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The Republican Nominee for Lieutenant-Governor.

General Barringer is an elder in the Second Presbyterian church of Charlotte, a "brother in Christ" of Rev. Dr. Miller, Rev. Dr. Harding, Gen. John A. Young, J. H. Wilson, Esq., Dr. Scarr, and others of the Presbyterian churches of Charlotte, and R. W. Allison, M. W. Johnston, Nathaniel Johnston, and others, of the Concord Presbyterian church. All of them are christian gentlemen, and were owners of negroes, who now are residents of Charlotte and Concord. General Barringer was a slave holder, and has been a resident of Concord as well as Charlotte; stands high in the church, and with his fellow elders and the membership of the christian church; yet, in the face of all this, he charges to that negro convention that every democrat, who says he would not have his slaves back, is a liar.

General Barringer complains of ostracism. What can he expect, when he brands gentlemen who are every way in culture, honor, social standing, truthfulness, fellow members of the church, brother office bearers in the christian church, on this question, liars. They assert, have done it over and over again, that they are glad they are rid of their slaves, and would not have them back again if they could. The question at issue is, do they lie? as General Barringer charges, or is he a liar? Pity General Barringer finds it necessary, in order to hold the negro vote, to descend to device so foul. No honorable white man will do it, and the general's high sense of honor must make him ashamed of it.—*Concord Register.*

R. Barringer, the candidate for lieutenant-governor, is not a popular man. He is a man of sense, was a good confederate brigadier, is a successful lawyer, and whilst he makes a fair speech as to ability, he is not eloquent, he is not persuasive, he is not magnetic. He appears to have been soured because the people of North Carolina did not throw up their hats when they saw a "confederate brigadier" deserting his old allies and friends and uniting himself with a party that was plundering, abusing, and ruining the people. We have personally respect for Gen. Barringer, but we, in common with ninety nine white men in a hundred in North Carolina, can only censure him for his past and present course.

Here is a man who deserted the native whites at a time of great peril to the state, who does not hesitate to brand as liars all decent people who may say that they are satisfied with the freeing of the negroes, and would not return to slavery if they could. Because Gen. Barringer cannot truthfully so declare he pronounces all men liars who may differ from him.—*Wilmington Star.*

The democrats of the eighth congressional district have re-nominated Hon. R. B. Vance.

A Rich Speech.

Long to be remembered in the annals of the North Carolina press convention will be the meeting held in Asheville. Naturally an editor and a North Carolinian has a supreme veneration for the fair sex, but when beauty comes in troops and battalions, they yield willing obedience, and become intoxicated with the perfume of loveliness. In this condition must have been that member who made the following response to the toast of woman:

He advanced to the front of the platform, blandly smiling as he said: Woman! Oh, woman,

"Whose fragrance fills the land;
Whose beauty stars the earth,
And lights the hearths of happy homes
With loveliness and worth"

I am at a loss to know, Mr. President, why I have been called on to respond to the toast of woman. I am not a woman, nor never have been one. [Cheers.] Yet I am closely related to several of that sex. One of them I have the honor to call by the endearing name of mother [applause], three claim me as sisters. [Laughter.] I mean I claim them as sisters, and one (only one) so far, honored me with her heart and hand [vociferous applause] My countrymen, can you tell me why the young unmarried men of the press are called on to respond to such a toast as this? What do they know of the magic influence of her sweet by-and-by? Of the impressiveness of the rolling pin, or sweeping power of the broom-handle when wielded by her precious jeweled hands? [Continued applause.] Sir, in the language of the greatest of America's living statesmen—Zeb Vance, who recently plucked a lovely flower from the weeds of widowhood [cheers for Vance]—the man who fails to respond to woman is not fit to occupy the proud pre-eminence of a member of the North Carolina press association, and deserves the condign punishment of being put in the revenue service after moonshiners. [Deafening applause.] Sir, ever since the invention of the corset woman has been in favor of the press; that accounts why the veteran editor of the *Raleigh Observer* has such a reduced form. [Cheers and laughter.]

Woman, my countrymen, is as chaste as an icicle, yet not so cheerless; as pure as the snowflake, yet not as cold. Sir, she is like the ray of the sunbeam that concentrating its focal power on the heaviest iron bridge, can lift its weightiest beams from their sockets, and old ocean, even, from his briny bed. Her smiles can raise up a man from the deepest bed of gloom or the heaviest sea of despondency. Sir, she is like the rainbow that spans the heavens, telling of future joy and peace and sunshine amid the darkest surroundings. She is an Iris in the storm of life to man. [Tremendous cheering—the ladies waving fans and handkerchiefs.] Without her influence and example, Harrell would never have been a poet, Battle a statesman, or Stone a philosopher. [Laughter.] The North Carolina press association would lose its guiding star, chart and compass, and the *North Carolina Farmer* would suspend, for Eanis would "flee the realm." [Cheers and laughter.] When I am summoned hence, as a mother's fond caress greeted me on my entrance into the world, so let a wife's soothing hand wipe the dews of death from my brow and smooth the rolling waves of Jordan until I safely reach the other shore. Were this convention called upon now to decide whether they would have "woman without the world" or the "world

without woman," one unanimous vote would be recorded for "woman," though some of the members might say they were for man, yet as for me, give me woman, and you may have the world and the rest of mankind, including the mother-in-law. [The speaker retired in a shower of bouquets.]

The Republican Platform.

A synopsis of the platform adopted by the republican state convention is given below:

SECTION 1. Approves and endorses the nominations at Chicago, and also the platform of the national convention.

SEC. 2. Attacks the consolidation and engrossment of the railroad systems of the state.

SEC. 3. Attacks the sale of the Western North Carolina railroad, as ill-advised, and not a relief to the taxpayers.

SEC. 4. Renews pledges of continued efforts for a public school system.

SEC. 5. Pledges protection of the rights and the political and educational interests of the working man.

SEC. 6. Opposes the constitutional amendments adopted by the convention of 1875 as unconstitutional, and further declares that the democratic party is the foe of representative government and of the people.

SEC. 7. Opposes the present system of county government, as utterly subversive of the rights of the people.

SEC. 8. Denounces the democratic party as an oligarchy; refers to the tendency to concentrate dangerous power in the hands of a few; denounces the landlord and tenants, and denounces the present road laws as oppressive.

Mrs. Surratt's Counsel.—John T. Clappett, the only surviving attorney for Mrs. Surratt, said last night that Hancock was the best selection the convention could have made. "It is a splendid nomination," said Mr. Clappett, with emphasis, "and his part in the Surratt execution will not affect him, as the general only obeyed the order of his superiors, and that is recognized by all well informed democrats. General Hancock was not in the court room during the entire time, and on the morning of the execution came into the penitentiary and was met by me. Hancock said: 'I am carrying out the death sentence, and it is the most painful act of my life. I would rather take chances on the battle field, but I am a soldier and must obey orders.'"

NO ELECTORAL COMMISSION THIS TIME.—Putus down as predicting not less than 261 votes for Hancock and English in the electoral college. It requires 185 to elect Garfield and Arthur will be buried. No returning boards or electoral commissions will have a part in deciding the next election. The people will do the electing, and they will do it well for General Hancock that Garfield will wonder what he was running at all for.—*New Haven Union.*

OHIO.—Ohio furnished 31,000 soldiers to the war for the union. Several scores of thousands of these men are still alive and in Ohio, and will vote in November. And thousands of these will vote for General Hancock who never before voted a democratic ticket. Why should Ohio be forever called a republican state? Why should not Hancock's name carry Ohio in October.—*Cincinnati Enquirer.*

A Chinaman on Hancock and Garfield

"What's your opinion of the respective nominees for president?" asked an *Argus* reporter yesterday morning while poking his head into the door of Uh La King's laundry.

The answer came bird-like and musical: "Me no cales damme what Melican man do. Him no likee Chinaman anyhow. Him go to Chicago and Pigginnatti and makee muchee hullah. He makee Melican wood aloud president, which him callee platform. Him blaste me in platform and callee him Chinese plank."

The reporter suggested that the Chinese plank was more for California than any other place.

"Newspaper lepote muchee sucke. He can no fool me. Melican man he jealous by Chinaman. Chinaman no care for Melican president. Me see him picture of Hancock in Pluck (*Puck*) Him standee straight up, up like looster, and have coat blutoned up all aloud neck, allee samee likee so (indicating with both hands tightly buttoned around neck.) He no wearee shirtee wliht coat likee that. Chinaman can no makee molney out suchee man. Giansfield him wear coat allee samee like Hancock. Him sayee likee Chinaman once—now he no likee him more. Him eatee clow. Lepublican no likee me; me no likee lepuplican. Dlemocrat no likee me; me no likee dlemocrat. Chinaman wishee blth go to hellee."

"Good-by," said our man.

"Blye, Blye," was the echo.

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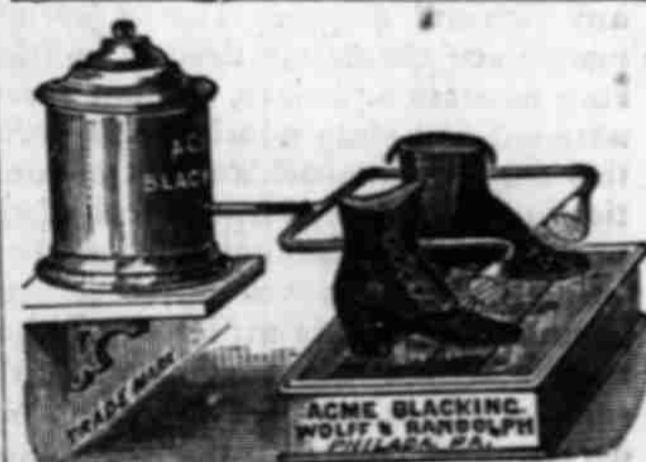
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