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## That Farce, "The Birth Of A Nation."

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(Freeman)

Is the great white race of America becoming a degenerate race? Is it possible that a people who boast of a monopoly of the world's civilization exceeding in humanitarianism eloquent an perversion of Bunker Hill, and the national constitution are dumb, and palsied with helplessness when a helpless, despised race pleads against the cruel, wanton slander of a criminal disease of money "getting"? Does the exhibition of the "Birth of a Nation" for what money can be made match with the hypocritical notions of some kind souls who insist that no one of our worthy poor shall go without a turkey dinner on Thanksgiving day? And yet, seeing an entire race held up to scorn, and the most fiendish contempt to gratify a callous hardened human heart over curious, at what may have happened fifty years ago! The real pictures of the "Birth of a Nation" have nothing to do with the present generation of Negroes who are as well behaved as any class of our American citizens. Why may not the curtain of cupidity and cunning devilry be lifted from the black pages of our American history that the evil-minded may just as zealously portray the blood curdling transactions of the Salem witchcraft? Why may not the ugly horrors of a few thousand inhuman orgies wherein every form of debauchery and marauding outlawry perpetrated to the last disgusting limitation, expected only in brute creation be brought back to the horrifying memory of the present civilization?

It is generally conceded that no one can possibly be benefited by viewing such disgusting sights, and that the only value that can be placed upon them is of a commercial nature. Has justice fled to brutish beasts, and men lost their reason?

What is the cause of harlotry? What is the cause of drunkenness and general world-wide waywardness? Can these be charged up to the poor Negro? Is he the general disturber and manufacturer of all the devilry and general cussedness extant? Are there only black pictures in the rogues gallery? Are there only Negroes in the jails and penitentiaries? Are there only black pickpockets, thugs and cut throats? Are Negroes the

cause of court trials only?

Then would it not be human if the chain gang is made up of all the races, that the preachments of a gospel of Sinai apply indiscriminately to all?

Can the one who has the moat in his eye point to another who has the beam in his?

I do not press any great claim for the Negro. He is surrounded with a very peculiar environment and has become to a very great extent a creature of conditions and circumstances. He has projected independently along every line of social, religious and moral development his own organizations that make a people respected and proud. No other race has had to grow amid the hindrance and prejudice forbidding him, and compelling him at the same time to be and not be, to do and not do, to have and not have, to know and not know, and yet in spite of this ever present rank human injustice we average up fairly well with the rest of the world's humanity.

Would it not be more in keeping with the noblest American spirit to blot out such a travesty and infamous slander of a race of helpless people, as this prison conveying nostrum, viz: "The Birth of a Nation?"

Out who would be benefited? The Negro is not the only race benefited. Dr. Booker T. Washington used to say, "He who would keep me down in the ditch must stay down in the ditch with me." And we may rely on a biblical truth that the Golden Rule is a veritable commandment.

The immediate concern of the Negro may some day become the general concern of all. The laxity in the enforcement of a single law has a destructive influence against all law. The careless and ruthless oversight of injustice dealt out to the despised Negro, may bring ruin government upon all other races. Just as a carol builds the finest fabric, just so may a whirlwind engulf a nation that persists in sowing to the winds.

Worry's Evil Effects.

What rust is to iron, worry is to these bodies of ours—it corrodes them. Selected.

Optimistic Thought.

Misfortunes we cannot prevent are mitigated by resignation.

### AN INDIGNATION DINNER.

By James D. Corrothers.

Dey was hard times jes 'fo' Christmas round our neighborhood one year; So we held a secret meetin', whar de white folks couldn't hear, To 'scuss de situation, an' to see whut could be done Toward a fust-class Christmas dinneh an' a little Christmas fun.

Rufus Green, who called de meetin', ris' an' said: "In dis here town, An' throughout de land, de white folks is a-tryin' to keep us down." S' 'o: "Dey's bought us, sold us, beat us; now dey 'buse us 'ca'se we's free; But when dey tetch my stomach, dey's done gone too fur for me!

"Is I right?" "You sho is, Rufus!" roared a dozen hungry throats. "Ef you'd keep a mule a-wo'kin', don't you tamper wid his oats. Dat's sense," continued Rufus. "But dese white folks nowadays z Has done got so close an' stingy you can't live on whut dey pays.

"Here 't is Christmas-time, an', folkses, I's indignant 'nough to choke, Whar's our Christmas dinneh comin' when we's mos' completely broke? I can't hardly 'fo'd a toothpick an' a glass o' water. Mad? Say, I'm desput! Dey jes better treat me nice, dese white folks had!"

Well, dey 'bused de white folks sear' lous, till old Pappy Simmons ris', Leanin' on his cane to spote him, on account his rheumatiz', An' s' 'e: "Chilun, whut's dat wintry wind a-sighin' th'ough de street 'Bout yo' wasted summech wages? But, no matteh, we mus' eat.

"Now, I seed a beautiful tukney on a certain gemmun's fahm. He's a-growin' fat an' sassy, an' a-struttin' to a chahm. Chickens, sheeps, hogs, sweet pertaters—all de craps is fine dis year; All we needs is a committee foh to tote de goodlies here."

Well, we lit right in an' voted dat it was a gran' idee, An' de dinneh we had Christmas was worth trabblin' miles to see; An' we eat a full an' plenty, big an' little, great an' small, Not bec'ase we was dishonest, but indignant, sah. Dat's all.

### VICTOR AND CRIPPLE CREEK NEWS.

(By Wm. C. Harris.)

Mr. Conway (Punch) Bass, one of the old timers in the district, who has been sick for some time, departed from this life on Saturday, Dec. 4. Mr. Bass had been employed at the Doctor bar in Cripple Creek for several years before taking ill, and was well thought of by all who knew him. The funeral was from the Thompson & Claypool chapel. The Rev. J. C. Carter, a friend of long standing, assisted by the Rev. Pool, Mrs. E. Smithy and Mrs. L. Stevens, rendered several solos and duets. Mrs. Smithy sang "He Will Take Care of Me," which was in accord with the last wishes of the deceased. Mr. Bass leaves a wife and a host of friends to mourn his demise. This paper joins me in extending to the bereaved wife our sincere sympathy.

Mrs. John Chambers, Mrs. Hal Clay and little Hal Clay are reported as being indisposed at this writing. Mrs. Fred Hopkins, who was injured

by a street car some time ago, is somewhat better at the present time.

Quite a number of Victor people were in Cripple Creek to attend the funeral of Mr. Conway Bass on Monday, Dec. 16. Remember that the first of the year is not far off and we would do well to start the new year off by squaring up our old debts. And in paying up your debts please do not forget the paper, as this paper cannot live on promises.

### STORES OPEN EVENINGS.

The following stores will keep open for the benefit of their patrons on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings of next week, when those who are prevented from day shopping will have an opportunity to be waited on:

The May Clothing Company.  
Joslin Dry Goods Company.  
Denver Dry Goods Company.  
A. J. Lewis & Sons.  
Striker's.

### NEGROES AGAIN REGISTER IN CAROLINA.

Atlanta, Ga.—The unrest which has been felt in certain South Carolina localities recently over the prospect of the Negro vote becoming once more a political factor in elections in that State was emphasized at the registration offices in Charleston last Monday, when voters registered for the city general election of December 14.

The registrars experience much more difficulty in completing the registrations than in a great while. It is felt in Charleston that this was due in some measure to the number of Negroes in line.

There were not, as a matter of fact, a large number of Negroes who registered, there being perhaps a score out of about 350 persons. In Charleston, however, it is regarded as remarkable that there should have been any Negroes in line on that day. Whatever may have been the reason, to the Charleston News and Courier it "ought to be more or less illuminating to those people who are under the mistaken idea that the Negro has permanently laid aside political ambitions. He hopes the solidarity of the whites will be terminated some day, with the possibility that in every election he might hold the balance of power."

Nothing will be more remarkable than that the Negroes should do just that thing through the educational and property tests. They are making greater progress each year.

### Natural Conclusion.

City Editor—"You interviewed Mrs. Gabbs on the subject, of course?" Reporter—"Well, not exactly. I saw the lady, but she hadn't a word to say." City Editor—"Hadden't a word to say! Why, when did she die?"

### The End of All Things.

Man with Paper—"Here's a preacher in Syracuse, N. Y., who declares that the time will come when there will be no wars in the world." Pessimist—"Well, the world is due to end some time."—Canadian Courier.

## RACE NEWS

GATHERED FROM VARIOUS SOURCES

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 7.—Daniel F. Cole has been appointed chief engineer and technical adviser of the Ontario Aeroplane Company, Ltd., of Gravenhurst, an enterprise financed by a group of Toronto capitalists to make fliers for the British army.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 8.—Two years and six months was the sentence imposed on Daniel McDougald, white, 42nd and Callowhill streets, by Judge Davis McDougald's crime was a felonious assault on Edith Hayward, 14 years old, a little Negro living at 415 Holly street.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The Supreme court today held constitutional the law of 1912, under which it is unlawful to import moving picture films of prize fights for public exhibition. The decision was announced in a suit arising over the exclusion at Newark, N. J., of a film of the Willard-Johnson fight at Havana.

New York, Dec. 7.—Dr. E. P. Roberts, of New York City, states that the eminent doctors at the Rockefeller Institute of Research and at the St. Luke's Hospital, where Dr. Washington was treated found the diagnosis made five years ago by Dr. Kenney, resident physician at Tuskegee Institute, to be absolutely correct and could recommend no improvement in the method of treatment that had been pursued.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 8.—George McBean, a Negro, 75 years old, is the oldest sailor out of this port, having sailed the seven seas for 61 years. Despite his great age, his services as an active seaman are more in demand than those of any other seaman who touches at this port. He is never out of work. He has been in several shipwrecks and has had many narrow escapes from death. He says:

Ship we somewhere east of Suez, Where the best is like the worst, And a man can raise a thirst.

Tuskegee, Ala., Dec. 13.—Creation of a \$2,000,000 Booker T. Washington memorial endowment for the Tuskegee Institute was authorized today by the institute's trustees, who announced that \$450,000 already had been pledged, some of it contingent upon raising the remainder. The task of select-

ing a successor to Dr. Washington as president of the school was referred to a sub-committee, composed of Seth Low, New York, chairman of the board; W. W. Campbell, Tuskegee; Victor Tulane, Montgomery, Ala.; Frank Trumbull, New York, and Edgar A. Bancroft, Chicago.

Washington, D. C.—Attorneys William L. Hawkins and A. W. Gray, colored are the representatives of Mrs. Anna J. Linney, a white woman, who has entered suit against her husband for separate maintenance. Mrs. Linney, who before her marriage to the defendant, Thomas L. Linney, was a widow with two children, alleges that she was led into believing the said Linney was a Caucasian until shortly before the birth of their child in October, 1914, when she discovered that her husband was "a Negro and that she had been deceived as to his race." The wife alleges farther that because of the discovery of her husband's race she has been ostracized by her relatives and former friends. The petition sets forth that the Linneys were married December 17, 1913, in Philadelphia. The wife asks a reasonable amount of alimony that she may maintain herself and her children apart from Linney, and Justice McCoy, of the District Supreme Court has cited the case for an early hearing.

### PROHIBITION A FAILURE

New York, N. Y.—The New York World quotes Sir Thomas Dewar, a famous Englishman, as follows, regarding the proposition of William J. Bryan and others to wage a fight for a nation-wide prohibition plank at the next National Democratic Convention: "Prohibition has been a failure in all the countries I have ever visited, and I think I have been in all civilized countries. It is a farce and a farce fraught with disaster. It leads to the consumption of spirits instead of beer, because the adulteration of liquor illegally obtained cannot be legally punished. It involves the corruption of public officials, and the bad quality of the liquor has led to a large increase in insanity."

### Home, Sweet Home.

One talking machine plus one mechanical piano-player plus four Navajo Indians blanket rugs plus a portrait of Whistler's mother plus two beer steins equals one refined American home.—Life.