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TWO MORE LIES NAILED TO THE CROSS BY A SINGLE SHOT.

We never had the slightest suspicion that Postmaster General Gresham had used language disrespectful of Southern Republicans, but we felt it our duty to the present administration to get the very best authority for giving it the lie. And as to the lie started by Democratic editors against Hon. George C. Graham, it was so perfectly monstrous that we at once denounced it in its proper terms. The following correspondence will explain itself:

WILMINGTON, N. C., Aug. 17, 1883.

Hon. George C. Graham, U. S. Senator.

My DEAR SIR:—I clip the following from a Democratic paper of this State:

"Postmaster General Gresham has expressed an opinion concerning Southern Republicans. He was in conversation with Col. Brown, a prominent Georgia Republican, when the latter was astonished by the Postmaster-General remarking that the 'Southern Republicans are the worst set of scoundrels that have come in your way since any man was ever put in any office.'"

Can it be possible that a member of President Arthur's official family has the audacity to insult Southern Republicans by using the language credited to him above?

Very respectfully yours,

W. P. CANADAY.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 2, 1883.

My DEAR CANADAY:—I was in New York when your letter reached Washington, and did not return until the 31st. I had before that been away all but one week of the preceding two months, and really I was so much behind with correspondence that I did not know where to begin to dig out my mail. I will make a few of my most interesting and considerable friends wait, myself among the number. I should be sorry indeed to think my delay had been construed into any lack of friendship or regard.

As Postmaster General Gresham refused to answer the matter of which you write, and he denies most positively the use of the expressions you quote, or intimates that he says that in a conversation with the Georgian alluded to, the latter was very aggressive and charged to be the attorney for all Georgia Republicans, and not being recognized as such, he became offended and asked if the Postmaster-General did not consider the Southern Republicans a set of scoundrels. He repeated his question, and was told by the Postmaster-General that he thought some of them were. He utterly disclaims having made any remarks reflecting upon Southern Republicans in general.

And now as to the language attributed to me in your newspaper, in regard to the South and its people, I assure you that I have not thought, much less spoken, in any different manner from that of my address at Wilmington on the 30th of May. If any remarks of a different character have been attributed to me in the mystery of a newspaper, I thank you for your prompt contradiction of it. What sort of conduct of the Georgian organization is that it has no other use for the national government than the South had during the war, except to have that government supply all its necessities. This I say because of utterances as are quoted in the Atlanta Georgian of yesterday, from the Natchez (Miss.) Phoenix. Read it and republish it. This letter is not private.

I am, faithfully, your friend,

GEO. C. GRAHAM,

U. S. SENATOR, WILMINGTON, N. C.

We clip the following from the National Republican of September 1st, 1883:

A BROTHERN PEACE OFFERING.

We invite the readers attention to the editorial article in another column of this page taken from the Natchez (Miss.) Phoenix of the twenty-second instant, and which we have headed "A New Mississippi Plan." The paper was handed us by Hon. John R. Lynch, of Natchez, Miss., the well known colored Republican ex-member of Congress from that district, and from whom we made the clipping. This statement is made to show the reader that the article is not a fabrication imposed upon us by another paper, but that it is an earnest and sober statement by a leading Democrat editor. It is proper to state that it was not furnished by Mr. Lynch as the basis for opposition to the so-called fusion which it advocates, and defenders, but that on the contrary it was by him offered in evidence to show us that some Mississippi Democrats were not as bad as others. This arrangement is a proposed combination between the Democratic and the Republican organizations. The New Orleans Times-Democrat having

assailed it through a misunderstanding of its scope, the Natchez editor comes to its defense. After explaining that the New Orleans editor had mistaken a fusion of the two parties for county organizations, and that only a fusion of "the better element of both has been sought," he proves the claim of his Democratic fusion friends to be considered "the better element" by the following blood curdling statement:

"To save themselves from being at the mercy of the corrupt or incompetent men who court and too often control the ignorant masses, one of three courses was found to be necessary for the intelligent and tax paying portion of the community to pursue. These were to keep the ignorant men from the polls or ballot box; to so manipulate the ballot box as to prevent the Republicans from electing their men; or, to compromise with the most sensible and conservative portion of the Republicans, on condition that they should men of sufficient character to enable them to make a bond."

This representative of the milder class of Mississippi Democrats—this type of the better element with which Mr. Lynch desires us he has decided to co-operate, declares that only one of these three things—viz. violence, fraud, or compromise—is to be thought of for a moment. He does not leave us to doubt his meaning, but in his anxiety to convince his New Orleans brother Democrat, he declares with shocking directness:

"Building, including murder and violence of all kinds, or ballot box stuffing, which embraces crimes of even a meaner class than building, were put in the scale with an honest compromise, etc., etc."

In neither side of the scale was there any suggestion of a free ballot, and a fair count. The editors must be agreed on before election day, and the voting for them the only voting which can be respected by these better elements. Votes against the ticket cut and dried to meet Democratic approval are not to enter into the calculation. The candidates are to be satisfactory to the men who offer submission to their own will as the only alternative to murder and ballot box stuffing. "The standard of 'good local government' erected by these defilers of law is to be accepted mockingly by their opponents, at the price of their lives or their right to be counted as voters." Says this uncommonly frank and outspoken Democrat: "In a choice between these three courses (viz. murder, robbery, or compromise), we can hardly imagine how a community of civilized beings could best be governed. Certainly the ordinary and properness that would make such a crime seem oppressive to the Democratic side would be somewhat discouraging to citizens of the better element, weary of bloodshed and crime, and seeking the repose which the virtuous alone can know." He says that in his county "the people" jumped at the decision in favor of the fusion. "The peaceable fruits of this righteous action are thus happily presented by him."

AFTER SCALPS.

Embodied in successful blustering over a declared non-combatant, the editor of the News and Observer seems disposed to visit his insatiable prowess upon the editor of the Post. At least such an inference is fairly deducible from the personalities in which "Editor Ashe" has recently indulged with reference to our Mr. Canaday. Now, we beg to inform this doughty gentleman in time that there are editors and editors in North Carolina, and that in proceeding upon the pacific character of the profession as a body, he may wake up some fine morning and find himself awkwardly mistaken. The conduct and career of the Post, as well as the public and official acts of its editor, are open for general criticism, however severe, but in entering the editorial career one does not wear his private character upon his sleeve "for laws to peck at." Collector Canaday, like Capt. Ashe, has often been a candidate before the people, and like him, has often been defeated. But Collector Canaday has always been made by the unanimous vote of his party, and in a district claimed by the Democrats by twenty-four hundred majority, he has run from five to fifteen hundred votes ahead of his ticket. He was elected Mayor of Wilmington by the combined votes of Republicans and Democrats, and continued in office by the unanimous vote of a Democratic Legislature. Has the office-seeking propensities of others? The great difference between "Editor Ashe" and ourself is this: that while we have drawn pay for its equivalent in services from an opulent and powerful government, he has not in paupered ease at the expense of an overburdened and impoverished State. Our pay has come from a government that pays all its debts; his from one that has to repudiate its bonded obligations to non-residents in making demands of its voracious home officials. As to our production as to the success of the Liberal Republican coalition in 1854, the future must decide. As to the charge that our Mr. Canaday wishes to disburse the campaign funds of his party, he hopes

he is not laconic at the expense of courtesy—of the Democratic sort, at least—when he says that is a lie. And if it is charged that such privilege of disbursement is sought, or would be sought by him for dishonest ends, then he must plead the infirmity of human nature for his rudeness in answering that such a statement is a deliberate, malicious and infamous falsehood.

CARD No. 2.

We really thought that we had done with Gov. Holden, at least for this issue, and if he keeps on writing cards at the present rate, we shall have to abandon him in despair, or devote to him our entire paper, of which alternatives we doubt not that our readers would prefer the former. We promise them that they shall not be troubled with him after this number, but as we have "got our hand in" now, it is probably best to dispose of both his unique contributions to the News and Observer at one "sitting." We must apprise our readers that the "mighty instrument of little men" has aided "the mental throes" of his ex-excellency in the birth of another production as remarkable as his first astonishing explanation. After inviting the scrutiny of the public, by publishing the fact of his base and ungrateful defection, he now seems to think it hard that he has received the criticism which he challenged. He asserts the novel and surprising fact that a man has a right in this country to join the Democratic party, and edit a paper for it. This is true, though practically speaking, one might well doubt the right to join the opposing party. So one has a right to lie—if he keep clear of slander and perjury—and be a hypocrite and a traitor to his best friends; that is to say the laws will not molest him for such. But there are clear legal "rights" which no good man cares to exercise, as the "right" to change one's party as often as a man does his shoes or his hat. That they exist in full force in North Carolina, Mr. Holden has practically demonstrated. He is, kind enough to tell us, at least, that he is not yet a Democrat, nor does he design to edit a Democratic paper, though he opines that he could "do it up brown" if he were minded to take hold. The last we do not doubt. Nothing could be more congenial to his nature than the charge of a Bourbon sheet of the day. He continually says that he is not a Democrat, but it is merely the matter of a moment with such a "lightning changer" to become one. We think this is said somewhat modestly and tentatively from an apprehension that the haughty Bourbons will not have him. No changes there, Governor. Remember Greeley and Ben Butler. Already some of the boy editors (though a little mystified, like Hart, that it should have taken you so long to detect the vices of your late associates) are beginning to "talk up" for you, and while the greyer heads regard this as a little rash and premature, "what the old folks talk the young ones learn." Why, Governor, if you had been sharp enough to have turned Democrat when you turned Baptist, you might have been in Ransom's place. But we'll not vex you by inspiring vain regrets.

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you now to the future and your God, and alas! we fear, to the laceration of those thorns which in your bosom lodge, to prick and sting you! When we reflect upon the querulousness, the boastful garrulity and the sentimental platitudes which mark your second career, charity suggests the melancholy hope that a restless and impatient second childhood is the source of that conduct which looks so dishonoring to you. In mercy we would offer this bitter balsam to the hearts of the few that are left to love you, while they deplore your degeneracy.

City Items.

Rev. Haywood Miller preached at the county jail on Sunday.

Mr. J. A. Springer sent out the first postal note from the Wilmington postoffice.

The Southern Telegraph Company expect to finish their line to Wilmington soon.

The foreign exports from this port during the month of August footed up in valuation \$110,334.

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The habit of throwing grape hulls on the sidewalks of the city is very reprehensible and should be put a stop to at once before mischief results.

A total of only 29 vessels arrived here during the month of August, of 23 were Americans. The total tonnage was 10,428, of which 7,869 were Americans.

Rev. T. Page Ricard delivered a lecture last night, at the Fifth Street Methodist church, at the request of the Independent Order of Rechabites, on the subject of temperance.

"Dr." H. E. Scott left Friday for Dakota, expecting to return home about the 1st of December. He says he will never, no never, desert old North Carolina.

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We are pleased to be able to announce that Messrs. Pearson & Brown, the popular Front street barbers, have secured a continuance of their lease on the present stand now occupied by them, next door north of the splendid dry goods store of R. M. McIntire. If you want a good shave call at Pearson & Brown.

Wilmington and Baltimore.

The new Baltimore and Wilmington Steamship line, of which there has been so much talk, goes into effect tomorrow, on which day the steamship Raleigh will sail on her first trip from Baltimore to this port, returning on Thursday next, the 10th inst. Capt. Littlefield commands the steamer and Capt. A. D. Cazaux is to officiate as agent here. We hope the inducements will be sufficient to warrant the putting on of an additional steamer soon.

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