

LAWYER HAYES

He Writes a Letter of Protest—View of a White Man Who Heard Speech.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

Sir,—In your issue of to-day I have been so thoroughly misrepresented in your editorial and news columns that I send you the exact expression made in the meeting here Monday night.

"I am not an anarchist; I do not believe in killing anybody; yet, if necessary, stand up for your rights and be killed for standing up. But the oppressing, shooting, murdering, burning, lynching, jim-crowing, disfranchising of the negro will sooner or later raise a race of Nat Turners, and the sword and torch will devastate and desolate the South."

I regret you see fit to refer to me as an "insolent negro" and a "fakir." I am not yet insane. I am not a believer in violence or force. We simply want the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments upheld or set aside.

Will you kindly publish this and oblige,
JAS. H. HAYES.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 28.

Another View.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

Sir,—I enclose clipping from the Washington Post of to-day, containing account of the big negro meeting here last night.

I attended this meeting with other white people to ascertain the real sentiment of the colored people on this subject. I am an old-time Southerner, a son of a Virginian who fought for the Confederacy and wore the Confederate gray until the Spanish-American war, when he bought a blue suit of clothes and wore it until he died.

Like many other Southerners of recent times, I have gone over to the Republican party on matters of principle.

Hayes' speech was not only inflammatory, but incendiary. It will not do him nor his cause a particle of good. Despite the newspaper accounts, it was not well received by the large number of negroes present. Nearly all of the applause came from the old negroes who wanted a return to the "palmy days of reconstruction," as ex-Governor Pinchback, of Louisiana, expressed it. I myself heard many negroes in the audience say that Hayes was going too far and that they had no sympathy with him.

The negroes are fast ruining their case by urging a united race action. They should appreciate that no negro can amount to anything without a white man behind him. They should also realize that the letter of the law may seem harsh, but that its enforcement is usually very mild. True history cannot be