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FALL IN THE PRICE OF SLAVES.—The Romney (Va.) *Argus*, lamenting the decline in the value of slaves, reports the sale at $800 of a valuable mechanic, who last year would readily have brought $1,500. Everywhere in the South at the present moment the quotations for such merchandise are merely nominal. The transactions are extremely few, and uniformly at prices which a twelve month since would have been considered ridiculously inadequate. In the Frontier States rates are better maintained than further southward, for the reason that there is less danger of servile revolt there than in the Cotton States. Yet (South Carolina for instance, the perilous aspect of the social question absolutely prevents the sale or exchange of slaves; and while the nominal rates have declined at least thirty per cent. there are no sales to test the decline. It may be safe, however, to estimate that if the involuntary labor of the South was in 1859, worth $2500,000,000, in 1860 it is worth less than $800,000,000—a sudden depreciation for which the capital of no country in the world has ever, perhaps, furnished a precedent.

If we enquire the reason of this extraordinary fact we discover at once that it originates nowhere outside of the slave states themselves. It is not due to the existence of the Republican party, for that organization has been in full vigor through the last four years, a period through which the price of slaves has until recently, steadily advanced. It does not spring from the principles or platform of that party; for they universally disclaim all design to interfere with the institution in the several states, and regard the subject of emancipation not merely as one with which they have no concern, but as a problem which defies the ingenuity of the shrewdest to solve. It is not because Republicans have circulated incendiary ideas, taught insubordination, or held out false hopes to the negro; the most malignant antagonists of that party bring no such charge against it. Evidently, therefore, the causes which have rendered slave property unsafe, and so diminished its value, are due to the South itself. It belongs to that system of political agitation which has taught the capitalists of the North caution, while it has involved the capitalists of the South in loss and danger. We have held before our readers repeatedly, letters and other evidence of an unquestionable sort, to show that the negro has obtained his dangerous and exaggerated knowledge from his master, and from the public speeches of political orators, and from the absurd reports current among themselves, and founded on the other sources of information. Misrepresentation of the Republican policy has been the whole and sole material of warfare in the recent campaign in the Southern States, the fruit of which is this formidable danger of insurrection—a danger far more urgent than any other, result of the present attitude of the Cotton States, and rules the immediate effects of which are felt disastrously.

This danger is more imminent in the Cotton States than in those nearer the North, because in the latter the slave is saved from the desperate alternative of revolt, by the ever lingering hope of escape. It is mainly from the border States that the underground railroad obtains its passengers. Every one of these fortunate travelers leaves behind him those who have witnessed his successful effort, and every him the freedom it has earned him. Hence, while the lives of the whites are held by a less precarious tenure, property in blacks is even more insecure, and if the South Carolina planter declines to buy negroes for fear of introducing conspiracy into his sable flock, thus reducing the price of hands, the same result follows in Virginia, from the encouragement to escape afforded by the rumored Abolitionism of the party now in the ascendant in the North; encouragement borrowed from the indiscreet language of white agitators. The whole responsibility, therefore, of this wholesale and fatal depreciation of Southern wealth is due to Southern misconduct, and in no degree to aggression or interference on the part of the other section. The wilful and wicked aspersions of the slaveholder upon the motives of a great national party have simply recoiled in ruin upon themselves.—*N. Y. Times.*

THOMAS JEFFERSON ON SECESSION.—The following extracts from a letter written by Thomas Jefferson forty-five years ago, are highly appropriate and timely at the present moment:

In every free and deliberating society, there must, from the nature of man, be opposite parties, and violent dissensions and discords; and one of these, for the most part, must prevail over the others for a longer or a shorter time. Perhaps this party division is necessary to induce each to watch and debate to the people the proceedings of the other. *But if, on a temporary superiority of the one party, the other is to resort to a scission of the Union, no federal government can ever exist.* If to rid ourselves of the present rule of Massachusetts and Connecticut we break the Union, will the evil stop there? Suppose the New England States alone cut off, will our natures be changed? Are we not men still to the south of that, and with all the passions of men? Immediately we shall see a Virginia and a Pennsylvania party arise in the residuary confederacy, and the public mind will be distracted by the same party spirit. What a game too will one party have in their hands, by eternally threatening the other that unless they do so and so they will join their northern neighbors. If we redress our Union to Virginia and North Carolina, immediately the conflict will be established between the representatives of these two States, and they will end by breaking into their simple units. Seeing, therefore, that an association of men who will not quarrel with one another is a thing which never yet existed, from a town meeting, or a vestry, seeing that we must have somebody to quarrel with, I had rather keep our New England associates for that purpose than see our brickerings transferred to others. * * * It is true that in the meantime we are suffering deeply in spirit, and incurring the horrors of a war and long oppressions of enormous public debt. But who can say what would be the evils of a scission, and when and where would they end? Better keep together as we are, haul off from Europe as soon as we can, and from all entanglements to any portion of it; and if they show their power just sufficiently to hoop us together, it will be the happiest situation in which we can exist. If the game runs sometimes against us at home, we must have patience till luck turns, and then we shall have an opportunity of winning back the principles we have lost."

A Modern Portia.

Since the time when Madame Portia appeared in the Venitian Court and delivered her argument in the case of "Shylock vs. Antonio, suit to recover the penalty of a bond given for money lent," there has been but few, if any, instances of members of the gentler sex trespassing on the duties and privileges of the legal fraternity. But a case has recently come up in England, where the precedent of Portia has been followed to a certain extent by another of the criticised sex—it is to be hoped with as much success as her illustrious predecessor. A Mr. Sheddon, of New York, brought suit in London to establish his legitimacy. The day of trial arrived, when Mr. Sheddon's counsel moved for a continuance on the ground that, although hastily fee'd, they had neglected to look into the merits of the case. The continuance was refused, when Mr. Sheddon's counsel left the Court in a huff and abandoned the case. Here was a predicament. A large amount of property and the honor of the plaintiff's mother were at stake, and there was no one to conduct the suit. At this juncture stepped in a "learned doctor" in petticoats, in the person of Mr. Sheddon's own daughter. Modestly asking and obtaining permission to plead her father's cause, she proceeded to lay out the case and argue it, with a perspicuity, force and eloquence that astonished the oldest wigged head in the Court. Her speech lasted through portions of two days—for a woman can *talk when she tries*—and in this case she talked to some purpose. At the close of her argument she commenced examining witnesses, with all the tact and perseverance of an old lawyer, and with every prospect of success. Her efforts have attracted much attention. Miss Burdett Coutts has sent her a letter expressing sympathy for her position, and congratulating her on the zeal displayed. She has also sent her some material "sympathy" in the shape of a cheque for £200, to help pay the law expenses.

Though grave and learned judges and "eminent counsel" shake their horse hair wigs at the innovation, until the dust fills the dingy court rooms, yet we glory in the young lady's spirit, and wish a prosperous issue to her suit. May she find that

"Wise maidens see,
Men give the gods"

and not learn by bitter experience that

"when women one they owe to be denied"

—*Cleve. Her.*

WORKING ON HENRY CLAY.—We are glad to learn that the manufacturers are awakening to the necessity of a reduced tariff duties. We hear of ten thousand hands at the East which will be placed on short time after the 1st of January, and many more proportionally will adopt the same course, but we do not suppose all of the large corporations will readily come into the measure. During the past eight months, the profits of the business have been satisfactory, and the manufacturers are able to run their mills without immediate sales, and this may lead many to make full time; but no imparial observer of events would counsel such a course. It is true that no important decline in prices of goods has been reported, except in some special styles, yet there have been no important transactions, and if goods were forced upon the market, no profit would be left to the manufacturer. The results of the derangement of trade have not yet reached that class; but, before the Spring opens, its effect will be seen in a large accumulation of goods if there is not a partial suspense of production, and the results upon the domestic market will be disastrous.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

THE LOUDIANA MISSION.—A recent number of the *Edinburg Witness* contains the following description of the Loodiana Mission in India, established by American Presbyterian Missionaries, who exhibited, says the writer—Sir Herbert Edwards—"great courage, faith and foresight."

"The Mission is situated in the cis-Sutlej States, or as they were called previous to the Sikh war in 1845, 'The Protected Sikh States,' on the extreme frontier of India. The early American Missionaries devoted their efforts to mastering the language of the Punj