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## DOCKERY AND THE NEGROES.

We mean no disrespect when we speak of the colored race as negroes. They know that, and it is simply a reflection on one's common sense when he objects to the use of the term. It is only when spouted out, "nigger"—as Dockery uses it—that he needs object, and then with reason, for it smacks of slur whenever it is said. But it is simply a matter of fairness that the negroes should know precisely what Oliver Dockery's devotion to them and their interests and welfare is worth. It is altogether a new-born zeal that has inspired Dockery in his quest after their votes. Although now a Southern man with Northern principles, there was a time when doubtless he was of that extreme type of the Southern slave-holder which was an abomination in the eyes of the Northern abolitionist whose very dreams were dashed by visions of the cruelties of the slave-drivers of the South. If there was a class in those times that showed no charity for the negro, which we deny, then Oliver belonged to that class. His views on the negro question in that day placed him at least in the extreme category pictured by Northern pens and heralded by Northern lecturers. He was a bow-shot beyond the majority of his co-laborers in legislation, for it is known that he was a member of the House of Commons in this State, session of 1858-9. We draw on an article from Colonel Saunders' pen for the following:

"But to Col. Dockery's record. In the Legislature of 1858-59, in the House of Commons, a bill was introduced 'to remove free persons of color from the State.' The object of the bill, as is plain from its title, was to get rid of all free negroes. The indefinite postponement of the bill was moved, which, if done, would kill the bill. The yeas and nays were called and motion to indefinitely postpone was carried, thereby killing the bill. But Oliver H. Dockery voted against postponement. See House Journal, pages 36, 452 and 453.

In the same Legislature, in the House of Commons, a bill was introduced to enforce the collection of debts from free negroes. In this bill was a provision to put up free negroes to public life for five years or less—practically a sale for the term for which he was bid off—to the lowest bidder. It was moved to indefinitely postpone the bill and thus to kill it, but Colonel Dockery voted against the motion.

It was then moved to kill the bill by laying it upon the table, and Mr. Dockery again voted no! See House Journal, pages 350, 513, 514 and 515.

"So much for Dockery and free negroes. Now for Dockery and slaves.

"In the House of Commons of the same Legislature a bill was introduced to prevent the emancipation of slaves by will. A motion was made to kill the bill by laying it upon the table. DOCKERY VOTED AGAINST THE MOTION. A motion was made to insert in the bill a provision authorizing free negroes to become slaves, and DOCKERY VOTED FOR THE MOTION, and when the bill came upon its final passage it was defeated, BUT DOCKERY VOTED FOR IT. See House Journal, pages 229, 497, 498, 499 and 500."

But why go so far back to show Dockery's opposition to the negro and his liberty? Some editors have put it as occurring during the war, which makes a slight and yet very great difference, according to the light in which it is viewed, but it was after the war—when the shackles of slavery had already been broken and when the freedman was looking out in ecstasy upon the "Land of Promise"—that Dockery, in a public meeting held at the court house of his county, read a petition, of which doubtless he was the author, asking Congress to allow the South to keep the negroes FIVE YEARS LONGER in slavery. Where is the negro's debt of gratitude to Dockery—where?

"Provide good free schools for the people" cry the Republicans. Why didn't they do it when in power, instead of stealing the school fund? Under Democratic rule the public schools are increasing in numbers and efficiency every year, and will continue to do so until the Radicals have stolen the school fund.

## MR. CLEVELAND'S LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE.

The President's letter of Sept. 8th is to hand too late, before going to press, to claim extended space in comment. But we propose to print it entire next week that our readers, who fail to see it in the dailies, may read and digest at leisure. Like all his State papers it is clear, concise and eminently instructive on the great issues that divide the parties. There is not an ambiguous expression, nor a sentence the least clouded, in the whole document; and, literally, he who runs may read the import and meaning of the valuable lesson taught in it to the people of the United States. He contrasts the positions of the two great parties on the tariff question, to the utter discomfiture of his political opponents; and, by a plain statement of the essential points at issue, he constructs an argument for the support of his party and its platform that is absolutely unanswerable, in the view that honest citizens should desire only that honesty and justice should have and hold sway in the management of the affairs of this country. His rebuke of political opponents, obstructionists in the work of tariff reform and reduction of taxes, notwithstanding their own repeatedly recorded pledges to the contrary, is both gracefully and effectively administered. No one should fail to read it.

## "DE ARCHIVES" OF THE PAST.

It is not displeasing, though a shade melancholy, to lift the curtain in retrospective view of the doings of Radicalism in this county. What a page in history would a faithful representation of the various Radical conventions, held in our poor old court house, adorn—or fail to adorn. Amid the phantasmagoria of images that looms in the past, Oliver Dockery is always prominent—the Grand Mogul, as it were, of the wild orgies of Radicalism. "Mid scenes like these" his post bellum statesmanship took shape; and, as waters never rise above their source, so his quality as a statesman to-day, as displayed in his speeches to the people, rises only to the level of the source from which he was wont to imbibe his inspiration of Radicalism. His unique figures used, when dashing dirt at an open-handed opponent, certainly "smell of the shop" in which such things are coined, and we know no better school than the one in which Oliver must have gotten much of his training—the typical Radical convention, such as used to be held under his auspices in our good old town. It was at one of these early conventions that a prominent white Radical impressed upon his colored disciples the importance of their not being too forward in demanding recognition at the hands of their party. A high "carpet bagger" had advised such instructions to the colored brother. The colored brother took it gracefully and "waited." And it begins to look like he thinks he has waited long enough and is curious to know how long the probation must last.

WE ARE glad to see that Dr. Robey, of the Methodist Church, disclaims any purpose of voting the Third Party ticket, or that he has advised any person to do so. While he thinks the cause of Prohibition, which he has so much at heart, can only be carried by a party which shall insist on it as the chief object, yet in existing conditions of parties and politics he can not risk going off after such a will of the wisp as the Third Party. That is the way we understand him, although his Durham speech had impressed us differently. Like Dr. Abernethy, he has discovered none too soon the cloven foot that sticks out from under the cloak of the Third Party movement.

Who is Daniel Gay? Who is Felix Jacobs? The former is a white man and was the Democratic candidate for Coroner of the county, while the latter was the Radical candidate for the same position, and a negro. More than that, Mr. Gay is a worthy one-legged Confederate soldier, having enlisted in the service under inspiration of the same martial spirit that moved Oliver Dockery to issue a circular calling his fellow-citizens "to arms, to arms," in defence of secession: Oliver voted for the negro against Mr. Gay. This was bad enough; but then to meet Mr. Gay, as he did afterwards on the street, and twit him about it in a "crowding" spirit, was a little worse than adding insult to injury. Further comment is unnecessary.

Fowle failed to deny that there is a negro revenue officer in Wilkes county to-day, named J. C. Smith.—Radical Sheet.

So there is. He is store-keeper and gauger for a distillery owned and operated by negroes, and it is all right and proper for him to be there. When the Radicals were in power this same still was owned and operated by white men and a negro was appointed store-keeper and gauger to watch over them. No self-respecting white man would submit to it, and no white man would have the position of store-keeper for a negro distillery.

The yellow fever scourge at Jacksonville, Fla., continues with unabated fatality. At last the authorities have issued an appeal for aid, and money is being sent in from cities and towns North and South. Refugees are pouring into Murphy, in Western North Carolina, by the hundreds, the citizens of that town having thrown open their doors to those who would escape the fatal scourge. Business at Jacksonville is practically suspended, and every one who could get away from the city has done so, leaving the town almost depopulated but for the sick and convalescent and the few who face the danger rather than desert their friends and relatives who are prostrated by the fever.

## A Thinking Colored Man.

Correspondence of The Rocket.  
BLACK JACK, Sept. 8, 1888.  
MR. EDITOR:—Allow these views to occupy space in your paper. We think it time for the Republicans of this county to begin to work and work more zealously than they have ever done before. It will take good leaders and a united convention to carry the county to victory. We admit that we have had some speeches among us but they were not vote-making speeches, but to the contrary.

While we are yet Republicans and expect to follow her stripes and stars with willing minds and a free vote, we won't be driven by false assertions and insulted to our faces by drawing the color line and vilifying the Democratic party for appointing negroes to office in other States.—They (the Democrats) deserve credit for what they have done in appointing some of our most competent negroes to honor. It seems that the seed cotton law and stock law do not affect the Democratic party, but to appoint one big black Trotter and a few more "big buck negroes," who are perfect gentlemen, is all the charge that can be found; but it is a star to the Democratic crown.

We admit that we are negroes, and black, as nature has fixed it; and it seems that the negro has from choice been taken over across the Republican line, which only can be seen during the campaign, and a white cherub stands at each end of the line with a flaming sword of excitement, cutting to the right and to the left to prevent any negro passage from the Republican to the Democratic party, saying, "We are all white together." As soon as the election is over the line is spoiled and the sword of excitement laid down and another line drawn, and actions come to the front with sword in hand, saying, "I am white; you are the negro." Yes, we are negroes—poor, and have nothing scarcely and no way to get anything only as the whites give us employment, save self-respect, which can be maintained by any one anywhere.

We have found the origin of the Republican party and where her principles are based, and just so long as that party remains in the bounds of right, just that long we are together. We shall not permit ourselves to be bartered or humbugged or committed to dead issues any longer.

Give us good men; the best men; solid leaders, brim full of principles; then we shall not in the future, as in the past, be asking whether he is a Democrat or a Republican, but that broader question, Is he morally and intellectually competent? Is he free from race prejudice? Is he free from the oppression of the poor? That's the man. The year 1886 and past experience divorces us from pretended friends. While we cannot vote to honor the Garrottton or the Yazoo class of Democrats, neither shall the affronted type of Republicans have what pleasure it may afford them to ignore or insult the colored constituent after he has cast his vote, his all, to honor them, for the simple reason that this element has sought to treat us like a huntsman does his pack. When he wants game he whistles us up; the object being accomplished, he drives us back. Can we as thinking citizens vote to honor a man who ignores our political principles simply because we are colored? Can the 1,400 hundred colored voters be so stupid? No.

In this we are not pleading for civil rights or treasures, or for color to be changed from black to white, for if this could be done it would not be done by the Democrats or the Republicans. But we ask for true and tried Republicans whose stripes must be of the deepest dye; who show no quarters for policy, and not like the fable in Webster's Speller, where two friends start-

ed on a journey together and promised to stick to each other if any danger threatened; but trouble soon came and one of the wayfarers succeeded in perching himself in safety, and left his friend to fight his own battle.

The application is not hard to make, and we ask, How much longer shall we, the 1,400 colored voters of Richmond county, suffer ourselves to be treated in this way? It is time for our eyes to become opened to the true situation, and not be hoodwinked any longer.

## THE VIEWS OF BLACK JACK.

### Dockery's Record.

We suppose that all Radicals in the State, Col. Dockery has about the worst record for a politician—the most damaging for success. He is committed to three things that ought to damn him irretrievably as a politician. What are they? Attend:

1. He favors the abolition of the present system of County Government upon which really depends the protection of the whites.
  2. He favors the payment of the fraudulent, rascally Special Tax Bonds that would impoverish the State, and its final results would bankrupt it.
  3. He is for more of that Satanic device and poor man's gin-trap, known as a High Protective Tariff, that is unconstitutional according to the decision of the Republican Supreme Court of the United States; that is unequal and unjust in its adjustments, being laid with reference to the protection of the rich and to the oppression of the poor; and that has been a source of constant evil and ruin, destroying commerce and the merchant marine, and creating a few hundred thousand millionaires and plutocrats to corrupt the country and lord it over God's heritage.
- "These three things," says the Wilmington Star, from which the above extract is taken, "are enough to blast his prospects and to consign him to the groves and fields of the Pec Dee."

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