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FRAUD IN JACKSON WARD.

Ballot-Box Stuffing—Schemes Which Were Frustrated—How it Failed.

No daily paper published a line relative to the great fraud in Jackson Ward. The fight began by a cry against James Bahen, the Republican leader who has virtually controlled politics in the Ward. A revolt against his management was in progress. The Democrats, never loath to embrace an opportunity to secure party advantage determined to spring a full Democratic ticket on the morning of the election, the 22d. Only four of the names of the men regularly nominated were omitted from the Independent Republican ticket. They were James Bahen, Mordican Page, (both white) Henry Layne and E. J. Cook.

The cry was that most of the regular ticket must necessarily be elected as the names of the candidates appeared on both tickets. Subsequent developments brought out the fact that a deeper as well as more far-reaching scheme was on foot, the full import of which very few of the Independent Republicans were aware. It was to poll enough Independent Republican votes to give the Democrats an excuse to announce to the country that a split was in progress among the Republicans themselves and they, taking advantage of it by disgusted Republicans remaining away from the polls had carried the Ward. "They did not get all they expected remarked an Independent Republican with a

A SIGNIFICANT SMILE. The idea was to stuff the ballot boxes in the 1st, 2nd, and 4th precincts. The scheme miscarried. The attempt was made in the 2d precinct to deny the Regular Republican ticket representation at the count, as was done in the 1st precinct, but all of the judges of election would not engage in the scheme. In the 1st precinct, the judges and those who were opposed to the Regular Republican ticket waited long and late. The returns from the other three precincts had come in. It was found that the Independent Republican ticket had not polled more than about 180 votes in the entire ward—the scheme had miscarried in the other precincts and although the ballot box had been stuffed, making the ballots which the Democrats called for only 888, it was impossible to wipe out the heavy Republican majority. In fact it would have taken more votes than men who had voted in the Precinct, including both black and white. So after viewing the inanimate corpse of Democracy in that Ward they

THEY GAVE UP THE JOB. Before 12 o'clock that day, it was evident that to beat any man on the regular ticket would be to elect a Democrat in his stead and this was openly admitted by the leaders on the other side. Said one of the candidates on the Independent Republican ticket: "A prominent Democrat said that they would give us Tom Jeter. I told him I would not agree to have John Mitchell beaten. The colored people of the Ward would never forgive us. After that about 4 P. M. I did not handle another ticket."

The editor had some true friends among the opposition. The attempt to smuggle a batch of tickets in the room at the 2d Precinct, Jackson Ward, caused the wildest excitement. Never has Henry Layne's vocal organs been put to a severer strain. He went through the streets like one "crying in the Wilderness." He it was who discovered it. He charged thievery, attempt to stuff the ballot box, and when the attempt was made to deny his side recognition, he was simply furious. Never in the history of the Ward has such a condition of affairs obtained. It was a DISASTER to Christian civilization and a sad reflection upon the fair name of the Ward.

May it never be that such methods will be resorted to in order to carry Democratic Ward which is overwhelmingly Republican. United, we have almost nothing to fear. Divided, we become the prey of men who work our eternal injury.

Mr. J. E. Bruce of Washington has written a pamphlet entitled "The Blot on the Escutcheon." It is dedicated to Senator W. E. Chandler, and embraces a full statement of the relative condition of the Afro-American in this country. The argument is convincing, language persuasive and statement of eternal principles and the law, masterly. The price is 15 cents.

Rev. Brooks Honored.

The State University of Louisville, Ky., and the Roger Williams University of Nashville, Tenn., have both conferred the title of Doctor of Divinity upon Rev. Walter H. Brooks, pastor of the 19th Street Baptist Church of Washington. Truly, a worthy man has been honored. The race appreciates the compliment.

S. S. Union.

The S. S. Union will convene with the Moore St. Sunday School, June 1st, at 3 o'clock P. M. Gospels and Carols of Joy. All are invited.

By order of
R. J. BARR, Pres.
W. H. BROOKS, Cor. Sec't.

THE LEE MONUMENT UNVEILING.

Thousands Present—Confederate Flags Every where Displayed.

Thursday, 29th inst. was a memorable day for Richmond. Never has such a pageant assembled within its confines. Confederates from New York to Texas were in the parade and it took hours for them to pass a given point.

We venture the assertion that no where in the South has a grander parade taken place.

All of this was done in honor of the Confederate Chief, General Robert E. Lee and the cause for which he fought.

Rebel flags were everywhere displayed and the long lines of Confederate veterans who embraced the opportunity and attended the reunion to join again in the "rebel yell" told in no uncertain tones that they still cling to theories which were presumed to be buried for all eternity.

These emblems of the "Lost Cause," many of which had been perforated by Union bullets were carried with an enthusiasm that astounded many. Cheer after cheer rang out upon the air as they waved, and fair women waved handkerchiefs and screamed to do honor.

Secretary of War Tracy, had forbidden any United States Marine Band from participating in the ceremonies and his reasons were evident.

The Richmond "Dispatch" of Thursday placed General Lee even above Washington and Grant.

After the unveiling, the artillery fired salute after salute.

The unfinished City Hall building was covered with one mammoth Confederate flag which extended the whole length of the building.

The South may rever the memory of its chiefs. It takes the wrong steps in so doing, and proceeds to go too far in every similar celebration.

It serves to retard its progress in the country and forges heavier chains with which to be bound All is over.

The Dedication of the Sixth Mt. Zion Baptist Church—A Costly Edifice.

The dedicatory exercises commenced last Sunday, 18th inst. at the 6th Mt. Zion Baptist Church. In the morning Rev. Wm. Troy preached an able sermon in the afternoon Rev. Dr. W. H. Landrum, and at night Rev. C. H. Phillips of Beaver Dam, Va. This magnificent structure is an object of beauty. The inside walls are stuccoed and blocked. The galleries present a handsome appearance. There are three handsome chandeliers. The windows contain stained glass. The rostrum is covered with handsome Brussels carpet. The pulpit furniture is most costly. The chairs being covered with garnet plush. In the windows at the rear of the pulpit are pictures of Christ and the Virgin Mary, almost life size. The globes on the chandelier are handsomely ornamented. The ventilation is perfect. In the cupola is a deep toned bell. The iron supports of the galleries are handsomely bronzed. The total cost of the edifice is (\$22,000) twenty two thousand dollars. The seating capacity is estimated at (1,400) fourteen hundred.

Sunday, 25th, preliminary exercises were conducted by Rev. J. C. Braxton. Prayer by Rev. D. N. Vassar, A. M. Rev. Willis Robinson, of Fredricksburg, Va., who was expected to preach, failed to put in appearance, and Rev. Jacob Turner officiated. Text, 2 Chronicles II-15: "Now mine eyes shall be opened and mine ears attend unto the prayer that is made in this place."

He showed that the prayers which had been offered opened the way for the success of the work. He commented on the struggles of the church. He advised all to continue to trust in God and they would come out triumphant. Rev. Jasper stated that he was unwell. It was he who introduced Rev. Turner and also made an appeal for funds.

The steps leading into the church were wooden. Rev. John Jasper, the pastor, decided to make the church a present of stone ones. He did so at a cost of (\$211) two hundred and eleven dollars. He has given in 14 months (\$316) three hundred and sixteen dollars.

Normal School Alumni.

The Annual meeting of the Alumni Society of the Richmond Normal School will be held at the Y. M. C. A. building (cor. 3rd and Leigh sts.) Monday afternoon June 2nd, at 5:30 o'clock. At this meeting officers for the ensuing year will be elected. All the graduates of the Normal School (including the February class of 1890) are earnestly requested to be present.

GEORGE STEPHENS, Jr., Pres.
ROSA BROOKS, Cor. Sec't.

One of the most useful articles that we know of is that famous household remedy for the baby, Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup. It costs only 25 c. a bottle.

No one can adequately describe the suffering imposed by dyspepsia. It darkens life's pathway and makes existence almost unbearable; but Laxador will not only alleviate the tortures of dyspepsia, but will cure the disease. Price only 25 cents.

Smoke Havana Fruit Cigar. 5c.

If you have over indulged in eating or drinking take a dose of Simmons Liver Regulator.

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RECORDER BRUCE'S DEFENCE.

No Colored Men Displaced for White Ones—Justice and Fair Play—Republicans to be Appointed to Office—A Refutation of a Report which has been Circulated.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 27, 1890. Editor Richmond Planet;

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find copy of letter to Mr. Smith of Boston which I should be much gratified if you would kindly publish in your next issue for the information of your readers.

Very truly yours,
B. K. BRUCE.

The following is the letter of reference made:

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 25, 1890. Mr. J. H. Smith, Boston Mass.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 23rd instant, asking the following questions has been received.

(1) Is it true, as stated in a colored newspaper, that on taking charge of the Recorder's Office you removed Mr. Henry Johnson from the position of Deputy Recorder and appointed in his stead a white man?

(2) Have you removed colored employees and filled their places with whites?

(3) Have you removed colored clerks from the front office and placed them in the rear room, out of sight of the public?

I shall answer your questions in the order in which you have propounded them.

(1) Under the Democratic Administration the Deputy Recorder had been dispensed with for reasons probably best known to my predecessor, Mr. Trotter, who conducted the affairs of the office without one; but I cannot see how, with the Recorder absent from the city for a considerable period of time, business could proceed in a proper and legal manner with no person duly authorized to act for him. I appointed as my Deputy, Col. Schayer, who had held the position eighteen years—the last six years under Hon. Frederick Douglass. Mr. Johnson whom I found in the office seemed to have no particular duty to perform, but was regarded as Mr. Trotter's confidential man. I needed no such person and, with my Deputy already appointed, was at a loss to know what to do with him. I offered him the position of Comptroller, as a salary of five hundred dollars, which he promptly accepted.

(2) No one has been removed; the office remains just as it was turned over to me by Mr. Trotter, with the exception that I have appointed five additional clerks—two white and three colored. There are times when there is not sufficient work to keep the entire force employed, and turlongs must be taken. Since I have been in office, I have furloughed four persons—two white and two colored, and two of these, one white and one colored are again in the office, so that only two remain out. While I have thus far dismissed no one, it is not my purpose to continue in office, permanently, the entire force of my Democratic predecessor, whether colored or white.

(3) The persons whom I found employed in the front office are still there, no change having been made under my administration.

Very respectfully,
B. K. BRUCE.

The Right of Christians to Drink Alcoholic Liquors.

Mr. Editor:

It is not the object of these articles in the discussion with "Temperate" to point out the horrors of drink, for they can be seen only by taking note of some of those who fill the graves upon the hillside, the wretched condition of some of those who are now living, the prisons, asylums and hospitals. The horrors of drink are stamped upon the walls of time. No hand can erase them, no tonic can build up the tottering frame, no cosmetics can remove his deadly lines from the face of the toper. They are there, and there lamentable. The remedy is what we want, and to that end I write. It is admitted by a large number of persons that drinking is a curse, and should be dispensed with. This much is admitted and yet they refuse to give it up. The drunkards are wishing to give it up, but they can not. The so called moderate drinkers are unwilling to stop, though they are on the same ship, sailing to the same port.

"Temperate" asserts in his article of last week, that I was apparently seeking a basis. I would like to have him know that the basis needs no seeking. It is here, ready to build upon but we cannot build out of such material as he furnishes—temperate drinks. It is beyond my comprehension why a man of his intelligence would class a thing reasonable, illogical, and say "not even with a microscope can the meaning be detected." I would like to ask Temperate—As a beverage, has alcohol a proper use? He says: "I will venture to say that the improper use of this beverage has become a glaring shame to the morals, and a ruinous obstacle to the general welfare of our people."

Since he admits half of the truth, the other half will come very soon, we trust. I said nothing about the "abolition of the production." It would be impossible to abolish the production so long as the use of it as a beverage continues. Go to the

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