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## THE FARMING INTERESTS OF MARYLAND.

In the sudden shock of the great change that has come upon Maryland in the emancipation of her slaves at the direct consequence of the aggressive acts against the Government by the cotton States, large numbers of the farmers have to be sold to bid and confound as to how to act.

And however they have behaved themselves—the many lately interested in slave property, we mean to become the partisans of the South. Carolina, Iola, few or none will believe that they could ever have been so noxious as to have led off in the stark malice. Before they was inaugurated, the slave population here, considering its undoubted opportunities for escape to the free States, was quiescent to a marvel. And notwithstanding the many efforts to disturb it by outside influences, yet so wedged in was it by stringent statutes made in its special interest, and so completely was it conceded to by the rest of the State, that it appeared, not more than five years ago as it might have gone along on the same course and under the protection of the Federal Constitution for an absolutely indefinite period of time.

In an evil hour for themselves, however, no extreme Southern States, States lying so remote from the border as to feel absolutely safe from assault or harm in any contingency they might provoke, decided they might enlarge the bounds of slavery, to make it the controlling power of the New World. They did not hesitate to declare their selfish purpose in provoking hostilities by their course, to make States like Maryland the bulwark to protect themselves in the conflict that might ensue. Indeed, one proposition was to make a belt of "two hundred miles wide" along its border a desert, in order to fence it—in to protect it in an especial manner whatever cost to the Border States—Every thing proves conclusively that they no more expected to see the aroused populations of the free States surging across and around the States of Georgia and South Carolina, as they are doing, at this moment, than they expected to see the waves of the Atlantic, which wash their shores, rise to overwhelm them.

In looking back upon all this, now, it is perhaps not so much to be wondered at, that the stupendous and educated arrogance born of the condition of things in the Gulf States, should have led them to believe in their immunity from possible punishment. But that any portion of the people of Maryland should not at once have seen the stark meanness of the enterprise, is the wonder of the times. Warned, in advance, by the South, that they were to serve merely as the bulwark of those States—that the latter by means could what became of the "institution" here, our people, many of them, still went into the movement with all their hearts and energies, thus destroying for themselves that sympathy which otherwise would have been felt for them in the trouble and losses which ensued. And thus determined to look toward Richmond, instead of toward the National Capital for protection, or "compensation," their acts certainly justified such a conclusion. They cleaved with a culpable ingenuity and persistency, marvellous to think now, to get Maryland out of the Union by some sham form; by the usual "succession ordinance," which to recur to now, can only provoke a smile of derision or pity, a feeling of anger, too, that so very bald a farce should, in other instances, have led to such horrible consequences.

I think now of a man of Geo. P. Keane's calibre and others of similar pretensions, as the chief—the statesman—Maryland was to follow into the bloody quagmire of rebellion; men who in most cases have sunk out of sight, on that chess board where their displays of valour and statesmanship were to astonish the world.

We say that the slaveholders of Maryland in the outset most vigilantly committed themselves and their interests to the keeping of unscrupulous simpletons like these, to men who had not the first qualification of statesmanship or capacity—to be coldly indifferent to the evil from the beginning. And in doing so, what could follow but what has happened, a depreciation of sympathy and more, a natural foible of sycophants, that they would persist in uniting the State, and its other and rival interests, to the follies of the hour—the madness of the slaves programme put forth by South Carolina.

Well, in the conflict which ensued, She very nobly and its special advocates and partisans specially got the worst of it. The last chance offered them as a compromise by the Government, the definite offer of "compensation," to the amount of millions, was thoughtlessly and scuriously rejected, and the slaves in Maryland co-patched record of their furies—we may add in view of its callousness with the enemies of the Union of its citizens. It undoubtedly joined in a secret game for power, and other interests which could not be justified, as it has not. And now to recite more to what we call in the writer—it seems triflingly—confounded at last, the most trifling of trifles.

Now, carefully surveying the whole, all, reckoning to himself, if not to solve the follies of which it had been plainly guilty, let it suffice that saliently stand, still, will not help the case.

Another effort is made there lately, in telegrams, to save the slaves comparatively harmless. They would not have "compensation" from the Government, and refusing that they could not get it from the State. What is to be done?—let us inquire. We will venture a few suggestions.

The situation which has thus suffered by its shortsightedness, by its criminal complicity, with the rebellion, is yet in possession of a large portion of the valuable wealth of the State. Admitting the hard-

ship of coming down from the lordly proprietors of thousands of acres, to some hundreds, and, conceding the loss of prestige with one's neighbors which follows, it is not better to part with the slaves than the portion which under the new condition of things cannot be sold for a good price to those who managed, for a good price to those who will take it in hand, erect buildings upon it—cultivate it to a profit, and thus add to England has built itself for weeks about little else, whilst column after column of the press has been devoted to chronicling every movement of the wretched man?

(From the European Times.)

Shortly before 8 o'clock the Sheriff and Under-Sheriff, with Mr. Jones, the Governor's Esquire, and Mr. Gibson, the prison superintendent, from the office of the State to the jail. Pausing for a moment in an open courtyard, they awaited the coming of the convict. A side door was opened, and Miller presented himself to bring in labor of a better class from abroad!

Should they not, besides, seek to bring about a reasonable scale of prices by competition, compelling both black and white to do what is equitably by the rule of letting the supply of labor regulate the price of \$5? Will any sympathizer with them, in still seeking to keep the black under-in bulk, or inadequately paying them, because masters are in an unsettled condition as yet? Bring in abundant labor, we repeat, and dependence on the one side and arrogance or extortion on the other would end at once.

Let it be noted—that take the best view of the case possible, the labor already here is inadequate to the field offered; and seeking still to depend upon the colored labor of the State, broken up and demoralized as it is, is to rely upon a broken road. Would it not be wise, we say, to review their policy and action; should they not call other meetings which might send agents to the cities north of us to induce immigration to the State, of skilled labor? This influx of population, which besides giving abundant means for the cultivation of the land in a better manner, would beget their competition for good lands which would enhance the price of the land held by the plasters, and unavailable, measurably, now?

Until something like this is done, let us suggest and insist there will be no approach to a permanent cure of the evils and misfortunes the planting interest in Maryland has brought upon himself, and remained standing until the prison bell began to toll, which was to summon him to the scaffold. As he remained, and remained standing until the executioner's hands could not help him to the gallows, he was, we say, to do something towards compensating himself.

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