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PEACE!
PROSPERITY!!
UNION!!!

The Black Man's Bogie.

Every time a distinguished orator addresses himself to a negro audience he harps upon the necessity of hard labor as a factor in the growth and development of our race brethren. "Go to work!" is the cry. Booker T. Washington has assembled thousands of his disciples at Hampton, Va., addressing a Memorial day meeting of the colored students, President Roosevelt said that "the true place for the negro is in industrial work." The president told his audience to "take up work." All the saviors of the negro race continue to din the doctrine of hard work into the ears of the blacks.

Now the average negro likes to chop better than work. The average negro gets along pretty well, thank you, without busting his back at physical toil. Nobody ever saw a negro emaciated with hunger. There are few negro beggars. The race is not a needy race or a helpless race. The blacks dance more, sing more, sleep more and have less care than the whites. They have a genius for self-maintenance without working. They help one another to live and be happy. They have a racial and constitutional repulsion for muscular toil and this everlasting plea with the negro to get busy looks like rubbing it in.

If a negro wants to be a lawyer, a doctor, a preacher or an author, some wise white man is sure to pop up and say: "Why don't you go to work?" It is a fact that the talents of the black man lie easily and naturally in esthetic and emotional lines. The endowed negro is sympathetic, argumentative, imaginative and eloquent. Repose is a natural attitude with the negro. The white man's persistent plea that he go to work savors of a human disposition. If we were to insist that the negro be denied the right to work he'd get busy right off; for a negro is essentially indolent.

Experienced lawyers all know that if you put a negro on a jury with seven white men and if the eleven vote on a verdict the ebion brother will disagree to a moral certainty. Every negro is a born controversialist. He is an animated incoherence. A syllogistic argument is in perpetual dispute. Take an idle negro and ask why he doesn't go to work and he'll give you so many reasons that you'll like going back to the office with your resignation written out. "Tain't no use wukin'," said an Memphis negro when he was asked to go carry the hod. "Ah wouldn't pay me nohow."

The above clipping from the editorial columns of the daily Independent of this city, shows that the editorial writer of that journal— who slops over in his use of adjectives in deriding the position taken by Booker T. Washington and President Roosevelt as to the industrial training of the negro—is either ignorant in the premises or that he

willfully misrepresents not only Booker Washington but the president as well. In either case his melange as to the entire subject is dull, stupid and disingenuous. Washington advocates labor dignified, which the president also endorses.

Talk about the average negro not working; to strike an average we are compelled to go below the Mason and Dixon line and any 12 years old school child can tell you who furnishes the labor that puts on the market the great productions of the south. President Roosevelt advocates that the negro should procure industrial education, and further, that the same was not only the best thing for the average negro but for the average white man as well.

We challenge the editor of the Independent to show that the negro on an average is not industrious; from chattels of 40 years ago, the fact that today he pays taxes on over eight hundred million dollars, belies the statement. He has delved the earth, tunnelled the mountains, dyked and stayed the wave washed sea, felled trees of the forest, changed the course of the winding rivers, levelled the hills, tilled the fields, gathered the stores in barn and bin, wrought in mines and drew the load, and in every crucial test for the preservation of this country, he has on the battlefield proved his worth and mettle, and as we have always been burden bearers, we can conceive of no authority for the presumption that the average negro has not, does not nor will not work.

That an all-wise Providence has so arranged that the negro is light hearted, not morose or sullen, is perhaps the greatest gift to this country that we have. Great for the negro that he has been able to bear the chafing chains of slavery, peonage, scourgings and burnings; great for the country because of this disposition his makeup is such that no feeling of revenge is apparent and his thoughts do not wander to the torch or the bomb as would be the case in any other like number of people in any other country or clime except ours.

The greatest philosophers and thinkers of the age take the same view as regards the negro as does President Roosevelt and Booker Washington, and the statement that the average negro does not care for work, is only a subterfuge to give vent to a pyrotechnical display of verbiage and a conglomeration of adjectives which are neither food nor thought for the average negro or the average white man.

We understand that the effort to launch the Helena mining and development company has gone glimmering, veritably talked to death by the champion hot air merchant of the northwest; and still Nero fiddles while Rome burns.

The popularity of the PLAINDEALER in the short time of its existence is indeed gratifying to the editor, and we shall endeavor to show our appreciation of the same by making it a better journal and equal to all emergencies. We shall continue to advocate the principles of PEACE, PROSPERITY and UNION and boost Helena and Montana.

Spirit of the Negro Press.

The latest output of Democratic Presidential timber consists of Bryan, Bailey and Hearst. A most excellent aggregation of curiosities, indeed! With Bryan as the apostle of an exploded financial theory, Bailey as a constitutional advocate of unconstitution Jim Crowism and Hearst as the representative of Socialism, the Democrats have a marvelous latitude within which to choose—between the devil and the deep sea.—Bee.

This week a white mob lynched a white man in North Carolina and Friday's papers announced that 14 of them had been put in jail without bail and on the charge of murder. How different when the victim is white and when he is colored. Usually nothing absolutely is done when a white mob lynches a colored man or colored woman. If an arrest is made the charge is never murder. There is practically never a conviction. Even the white murderers of Ed. Johnson at Chattanooga, who defied and spit upon the mandate of the Supreme Court of the United States are to be tried only for contempt of court and then not for some months. Of course we are glad of that much. But it makes a great difference whether the victim is white or colored in the South.—Guardian.

save human freight. When Senator Foraker made an attempt to add the negro freight of the south, which is today paying first class rates for cattle accommodations, the southern senators foamed and frothed at the mouth and dire were the threats if a hand was extended to give decent accommodation to the negro freight of the south.

Ben Tillman cracked the whip, and the negro was left to the tender mercies of the several jim crow states, while hogs, cows, coal, iron and other stuff hauled by rail roads received the most states manlike thought and attention.

And the negro is still a victim to party and the party finds itself unable to protect him.—St. Luke Herald.

It will ever be thus as long as the negro will persist in closing his eyes and blindly voting for Abraham Lincoln, regardless of the fact that men and measures have radically changed within the last forty or fifty years.—Broad Axe.

POLITICAL SNAPSHOTS.

The nomination of Mr. Flannery for Chief of Police, was quite a surprise to the wise ones.

The machinery was all in working order Monday evening for the confirmation of the slate. On account of Bailey the Democrat for sergeant, enough votes were cor-

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In Memphis, Tenn., there are 48 colored letter carriers and 6 substitutes; total 54. If you count the porters in and around the custom house, it would run the above up to 80, to which if you add the number of railway service clerks and the many drivers of mail wagons and other servants, it would run the last named figure upwards of 130 colored persons employed in and around the Memphis postoffice drawing salaries of over \$100,000 every year. Some of the letter carriers have been in the service over 30 years, 25 years 20 years and so on down. When they had Democrats for postmasters there were no discharges made among the colored carriers. The above showing is what you call recognition of the race for its loyalty and the past services rendered. In other parts of the state they have the recognition in proportion.—Colorado Statesman.

On Friday of last week the Senate passed something which is known as the "Rate Bill," regulating the traffic on the railroads of the country. The "rate bill" deals with freights of every description, raled to insure the confirmation of the Mayor's appointees.

Evidently Alderman Wendel the watch dog of the city treasury was not consulted with very freely as to the nominations of Mayor Lind say; as soon as the Mayor named them, like a flash he was on his feet and moved a recess of five minutes be taken, but the machine was greased and in action under control of Alderman Longmaid who moved as a substitute that the nominations be confirmed, which motion prevailed.

Ex-City Attorney Day has set a rapid pace for his successor to follow, and he will have to be up and doing to maintain the record of Mr. Day.

Everything having now been ironed out as to the Mayor's appointments, scalping knives can now be sheathed and all can get back on the reservation.

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Anent our criticisms of County Attorney LaCroix we have had many inquiries as to our grievance. We have no grievance except that we believe that a person holding such an exalted position as that of County Attorney, should be broad gauged and as an officer do his duty fairly and impartially. Mr. LaCroix has not done this according to the PLAINDEALER's idea but if we are mistaken we are open for correction.

Wonder what has become of the recent Republican City Central Committee or was it a one-man committee?

A prominent politician halted the PLAINDEALER man on the street this week and said, "I have been reading your political notes and I think Mr. LaCroix would name your paper the Hornet."

We guarantee the lone Democrat who was elected in Oregon, Gov. Chamberlain was a broad gauged man and thoroughbred. The people are not turning down that class of men this day and time.

Mr. Duncan the lone Democrat was elected at the last city election owns his election to his own hustling ability. He got right out among the people. If a man succeeds in these strenuous times he must keep his ears the grass roots and not be afraid to go among the people.

The Helena Light and Traction Co., want to spend some money on improvements provided the council will grant them leave. By all means let them spend it and let it get in circulation.

S. Goodman the astute and diplomatic politician who always does his part for Republican success will return from the east this week.

W. C. ROSE of HELENA,

Commissioned as Deputy for Montana Idaho and Nevada.

W. C. Rose of this city has been very highly honored in Masonic circles. The following is a copy of his commission from John G. Jones, 33 Degree Imperial Grand Potentate Ancient Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine:

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 26, '06

To all whom this may concern:

Reposing special trust and confidence in the Masonic ability, prudence and integrity of illustrious Willis C. Rose, 32d of Helena, Mont., is hereby appointed Deputy for the states of Montana, Idaho and Nevada with full power and authority to organize Consistories of the 32d degree and Temples of the Mystic Shrine and also Courts of Daughters of Sphinx in any of the above named states, wherever his judgement deems best and proper, and report the work from time to time to the undersigned.

The Courts of Daughter of Sphinx is the female department and all wives, widows and female relatives of Master Masons and all women who believe in the principles of Free Masonry are eligible to initiate in the Order of Daughters of Sphinx.

Illustrious Willis C. Rose, 32d, is hereby authorized and empowered to reorganize the Temple and Consistories at Helena, Mont., or to establish a new Temple add Consistories at Helena, Mont., if in his judgement he deems it best and proper.

(signed) John G. Jones, 33rd, Imperial Grand Potentate, Sen. Gen'l Comd. 3717 Armour Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Mr. Rose will immediately take up the work in the district mentioned and all communities or places where it is desired to have these degrees conferred will do well to communicate with W. C. Rose, Helena, Mont.

Chas. Porter Groves brought to the PLAINDEALER office this week some excellent samples of ore from his mines and we do not doubt but what the indomitable Porter Groves has again struck it rich. He has gone to Butte negotiating a sale for his properties.

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