

The Raleigh Register.

"Our are the plans of fair delightful peace,
Unshared by party rage to live like brothers."

RALEIGH, N. C.

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James Buchanan, President of the United States, is in favor of Distribution, therefore the Raleigh Standard does "not regard" him as "one of the members of the Democratic Party," but "rejects him, despises him, and utterly repudiates him." —RALEIGH STANDARD.

AS WE EXPECTED.

Several days since we said to a friend in our office that if Commodore Paulding received any censure from the President for his flagrant outrage in Nicaragua, it would be of as nature as very mild as almost to amount to commendation.—

This opinion was induced by a remark of the Washington Union that Paulding's "appeal was bold and frank, and would be met, it had no doubt, in a proper spirit." The President's communication to Congress, it will be seen, looks to anything but the expulsion of Paulding from the Navy, or even to severe censure, for an offence which, had it been committed against one of the great powers of the world, would have involved the country in a war. He says that while Com. Paulding committed a great error in arresting Walker, it is evident that he was actuated by patriotic motives, and desirous to promote the interests of the country; that Nicaragua sustains no injury by the act, she alone has the right to complain, and it is quite evident that she will never exercise that right.

So there it is, "Commodore Paulding committed a great error," but "it is evident he was actuated by patriotic motives." Well, we have heard of one's being "damned with faint praise," but here we have a clear case of a man being praised with faint damages. The best and the wisest, if not prone to err, are liable to do so. "To err is human," &c., &c., and if the President believes, as he says, that Paulding was actuated by patriotic motives, he cannot consent to anything but the mildest sort of rebuke to him. For our own part, we believe that Paulding was actuated by a spirit of that bullying arrogance, which long habits of command are apt to engender in natures like his. He knew he had the power; he knew that the country whose soil he outraged by his invading step, had not the ability to resent the aggression, and, therefore, he perpetrated it. In looking at this case, we should make a great mistake were we to consider it only in the light of the outrage to Nicaragua. Paulding's object was to exercise a protection over Nicaragua—to expel from her territory those whom he chose to consider as invaders of it. This is truly a modest and moderate assumption of power by a Navy officer, whose business is to obey the instructions of his superiors, and not arbitrate vexed questions, as to which is, and which is not, the legal government of any country. But, besides this, if a United States officer can be intermeddled with the domestic affairs of a foreign nation, will not the Commodores and Admirals of Great Britain claim and exercise a similar privilege, and thus would there not be presented the very beautiful spectacle of the Navy officers of the two nations settling between them, the internal administration of a country foreign to them, and independent of them? These are the logical results of Commodore Paulding's patriotic (?) movement upon Nicaragua.

But where can we find language to do justice to the chivalrous (?) declaration that it is not probable that Nicaragua will complain of Paulding's act? She is weak and poor, and will not "complain," inasmuch as she has no force wherewith to back her complaints. Suppose Paulding had committed a like trespass on British territory. He would have been promptly brought to trial, and our swift naval steamer would at once have been despatched to England, freighted with a cargo of apologies!!

THE RALEIGH STANDARD.

This well-fed journal must excuse us for declining to let it do either our thinking or speaking. It is not true that we ever thought or said that the people should be prohibited from peacefully assembling and expressing their approval or disapproval of the conduct of their public servants. So far from thinking any such thing, we both thought and said, and think and say now, precisely the reverse. But we did think and say, and now repeat, that such meetings as the one on which we commented, furnish not the smallest index of the sentiments of a majority of the voters of this country—the true source of all political power. We said further, and now repeat, that President Buchanan's administration has, in nine months time, been brought to bed with as bad an abortion as can be found recorded in the history of political abortions; nor can all the men midwives, or accoucheurs, in the land, with Standard at their head, make any thing but an abortion out of it. We were not aware

before, that the Standard was so dainty and delicate, and we must, therefore mind our p's and q's with it. Our half is to "call a spade a spade," and not "an iron utensil whereby to excavate terra firma." We were not, and are not, aware that we outraged "decency" when we said Buchanan's administration was an abortion. If it is indeed in the Standard's estimation, to tell the truth, then we have acted indecently, and shall offend many a time in the same manner. We do so now, when we say that Mr. Buchanan's administration has proved an abortion, a dead and irremediable failure. And has it not? Look in Congress—look in the States—look everywhere through the land, and are there not seen proofs upon proofs that Buchanan's administration has most egregiously failed?

On this head we are not without good Democratic authority. The Standard knows Mr. A. M. Kelly, late of the Petersburg Democrat, and knows him to be a good Democrat as itself. Let it read the following extract from Mr. Kelly's letter on rising from his post:

THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE VIRGINIA DOWNTOWN.—It would be impossible, if indeed, the experiments were worth the trouble of a trial, to say that the present administration deserves that, before the year has rolled over its head, unopposed by an army of the gravest and most perplexing difficulties.

It is not, however, to be remarked, impossible to disguise this state of things, but there is more, no excuse for the effort. Conveniences is not care, nor are dangers always, or necessarily, care.

Mr. Buchanan was elected to the Presidency under circumstances less favorable to an honest, unassisted administration of the duties of his high office than that has ever existed in the past era of Chief Magistracy in the Republic. A Northern man was fated by a destiny of infinite carelessness, every act of unwiseance of his administration. Herein lies the secret, and it is a sad commentary upon the condition of our people that should be subjected to such an ignominious pre-judgment, for no higher or wiser cause than the accident of birth.

Here we see that no matter what reasons brought Mr. Kelly to the conclusion, there can be no doubt that he has reached the one at which we have arrived, that Buchanan's administration has failed.

To show what Mr. Kelly, who certainly ought to know the Democracy, thinks are the causes of this signal failure, we give one more extract from his letter:

Such is the state of affairs. The history of original and progress is yet to be written, but, if ever it be, it will unfold a record of political dishonesty, profligacy, bargaining and treachery to our own camp which finds no parallel in history except in the corrupt days of the Roman Empire. There is, in the ranks of the Democracy of this country, a faction of self-seeking traders, the vulgar, the coarse, the unprincipled, the vulgar, the politicians, whose honesty even, are mysterious, incomprehensible to their minds as they are foreign to their hearts—men who, from the hour that Mr. Buchanan was nominated in the Cincinnati Convention to the present day, have devoted themselves with ardor to the destruction of the principles of the South, and to the destruction of the independence of the country.

The above is a picture drawn by a Democrat of the great Democratic "camp," so often held up to us as a camp of patriots, harmoniously acting for the country's good.

But this is not all. We call the Standard's attention to the position just taken by its second choice for the Presidency, the Little Giant, on the Nicaragua business. The breach on the Kansas matter between Buchanan and the Small Giant, in all consciousness was wide enough, but when we add to it the conflict about Paulding's conduct in Nicaragua, the gulf is almost equal to the one between Lazarus and Dives. Mr. Buchanan, we think, had better resign, and if the Standard wishes to act the part of a true friend, it will at once advise him to do so.

THE OUTRAGE ON NICARAGUA.

A large meeting of the citizens of Petersburg was held on Wednesday evening at which the annexed resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Whereas, certain Naval officers of the United States have lately perpetrated a great outrage on the soil of a friendly Republic and assumed a high handed stretch of authority amounting to little less than the equivalent of the acts of piracy committed by the Constitution in Congress. Therefore, it is resolved by the citizens of Petersburg assembled irrespective of party to consider the grievances.

1. That the recent armed invasion of the territory of Nicaragua, and subsequent capture of General Walker, and his successor, Com. Paulding, by Commodore Paulding of the United States Navy, was an assumption of authority not warranted by the laws of the United States, in contravention of the international law, an insult to the independent Republic of Nicaragua, and a flagrant outrage upon the character of the American Government.

2. That the said acts of usurpation and outrage by Commodore Paulding, should receive prompt rebuke and exemplary punishment from the Government of the United States.

3. That copies of these resolutions be communicated to each of the Senators and Representatives of Virginia in the Congress of the United States.

4. That the proceedings of this meeting, by published in the city papers, with a request that the papers of the State shall copy.

THE N. C. CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

In connection with an advertisement to be found in another column we take pleasure in copying the following paragraph from the Petersburg Express. Our old friend "Crutch" has done us brother Heflin so very gently that we adopt his language concerning his journal:

The Advocate is one of the ablest religious journals in the South, and its editor defends the peculiar tenets of his church with more skill and knowledge than any other department is faithfully attended to, and, always, repays perusal. Among our religious exchanges, there are none so open with more interest than the Advocate, and we take pleasure in recommending it to our readers. The terms are reasonable, and no Methodist family in North Carolina, should content themselves without the paper. Success to the Advocate.

MEETING OF THE DEMOCRATIC STATE COMMITTEE.

The Democratic Executive State Committee met on Friday last in this City, and, after due consultation, fixed upon Wednesday, April 14th, as the day, and Charlotte as the place, for the holding of the State Convention of the Democratic party of North Carolina.

THE EIGHTH OF JANUARY.—The "Oak City Guards" celebrated this anniversary by a parade and salute.

Description of the Baptist Church, now in course of erection in Raleigh, N. C.

By T. R. SKINNER, Pastor.

This building will be a very handsome and substantial one, in the "Decorated English Style" of architecture. It will consist of a nave eighty by fifty feet in the clear, with side wings in transept form in which will be stairs to the galleries and entrances to the several floors of the building.

In the centre of the main front will be a twenty foot square at least, projecting from the face of the building about seven feet, rising from the surface of the ground over sixty-two feet, and finished at the corners with double arched buttress caps. On the tower will be a handsome belfry, ornamented with gables and pinnacles, and surmounted by a lofty and graceful spire with lantern windows, and a finial, the top of which is to be at the height of one hundred and sixty-four feet from the ground. In the tower will be the main entrance, approached by a double flight of granite steps on the left and right and concealed in front by a buttressed parapet wall. Over the doorway will be a beautiful rose window with rich stained glass, and in the front, at each side, very fine pointed arch windows, of large dimensions, the mullions intersecting each other at the head in straight lines and forming quadrilateral openings. Each flank of the nave will have five windows of ten width and plainer than those in front. Over the side wing entrances will be double lancet windows in a wicket panel.

To the rear of the main body of the Church will be attached two good sized dressing rooms convenient to the Baptistry. All the walls, including those of the tower, are to be well sustained with soft buttresses. The spire side wings and rear gables will have ornamental finials, that of the former being over twelve feet in height. The front and wing doorways are to have deep pointed heads, finished with a handsome broad stone masonry, procured from a quarry in Orange county, in this State. These stones will be used in the front door and rose window heads, for the splayed sides of all the windows, for the water tables, belting, buttress caps, &c., &c. The walls are to be stuccoed and united a light sand stone than in the wicket panel.

The basement floor will be four feet below the ground surface, and lighted by square mullioned windows. The main part of it will be occupied for a Lecture Room, 40 feet by 45 feet. On the lower and the furnace and fuel rooms are to be, to the north and south, respectively, a large portion of the basement, and the rear of the tower, which is to be occupied by a dining room, a library and a stairway leading down to the dressing rooms.

The main floor above is to be separated longitudinally into two divisions, having three aisles, one in the centre and one at each side, close to the side-walls. On this floor it is estimated there will be room for 1,000 persons.

The Pulpit is a classic and beautiful Gothic design, to be made of rich black walnut, and to stand on a raised platform five steps above the main door. This platform will contain the Baptistry, over which and against the end wall a base relief figure of a dove descending, cut out of Italian marble, will be placed.

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