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## COL. DOCKERY WRITES AGAIN.

Col. Oliver Hart Dockery has written another letter, and one which will be apt to give him considerable notoriety, if not fame. In the last issue of the Spirit of the South this "modern Brutus" airs his views on "The New Election Law" and the "Exodus." This remarkable paper is addressed to "Messrs. Quick, Covington, Mason and others," some of the more prominent colored politicians of the county, and assumes to be a reply to certain inquiries propounded to the Colonel by these colored men. However that may be, the Colonel was no doubt much gratified at the opportunity afforded to vent his spleen upon the Democratic party and to express his great gratification at the result of the DeBerry-Nicholson case.

Col. Dockery's letter is unique and, in some respects, amusing; but, like all of his public utterances of like nature, teems with glaring if not willful perversions of facts. He leads off with a grossly exaggerated rehearsal of the evils of the old law and the frauds perpetrated under it by the Democratic party, and characterizes the new election law as "infamous in the extreme" and supposes that it "is intended to substitute so-called law and justice for frauds diabolically practiced for years without such pretext." In what particular the said law is "infamous" the Colonel does not undertake to specify, nor do we think he or any one else can possibly point out an "infamous" feature in it. The implication by Col. D. that ignorant persons will be practically disfranchised is not true and is unworthy a man of his intelligence. We have not the law before us just now, but we have read it carefully and we do not find one clause or sentence in it which in the least abridges the rights of any person entitled to vote. It is "known of all men" that under the old law there was much illegal voting among the negroes, many of whom have no fixed homes and are constantly on the move from place to place. It was to circumvent this that the new law was enacted; and, instead of giving countenance to fraud and intimidation, it throws greater protection around the ballot box and prevents the very evils of which the Colonel so loudly complains.

It must be remembered that the Colonel is talking to the negroes in his letter, and this is a sample of the language he uses. He says of the new election law:

"I imagine the practical result will be, as intended, almost absolute disfranchisement of the one side, and open, unconditional admission of the other. Then where rests your boasted American birthright? You have your contemptible autocrat and must submit to bow to his will. In legislation at Raleigh, in county government, our people are enslaved and hand-cuffed. Their rights, property, lives, are all at stake, and yet this remorseless Democratic anachronism cries 'more, more, for all is quick and safe.' Such legislation, my friends, is unpardonable, inexcusable, and should be resented by a free, brave people."

Is it any wonder that the negroes are restless and even turbulent when the white leaders of the Republican party counsel them to "resent" the laws of the land? It is equivalent to inciting them to a resistance of the law and to deeds of violence. Such language is seditious and is calculated to do harm. We marvel that Col. D. should be so indiscreet.

We do not wonder that the negroes are leaving the State by the hundreds. And yet, in our opinion, it is only to serve the ends of the Republican party. Since Harrison has refused to recognize the negro he is an elephant on the hands of the Republican party and they want to rid themselves of him—that is, in the South. The Republicans at the North want to reduce the Southern representation in Congress. They can't afford to disfranchise the negro by Congressional enactment—it would be suicidal. What must they do? Make him dissatisfied with his surroundings and the condition of

things and induce him to go elsewhere, where his vote will count for them. That is their little game, and Col. Dockery, true to his party allegiance, will take a hand and help them to win. His language all through the letter breathes a spirit of incendiaryism surpassing anything we heard or read during the last campaign. We are surprised that a man of Col. D.'s intelligence, and a man whose interests are identical with those of every white man in the State, should have written such a letter.

But the Colonel is in his dotage. "Hope deferred maketh the heart sick," and the Colonel, defeated in every political contest for the past ten years and now overlooked by a Republican administration, is disposed to look upon the dark side.

He tells the negroes that, for them, the future of our State "is dark and forboding," and yet there has been no time in the history of the country when the negro was more prosperous and treated better than he is to-day. The colored children of the State are educated at the expense of the white people; they have their normal schools and colleges; they have an asylum for the care of their insane, and all these institutions are kept up principally upon the money contributed, directly and indirectly, by the Democrats of North Carolina. Col. Dockery KNOWS THIS to be so, and yet he would create the impression that the negroes are "enslaved, hand-cuffed," oppressed! Such duplicity is disgusting.

It will be noticed by those who read this last stump-speech of Col. D.'s that he addresses his correspondents as simply "Sirs." As that is a question of taste we shall not criticize it further than to say that, in consideration of the fraternal relations which the writer has so often and so loudly professed to this class of his admiring countrymen, he should have used a more endearing style of address. But what can be thought of the sincerity of a man who appeals to the passions of his negro friends, and those whom he couples with them, by telling them that they are in favor with the white race in corn and cotton fields but not when election day comes, when it is an open secret that they whom he abuses are quite as honorable in paying the laborers whom they employ as he is, and who treat the negroes after the election with quite as much kindness and consideration as he does. Why did he not tell his dear correspondents that he and his party friends thought much more of the negro at election times than after the ballot boxes had been closed? Is it not strange that even his correspondents have not long ago seen that, with the Radical party, the negroes are only valuable, as Wm. Napier once said, to put certain men with white skins in office? It is useless, however, to attempt to answer this false and libelous out-giving of Col. D. His capacity at misrepresentation is well known, for he can compress more falsehood within the space of a few minutes than could be exposed in hours.—Such is and always has been, and we fear always will be, the plan which he will pursue. His latest piece is simply disgraceful and malicious.

## HELP THE OLD SOLDIERS.

God speed the effort, inaugurated by the Wilmington Messenger, to establish a Soldiers' Home in North Carolina. All over the State there are crippled, disabled and indigent soldiers who gave their strength and manhood for the old North State, and it is shameful that in the hour of their need and in their declining years they should be denied substantial aid by those of us who are in a position to extend aid and for whose benefit, more particularly, they fought the battles of the war and brought upon themselves the afflictions consequent upon the bloody conflict.

Georgia has just contributed \$50,000 for the erection of a Home for the disabled Confederate soldiers of that State, and we can do the same thing if the proper effort is made. No effort should be necessary; the simple announcement of a purpose to build such an institution ought to be sufficient to bring spontaneous contributions from all over the State in such volume as to make the undertaking a very light one. Let all contribute something, if it be but a dime. Send your contributions to the Wilmington Messenger, or we will take pleasure in forwarding any that may be left at this office.

FAYETTEVILLE will appropriately celebrate the adoption by North Carolina of the Federal Constitution. The occasion promises to be a grand success, as we hope it may be. Ex-President Jefferson Davis was invited by the Committee of Arrangements to be present and to deliver an address on the occasion. He replied, stating that he would be present if possible, but asking that some one else be chosen for orator, on account of his feebleness. In closing his letter he says:

North Carolina, first in assertion of the unalienable rights of man, prompt in open resistance to encroachment by the crown upon the charters of the colonies, steady in the maintenance of the Declaration of Independence, slow to grant powers which might be perverted to the impairment of her liberties, and faithful throughout her existence as a sovereign State to every obligation of compact, is to be honored and revered as well for her promptitude to resist aggression, as for her careful guardianship of the community rights of her people.

To COL. DOCKERY, who takes such a pessimistic view of the situation and foresees our good old State driving fast upon the "demnition bow-wow," all on account of the negro exodus and the new election law, we commend the following survey as made by that level-headed journal, the Wilson Advance, whose editor is presumed to know more about it than Col. Dockery and, besides, is infinitely less of a politician:

The industrial development of North Carolina is being achieved at a more satisfactory rate now than has ever been the case. Every part of the State appears to have put on new life and energy. Factories are springing up with a rapidity that is perfectly astonishing. We hope in the not far distant future to see the time when almost everything used by our people shall be raised and manufactured in the confines of our own State.

The Asylum girls have discarded bustles. What will our friends of the Statesville Landmark, Biblical Recorder and Raleigh State Chronicle say of the innovation?—Orphans' Friend.

We hope the editor has not discarded hers. If she has, when Father Time begins to weave the silver threads amongst the golden strands of her sunny locks we fear she will still be in the state which is falsely called "blessed." There may be some things more unsightly and less inviting than a woman without a bustle, but none occurs to our mind just now.

THAT WAS A commendable act in Mr. John C. Davis, of Wilmington, who gave \$6,000 worth of property to the Fifth Street Methodist church of that city. A condition of the bequest is that a school be established which is to be under the control of Fifth Street Church, and which, we presume, will be open free to a certain number of indigent children. The congregation of the church propose to erect a new house of worship to cost \$16,000.

## A TERRIBLE STORM.

Half a Million Dollars Lost in Ohio and Pennsylvania.

PITTSBURG, May 10.—Reports of damage by last night's storm are coming in to-day from all parts of Alleghany, in fact from nearly every place in Eastern Ohio and Western Pennsylvania. The loss, however, cannot be approximated at this time. Farms were washed out, houses, fences and trees along the banks of the streams swept away, and landslides occurred on nearly every road leading out of Pittsburg. So far but

## TWO DEATHS FROM DROWNING.

Two children of Conrad Schaefer, aged 3 and 7 years, respectively, of Spring Garden Borough, North of Alleghany, were swept away by the flood, and Mr. and Mrs. Schaefer, narrowly escaped meeting the same fate. Their house is located near the Bank of Butcher's Run, the scene of the frightful disaster of 15 years ago, when 200 persons were swept to death by the angry waters.

When the banks overflowed last night, the Schaefer house was moved from its foundation, and the family left the house and sought shelter under some trees.

In running out of the house the children, both girls, were caught by the current and carried away. Mrs. Schaefer became so frantic on seeing her children in the Run that she got in the water too and was almost drowned. The bodies of the children were recovered. A physician was called to see Mrs. Schaefer, but it is not thought she will recover. Two other children in the family were saved.

Humors run riot in the blood at this season. Hood's Sarsaparilla expels every impurity and vitalizes and enriches the blood.

We learn a number of horses have recently died in New Salem township, and it is feared by some of the farmers that an epidemic will break out among them. We have not learned the nature of the disease with which they are affected.—Monroe Express.

The iron bound bucket factory shipped during the past week about 175 dozen buckets to different parts of South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama, with new orders constantly coming in, from this and other States.—Fayetteville Observer.

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If my coffee is not cheaper than any else's, then I will sell you Tea. If Cheese makes you sick I will sell you Oranges and Lemons. A fine line of Dry Goods, Notions, &c., a little lower for cash, than you could ask them.

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