Wit and Humor.

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[From the Toledo Blade]

The Partisans of the Corners in Humble Imitation of the late President, Attempt to Disconcert the African. The Result is Almost Ludicrous Beyond Words.

PINE OFFICE, CONTRABAND X ROADS, (Which is in the State of Kentucky) April 15, 1869.

The speech made by His Excellency, A. Johnson, to the nigers uv Nashville, struck me as being a stroke uv policy wich we ought by all means to imitate. I have bin long uv the opinion that there aint no earthly pozee in standin in front uv the car uv progress—that we must either get onto it or be mashed. I sed as much to Deakin Pogram and Elder Pennibacker, and they yielded a reluctant assent.

"The nigger is goin to vote anyhow," remarkt I, "and hadn't we better gobble our share uv them votes than to let em all agin us?"

I rejected a meetin, to be held at the church, to wich our colored brethern should be all invited and at wich the hatchet should be forever buried—a sort uv politikl love-feast in wich there should be a sort uv minglin, a rubbin together, as it were. Deakin Pogram entered into the scheme with considerable energy after he comprehended it, and Bascom with a blank asinigality that makes him one uv the grand financiers uv the age, favored it prumptkin that any movement wich wood transform mas into Demokrats must be advantajus to him.

I entered into the work with more than my yoshual energy. I dekorated the church with mottoes and transparencies. I had it swept out. Pogram sez the mottoes wuz rather high soundin for the Deakin, but I coxed him by argumentin him that they wuz only for effect and that there wuzn't nothin more intercklu by 'em than there is yoosually in party platforms.

I instructed the Deakin, and the others, duty as to wot they must do to make it a perfect success. They must, I told 'em, not only be cordjul to the niggers themselves, but their wives, and sons, and daughters must be likewise. The Ethiopians must be made to understand that we war in earnest; that they wuz to be realy counted in as humans, and by gum, "We must," I remarkt, "out under the Ablishnists."

Everything succeeded beyond my wildest hopes. The white inhabitants uv the corners wuz all there, and at least two-thirds uv the niggers. I had an involuntary shudder as I looked Joe Bigler and Pollock scrambolin' the niggers, but I hed hopes, as the mostim' wuz called for the purpose of recognizin' their rites, that they wood let in go off without interruption.

I wuz appointed Chairman, uv course, and the new Assessor, wich is a nigger, wuz made Vice President.

I opened with a tribute to the character and qualities uv our African brethren. I authorized em that I hed the highest respect for em, individually and collectively, and that, so far as I wuz concerned, I wuz prepared to receive em on terms uv perfect skalin in everything. "I may hav had prejudises," I remarkt; "I may hav allowed them prejudisses to carry me beyond the bounds uv rite at times, but thank Heaven them prejudices is cured. I kin take this worthy man by the hand—(at which pint I took the Assessor by the hand and shook it, the colduck wy which jubjon, however, wuz marred by his wipin his hand incessfully and ostentatiously on his breches as soon as I let go uv it, at wich the niggers tittered.) I took him by the hand, and in doin it I wish to be understood ez shakin the entire African race by the hand. My sole goes out in love toward all uv em."

Deekin Pogram remarkt that he cood endorse all that the Gheerman had sed. He felt that the time had come when color should not be considered. "Bless the Lord," sed the Deakin, "I can say that I look upon adult niggers ez brothers, the younger ones ez children. Bless the Lord, I kan recognize in the Afrikin my ekal, and I hazet that they shal be, from this time howesoever and forever, on percisely the same footin we stand out. From this time I shall know no white, nor black—only men and wimmin. The colored youth shal be to me ez the white youth. Bless the Lord."

Elder Pennibacker, Deakin Gavitt and Bascom, shouted "Amen," and the Deakin was about to proceed, but he didn't. Joe Bigler jumped onto the platform and embracin the Deakin vehemently, remarkt that this wuz the beginnin uv a new era. This wuz the commencement uv the brighter dawn uv the too and the lamb together with a little child to lead em. "Let us," sed Joe, "let us make this practical. Come up, my saddle colored friends, come up, and embrace your kindred. Mingle your tears and be quite short it."

Immediately every mulatter, mash and female, in the house rix to their feet, and made a rush. Twelve of em uv all shades from the regler tan color up to the nearly white, fell onto Deakin Pogram, the men all shakin him by the hand, and the wimin all kissin him, and all in kortjus crizlinin "Father!"

"Look upon em as children, Deakin!" sung out Bigler, "yoors a nashrel rite to. Every one uv em has got your nose, and hereafter there's to be no difrences!"

An abul number, or pehaps more, wuz perjinkin likewise onto Elder Pennibacker, Capt McPeter and Bascom.

Quittin the old men thus enthoosiastic niggers, stimulatid thereto by Josef Bigler, who kept chippin his hands and ejoulatin, "Flow lively! Oh what a minglin! How pleasant tis to see brethren agree!" it satisfy, made rushes for Isaker Gavitt, Benlah Pogram, Triphena Pennibacker, and young Hugh McPeter and their sisters, and fallen onto their necks kist em, ejaculatin "Brother!" or "Sister!" as the case mite be.

"Now," sed Joief, "let the colored mothers uv these newly recognized lambs go to the elderly white female saints and embrace em in fraternal love. Tree they aint blood relashins, but there is nevertheless a tie which binds. The sons and daughters uv these aboled sisters to the blood relashans uv the pure white ones. In this happy hour all those differences is to be buried. Up and at em!"

And instjilly a score or more uv wenches rix and undertook to embrace and kiss the wives uv Pennibacker, Pogram, McPeter, Bascom, et al. These females had been bitin doorin this entire proceedin, and this finished em. It wuz straight hail, agin wool immediji. Mrs. Pogram, who is rather bony, laid out two uv the first wich come at her, and her daughter Mirandy takin example went for them wich was affackshinately embracin "Sister!" The fite become general in less than a minnit among the wimmin. I heard no more the gentle word "sister." On the contrary, other words, not so refined in their nacher, were zooed to designate each other. And at it they all went, tooth and nail, the entire blim uv em, male and female, black, white and yeller, and others, kickin, struggling, bitin and swearin, on the floor. And all this time that cussid Bigler was on the top uv two seats, shouting amoungsingly to both sides, and Pollock was frantic out in peals uv the most uproarious laughter.

The struggle finally endid, the combatants being completely exhausted. There wuz on the floor at least a bushel uv hair, wool, cotton, false teeth, real teeth, ribbons, stays, bonnets, et cetery, with an occasional spot uv gore. And to add insult to injury, Joe Bigler threatened to whale us all for not carryin out the programme ez wuz originally contemplated.

"Myself and friends," remarkt this onmitigated wretch, "ther hev swinded into comin' here. And Oh, Deakin, when I think that at such a time you could be so cold hearted as to resist nature's promptings! When you were surrounded by poor offspring, didn't your heart warm toward em? Why didn't you cast them off?" Er you can't recognize the quality uv a nigger when that nigger reaches you, when kin you? And wat kin our colored voters expect so long ez your wife entertains the same prejoodis agin your children? Deakin, for shame!"

And the wretch rolled off, winkin a most humiliningly meanin' wink at me. I feel me that this derangement, like many others I hav made, wuz a fallycoe. Well, we are no worse off than before; we can't be.

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