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TWO COLORED BISHOPS

In the general conference now in session the Methodist Episcopal Church (North) has voted to elect two colored bishops, and many candidates are seeking the places. Who will or should be elected the editor hereof is without opinion, but we believe none other but apparently worthy men will be elected, as, in the past, this church has acted wisely in its selection of conscientious and capable men for its officers, bishops and preachers, hence that part of it gives us but little or no concern.

For more than a quarter of a century the colored members of the M. E. Church have clamored for a colored bishop and even many of the white members have agitated the subject, but both the white and colored members have differed as to what would be done with them if one should be elected. Some years ago a colored semi-bishop was elected to serve in Africa, but without official jurisdiction in this country. He, however, died and a white bishop succeeded him.

The Methodist Episcopal Church (North) and the Methodist Episcopal Church (South) have for the past eight years been trying to get together and would have done so long ere this had they been able to harmonize their differences as to what to do with the 800,000 colored members belonging to the northern branch. From some source we recently learned that an amicable plan, so far as the white Methodists are concerned, had been worked out, which disposed of the colored members. If the colored man in the M. E. Church is to be jimerowed and the proposed colored bishops to only preside over conferences made up of colored preachers and lay delegates, and like the African bishop, without jurisdiction only at colored conferences, then the colored members of the church should not accept such a form of bishopric. If the colored bishops to be are so limited in power then its all been done to appease the Methodists of the South, who have steadfastly stood out against the reunion as long as the colored brethren had equal suffrage rights in the General Conference.

Segregation for the colored members should mean absolute separation. The colored brethren rather than accept segregation should either form an independent organization or go over bag and baggage to the about-to-be united Methodist Episcopal churches of this country among the colored citizens, who already have a full compliment of colored bishops and officials. We, however, hope such a separation will not be necessary. We hope that the two colored bishops to be will stand on an equal footing with the white bishops, and will be just as acceptable to conferences, where the preachers and delegates are white, as were they all colored. On the other hand, we do not believe this to be possible if the two branches of Methodism in question (North and South) are united. It seems to us that it will save a lot of bickering and probably a second

separation, if the northern branch would unceremoniously break off further consideration of the two uniting. In but rare instances does the spirit of true Christianity form a part of the religion of the southern Methodist and if that be true, and is hardly doubted, they should continue to go it alone. The colored Methodist is no longer a sycophant, is no longer a little child to be lead by the hand. He is able to hold his own whether in a white or a colored audience. The colored preacher is able to measure arms with the white preacher and if he is not, it was a mistake to have ordained him. Then under such circumstances he is thoroughly qualified to meet any church emergency.

In conclusion we repeat that segregation should mean absolute separation.

EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS

Seattle's waterfront might consistently be changed to Seattle's striking stunt.

Sugar hogs are now far more common than sugar thieves, which is saying quite a good deal.

If the turn from the high prices of living is not just ahead then the turn from a stable government is.

The white man of the South seems to want all the glory and pleasure of amalgamating the white and black folks.

Bryan is correct in saying, "the saloon is dead," but the fellow who wants a saloon, is struggling to resuscitate it.

King county already boasts of two gubernatorial candidates with one or two others about to throw their hats into the ring.

While in Chicago the Republicans will be entertained by one particular lodge over and above all others so common to the country.

Ryan's Weekly of Tacoma, was some paper as long as it lasted, but so far as this office is concerned, it lasted such a short time.

That notice concerning Roland H. Hayes in the Advocate of Portland, Oregon, was doubtles set up by the Katzenjammer Kids.

No, constant rearer, a new revolution has not broken out in Mexico, but it's the same old one that discovered a new pocket of strength.

Lost, strayed or stolen, one Lincoln League. Weighs about three hundred pounds and very tall. In conversation, "my people" is much used.

If it be true the European governments owe so much money that they cannot borrow any more then, believe me, we know just how they feel.

And now the bakers' strike of Seattle is about to fail and that too to the personal loss of the bakers. This "walk out" business is certainly a jonah.

Lies, like truth, crushed to the ground may not rise again, but they propogate right quick and soon double-sized lies rise and do more damage than the original.

The trousers of King George are creased down the side instead of down the center. The spirit of the age is to extinguish the royalty fungus and, we suspect, George is disguising himself to save his crown.

Evidently the voters of Seattle are preparing to spring a surprise on Claude C. Ramsay, as they are doing much talk about him in a general way these days.

Poindexter's special to the Chicago convention is to carry the most of the Washington delegation to the Republican convention and George H. Walker will also go.

And again Eugene V. Debs will seek the presidency of the United States. Who said "seek and you shall find," doubtless added in an undertone, jail birds not included.

The hundred and one June brides and bridegrooms would doubtless have no objections to receiving a shower of "wet goods," on which to start their life voyage.

The State of Mississippi having failed to pass the equal suffrage amendment, the buck has been passed to Louisiana, which will likewise fail, and so will all southern states.

Sixty and 80 cent gasoline would mean a heavy shrinkage of the number of automobiles, which streak up and down the highways as though the old devil was after them.

"Thomson's colt swam the river to get a drink"; so goes the legend, and now the average Uncle Sammy is swimming to Cuba to get a drink and thus does history repeat itself.

White real estate speculators, after having drained ambitious Japanese, who desired to make money like "white folks", are now sending them on their ways poorer but wiser Japs.

There seems to be a move on foot in Seattle to drive all Japanese out of the apartment house and hotel business by bankrupting them and thus far its working like a charm.

That young wife, who killed her husband because she loved him to distraction, has a darn poor way of showing her connubial affections, and a little of it would go a long ways with us.

A former saloon keeper, who now rejoiceth in the death of the saloon, and prays that it will never be resurrected is, we have our suspicions, doing a most lucrative bootlegging business.

If our government is not absolutely at the mercy of the man with the money, then how can the man with the money do things with impunity, which, if done by the poor man, would land him in prison.

Civilization is pictured as shoving Turkey out of Europe, and Europe is pictured as pointing him the way to the United States. Well, we'll say Uncle Sam wants a darn site more than "the leavings."

An effort is to be made to use a jack stringer in the completion of the capitol group at Olympia, Washington. King county has used this human device on divers times with more or less success.

It is very apparent that Carranza is following fast in the wake of Huerta and if the later did not leave his foot prints in the sands of time then Carranza is liable to get lost in the revolutionary jungle.

Evidently the Star of Seattle is seeing things again and that appears to be a periodical affair with the Star. In this instance however, dark human shadows appear to be threatening the purity of Seattle.