
Friend—You are obliged to ask a gal's mother if you are to go home with her from a party; get the gal's endorsement, and go in. It is proper enough to ask her to take your arm, but you hasn't got no right to put your arm around her waist, unless you meet a bear on the road, and then you are bound to take your arm away just as soon as the bear gets safely by.

Whip—You are right; unless live to a good age; I've known them myself to live one hundred years, and not half as long. You are also right about their being sore footed; I've known them to kick a boy twice in a week, ten feet apart.

Gentleman—Your inquiry, stamps me. The more I think on it the more I don't tell. As near as I can rekolok now I think I don't know. Much more to be said both ways, and neither way be right. Upon the whole, I rather think I would, or I wouldn't, just as I thought less or otherwise.

Plutus—You're mistaken; the Shakers don't marry. If young Shakers fall in love, they are not to wedding unions, and keeps them forthwith. I kann tell you how much it does to the Shakers, but I believe the expense used to be, including having your hair cut and learning how to dance, about \$25.

Sophistry—Your legality is not exactly in my line but I have to rap as follows, to

make it clear to the public.

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