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Malignant Journalism.

The malignant and wanton editorial assault made upon Gen. R. E. Lee by the New York Sun in its issue of October 18 should make that paper abhorred and detested in every Southern house-hold. No ex-Confederate soldier who retains one spark of manhood in his breast, or of respect for the cause of which this great and pure soldier was one of the representatives, can read that outrageous libel without the deepest indignation. Nor can he fail to remember that the paper which makes this attack is of the straitest sect of McKinleyism, admittedly one of the most devoted and uncompromising organs of imperialism and the trusts in the country. The South stands like a stone wall against Republican policies and plans, and by its aid imperialism and syndicated government are threatened with overthrow at the approaching election. That section has already been menaced by the Republican party with political punishment, in the form of decreased representation, if the Republicans win, but it has refused to be frightened into the support of McKinley, as it has re-fused to be tempted by the bribe of commercialism or deceived by his sweet words of flattery and cajolery. Its firm attitude throws into a fury of rage and resentment the Administration and all its camp followers, who see the spoils of imperialism and trust tyranny endangered by its fidelity to Democratic principles. This feeling was shown some time ago in another article in the New York Sun, in which a bitter attack was made upon the South in general. Now, enraged by the increasing signs of popular revolt against McKinleyism, it spits out its venom and hatred in an article in which it deliberately maligns a man whose name it is not fit to utter. The New York Sun goes further than most of its kind, because, like the professional wanton, it is utterly beyond hope of rehabilitation among respectable people. But it is noteworthy that nearly every so-called independent newspaper which is supporting McKinleyism in this campaign betrays more or less clearly something of the same animus. They make themselves conspicuous as defenders of Roosevelt, the champion of mixed schools, and one of them, published in this a Southern city, even attempts to minimize the New York Sun's sharneless attack on Gen- problem' up dar dan what dey has down ing to debauch the country with their eral Lee by describing that paper as yer! But lemme tell you one t'ingmerely "objecting to the choice of Lee en hit ain't two-de bes' place for de through the power of their financial for the Hall of Fame." Southern men are not likely to be influenced by papers which are the special champions of the ye! I raise a fambly of sixteen sons ceive a deserved and memorable rebuke champion of mixed schools and which consider as of small consequence and ber—en bless God none er 'em hez manhood, the honor and the patriotism worthy of no attention the defamation been lynched or tar-en-feathered, or of these United States will assert them-

Victory Claimed for Bryan.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21 .- The Democratic congressional committee to-night issued a rosy forecast of Democratic It makes 1,500 words. Among other things the committee says:

"A tidal wave of Democracy is sweeping over the country and indications now point to the greatest popular majority for Bryan next m nth ever given to any Democratic presidential candidate. The great popular uprising in favor of Bryan is not confined to any it spells 'victory.' It is universally conceded, even by the Republican leaders, that Mr. Bryan has lost nothing of the strength he had in in 1896, when less than 25,000 votes, properly distributed, would have elected him. It therefore follows that this year he will receive at least as many votes as in 1896, plus the natural increase in the number of young Democratic voters and the electoral college.

Only Two Mills Running.

RALEIGH, N. C., October 19 .- News to day from the cotton mills in Alamance is that of the twenty-six only two are running full handed. Those did owners say they do not know whether their operatives belong to the union or not. News is that the mills will almost enough non-unionists to keep them in operation. The unionists chose a bad come a seven-instead of a six-day patime to strike, as the mills are long on per as heretofore. This is the first permanufactured goods and short on cot- manent daily started in North Carolina, union operatives who are out of employment say it is not a strike, but a lockout.

No Power Can Beat Bryan this Time, Say Croker and Murphy.

New York, October 23.-Senator in the West, said today:

the United States.'

power can beat him this time."

The Balfour Quarry.

Special to Charlotte Observer.

CONCORD, Oct. 20 .- The road from Concord to Rocky River runs through Rocky Ridge, a section of country where for a mile or so along the roadside are large boulders of rock and as far as the eye can see through the on the earth. At one place, a huge, conical boulder stands so close to the road that passing vehicles almost graze it, and from its top, up among the the railroad cars. Strangers visiting this vicinity are often told a wonderful the conclusion that there is some kind Concord folks resent that idea and affirm that the rock does thrn round every time it hears the whistle blow. If the stranger don't catch on to this assertion quick enough, he is taken a little further on where an immense flat rock crops out through the ground and is shown the deep print of Samson's big foot-right on the rock. The oldest inhabitant fails in remembering who is responsible for the identification. But right here alongside these two curiosities is the location where the Balfour Quarry Company is at work and carrying on, with approved methods and machinery, a very thriving business. Mr. E. T. Burgess is superintendent of the quarry, Mr. A. L. Parker, manager and commissary, Mr. George L. Erdman, treasurer, and Mr. John M. Young, ballast inspector for the Southern Railway. They employ 75 hands and run two steam drills, which average 40 feet per day. The product of one day's labor in building stone, fencing stone, screenings, chippings and ballast is sufficient to load 10 or 12 cars. The company has a lease on the location for ten years with the privilege of extending it to fifteen. But neither fifteen, nor twice fifteen will exhaust the stone in that part of Cabarrus county.

Brother Dickey on Race Problem.

"Yes, suh," said Brother Dickey, 'hit do look lak' my race is havin' er dey has mo' er what dey calls 'de race are those who are deliberately attemptcullud man is down South, whar' he combinations. We do not believe they was raise an' bo'n! Min' what I tell can succeed. We believe they will rebeat up, er stove up, dat I knows on; makin' a dollar a day, and Lawd sen' their game is surely up. They are the devil. Sunday! No, suh, gimme de South en Chris'mus gif' when de time comes.

Let 'Er Roll.

Greensboro Telegram.

We are friendly to all harmless diversions of the people, from circuses to senatorial primaries, so let her rock. Besides, it is useful. We have word of ex-Senator Jarvis that without the primary, folks wouldu't know that an election is on hand. We don't care how much the candidates fight, but we do ernment of the people and by the peo- hole because the hole ain't there for it the press so wrought up over a matter that will not be worth a green persimthat is their business and we are not attempting to meddle with it.

Football Cause His death.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., October 21.-William Dougal Price, of Palestine, Tex., who have come of age since the last a student at the Bingham school, died national campaign. But this year Mr. this afternoon of an injury received in a Bryan has many elements of strength football game yesterday afternoon. The which he lacked in 1896, and which first and second elevens were playing a are sufficient to insure him a tremen- practice game and Price, who was left dous majority, both in the popular vote end, attempted to stop interference. He fell on his head, the head being partly under the body, and several players fell on top. His spinal cord was sprained and the lower part of his body paralyzed. He was eighteen years

Edition.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Oct. 22.-The Charlotte Observer this morning issued certainly win in this fight, as there are a Monlay edition and makes the announcement that it has concluded to beton and are by no means unwilling to although several Monday issues were shut down for a month or two. The printed during the Spanish-American war. South Carolina has Monday papers, but Virginia, it is said, is content rank, are as follows: with six-day editions.

We want to impress upon every voter Brigadier Generals Murphy, speaking of Hanna's speeches in Cabarrus county and this district the Colonels . . importance of working and voting for Lieutenant Colonels . . "Hanna, Roosevelt and other Repub. Hon. Theo. F. Kluttz for Congress. lican leaders now on the stump are His election seems certain, but there Captain . . getting mad, and saying intemperate should not be any relaxation of effort things. That shows they realize that or any resting on oars. It would inwe have them beaten and they know deed be a calamity if Mr. Kluttz should be defeated, especially by such a stick "Bryan will be the next President of as either Holton or Shuford. Let every Democrat and every voter who wants Richard Croker, who was standing the district represented by an able, inby, said: "The Senator is right. No fluential and incorruptible man, vote their mouths shut when they're awake tion to remain silent during this excepfor Mr. Kluttz.

THE PEOPLE ARE WITH BRYAN.

Baltimore Sun The reception given Mr. Bryan last night was the most magnificent popular demonstration ever witnessed in this city. The rain could not chill the enthusiasm of the immense multitude which waited patiently for hours in the vicinity of the depot to welcome him, woods, great masses of rock piled up and which crowded Music Hall and vicinity to hear his addresses. There can be no mistaking the meaning of such a popular outpouring as that of last night. It means that the people of this city are branches of a hickory tree, can be seen with and for the cause which Mr. Bryan represents, and that the popular heart still responds with enthusiam to appeals story about this rock, namely, that it to its patriotism and its love of liberty. turns round every time it hears the It means that the people understand whistle." Nearly every one, who hears the true issues of this campaign and are this story for the first time, jumps to not deceived by the shallow sophistry of selfish interests. It means that they do of superstition connected with it, but not regard Mr. Bryan as a demagogue or a dreamer, but as an honest and earnest patriot, who is fighing for the means that they recognize this is a rest. struggle between greed and gold on one side and popular rights and free institutions on the other. It means, last but not least, that Maryland will cast its electoral vote for Mr. Bryan. It is the handwriting on the wall, as far as Maryland is concerned, whatever the Republicans and their allies may profess to believe. The only hope the Republicans have of carrying the country is by purchase and coercion. In comwith their so-called "honest money" associates in Maryland their only argument is the dollar. The Republicans and their allies know as well as they know anything that if the issues of this campaign were left to the uninfluenced decision of the country, to its reason and its conscience alone, they would be beaten, horse, foot and dragoons. Their only hope of success rests on the dollar, which is the god of their idolatry, and in which they live and move and have their being. They are straining every nerve to compass Mr. Bryan's defeat by coercing their employes and by raising an immense corruption fund to tempt the desperate and venal voter. These are the men, forsooth, who have the effrontery to denounce Mr. Bryan as a demagogue and a ha'd time in the North! 'Pears lak' a dangerous man. The dangerous men "honest dollars" and intimidate it overwhelmingly beaten-beaten in spite of all their civilization every day in de year, en money bags and their tons of campaign pel," but "Go preach." of intelligent and patriotic white Re- do so? publicans have declined to follow the lead of these false prophets and will be found on election day voting for gova dangerous man-dangerous to the the dirtiest dog in town. mon to them and for which they will plutocrats, but not to the people. He I was asked to talk against Catholics last night shows that they regard him was bed-time. as a leader worthy of that cause, and that in Maryland they will carry its member than one thousand bad ones.

> A Snake Which Didn't Have Any Sense.

banner to victory.

Statesville Landmark. Mr. "Red Buck" Bryant, who writes interesting stories for the Charlotte Observer on all sorts of subjects, has a most interesting story in to-day's paper about snakes, varmints and the like, which he has culled from an old history. That part about black snakes is true to life and reminds us of the snake of George Gay, a good colored man in Cool Spring, this county. A snake robbed a not notify union men to leave. Their Charlotte Observer Issues Monday hen's nest at George's place of all the eggs and then George, to get even, dropped a white door knob in the nest. The fool snake swallowed that too, and as it couldn't digest the door knob it crawled off and died, and when the vultures disposed of it there was the door knob to show for itself.

Pay of Army Officers.

The salaries paid to officers of the Major Generals 5.500 3.500 Second Lieutenant

"A physician says that people how sleep with their mouths shut live

"Well, people who go around with seldom get killed."

PRACTICAL RELIGION.

SAM P. JONES.

"No man will ever get to heaven who has not the love and service of God uppermost in his life."

"This one thing I do." Paul had a cultivated head, a cultivated heart, and linked to these he had achievement. Brains cultivated does not follow that a person is all right. The New York Press boasts that its There are plenty of brains in hell, and plenty more going there. You take the politicians and shut them up in a glass case, and if the devil came along, he'd say, "Gentlemen, that's shead of anything I've got." Many an old D. D. in this country is fishing, and has never got a bite. When I fish an hour and catch nothing, I'm going to change my bait or the hole, one or the other.

Lots of people go around singing, 'Jesus paid it all,' and another set say, us for ?" I'll tell you how Jesus paid cause of popular government against dangers which threaten its existence. It you have and He'll plank down the

Faith and good works go together. Paul cultivated his heart and had achievement. The devil is ahead of you; for he believes and trembles, and you believe and sit still, you lazy scoundrel. So get a move on you, and do something. God does the raining and shining, and the farmers do the plowing and planting. You lazy old farmers, you'd like to do the raining and shinng, and make God do the plowing and planting. Wouldn't you shine?

The difference between a Methodist and a Presbyterian is this: The Methodist knows he has religion, but is awful afraid of losing it; the Presbyterian thinks he can't lose religion, but is awfully afraid he hasn't got any.

In fifteen hundred billion years, they say, there won't be one drop of water in the Atlantic Ocean. How long will it take the Republican party to give prohibition? When the ocean is dry. How long before the Democratic party gives prohibition? When you can wade across the Atlantic. If you Republicans and Democrats don't vote for prohibition, tell your wives when you die to dress you in the thinnest suit of clothes you've got; for you are going to a hot place.

Some of you women claim to be the children of God, and you're not worth killing. You will pay more for an Easter bonnet than the whole year for God's cause. You sing:

"Shall jesus bear the cross alone, And all the world go free?" No, there's a cross for every one, And an Easter bonnet for me."

Lots of you Christians are like the ow who was married three times.

literature, in spite of the solid phalanx went home and said, "We had a powof ignorant and prejudiced black voters erful sermon." "What was the text?" who form the large majority of their "I don't know; I can't remember it. recently been inflamed to dangerous himself, and had to read it," she re frenzy by incendiary appeals from col- plied. If you preachers can't rememored ministers and bishops. Thousands ber, how do you expect your people to lection.

> I'm tramping on some of your toes? Lightning never hits twice in the same

reception they gave him in this city through talking about Methodists it

Well sir, I reckon one would be loneof being in hell is dying.

because there were too few in my crowd who would ever get there to find out if what I said was true or not.

commandments.

Grover Cleveland's Position.

PRINCETON, N. J., Oct. 25 .- In conversation with the representative of the Associated Press to-day, ex-President Cleveland said: "I am surprised that United States army, in the order of my opinions and intentions as related to the pending canvass should at this Lieutenant General . . . \$11 000 stage so suddenly be deemed impor-7 500 tant. I am daily and nightly sought out by newspaper reporters and politicians with all sorts of questions, some 3 000 of which seem quite senseless. If, in 2 500 good nature, I say a few harmless 1 800 words, they are so padded before pub-1 500 lication as to be unrecognizable, or are 1 400 made the pretext for utterly unauthor ized presumption.

"It seems to me that my situation ought to be sufficiently understood and appreciated by thoughtful friends to justify in their minds my determinational and distressing campaign."

BILL ARP'S LETTER.

As Patrick Henry said, "It is useless to cry peace when there is no peace.' Henry Grady never loved the nation Better take that inscription off his monument. What alarms me is the fact that the northern papers that are most bitter against us are the most popular with their people. This is a bad sign. circulation is twice as great as that of all the republican papers of New York and Booklyn combined and it is increasing every day. It is ably and bitterly edited. Not a daily issue but has some fling or slander against the south. I wouldn't care for what an editor said if his readers dident approve and indorse it and it is reasonable to suppose million northern readers of The Press hate us as cordially as does the editor. I can't account for "If He paid it all what are you dunning this antipathy, for we are not doing anything to them. In last Sunday's paper The Press says that we "should build a monument to Paul Sloan, the deputy sheriff of Lake Charles, La., because he lost his life in trying to protect a negro from a mob." That is not so bad, but he continues his remarks in place of one of those erected to as John Brown's."

> calm and serene under such provonational lamentation. Even Daniel his beautiful eulogy on Mr. Calhoun. England to send John Brown on his malicious and devilish errand. The John G. Whittier to write of Webster: So fallen! So lost! The light withdrawn which once he wore The glory from his gray hairs gone forever

more.
All else is gone: from those great eyes the the soul has fled
When faith is lost and honor dies, the man is dead."

And this because he honored Calhoun and in his old age dared to say in his speech at Capon Springs that a state had the right to secede from the union when the compact was broken. My father statesmen, and it is mine to-day. My and none of his slanderous effusions

editors dictate how we shall manage our negroes. I'm doing my best to harmo- retain his self-respect. ize, but when I read their editorials I No man will ever get to heaven who want to hire a cussin' man-one that has not the love and service of God can't be broke of it—and I'll give him uppermost in his life; who has not for- \$2 a day to use language on that editor. saken forever every sin. God help each He wouldent mind being cussed afar of us to determine just now that "this off and maybe it would relieve my one thing we will do"-give our lives to feelings. He knows that every follower Jesus Christ, and henceforth keep His of Taney and Calhoun still glory in store-keeper their constitutional teachings. knows that Dr. Andrews, who is the honored head of the public schools of every principle the south maintained and fought for had been decided in our favor by the supreme court of the United States before the war and has been since

> But we will get even next month and then you will hear a howl. Good gracious! What a consternation-what weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth-Bryan and Stevenson! Both names end with a big N and that combination has never failed yet.

the war confirmed by the present court.

He knows all that and he knows all

about Pana and Akron and New York

city's treatment of the negro, and in

face of all this he dares to spit out his

venom at us. I don't understand him

nor what manner of man he is nor how

he can sleep in peace or enjoy and digest

his daily food.

Well, I am working on that book

now, and my friends are sending the names of their favorite poems from all over the south. It is already interesting and curious to note the ones that are most popular. I shall publish a list of into peace for more than about a week. them before long in the order in which they stand.

And now about that scriptural enigma. I have received several letters about it, and but one correct answer and so I will have to give the solution as sent by the Mississippi girls:

"You have heard, no doubt, the oft-told tale Of Prophet Jonah and the whale His living soul was kept within I ll he repented of his sin, When the whale dies its oil gives light Dispelling darkness from the night." BILL ARP.

Puerile Campaign Arguments.

A dispatch from Fairmount, W. Va., quotes an official of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad as stating that "the company would spend \$10,000,000 on improvements in West Virginia in the event of the re-election of President Mc-Kinley. A different policy would be pursued should Bryan be elected." The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad will make improvements in West Virginia and and says we "should set up his statue other States will continue in operation, no matter who is elected, and every Calhoun and Taney and Travis, whom railroad conducted on progressive printheir own followers admit were incurably | ciples will extend its facilities as often wrong in every question of their time as its business justifies additions to its and the northern mind reads Paul plant. A railroad which adopted any Sloan's title to a monument as clearly other policy would inevitably drift into bankruptcy. The time has passed when What is the use of trying to keep intelligent people could be influenced by such statements as the one quoted cations. Chief Justice Taney and John above. Corporations are in business to C. Calhoun were dead before our civil make money, and they will miss no opwar and I did not know that any portunity to add to their wealth because respectable citizen of the United States | they are not in political sympathy with would dare to dishonor their great the Administration. They will be as names. These were statesmen, not ready to do business if Mr. Bryan is politicians, and the tributes and eulo- elected as they would be if President gies paid to them by northern men were full of praise and overflowing with in the White House. Every person with common sense understands this. Wibster spoke with much emotion in Capital will find as many legitimate investments under a Democratic adminis-But now at this late day the same old tration as it has during Mr. McKinley's fanatical cry is heard that caused New term of office. The business of the country will go on just as it always has gone on in the past after a change of same malignant howl that inspired administration. The railroads will add to their equipment whenever the circumstances warrant it, without regard to the man in the White House. If they do not they will invite competition, and men who have the capital and enterprise will enter the field and give the public the facilities which are required.

McKinleyism Run Mad.

The New York Sun has read Robert from what he thought his duty by gold an' dem what got in de chaingang— tyranny and corruption that for their The first was for money, the second for was from Massachusetts and honored E. Lee out of the Hall of Fame. "At or rank, and too true to his section to wich wuz des a sorter side issue, so ter own selfish ends are recklessly endan- beauty, and the third for intellect. He Mr. Webster above all men and was inturn his back upon it in its hour of speak-is now law-abidin' citizens en gering free institutions. In Maryland said he married the world, the flesh and tensely indignant at Whittier's fanatical puritanical verses. Toat triumve- up a false and mushy sentimentality It does not say, "Go, read my gos- rate Webster, Clay and Calhoun was which would have the American people A woman his ideal of great men, patriots and forget the outrage against the Republic committed by the rebellious forces contempt for old Whittier is very great, under the command of Robert E. Lee. * * * It is that meek and mawkish supporters in this State and who have The preacher could not remember it shall find a place in my collection of sentimentality which puts the name of poems. I was surprised to find a lot of Lee among the great commanders enthem in William Cullen Bryant's col- titled to the veneration of posterity. * Hail to the Stars and Stripes. But I am going to quit reading such | Forever and always death and confunewspapers as destroy my serenity. I sion to its enemies!" Lee, says the Well, your toes ought to emigrate. have to hurry out into my garden and Sun, was a "deserter." Lee committed dig too hard and too often this hot "a capital military crime-a crime weather to keep my choler down. I've against civililzation." The Sun's savage universal. The sign is in the sky, and regret to see some of the brethren of ple and against government of plutocrats and by plutocrats. Mr. Bryan is that makes a clean, upright man out of coop with two apartments, one of which onslaught upon the memory of the is for the Christmas turkeys, when the great Confederate commander are sigtime comes. Old Uncle Sam did die nificant as expressions of the views get no thanks after it's all over. But represents the people's cause, and the in Boston, and I told them when I got sure enough, and I am now emphatically entertained by the most extreme the boy-but I reckon it is good for me. imperialist newspaper in the United My wife says it io. I've worn out my States. Our New York contemporary I'd rather have one good church forked hoe digging up the hard ground is not treating Southern "expansionists" in the hose beds for the worse-I am with as much consideration as their Where will you get the good member? insulted the harder I dig. I don't recent conversion to Republicanism understand some things. General Gold- would seem to demand. They will some in most crowds. About all that ing and General Wheeler and some of scarcely love McKinlevism more because two-thirds of the church members lack our orators and preachers go up north its chief newspaper advocate denounces and mix up with those yankees and the immortal Lee as one who "surrren-Some of you would like to fight. come back loaded down and say: Oh, dered his soldierly honor" and was a Well, father told me never to hurt a they are all right; they are harmonious, common "deserter." The Southern fool or fight a cripple, so that will leave but I notice that the Grand Army wants man who identifies himself with the you out. I never preached on heaven to regulate our schoolbooks, and the imperialism represented by the New York Sun will find it impossible to

Byron and Beef.

Byron loved to look at himself far down the vistae of posterity. But what would his lordship say could he read the following advertisement of a rural

"You will find everything you want at my store. I have groceries, meats, stoves, ranges, millinery, corsets, By-Chicago, declared in a public address ron's Works, in four volumes, Bunyan's 'Pilgrim's Progress,' and a salve that will cure bunions; also, Tennyson and fresh cabbage in season. I can save you 20 per cent. on books and beef."

Think of Byron on the same counter with beef-which he abhorred!

"Mr. Scrooge," said the bookkeeper, "this past week I did the junior clerk's work as well as my own. This being payday, I thought it only right to remind you."

"Very good," said old Scroogs, "Let me see your salary is \$12 and the clerk's

"Yes, sir," replied the bookkeeper,

beaming expectantly. "Then, working half the week for yourself is \$6, and the other half for the clerk is \$3. Your salary this week will