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Vance did not prove to be a huckle-berry over Simmons.

There is a boom in monarchies and republics are taking a decline. Witness Hawaii and Brazil.

Collector Simmons calls editor Hale a crank. He ought to employ a euphemism. The scientific term for "crankism" is "pneumonia."

In their present controversy we beg of editor Schoolfield not to dwell on Webster's political past. He is bringing forth fruit meet for repentance.

It must have afforded ex-editor Whitehead peculiar pleasure to give to the papers the correspondence in which Collector Simmons called editor Hale a "crank."

It is said that Ransom "got mad" at the mass-meeting at Lasker, Northampton county, which wanted to endorse Vance's course.

Some prominent Durhams are trying to tell Col. Fairbrother how he should run the Globe, of that town. But the Colonel is one of those Bourbons who never learns and scarcely ever forgets.

We would hate to aspire to leadership in a political party that didn't even recognize our right to membership.—The Refarmer.

This means first blood for the Refarmer in the Webster-Schoolfield controversial mill.

The Democrats swapped off Baldy for Rankin, Crafoon, Butler and Morphis. We would like to know who will be swapping horses in Baldy's place next time.—Schoolfield's Refarmer.

This statement lacks evidence to support it. But if it is true the Democrats got a great bargain in their trade. We are seeing more and more of the harmful effects of Williams' work.

IT IS REGRETTABLE. It is a pretty pass we have come to when party asperities are so bitter that one element cannot differ with another on matters of party policy without the process of reading each other out of the party being resorted to. True Democracy means, if it means anything, that due allowances should be made for the differences which inevitably arise within party ranks and it is expected that after the merits of the question where opinions are joined are passed upon and settled that the majority shall rule. When such a result has been reached it is not Democratic for the minority, nor for the majority to cast reproach upon the motives of the minority. Sometimes a compromise must be agreed to, and in that case concessions on both sides are necessary and the situation should be gracefully submitted to. Party organization can never amount to anything until individual and factional prejudices and disappointments can be placed in subjection to the desire for the promotion of party weal. To discuss fully among the rank and file all matters of party policy is healthy and helpful and is calculated to bring about the best results, but it is indeed deplorable if in the heat of discussion sentiments have sprung up to rankle in the hearts of the conflicting "wings" and deter the accomplishment of the party's purposes.

Unfortunately, the Democratic party lacks that homogeneity through which alone permanent success can be attained. Among Democrats too much stress is laid upon individual opinions and not enough on the collective wisdom of the party. Factional feeling will not subside always when the mooted question is definitely settled and like volcanic fires it is ready to burst into flame when it is least expected and when the effects will be most disastrous. Our organization can never be in complete, harmonious working order as long as such insubordination is allowed to exist. If those who honestly oppose each other cannot do so in a decent way and afterwards quietly abide the terms of the agreement entered into must the Democracy sooner or later go to pieces and while it lives nothing substantial can be accomplished.

In the late contest in Congress—where plenty of room existed for honest differences of opinion among Democrats standing on the national platform—we were given an illustration in the very first important question presented to the party for solution during this administration of how intolerant in opinion and intemperate in language one Democrat can be towards another. First, the President constituted himself the prophet and said the mountain must come to Mahomet no matter at what cost of transportation. The dominant element which joined the administration caught the President's dogmatic spirit and language emanated from both sources during the prolonged struggle which for the party good had better have been left unsaid. The Democratic minority, which contended for the fulfillment of all the platform pledges without delay were characterized by those who favored carrying them out by piecemeal as "Populist sympathizers," "allies of the silver mine trust," etc., while the minority, not to be outdone in the use of offensive epithets, called their opponents "tools of Wall street," "gold bugs" and the like. A division might have been avoided by an agreement in caucus, but when the party leaders found themselves divided and at sea they

should have conducted themselves with proper moderation and with a due regard for the opinions of their Democratic colleagues who thought otherwise. Brethren of a common political household should dwell together in unity and when conflicting interests tear them apart for an instant the rebound should bring them together again with greater cohesive power. Individual prejudices should be downed at the party bidding and the old motto should be observed, "In essentials unity; in non-essentials charity."

We hope during the further progress of this administration to be spared a repetition of the spectacle of internecine warfare on which the sober element of Democrats looked with regret, and which, if persisted in, threatens to annihilate the party. We have seen its destructive effects in the late election and unless the refractory elements can be brought under control and the party machinery be put in better working order the reforms contemplated and so devoutly wished for by the Democracy can never be consummated and defeat will overtake it before it demonstrates its ability to do anything. Let the riot act be read and the recalcitrant fellows be disciplined.

THE FUTURE OF THE NEGRO.

It is claimed by colored politicians in Washington that Joe M. Manning, the colored leader in Virginia, has gone over to the Democratic party. As to the truth of this statement it is not definitely known, but it is a fact that large numbers of negroes are leaving the Republican party, not only in the Northern and Eastern States, but also in the South. In Virginia there is a strong organization of colored Democrats, and in this State hundreds of them voted the Democratic ticket last election. President Cleveland's action in appointing negroes to important and responsible offices has had the tendency to remove the prejudice in the minds of the people of that race against his party. We believe it will have a good effect; for, while the Republican party freed them from bondage, the conditions are different from what they were at that time, and the free men are beginning to think of their own thinking and exercise their own judgment in the use of their franchise. We have always adhered to the belief that the only solution of the negro problem would be in the division of their political thought. It will do more to wipe out the prejudice against the negro than anything else can possibly do, and at the same time it will remove one of the greatest and most dangerous conditions by which the people of the South have been confronted since the rebellion, that of the blacks and whites being arrayed against each other as a race. While The Times is a Republican paper, it believes the ideas of Abraham Lincoln, who liberated them in thought as well as everything else, and to consider them forever indebted to the Republican party for their votes would be to still hold them in bondage. If they wish to divide it does not only show advancement by the race, but it will be good for them and the whites also.—Hendersonville Times.

This is all very fine reading, but we take no stock in it. It is hardly necessary to read between the lines to discover what Southern Republican papers are driving at when they discuss the race question as above. Time was when the Republican party in the South wanted to draw the color line by solidifying the negro vote in its ranks. Such appeals as the foregoing for the breaking up of this line means only that the Republicans are sick of their policy of massing the ignorant voters against the intelligent white voters. They realize that in such a contest intelligence is bound to win. The Republican party knows that upon the issues it has made and the lines it has so sharply drawn it can never hope to succeed in the South. The abandonment of a plan which has always worked injury to Republican hopes is but natural. It is simply a trick to secure party advantage. Nobody credits the Republican party with wanting to give up "the man and brother" as its especial protegee except as a means of promoting its own political fortunes.

The Democratic party has always been ready to stand or fall on the merits of the question on which it joined issue with its opponents and not a matter of race prejudice. It feels an interest in the negro, and always welcomes accessions from among the more intelligent members of that race, but it does not feel itself charged with the duty or necessity of inviting the negro to give up the instincts which bind him to the Republican party. If he wants to place his political destiny into the care and keeping of that party it is hardly a matter of Democratic concern. If he chooses to forsake his antecedents and cast his lot and vote with the Democracy it is all right. But the Democracy it is not supposed to help Republicans out of the difficulty which besets them. If they have gotten themselves into a hole they can get out of the best way they can. They made their own bed and they must lie on it. The race question politically is an issue of Republican making. If it is an unfortunate policy so much the worse for its advocates.

We will say here that we have no faith in the statement that "It is probable that the blacks will be about evenly divided in Virginia and North Carolina next national election." The negroes have gone into the Republican party to stay. There may be exceptions here and there, but only few and conspicuous enough to prove the rule. There is no evidence of any considerable number leaving that party. As a body they are joined to the Republican party for better or worse and the union will continue. It may be a messianic, but it is a fact. The Republican party has the negro on its hands and it has not educated him sufficiently in a political way to cause him to withdraw his allegiance and vote on the questions submitted to him as his brain, his conscience and his interests direct.

EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

FLORENCE, S. C., Nov. 28, '93. At a meeting of the Player's club the other day on the occasion of the birthday of the late Edwin Booth, a great gathering was held, attended by eminent histrionic artists. Among many touching tributes paid to the memory of the great tragedian was that of Joseph Jefferson, President Cleveland's friend, a comrade of Booth, and a great star actor. There were only a few simple sentences, with well chosen phrases, in Mr. Jefferson's short speech, but the sentiment was beautiful and expressed as it was shows the possibilities of English as a musical language. I give an extract below:

"We were boys together, Edwin Booth and I. I marked his splendid career from boyhood to its very close. I was the confidant of him and that sweet lady to whom he was so true. I knew of that love, I watched its fulfillment, its fruition, and I joined with him in the early bereavement that saddened his whole life. "We were boys together. He was 16 when I first knew him—the sweetest nature and the most beautiful face I have ever known. We acted together. We were close to one another. It is not more than a year ago that I traveled together by the sea-side, and he spoke of his coming end. He talked calmly, even hopefully, of it. He seemed pleased in the approach of death."

Sometime ago while in Atlanta I had the pleasure of meeting Col. Ham, of "smollygoater" fame, who woke up one morning during last year's campaign to find himself a celebrity. Ham is a typical Georgia Colonel in everything that goes into the picturesque personal of that fine old style of gentleman. He is tall and athletic with limbs as clean as a racehorse. He has a clean shaven, mobile face in which strong character is marked. He must be a master of facial expression. His humorous platform, though I have never heard his lecture, "The Georgia Cracker," which has been delivered two or three times before North Carolina audiences, I studied with him and a party of Bohemians at Jacob's Pharmacy to irrigate on hot chocolate. We had all been to the theatre to hear Frank L. Stanton, of a constitution. In the reading of some of his poems.

I fell to musing not long ago on the "Big Three" of the North Carolina press. I refer, of course, to Messrs. Ashe, of the Raleigh News and Observer; Kingsbury, of the Wilmington Messenger; and Caldwell, of the Charlotte Observer. Capt. Ashe is a tall, slender, delicate gentleman, with a quick, nervous organization. His features are almost effeminate in their softness and his face is guileless of beard. He talks with some hesitation in his speech and just a little abstraction, for you can look in the eyes and tell the introspective nature, notwithstanding the high strung temperament. Capt. Ashe belongs to an old school of gentlemen. If there is any fault of his writing, I think it must be that it is too heavy for the popular reading of a daily newspaper. As an authority on common and statute law, the interpretation of the constitution, political history and economic science there is no man in the State I would rank higher than Capt. Ashe. As a many-sided, all-around, and man of letters Dr. Kingsbury is without a peer in the State. Time has made a few subtle cuts on him, but they have not served to diminish his engaging personality of his charms, for the Doctor is a pleasant man in conversation, especially when in a reminiscent mood. He has the most remarkable memory of any man I ever knew and he told me how he had read or saw or heard anything which impressed him and he wished to remember it he always managed to get with some congenial friend as soon as he could discuss the matter. By doing this he was able to fix it permanently in his mind. His range of information is encyclopedic in its extent. His recollections of men he knew would make an interesting volume. His reading and research have been prodigious, for he seems to have covered in them the whole field of ancient and modern English literature. Quotations and allusions from the best classics he makes always at his tongue's end without number. But it was an irony of fate which put this wonderful man of letters to work in the treadmill of daily journalism. His is a nature which would shine in any sphere, but he admits a lack of taste in the direction of journalism proper. The youngest of the trio and without doubt the best representative of the successful of the State, editor and manager of today is Mr. Caldwell. He has not the legal training and deep insight into the nature of things that distinguishes Capt. Ashe, nor the finished, scholarly literary attainments of Dr. Kingsbury, but as a newspaper builder and as an expert in the art of catering to the wants of the modern daily newspaper reader we seriously question if he has ever had an equal in the State. He is great in shaping the destiny of a journal; he is quick in foreshadowing the approach of coming events and in grasping their significance. He is not a fluent, prolific writer but he has the happy faculty of brief, direct statement and he generally hits the nail on the head. He has the nerve, energy and ability to organize a well rounded paper and manage its general service to the best advantage. In this he shows a talent little short of genius. These are some of my impressions of the three leading newspaper men of the State.

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A DELIGHTFUL GERMAN.

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After supper the german was continued until after 4 A. M. Below is a partial list of the participants: Miss Morehead, of Leaksville, Mr. Thomas Settle, Miss Smythe, of Leaksville, Mr. Forest Scales, Miss Annie Scales, of Leaksville, Mr. R. L. Watt; Miss Annie Staples, Mr. Walter Whitsett; Miss Fannie Rogers, of Concord, Mr. R. C. Galloway, Miss E. M. Davies, of Virginia, Mr. N. K. Smith; Miss Mayme Salzman, Mr. Eugene Irvin; Miss Annie Galloway, Mr. Ned Walters; Miss Maude Harris, Mr. E. Graves, of Caswell; Miss Laura Johns, of Leaksville, Mr. J. F. Wallington; Mrs. Mollie Carter, of Madison; Mr. Banks Rucker, of Martinsville; Miss Evelyn Andrews, Mr. J. H. Barnes, of Winston; Miss Annie B. Roan, Mr. P. D. Irvin; Miss Corrie Sampson, Galveston, Texas; Mr. Francis Womack; Miss M. S. Motley, Mr. C. A. Penn; Miss Emmie Galloway, Mr. A. D. Barnes; Miss K. M. Penn, Mr. A. H. Motley, Jr.; Miss Mary Penn, of Danville, Mr. Clyde Alexander; Miss Kate Ellington, Mr. Guy F. Jones; Miss Francis Leach, High Point, Mr. P. D. Watt; Miss E. M. Evans, C. N. Evans, G. W. Howlett.

Stags, R. Galloway; Richard Gwaltney, Richmond, Va.; Tom Ware, Jas. Price, R. S. Galloway, Winston; B. M. Walter, Jr., Charlie Craddock, Danville.

Patrons—Mrs. J. Turner Morehead, Leaksville; Mr. and Mrs. G. I. Irvin, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Carter, Madison; Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. McPherson.

Nervy Rockingham Woman.

There is a nervy woman living between Prices store and Ridgeway, on Mr. J. M. Price's place. She is Wm. Sawyer's wife. One day last week, while alone and unprotected at her home, a colored man presented himself and peremptorily demanded something to eat. She told him she had nothing for him. He then picked up an axe and threatened to kill her, she shot him in the left side. The result of the wound is not known, but its immediate effect was to spoil the negro's appetite. He laid the axe down and pressing his hand to the wound went away.—Leaksville Gazette.

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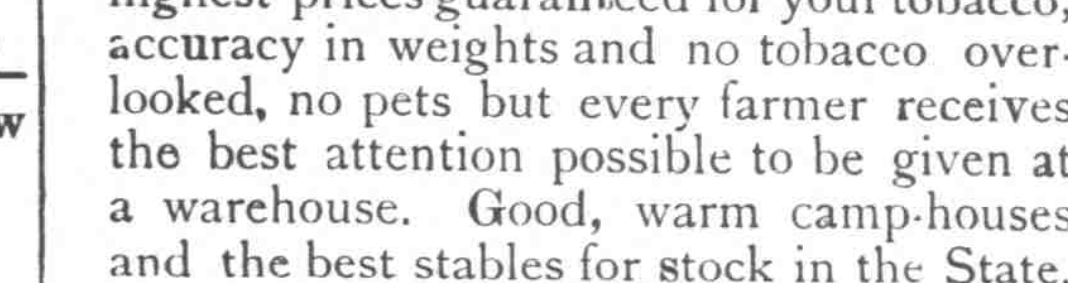
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