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The Trouble Down South.

An Arkansas reader, in a letter published in these columns yesterday, commented on a recent editorial in The Advertiser, relating to the race war in the South. He takes objection to The Advertiser's statement that "in some states, extraordinary legislation debar the blacks from voting." We used the word "extraordinary" in the literal sense of "special." Our correspondent cannot deny that the legislation alluded to was aimed solely at the negroes, and that the ingenious manner of its enforcement operates to prevent the colored vote being polled. Since the article was written we have seen an editorial in the New York Tribune, protesting against the disfranchisement of the negroes by the state laws to which we referred. We merely published the fact without commenting on the justice or injustice of such measures.

Perhaps only those who live in the South can appreciate the real conditions there, and as even the whites of the South are divided by political bias in their views of the race question, it is difficult for outsiders to pronounce upon it with authority. Southern Democrats, like our correspondent, say the negro is not to be trusted with political power; that he is socially and morally inferior, and that, given the freedom of the ballot, he becomes the tool of Republican politicians, who, in return for the solid colored vote, appoint negroes to offices which they are not qualified to hold, and in which they become a menace to white society. Rev. A. J. McKelway, editor of the North Carolina Presbyterian, writing to the New York Independent, says it is not prejudice against the negro as such, but the knowledge of what the negro is in office that renders negro office-holding so obnoxious to Southern people. This minister of the gospel goes so far as to say that "the offices of a few negroes have an effect upon the many to render them abusive, insulting and offensive in every way. Every housekeeper can recognize the difference in the servants even, after a national election has gone Republican."

In the same journal the opposite view is set forth by Mr. R. R. Tolbert, a wealthy white Republican of South Carolina, who is a large employer of negro labor. "On the morning of Tuesday, Nov. 8," writes Mr. Tolbert, "I was a well-to-do cotton planter, with 1,800 acres of land under cultivation, a happy home, and so far as I was aware, the respect and good-will of most of my neighbors. On the night of Thursday, Nov. 10, I was a refugee, fleeing from my native state, fortunate in escaping even with my life, and obliged to leave my wife and three little children to the merciful care of friends, who are taking great risks even in harboring these innocent persons." This calamity fell upon Mr. Tolbert because, in the interests of the Republican party, he urged negroes to assert their rights at the polls in the recent congressional elections. Mr. Tolbert was a candidate for office in the third district, and depended upon the colored vote to elect him. Negroes who had attempted to cast their ballots were hunted and killed by white mobs. Mr. Tolbert's father and brother were shot, but survived their injuries. Mr. Tolbert and his tenantry were besieged by whites, and were refused protection by the county sheriff. Finally every negro was driven from Tolbert's plantation, and a public meeting of whites declared that no more negroes would be permitted in the Tolbert tenantry. The writer concludes:

"Why am I an outlaw in my own home? You may send the most intelligent committee of inquiry down there and they will report to you that they cannot find a blot on my record as a citizen. I have scrupulously paid my taxes and my private debts, I have earned no man, white or black; I am the owner of taxable property worth \$50,000 or \$60,000, and therefore responsible. My whole offense consists in belonging to an unpopular political party, and to my preference for negroes, who work hard, and pay their way, and try to do right, over the shiftless white trash who are the curse of a Southern community. If this is a crime, I should like to be shown where it figures in the statute books of the state or nation."

It would seem that the race troubles of the South spring more from political than from social antipathies. It is not for foreigners to prescribe the remedy. Canada has found her colored citizens industrious and law-abiding, and there is no desire to curtail their liberties.

Advertising Matters.

The New York Observer, speaking of advertising matters, and the friendly mutual relations of reader and publisher, says:

"If our readers will kindly remember when they buy or send their orders, or write for samples and prices, to say a good word for The Observer, to mention that in its columns their attention was drawn to their purchase or inquiry, they will confer a two-fold favor. They will enable the advertiser to test the value of the paper as an advertising medium, and they will benefit The Observer by making known their confidence in its business department."

The suggestion is not without importance. Readers of The Advertiser's business announcements often do mention that they saw such and such an advertisement in these columns; but, also, they often do not think to do so. So The Advertiser re-echoes, on its own behalf, the reasonable request made to its readers by the New York

Observer. The Advertiser is careful as to its advertising, and it believes that all who are using its columns are reliable and worthy of patronage. It recommends its readers to deal with its advertisers. A very large number of the people who buy, perhaps thousands, take no other paper than The Advertiser. Let us as publishers, readers and advertisers, work together to help each other.

The Coming Elections.

The municipal elections are near enough to engage the attention of the ratepayers. It is desirable that citizens should look more carefully than usual to the choice of public servants for 1899. There are some important questions to be handled, notably those of sewage disposal and of efficient service in the streets department. Owing to aldermanic favoritism and interference, the board of works' administration this year has been very unsatisfactory, there is not enough to show for the money that has been spent. One or two aldermen of the ward type are mainly responsible for this.

The financial management of the council has been also weak. The aldermen next year will probably have to face a large overdraft, which must be paid out of next year's taxes. This will deprive the present council of any credit for the slight reduction in this year's rate.

It would be well if the public discussion of municipal affairs at the ensuing election took a higher and broader tone. The average ward meeting must strike reflecting citizens as a condemnation of the ward system. The speeches are largely sectional. The man who is the most vehement in declaring that he will grab for his ward gets the honors of the evening. Side-walks and roads are the chief topics. We suggest that the programme be enlarged this year by including a discussion of municipal reform. Let the proposals thrown out by the council be argued on their merits. The election of aldermen by the general vote, and the reduction of the number of aldermen—these are subjects that should be frankly met and debated. Let it be a campaign of education.

St. Andrew's Dinner.

At the London St. Andrew's dinner, last night, the retiring President, Mr. T. H. Purdom, had the pleasure of presiding over what must be acknowledged the most successful banquet yet given by the Society. It is very seldom, indeed, that one toast list includes three such admirable main speeches as those of Hon. George W. Ross, on "The Day We Celebrate," Rev. W. J. Clark on "Scottish Literature," and Rev. Robert Johnston on "Canada," to say nothing of incidental speeches such as that of the American Consul.

Future presidents of St. Andrew's will have to line up to the new demands as to the intellectual side of the programme. And the hint should not be lost on the Sister Societies, either. No merely physical feed will satisfy expectation; for, if the worst came to the worst, people could manage to get something good to eat at home.

We again congratulate all concerned on the success of last night's banquet—particularly the feast of reason and the flow of soul.

The Hamilton City Council has followed the London Council's example and rejected the proposal to submit to the people the questions of the abolition of wards and the reduction of aldermen. The Hamilton Spectator is going to give the people the opportunity of expressing their opinion, which the Council denied them. It will poll them on the newspaper coupon plan.

It is a burning shame to keep the people of the United States out of trade interchange with Canada that would add millions of dollars annually to their volume of business, just to give the lumber and fish trusts a monopoly of the trade in those articles. If a favorable treaty is not agreed upon, it will be our own fault, for Canada has already come more than half way.—Kansas City Times.

The Cyclone State has always been a foe of the trusts; hence this breezy Kansas candor. Same ideas of trade have not altogether perished from the land.

The Liberal Club of the Sixth Ward is a pattern which the Liberals of the other five wards should copy. It is not only a tower of strength to the party, but it fosters social spirit among the young men of the ward, and gives them opportunity for literary and political development. Its influences are entirely wholesome. A number of such clubs in the city would bring Liberals into closer personal contact and be more effective than a large centralized institution. We are sure the South London members would be happy to aid in the organization of kindred clubs.

The Chicago Inter-Ocean, the leading Republican organ of the west, says that if the United States adopts the open door policy in the Philippines it will be "the most fatuous surrender of American interests since the Clayton-Bulwer treaty was signed." It further says: "Under the open door policy, or unprotective tariff, Great Britain, with her great merchant marine, and with the Suez Canal under her control, will practically monopolize the Philippine market. This is British policy, not American." The Inter-Ocean's remarks are mere lunacy. The Americans are increasing their trade in China by leaps and bounds, in competition with the whole world. If in China, why

not in the Philippines? The Inter-Ocean pays a poor compliment to American business capacity, but it reveals the usual beauty of protectionist logic. Of course, the Inter-Ocean would gladly see John Bull fight for the open door in China, in order to preserve American trade; but in the Philippines—that is another story.

WHAT OTHERS SAY.

Mr. Foster's Merits and Demerits.

[St. Thomas Journal.]

Hon. George Eulas Foster is a born critic, a good temperance lecturer, and a real good figure. As a mathematical master in some educational institution he would almost come up to the standard required by Principal Fardell. But he was never born to be the leader of men.

Mr. Dingley Misses His Point.

[New York Times.]

Mr. Dingley misses his point on the Canadian tariff when he says that the 25 per cent reduction given to English goods is a special favor to the home country. It is a reduction open to any country that will reciprocate as England has done. Mr. Dingley could get it for the United States through the commission of which he is a member. The old protectionist notion that English free trade is topsided is hardly one that should still be cherished by a man in Mr. Dingley's position.

Five Great Powers.

[Dr. Dewey at Lotus Club.]

But yesterday there were four great powers governing the world, dividing territories of barbarous or semi-civilized people, and ruling the destinies of mankind. They were Great Britain, France, Germany and Russia. Today there are five. The last has come in to this concert of nations by the unprecedented success and marvelous victories of its hundred days of war. Two of the five, the United States and Great Britain, with the ties of common language and common law and like liberties, work together naturally in this international development.

Venice Drying Up.

[London Chronicle.]

Venice without its waters would be a far less picturesque place than it actually is. And such a state of affairs, we are led to believe, may eventually come about. The regular increase in the delta of the Po has been studied by Professor Marillat, Commissioner of the Austrian map of about 1823 with the records of surveyors made in 1823 shows that the mean annual increase during those 70 years has been about three-tenths of a square mile, and from all known data it appears that the total increase during six centuries has been about 198 square miles. The increase is continuing, and the Gulf of Venice is doomed in time to disappear. No immediate alarm need, however, be excited, for Professor Marillat calculates that between 100 and 120 centuries will elapse before the entire northern Adriatic will have become dry land.

LIGHT AND SHADE.

Couldn't See It.

"Doctor," said Mr. Gargoyles, as he looked over the physician's bill for professional services, "I wonder if we could arrange to settle this account in trade?"

"We might," replied the doctor, doubtfully; "what business are you in, Mr. Gargoyles?"

"Well, I see that I owe you for ten calls. How would it do for me to return these calls, for I am something of a caller myself?"

But the doctor refused to consider the proposition.

Old Books.

A thresher prime is Father Time! When harvest leads his wain, He beats the hollow husks aside And hoards the golden grain.

A winnower is Father Time! The chaff he blows away; The sweetest seed he treasures up For many a year and day.

Oh, very wise is Father Time! His dial is tried and true; I love the garnered pile of books He's winnowed through and through. —Washington Times.

The Sheep and the Goats.

In preaching the extempore trial sermon before Bishop Talbot, Dean Stanley, a candidate for Priest's Orders grew very nervous and stammered: "I will divide my congregation



I saw your advertisement of CUTICURA REMEDY in the Philadelphia Record, and paid only \$2.00 for CUTICURA RESOLVENT, CUTICURA (ointment), and CUTICURA SOAP, which cured me of *Salt Rheum* on my hands of 20 years' standing.

I had the worst hands I have ever seen. At first my hands and fingers broke out in red, watery blisters with terrible itching, so I could nearly twist the skin off my fingers in agony, then after the watery fluid would come out, there would be a scab form with matter under it, which would peel off and come in great cracks, the blood running out in streams.

My finger nails grew out in wrinkles like a cow's horns and the roots of the nails were so affected that I lost six nails, three off each hand, but now they have grown out nice and smooth. I am very thankful to you for CUTICURA. S. R. MILLER, Robertsdale, Pa.

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THE RUNIANS, GRAY, CARRIE COMPANY.

Special Bargains ...for Friday

Last Friday we held shoppers spellbound with the bargains we offered. Tomorrow (Friday) we will again quote prices, the equal of which you may never see again. Here they are:

Black and Colored Silk Velvets; regular 75c and \$1, Friday50c
Garnet, Fawn, Purple and Drab Cambric Linings; regular 5c, Friday3 1/2c
Fancy Dress Goods in all new shades; regular \$1 and \$1.25, Friday50c
Cardinal Cashmere, 3 pieces only, 45 inches wide, regular 35c, Friday25c
Fancy Dress Goods in all new shades; regular \$1 and \$1.25, Friday50c
Forty-Seven-inch Paris Cord Dress Goods, brown, navy, cardinal and black; regular \$1 yard, Friday63c
Dress Trimmings, regular 15c to 35c; Friday, to clear out, per yard5c
Ginger Snaps; regular 7c per lb, Friday, per lb4c
Seven Pounds Redpath's Standard Granulated Sugar and 1 lb. of Black or Mixed Tea, Imperial Blend, Friday for50c
37 Trimmings Hats, worth \$3 75 to \$5 each, Friday, each\$2
1 only Fine Fawn Kersey, silk lined, pleated sleeves; new set design; size 34; were \$18; Friday only\$10
4 Friezes, \$3 for \$5; table at \$3, worth \$6 to \$8; children's at half price
4 only Black Astrachan Fur Jackets, regular \$20 and \$22, Friday\$15
Ladies' Felt Sailors and Walking Hats, worth 75c and \$1, Friday only25c
27 Men's and Youths' Overcoats, light and dark colors; regular \$6, \$7 and \$8, Friday \$2 50 and \$3 50
3 1/2 dozen Gentlemen's Ties; regular 25c; Friday 2 for25c
34 dozen Gentlemen's Linen Collars, stand up and turned down, sizes 14 1/2, 15, 15 1/2, 17, 17 1/2 and 18; regular 12 1/2c, 15c and 17c each; Friday only5c
Boys' Collars, stand up and turn down, sizes 12 to 14 1/2; regular 10c, Friday only5c
10 dozen Men's Braces; regular 20c and 25c; Friday only, 2 pairs for25c
Men's Shirts and Drawers, heavy rib, all wool; regular 90c and \$1; Friday, each75c
48 pairs Men's Odd Pants, worth \$1, Friday75c
12 pairs only Men's Extra Heavy All-Wool Pants, worth \$1 75, Friday\$1 25
37 pairs Boys' Odd Knickers, sizes 22 to 30, worth 25c and 35c, Friday, per pair19c
12 only Boys' 3-Piece Knicker Suits, Heavy All-Wool Tweed, sizes 26, 27 and 28, worth \$3 50 and \$4, Friday\$2 40
60 pairs Men's Shoes, odd lots, Gaiters and Laced, in sizes 6, 7, 8 and 9, worth \$1 75 to \$2, Friday only, per pair\$1
Ladies' Spats, for Friday only, per pair20c
Ladies' Buttoned Overcoats, sizes 25 1/2, 3, 3 1/2 and 4, Friday only75c
Ladies' Granby, 2-buckle Waterproof Overshoes, Friday only\$1 50
Sample lot of Flannelette Blouses, all sizes; regular, 85c, \$1, \$1 25, Friday50c
The best Dresden Corset, in black satin, with fancy embroidery, steel filled; regular \$1, Friday only50c
Mourning Note Paper; regular 15c and 25c a quire, Friday, per quire10c



Read This List



Any \$1 or \$1 25 Flannelette Nightgown in the store; Friday75c
Page's Mucilage; regular 5c a bottle, Friday 2 for5c
Writing Pads, 10c, 12 1/2c, good paper, Friday, only, each5c
Adamantine Pins, 3c paper, Friday, per paper1c
Dictation Books, worth 10c each, Friday, two for5c
10 dozen Purees, regular 25c and 30c, Friday, each15c
Lindsay Hose Supporters, 18c, 20c and 25c; Friday10c
Ladies' Hemstitched Embroidered Handkerchiefs, very fine, regular 8c, Friday, two for5c
10 dozen only Ladies' Fine Embroidered Handkerchiefs, regular 10c and 15c, Friday, each5c
25 pieces Fancy Ribbon, regular 8c, 10c, 15c, Friday, regular 8c, Black and Colored Kid Gloves, all sizes, regular \$1 and \$1 25, Friday, 69c
5 dozen Black Cashmere Gloves, regular 15c, all sizes, Friday, per pair10c
Extra Heavy Ribbed Wool Hose, for boys, regular 65c, Friday50c
Ladies' Fine Ribbed Cashmere Hose, regular 50c, Friday, three pairs for\$1 25
Ladies' Fleece-Lined Vests and Drawers, No. 4 only, regular 60c, Friday, each35c
Children's Ribbed Cashmere Hose, double knees, regular 22c, 25c pair, Friday, per pair15c
Remnants of 2 to 5 yards Bleached Canton Flannel, worth 8c to 15c per yard, Friday, per yard5c
2,000 yards Shaker Flannel, 12 patterns, regular 5c, Friday, per yard3 1/2c
10 pieces only Heavy Twill Shaker Flannel, regular 10c, Friday, per yard8c
White Cotton, in remnants, slightly soiled, worth 5c, 6c and 7c yard, Friday, per yard3 1/2c
10 pairs only, Gray Shaker Flannel Blankets, large size, per pair65c
22 pieces Fine Satin Prints, navy and black ground, regular 15c, Friday, per yard8 1/2c
20 pieces American Black and Red Prints, warranted fast colors, regular 8c, Friday5c
8 pieces French Dress Canvas, natural color, regular 10c, Friday, per yard6c
Navy Blue, Brown and Black Coating Serges, regular 40c, Friday, 25c
Table of Dress Goods, regular 35c, 45c and 65c, Friday25c
We repeat: 10 pieces only, Colored Dress Goods, 44 inches wide, worth 25c and 35c, Friday, per yard10c
Guess it was the manufacturer's mistake. Prices on our lines of Fancy Curis, Beavers, etc., have had a small fall. Here's what happened: Men's Overcoats, in navy blue or black beaver, velvet collars, Italian linings, fly front, worth \$7 50, our price\$5 00
Young Men's Overcoats, in black Equestrian, silk velvet collar, silk sewn, fly front, quilted satin body lining, equal to custom made, \$10 00
Young Men's Overcoats, in brown and black curl cloth, sewn with silk, silk velvet collar, fly front, best satin linings, very special at\$12 00
Men's Overcoats, in brown and black curl cloth, sewn with silk, silk velvet collar, fly front, quilted satin body linings, very special at\$15 00

Runians, Gray, Carrie Co'y, IMPORTERS,

into two—the converted and the unconverted.—This proved too much for the bishop's sense of humor, and he exclaimed: "I think, sir, as there are only two of us, you had better say which is which."—Exchange.

Had No Watch.

"What time is it?"
"Haven't you got a watch?"
"Yes, but I don't wear it any more."
"People kept bothering me asking what time it was."—Chicago Record.

Waiving Objections.

"No, Willie, dear," said mamma, "no more cake tonight. Don't you know you cannot sleep well on a full stomach?"
"Well," replied Willie, "I can sleep on my back."—Philadelphia Press.

FAGGED OUT.—None but those who have become fagged out know what a depressed, miserable feeling it is. All the strength has gone, and despondency has taken hold of the sufferers. They feel as though there was nothing to live for. There, however, is a cure—one box of Parmelee's Vegetable Pills will do wonders in restoring health and strength. Mandrake and Dandelion are two of the articles entering into the composition of Parmelee's Pills.

What is one man's cloud is another man's sunshine.

Some girls set their caps for husbands and others set their capitals for titles.

When a man says he doesn't feel at all like himself some of his acquaintance are glad of it.

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