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**MR. ATKINSON'S CONTRETEMPS.**

When asked for an opinion upon the race question, Mr. Edward Atkinson, of Boston, the well-known statistician, sociologist, ethnologist and anti-imperialist, who has been in attendance upon the convention of cotton spinners in this city, is reported in public print to have said:

"It will adjust itself. Just now the South is in a bad condition. But the negro will be all right in the third generation. I will give you this illustration: Thousands of half-starved Irish peasants came to America, to my section of the country, and settled. They were not good citizens. Their children were not good citizens; they were a lot of hoodlums; but the third generation or the Irish we have now are perfect servants and good citizens. The history of the negro will be similar. It may be said that you are dealing with the second generation, the raw hoodlums, but the next generation will be all right."

This deliverance has been called to our attention by some of our Irish friends, who feel that in it they have just cause for offence. They consider it an uncalled for and an entirely too sweeping disparagement of a brave and good people—a race among which are the progenitors of so many of our own people—men who gave the first evidence of the desire and capacity to set up self-government in this country.

The instance Mr. Atkinson points to as being of his own knowledge is at most and at best but an isolated case, and can be fairly seized upon neither as a peg upon which to hang a cocksure optimistic opinion of this great vexed race problem of ours nor as a text with which to belittle "a bold peasantry, their country's pride," and to treat with disrespect an entire people and country.

The South, which is bearing the heft of the white man's burden would gladly share Mr. Atkinson's optimism as to what the next generation of negroes will be. The statistics collected by Prof. Wilcox, of Cornell University, a native of Mr. Atkinson's own State, in collaboration with Dr. Geo. T. Winston, president of the North Carolina Agricultural and Mechanical College, however, are not reassuring. These are the conclusions:

- WHITE BREAD.**  
Another Proof in the Controversy.
- The negro element is much the most criminal in our population.
  - The negro is much more criminal as a free man than he was as a slave.
  - The negro is increasing in criminality with fearful rapidity, being one-third more criminal in 1890 than in 1880.
  - The negroes who can read and write are more criminal than the illiterate, which is true of no other element of our population.
  - The negro is nearly three times as criminal in the Northeast, where he has not been a slave for a hundred years, and three and a half times as criminal in the Northwest, where he has never been a slave, than in the South, where he was a slave until 1865.
  - The negro is three times as criminal as the native white, and once and a half times as criminal as the foreign white, consisting, in many cases, of the scum of Europe.
  - More than seven-tenths of the negro criminals are under 30 years of age.

The editor of the New Orleans Times-Democrat points out that according to the census of 1890, the minimum illiteracy of the negro is found in New England, where it is 21 7-10 per cent.; and the maximum illiteracy of the negro is found in the so-called "black belt" of South Carolina, Mississippi and Alabama, where it is 65 7-10 per cent. And yet the negro is four and a half times more criminal in New England, hundred for hundred of the population, than he is in the black belt.

These are the conclusions, not by men imbued with race prejudice, but by impartial students of social and ethnological problems. They are anything else but heartening to our people, who have dealt with this riddle so hopefully and with such "native hue of resolution," and they do not point the way Mr. Atkinson points.

Be all this as it may, and whether the sins of the second generation be visited unto the third generation of negroes or not, we believe comparisons to be odious generally and the one that Mr. Atkinson institutes between the Irish and the negroes especially. For a man who attempts the role of a sage Mr. Atkinson has upon several occasions opened his mouth only to put his foot in it.

**GEN. MILES AND JEFF DAVIS.**

A correspondent of the New York Evening Post says of General Miles: "He is a brave American soldier, who, as far as the nature of his calling would permit him, has always stood for humanity and civilization. He represents the highest type of true bravery—strength and tenderness, fearlessness of the strong, merciful to the weak."

We have no desire to remember Gen. Miles' sins against him, but in view of the fact that he put Jefferson Davis, ex-President of the Confederacy, one of the ablest of all United States Senators and a brave man, in irons when he had him in his power because the latter had been guilty only of adhering to a constitutional right, which remains to this day fully sustained as a fact the above eulogy is too undiscriminating in its adjectives.

Mr. Justice Brewer, of the United States Supreme Court, says it is all right to buy negro votes. We don't think this point worried Gen. Alger and the late John Sherman upon a certain occasion which has passed into history. The trouble they had then was to make them stay bought.

Should Roosevelt fall of election to the Presidency of the United States and then fall to be elected president of Harvard University, he has given evidence upon this trip, of ability to star in it in a "wild West show" and secure that job as a dernier ressort.

Jefferson always contended that he preferred a free press even to a free government. Having pretty well played havoc with free government in Pennsylvania, Quay, Pennypacker & Co. have now turned their attention to muzzling the press.

Vice-President Andrews has had a little matter to attend to in Atlanta with the Comptroller General of Georgia in reference to the taxation of the Southern franchise in that State, which may delay our union depot matter a few days.

Grosvenor says Roosevelt will assuredly be nominated. Coming as it does from the soothsayer and oracle of the Republican party this ought to settle it.

The chambermaid who refused to make up Booker Washington's bed has nothing to do now but provide herself with a press agent and an understudy and get ready for the stage.

What does Hoch der Kaiser think when he contemplates the versatility and strenuousness of our own Roosevelt.

Roosevelt had better quit junketing around in his "winning of the West" and return to look after that Payne in the seat of government.

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