



THE OLD SLAVERY.

A pen picture of one R. L. Baldwin in Washington Post.

It is amusing to read some of the contributions to the *Washington Post*, Monday morning, on the race question. One from R. L. Baldwin, needed only his picture with a bull whip in his hand and the admonition on his lips "Now you d—d niggers get back where you belong," to make it a striking characterization. The cultured representative of white inferiority forgets that a few centuries back his ancestors clad in vermin infested skins, with matted hair and "eyes purging plum tree gum" crawled from their caves, clubs in hand, to kill lizards for the morning meal. He protests against being put on the same plane with the Negro. He is right. No educated, self-respecting member of the race desires to associate with a man so lacking in humanity, character and decency.

And now comes Mohammed Barakattullah Maulavie, who mindful of our numerous troubles desires to suggest a means of escape. It is for the Negro race in the United States to become Mohammedans. That the 300,000,000 of the latter know no prejudice having been brought up under the unalterable law, "Verily, the faithful are all brethren," and that, the theory of race superiority is entirely an Anglo-Saxon product, and quotes a Roman poet to the effect that the Anglo-Saxons "are sea wolves, whose school was the ocean, whose friend was the storm, and who lived on the pillage of the world." This follower of Islam further says "The U. S. welcomes the scum of Europe because they are white, and ostracises and tramples upon the blacks who are citizens." Islam he says, would make a model community of the latter. Allah be praised! We can go to Aisa instead of Africa.

Last Sabbath one of most learned local divines delivered an excellent sermon on the evils of intemperance. It was a logical, unvarnished, sensible statement of facts. It is regrettable, that a number of our young men "Put an enemy in their mouths to steal away their brains." Danger lurks in every moderate indulgence, and degradation follows when self control is lost. It is the little things that make up the sum total of life, and little habits that of character. They are the

seedlings of character; the true estimate is not ascertained by his accidental or occasional achievements, but by his everyday habits. Let his love for liquor become a daily habit and he will soon look back upon opportunities lost, plans unachieved, thoughts crushed and aspirations unfulfilled. It is well for the clergy to invite serious attention to this insidious evil and inquire, "Is the young man, Absalom, safe?"

In a short time the United States will have acquired a piece of the Republic of Panama and another addition will be made to our colored population. The race problem will not affect these new citizens. They are colonized.

## DIED IN COLORADO.

Mr. John Scott fell dead last Tuesday, November 2, 1903, at Silverton, Colo., presumably of heart disease. He was a native of Washington, D. C., and is said to have children there. He was a veteran of the Civil War and served in the Tenth Cavalry; had put in his application for pension and bounty, which would be quite a sum of money, as his papers are said to be all right. Any person reading this article and having any knowledge of Mr. Scott can call on or address the editor of this paper. tt

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