THE OCALA BANNER.

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BOOKER WASHINGTON.

The subject of this sketch, brought into so much prominence by the recent White House incident, is not without honor to himself, his race and his section, and everywhere is encouraged and commended by the white press, pulpit and people of the south.

He was born a slave; after he was set free, was a bootblack and a waif upon the streets. He was educated in the Virginia schools established for the education of the negro youth and maintained by taxation, nine-tenths of which or more, is cheerfully paid by white property owners.

This shows the door-way open in the south to the frugal, industrious and ambitious negro youths.

There are among the race prosperous and respected merchants, doctors, lawyers, editors, preachers, school teachers, contractors, mechanics and farmers.

From a bootblack Booker Washington has become the head of a great educational institution.

Fifteen hundred pupils attend the Tuskeegee institute and a large number of skilled and trained men, all colored, are employed as instructors.

The institution is located in the south and is protected, and Washington's hands upheld, by the state government in which the college is located.

Only kind treatment by the people in the locality in which the college is situated, is reported.

No clash, no friction, no disturbance of any sort, has been heard since the college was established, and residents and visitors say that the president and under-professors of the institution teach good morals and good manners and conduct themselves and the institution in a way that have won them golden opinions from all classes of people.

If the white people of the south were half as bad as they are painted, no such history of this institution could be written.

Persons yet living can remember when Prudence Crandall, a young Quakeress, established a school for negro children in the good old town of Canterbury in the good old state of Connecticut. She was visited by the leading citizens of the village before the school was yet established and told that if she carried her design into execution she would bring disgrace and infamy upon the community. She persisted in her purpose and was arrested and escaped conviction and punishment by a technicality. An act was passed by the state legislature closing the school. The news of the passage of the bill was received by the ringing of church bells and other demonstrations of popular favor by the inhabitants of that commonwealth who are now shedding great, big, salty, bitter, copious tears over the negro's treatment in the south.

Pending the passage of the bill, shops and meeting houses were closed against the young enthusiast and her pupils; rides in public conveyances were denied them; physicians would not wait upon them; the well was befouled with filth; the school building was assailed with rotten eggs and finally set on fire and burned to the ground.

Tuskeegee college, located in a remote ex-slave state, has no such history.

From the start Booker Washington's hands were uplifted and supported, his worth and ability at once recognized and the educators and press of the south of the Caucassian race gave him his distinction and his prominence.

He was a guest at the Atlanta fair and it was there that he made the speech that made him famous.

The teachers and mechanics he turns out from his institution are not wined and dined nor admitted to the drawing rooms of the white people of the south, but they are given employment, which is very much better.

How is it with the people who are painting us in odious colors and pelting us with bad language?

Let's see.

The echoes of a presidential campaign has scarcely died away since a cargo of strong, able-bodied men, offending only in the pigment of their skins, left the state in which Booker Washington's college is located and went to seek honest employment in the state of Illinois.

Their welcome was the unfriendly shot gun. They were not permitted to warm the soil of Illinois with their footprints. The poor, unoffending cratures, were kept penned like dumb driven cattle and were refused even a drink of cold water. The republican governor of the state refused to give them protection. The pulpit and press, so loud-mouthed against the south for the slightest offending, made no outcry against the treatment they received in the state of Abraham Lincoln, and the hungry, starving wretches had to be sent back to their southern homes and like prodigals were taken back and given food, shelter, raiment and employment.

How does that speak for the brutal, barbarous south!

This was at Pana, in Illinois, not Cana, in Galilee, where Jesus was, because he seems to be a stranger in Pana, and soon thereafter a second cargo left the same state and were landed at Verdin, Illinois.

They met even a worse fate. They were shot down like mad dogs and chased over the country the same as criminals.

Again the governor refused to give them protection and the press and the pulpit, instead of boiling over with righteous wrath and indignation against the heartless treatment of these men, whose only offense were that they belonged to a different race, were as omniously silent as so many clams.

Does it not go without saying that the crocodile tears the northern pulpit and press are shedding over the negro's treatment in the south, is the incarnation of yellow hypocrisy and cant.

The south is taxing herself for the education and elevation of the African race. Out of moneys cheerfully collected by self-imposed taxation, she has builded them school houses in every southern neighborhood, hamlet, town and city, and Booker Washington, the acknowledged scholar and educator, is a living illustration of how the south is succeeding along these humane lines.

Facts like these ought to make it an easy task to locate the section in which reside the negro's best friends.

We of the south to-day are not responsible for the institution of African slavery, and the African is in our midst by virtue of circumstances for which he nor we are not responsible.

But as he stands here to-day largely less than half a century freed from the badge of slavery, we are not unwilling to place him beside his fellow-countrymen in Africa, in Hayti, in South America, in Cuba, or any other country where he resides in any considerable numbers, and feel sure that he will not suffer in the comparison.

We have tried to civilize him, Christianize him, and are educating him, and if he does not develop into a good, law-abiding and industrious citizen, it will not be for the want of good examples and good influences.

The negro seems to be doing well enough where he is and will be very much better if left alone.

Let the northern press and pulpit who refuse to welcome the negro to a home in their own states, and yet make such a to do over his treatment in the south, carry their crocodile tears and bellowings to Bulgaria or some other country.

Booker Washington and Tuskeegee institute are the south's rebuke to her slanderers.

Booker T. Washington was dined Wednesday by Treasurer Tyler, of Yale. President Hadley has asked him to dine with him also, and other invitations are on the way. This seems to indicate that clever and independent persons are learning to exercise the "fine art of discrimination" with colored men as with whites.—World

The editor of the World should by all means invite the distinguished educator to dine with him also so its southern readers should have something for which they "could exercise their fine art of discrimination," and transfer their affections to some other newspaper.

Florida is the only state in the Union that protects English sparrows, crows and rice birds. It is against Florida law to have one in your possession either alive or dead. Our state government is getting to be everybody's daddy.—Jaspar News.

Why, yes—even to directing the martial affairs of Henry H. Flagler.—Sanford Chronicle.

Don't the wit, the wisdom and satire of some newspapers freeze you?

General John B. Gordon, the most distinguished living ex-Confederate military chieftain, is now a citizen of Florida. He has purchased himself a home in the beautiful east coast section.

A New York preacher took a little flyer in Wall street recently and came out $30,000 ahead. The same good luck might not follow next time, so the example had better not be followed.

Through trains are not always best. Ex-Governor Hogg, of Texas, took an accommodation, stopped over at Beaumont and happened upon an oil-land deal that netted him $1,000,000.

A Wisconsin tramp drank a quart of whisky the other day and died. Even Bro. Godwin will admit that this fluid is not without its good qualities if taken in heroic doses.

Caleb Powers was again found guilty as an accomplice in the murder of Governor Goebel. On the rendering of the verdict women cried and rushed to him and kissed him.

An exchange pertinently remarks that the proposed Episcopal canan concerning divorce and remarriage appears to have been spiked.

Marquis Ito, of Japan, paints a glowing picture of the growing trade between the United States and the empire of Japan.

Ex-Senator Call is now a citizen of Arcadia and may enter the primary race for United States senator.

Teddy wanted to ride on the engine yesterday. As a grandstand player he is too palpable.—Atlanta Journal.

It is now not believed that Hon. S. M. Sparkman will enter the race for U. S. senator.

There is a wild rumor that King Edward VII has cancer of the throat.

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