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### WHAT ABOUT THE NEGRO?

An old adage runs: "It's an ill wind that blows no one good," and many of the Negroes of this country are arguing that the new Roosevelt party will prove a vritable elixir of life to their apparently dying political condition—not that either Rooseveltism or Taftism will love them more, but will actually need them more than ever before in their voting history. At this early stage of the game it is a question, so far as the Negro is concerned, as to whether it is best for him to hang with Taft or trot with Teddy. One thing is certain, however, he should have no time or consideration for the nominee of the Democratic party. In politics it matters not what party the Negro goes to he is persona non grata; that is, if he expects any recognition from such party for services rendered. In the North he has the privilege of voting for whatever party he wants, but in the South his vote under no consideration does the Democrats want nor will they have him. If the fight between Taft and Roosevelt becomes as strenuous as it now gives evidence of, then the Negro vote in the North will be worth bidding for, and the successful party getting it may extend recognition to him in a way no party has ever yet done. What will become of the Negro in the New World—Americas—is an unsolved problem, but he is so numerous at present that he must be reckoned with, unless he is completely eliminated, which will hardly be done. Late statistics concerning the Negro in America is as follows:

"There are 25,000,000 Negroes in the new world, distributed as follows: Thirty thousand in the Dominion of Canada; 10,000,000 in the United States; 5,756,000 in the West Indies; 117,000 in Central America; 60,000 in Venezuela and Colombia; 225,000 in the Guineas; 8,300,000 in Brazil and 90,000 in the remainder of South America."

### WAS IT BUNCUM?

Bryan's resolution in the National Democratic convention, which was overwhelmingly passed, absolving the Democratic nominees from any and every financial obligation to the men of this country with the money, shows that Bryan still controls the Democratic party, though it refused to nominate him for president. The nominee of the party may accept the nomination, knowing this plank to be in the platform, but we do not believe he will live up to its commands. The

money manipulators of this country as absolutely control the actions of the Democratic party as they do the Republican party, and it matters not which party wins in November nothing in the way of legislation will be enacted that will in any way prevent them from taking advantage of the taxpayers and the public in general. In the United States and in fact almost every other country, money talks and the man with the money has from one hundred to one thousand times more influence than the man working for him. A majority of the delegates voted for that resolution for political buncum, knowing full well that it would never be enforced.

### DID HE SHOOT TOO QUICK?

Perhaps S. B. Dawson, the hotel clerk, was justified in shooting the man in the hotel, who held a gun on him and demanded money, but it looks as if the man was next to beastly drunk and hardly knew what he was doing. If he were not drunk then he did not have any idea that Dawson was taking what he said seriously or he would not have permitted Dawson to walk over to the desk, though his hands were up, and get a pistol and shoot him dead. It was evidently a huge drunken joke on his part, which cost him his life. We can hardly believe that even Dawson believed that he was being "highwayed," but the joke provoked him and he fired at his provocator in a fit of madness. The law may be all on his side, but hotel proprietors should be careful to not employ men as clerks who will shoot on slight provocation.

### ALLEN FOR KING.

Seattle's Golden Potlatch advocates and promoters could not find a better or more popular man for king or chief than George W. Allen, the leading candidate for the honor. Mr. Allen is one of Seattle's best business men and he will be useful as well as ornamental in presiding over the festive ceremonies of the Potlatch. While the whole is planned for a week's fun for both the visitors and the citizens of the town, yet the head of the affair must also have an eye single to the future business of the city and this Mr. Allen will have in case he is elected. Such a position should be filled by a man affable, congenial and liberal minded with the whole, built up on business principles, and Mr. Allen has the happy faculty of combining them all.

### WILFUL WASTE OF MONEY.

Politics is said to be responsible for the seeming silly investigation that Congress has a committee of three now working upon in Seattle. The investigation of Judge Hanford will cost the taxpayers something like \$20,000, and it is fair to presume that not an iota's benefit will ever be derived therefrom. Politics prompted Gen. Wickersham to order the Olsson case re-opened and politics

prompted Congress to order and investigation. Had not this been a year of politics Judge Hanford's actions would have been universally commended instead of condemned as it has been. It's a sad commentary on our civilization when the destinies of our government are made dependent upon the shifting political whims of ambitious politicians. Let politics come and let politics go, but let the affairs of our government run on forever and be administered without fear or favor.

King County is preparing to have an old-fashioned country fair in September, and those working for it are of the opinion that it will be a gigantic success. A splendid premium list has been decided upon and many entries have been contracted for. The executive committee of the association meets every Monday in the Prefontaine building and is glad to have you meet with it and have suggestions made by those interested for its complete success.

Next Thursday the United States will again celebrate its natal day, and from the general preparations being made in the various communities of the state as reported in the weekly press, it looks as if it will be one of the most enthusiastic celebrations ever before reported in the Northwest. Owing to many attacks on the flag of this country, an extra amount of patriotism has been poured out and men and women, who love their country and their country's flag, will make extra efforts next Thursday to show the same. Not a business wheel should be turned that day, and as many as possible should assemble together for patriotic demonstrations. Let Old Glory flutter in the breeze and the American eagle make music in the air.

A few months ago and it was the municipal officials of Seattle that were in the limelight, some of whom were indicted for malfeasance and one of whom is now in the penitentiary. It was by no means a pleasant piece of publicity for Seattle, but she lived through it and is now a clean city, or as clean as big cities seem to ever get in the United States. Portland, Oregon, tried to take advantage of Seattle's shake-up and many of Seattle's undesirable characters took up their abode in Portland, which city for a time prospered financially. A. G. Rushlight was elected mayor on a wide-open platform and he did not fail to throw open the gates. Cities, however, cannot long exist in such a state of affairs, and now the high officials of Portland have been indicted for malfeasance in office, and perhaps it will not be many moons before some of them will likewise be in stripes. Live up to the law and quit trying to beat the law and there will be less trouble.

His former greatness to the contrary notwithstanding, Roose is now only a Rooster.