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SHOTWELL

A few days ago a ku klux newspaper published in Wilmington, announced among the names of "distinguished artists" that of Captain Randolph A. Shotwell, of Charlotte, N. C., a member of the Legislature from Mecklenburg county. This person has attained considerable notoriety, not because of anything that he has recently performed, but because he was a captain and leader of a gang of the ku klux murderers and scoundrels that infested this State a few years ago.

Time was, and that not very long since, that the assertion of the existence of ku klux or similar organizations in the State, or in fact in any of the lately rebellious States, was a vile slander, perpetrated by bad men for bad purposes. It was admitted on all sides that such unlawful organizations existed there should be suppressed and those who participated in them punished. But those who usually made the admission were careful that the existence of the organization should not be made known, and that the participants in them should not be punished. They scouted and ridiculed the idea that brave, chivalric, good southern men could possibly participate in or countenance any such wicked doings. They went so far as to obtain statements from ministers of the gospel to the effect that such things did not exist. But in their hearts they were to another independent political feeling that these bad men might object to—so prevent the expression of any political sentiment contrary to the political sentiments of the Democratic party, they overstepped the bounds of their previous caution and went he doing and recklessly into excesses that speedily brought upon them the strong hand of the outraged law. Many of those bad men were arrested, tried and convicted, and sentenced to serve a term of imprisonment at hard labor at the Albany, N. Y. penitentiary. Among these convicts—among these scoundrels who had committed all manner of excesses on innocent people for opinion's sake, was Randolph A. Shotwell. He was arrested, tried and found guilty of ku kluxing, and actually sent to the Albany penitentiary for a term of years, as a punishment therefor. After having remained there a part of the term for which he had been sentenced, at the solicitation of his friends, he was unconditionally paroled by President Grant. As soon as he found himself on the outside of his prison doors, this precious ku klux returned to North Carolina, first striking Raleigh, where he made an ass of himself by brazenly registering his name on the books of a certain hotel as from "Albany penitentiary." There he met with a host of congenial spirits like unto his own, and because of the martyrdom that he had recently undergone, he found no trouble in finding employment, the blatant old red mouth, D. H. Hill, giving him the position of associate editor of that ultra disunion sheet, the *Outlook*.

It was at this time that this fellow, Shotwell with others, was convicted of ku kluxing before Judge Bond of the United States Circuit Court, and while indictments were pending over the guilty head, or many others of the same ilk, that many of the first and most influential Democrats in the State, came out in a letter addressed to Judge Bond, in which they never denied ever having had any knowledge of the ku klux organization, but went on to argue in his honor their ability and intentions to get down the klan, telling that the proceedings against these wretched men might be suspended for a while to give them an opportunity to "suppress the organizations, and to secure a lasting and permanent peace to the State." This letter was signed by no less persons than Judge W. M. Ship, Senator M. W. Ransom, Judge W. H. Battle, B. B. Battle, Jr., Esq., Hon. B. F. Moore, Hon. D. M. Barringer, Gov. Thomas Bragg, George V. Strang, Esq. Judge Daniel O. Fowle, Joseph B. Batcher, Esq., and W. H. Bailey, Esq., each and every one of whom are prominent and influential

men in North Carolina to day, and have been for many long years, three of them having been Judges of the Supreme Court and one a Governor of the State, while one of the signers is now a Senator in the Congress of the United States, and each and every one of them prominent lawyers.

The election of this Shotwell to the Legislature of North Carolina is nothing more nor less than an indorsement of his ku klux course. Here we see a man of the most ordinary ability, whose ignorance of the law would put to blush the cheapest twenty dollar buffeted lawyer in the State, whose utter inability to transact in a business like way even the most ordinary transactions of every day life—who, it may be doubted, knows how to write a grammatical sentence, being, because he happened to be honored with a conviction for felony, boosted into favor and preference, and made a representative man of the chivalrous ku klux democracy.

It is well to let the world know how it works here in North Carolina. It was a nice thing for North Carolina's most honored sons to come with hats in hand, to a federal Judge, begging him to exercise his clemency in behalf of hundreds of their fellow citizens who had been led even to the door of the penitentiary by their leader, Shotwell into which he himself had entered, but it looks ungrateful to see these same men, and ex-penitentiary convict, too, uniting in all sorts of disrespectful and disgraceful remarks about a Judge whose heart was tender and who did not send hundreds of guilty ku klux to the penitentiary when he had them, and a President whose kindness of heart overruled his sense of official justice, and turned out on the world such a thing as this Shotwell.

CARELESSNESS.

They call it "gross carelessness," the bungling manner in which the election returns were made. The Democratic papers are now telling that if it was not for the gross carelessness of the returning officers, the vote for "Ratification" of the Constitution, would have been 14,091 instead of 13,605 as announced, the trouble being that three counties, Cherokee, Graham and Robeson were thrown out on account of informalities in the returns. These counties are all Democratic—the blame can't possibly be thrown on Republicans, and as Democrats are proverbial for their intelligence, as well as for their honesty, suspicion naturally arises to ones mind, that the Democratic officers of Cherokee, Graham and Robeson didn't exactly understand the orders issued from the Chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee about just how the thing was to have been done, and the Democratic majority that it was expected would be sent up from those counties. This is rather singular as regards Robeson, certainly, for the returns from that county were not signed at all, and in view of the fact that there had been a discussion concerning this very country, when Gen. Cox, awaiting the returns of the election for convention in August 1875 telegraphed to the Commissioners to "Hold Robeson and save the State," which secured the unlawful return of two Democrats from that county to the convention, thereby placing that body in the control of their party. Of course these things are not to be considered as frauds on the ballot boxes. Oh, no, but to disinterested spectators they look rather fishy.

RETRIBUTION.

And now that the faithful are about to inaugurate that prince of retrenchers and reformers, Vance, they begin to think that he must live in a state of grandeur commensurate with his supposed importance. They want the Governor to have a "palace" with all its attendant pride and royal surroundings, and they are even talking about getting up the concern immediately.

We don't see why, the jolly joker can't content himself with the same or similar surroundings that satisfied the Democratic Governor, Worth, or the Republican Governors Holden, Caldwell and Brogdon, all of whom have dispensed their hospitality without a "palace" since the war.

The Democratic Reform Club, or Democratic Aristocrats met at the county court house to devise ways and means to reform the city government out of the hands of Republicans and into the hands of Democrats. Go slow gentlemen, it takes time to make a bargain.

The city clerk has a "new prison" The City Clerk and Treasurer's office is very offensive, made so from the fact that 35 persons are imprisoned in the cells underneath the clerk's office.

The Democratic editors who swore they would die in the last ditch rather than see Hayes inaugurated, would be well to buckle on their armor.

CITY ITEMS.

WANTED.
I will take a pair of mules and feed them well, in fact, take the best care of them for their work during the winter to work in the city.

W. P. CANADAY.

Rain is needed.

"Santa Claus" starts out Sunday night next to visit the little ones.

Very dry on the streets, but George Myers has sufficient to wet the inner man.

Persons who had wood land to sell will do well to see Mr. W. P. Canaday's advertisement.

The City Treasurer and Collector is selling property each day in front of the City Hall, for taxes.

Several policemen have been suspended for various offences, and will be tried by the Mayor in a few days.

Now is the time to thoroughly clean your lots, vault and cellars, it will prevent sickness in the summer.

S. G. Hall feels as proud as a young man just married, over the improvements to his job printing office.

Market street improvement is progressing finely. The Board of Aldermen deserve the thanks of the city for this needed improvement.

Maj. Engelhard was in the city a few days ago, looking better, owing to the fact, we suppose, of his election as Secretary of State.

The Legislature adjourned after drawing about \$50,000 of the people's money as per diem and mileage. Reform in a hour.

No pistols or guns allowed to be fired in the city during the Christmas holidays. Ten dollars fine for every offense—says the Marshal, and we hope the order will be strictly carried out.

The Mayor had one of the judiciary of Onslow county before him this week for being drunk, and this J. P. belongs to the *ret* Democracy of Onslow. Just think of it.

The Mayor informs those parties who have not paid their poll tax, that the tax collector will advertise their names in a few days if it is not paid. That is right, those parties who owe city poll taxes should at once pay.

The city wagons are not used for hauling evergreens for the churches—so says the Mayor. His order to the Marshal to use them for nothing except legitimate city purposes.

We understand that there is a northern firm in correspondence with parties in this city concerning the establishment of a manufactory for knitting socks, stockings, shirts, &c., in this city.

Pender court has been put off until the 25th of December, but the jurors and witnesses were not notified until Tuesday of this week that his Honor, Judge McKoy, would not be present until next Tuesday.

The City Clerk has orders to proceed against those parties who have not paid their personal tax. The city attorney advises him that he has authority to seize the property. So, gentlemen, you who owe personal property taxes, had better pay at once.

Who will be the man to step forward and publish a city directory? Don't all speak at once. One is very much needed, and we have no doubt but what it would pay a very handsome profit to any energetic person who will take hold of it.

The city has thirty five prisoners at work on the streets. We hope the Mayor will pardon all of them on Christmas morning, and see if it will not have a moralizing effect on them. Let them go to church on that holy day and repent of their sins, if they will.

Vance has commenced accepting presents—the first since his election is a suit of clothes from friends. This is not the first present he has received since the war; it is charged that he accepted one from Matthew W. Ransom. Too bad, after what has been said by the Democrats about Grant's accepting presents.

The Board of Aldermen have appointed a committee to consult with Mr. Bridges concerning the erection of a bridge across the railroad at Sixth street. There used to be crossings until the railroad cut their track down and so arranged it that vehicles cannot cross at any point between Fourth and Meade streets. The citizens are entitled to please, that he will rain upon every one that hears or beholds him. This disposition is not merely the gift of nature, but frequently of much knowledge of the world and a command over the passions.

Now is the time to subscribe for Peterson's, it is one of the best Magazines out, filled with choice reading, latest fashions and many valuable receipts. Every lady should have it. Send at once to Charles F. Peterson, 306 Chestnut street Philadelphia.

Don't fail to apply to W. P. Canaday if you wish to purchase improved or unimproved lots. He has them in any part of the city, and will sell cheap for cash or on reasonable time. Every man should own a homestead and those who can buy on terms to suit their conditions are guilty of a crime if they neglect to do so. See Mr. Canaday's advertisement.

Godey's Lady's Book is on our table. It is the oldest magazine of its character in the country, and is filled with useful receipts for the housewife, particularly to one who delights in economical variety. The reading matter is well selected and will please all. The fashion department is complete, and every lady should subscribe at once for this useful and charming book. See prospectus published to day.

DIED.—We are sorry to learn that the Hon. Jasper Etheridge died at his residence, in Onslow county, on the morning of the 14th of December. Mr. Etheridge has been one of the leading citizens of Onslow county for the last 30 years. He was clerk of the Superior Court of his county for 20 years, and in 1868 he represented his county in the constitutional convention. Before the war a Democrat, during the war a Union man and since the war a consistent Republican. During the whole of his long life no one can say against his character. He leaves many friends to mourn his death.

INDUSTRIAL FAIR ASSOCIATION.—The Industrial Fair will commence in this city on the 25th of December and will continue for three days. We are glad to learn that chances for a first class Exhibition is exceedingly good; they can't be had, attend and do all in their industrial attempt to encourage farming and their industries among the colored people. This is the second, the first time it was splendid and we hope this one will even excel the first. Jos. C. Hill is President and Henry Taylor General Superintendent, both are good business men, and will make good officers.

The poem which lends its name to this book "Beautiful Snow," treats a well worn subject with originality and feeling at once delicate and intense. The despair of the wretched Outcast as she watches the falling of the pure, beautiful, yet cold and unfeeling snow, and remembers that she was once a fair and pure, is depicted with true artistic effect. Such poems as "Beautiful Snow," and those entitled "Fetter of Little Feet," "King Down the Drop," "Fanner or Brown," "I Would that She were Dead," "The Kiss in the Street," "Please Help the Blind," "Swinging in the Dance," and "Missing; Private William Smith," take strong hold of the heart and memory, and will live long because they touch many chords of human sympathy. The little poem will live forever, and would alone secure for "Beautiful Snow," and other poems" a large and permanent circulation.—N. E. Times. "This beautiful Poem" is for sale at P. Heinsberger's.

NEW BOOKS.
"Sylvester Sound, the Somanubulist," by the author of "Valentine Vox, the Ventriloquist," and one of the most humorous books ever written, full of illustrations, is just published by T. B. Peterson & Brothers, Philadelphia. For sale at P. Heinsberger's Live Book and Music Store.

"Cosinus; or Italy," by Madame De Stael. An entire new edition of it in octavo form, is just published by T. B. Peterson & Brothers, Philadelphia. For sale by P. Heinsberger at his Live Book and Music Store.

One of the secrets of being agreeable is to appear well pleased with the company, and rather to seem well entertained by them than to bring eternal meekness to them. A man that disposed, perhaps, may not have much learning, nor any wit, but if he has common sense and something friendly in his behavior, it conciliates men's minds more than the brightest parts without this disposition. If it is true indeed that we should not dissemble and flatter in company; but a man may be very agreeable, strictly consistent with truth and sincerity, by a prudent silence where he cannot speak, and a pleasing assent where he can. Now and then meet with a man so exactly formed to please, that he will rain upon every one that hears or beholds him. This disposition is not merely the gift of nature, but frequently of much knowledge of the world and a command over the passions.

Review and Chancellor.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 13.—The following congratulatory address was issued today:

ROBESON FOR NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE. WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—To the people of the United States: The National Democratic Committee announces, as the result of the Presidential election held on the 7th of November, the election of Samuel J. Tilden, of New York, as President, and Thomas A. Hendricks, of Indiana, as Vice-President of the United States. We congratulate you on this glory for reform. It may only remain for the two Houses of Congress, in the performance of their duty, on the second Wednesday in February next, to give effect to the will of the people thus expressed in the constitutional way by a majority of Electoral votes, and sustained by a majority of all the States, as well as by an overwhelming majority of all the people of the United States.

By order of the Executive Committee, (Signed) ABRAHAM HERBERT, Chairman.

Return of Mr. Woodburn. WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The Hon. Zerah Woodburn, Chairman of the Republican National Committee, found the following card pinned to his door:

A card pinned to his door, it is the best of all cards, it is a card of approval. It has been fairly earned by a great majority of the Electors. There is no indication that a nominated citizen has a doubt as to his result. The address of the Democratic National Committee and the Republican National Committee are given in the following card:

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interference," there would be no doubt to-day as to either of the States whose returns are exciting so much interest. The weight of President Grant's little finger would have settled the matter, and the fact that there is a dispute fully acquits him as to the past. As to the present, there can be no doubt as to the wisdom of his course. The presence of danger and the pressure of vast responsibility have done for him what a somewhat ugly looking battle field has more than once done in days gone by, and the people recognize that fact. The popular excitement went down wonderfully after the publication of that immortal dispatch. It is possible that the President's worst enemies felt easier about the country, and it may even be that they felt more comfortable about themselves. Now that there is no longer any special danger, and the fever of the thing is so nearly over, it may well be noted that while the loud threats and the vying boastings of a man of one class or men who need not be described, the most truly ominous suggestions came from quite another, but in undertones "If they do force another war on us. Think of what we suffered. Think of all it cost. We were too lenient. Made a mistake. Said we punished for sparing Agassiz, Smith, and his thigh." All of which multiplied indefinitely, means that if any man or set of men shall dare embolden this people again, as many have threatened during these days of doubt and excitement, all other crimes of any body's committing may possible be forgotten in a burst of popular wrath over such and so great a sin against the nation.

Burlington Bulldozing.
"My son, my son," mildly exclaimed a reproving West Hill mother yesterday morning, "untie that cat from the gate latch, take in that rope you've stretched across the sidewalk, let your little sister out of the woodshed, unfasten the cellar door, and let the hired girl come up and get to her work, take that sign of 'boarders wanted' off of Mr. Posenby's front door, let Mr. Jasper's dog out of that barrel, throw that paper of gunpowder in your pocket out into the street, and then come and tell me where you were Friday and Saturday that

he wasn't prepared to answer just then, but he would insist on throwing out the fetter of the school teacher in the ground that he (the boy) had been unduly intimidated from attending school by the terror of long, hard lessons, and further by the practice of bulldozing in the parish, as he could establish by reliable witnesses. Pending the decision of the board, he filed a number of protests, but his mother pronounced his attitude revolutionary and sent to his father's office for troops, which arrived about teatime, and the local government was at once supported and order enforced, and as the boy went up to bed without any supper, and in custody of the troops, the throes of a few people struggling in the iron grasp of a domestic despotism, could be heard away down on the next street, where the other boys were lifting gates of their hinges and carrying them down to the creek.—*Hawkeye.*

A Georgia Democrat.
Colonel Thomas Hardeman, of Georgia, is a Democrat without adulteration. He has been making a speech against the common school system. Let us beware," he said, "how we vote money to raise up and educate in our midst those who will, by reason of their smattering of an education, refuse to do the work now done by their ignorant parents, and cause them to unite more unceasingly in their efforts to extort money out of the whites to educate their own shiftless race." Plantation manners and ideas are what suit Mr. Hardeman, you see. But here are some still more precious morsels of plantation wisdom:

"Voting and free schools awaken in the idle young negro foolish and absurd aspirations, which will surely engender much trouble and evil. Education makes the negro fickle, unreliable and insolent; then let us not, in future, waste our hard earned money in bringing up a race which seeks to oppress and degrade us, while enjoying privileges which we confer."

It occurs to us that the privileges conferred are the other way. But perhaps Hardeman thought Tilden was elected, and that the rebels might go far even as to "confer privileges" on the soldiers of the Union army. Why not try it?—*Boston Traveler.*

While too many Republican journals appear to be fearful that the Republican party will do an unjustifiable act to secure the Presidency, the Democratic party moves forward steadily toward the Presidential goal, regardless of precedents and of forms of law. It placed the most unscrupulous of all its representatives in the lower House of Congress in the chief place, and before the night of his elevation he demonstrated by his unjust rulings, his stress for the "dirty work" assigned him. And the Confederate House sustained him. The majority is worthy of the man, and the man of the majority. Nothing more infamous than Randall's rulings in the case of Beland, of Colorado, and Burt, of South Carolina, has ever occurred in the annals of legislation. But a corrupt purpose was to be subserved, and the speaker did not hesitate. To admit Burt was to recognize the returning board of South Carolina, to admit Beland was to recognize the State of Colorado, and both have a bearing on the Presidency. Republicans who

tremble when their party is charged with fraud by Democratic partisans who contemplate treason and rebellion, should pause before they condemn their friends, and reflect on democratic tendencies. The Democratic party has carried several States by intimidation and assassination, and while it holds fast to what it has got with unblinking effrontery, it dares to intimidate the returning board of Louisiana for doing its duty in exposing the horrible practices of the bull-dozers, and seeing that the party of assassins shall not benefit by its own frauds.—*Later Ocean.*

The whole campaign of 1876, on the part of the democratic party in the State and nation, has been characterized by a combination of wickedness and hypocrisy for which we are at a loss to find a comparison in history or fiction.

The farewell address of the democratic executive committee of this State is a sample of the hypocrisy: "Our campaign has been conducted upon the basis laid down by our honored chief at the outset, and through peaceful and lawful agencies we won the victory, acknowledging the legal and political rights of all classes, and pledging ourselves to maintain them inviolate. We know that every pledge of the party will be redeemed. With kind feelings for the masses of the opposition, we must exercise magnanimity towards them. Generosity demands that proscription shall not be visited upon the rank and file of the opposite party, and we earnestly recommend that steps be taken at once to guarantee protection to laborers in every county of the State. Governor Hampton heartily concurs in this recommendation and we have his authority to make it known to the public."

To write that paragraph after a campaign inaugurated by Hamburg and Ellenton, marked at every step by threats, persecution and bribery, and culminating with violence, intimidation and repeating on election day, would have taxed the powers of a committee composed of Chamberlain, Pecksniff, Stiggins, Silas Wegg, Pumblechook and Urah Heap. The only production equal to it in its line is the proclamation of a day of fasting and prayer, which had an insolent impetuosity as an additional characteristic.—*Columbia News and Herald.*

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.
MARSHAL'S OFFICE.
CITY OF WILMINGTON,
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