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ALL A MATTER OF TASTE
Gamewell Racket.

There is no call for getting excited over the Nebraska letter, published in the *Topic*. Such letters are written by some travellers about every country they happen to visit, and such people as those described in the Nebraska letter may be found in small numbers in every State in the union. The trouble is, these letter writers keep bad company and then afflict the public with a description of it.

One man went to Buncombe county and "bunked" with one of these "filthy" families, who all "live in one room," and was devoured by bed-bugs and fleas. Afterwards he wrote a letter abusing North Carolina and complaining of the fleas. If this man had acted white and put up with respectable people he would have gotten away with his hide whole, and in a happy frame of mind. His taste was bad and more than likely his morals were.

There are many people who think the whites are "lower" than the negroes. This is simply a matter of taste, and depends on how such people have been raised and the kind of "ancestry" they have back of them. If they believe this and act upon it and esteem the negroes above the whites, I don't see how we can hinder them.

I once visited a school of business, about a "mile from a town that contains two or three little stores, a post office, and many cottages and four large hotels, within two miles." I had with me a negro chain carrier. This servant was urgently invited into the parlor, given the place of honor and all the paintings, drawings and other art-pictures were spread before him for his inspection and criticisms, and he was treated with about the same degree of courtesy and honor that a gentleman would treat the Governor of the State, or one of his very distinguished friends. Men who held places of honor did not fare quite so well.

I am too broad to complain of anything like this. I have nothing but pity for such people. They get into this kind of company and catch vermine and the itch, and then think they can get rid of them by cursing and abusing North Carolina, but they cannot. There is not sulphur enough in the hardest kind of swearing to kill them. They have got to annoy themselves and wash themselves seven times in the river Jordan or some other water. There is not a tinge of sectionalism in what these people do or say. They are too broad for that. They are as broad as the gates of perdition. It is just individual taste that makes the difference, and this taste crops out alike in certain individuals in all countries.

So let us be broad and charitable, and may we not believe that our North Carolina moonshine wants to satisfy the aesthetic nature of our Nebraska guest. No, it can't be that North Carolina moonshine, if it has no rattle

weed root in it, is as good as any moonshine in the world. The lady does not complain of the moonshine, and I have no doubt from this circumstance that it does satisfy her aesthetic nature, whatever that is, and besides this, I am informed that moonshine is the product of the Appalachian chain alone, and that in the broad and profound vocabulary of Nebraskas slang, there is no such word as moonshine.

The Fifty-first Congress.

The expenditures during 2 years of republican rule can only be comprehended by comparison. They amounted to eight dollars per capita, or forty dollars per family each year. The expenditures of that Congress—the fifty-first, including indefinite and permanent appropriations, amounted to sixteen dollars for every minute since the Declaration of Independence was signed. The people are coming to regard this as too costly a luxury. * * *

"They had seen remitted the income, legacy and other taxes which had been placed on the wealth of the country. These alone, if kept to this day, would have paid all the public debt, improved every river and harbor for which estimates have yet been made, and would have left the country out of debt. * * *

"The author of this measure, the McKinley bill, take to themselves great credit for having placed sugar on the free list. It is true nearly fifty millions of sugar duties were repealed, but the same act which did this placed sixty-five millions additional duties on other things. * * *

"Nothing could be more at war with our institutions than the section of the present tariff law, authorizing the President, 'in his discretion,' to impose a tax of ten cents a pound on tea; three cents a pound on coffee; two cents on sugar, and a tax on hides. He may impose or remit these taxes at pleasure. Today the President of the United States is threatening to impose these taxes, instead of referring the matter to the representatives of the people assembled in Congress. If he does, he will impose no more taxes after March the 4th, 1893. King George the Third was denounced, defied and defeated in the Colonies for levying, even through Parliament, less tax on less tea.

"The highest tariff law this country ever knew—higher even than the war tariff—has now been in operation one year and four months. No one can point to a period of greater prostration than has characterized this. Strikers and labor troubles have been the rule, and not the exception. Many manufacturing establishments have closed, others have reduced the wages of the employees, others the time of employment. Much was said in behalf of the laborers when the bill was passed under consultation. Yet "eye hath not seen nor ear heard" of a laborer who has his wages increased by the McKinley bill. He has been forced to pay more for the clothes that cover his back, and for the roof that covers his head, and in hundreds of instances at the same time to accept a reduction of wages.—BENTON McMILLIAN, in *North American Review*.

A New Political Order.

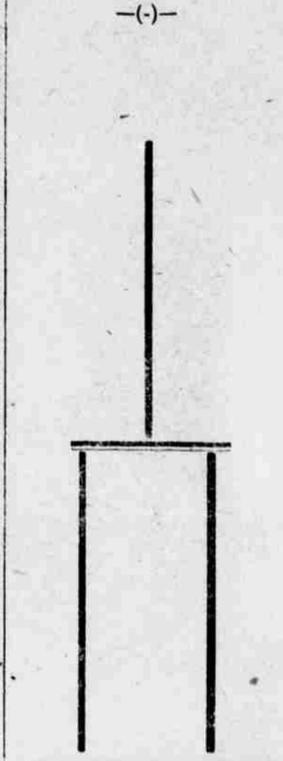
The Patriotic Sons of America is what the latest secret political organization in the North calls itself. It seems to be a sort of Pennsylvania product, at least it has not made much headway outside of that State yet, and did not come up at the St. Louis amalgamated conference which launched the Third Party. These "Patriotic Sons" seem to be under the impression that the native-born citizen has the first lien on the public offices of honor and emolument and that as there are not offices enough to go around therefore they insist that it is the inalienable, indisputable and rock-ribbed right of the masculine citizen to the manor born to have the first whack at them and at any official patronage, with cash in it, that happens to be lying around loose. Hence they call themselves the Patriotic Sons of America but then they might be so much better pleased if it had not been discovered by a foreigner, because that rather gave foreigners a sort of pre-emption right on it, and opened the way for a lively immigrant business.—Ex.

Back From St. Louis.

Mr. E. C. Beddingfield is back from the St. Louis convention and says that body; nearly two thousand strong, impressed him wonderfully. The Southern men look small beside the strapping farmers from the great West. He never before saw such a determined set of men as were the delegates. When the third party business came up and the effort was made by McCune to deliver the delegates and the convention bodily to that party, the North Carolina delegates did not march out in a body, as has been reported. Some of them left, but some, inspired merely by curiosity lingered to see what would be done. Not one took any part in the proceeding. Mr. Marion Butler was appointed by the chairman, Gen. Weaver, on some committee. He politely but positively declined to serve on it or to have anything whatever to do with the third party business, saying that his mission to St. Louis was not to go into politics.—*State Chronicle*.

Charlotte News: The developments are such as to indicate that Capt. S. B. Alexander is the coming man for Governor. Governor Holt has a good following, but it is said that the alliance will not support him. Dr. George W. Sanderlin is a man who would be acceptable to all the people, but he is such a tradesocrat and well wisher for the party that he would not run unless it was clear to him that it was his duty as a democrat to do so. Mr. J. S. Carr would make a fine run, but he does not want the the office.—About eleven years ago, old George Dean shot a colored woman named Bettie Wade. He had loaded his gun with slugs and scrap iron, and though the woman was terribly wounded, she eventually recovered. Recently some of the old wounds have been troubling her and today Dr. O'Donoghue cut into her flesh at a particularly sore spot and got out a piece of an iron nut, that weighs half an ounce. The woman still carries in her body a dozen or more pieces of iron and lead.

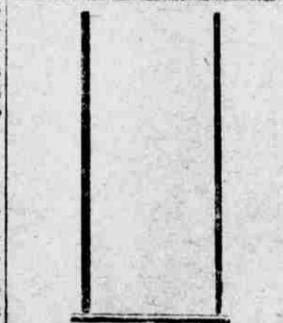
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