

# SHREDS AND PATCHES

The Macon (Ga.) News says: The action of the republican national committee at its meeting in Philadelphia in refusing to allow the names of either of the contesting delegations from Alabama—save those from the Ninth district—to be placed upon the temporary roll of the republican national convention and the threat of the committee to have federal office holders in this state hauled over the coals for meddling in politics has spread consternation among the members of both the Vaughn and Bingham factions here. This step was totally unexpected and many believe that it will lead to a speedy adjustment of the wide open split among Alabama Republicans, such an adjustment being made by the warring elements themselves. If this is not done it is thought by some observant politicians that both Bingham and Vaughn will be pushed aside and some third man given the state chairmanship. Surprise is expressed that the eastern republican leaders were so long in discovering that the Alabama organization is an organization for fishes and loaves only and that the fight between Bingham and Vaughn for the state chairmanship has been from the beginning an open and above board contest for control of federal patronage in this state, the state chairman being regarded as the official dispenser of offices. At present the republicans of both factions are "all in a heap" and scarcely know what to do, but the belief is that a new alignment in the matter of leaders will be the eventual outcome.

Within three years William Jennings Bryan has traveled nearly 100,000 miles for the purpose of speech making.

Senator Clark was given a great ovation at Butte, Mont. He made a speech denouncing his enemies as perjurers.

The trial of the youthful Anarchist Sipido for the attack on the Prince of Wales, will begin at the Brabant Assizes on July 2.

If the men ran things for three weeks the human race would be eating off wooden dishes that they put into the fire after each meal.

The Chicago waiter who, waiting on waiters at a banquet, got \$80 in tips, should remember that the money came out of the general public, after all.

The president has approved the findings and sentence in the case of Captain Deming, of Buffalo, assistant commissary of subsistence, U. S. V., tried at San Francisco on a charge of forgery and embezzling public funds.

Senator Platts friends having announced that he would not be a candidate for re-election in 1903, a rumor gained wide circulation that he would resign his seat before that time. Senator Platt said to a press representative; "If I live I will serve out my term as senator. But after 1903 I shall retire from public life and from active participation in politics."

In South Carolina recently, the only Negro representative, Hon. Mr. Bolts, opposed a bill which concerned the interests of his immediate constituency. Representative Ashley, who favored the measure, repeatedly interrupted Mr. Bolts while he was speaking; when Ashley replied to Mr. Bolts, Mr. Bolts arose to ask him a question when he yelled angrily, "You done made your

speech, sit down, you nigger you!" As Representative Ashley is a staunch friend of Tillman comment is unnecessary.

A few short months ago the Negroes of Mississippi had begun to rejoice over the thought that the race question was about to be side-tracked. The cause of this was that when Hon. Smith Robertson, a Negro alderman of Jackson died, the Mayor and white aldermen acted as pall-bearers at the funeral. But all their rejoicing has been turned to lamentations, for last week the Mississippi Legislature passed a bill to remove the remains of the late Hon. James Lynch, the Negro ex-secretary of state from the white cemetery of Jackson, Miss. A monument, the most magnificent in the cemetery, marks his grave and was erected by the state to his memory, and all must be removed. Thus does Southern prejudice pursue the Negro after death.

William M. Everts, one of the most honored men in the legal profession, was paid a fee of \$250,000 for giving a legal opinion which is expressed in just one little word of three letters. "Yes" was the word, and the opinion was rendered upon the request of a great corporation which had a difficulty on hand involving millions and threatening the existence of the corporate body. The question was wholly one of the correct interpretation of the law, and when the regular attorney for the corporation put this vitally important question to the great lawyer, with the previous understanding that the interested parties would abide by his decision, win or lose, Mr. Everts sat buried in thought for a minute, and then answered in one word, "Yes." His bill for that one word was \$250,000, and the corporation paid it without a murmur. His answer proved to be entirely correct.

Only one people and one little valley south of the equator whose sovereignty has not been claimed by some European power now remains. It is the valley of Marotse, fifty or sixty miles wide, north of Liavli, in South Africa, and the only reason why the Marotse, who inhabit it, have preserved their independence is that England and Portugal both claim it, and, therefore, the work of "civilization" is at a standstill. It may not be so easy to conquer the the Marotse when the time comes, for they are a tall, well set up race, very black of skin. In manners they are very courteous, and in bearing dignified. Every full-blooded Marotse is by birthright a king, and takes his place in the aristocracy of the empire. In fact, as every one is a king there is no head ruler. The bare fact that he is a Marotse insures the respect of the subervient tribes, and as he grows to manhood a sense of superiority usually implants in the native the dignity of self-respect. All the labor is done by slaves who have been captured from neighboring tribes.

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