

The South Carolina Model.

There is a growing opinion that government, as practiced in the State of South Carolina, is bringing the colored people into contempt, and very much to the discredit of the colored people, and the price of each is well known. Generally they regard this as a perfectly legitimate business, and they have the advantage of selling without the pains of remorse that torture the average white legislative thief and bribe taker. One of them is an old negro preacher. His uniform price for a vote is \$10. He thinks it "right, sah, to sell my vote; but not right, sah, to ax more in its work." He says, "Dis ere ting of gettin a hunner dollar for a vote, its all wrong and wicked, sah. Ten dollar's much as it's worth, and I ax no more'n dat." A story is told of a court transaction quite as amusing and as instructive. A white farmer gave a negro neighbor some cotton seed to plant his field. Another negro claimed the seed and had the first one arrested for stealing. The trial of the case was before a negro justice. The accused was a young fellow, about \$20 and sent to jail for ten days. As the Circuit Court was at the time in session, the case was appealed to it. The court summoned the negro justice, and he was asked why he found the defendant guilty? On what proofs? The law provides that the justice shall write down all the evidence in criminal cases decided by him. The negro justice replied that he had no written evidence. "I dese'n't do no writin' in my court, sah. I keep it in my head, sah." But why, then, did you convict this man of stealing? "Cause, sah, I watch 'em close, an' he look like a fine 'em guilty, sah."

These are presented as specimen bricks of the existing fabric of South Carolina government under carpet-bag and negro rule. The entire structure, from turret to foundation, is of like material, and the governor is the worst brick in the lot. Here is one of the many damaging statements told in illustration of his official conduct: "When his newspaper organ is in trouble," says the correspondent above referred to, "Moses never fails to find means to help them out by drawing on the State. The last time his organ was financially distressed, the State Treasury was empty. The sum wanted by the organ was \$6,000. Governor Moses appointed a young colored man tax collector of Orangeburg county. When he had collected \$6,000, Moses gave one Hambricht an order for the money. The collector cashed the order, and sent it (the order) to the State Treasurer as his voucher. The Treasurer, of course, refused such a voucher. The negro collector was turned out of office. His bondsman proved not to be worth anything; the State lost the money, but the organ of the governor didn't." The matter was not yet ended. Governor Moses was indicted. He then called out his colored militia to intimidate justice, and in the language of one of his colored admirers, "de 'dicement wer squashed, sah."

"Parties writing from South Carolina," says the Chicago Tribune of a late date, "represent the State officials as a bunch of thieves, crooks and penitentiary convicts; many of them unable to write, or to read; and some of them in the worst condition of affairs, and it will not be long before the State will be reduced to the condition of some of the South American Republics." The question suggested by this observation is: How much better is the condition of South Carolina now than that of the worst of the South American Republics? How much worse can it become than it is before society would be improved by the abolition of all law, and the establishment of legislatures, courts and governments?—Sacramento Union, Aug. 19.

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