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FRIENDS OF THE SOUTH.

No mention should be made in the South of the recent resolutions of impertinent interference passed by the Union League Club of New York City without mentioning also the names of Robert C. Ogden and William H. Baldwin, members of the Club but friends of the South. These resolutions of inquiry into suffrage conditions were offered some months ago and through the protest of Mr. Ogden they were laid upon the table. The splendid address before the Education meeting in Richmond, last year, by President Hill of the University of Georgia, on the negro question, was printed and circulated largely for the benefit of the Union League Club. In the meeting the other day, Mr. Ogden and Mr. Baldwin lifted their voices in earnest though ineffective protest against the passage of the

resolutions. Now the resolutions of inquiry do not concern us very particularly. The South has passed the point of growing hysterical at such "recrudescence of the Bourbon spirit at the North" as the Brooklyn Eagle called this outburst of sectionalism. All the same, the South is always grateful for such

And a point that might be made is that these men became the friends of the South simply by a closer acquaintance with the South, Mr. Baldwin, now President of the Long Island Railroad great financiers of New York City was Company and recognized as one of the once connected with the Southern Railway. He has learned the Southern view of Southern problems. He is doing his utmost to give his Northern friends the benefit of his knowledge and the leaven

Mr. Ogden has been instrumental now for several years in bringing South a party of distinguished educators and publicists, that they also may come in contact with the best spirit of the South. There is no telling of the good that has been accomplished simply from their attitude of sympathetic learners rather than of self-appointed critics. Men who never knew before the peculiar burdens that the South is carrying have gone back to the North with new ideas about Southern people and Southern problems.

Mr. Ogden's protest mentioned what tion, of the double load it had been carrying, the education of two races with the resources of one, of the kindly spirit that really exists in the South toward the negroes, of the total failure of the political experiments upon the negroes from the days of reconstruction down, and plead that the South should be let alone. We should think that this manifestation of true friendship would effectively close the mouth of the Manufacturer's Record and the commercial papers who have siandered these men, because of their connection with the Southern Education Board, a hostility for which there have been proposed several theories, the most plausible of which seem to us to be the opposition of the Board to Child Labor in the factories, and the encouragement it has given to the cause of local taxation for education.

BOSTON DEMOCRATIC.

General Patrick Collins, who was re-elected the other day mayor of Boston, was President Cleveland's appointee to the consulship at Liverpool. Editor E. J. Hale, of Fayetteville, was a candidate for the place and thereby hangs a tale of woe. Mr. Hale had excellent recommendations on account of his previous good service in Cleveland's first administration. But the factional fight was just arising between Vance and Ransom, and be tween the silver and gold wings of the party, that are now flopping together amicably, we are glad to say. Mr. Hale espoused the cause of Vance and the appointment went to Collins.

But what we started out to say was that the negro question was injected into the Republican campaign in Boston by the nomination of a negro councilman. Even Boston could not stomach that and it voted the Democratic ticket with great enthusiasm. Collins is a Irishman, just as W. S. O'B Robinson is, So is a good part of Democratic Boston Irish

But the day could not have been carried this time; it is said by Northern newspapers, except that the color line was drawn. And this in Boston,

Massachusetts, New England.

We still think that if the Republi-

cans want to draw this line in the national election, and they seem bent on doing it, the people can be told a few things. And we do not know anybody better to tell them than Chas. B. Aycock, as the candidate for Vice-President.

MADMAN IN THE WHITE HOUSE. The treaty-making powers of the United States of America and the United States of Colombia are much the same. President Roosevelt and his fresh Assistant Secretary of State are bound to know that their accusations of bad faith are based on moonshine. The treaty passed by the United States Senate had the sanction of President Marroquin in the same way that the present Panama treaty has the sanction of the President of . the United States. But the treaty in either case had to be ratified by the law-making power. The Colombian Senate turned the Hay-Herran treaty down just as our Senate may turn the Heigh-Bruno-Vanilla humbug down. There could be no breach of faith in not ratifying a treaty whose ratification could not possibly be promised in advance.

And now it looks from yesterday's news as if the Commander-in-Chief of the American Army and Navy had issued orders to his subordinates that would make it impossible to avoid a war with Colombia. We have done that little country injury enough, Heaven knows. The situation is a most delicate one from any point of view. We have violated every American principle and precedent by encouraging and abetting the secession of Panama, aiding the revolutionists and interfering with the Union troops in a way that would have provoked instant war with any first-class power. And now our ships are patrolling the Colombian coast, our sailors are boarding Colombian vessels and our officers are landing on Colombian soil and questioning with all the effrontery that can be summoned the commanders of Colombian troops. A spark might have caused a blaze yesterday. If the American troops had been fired on war would have been declared, we presume, and it would have been wholesale murder, miscalled

We trust that the Democratic minority in the Senate will stand with Senator Hoar and others of his party who may be brave enough to protest against this iniquity. The brutal heaping up of insults upon injuries in the case of Colombia is stirring the whole country to protest. The consequences of the threatened war with Colombia would | ters, sons, brothers, sisters, friends or be far-reaching indeed.

The Philadelphia Public Ledger, defending the President's record makes by visiting "Old Santa Claus" head this admission which would seem to be a very damaging one. It is hard to go beyond the epithet "pirate":

President Roosevelt in the Panama business has discarded all his ideals, has violated the principles and precedents of the republic. Preaching exalted justice, constantly declaring with the utmost emphasis on all occasions tha tthe ideals of justice and morality are just as closely applicable to the conduct of governments as to private conduct, he has approved despoliation of a friendly republic-an attack which, in its elemnts and results, was strictly piratical-and in the attempted justification for the act has in effect cited our great need of the stolen goods, thus informing the world that our national virtue is not strong enough to resist a very high price.

And now South Carolina is cutting capers. She is trying to find out whether Committeeman Capers was at that pie-bald banquet of the Republican Committee in Washington. Capers is trying to prove an alibi and there are some who say he was there and made a speech.

In spite of all the evidences of iniquity under the administration of the present secretary of the Republican Committee, Mr. Hanna would not let Mr. Roosevelt sing, "My foot is on my Perry Heath."

The Salisbury Truth-Index is a fine example of a lucus a non. By the time our hyphenated contemporary finds out what that means it will be so pleased with its knowledge that it will forget to be angry.

And now the postoffice inspectors are after Postmaster Massie at Smithfield. This does seem to be an unlucky time for anybody with "ass" in the middle of his name.

One difference between Republicans and Democrats is that the former are more easily muzzled. Have you noticed the impressive silence in Republican circles over the fact that Judge Robinson would not dine with a negro?

dollar bill and a five dollar bill for good measure is exemptifying the kind of measure is exemplifying the kind of charity that does not sound a trumpet before it. Many a little one will bless their unknown friend.

Judge Robinson is the most popular Republican today in North Carolina. If he will come over to the Democracy it will serve up any amount of stallfed veal.

> THE WEATHER. Fair Tonight. Cloudy and Warmer Saturday

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