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EDITORIAL OPINIONS OF THE LEADING JOURNALS UPON CURRENT TOPICS—COMPILED EVERY DAY FOR THE EVENING TELEGRAPH.

AN ILLUSTRATION OF GOVERNMENT AT THE SOUTH.

From the N. Y. Nation. We had a discussion last June with the Charleston (S. C.) Daily Republican, the official and leading radical paper of the State, about the character of the State government.

We said, in reply to this sort of talk, that we were among the number of those who advocated the extension of the franchise to the blacks as a means of protection, and as a sign of their equality before the law, and that we believed that this would in the long run have proved sufficient for their protection.

Nothing would satisfy the hot-headed majority in Congress, however, but to drive these men into private life, and hand over the Government to ignorant negroes and worthless Northern adventurers, and the pretext on which this was done was, that this was the only way in which the blacks and the Unionists could be protected in the enjoyment of their lives and property and in the exercise of the franchise.

The American remedy for bad government is to give the government the largest possible popular basis, and let the majority get out of their difficulties as best they can; but the remedy applied in the South was a feudal one, and consisted in sifting the population, and letting nobody take part in the government who could not give proof of what the Puritans called "instant good affection."

that human nature among slaveholders and rebels was hopelessly and incurably depraved, and that the usual reformatory influences might be brought to bear on it in vain; and that the only arguments of any value in dealing with men who approved of human bondage, or bore arms against the United States, were the halter and the prison and the test-oath.

These were all a priori arguments when used five years ago; they have now been justified by actual experiment. The prescriptive system for the protection of life and property at the South has been tried and has totally failed. The disaffected have not grown good, and learned to love the blacks; they have grown worse, and have taken to killing the blacks wholesale, and society is on the brink of disorganization in several States.

As to its results during the last five years, we shall cite as a witness our old friend, the Charleston Daily Republican, whose present plight ought to be a warning to unscrupulous party organs everywhere. The solemn confessions it is compelled to make now, at the eleventh hour, in the presence of the misery and disorder into which its friends have plunged the State, is a striking and impressive example of the mendacity and charlatanism by which the work of reconstruction at the South has been thus far, though we hope not fatally, hindered.

After, however, complimenting the negroes on their social advance, it goes on to say:—"But that they have made great mistakes must be admitted. They understand too much. They are not fitted to do everything in ruling South Carolina. And demagogues led them not only to believe that their late masters were in every case their foes, but also to believe that the 'educated American' who has 'lived long in Paris' ventures to hint at it, was solemnly applied to the whole South at the close of the war."

Speaking of the Governor's appointees, it says some of them "had better hammer stone in the penitentiary than hold office; and speaking of the elected officers, it says "many are ignorant or degraded, and altogether sold to the devil."

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probably proceeded from zealots of the ultra-Republican party; but the King has not even the consolation of relying on the support of a united conservative majority. Spain is not the only country which is divided by factions, or occasionally embarrassed by unprincipled coalitions; but nowhere else is opposition to the existing Government so habitually regarded as a sufficient bond of union among those who are nevertheless divided by mutual enmities.

The Ministerial order was probably obeyed by the generals whose fidelity was already assured, but those who had disapproved of the election of King Amadeo took the opportunity of expressing their hostility by a unanimous refusal. By a singular indiscretion the order was so framed as to include the Duke of Montpensier, who holds the honorary rank of Captain-General. It was at least indecent to exact an oath from a prince who had recently been a formidable candidate for the Crown.

It would have been judicious either to accept the excuse which was founded on the peculiar nature of his military rank, or to deprive him of his titular dignity; but the Government unwisely ordered him to report himself at the Balearic Isles, offering him at the same time a passage in a man-of-war. The Duke of Montpensier replied that, while he would not refuse to comply with even an irregular order, he would not put the country to the expense of conveying him to his place of exile.

The quarrel with the discontented generals was especially inopportune on the eve of the general election which is now concluded. The moderately conservative Cortes of 1869 gave a steady support to the policy of the powerful Minister who controlled both the State and the army; but the death of Prim has deprived the majority of its ablest leader, nor was it certain that the constituencies would be disposed to repeat their former decision. Many instances have occurred, in Spain and in France, of the election of conservative assemblies immediately after successful revolutions.

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general scramble. The Republicans are probably convinced that the future belongs to themselves; and if the Carlists had any reasonable prospects of ultimate success they might defend their tactics as conducive to the triumph of the principle of legitimacy. The supporters of the other pretenders are inexorably factious; for a candidate not claiming by inheritance can advance no right except the free choice of the nation to a constitutional monarch.

REAL AND SHAM POLITICS. From the N. Y. Times. How much longer are the people going to stand this perpetual uproar from Republican Senators over their miserable wrongs and grievances? When, for instance, will Mr. Sumner and Mr. Schurz make an end of their lamentations? Every day one or other of those Senators seems to feel himself under the obligation which afflicted Aeneas—infandum renovare dolorem—whereas what people really want is that they should bring their wailings to an end, and come to the plain matter-of-fact business of the nation.

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lessness of Mr. Sumner in opposition, although any other of the questions before the people—revenue reform, economical administration, civil service reform—would have brought out the fact in an equally striking manner. Is Mr. Sumner doing his part, as becomes an eminent public man, to settle any of these questions? Is he acting a part worthy of an eminent servant of the people? No—he hates Gen. Grant as much as Mr. Garrett Davis hates the "stony slave" of General Butler, and he follows him with bitter revilings whenever he gets a chance, and seems to care very little what becomes of his party in the meantime.

JESSE'S CARD. From the N. Y. Sun. Mr. Jesse R. Grant, the President's father, and Postmaster at Covington, has published a card respecting his relations to the late Horace Greeley, Esq., Assessor of Internal Revenue in the First District of Ohio.

Mr. Jesse R. Grant requested of me the re-appointment of a removed gauger (displaced for malfeasance in office) accompanied by a proposal. I sincerely trust that I may never be compelled to disclose to any but yourself, Mr. Grant, in conversation with me, made use of these words substantially: "So and so had offered me to get you to recommend his reappointment; he is a rascal, but I will take his money and divide with you."

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of money, which they have petitioned for and received. But there is not money enough in our city treasury to save them if the full vote is polled; and the Republicans are determined to poll it. Only give us so full a vote as that of 1860, and we cannot be beaten. Republicans of every city and township! make arrangements to bring your last man to the polls to-day.

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