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SIGNIFICANT.

It is highly significant of the industrial status of the country and the real value of the Negro as a laborer that while the states of the South are organizing immigration bureaus and appointing immigration agents to go to the old world and persuade and subsidize foreigners to immigrate to this section of the country, West Virginia is trying to add to its Negro population by securing emigrants from the South. The coal fields of that state need men to develop them and those Negroes who have gone there are proving to be such satisfactory laborers that the employers are anxious for others to come.

The advantages of the state over those further South are being pointed out by those interested. Among these they mention the following: Though the state has a Negro population of less than 50,000, three schools are supported directly by appropriations from the state; the public schools for both races have the same curriculum, run for the same period and the teachers receive the same amount of pay; no "jim crow" cars, no disfranchisement; wages range from \$2 to \$5 per day and property for homes is cheap; pay day every two weeks and the men are paid in cash, not being compelled to spend their money at the Company's store; lodge halls and churches are furnished by the mining companies; men not wanted as strike breakers but for permanent employment and the offer is made to furnish transportation from any portion of the country.

Some of the advantages, and we haven't named them all, may be the exaggerations of the "labor agent," but be that as it may, the significance of the fact that other sections of the country are asking for the labor of that happy-go-luck fellow who so often works at almost starvation wages, and that they want him as a permanent citizen, can not be minimized. Some day, we fear, the South will awake to the fact that while chasing the chimera of immigration and low wages and going into spasms over the fear of social equality, it has allowed the best labor in the world to drift from its confines.

NOW FOR A BEAUTY CONTEST.

The St. Luke's Herald, woman-like, won't take a man's word for it, but wants to see for itself. In replying to our surmise that the Herald "was satisfied just to hear of the hat, the dress and the shoes" of the Nashville Brand and did not care a rap about the face, it shoots this 12-inch shot, loaded with boastfulness, a pun and a challenge, capped with a supplication, which hits us, as it were, amidships:

Some time back we tried our best to coax you two, great, big men to come out of the tall timber and show

everybody the "Nashville Brand and the "Springfield Beauties." Everybody watched both papers for months to see the "Brand" and the "Beauties," like wise and discreet men, both ducked. In fact, we never did see any reply from the Forum; Brother Battle fought his battle with his pen, but declined to put the "Brand" on his front page.

Now, on Easter Sunday it rained, hailed and snowed. Sunday after Easter it rained all day; last Sunday it snowed and rained. But on the first clear, warm Sunday we are going to turn our girls out in all their glory, arrayed in "dreams" made by a Negro milliner, dress, shoes and outfit purchased at a Negro department store, The St. Luke Emporium, and thus arrayed, with angelic face and form, we laugh at the thought of the "Nashville Brand" and the "Springfield beauties" being in our class. We are the F. F. V's, you know, gentlemen. *O do put one of the "Brand" on the front page, Brother Battle, and you, too, Mr. Forum!*

Now, if Sister Walker has been noticing the front page of the Globe since she has been trying to "coax" the "great, big" man of the Globe "to come out of the tall timber," she has undoubtedly seen the likeness of one of the fair daughters of Tennessee, though we did not label the cut "Nashville Brand." But to keep our esteemed contemporary from thinking that we are dodging the issue and to satisfy our own curiosity as to whether the F. F. V. is an aristocrat, or a railroad train, as we have seen it advertised, we will agree to print on our front page a cut of one of the Nashville Brand, providing the Herald will do likewise with a representation of "old Virginny."

A PRINCELY GIFT.

The gift by Miss Anna T. Jeanes, of Philadelphia, of \$1,000,000, for the establishment of a trust fund the interest of which is to be used for the betterment of the school facilities for Negroes in the rural districts of the South, is destined to do great good for a class of our race that mentally stand in great need of help. It should be welcomed by all citizens of the South no matter what their color because in bettering the schools for our race the whole community will profit thereby. The trustees, Dr. Washington, of Tuskegee, and Dr. Frizzell, of Hampton, are practical educators, well informed as to the needs of the rural schools and their selection to administer the trust guarantees that it will be applied for the best interest of those for whom it was given. The interest from the fund, which will amount to about \$40,000 a year, is a mere drop in the bucket when it is taken into consideration that the fund is given for the whole of the South. But it will be a great help and doubtless others, following the lead of this pious woman, will add to the sum.

THE "BEST CITIZEN" VINDICATED.

We have been dreaming that the "best citizens" of the South who constitute the mobs that take without any semblance of law the lives of men accused of crimes, were really the tough, low-down class, locally known as "po' white trash." We have had a rude awakening and now accept the newspaper correspondents' designation of lynchers as the "best citizens" of the place. The best citizens have proved their rights to be so designated. In Louisiana a gang of lawless men hanged a man last week who had been accused of an attempted assault. This was not strange. But at the request of the man who was soon to be hurled into eternity, it is said, the leader of the mob led in prayer. This was strange! Because it stamps the man as one of the "best Christian citizens" of the place. What a farce is the religion of the white man! Prayer followed by murder! If this be the true religion of the Lord Jesus Christ, then the Negro has another kind.

Peaceful Bill Taft is back from his cruise in equatorial regions as happy as ever. He is keeping silent in six or seven different languages as to what he will do in the Ohio contest between Senator Foraker and himself. Mr. Taft has been forced several times to explain that his chief did not mean what he had said on several subjects—that is, not exactly as the public interpreted his sayings. Before he is

through with the Ohio contest perhaps he will explain that he was the administration's candidate only in a Pickwickian sense.

Human life is regarded so cheaply in this city that a man is said to have remarked to his wife, when in a fit of passion recently: "I'll kill you and pay for you. It only costs \$15 to kill a Negro." Judging by Nashville's long list of homicides and the flimsy excuses upon which the murderers are turned loose, it costs even less than fifteen dollars. Almost every week there is a murder, but conviction with the proper penalty in the most flagrant cases seldom follows. Nashville should have a few legal hangings then these bad men would not be so ready to give vent to their feelings.

Hayti gave the officials of the Jamestown Exposition a scare when it was reported that a short, fat and very black representative from that country would attend the opening ceremonies of the show as a Vice Admiral. Had such been the case the Haytian would have outranked all the naval representatives from every country represented except Japan, and would have taken precedence at all social functions. Happily for the distressed whites, Hayti will be represented by two members of its army.

First Assistant Postmaster General Hitchcock has been in the South on a gumshoe inspection of the administration's political fences in the South. Reports from Georgia that its delegation would be for Foraker seem to have stirred up the powers that be in Washington. Now watch out for the report of some kind of a conspiracy.

Ben Tillman's minstrel performance appeared at several one night stands in the rural districts of the South last month but we not so much as even heard of him. Since he has gone North, it seems his press agent "got busy."

Cuba takes the prize for longevity. A man died there this week who was said to have been 150 years old. Wonder if he smoked, chewed or drank and if so what brand?

ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY.

The City Alumni Will Give a Grand Booth Entertainment at Spruce Street Baptist Church, Monday Night, April 29.

Every one is interested in Roger Williams University, and wants to see the school rebuilt. There will be given on Monday night, April 29, at Spruce Street Baptist Church, a booth entertainment under the auspices of the City Alumni of Roger Williams. This being the only entertainment of its kind ever held in the city, it is expected that the lovers of education will take great interest in aiding the enterprise. They have placed the price in the reach of every one; just the small sum of ten cents will admit you to visit the six different booths which have been arranged by the ladies of the association. It is to your interest that you should come out on this night and bring your friends and see that others come.

Mrs. E. M. Lawrence and Mrs. G. H. Bandy will have charge of the ice cream booth.

We all like things that are a novelty, therefore you should visit novelty booth, which will be in charge by Mrs. A. M. Townsend and Mrs. Eloise Glass. These ladies will see that you get just what you want by asking.

The ladies do not wish to slight any one and if you are a lover of flowers just go to the flower booth, where you will find any flower you desire. You will find here Mrs. M. J. Anderson, Miss Birdie King and Mrs. R. L. Miles to wait on you.

Aprons are the articles that can not be dispensed with. Mrs. Perry and Miss Effie Bryant will fit you up in this line.

Don't dare think of leaving until you visit every booth and buy something from them all.

The little ones have not been slighted, for they all like candy; so don't go away until you have carried them around to the candy booth and filled their pockets with some of the choicest candies there are on the market. Mrs. J. W. DeWees, Mrs. W. A. Reed and Mrs. Martha Redmon are here to wait on every one, to see that you get just what you wish.

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Beautiful Roger Williams University is no more. The buildings were destroyed by fire. The insurance money was collected and carried to New York or somewhere else, and the campus has been cut up into residence lots and is being sold under an agreement that no Negro will be allowed to live there except as a servant. This arrangement was made by a society posing as agency to do Christian missionary work. The Negroes have become disgusted with such hypocrisy and have determined to erect a Roger Williams themselves and conduct the same as they see fit. Great progress has been made and the Alumni are giving this entertainment feeling that the people will be glad to assist them in any way possible.

MR. J. C. NAPIER IN NEW YORK.

Mr. J. C. Napier left the city for New York, last Monday night, where he will remain the entire week. Mr. Napier went to New York, it is learned, to be present at the special call meeting of the executive committee of the Negro Business League, which was called by President Booker T. Washington. They will consider some very important matters while there. One which will come in for a great deal of discussion will be the place of meeting for the next Negro Business League. While it was decided last year in Atlanta, to hold the meeting in the West, there appears to have arisen a sharp competition as to whether it will go to Little Rock, Ark., or Topeka, Kans. At any rate, indications point across the Mississippi to some of the thriving cities of the West. The city that furnishes the greatest inducements will in all probability capture the meeting. It has been the policy of the Negro Business League to meet wherever they can do the most good.

Another matter to be considered will be some method of reviving local business interests and leagues, and state organizations, as only a few states have maintained the independent organization. Mississippi still leads, with Arkansas a close second for state organizations. Tennessee has no state organization, and the city league appears to have died completely.

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