

And Now For the Main Attraction, an in-depth look at post Civil War Life from the viewpoints of the Sides of Good and Evil. You choose.



Marshall Harvey Twitchell, evil Union-Lover and carpetbagger extraordinair.

Dirty Carpetbagger

It has been 12 years since the defeat of our honorable Confederate Nation at the hands of the Union Dogs. I am writing this issue to highlight all the troubles the Glorious South has gone through since our defeat at the hands of Abraham Lincoln. I am writing two articles, one about an evil carpetbagger and the other about an honest gentleman. This the article featuring the evil, hideous, destructive, thieving carpetbagger, Marshall Harvey Twitchell. Listen to him. "In two or three instances the Southern desperado made his appearance but was so quickly disposed of that the parish soon gained a reputation for law and order equalled only by its prosperity. I did not notice at that time that it was the carpetbaggers of the parish who always suppressed these bullies, but my after familiarity with the people gave me the reason." How dare he speak! Him, who fought for the Union Army! How dare he! We did what we thought was right for our Southern way of life. We fought for freedom! But he calls us cowards. Of course we let the carpetbaggers take care of it! They killed most of our menfolk, and if we draw a gun they instantly think we are starting another rebellion. How dare he. Look at what else he says. "During my early political life in Louisiana I had never taken any notice of the misrepresentations and falsehoods of the local press. The opinion of the public there, I found, was influenced by a man's actions and conduct, not by what the newspapers said and it did not occur to me that these falsehoods could have any effect on Northern public opinions." My blood boils at the mere nerve this man has! Our papers, as this one, are truthful to the very last. We always tell the truth! We never lie about anything! If you drink alcohol and smoke you will live a long and happy life. We never lie. Well it was true what he said in the latter section, the beginning was inexcusable. Damn this man. He tries to be like us, to fit in to our great and wonderful society, but he can't. He even said this to try and insert himself into our lifestyle. "Giving them the additional information that it was the order of the government that old master and old slave should remain where they had been [and] work as usual in the harvesting of the crop, at which time I would fix the pay of the ex-slave in case he and his former master did not agree about the amount." He tries to relate to us, to get on our good side. But he can't. And yet still managed to merge with our society through marriage. Carpetbagger.

Honorable Gentleman

So we have talked about the dirty Northerners. But to fully understand the situation completely we must discuss the honest, honorable, nice, clean, perfect Southern Gentleman. They who fought honorably for their country, for freedom, for their rights. They who keep a nice and orderly household. They who are the true men. Men like Edwin H. McCaleb. He suffered weeks and weeks in a dastardly Northern war prison. Poor soul! But he endured. With the strength and power of righteousness behind him, he persevered and survived. Listen how he speaks! "Our country is now in a disturbed condition caused by the fiery ordeal through which we just passed & the total absence of both military or civil law in all parts of this state except the few garrisoned towns. Were it not for the national quiet and law abiding disposition of our people we would be subjected to the augur of lawlessness and outrage." Listen to the truth! He speaks well and truthfully too. We are a great law abiding folk, and we care very much for our beloved country, the Confederate United States of America. I believe my words can say no more, so I will let him speak, as he expresses the opinions of us all. here are his words, hear them well! "All good citizens deeply deplore the assassination of Pres. Lincoln...Mr. L--was a great man and more than that was a good man and the country could ill afford to lose his services at this important crisis....Mr. Johnson has disregarded the requirements of the Constitution & undertakes to enact military governments over the states that have hitherto only been at war with the Federal Government. And more than this, men are now being tried for their lives before military courts...instead of the civil tribunals of the land. This is in direct violation of the Constitution as these...were in no way connected with the Army."

"All the good men of the land desire to return to their peaceful avocations & be permitted to enjoy the blessings of liberty transmitted by our ancestors who fought side by side through the Revolution & on the plains of Mexico. But this they are not permitted to do & they are told that those who have taken up arms of defense of what they believed to be their rights under the old Federal Compact have no claims but mercy upon the General Government and those who now hold...power.... By this sudden system of Emancipation, this spasmodic transformation of the ignorant Negro from a peaceful laborer who has been accustomed to have all needs...provided...both in sickness & health to a self reliant citizen will paralyze the productive resources of the South."

"If we could have a system of gradual emancipation & colonization our people would universally rejoice & be glad to get rid of slavery which has ever been a cancer upon the body politic of our social organization.... We would gladly substitute white for slave labor but we can never regard the Negro our equal either intellectually or socially." "The doctrine of "Miscegenation" or as the word which is a Latin compound ("Misco" to mix & "genus" race) signifies an amalgamation of the races, is odious, destructive & contrary to the laws of God & Man. If such a detestable dogma becomes a law we shall soon have a race of mulattoes as fickle & foolish as the Mongrel population of Mexico never content with their present condition but always desiring a change of government & rulers."

"Let the northern people arise in the majesty of their power & stay the uplifted hand of official oppression &

hatred.... Let not the pages of American history be stained with a second recital of the reign of terror like the frightful record of the French Revolution in the memorable days of Danton & Robespierre. The only way to avoid these disasters is by a strict compliance with the Constitution & the laws."