

MAJOR JONES TRAVELS FIFTY YEARS AGO.

By Major Joseph Jones of Georgia.

LETTER XIV.

New York, June 15. To Mr. Thompson—Dear Sir: To tell you the plain truth, Mr. Thompson, I'm a altered man since I came to New York, at least as far as appearance goes, though I believe my heart is in the same place it used to be.

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"That's our Mary, Major," says Mr. Littlehigh, "and now if you want to hear a bird of paradise, just back track to me."

"After the op'ry was over we went down to the Battery, and after walking about in the moon, we went to the park, and we got down on the benches and gazed our gazes, while the waves splashed and roared agin the rocks, and the wind played with the tops of the trees behind us.

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"I haven't got anything to say about the New York ladies, and as I told you my opinion about the Baltimore gals, I ought to say something of the ladies of this city. Well, so far as dressin' is concerned, they beat Baltimore and Philadelphia all hollow. But in spite of buyin' they ain't to compare to the women of the other cities. The fact is, I find the further north I go the more fine clothes and the less handsome faces I see.

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ARP ON SOLDIERS' GRAVES.

TALKS OF THE NEGLECT IN AT-TENDING TO THEM.

Should Have Heedensome to That People Could Locate Their Loved Dead Who Fall in Defense of Their Country—Receives a Letter.

Mr. John S. Hopper, of Woodcock, Va., writes me that "Colonel William Holt, of the Eighth or perhaps the Tenth Georgia volunteers, died at my mother's home during the civil war. His body was tenderly buried, for he was a soldier, a gentleman and a Christian, and we became much attached to him. I think he was from Macco, but we have never heard from his kindred. I was then a boy of sixteen, and now there are only two of us living who know where his grave is. The headboard that marked the spot was recently lost, and possibly may be related to or know of this Colonel William Holt, and hence I write to you."

Who can respond to this letter, and who will mark that soldier's grave? My wife was not a Holt, but her mother was, and as all the Georgia Holts are kin, either near or remote, she wishes me to make inquiry and do something for this forgotten man. She says: "My husband and mother have been kind and thoughtful, and now that grave must be marked. It will cost only a dollar or two for a marble headstone. I wonder what branch of the Holt family this Colonel William Holt belonged to."

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That man was wealthy. I had a marble headstone placed to mark that grave. Woman has more heart, more sentiment about such things than man. If the mother were to visit the grave of her child and decks it with flowers, the post Barrett says that "Woman was last at the cross and earliest at the grave," and Hallcock says that "The graves of our loved ones are our pilgrim shrines."

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THINGS SURELY DID NOT DENY.

He Failed to Defend the Honors of the Constitution—Will Try to Deal With the Democratic Agents.

We are glad so many voters of Carolina had an opportunity to hear the ablest defender of the Populist party before they cast their votes for the party for support this year and to defend the record of the party in the past. We say we are glad, because if any defense could be made for the record of fusion government, in increasing taxes, increasing offices, increasing salaries, increasing fees, for neglecting the eastern counties and towns, for electing gold bug members of the lower house of Congress and the Senate when the party claimed to be for silver, surely he could and would have done it, but we appeal to every man that heard his speech, whether he denied a single charge the Democrats have made against the fusion administration of affairs in this State. He did not deny that the State expenses have been \$300,000 more the last three years than under the last three years of Democratic administration; he did not deny that the two fusion Legislatures cost \$1,000,000 more than the last two Democratic Legislatures; he did not deny that the penitentiary cost in the salaries and mileage of the officers \$10,000 more in 1897 than in 1896; he did not deny that the penitentiary superintendent has failed to make a report and refused to let the books be audited; he did not deny that the present tax is a scandal; he did not deny that the Legislature put the towns of Greenville, New Berne, Wilmington and other places in charge of the negroes; he did not deny that the fusionists have elected negro county commissioners in many counties, that two-thirds of the school committees in many counties which have oversight of the schools of both the whites and the blacks, are negroes, and that negro magistrates to the number of 300,000 have been elected by the co-operation of the Populist and Republican voters and that there are negro sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, constables, policemen, etc., almost without number in the State, as a result of fusion success in the past elections. He did not deny that he had a single statement of the Hon. Jesse Page, Rev. A. W. Stacy or any of the newspaper correspondents about the condition of the east. We say if the ablest man the fusionists have cannot clear the party of its black record it must stand condemned in the eyes of every fair-minded honest man.

He admitted that he said that the last Legislature was a damnable disgrace to the State, and that he tried to show that the Democratic members were responsible for this disgrace. All this part of his speech was a huge joke. He said there were 7 Democrats in the Senate and 33 in the House. This would leave 33 (out of Senators and 30 fusion members in the Legislature) for more than an hour he talked about bills that had been killed by this handful of Democrats. He tried to prevent the removal of cases from the State courts to the Federal courts he said received in the House the votes of 5 Democrats, 18 Republicans and 27 Populists. The bill to reduce freight rates he said received the votes of 20 Populists, 1 Republican and 10 Democrats. This bill against free passes, revoking the lease of the North Carolina Railroad and other bills were voted on in about the same proportion. Now we ask why did not the fusionist members who had about a two-thirds majority in the House and a six-sevenths majority in the Senate, pass those bills? It is either a joke or the vilest hypocrisy of the fusionists. They were responsible for their failure. No kind of sophistry can convince a thinking people that a minority party is responsible for the failure or the success of any kind of a bill before a Legislative body.

There was nothing in Mr. Butler's speech to give comfort to Republicans. He did not once advise Populists to vote for Republicans on the fusion tickets. He said that he was sorry that the Democrats had not accepted his proposition to fuse with the Populists to fight the Republicans, and that he would renew the proposition to the Democrats two years hence. He actually said this after he had almost exhausted the dictionary of abusive epithets against the Democrats. Bad as we are, he said he was going to try to get with us in 1900.

It is good work at Davidson College in teaching a friend. What a wonderful field to the human race the X rays are, finds added proof in the operation performed at Davidson yesterday, when Dr. Monroe located and extracted a bullet from the side of Mr. Johnston, recently shot by a negro. The ball was in the pericardial sac, between the fourth and sixth ribs, and its proximity to the heart rendered the operation very dangerous, and yet the physician's skill, as far as the operation was concerned, rendered the operation successful. The ball had carried into the body a sliver of clothing, which, if it were not removed, would certainly have proved fatal. Prof. Rowntgen deserves a monument.

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There are fully 5,000 white Republicans in North Carolina who will vote the Democratic ticket in the coming November election for full part of such voters. Mark the prediction. The Arps is not given to idle talk. The entire Democratic ticket will be elected in Wayne county by majorities ranging from 600 to 800.

THE RECORD CONVICT THEM.

It Shows to Which Party the Negroes Long and Which Party Gives Them Freedom.

The fusion orators make themselves ridiculous by declaring in their public speeches that the Democratic party is "the negro party." Men who make such absurd statements as this cannot expect intelligent people to believe anything they may say. Of course there is not a white man of common sense nor a negro in the State, who does not know that the Republican party is, and has been since the day of its freedom, the home of the negro. Nobody has ever claimed that of the 150,000 votes polled, or claimed to have been polled by that party in the last election more than 30,000 were polled by white men, and the balance were cast by negroes. There are probably 110,000 legal negro voters in this State. In the last election they cast about 10,000 fraudulent votes, making the legal and fraudulent votes cast by the negroes in the last election amount to 120,000. This immense negro vote, as everybody knows, was cast solidly for the Republican ticket. The balance of the Republican ticket; State and national, yet fusion orators have the gall to say that the Democrats appoint negroes to office. Why should they appoint negroes to office when all the negroes vote against them? This is one fact known to all men which shows the absurdity and falsity of these statements.

Again, it is well known that in eastern Carolina, Republican conventions, without an exception, are composed largely of negroes. In Craven but a few days ago the convention had about 110 delegates, 85 of whom were negroes. In the second judicial district the convention which recently met at Beaufort, was nominated Chas. A. Cooke for judge. State politics, there was not a single white delegate. In every county in the east where the negroes have a sufficient vote to elect their ticket, without the aid of the whites, they nominate as a rule a number of negroes on the county Republican ticket. In Craven county, out of eleven candidates on the Republican ticket, they nominated seven negroes, and Edgewood county they nominated quite a number of negroes, among them two candidates for the Legislature. Likewise in Halifax county they nominated two negroes for the Legislature. In Wake county they were only kept from nominating negroes on the county ticket by the white Republicans. The instance of the Populist negroes in Edgecombe county, two places with salaries of \$500 each in the Agricultural Department, and they have nominated negro magistrates.

The negroes would always, as everybody knows, insist upon putting some of their color upon a ticket, were it not for the fact that in the counties where they cannot elect without the white vote, they are told that if they put negroes on the ticket the Populist and white Republicans would be disinclined to support the ticket. Since the Legislature provided for the election of magistrates and constables by popular vote, the negroes have almost invariably insisted upon nominating persons of their own race for these important positions, and that accounts for the fact that in nearly every township in the western part of the State, where there is a negro majority, there are only negro magistrates and constables. In these counties they also demand the minor positions, such as deputy sheriff, jailers, etc. In the eastern towns they demand and are getting the positions of aldermen, police judges, etc. Evidently they have been claiming the positions, and in the eastern part of the State, especially in the second district, nearly all the positions are filled by negroes.

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