

dent Roosevelt promises to look into the charges of unfitness, but refuses under any circumstances to countenance the assumption that a coloured man, however honourable and upright a citizen, may never hold any office under the Government. He believes the coloured man should be made to feel that if he shows himself as good a citizen as the white man, he will be honoured with similar rewards.

The clever cartoonist shows this colour-blindness of the President. The chivalric press of New Orleans, however, declares the appointment of certain coloured officials to be an insult to the whites, and threatens the obnoxious negroes with death. The strenuous President is not likely to submit to such dictation.

The citizens of Indianola, Miss., having compelled by brutal persecution Mrs. Cox, a negro postmistress, to resign her office, the President has ordered the office to be closed, with this comment:

"In the view of the President, the relief of the business interests, which are being injured solely by the action of the lawless element of the town, is wholly secondary to the preservation of law and order and the assertion of the fundamental principle that this Government will not connive at or tolerate wrong and outrage of such flagrant character."

Good for the President!

EXPLOSIVE MATERIAL.

The *emeute* in Morocco shows what explosive materials are lying loose in northern Africa. From the time of the Punic wars the sovereignty of the Middle Sea was the great object of national concern. Britain less than any nation can afford to have that highway of commerce to the East imperilled by hostile powers. The Moslem fanaticism blazes fiercely in Morocco. The head and front of its emperor's offending seems to be that he is too friendly to the Christian powers and to western civilization, that he protects the missionaries, rides a bicycle and, worst of all, uses the kodak, that "box of Satan." The Moslem re-



INCURABLE.

Roosevelt: "They both look alike to me."—Detroit News.

ligion prohibits the use of pictures as well as of wine, hence no mosque or palace has any graven or painted image, but only arabesque designs. The interests of peace require the maintenance of the *status quo*, and this the powers will probably maintain rather than precipitate a war about the partition of northern Africa, a conflict the end of which no man can tell.

THE LATTER-DAY PROPHET.

The modern editor, says Carlyle, is the successor of the Hebrew prophets. It is his duty to cry aloud and spare not, to reprove sin in high places or in low, to ring the tocsin of alarm in time of national peril, to promote civic and social righteousness, and to safeguard society as far as possible from the evils of the times. This is a high ideal, and certainly many Canadian papers have not lived up to it during the recent temperance campaign. We are glad to know that a man of such high character, of such marked editorial ability as the Rev. J. A. Macdonald, is called to a place of such moral influence as the editorship of a great city daily. He will occupy a pulpit not less influential than that of any man in the country, and will continue to be a preacher of righteousness not less, but more than ever before.

The Standard Oil and Armour Packing Companies are importing material for a million and a half tin boxes from Wales. This is one industry that has not been Morganized. American firms are also importing large quantities of English, Belgian, and German steel and Welsh coal.