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SLAVERY IN THE SOUTH

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No Rible Exposures Made—Free Negroes Herded With Convicts Through Signing Labor Contracts.

Philadelphia, March 1.—Philadelphia is stirred to its centre by exposure of the South Carolina slave traffic by the North American.

As an immediate effect the matter was taken up at nearly all the ministers' meetings, and resolutions calling for redress adopted. Further consideration will be given at meetings to be held in the near future.

Prominent citizens of all degrees expressed themselves in disparaging terms of denunciation for the system and the evils which have produced it.

The North American's staff correspondent, now in Columbia, S. C., says: "Parents are separated from children, waves from husbands, and families are scattered under the present slavery system in this state, just as they were before the war. The free and non-criminal negroes who have been shut up in the stockades, lashed by brutal overseers and watched by bloodhounds and armed guards, tell many startling stories of such outrages.

"In Anderson county, where more has been accomplished in the way of the re-enslavement of the blacks than in possibly any other section of the state, another Harriet Beecher Stowe might find ideal scenes for a new 'Uncle Tom's Cabin.' There is but one feature lacking, and that the auction block, which is done away with in the new method of buying and selling the negro by buying and selling the labor contract that binds him a slave.

"The craftiness of Lawyer Marks, the benevolence of St. Clair, the cruelty of the slave driver and the overseers are all duplicated in this county. There is added to the story the horror of confining non-criminal negroes, men, women and children, with convicts, some of them sentenced to the penitentiary from the worst slums of Charleston.

"Not one white convict is to be found among the inmates of the stockade, however."

"When the North American visited the stockades the statements of many were later corroborated in many details by the admissions of the guards and the planters.

"But even Judge Benet, who was brave enough to institute the investigation of the slave system that is now in progress, takes a true Southern view of the negro's right. In the very charge in which the judge denounced cruelty to the blacks he spoke of the disfranchisement of the negro in these words:

"There is no doubt that we have deprived them practically of political power, and it is best for them that this is so."

"One of the very stockade owners in Anderson county, who were the objects of Judge Benet's investigation, in discussing the court's charge, said to the North American:

"How ridiculous it is that a judge of our state circuit court should formally say from the bench that his party was right in robbing the negro of the vote guaranteed him by the constitution of the United States, and then in the same breath declare that I am cruel in permitting the negro to voluntarily sign a contract that deprives him of his liberty, if I choose to enforce the letter of the agreement."

"Indeed the argument that the constitutional amendments relating to the negro are being violated does not seem to be very effective here. The correspondent of the North American did not have to go outside the state capital building to find a high official who said:

PUBLIC SENTIMENT IS HOT.

"The people of South Carolina never subscribed to either the thirteenth or the fourteenth amendments. It was the carpet-baggers and the 'niggers' who did that."

"All this leads to the conclusion that the local public sentiment that is to put a stop to the re-enslavement of the negro is hard to find, and scarcely to be relied on. Your correspondent was informed by one of the best posted of the Anderson county planters holding negroes imprisoned under contracts that the courts have been familiar with this slave system for years.

"No other judge on the South Carolina bench would have uttered any such charge against the labor contracts," said this informant. "The prison directors have visited my stockade, and have seen the convicts and free negroes working together, and never made a protest. The contracts have been sent in court time and again and there has even been litigation over the transfers. Many of the so-called slave contracts are duly recorded. Time and again I have gone into court and have had cases compromised and taken the prisoners out to my stockade. I have offered to fur-

nish bonds for prisoners lodged in the county jail for the announced purpose of putting the men in my stockade, and working them under guard in my cotton fields, and the bail has been accepted by the courts."

"Grand jurors have been so the stockades year after year, and all the best people of the county have been familiar with the system of confining and working these men. If there is anything wrong, either in the treatment of the negroes or in the provisions of the contract, I do not know it."

"And so the planter might have gone on to say that all the negroes charged with crime, have been shut up in the stockades and have been brutally lashed by overseers on the order of the planter for some alleged infraction of plantation discipline. All the good citizens of Anderson county have heard of the shooting down of fugitive free negroes from these stockades—they all know that every stockade has its pack of bloodhounds and its guards, armed with Winchesters, and they are acquainted as well with the fact that negro women, and even children, are imprisoned in these slave pens under labor contracts. All this has been generally known for several years, and yet no voice has been raised in protest until Judge Benet read his charge to the grand jury at this term of court."

SELLING NEGROES.

"Buying and selling the negroes by buying and selling the contracts is by no means a new thing in Anderson county, although the author of the labor contracts says that the transfer clause—meant to provide for just such sales—was inserted last year. This provision did not offend local prejudices in the least, for the contract, with the transfer clause, was printed without hesitation by the Intelligencer, one of the Anderson newspapers.

"Planters, even the owners of the stockades to be visited by the grand jurors did not hesitate to admit when questioned by The North American, that they had transferred the contracts, and with the contracts, lashed negroes about to be stockaded, looked up, fumed and perhaps shot under the provisions of the agreement."

"The stockade owner who has a convict lease agrees to pay the state for each convict \$6.30 a month, deducting for medical attendance. The state pays for medical attendance. The representative of the state penitentiary appoints a 'sergeant' to have charge of the convicts, usually the man selected by the planter for overseer. This 'sergeant' is by virtue of his appointment authorized to inflict on the prisoners in the stockade the punishments resorted to in the state prison. This gives the overseer a legal right to lash the blacks on their naked backs, just as they were whipped before the war.

"While the state appoints the 'sergeant' the planter pays him, so it is certain the official who is to lash will whip the negro, while the planter thinks ought to be whipped, and as often as the planter deems necessary. "When ignorant colored men are lashed off to the stockade, not the least attention is paid to family relations. The negro, Will Hull, who was shot by W. S. Newell in his stockade, had been torn away from his wife and children by Newell. There are cripples, old men and women, held in these stockades for no crime against the law. The correspondent of the North American was informed that only a week before Judge Benet charged his jury a negro woman was carried away from the town of Anderson and shut up in P. B. Allen's stockade."

CATARRH OF THE STOMACH.

A Pleasant Simple, but Safe and Effective Cure for it.

Catarrh of the stomach has long been considered the next thing to incurable. The usual symptoms are a full and bloating sensation after eating, accompanied sometimes with sour watery risings, a formation of gases, causing pressure on the heart and lungs and difficult breathing, headaches, flicking appetite, nervousness and a general played out, and languid feeling.

There is often a foul taste in the mouth, coated tongue and if the interior of the stomach could be seen it would show a slimy, inflamed condition. The cure of this common and obstinate trouble is found in a treatment thoroughly digested before it has time to ferment and irritate the delicate mucous surfaces of the stomach. To secure a prompt and healthy digestion is the one thing necessary to cure and when normal digestion is secured the catarrhal conditions will have disappeared.

According to Dr. Harrison, the safest and best treatment is to use after each meal a tablet, composed of dextrose, anise, pepsin, a little nux, golden seal and fruit acids. These tablets can now be found at all drug stores, under the name of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets and not being a patent medicine can be used with perfect safety and assurance that healthy appetite and thorough digestion will follow their regular use after meals.

Mr. N. J. Rosher, Chicago, Illinois, writes: "Catarrh is a local condition resulting from a neglected cold in the head, whereby the lining membrane of the nose becomes inflamed and the poisonous discharge therefrom passing backward into the throat reaches the stomach, thus producing catarrh of the stomach. Medical authorities prescribed for me for three years for catarrh of the stomach each without cure, but to-day I am the happiest of men after using only one box of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets. I cannot find appropriate words to express my good feeling. I have found flesh, appetite and sound rest from their use."

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AT THE THEATRE.

Tonight's bill at the Grand, by the Young Opera Co., will be "The Two Vagabonds," better known as "Ermine." This opera, made famous by being Francis Wilson's greatest success, contains a round dozen of the brightest bits of music in the entire realm of comic opera. The Lullaby Song, What the Dickey-birds Say, Jolly Jailbirds of a Feather and When Love is Happy, are among the most popular songs that comic opera has ever seen, and tonight's performance promises to be the most pleasing of the week. Francis Wilson's famous part of the little thief will be most happily cast. "Ermine," a delightful subterfuge part, will be played by Miss Jarbeau, who has made a genuine hit with the patrons of the Grand.

Last night's bill was the time-honored "La Mascotte," a standby of all repertoire opera companies. The costuming was exceedingly handsome, and the production gave general satisfaction, the interpolated numbers making the biggest hits. Robt. Lett, as an eccentric comedian, did some excellent work, while John E. Young and Miss Jarbeau fully sustained the reputation they made in the opening night.

Special matinee to-morrow (Saturday) by the John E. Young Opera Co. at 2:30 p. m., the bill being "Olivette."

LITERARY NOTES.

REFUSED THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS. The people who read newspapers and magazines have, as a rule, a belief that publishers have no conscience about loading up their periodicals with advertisements at the cost of reading matter. Yet occasionally some proof comes to the notice that publishers have some scruples in this respect. The Ladies' Home Journal, for example, will accept just so many columns of advertisements, and no more. This proportion, for instance, is 70 articles by the publishers against 122 columns of reading matter in each issue of 48 pages. When the advertising space is full all business is declined. The skeptical may ask, "There is, therefore, business left to decline?" There is, decidedly. For nearly every issue during 1900 there were from four to twenty-six more columns of desirable advertising received than could be accepted, and as each column in the Journal cost \$1,600 the publishers turned away thousands of dollars, which, simply because of principle, they would not accept. So the interests of the public are sometimes regarded where they are not popularly supposed to be.

McCLURE'S FOR MARCH.

The leading article in McClure's Magazine for March will be a character study of Edward the Seventh, written by George W. Smalley, the American correspondent of the London Times, and illustrated by a remarkable collection of photographs. "Life Portraits of Queen Victoria" will be a feature of the March issue of McClure's Magazine. The series is made up of reproductions from photographs and paintings, and it is of notable historical value. They cover the life of the Queen from infancy to old age, and are accompanied by descriptive text. Theodore Roosevelt, Vice-President of the United States, will contribute to McClure's Magazine for March an article entitled, "Reform through Social Work." "Disbanding the Union Army," is the title of an article by Ida M. Tarbell, which will appear in the March number of McClure's Magazine. This will fully describe the extraordinary feat accomplished by the Federal Government at the close of the Civil War, when, without any disasters, a million soldiers were returned to quiet pursuits. The article is elaborately illustrated.

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