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PITTSBURGH: FRIDAY MORNING, JAN. 25.

A Convert from the Cotton Creed.

Certainly the last man in the world who might have been expected to rap the Secession mobs over the knuckles was Mr. John Mitchell; and for this very reason, perhaps, he has felt bound to do it, and has done it with a will. The charm of inconsistency in one which this gentleman appears utterly unable to resist; and having preached in this country for several years the omnipotence of King Cotton, and his ability to subdue all other interests to its royal demands, —we should take it, perhaps, as but natural in him that he now preaching, while in France, that cotton is but a very small affair after all; and that the English markets can be supplied with all, and more than all they need, and at cheaper rates than ever heretofore, from "the magnificent alluvial valley of Central China." Thus Mr. Mitchell speaks in his last letter from Paris, dated the 15th of December, and addressed to the Charleston *Mercury*:

"Now China, at present, produces *even six times as much cotton as all your Southern States put together*—not of the finest kind, indeed, but of the sort of which nankeen is made, in which about three hundred millions of people are clothed every day. Yet, where that cotton grows, it is calculated that other and better cotton may grow; and the magnificent alluvial valleys of Central China, all around the Hoss-Ho and the Yang-tse Kiang rivers, are certainly as capable of producing the most valuable kinds of that useful plant as are the valleys of the Mississippi and the Alabama. Labor, also, is far more abundant, and costs literally nothing at all. *Once the country is subjected, English cotton-growers may have many millions of laborers, all anxious to work for their bare subsistence*, for what would subsist one negroe would be a luxurious supply for five Chinamen. The Chinaman, too, will be apprentices, not slaves—the spirit of the age forbids—and so there will be no obligations to care for them, to feed and clothe them, when the work is got out of them. In short, if the cultivation once begins on those two rivers, *you may bid adieu to the Manchester and Liverpool markets; and that's the meaning of the China war.*"—*N. Y. Times.*

What an Interior Missouri Slaveholder Thinks

[Communicated to the Glasgow (Mo.) Times.]

MR. EDITOR—Gov. Jackson, in his inaugural address, estimates the value of our slaves at a hundred million dollars, and in your last number you told us that last New Year's day, at our county seat, showed a falling off in the price of negroes of one-fourth, and in their hire of one-fifth. The fear of disunion has, then, diminished the value of our slave property twenty-five per cent., and we have thus lost twenty-five millions of dollars. So much we know and feel to be true. Politicians cannot deceive us as to this. Now, can you or Gov. Jackson tell us how much more this property will be diminished when the Union is actually broken up? Some of my neighbors think that the slaves will be worth the expense of keeping them, if, indeed, we could keep them at all, surrounded, as we should be, by the fierce abolitionists of the North, regulated by no law, and awed by no fear of the General Government. The truth is the only security for our slave property is to stick to the "old flag." We have tried this, and every year our slaves have risen in value—but the moment there is any danger of our getting out of the Union this property *goes down one fourth of its value*. Every slaveholder in the country knows this, of his own knowledge, to be true. Some suppose that we can protect our slave property by keeping a guard all along our free State frontier; perhaps so, but let us see. We have at least eight hundred miles of such frontier that can be readily crossed at any point, and surrounding us there is now a free population in Kansas, Iowa and Illinois, of more than two and a half millions against our own population of a million and a quarter. This view of the matter ought to satisfy us that this cannot be done. Indeed; we have a little Republican opposite subject. Gen: Frost's recent expedition to the southwest cost, it is said, near two hundred thousand dollars, and all this was to protect States and Yeomen conscripts from the fear of Montgomery and his "little band of freebooters," with the fear of the General Government staring the marauders in the face. Mr. Editor, Missouri must remain *in the Union*, let other States go where they may; we cannot follow any of them out, *without giving up our slaves*, and the sooner we come to this conclusion and resolve to act upon it the better. Why talk of breaking up the Union, while Maryland, Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee, are for remaining in it?

HOWARD COUNTY.

Blockading the Mississippi.

We find the following full particulars of the battery of thirty-two pounders at Memphis, in the *Avalanche*, of that city, of Monday:

The Minute Men have had tendered to them sixteen thirty-two pound cannon by Major A. H. Douglass, who became the purchaser when the Federal Government disposed of the Navy Yard of the city. These guns are, we learn, in good condition, and will immediately be put in working order. A committee consisting of Captain James Hamilton, Colonel William B. Hunt, D. B. Malloy, Anthony Street and C. Delozach have been appointed to take the business in charge, and proceed at once to carry out the purposes of the association.

It is the purpose of the committee, we learn, to apply to the City Council for the privilege of erecting the battery at such point as may be selected, as well as for an appropriation commensurate with the plan proposed.

The Battery erected at Vicksburg has been withdrawn. The Governor of Mississippi, in a special message, dated at the Capitol of the State, on the 15th, alluding to it, says:

Being advised by the Governor of Louisiana that *he had reason to believe that an expedition would be sent down the Mississippi River to reinforce the Garrisons of the Forts and Arsenals of that State*, I sent Captain Kerr with sixteen of the Jackson Artillery Company, and ordered Captain H. H. Miller to call out the Volunteer Companies of Vicksburg. *and take such position as would enable him to prevent any hostile expedition from the Northern States descending the river.* Learning that the Forts and Arsenals were fully garrisoned by Louisiana, I have directed Captain H. H. Miller to withdraw his forces from the position they had taken.

"COERCION" IN ALABAMA.—The following significant paragraph is taken from the Nashville *Banner*:

"We learn that quite an exciting scene occurred in the Alabama Convention after that body had refused, by a decided vote, to submit their action to the people. The Hon. Nicholas Davis, of Huntsville, declared his belief that the people of North Alabama would never abide the action of that Convention, if denied the right of voting upon it. Mr. Yancey thereupon denounced the people of North Alabama as tories, traitors, and rebels, and said they ought to be coerced into a submission to the decree of the Convention. Mr. Davis replied that they might attempt coercion, but North Alabama would meet them upon the line and decide the issue at the point of the bayonet. Thus the spirit of these revolutionists is disclosed occasionally. Coercion to prevent them from treason is terrible, but to force men into an abandonment of that treason is legitimate. Calm minded men will notice these and similar indications, and consider well before they commit their destinies to the keeping of such precipitators."

South Carolina.

The Charleston correspondent of the N. Y. *Tribune* writes that the danger of an attack on Fort Sumter is imminent. He says:

The jealousy of South Carolina demands some recompense of laurels for their fatiguing labors, and I should not be at all surprised at a coup de main, on Fort Sumter. The first hot-head among the officers who shall, in a burst of ardor, give the signal of attack, will be immortalized by the poets and historians of South Carolina; and the delay which has hitherto been allowed in regard to the attack, should not be attributed to the negotiations at Washington, but rather to the necessity of completing the means for the assault. There is no relaxation in the strategical preparations. Fort Sumter will not be subjected merely to the fire of Fort Moultrie and of Morris Island, but also to batteries erected on other portions of Sullivan's Island, which will assail it from different directions.

Meantime, there is no idleness at Fort Sumter. They have just built a sort of wooden tower, (magnificent, I believe they are called technically, a name taken from the Italian), in order to be able to reach the enemy from an elevation.

Inconvenience of Secession.

The New Orleans *Delta* of the 17th says: We regret to learn that the Federal Collector at Mobile has resigned his office. This will be a serious inconvenience to the commerce of that city. There will be no authority to issue clearances, at least for American bottoms, and we are in the very midst of the cotton season. It was a short-sighted act in the people to desire this resignation, and in the Collector to yield to such a desire. Our Federal officers should remain in office until they are superceded by the appointments. We must avoid any act that would cripple or impede our commerce.

The Finances of Massachusetts, according to the annual report of the State Auditor, are in a very favorable condition. The Commonwealth has solid property enough to pay all its indebtedness, and giving a surplus besides of more than six millions of dollars.

The Emperor Napoleon on Secession.

[From the Correspondence of the Sat onal Intelligencer.]

PARIS, January 4.—It devolves upon your correspondent to describe an incident of the diplomatic reception, occurring a few moments after those formal addresses had been pronounced, which at the present momentous juncture in the affairs of our own country, will excite a deep interest in the United States. The statement I am about to make may be relied upon as exact in every particular.

When the collective reception of the diplomatic Body was over, the Emperor passed slowly along the line of Ambassadors and Ministers, speaking a few words to each in person. After a moment's conversation with the Persian Ambassador, who stood at the right of the Minister of the United States, the Emperor approached Mr. Faulkner and cordially shook his hand. The usual words of greeting were then exchanged, after which the Emperor asked, in English,

"What is the latest intelligence you have received from the United States? Not so alarming, I trust, as the papers represent it?"

"Like most nations, Sire," replied Mr. Faulkner, "we have our troubles, which have lost none of their coloring, as described in the European press."

The Emperor.—"*I hope it is not true that any of the States have separated from the general Confederation.*"

Mr. Faulkner—"The States still form one common Government, as heretofore. There is excitement in portions of the Confederacy, and there are indications of extreme measures being adopted by one or two of the States. But we are familiar with the excitements, as we are with the vigor, which belong to the institutions of a free people. We have already more than once passed through commotions which would have shattered into fragments any other government on earth, and this fact justifies the inference that the strength of the Union will now be found equal to the strain upon it."

The Emperor—"*I sincerely hope it may be so; and that you may long continue an united and prosperous people.*"

Mr. Faulkner then asked permission of the Emperor to present to him Mr. J. E. Boyd Faulkner, acting Assistant Secretary, to whom his Majesty made a few kind remarks, and then passed on to the Minister of Denmark.

THE letter of Ex-President Fillmore in response to the resolution of the Latham-Union meeting in this city, on the 18th of December, has been published. Mr. Fillmore says he would accept the mission proposed to him by the meeting, provided it would do any good. He then says what the South wants and what he wants "is some *assurance* from the republican party, now dominant at the North, that they, or at least the conservative portion of them, are ready and willing to come forward and repeal all unconstitutional State laws; live up to the compromises of the constitution, execute the laws of Congress honestly and faithfully, and treat our Southern brethren as friends."

Mr. Fillmore also commends the position of the Albany *Journal*, and regards it as evidence that there are Republicans who are willing to sacrifice party to save the country.—*N. Y. Commercial Advertiser.*

Number out of Employment in New York.

The New York *World* denies the statement that there are a much greater number than usual of persons in that city out of employment. It says:

"The fact is set forth in the annual report of the city, that owing to the present secession difficulties, large numbers of our merchants, of clerks, and artisans generally have been thrown out of employment. It is further alleged that the application to our city and private charities for aid are far more numerous than is usual at this time of the year. These statements are natural, taking the city in the aggregate. There is a large number of painters, jewellers, tailors and housebuilders employed now than usual at this season. In these departments of industry, work is always dull in the winter. It is estimated that not over one-eighth the ordinary number in these departments of industry are now out of employ. Retail dry goods dealers are selling as much now as customary in the winter months; and in all the leading branches of industry, mechanical, artistic and scientific, there has been no falling off in demand for services or promptitude of pay."

Use of Spoons in Discount Correspondence.

In a recent trial in England, the dispatches of the Discount Company were read. The accounts they would take were indicated by some kind of spoon. When a dispatch mentioned "tea spoon," an explanation was obtained by the counsel, as follows:

Mr. Lawrence: A tea spoon! What is that? Bankrupt: £5,000. Mr. Lawrence: What is a desert spoon, then? Bankrupt: £10,000. Mr. Lawrence: What is a table spoon? Bankrupt: £15,000—Mr. Lawrence: And a gravy spoon? Bankrupt: £20,000. (Laughter.) Examination continued. Mr. Manisty used to send the message—"Send me down a tea"—(laughter)—meaning a tea spoon, or £5,000.

SNOWBALLING IN THE TUILLERIES was carried on to such an extent on Christmas day that it became necessary to send for troops to protect the public. A parcel of young scamps systematically assailed every well dressed person, particularly ladies who wore bonnets worth spoiling. One young man, supposed to be an Englishman, used his cane in self-defence, and a regular row was the consequence. Many bare-skin caps belonging to grenadier guards who came to restore order were seen rolling about in the snow. The troops were marched and could do little, but ultimately a body of sergeants de ville cleared the gardens and arrested several of the snowballers.

SHARPED AT AS THEY FLY.—The following paragraph from the Charleston (S. C.) *Courier* concedes the alleged fact that many of the best families of the State are fleeing from it as from the plague, in consequence of the lawless tyranny now exercised by mob rule there. The *Courier* of Saturday, January 12, says:

The removal of many excellent families from the capital is regretted, but nobody proposes to stop them from managing their own domestic affairs in their own way.

MISSISSIPPI goes out of the Union with more convenience than South Carolina. The terms she makes are capital. She has no port of entry, and cannot therefore come into collision with the government in the matter of revenue collection; and as to the other point of difficulty, the post office system, her convention has provided that no change shall be made, and permits the United States to pay the expenses of its maintenance.—*National Intel.*

A WINTRY HARVEST HORN.—Near Toronto, lately, when the weather was intensely cold, a farmer was riding with his daughter on a load of hay, and finding himself drowsy, fell down to sleep. When they arrived at a tavern on the way, where they were to stop during the night, it was discovered that the unfortunate man had frozen to death.

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