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Lincoln, Grant and Jimmie Hagan

It is contended by some experts that the speech delivered by a negro orator in the New York mayoralty campaign that ended recently, in what is known as the San Juan Hill district, was the best of the entire campaign. The orator was supporting Jimmie Hagan, Tammany's candidate for county clerk.

He said: "I dunno nothin' 'bout dis yere white-slave 'legation they's bringin' 'gainst our man fer mayah. I dunno' nothin' 'bout it. I know sumpin' 'bout black slaves, 'cause my gran'daddy wuz a slave. I suppose I ought to be a Republican, 'cause they tells us Mr. Linkum and Mr. Grant set all us black men free, but I ain't a Republican. I's a Democrat and I'll tell you why. When a pooh culled man is sick in baid, with no coal and nuffin' 'eat in d'house, is it Mr. Linkum or Mr. Grant what sends in a li'l' coal, and some meat and braid and sich? Is it Mr. Linkum or Mr. Grant? No, suh! It's Jimmie Hagan."

Strong on Recollection

The Senator was making a speech. After he had finished there was a reception at one of the hotels. A litt'e man pushed eagerly forward.

"Hello, Senator!" he shouted.
 "How do you do, sir?"
 "Say, Senator, you remember me? I'm Jones—Jones, of Springfield, you know. I met you down there. Remember how full we got together?"

"I do not," replied the Senator icily.
 They pushed 'ones away, but soon he was back.

"Hello, Senator!" he shouted. "Don't you remember that time down in St. Louis we went out and made a night of it? Jones, of Springfield, you know."

They shoved Jones away again, and somebody standing near the Senator asked "Who's your friend?"

"I don't know who he is, but he seems to be hell on reminiscences."

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