

AGITATORS AND THE NEGROES.

GOV. LONGINO AND JAMES HILL, COLORED, GIVE OPINIONS.

The Governor Says the Negro's Status in Mississippi is Fixed Irrevocably—Hill Says the Recent Agitation Has Not His Race Far Back in Progress.

JACKSON, Miss., April 29.—Gov. Longino, who is making a canvass of the State in opposition to Senator Money for the United States Senatorship, is counted among the conservative element in Mississippi. He may be said to represent that element both on the negro question and on all other issues which come up for discussion regarding State and national matters. His brother-in-law, Chief Justice Williams, is the State's Attorney-General, and is regarded as the adviser "referred to" in the call of the President in the matter of Federal appointments in Mississippi, and the Governor himself could fairly be called one of the most liberal and tolerant constructionists of the Administration's policy.

While in his campaign speeches he has discussed the negro issue as injected into the campaign by the President's course during the present campaign with more moderation of expression than has Senator Money, yet his views on the subject are as pronounced as are those of all other Southern men. Asked for an expression of these views, the Governor made for the following statement:

"So far as the negro question in Mississippi is practically and legitimately concerned, the status is fixed for the present and it will in my opinion remain thus fixed for generations to come. Under the operation of our present Constitution the negro is no longer a political factor in the State. Public opinion against social equality is so unanimous and positive among the white people of the State that the negro could take no position, though he were a political factor, which could even suggest the possibility of his attaining social equality with the whites, and so far as I am advised he is not attempting to do so. Such a position is wholly beyond the bounds of possibility or even plausible theory.

"The status of the races in my judgment is in my opinion established both by public opinion and the laws of the State and is likely to remain so for all time, at least within the lives of the men now living, and I am unable to see either the wisdom or justice of discussion of the negro question at this time.

"The only explanation of such agitation at present is to be found in certain actions of the present national administration in the treatment of the negro in certain instances which have brought to the attention of the part of the whites toward the President and incidentally toward the negro also. The Indiana post office affair, the Booker Washington incident and the Crum appointment have produced such disapproval and irritation of public sentiment among the whites as to precipitate a factitious negro question. The agitation for the same reason here made it possible to arouse prejudice that men who would not otherwise do so will now listen attentively or with approval to a advocacy of propositions which, if put into effect, would be a great backward step to progress in the State.

"Whatever may be the ultimate results of such untimely prejudices, the fact remains that opposition to the negro has renewed vitality, and new passions have been aroused by what the Southern people regard as an unfortunate policy by the Federal Administration toward the negro. The President's conduct in the matters above enumerated, no matter how worthy may have been the motives prompting him, has the effect of injuring the negro by arousing the prejudices of certain of the whites against him and of making it more difficult for conservative people to resist the more intolerant in check, and for the exercise of that kindly sympathy and helping hand which the superior race might extend toward the negro tending toward the betterment of his condition. Thus the negroes themselves are injured on account of the engendered prejudices which political agitators eagerly seize upon to advance their political fortunes.

"The negroes in this State do not demand of social equality or desire political supremacy. They are contented with their status, fixed by law and by public sentiment, and if for some reason they are in their present condition and surroundings in the South, where the people know them best and are their true friends, they are contented with it.

There is no colored man in Mississippi who has more influence with people of his own race or who has more generally the respect of the whites than that of James Hill. He is a battle-scarred veteran of Republican politics at that. During the reconstruction he was secretary of the State of Mississippi. When in 1870 the negro government was put out and nearly everybody connected with it impeached, Hill was the only one of the entire race in office at the time who came out of it still retaining the regard of the decent people of the State. The whites of Mississippi had respect for him, and his respect for the negroes had grown rather than diminished. He was a member of the Republican National Committee and he was appointed by the President McKinley Register of Public Lands. His appointment was received by the whites with entire equanimity and acquiescence.

Mr. Hill, like Booker Washington, has a strong admixture of white blood in his veins, and, like him, he is a Southerner. He takes the position that the future of the negro depends upon the negro himself. He believes in full acquiescence in present conditions in all that touches social equality and the Constitutional provisions regarding the ballot. He was a close friend of Douglass and had many conferences with him regarding what was being calculated to promote the true welfare of the negroes in the South. Long before Booker Washington was known to the South, Mr. Hill and Hill reached the opinion that the only rational way of lifting the recently enfranchised negro upward was to teach them habits of industry and open up to them avenues of material advancement.

It was the idea of Mr. Hill to begin this line of work by some industrial enterprise in which the negroes could participate. Some little time ago he organized a company to go into the business of manufacturing and setting up a cotton factory here which should be owned and operated exclusively by negroes. The plan met with the hearty approval of the whites, and the element here. White men offered to subscribe liberally for the stock. But that was not in line with Mr. Hill's project. He wanted all the stockholders to be negroes. His stock subscription books were open to people of that race alone and the enterprise was explained to them far and wide.

The cotton mill project was going on when the Administration of President McKinley was so rapidly doing away with

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R. H. Macy & Co.'s Attractions Are Their Low Prices.



Broadway, 34th to 35th St.

Fine Dress Goods--Sweeping Reductions.

The sale was decided upon a few hours before this announcement went to press. A spontaneous offering of the season's representative weaves at prices unrivaled for economy. Not an old-timer in the lot, not a "has-been." Every yard is new and fresh—plain and novelty effects—both good and beautiful.

Our Former Prices 69c. to \$1.24. Our Former Prices \$1.49 to \$2.24.

At 49c. At 99c.

Foreign and Domestic Dress Goods, including:-- Etamines, Canvas Voiles, Fancy Voiles, Checked Voiles, Velvets, Tweeds, Mixed Cheviots, Prun: 11 Cloths, Beings and Navy Sicilians, White Mohairs, with hair-line stripes; Silk-warp: Crepes, 44 to 54 in.

Women's Wash Dresses.

Parasols—un-creled, they float above beauty's head—un-creled or color-bright oriflammes of peace and fashion. They've burst through their shielding husks of tissue paper—huge bloom-like conceits of lace and chiffon—and are ready to play their exquisite part in the realm of outdoor Dress. The grace of them can't be interpreted by types. Only eyesight can do that.

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Taffeta Ribbons at Half Prices.

Rare First of May offerings:—Fine Imported and American All-silk Ribbons—5 to 9 in. wide.

Value 75c. to \$1.00; Choice at 39c. and 49c. They suggest hat trimmings, sashes, girdles, parasol streamers, neckwear, dress and domestic decorations.

Suits and Skirts.

Two items from dozens:— \$27.49 for Women's \$35.00 Fancy Tailored Suits, blue and black voile, newest blouse model, deep cape forming stole effect, trimmed with painted on porcelain panels, wide box-plaited skirts, trimmed with and made over taffeta.

Covert Coats.

No wonder we are doing a great business in Covert Coats. Frugal women are centering it here. \$8.74 for \$12.00 Covert Coats, snug fitting, lapped seams, lined with self-colored taffeta.

\$25.00 French Mantel Sets at \$15.98.

Each Set includes Clock and two Candelabra. They are prominent among the scores of other artistic and economic attractions in the basement.

A Sale of Five-Piece Parlor Suites.

The annual domestic upheaval—the eruptive moving process—may reveal the unsuspected dingy state of the Parlor Suite that has done service so long. New environments frequently accentuate a shabbiness that the old surroundings rendered obscure. The cause? Effect of contrast, of course.

Quadruple-plated Silver Tableware.

This offering is on a magnificent scale. Nothing paltry about it. Judge of our enterprise by the quantity and assortment; judge of our enterprise by the extremely low prices. And do not forget that the qualities are dependable. Every piece is substantial—so different from the frail Plated Silverware that often goes to make up "a sale." The designs merit a particular word. They are artistic and desirable—new.

Napkin Rings, 12c.; Bread Trays, 89c.; Champagne Pitchers, 94c.; Bon Bon Dishes, 96c.; Candy Dishes, 96c.; Crust Sets, \$1.19; Nut Bowls, \$1.59; Chocolate Pots, \$1.68; Syrup Pitchers, \$1.78; Fern Dishes, \$1.94; Butter Dishes, \$1.94; Baking Dishes, \$2.24; Fruit Dishes, \$1.97; Soup Turcans, \$3.54; Tea Sets, four pieces, \$3.98; Ice Pitchers, \$3.97; Coffee Sets, three pieces, \$4.99; Wine Coolers, \$5.49.

Depositors' Account Department Allows 4 Per Cent. Interest.

The Depositors' Account Department is a feature inaugurated on the opening of our new store to facilitate purchases made by customers who do not care to have goods sent C. O. By placing money to your credit with this Department your purchases can be referred to it for payment. Interest will be allowed on balance at the rate of four per cent. per annum, to be computed every three months, with the diurnal understanding that the account is only for the payment of purchases in the house, and not for general banking purposes.

Second Best Quality--Small Sizes.

\$8.24 for our regular \$9.49 Rugs—6 x 9 feet \$12.84 for our regular \$15.36 Rugs—7 1/2 x 10 feet \$17.93 for our regular \$21.49 Rugs—9 x 12 feet

Our "Red Star" Kuss'an Tea

At \$1.49 a pound may seem high to some people unless they know that the same quality is sold elsewhere at \$4.00 a pound. Think of its strength. By actual weighing and measuring we know that it is worth five cups of rich, delicious tea.

Wash Goods.

A few fragrant cold days may slip in now and then—but summer's warmth will get well settled before the month's end. That's why the crowds are thickening around counters heaped with shovels of cool, dainty Cottons. We never told of bigger values than these:--

19c. for 50c. Mousseline de Soie, solid colors, including black and a rare round of tints in stripes, dots and scrolls.

24c. for 39c. Silk-and-Linen Batiste, one of the favorite fabrics just from Paris; half linen, half silk, 40 inches wide.

39c. for 50c. Irish Linen Suiting, our own importation from Belfast—black, navy, pink, cadet, olive and natural, 36 inches wide. Extra Floor.

Women's Underwear.

Plain and Fancy-ribbed Lisle Thread Vests, low neck and sleeves; white, pink and sky, 24c.

Lisle Thread Ribbed Vests, low neck and sleeves, trimmed with lace and silk tape, 29c.

Plain and Mercerized Lisle Thread Vests, low neck and sleeves, trimmed with lace and silk tape, 49c.

Swiss-ribbed Lisle Thread Vests, low neck and sleeves, crocheted front, white, pink, sky, 69c.

Swiss-ribbed Lisle Thread Vests, low neck and sleeves, trimmed with lace and silk tape, 79c.

Women's Cotton Umbrella-shaped Drawers, French band, trimmed with lace, 24c. Fine Ribbed Cotton, 49c. extra size, 54c.

Men's Underwear.

At 44c.—White Lisle Shirts, long and short sleeves; Drawers to match; double gussets.

At 47c.—Genuine French Balbriggan Shirts, long and short sleeves; Drawers to match with double bicycle seats; regular short and stout.

At 89c.—Imported Swiss Cotton Shirts—made of fine Sea Island staple—long and short sleeves; Drawers to match, with double gussets and double seats.

We Have Just Secured Five Thousand All-Wool Reversible Smyrna Rugs at Greatly Reduced Rates.

Exact Figures Are Quoted to Show the Differences Between the Present Special and Our Own Lowest Regular Prices.

There are two grades of these Rugs—the finest quality made and the next best. The prices of each class are quoted separately, and the Rugs of each class are grouped separately in the department. No confusion; no mistake possible. The manufacturer was overloaded. We relieved him of five thousand of his Rugs—lightened the pressure of a business exigency for him; lightened the prices for you. Uncommonly beautiful Oriental and floral effects. The pith of the news follows:--

Best Quality--Small Sizes. \$4c. for our regular \$1.12 Rugs—18x36 inches \$1.24 for our regular \$1.59 Rugs—21x45 inches \$1.34 for our regular \$1.72 Rugs—30x33 inches \$1.74 for our regular \$2.39 Rugs—26x54 inches \$1.98 for our regular \$2.85 Rugs—30x60 inches \$2.14 for our regular \$3.98 Rugs—36x72 inches \$3.98 for our regular \$1.49 Rugs—54x48 inches \$4.98 for our regular \$8.82 Rugs—48x84 inches

Best Quality--Hall Runners. \$4.48 for our regular \$5.98 Runners—2 1/2 x 9 feet \$5.98 for our regular \$9.24 Runners—2 1/2 x 12 feet \$8.98 for our regular \$9.24 Runners—3 x 12 feet \$7.48 for our regular \$10.24 Runners—2 1/2 x 15 feet \$7.48 for our regular \$11.24 Runners—3 x 15 feet

Best Quality--Carpet-Size Rugs. \$7.98 for our regular \$10.84 Rugs—6 x 6 feet \$8.24 for our regular \$11.24 Rugs—5 x 8 feet \$10.74 for our regular \$12.94 Rugs—6 x 9 feet \$16.48 for our regular \$20.98 Rugs—7 1/2 x 10 1/2 feet \$21.47 for our regular \$24.77 Rugs—9 x 9 feet \$31.98 for our regular \$25.88 Rugs—9 x 10 1/2 feet \$22.48 for our regular \$27.79 Rugs—9 x 12 feet \$28.98 for our regular \$37.98 Rugs—9 x 15 feet \$28.98 for our regular \$39.49 Rugs—10 1/2 x 12 feet \$32.48 for our regular \$42.49 Rugs—10 1/2 x 13 1/2 feet \$40.48 for our regular \$52.98 Rugs—12 x 15 feet

Second Best Quality--Small Sizes. 69c. for our regular 87c. Rugs—18x36 inches 98c. for our regular \$1.24 Rugs—21x45 inches \$1.34 for our regular \$1.89 Rugs—36x40 in. hes \$1.34 for our regular \$1.54 Rugs—26x54 inches \$1.48 for our regular \$1.98 Rugs—30x60 inches \$2.24 for our regular \$2.98 Rugs—36x72 inches \$3.74 for our regular \$4.98 Rugs—48x84 inches

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