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THE POLITICAL OUTLOOK.

The political situation of the country grows brighter every day. Betting money is being freely offered by the betting people, 10 to 1 on Roosevelt and it finds no takers. This is one of the surest signs indicating who is in the lead. A stroll up Broadway, N. Y., will convince one where the business element of the Metropolis is—the Roosevelt banners outnumber the others 20 to 1. Heretofore business men have been averse to showing which side they were on, but in this campaign they are hanging out banners.

Good reports are coming in from all the doubtful states.

A strong indication that the Democracy is being hard pushed lies in the fact that a man of Senator Gorman's standing is getting down to the low level of using Booker Washington-Roosevelt dinner episode in his speeches in Maryland. It is well known that the "Negro issue" is the last resort of the Democratic party. When all other weapons fail they resort to abuse of Negroes and try to array the illiterate white voters against the Negroes by the holding up

to them the bugbear of social equality—a thing that Negroes care nothing for, and something that all sensible white men know has never existed and never will exist as long as people are free to choose their own associates in social affairs.

The Democratic managers, started out by claiming everything; they seem now to have drawn in their horns and are making no claims, but "engineering a still hunt" waiting for something to turn up that they can take advantage of. It was really amusing to hear them squeal when Governor Odell, of New York, commenced to challenge that array of Tammany Hall, composed of dead men and "repeaters." What a fuss they made? When they found that their trick of voting dead men was frustrated! "No thief ever put the halter draw with good opinion of the law," and good men are not found "kicking" when the law is being enforced.

The fact is our Democratic friends have been blocked at their game. They are defeated at every point. The Republican managers are too smart for them and are not sleeping on the battle field. A great victory for the party is in sight and is due to come on about November the 8th. Get your torch-lights ready for the parade.

Some of the Southern newspapers are trying to prejudice their readers against the Republican party by making capital of the suggestion of Congressman Crumpacker, that an extra session of Congress should be called to cut down Southern representatives because of the disfranchisement of Negro voters.

Certainly! Who is surprised? And if Congress should get together for this purpose before the election there would be a great many "left at homes" who anticipate holding down a five thousand dollar job in Washington, for the next two years on the basis of Negro citizenship in their districts, which they have disfranchised.

By a vote of the House of Deputies of the General Association of the Episcopal church in session in Boston, Mass., episcopal ministers will still be allowed to marry parties who have been divorced.

"Light Ahead for the Negro" is a new book just out by Prof. E. A. Johnson, the well-known author. It bears the imprint of the Grafton Press, N. Y., and is a work of fiction, romance and history. It completely refutes the ideas of Thos. Dixon in "Leopard Spots," and those who claim that it is necessary to use shot guns in settling the Negro problem. It is a work of high literary merit and is listed in the Book Dealers Magazine among the recent publications of note.

The Reformed Presbyterian Synod, in session at Clinton, S. C., refused to unite with the Northern church by a vote of 34 to 8, the chief objection being that the Northern branch of the Presbyterian church admits Negroes to membership. While drawing the line on admission to membership the Southern church nevertheless holds that it is its duty to assist financially the colored members in separate organizations.

THE "JIM CROW" CAR MUDDLE.

The other day a very bright colored man and a white man were traveling together on one of the "Jim Crow" railroad lines. When they reached the Maryland line the conductor ordered the white man into the "Jim Crow Car" and left the colored man in the "White" car. These mistakes are constantly occurring and shows what a muddle the "Jim Crow" system is, anyhow.

If this keeps on, it will be necessary after a while, not only to put "White" and "Colored" signs on the cars, but also to put a sign on each passenger.

Mr. Bryan and Mr. Hill are asserting on the stump that the Republican Party does not appoint Negroes to office in the North, but only in the South.

We can see how Mr. Bryan might do so, but how could Mr. Hill overlook Mr. Charles W. Anderson, of New York City, Supervisor of Races, and Mr. J. E. Bruce, in the Surveyor of Ports Office.

Bah! Bah!! Bah!!! The Republican party recognizes the Colored element of the party North and South, and lays down the rule of appointing good men to office without first asking whether he is black or white, as the Bourbon Democracy does.

Some of our leading colored divines hold that separate organizations are best for the colored ministers in that they afford a better field of development; whereas in the white organizations colored men would have to take back seats and be generally over awed. The late Bishop Haven held this view and for that reason favored separate organizations in the M. E. Church.

STRIKING AT THE WRONG WOMAN.

Much excitement was created among the soldiers of the Forty-Second Coast Artillery over the announcement that John T. Smith, a member of the hospital corps, had married a colored woman—his nurse who had cared for him during a long spell of yellow fever, and "Hospital Sergeant Sparrowberg called for his discharge. This statement in the daily papers shows a most contemptible state of race prejudice existing in some sections of this country. White men may live in adultery with Negro women and nothing is said, but here is a marriage and the soldier is discharged. Who ever heard of a white soldier being discharged for living with a Negro concubine? Why not draw the line on concubines and let legal marriages alone, especially where the woman is of good character, as the woman was in this case.

HELD IN HIGH ESTEEM.

The Associated Press dispatches in announcing the death of the venerable Bishop I. C. Clinton, of Charleston, S. C., recently, called attention to the fact that the leading white people of Charleston suspended business and attended his funeral in large numbers. From another part of the country comes the news of a serious accident to Mr. George A. Myers, of Cleveland,

Ohio, and the further announcement that among the visitors to his sick bed were Messrs. Rockefeller and Southworth, two millionaires of that city. The last named left word that Mr. Myers have every possible attention, and that all bills be sent to him.

Moral—The best white people of the country are beginning to know that there are different classes of colored people just as there are of white people, and are treating them accordingly.

THE DEMOCRACY RESPONSIBLE

For the Evils Complained of in the St. Louis Platform, so Far as the Race Question is Concerned.

Dr. C. H. Payne was born at Red Sulphur Springs, Monroe County, Va., now West Virginia, Sept 1, 1848, where he lived with his mother until the war of the rebellion, his father having died when he was about two years old. He received his educational training from private instructors and at the Richmond Institute, Richmond Va., from which institution he graduated with honors. Mr. Payne taught public school in West Virginia for a number of years, beginning in 1868. He entered politics actively in 1870 and has taken part in every State and National campaign since that year, some years delivering more than a hundred addresses during one campaign. He has spoken in West Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, and Missouri; he has four times represented Congressional districts in National Republican conventions—three times as alternate and once as a delegate. He served the Government as deputy collector of Internal Revenue, at Charleston, W. Va., during the administration of President Harrison; was elected to the legislature of West Virginia in 1896 by the Republicans of Fayette Co., receiving about 2,000 votes of white citizens and the entire vote of his own people. In May, 1903, Mr. Payne was appointed, by President Roosevelt, Consul of the United States for the Danish West Indies, which position he is now filling to the satisfaction of the Government and to the credit of his country, his race and himself.

Word has been received from Cleveland, Ohio, of a serious accident which happened to Mr. George A. Myers, a well known leader and business man of that city. He suffered a break of both legs, one in two places, between the knee and the ankle, and the other at the ankle, besides bruising and otherwise injuring himself. He fell down the elevator shaft at the residence of Mr. Southworth, on Euclid avenue, from the second floor to the basement. He is doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances.

This has been gala week for the Shriners in this city. More than five hundred delegates from different parts of the country were in attendance. Those from Richmond, Va., came in a special car.

Mr. E. A. Johnson, of Raleigh, N. C., was in this city this week en route from New York, where he went to look after the issuing of his new book, "Light Ahead for the Negro."