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FROM WASHINGTON.

Editorial Correspondence of The Agitator

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In common with many others, I had supposed that the indulgence of plantation managers in Washington was over. I hasten to correct that mistaken hypothesis. It is to be especially regretted that one of the Louisiana delegation to the House should have so far forgotten himself and the great questions at issue as to violently assail Judge Kelly, of our State, as did Mr. Field, one of the Louisiana Representatives, the other night. The assault was most wanton. It is not alleged that Judge Kelly had ever alluded to Mr. Field personally. Indeed, the parties had no personal acquaintance whatever. Mr. Field, the worse for himself upon a dinner party of which Judge Kelly was the host. He accused Judge Kelly with having voted in committee in such a manner as that his constituents would repudiate him. Judge Kelly said in reply that when he was called upon to vote in the House, the gentleman would find that he, (Kelly), would vote with due regard to reason. Upon this Mr. Field threatened violence, and left the dining hall. Soon after, Judge Kelly and his friends went out, and Mr. Field set upon the Judge with a knife, severely cutting his hand. The parties were separated, and the matter went into the courts, ending, for the present in putting Field under heavy bonds to keep the peace.

In view of the fact that this Louisiana question is a ticklish one; and also that the delegation was, by a stretch of courtesy, admitted to the privilege of the Hall, this rashness of one of the delegation is much to be regretted. The House, on the 23d, by a heavy vote, excluded Mr. Field from the Hall. I hope it will go no farther than the rejection of Mr. Field finally, when the balance of the delegation shall be admitted.

There had been a happy respite from pistol and bowie knife logic in Congress for nearly four years. This sort of logic went out of fashion when the South seceded from the Congress. The reign of decency commenced at the extraordinary session of 1861, and had not been interrupted seriously until this affair between Field and Kelly. The regenerated South must, in the outset, be given to understand that legislation at the point of the knife and at the mouth of the revolver will not be permitted under the new order of things. Not only the accused parent of this species of violence, but the violence itself must be outlawed. And if our members do their duty both will be outlawed.

But the great result of the 23d inst., in the House, was the Brooks fiasco. Some days ago, Mr. Brooks, in a speech called Gen. Butler, a "gold-robbing." On the 23d, Gen. Butler, who is in the city, sent an aide-de-camp with a note to Mr. Brooks, asking him if he was correctly reported as applying to him the epithet "Gold-Robber," without "limitation, modification, qualification, or restriction;" and closed by saying that his messenger, Capt. Clark, would call for his reply at any time he might designate.

Upon receiving this, the valorous Brooks rose to a question of "privilege"—alleging that he was constitutionally exempt from responding to such calls for explanations of words spoken in debate. He objected to being waited upon by a military man, and he fancied that the closing sentence savored of the duello.

The Speaker ruled that it was no breach of privilege for any man to write such a note to a member of Congress; that it did not equate at all at the duello; but that it was the privilege of the gentleman to refuse to reply to the note. Upon motion, the rules were suspended to give Brooks opportunity to spread himself. He stood near and heard a portion of his speech. He was most intensely excited, and showed much temper. But it fell out that he had erred in applying the epithet to General Butler, the gold alluded to having been paid over to the Treasury, on the order of the War Department, long ago. Brooks, with all his subtlety, made a very poor effort, and sat down unreasonably. He is scarcely recovered from the awful flagellation Schofield gave him two weeks ago, and the announcement of Thad. Stevens, as he took his seat, that he (Stevens) would reply to the babbling Brooks on the morrow, did not tend to increase his equanimity. Mr. Brooks is now suffering the penalty of making pot-house speeches on the floor of Congress. It was asked by Mr. Spaulding, of New York, if it would not be well to let Butler come forward and defend himself on the floor. This madened the coppers. It would be capital fun to witness the wordy duel between Butler and Brooks. Butler is good for any rebel, either South or North.

It may be well to state that the capture of Fort Fisher is a hard thing for Butler on the heels of his failure. But it must not be supposed that Butler is unpopular, either with the administration or with the people here. His reputation is not military, but executive. He has been of too great service to the country to be cast off and disgraced now. He is one of the men for the emergency; and his temporary eclipse came from the common error of getting out of his sphere. He got into the orbit of Mars, and Mars ran him down. He looked at Fort Fisher with the eyes of a civilian, and pronounced it impregnable. Terry saw it differently and took it in seven hours fighting. That is the difference between the judgment of a lawyer and the action of a thorough soldier.

It is to be hoped that the people will not suffer themselves to be deluded into a belief of a speedy peace through the mission of F. Blair, Sen. The best and speediest way peace is by filling up the armies with new and fresh men. Sherman, Thomas, Grant, Terry, and Porter, are making peace for us. And we shall have no peace that does not come on the heels of decisive victories in the field. Let the quotas be filled promptly! The Government prefers volunteers. M. H. C.

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EXPENDITURES.

COMMISSIONERS' WAGES.

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New Bridges.

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Damage to Improvements.

Table with columns for Expenditures and amounts. Includes items like 'Amount paid H Vaising and others', 'Amount paid John D Barnes', etc.

Road Views.

Table with columns for Expenditures and amounts. Includes items like 'Amount paid R T Wood and others', 'Amount paid Hugh Young and others', etc.

Stationery.

Table with columns for Expenditures and amounts. Includes items like 'Amount paid J F Donaldson', 'Amount paid J F Donaldson', etc.

Prothonotary's Fees.

Table with columns for Expenditures and amounts. Includes items like 'Amount paid J F Donaldson', 'Amount paid J F Donaldson', etc.

Inquest on Bodies.

Table with columns for Expenditures and amounts. Includes items like 'Amount paid E J Bosworth and others', 'Amount paid M R Rockwell and others', etc.

Distributing Assessment, &c.

Table with columns for Expenditures and amounts. Includes items like 'Amount paid M R Rockwell and others', 'Amount paid R F Stowell and others', etc.

Repairs on Jail, Court House, Grounds.

Table with columns for Expenditures and amounts. Includes items like 'Amount paid R F Stowell and others', 'Amount paid R F Stowell and others', etc.

Prisoners.

Table with columns for Expenditures and amounts. Includes items like 'Amount paid H Stowell, Jr, for Board &c', 'Amount paid J Kirkpatrick taking care sick', etc.

Penn's Lunatic Hospital.

Table with columns for Expenditures and amounts. Includes items like 'Am't p'd J A Wier &c keep'r Margaret Baris', 'Am't p'd H Stowell Jr summing Jury &c', etc.

Myron Rockwell, Commissioner, in account with Tioga County, DR.

Table with columns for Credits and Debits. Includes items like 'By 114 days service at \$2', 'By 723 miles travel at 60c', etc.

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Table with columns for Credits and Debits. Includes items like 'By 23 days service at \$2', 'By 120 miles travel at 60c', etc.

Attest: THOS. ALLEN, Clerk.

A M Spencer, Treasurer of Tioga county in account with said county from Jan. 15, 1864, to Jan. 19, 1865, DR.

Table with columns for Credits and Debits. Includes items like 'To amt rec'd by Treas'r on judgments obtained for outstanding taxes of '61 and former years', 'To amt rec'd by Treas'r on County Taxes year 1862', etc.

By amt outstanding Co. Taxes year 1862, CR.

Table with columns for Credits and Debits. Includes items like 'By amt outstanding Co. Taxes year 1862', 'By amt outstanding Co. Taxes year 1863', etc.

By amt outstanding Co. Taxes year 1863, CR.

Table with columns for Credits and Debits. Includes items like 'By amt outstanding Co. Taxes year 1863', 'By amt outstanding Co. Taxes year 1864', etc.

By amt outstanding Co. Taxes year 1864, CR.

Table with columns for Credits and Debits. Includes items like 'By amt outstanding Co. Taxes year 1864', 'By amt outstanding Co. Taxes year 1865', etc.

By amt outstanding Co. Taxes year 1865, CR.

Table with columns for Credits and Debits. Includes items like 'By amt outstanding Co. Taxes year 1865', 'By amt outstanding Co. Taxes year 1866', etc.

By amt outstanding Co. Taxes year 1866, CR.

Table with columns for Credits and Debits. Includes items like 'By amt outstanding Co. Taxes year 1866', 'By amt outstanding Co. Taxes year 1867', etc.

By amt outstanding Co. Taxes year 1867, CR.

Table with columns for Credits and Debits. Includes items like 'By amt outstanding Co. Taxes year 1867', 'By amt outstanding Co. Taxes year 1868', etc.

By amt outstanding Co. Taxes year 1868, CR.

Table with columns for Credits and Debits. Includes items like 'By amt outstanding Co. Taxes year 1868', 'By amt outstanding Co. Taxes year 1869', etc.

By amt outstanding Co. Taxes year 1869, CR.

Table with columns for Credits and Debits. Includes items like 'By amt outstanding Co. Taxes year 1869', 'By amt outstanding Co. Taxes year 1870', etc.

By amt outstanding Co. Taxes year 1870, CR.

Table with columns for Credits and Debits. Includes items like 'By amt outstanding Co. Taxes year 1870', 'By amt outstanding Co. Taxes year 1871', etc.

By amt outstanding Co. Taxes year 1871, CR.

Table with columns for Credits and Debits. Includes items like 'By amt outstanding Co. Taxes year 1871', 'By amt outstanding Co. Taxes year 1872', etc.

By amt outstanding Co. Taxes year 1872, CR.

Table with columns for Credits and Debits. Includes items like 'By amt outstanding Co. Taxes year 18