

passions that are likely to be awakened by the next presidential election.

The constitutionality of the law under which he is acting—a point upon which Democrats are constantly harping for political effect—is a question with which the President has officially nothing to do. It is his duty to assume that all laws enacted by Congress are constitutional, and then proceed to their faithful execution, until the judicial department of the Government, in a case properly brought before it, shall decide otherwise. The Constitution of the United States, as interpreted by the Supreme Court in the final resort, is the law by which the President is bound to govern his executive conduct. He has no discretion in the matter, except within the limits of the law which he is sworn to execute. The Government of these United States did fully upon the people as citizens and subjects of the authority of law, if it has not power to protect them in the peaceful enjoyment of the rights guaranteed to them by the Constitution, then the Government itself is a mere sham, armed with the power of taxation, but inefficient and useless for the purpose of defense. Any candid man, carefully observing the guarantees named in the Fourteenth Amendment, and also the express power of Congress to enforce the provisions of this Amendment by appropriate legislation, will find the Constitution a broad basis for the Enforcement Act.

The partisan attitude of Democrats toward this act and the amendment which it seeks to make practical, as well as toward the President for simply doing his duty according to the requirements of law, clearly shows that they cannot be safely trusted with the legislative enforcement of the Constitution as it now is. Their political interests in "The Order of the Invisible Empire" would make them treacherous to public liberty, were they in power. What they call the "Reign of Terror" is simply the reign of constitutional law against the lawless. Let the people vote down the Democracy, and they ought to sustain the President in his effort to execute the laws. "The Order" of political conspirators, robbers, and murderers will find even the Southern States too hot for them. The strong arm of law should be wielded against it till it wholly disappears from the land. If Southern Democrats have not yet discovered that the Rebellion is conquered, it is quite time to give them further proof of the fact. The President means that they shall accept the situation as an accomplished fact—peaceably if they will, forcibly if they must; and all good citizens should say Amen to the patriotic and noble purpose.—*N. Y. Independent.*

Escape From Mormonism.

[From the Corinne Reporter.]

Nearly four weeks ago an intelligent English lady arrived in this city from Sacramento, where she had resided for two or three years. Her story is simple, but it tells the depth and silent power of maternal love. Once a happy and contented girl in her native home—a town of "Merry England," our true heroine dwelt. In that British town a spirit of Mormonism appeared. Many were there who listened, and few followed after him to share the promises of the Western Israel. Of these infatuated persons one was that angel of the young convert joined the caravan with her fellow proselytes for the weary journey. She had become a Mormon in all the strength of her soul, and believed in the new dispensation. On the way to America the same false preacher was with them from Liverpool to Salt Lake, and on the way he married her, and a true and honorable wife she became to him. But later the husband, tiring of the gentle helpmate, must needs obey the great commandment—polygamy. Another wife, and then a third in quick-succession; but at this the only one entitled to the sacred title rebelled and was driven out to occupy a separate hut. She had two children, and asking for these as her portion, promised to leave the place forever. Did she get her little ones? Oh, no. But from that wicked place and the treacherous husband she went to California. During these last four weeks the mother made hasty visit to her neglected children, and craved them over again. In this she as often failed. Then the courts were appealed to with partial success. The adulterer was tried for perjury, and now awaits trial and certain punishment. Without money, now Mrs. Ofield sees the chances of obtaining her two boys growing less every day, and she must return to her home in Sacramento. Not, however, without one more effort, and so yesterday this persevering woman went up to Brigham City, silently crept through the streets, eager, anxious, now full of hope, now sickening in despair, lest detection overtake the work she had to do. God was the guardman of this enterprise. She found her boys asleep, and wakening them up, it was but another moment until this strangely united family were away on the solitude hurrying from the dark places they shall never know again. That journey hither to Corinne was a flight to be remembered. Here again, in the dead of night, not waiting for repose, the mother and children left on a western freight-train for California—that State whose laws are adequate to shelter the weak, and whose people will not neglect those needy but honest fugitives from Mormonism.

When the news got abroad that Mrs. Ofield had stolen her children great was the anger and excitement in Brigham City. Out on the lanes and roads went armed Danites: they searched in every direction, but they were too late. The birds had flown to safety. To-day a woman accused of complicity in the case was driven out of the town not to return under pain of death. This is Mrs. Brandon, who is now in this city.

For the Carolina Era.

"O, Shame, where is thy Blush?"

MESSRS. EDITORS: Doubtless ere this your hearts have been thrilled and enchanted at reading those soft and piquant lines, in yesterday's *Carolina Watchman* of this place, which partakes much of the eloquence of Goldsmith.

Mr. Eiland, of our city, who on the 30th ultimo, came out in a card in your paper, severing forever the ties that bound him to the Conservative party, is subjected to ridicule, through the columns of his own town journal.

They could find nothing in his character to impeach, so they arrayed and ridiculed against him.

Mr. Eiland, is an intelligent, quiet and worthy citizen, and the darts that are hurled against him, will eventually recoil upon his enemies heads.

SWANANOA.

Salisbury, Nov. 12th 1871.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Editors must not be understood as endorsing the sentiments of their correspondents. Communications on all subjects are solicited, which will be given to the readers of THE ERA as containing the views and sentiments of the writers.

For the Carolina Era.

Friends Yearly Meeting.

The North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends was held at New Garden, commencing on Sunday, Nov. 5th. The large and commodious meeting house, now nearly finished, was occupied for the first time. This is a very fine structure, built of brick, 60 by 100 feet, two stories in height, with a projection of 20 by 40 feet for the use of Sabbath schools, &c. It will seat comfortably, when finished, three thousand people, and is, we believe, the largest house of worship in the State. The attendance on Sunday was very large, temporary seats accommodating about 500, with a large number standing. A large number of Friends were present from the Northern and Western States. Ministers from beyond the limits of the State were in part as follows: Jeremiah A. Garnett, David Bates, Rachael Bates, Tennessee; Samuel Miles, James Barton, Vermont; Dr. James Rhodes, William Evans, Pennsylvania; John Allen, Absalom Dennis, W. H. Coffin, John D. Carter, Lydia Jane Hill, Phoebe Cook, Phariah Thomas, Eliza Ganse, Indiana; John Y. Hoover, Jerima Weisner, Iowa.

The meetings held through the week for business were very fully attended, and of much interest to the Society, showing a prosperous condition in all its branches. Total number of families of Friends, as far as reported, 1,052; No. of members, 3,633; No. received during the year, 118. Bible and Tract distribution during the year, as far as reports received, were as follows: Bibles, 281; Testaments, 557; Pages of Tracts, 750,000; every member of the Society being supplied with a copy of the Holy Scriptures. Reports from the Sabbath Schools show a large number in attendance, with an increased interest. The report from the New Garden Boarding School, an institution belonging to the Friends, shows that it fully sustains the reputation it has maintained for the past thirty-five years, as a first class school, and is, we believe, the oldest institution of learning now in operation in the State. It is entirely out of debt, and offers advantages for the education of young men and ladies equal to any institution in our State.

The Temperance meeting held on Monday night was largely attended, a number of able addresses were made, and a feeling of much interest was manifested for the success of the cause. No member of the Society is allowed to engage in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors.

Wednesday business was suspended for public worship. An immense throng were in attendance, estimated on the large assembly the venerable form of Mrs. Sarah Stanly, aged 94 years, who has attended every yearly meeting of the Friends held at New Garden for eighty successive years. She is still very sprightly, walking without help, and in full possession of her mental faculties.

The weather having been very pleasant during the meeting, every one admitted that it was one of the most useful and pleasant Yearly Meetings ever held at New Garden.

For the Carolina Era.

What Does it Mean?

MESRS. EDITORS: The statement of The *Sentinel* in regard to the trial of Cuff Trice, at the late term of Orange Court, are remarkable specimens of barefaced mendacity, even for that unscrupulous sheet. The first article stated that Cuff Trice was convicted of an assault with intent to commit a rape, for which crime being a black Republican, he was sentenced to the county jail for eighteen months at an enormous expense to the county instead of being sent to the Penitentiary, where the contractors would have given the State sixty cents per day for his services.

A more infamous tissue of false statement and lying innuendo has not been woven since Satan shewed mother Eve what he did.

The truth of the matter is this: Cuff Trice was indicted for a simple assault only; he was tried for a simple assault, convicted of an assault, and sentenced for an assault. Turner was in the Court room during the trial and knew these facts. If he had not been, they all appeared of record and he might have learned them by consulting Mr. Laws, the Clerk, or examining for the *Sentinel* on the interesting occasion referred to.

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AS AN INDUCEMENT.—The Wilmington and Weldon Railroad reduces its fare from Goldsboro' to Wilmington and return, during the Agricultural Fair at Wilmington, to two dollars, the round trip. We suppose the North Carolina Road will act promptly in the matter, and thus afford people from this section to visit the city of Wilmington on the interesting occasion referred to.

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The Asheville *Pioneer* publishes an account of Ku Kluxing in Yancey county, that occurred some months since, which, for brutality, out-Herrod's anything of the kind we have yet read of. Six of the villains have been arrested, and taken to Asheville—their names are Harris, Haney, Wilson, Price, Higgins and McIntosh.

In noticing these outrages, the *Carolinian* of this city remarks: "The time has come for men to speak out plainly on this subject, and the Democratic party must and shall repudiate these scoundrels and assassins, and aid in bringing them to punishment."

That's a good resolution, brother Hearne, and we have no doubt but that you will do your utmost to make it good; but, mark it, you will find excuses, as plenty as blackberries in summer, put forth by certain persons in this State, for the perpetrators—reasons why the parties deserved Ku Kluxing—and that they were not Ku Kluxed—if they were, it was done by Radicals—and all such stuff. We agree with the *Carolinian* that "there is nothing in the history of North Carolina throughout the entire period of the past ten years that can justify or pretend to justify the people in taking the law into their own hands, and whoever attempts, is guilty of a crime against civil liberty, and they are aiding and abetting of crime who excuse or palliate such conduct in any wise."

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"My dear," said a husband to his wife, "I'm going to start a coffee plantation." "How'll you get the land?" "Oh, there's no trouble about that; I always have plenty of coffee grounds in my cup."

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W. WHITAKER, - - Editor.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1871.

Local, State and General Items.

formed in Illinois, on the 4th instant, one inch thick.

Mrs. James A. Oates is filling an engagement in Memphis, Tenn.

Never persuade a reformed drunkard to take "just one glass of wine."

A Troupe' of some description has been giving exhibitions in Weldon this week.

The Georgia Legislature have declared Governor Bullock a defamer.

The Cherokee Indians returned to their home, without visiting the Virginia Fair.

The accounts of the famine in Persia are heartrending. Thousands are dying for want of food.

A shrewd old lady compares her husband to a tallow candle; he always sputters and smokes when he's put out.

Henry Garrard attempted escape from prison last Wednesday. For this act, he is now carrying heavy iron shackles.

A man in Philadelphia, named Oskins, shot and killed his wife because she said she intended to sue for a divorce.

We are glad to announce that Dr. Manning, Secretary of State, was well enough to attend market Wednesday morning.

Prof. Faber's talking machine has been on exhibition at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, and attracted great attention.

The colored people of Newbern have made an early move looking to the celebration of the ensuing first day of January next, as the anniversary of emancipation.

SPECIAL COURT FOR HALIFAX.—The *Roanoke News* says a special Court for Halifax has been ordered, to commence on the 11th December next. Civil cases, only, will be tried.

BURGLARY IN KINSTON.—The *Newbern Times* says: "On the night of the 6th, the burglars entered the house of Mr. James A. Pridden, and stole \$600 or \$700 in money. A suspected party has been arrested at Goldsboro' and carried to Kinston."

The Democratic papers say that "freedom has been suspended" by the President. Only one kind of freedom has been suspended—the freedom by the Ku Klux to whip, scourge, drown and hang American citizens on account of their political sentiments.

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Judson Frost was a brother-in-law to Mr. L. H. Royster, of Raleigh, and has a brother, William Frost, in Newbern. The remains were buried in Montgomery.

We are indebted to the Local editor of the *Carolinian* for the above.

The Georgia *Constitutionalist*, Democrat, speaking of the existence of Ku Klux in Georgia, and the suspension of the writ in nine counties in South Carolina, says:

If the citizens of Georgia do not, through their own grand juries, and through their own courts of justice, take cognizance of the infringement of the Constitution, and the rights of property, person and life of their own citizens, white and colored, they can, with poor grace, raise a clamor against the unconstitutional Ku Kluxism of the Congress of the United States, which has authority to demand the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus, and send Federal troops to preserve order."

The *Constitutionalist*, continues:

"There is but one mode to escape such results. It is for the people of Georgia in the several counties which have reason to fear Federal interference, to rise up and by their conduct show that they are capable of protecting the lives of their own citizens, and to bring to punishment those who defraud them of the *suffrage*."

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The *Yancey Superior Court*,—The Editor of the Asheville *Citizen* attended this Court before last, and reports: "No cases of any importance on the Criminal or Civil dockets were tried. State vs. Haney, murderer, was continued to Spring Term. Wilson, for highway robbery, moved to Madison. Higgins and McIntosh, rap, continued.

YANCEY SUPERIOR COURT.—The figures at the Auditor's office, and the receipt at the office of the Treasurer, shows a difference of about five thousand dollars in favor of The *Sentinel*—making the amount drawn by the prominent public printer nearly \$20,000. The master as to Littlefield, is also incorrect; but the public shall not be deceived in this matter, by parading the Littlefield transaction before them.

The *Chronicle* of the 10th inst., reports the Auditor General Akerman, as having said, in discussing political affairs last evening (the 9th), that persons who had looked deeply into the matter could not realize the extent of the Ku Klux organizations in some sections of the Southern States. He says that, having been associated with the people of the South, and having recently traveled about that country, and observed for himself, he is satisfied that it is impossible to govern those people with local courts, juries, &c., until these Ku Klux organizations are entirely broken up.

The Attorney General is correct.

One is stealing all the game cocks in Jacksonville, Florida.—Exchange.

That fellow was been reading of the \$20 award for a game cock at our State Fair.

AFFAIRS IN THE WEST.—ANOTHER LETTER FROM LINCOLN COUNTY.—The following letter will prove interesting to our readers, coming as it does from one who knows, and is present when anything of interest transpires before U. S. Commissioner Vest:

LINCOLNTON, N. C., Nov. 6th, 1871.

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