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SOUTHERN OUTRAGES.

The Louisville Courier Journal calls attention of the Republican papers which are lamenting the fact that the negroes of the South will not burn and shoot for their rights, and make the rivers run red with blood, that nowhere in the South is there, or has there been, any such concerted effort to drive the negroes, as a race, from the community as exists to-day in Clermont county, Ohio. In Felicita, where 400 negro children have been driven from the public schools by the whites, there is a general conspiracy to rid the place of its entire colored population. The negroes have been personally assaulted by the mobs of whites, their houses have been stoned, and their doors and windows broken in; more than this, the whites having discharged their colored servants, are refusing to have their washing done by the negro women.

Nowhere in the South has there ever been such a state of things as this existed. There has been at times violence in some sections of the South between blacks and whites, but no war of extermination has ever been made there against the whole black population. They lynch negroes occasionally in the South for rape and murder, but they do not endeavor to drive the rest of the race from their homes and work. They do not discharge their servants simply because they are negroes, nor refuse to have work done at all by blacks for the purpose of starving them out and forcing them to leave the country. On the contrary, nowhere in the world are there such easy relations between employers and their work-people as those between the whites and blacks of the South. The Southern negroes are generally Republicans, but that does not deprive them of service under white Democrats. It is in the North where workmen are discharged for their politics. The Southern people do not draw either a political or color line in their kitchens or workshops. Such a thing as a boycott against the negro race was never known in the South. It was never known in this country until it was originated in the North, which is constantly preaching and fuming at the South about the equal rights of the negro, and which is as constantly demanding and commanding that the South shall give the negro such rights.

It was Rutherford B. Hayes who, when he saw that Mr. Tilden had been elected, declared that he was not sorry for himself, but that he was sorry for the poor negroes of the South. Cannot Mr. Rutherford B. Hayes do something for the poor negroes of Ohio? He is still a citizen of that State, and those puissant warriors, Field Marshal Halstead and Holy Terror Foraker are so busy securing the Southern negroes their rights that they have no time whatever to devote to the protection of the rights of the Ohio negroes.

The New York World, an independent Democratic paper, never accused of falsehood or misrepresentation in regard to facts, whether favorable to one party or the other, after the election instituted a wide-spread inquiry throughout the South as to the alleged intimidation and bullying of negroes, and out of the hundreds of replies received, from intelligent negroes themselves, only three or four had any complaint to make, or admitted that there was any truth in the stories.

On the other hand white workmen—already enslaved—throughout the North were in one way or another compelled to vote as their employers and masters dictated.

It is true there is a wide discrepancy between the vote North and South, as compared with population, but this must be accounted for chiefly upon other grounds than any active and menacing influence with the negro's rights.

The proof is that as a rule this does not exist, in any such form as is alleged by the sectionalists of the Republican party.

THEY DISAGREE.

Even Among Themselves—"Equal Rights" Still Argues Against Division.

A division meeting has lately been held in Milton, and from what I can learn there was considerable wrangling as to lines. Some favor the "Lee county" line; others the Crockett bill line; while still others don't want either, and are willing to take any line that will suit Pendleton. My informant tells me that he is satisfied they would be willing to leave Centerville in the old county, if they could get a division. While my informant is a resident of Milton, he says he don't want any division or any line at all; that he considers himself better off to leave the county as it is; also, that several others in and around Milton entertain the same opinion.

I have been conversing with a number of taxpayers during the past three days, and all approve the article written by "Equal Rights," and think they would much rather let the country remain as it is than to divide it. While I am well aware that some few farmers in this end of the county advocate division, yet they say that unless they get territory sufficient to make a good, self-sustaining county they don't want any; and fully one-half of the farmers don't want any division at present on any line.

Everybody remembers that resolutions against any division were adopted by both county conventions last spring. We are also mindful of the fact that the men of both tickets suspected of being in sympathy with division were badly beaten by the Legislature. This ought to be sufficient evidence to convince anybody that division is not wanted by a majority of the voters; but that a small minority are trying to force a division against the will of the majority.

We know what the sentiment is in Milton on this question; we also know the reasons upon which many taxpayers in the East end oppose it. A large proportion of the people of Milton believe they would be benefitted by a division, especially if the line was such as to give that town the county seat; but others look at it differently, believing that it would increase taxation, and the burden would be made intolerable.

I do not think a single member of the Legislature from this county can consistently favor a division on any line, and I don't believe any of them will prove so recreant to an implied pledge to his constituents as to do so; furthermore, I see no excuse for any member from any other county to interfere and favor a division of this county against the clearly-expressed will of its own people. It is a local question, and its determination should rest entirely with the members from this county, especially when they are all agreed.

Work on the Locks.

Work at the Cascade locks is progressing rapidly. From 1000 to 1400 cubic yards of earth is being removed daily. Lieut. Burr and Superintendent Reed are attending strictly to business and their work counts. Six donkey engines are running, lifting from 130 to 140 buckets each, containing from a yard to a yard and a quarter of earth to the bucket. As soon as the engine arrives the work will proceed much faster. At the present rate of working the excavation will be completed up to the upper walls by the middle of February. As there is much dressed stone on hand asplendid showing will be made by next fall, providing the present appropriation of \$150,000 is made available. We always laid the blame of the neglect at the locks on the very much lamented Powell, and the fact that Mr. Reid and Lieut. Burr are able to do good work when not under him, indicates that we were correct. More power to your elbows, gentlemen, you have the entire community with you in your good work, and the latter can receive no better Christmas present from your hands than the knowledge that you are earnestly and honestly trying to give them an open river.

The largest individual taxpayer in Union county is Fred Nodine, who pays on the sum of \$24,500. His taxes amounting to \$819.20, while the smallest is Chas. McReynolds, of La Grande, who pays on the enormous sum of \$5, the county obtaining the revenue to the amount of 13 cents therefrom. The O. R. N. Company pays on \$197,440, its taxes being \$7,138.50.

For a long time Colonel Elliott G. Shepard, of the Mail and Express, and biblical quotation fame, has been trying to prevent the Fifth avenue stages from running on Sunday. He has been met at every turn by the directors who ridiculed Shepard in every way; but the colonel proceeded quietly, buying up stock in the company, until he finally has secured control, and an order to abolish Sunday trips will soon be promulgated.

Walla Walla Union: The O. & W. T. railroad it is not expected will run regular trains during the unsettled weather. The intention is, however, to run sufficient trains to handle all freight presented. As soon as things are settled the regular trains will be put on.

Heppner Gazette: Hon. T. E. Fell left last week for Bloomington, Ill., where, on the 30th inst., he will be united in marriage to Miss Dalton, one of Bloomington's most charming young ladies.

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