

"Speak, my brother," said Guatemoc. Then I spoke. "Most noble Cutlahua, and you, lords and princes, you honor me by asking my counsel, and it is this, in few words and brief: You waste your strength by hurling your armies continually against stone walls and the weapons of Teules. So you shall not prevail against them. Your devices must be changed if you would win victory. The Spaniards are like other men. They are no gods, as the ignorant imagine, and the creatures upon which they ride are not demons, but beasts of burden, such as are used for many purposes in the land where I was born.

"The Spaniards are men, I say, and do not men hunger and thirst? Cannot men be worn out by want of sleep and be killed in many ways? Are not these Teules already weary to the death? This, then, is my word of comfort to you: Cease to attack the Spaniards and invest their camp so closely that no food can reach them and their allies, the Tlascalans. If this is done, within 10 days from now either they will surrender, or they will strive to break their way back to the coast. But to do this, first they must win out of the city, and if dikes are cut through the causeways that will be no easy matter. Then when they strive to escape, cumbered with the gold they covet and come here to seek, then, I say, will be the hour to attack them and to destroy them utterly."

I ceased, and a murmur of applause went round the council. "It seems that we came to a wise judgment when we determined to spare this man's life," said Cutlahua, "for all that he tells us is true, and I would that we had followed this policy from the first. Now, lords, I give my voice for acting as our brother points the way. What say you?"

"We say with you that our brother's words are good," answered Guatemoc presently, "and now let us follow them to the end."

Then, after some further talk, the council broke up, and I sought my chamber, well nigh blind with weariness and crushed by the weight of all that I had suffered on that eventful day. The dawn was flaring in the eastern sky, and by its glimmer I found my path down the empty corridors till at length I came to the curtains of my sleeping place. I drew them and passed through. There, far up the room, the faint light gleaming on her snowy dress, her raven hair and ornaments of gold, stood Otomie, my bride.

I went toward her, and as I came she glided to meet me with outstretched arms.



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Presently they were about my neck, and her kiss was upon my brow.

"Now all is done, my love and lord," she whispered, "and come good or ill, or both, we are one until death, for such vows as ours cannot be broken."

"All is done indeed, Otomie, and our oaths are lifelong, though other oaths have been broken that they might be sworn," I answered.

Thus then I, Thomas Wingfield, was wed to Otomie, princess of the Otomie, Montezuma's daughter.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

**Earle and Youmans on the Political Situation.**

The following letters were brought out by requests from the editor of the Columbia Register:

Editor Register: The Butler conferences, as reported, are supposed to indicate that having been defeated at the recent primary elections, the General will now organize an Independent movement, in order that he may have another chance to be returned to the Senate. Such a movement would be "conceived in sin and brought forth in iniquity." Surely there must be some mistake in the published reports for it is hard to believe that Senator Butler and his friends, many of whom have proved their manhood, courage and patriotism, in war and in peace, would enter upon a venture so fraught with evil to the State. Senator Hampton in 1878 declared that "an Independent was worse than a Radical." The conditions which inspired this forcible expression remain unchanged, so let the word be again passed down the line, "an Independent is worse than a Radical."

An Independent movement against the organized Democracy could succeed only by forming a coalition with the black Republicans, and this would eventually result in their restoration to power. Shall white men be ruled by negroes? Shall the State be again dominated by ignorance and vice? Shall we have negro judges presiding over our courts? Shall South Carolinians be again subjected to the insults, suffering and humiliation experienced by them in the dark days of Radicalism? If not, then rise up in your might and put down a movement which to gain a temporary advantage would open Pandora's box and flood the State with evils which will be fastened not only upon you, but also upon your children.

The duty of the hour compels every Democrat, whether Tillmanite or anti-Tillmanite, to fight now on common ground to sustain white supremacy. Jos. H. EARLE.

**COL. YOUMANS IN FAVOR OF INDEPENDENTISM**

Editor Register: Your communication of the first inst. received this afternoon and in accordance with your request I reply immediately. In this communication addressed to you I say: "Knowing you to be a staunch and uncompromising foe of aught that tends to disturb white supremacy, and that your words carry weight and influence, I ask that you write The Register a letter giving your views upon the new Independent movement about to be started and outlining the duty of the hour. Hoping for an early reply, I am," &c.

As to "white unity," that was disturbed four years ago, when Governor Tillman, conceiving himself to be the only man with the nerve and the brains and the ability to array the common people against the aristocracy, for the accomplishment of his own selfish purposes, spread discord and division among the white people by inaugurating what he chose to term a family quarrel in the State.

As to "white supremacy," it should be remembered that whilst negro domination in the reconstructed States has been one of the most marked features of the policy of the Republican party that the Northern Democracy, through all of the political vicissitudes of the last quarter of a century, has been the unfaltering friend of the South. It was due to its persistent demands that white supremacy was restored in '76 and '77 to South Carolina and Louisiana and it was freely given to defeat the force bill and to repeal the election laws. On the other hand all of the new political organizations which have sprung up like Jonah's gourd, and will wilt about as soon, have generally acted with the Republican party against the interest of the South. The Greenbackers, many of whom were elected in part by denouncing Democrats, whom they were trying to defeat as not sufficiently Democratic, when elected were found voting with the Republicans in the interests of all measures, dragging the South in favor of negro domination.

The Populists and third parties are no exception to this rule; they went over bag and baggage into the camp of our enemies during the consideration of the House bill to reduce the tax burdens of the tariff and placed themselves under the leadership of the gentleman from Maine, Mr. Reed, and Mr. Boutelle to prevent the Democrats from even considering a bill designed to lift the burden of tariff taxation from the farmers of the South. They joined the Republicans in a body and voted almost solidly against the repeal of the 10 per cent. tax on State banks, a measure which if it had been enacted into law would have given great financial relief to the South. These new departures, whenever they have taken place in the South, have nearly always resulted in an appeal to the negro and a termination within the Republican ranks. Witness Mahone, McLane, Tom Watson and R. F. Kolb.

The originator and autocrat of your political faction, for he dicated to it not only as to measures but men, has admitted that he was half Populist in the canvass of '92; that he is now like McLane a Greenbacker, and has served notice on the voters of the State of his early expectation to desert the Democratic party. I think this "new Independent movement about to be started" by Governor Tillman and those pledged to support him should be met by an immediate reorganization of the Democratic party in the State and that the "duty of the hour" is for every Democrat who has any manhood or political principle or owns any property that binds him to the State or interests him in its welfare to aid this reformation with all of his might.

As to placing a Democratic ticket in the field at this late day I stand confirmed in my opposition to it, were it not for the bloody lawlessness of the present administration and the promise of its continuance by the legate—a policy of outrage and bloodshed which if persisted in seems to me inevitably bound to precipitate the State into all the horrors of civil war. It cannot be reasonably presumed that freemen will forever tamely submit to having their private premises ransacked and their private packages torn open and scattered by the pimps, underthings and pluguglies of any set of nondescript petty tyrants or even allow B. R. Tillman to blow open their iron safes and break down their doors. However, upon this question I am willing to be governed by the combined wisdom of those with whom I have been politically associated.

L. W. YOUMANS.  
Fairfax, S. C., Sept. 3, 1894.

The Winchester Repeating Arms Company, of Springfield, Mass., has completed and shipped to the Chinese Government one million rounds of ammunition. Cartridges were of 45 70 calibre, and were sent by rail to the Pacific coast.

John and Jasper Atkinson, who killed John Camp, near Winstonsboro, S. C., will hang on September 21. The governor refuses to interfere. This will be the first case on record in South Carolina where men who were recommended to the mercy of the court by the jury, will be hanged.

**The Boll Worm in Newberry.**

NEWBERRY, September 4—The Arkansas boll worm is destroying the cotton crop in all parts of this county. Reports received to day show that in several sections the worm is more destructive than others, and is playing havoc on the farms of D. P. Bouknight and J. H. Chappell in the vicinity of Newberry. In the cotton in the Beth Eden section and in fact every part of the county where the cotton stalk has grown luxuriant the worm is flourishing, and is secure where the sun cannot penetrate the thick foliage.

On the farms named the destruction from present indications will be almost total. There are farms, however, which, if scant growth counts for anything, will be saved from the depredations of the boll worm.

H. H. Evans, of Newberry, is in the race for Congress in the 3d district. He so declared himself last week, and is sticking to it. He says he means to make the race lively. Mr. Evans is at present trial justice of Newberry and Deadfall Township, having won in the primary two years ago.

**Darlington Must Pay.**

Judge Simonton sent down yesterday from Flat Rock an opinion and order for judgment in the Atlantic Trust Company, of New York, vs the town of Darlington, S. C. The verdict is for the plaintiff in the sum of \$6,873 60 and costs.

The bonds to which the coupons sued on in this case belongs were executed for the purpose of completing and equipping a railroad from Sumter via Darlington to Bennettsville, there to meet a northern connection. This railroad has been built, equipped and is in operation. The northern connection has been effected. The bonds were delivered.

The single question of law in the case was: Are these bonds valid obligations of the town of Darlington? The defence claimed that the town had no authority under the Constitution to issue the bonds. It was argued that the amount of bonds, \$73,000, exceeded 8 per cent of the taxable property of Darlington. This was not proven and the Court found for plaintiff as stated above.—News and Courier Sept. 6.

A special to the Chronicle from Port Royal, S. C., says: The steamer Ramon Delarrinaga cleared from Port Royal for Liverpool with 2,800 bales of new cotton, 10,000 sacks of flour and 100 tons of lumber and logs. This ship came here from Tampa with 3,000 tons of phosphate rock for Liverpool, and in addition to the above mentioned cargo has taken on 350 tons of coal for bunker purposes, and will sail direct to Liverpool without having to stop for coal at Norfolk.

A prominent gentleman of Columbia has been writing some "general impressions" for the Journal relative to the city government. He observes among other things, "that little pickaninnys are imprisoned for playing craps while the poker and faro rooms run without concealment; that the drunkard goes to the city guard house, while the drunkard maker does a thriving business under the very eyes of council, and pays not even a general merchandise license." That such things exist in the city of Columbia and in many of the towns in South Carolina, no one, who keeps posted, will doubt; but where is the justice in such a state of affairs? The trouble is that too many city officials are in sympathy with the whiskey element.

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