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WHERE THE BLAME LIES.

We deprecate the practice that is too common of magnifying every little difficulty down South into the semblance of a race war. The press is largely to blame for creating an impression North and elsewhere that conflicts here and there between white men and negroes must needs involve the serious question of a race antagonism. It does not follow that because a white man hits a negro, or a negro hits a white man, the question of race necessarily comes in. People will fall out and fight—white with white and negro with negro and sometimes, unfortunately, the conditions are reversible and it is white man with negro—then at once it is heralded forth as evidence that a race war is imminent in the locality where it happens.

The newspaper man wants news and the more startling he can dish up, why, so much the better for his paper as a medium of news. The prejudiced organ of the North takes it up with glee and at once, while increasing its capital as a newspaper, it is used as precious grist in the outrage mill for feeding the stomachs of its South-hating readers. There is no denial that outbreaks have occurred betwixt the races as such, or results have assumed that shape, but nine out of ten cases doubtless might have been traced to whiskey as the origin. Eliminate the whiskey element and we doubt if any amount of provocation on either side would have led to such bloodshed as we have read of as happening out West. The races here South know each other—they are equally forbearing one towards the other when uninfluenced by circumstances, especially of the whiskey manufacture. There is no anti-race feeling indulged on either side, like the anti-Chinese feeling on the Pacific coast, or the anti-semitic feeling in foreign countries.

The Southern people entertain none but kindly feelings for the negro, and they as a class are naturally peaceable and peace-loving, confiding and generous by nature, and we have no fears but that the two races, if strictly let alone, will solve satisfactorily all problems between themselves. Woe to that man, or set of men, that would designedly touch off a match that might precipitate a conflict where no cause can legitimately exist. If every little neighborhood spat in which a white man and negro become involved, growing perhaps out of one of a thousand things that would just as readily have caused a scrimmage betwixt two of a color, is to be so magnified as to give it the appearance of a race conflict, then we shall not wonder that the North continues to regard the South as a nest of fiendish butchers, having no respect for a negro's life, and awaiting only the opportunity for exterminating his whole race. "Offences must needs come, but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh." So, we conclude, individual difficulties, must happen from time to time between the opposite races, just as such will occur each betwixt themselves, but we pity him who would deliberately plan or encourage a conflict between a white and black man in the spirit of race antagonism, and greater is our commiseration of him who would, by imprudent speech or conduct, fan a flame that might lead to a general massacre on either side of unoffending and innocent people. To avoid even the semblance of such a war, we shall ever invoke the spirit of a mutual moderation and forbearance, and pray that the great destroyer of both these virtues—whiskey—may be speedily banished from our villages and towns.

"BLIND" for October will contain, besides its complete long novel, "The Devil's Anvil," by Mary Kyle Dallds, and no less than 30 other articles. It will be the most complete and interesting number from every point, yet issued.

Shiloh's Cure will immediately relieve Croup, Whooping Cough and Bronchitis.

THE MORGANTON LYNCHING.

The lynching of Frank Stack at Morganton, N. C., on the 11th inst. has aroused great indignation in Union county, and the press of the State is strong in condemnation of the outrage. The assassination of Parker was a dastardly, cowardly murder, the perpetrator of which deserved the fate that was meted out to Frank Stack; but it is by no means certain that Stack committed the crime. It is true that he had a motive for killing Parker, in the fact that Parker killed his brother some ten years ago; and it is said that Stack at that time made a vow that he would kill the slayer of his brother. But Stack was in jail, under the custody of the law, and protested his innocence to the last. His friends claim that his innocence could easily have been established. These are the circumstances under which the young man was taken from prison by a masked mob and hustled into eternity.

A largely attended indignation meeting was held in Monroe, Union county, last week at which a series of resolutions was adopted, expressive of the feelings of that community. The resolutions set forth that Stack was "an honest, hardworking, peaceable citizen" and a "man whose life and character was without spot or blemish." But whatever the character of Stack, the lynching is to be deplored and should be condemned by all law-abiding citizens. Mob law (?) is becoming quite too frequent in our State, and if officers of the law and grand juries continue to wink at these outrages it will not be many years until law and order will be overthrown and mobs will undertake the entire administration of justice. There is much truth in what the Statesville Laudmark says:

"But how often, anyhow, can a gang of lawless midnight marauders be given any credit for any good motive for their lawless deeds? Really good men have been known sometimes to constitute lynching parties, the proofs being clear and the aggravation great; and nobody protests when lynch law lays hold on the perpetrator of that highest of all crimes, the crime against woman.—But it can safely be said to be the rule that those who mask their faces and go by night to execute vengeance upon criminals are themselves known as law-breakers and a dangerous or at least suspicious element of the community. Their setting of themselves up to administer the law is but the manipulation of a propensity to do lawless deeds."

The remedy lies in the strict administration of justice through the channels of the law. There is scarcely a term of the Superior Court in any county that some one is not tried for some crime or misdemeanor and acquitted, while public sentiment declares him guilty; and it is too often the case that the guilty do escape. It is no uncommon thing, when even a heinous crime is committed, to hear people say of the perpetrator: "Oh, he'll come out all right if he's tried before Judge So-and-So, and Lawyer Blank can get the right sort of a jury!" When these "right sort of juries" are wiped out and only conscientious, upright men are called to act in that capacity, Judge Lynch will have no abiding place in our land. God speed the day when we shall have a pure, incorruptible judiciary and jury system!

THE EXODUS MOVEMENT seems to have imbibed new life recently in our State. We had hoped to hear of no more car loads of negroes duped into leaving old North Carolina and flying to ill they know not of. Perhaps some who left the neighborhood of Laurinburg, in this county, and returned after a brief absence, could tell a history of the "ills" if listened to by those who are catching the fever of emigration at this late day. Ah, well; to those who will, we say—go, but we believe it is a bad move. They may live to regret it, or die to be forgotten—perhaps shovelled under by unfriendly hands whose touch had been only cold in life. It may be said when life's fitful fever is over, the "sinnon-laden breezes of North Carolina will sing their requiem day by day o'er the bones of those they left "back yonder," but alas,—not for Joe." Steeped in Mississippi mud or Arkansas muck, he—poor fellow—is mourned only by malarial zephyrs whose breath in life proved too much for him. But, sentiment aside, we would earnestly advise not only Joe, but Tom, Dick and Harry, to stay where they are and not be drawn away from North Carolina by promises, however bright. To a sober, industrious, honest colored man, we think we know that the old

country affords as good prospects as any land under the sun. Our advice will not be taken, for we see that only last week about 300, under the conduct of R. R. agents, left Wilmington for the Delta region of Mississippi, a few of them heading for the State of Arkansas; and this is not all, for the agents announced their purpose to return after more in a short time, expecting a smart sprinkle to go along from the line of the Carolina Central. If not already, the exodus movement will become, if continued, a serious matter to the farmers and land owners. They desire no substitute for Sambo as a cotton or corn field laborer, the sphere which the vast majority are destined to fill wherever they go. The farmers of this country would not voluntarily exchange the thrifty black man or woman for any other class of labor on earth; but it seems this question of an absolute scarcity of labor will have to be met, and that soon, on account of the exodus, by importing labor of some sort and from some where. The condition will be embarrassing and unsettled at first, but in the end we believe it will be to the advantage of the whole South, both commercially and agriculturally, that an entirely new class of laborers in shop and field, has been substituted. For the negro's own good, we would say, stay in this country, and for the natural attachment our people have for him, we would so advise; and to avoid present and immediately prospective embarrassment, particularly in farming affairs, we would persuade him to stay among us. But, once for all, he may as well understand that the people of North Carolina can get along without him—even better than with him, in the long run. So, if the negroes will go, then the sooner they go the better—the people need to forecast and make arrangements to supply their places.

THE fact that eighteen notices of contests for seats in the next Congress have been filed by Republicans shows what the party expects of its representatives. They expect the Congress (which will have a Republican majority) to oust every Democrat against whom the shadow of a contest can be hatched up, and the Republicans are powerful brooders when it comes to hatching political eggs. We hope, however, that the Democrats will have the staying qualities and backbone necessary to prevent these outrages.

CURRENT COMMENT.

No doubt many Pennsylvanians would be surprised at the prosperity of Pennsylvania under a reformed tariff. The prosperity of the South with slavery abolished has surprised quite a number of persons south of the Ohio.—Courier-Journal.

The fact has been recalled at Richmond that Gen. Mahone was the inventor of the "tissue ballot," one of the first and the worst devices for carrying elections fraudulently. He was also the original bulldozer in Virginia. And yet the Republicans are now running him as the alleged champion of fair and free elections!—New York World.

A Washington correspondent of the Macon Telegraph has been writing up a history of the Lowrys, of Robeson county. He says that Henry Berry is not dead, but will be forthcoming when wanted. Very likely. He will not be wanted before the day of judgment, and he will probably put in an appearance then.—Wilmington Star.

It is pleasant and hopeful to see the Gray and the Blue uniting in such a friendly spirit to form an Association on the Chickamauga battle-ground. The soldiers who fought made peace long ago. It is your gallant Forakers, and others of the brave men in buckram who are so fierce and warlike nearly a generation after the last shot was fired.—Wilmington Messenger.

The Republicans in North Carolina are still complaining about most of the Federal appointments. They might just as well let everything pass. The President has delivered himself up to men who want control of the offices, and as far as the Republican party South is concerned it has no recognition from the President, and he will not take the pains to learn anything about it. He has been captured by people who will use him for all he is worth.—Greensboro North State, Republican.

Theodore Feldstein, prominent as a Grand Army official, says: "It is certain that the President knew just what kind of a man Tanner was before appointing him and knew just how he would act and to what extent." Perfectly true. For all that has been blarney and boastful and all that has been reckless and lawless in Tanner's course as Commissioner one man is responsible, and that man is Benjamin Harrison, who "pleased himself" in making the appointment.—New York World.

In 1873, the number of invalid pensioners was 99,808; at the close of the fiscal year 1888, the number was 323,620. These figures do not represent the actual number borne on the rolls, which is 452,557—the extra hundred and twenty-five thousand drawing pay from the Government for other causes than injuries received in the army. Since the close of the war, the annual pension appropriation has grown from \$11,000,000 to—well, the coming Congress will be asked to make the appropriation \$115,000,000. At this rate in ten years from now the annual appropriation will be \$250,000,000. We boast of our freedom from the burden of a standing army, but if this is to continue we shall soon be paying enough in pensions to support the principal standing armies of Europe.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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Chas. Pendleton quarreled with his wife at Spottsylvania, C. H. Va., and when his father-in-law interfered he shot him.

REIDSVILLE, N. C., Sept. 21.—The coroner's jury in the Morris case, which has held the town in a state of highly wrought excitement since the death of the deceased, rendered their verdict to-day, after a long and laborious examination of the witnesses and the attendant circumstances. The verdict rendered was that D. E. Morris came to his death by the use of chloroform administered by his wife Cora Scales Morris. She has been arrested and is in the hands of the sheriff. Although the result of the investigation was generally anticipated the final decision of the jury has caused the most intense excitement.

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