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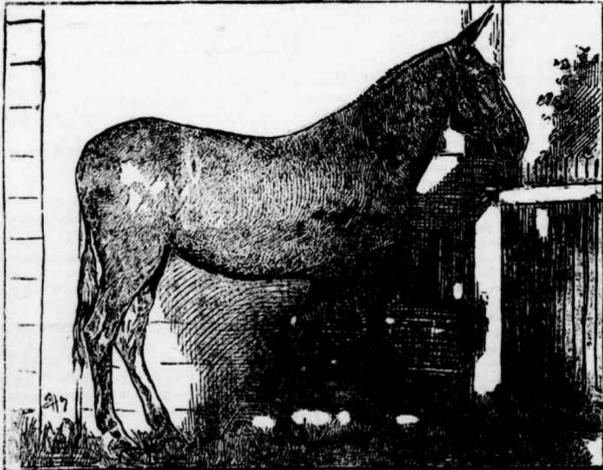
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A SOUTHERNER ON THE RACE PROBLEM.

There has been no recent discussion of the race problem in the South more suggestive, fair, forcible or illuminating than the address of Hon. Emory Speer, judge of the United States Court for the Southern District of Georgia, before the independent Club of Buffalo Friday night. This address was published in the Democrat and Chronicle Saturday, and it ought to be generally circulated and read in both the North and the South.

Judge Speer speaks to some extent from the Southern point of view and with some of his conclusions we may not agree; but his general position is that of an American rather than that of a Southerner, and a settlement of the whole problem on the basis proposed by him, with concessions of opinion and prejudices by both sides, would be of inestimable value to the entire country.

At the outset Judge Speer said that "it is undeniably true that the political attitude of the Southern people toward the government is directly ascribable to the swift bestowal by the reconstruction acts of unlimited manhood suffrage upon the members of the African race," which he asserted, was no part of Lincoln's plan for the Union. As an explanation of the Southern attitude towards the Republican party even now, years after the reconstruction, laws have been nullified and no longer threaten any Southern interest, that statement is undoubtedly correct. The partisan solidarity of the South to-day is almost exclusively based upon conditions which have ceased to exist, and is due to a sentimental survival of grievances which, at present, are of no practical account.

Judge Speer says: "The history of reconstruction has left an indelible impression upon the minds of the Southern people. The words negro domination can invoke a hideous spectre which will not deny, that it is only spectral, merely has made little difference. We are now and have been for years politically in a little danger from the negro as we are from the subjects of the Imam of Muscat or the Akhmid of Swat. Negro domination is the monotonous slogan, and, notwithstanding the widely varying views of our people on the great questions of the day, we behold the solid South."

The significance of that statement, considering both the high character of its author and his Southern relationships, must be obvious to all intelligent readers. Continuing his address, Judge Speer shows how solid the congressional representation from the South is against "those measures of the government through which the people of the United States have attained a plane of prosperity unexampled, and the country itself the attitude of a world power, at once so equable and so irresistible that the authoritative expression of the people's will seems to have the force and effect of international law." And yet, while thus politically arrayed against the nation's progress, it is shown that multitudes of Southerners are in full accord with the policies which are carrying the republic forward in its development.

It is not strange that this anomalous condition is deplored by enlightened and patriotic Southerners. It must be inexpressibly humiliating to them to acknowledge that, politically, they have had no share in and are entitled to no credit for the splendid era of national expansion and progress comprised within the past few years.

The educated young men of the South, as Judge Speer shows, are conscious of the handicap imposed upon their political future by the palying influence of the sentiment which isolates, to a large degree, that section from the administrative work of the government. "I pray," says Judge Speer, "to see the imposition of a sullen and immovable resentfulness toward the government and its ennobling purposes removed from my section."

Judge Speer's suggestion for the correction of the evil is the enactment of impartial laws, for white

and black alike, which will admit to the franchise the intelligent, upright and responsible of both races, and exclude the venal, the ignorant and the worthless. And such measures, he says, need not be confined to the Southern states. They should not be so confined, but it is to be feared that only in the South would such a measure stand any chance of adoption. If the whites of that section could make up their minds to treat the blacks with perfect fairness they could show the country an ideal electorate, since they have a comparatively small alien population and sentiment to deal with.

There is more in Judge Speer's address which might well be the theme of a separate article, worthy notice, but the quotations already given show a disposition on the part of some influential Southern men to deal with the race problem broadly and justly. Let that spirit be encouraged. In that direction only lies peace.—Exchange.

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Representative Bartlett, of Georgia, a member of the House minority, has let the administration out of a hole for this session of Congress. It was a patriotic and statesmanlike thing for a Democrat to do, but viewed from the standpoint of practical politics, it was a ghastly tactical blunder.

It was up to the Republicans to do something in the way of anti-trust legislation during this session. A strong anti-trust law would offend capital. No anti-trust legislation would offend the people in either case the Democrats would have a tactical advantage. To appropriate money to enforce the present anti-trust laws would be regarded as a subterfuge, a dodging of the issue. It was a ticklish situation. Any possible move was fraught with danger. Talk would not answer. Something had to be done.

At this critical juncture Mr. Bartlett, of Georgia, gallantly stepped forward and pulled the majority out of the bag. He introduced a bill appropriating half a million dollars to be used in enforcing the Sherman anti-trust law. This at once relieved the majority from the necessity of introducing any anti-trust legislation for the present, and threw on the Democrats the onus of the blame for temporizing. It was the right thing to do, but the wrong party who did it.

Rev. Carlisle P. E. Martin, J. D., Waverly, Texas, writes: "Of a morning, when first rising, I often find a troublesome collection of phlegm, which produces a cough, and is very hard to dislodge, but a small quantity of Ballant's Horehound Syrup will at once dislodge it, and the trouble is over. I know of no medicine that is equal to it, and it is so pleasant to take. I can most cordially recommend it to all persons, needing a medicine for throat or lung troubles." Price 25c, 50c, \$1.00 bottle at Estorge Drug Co.

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