

**THE SOUTH AND THE NEGRO**

**SAMPLE OF WHAT RACE CAN DO**

Statement That the Colored Man Has Shown in the South Discovered by Henry O'Kelly, a Prosperous Merchant of Wake County—The Question of Social Equality—Secretary Taft's Visit to North Carolina Likely to Bear Fruit.

BY TROJAN.

Written for The Observer.  
Henry O'Kelly, about 50 years of age, is a negro living at Method, three miles of Raleigh, the capital of the State. Method has one store, several residences, postoffice in the store, and a sidetrack on the Southern Railway on which there is a large freight warehouse, and Henry is the polite boss of the whole thing. He is worth anywhere, in lands, tenements and hereditaments, \$25,000, and consequently, so far as he is concerned, has solved the race problem and stands as a type of "the colored man of the South," an example of what a man of honesty, capacity and energy can do, without regard to the color of his skin, even in the South, of which section it is sometimes said, a negro has no show.

This industrious man does a large business in merchandise of all kinds, and although within three miles of the city of Raleigh, he numbers among his customers scores of white people, in addition to a large number of his own race. Henry's mother was a slave woman and his father may have been a white man. Such instances were not rare in the old days, as the presence of the mulatto will testify. Henry is not only a successful merchant, but he is also a farmer of the first class and owns land adjoining that of the best white people, accumulating property and caring nothing at all for politics or social equality. If all white men and black men were like Henry there would be no problems. The industrious, self-acting negro has no trouble in the South, but the ignorant and vicious pursues his crimes until he reaches the limit and then pays the penalty.

Politicians and other spellbinders break out now and then pretending there is danger of social equality being forced upon us, it is done only for effect. The perpetrators of this evil force, and it is not a thing such thing. The social question as between people is a self-regulating affair and cannot be made the subject of legislation. In North Carolina since the war, and in the adoption of the constitution prohibiting inter-marriage between the races, only one white man married a negro woman. He obtained license from the State when the law was under martial law. They raised a family of children, all of whom are now grown and have families of their own. They went of course with the negro to the South, and where the law does not prohibit inter-marriage there is precious little of it. So to my mind, a Southerner, 45 years of age, always voting the Democratic ticket, and in every time a close observer of events, it has long been my conclusion that no section offers fairer advantages for the negro's development and prosperity than the South. It is all right with him as my future rests with me.

The visit of Secretary Taft to North Carolina ought to bear fruit for the Republican party down this way, and, incidentally, be good for thinking people throughout the State. Did you know that the man who is the oldest engineer on the Southern Railway spent several years in Asheville where I knew him well. He was born in Vermont, and when a boy longed for the mountains, and on a Sunday school where much was said about the horrors of negro slavery down South. He said one Sunday the superintendent passed around a small folder, the front page containing the picture of two big negroes hitched to a plow and on all four driven over the head, breaking it up by a super white man. The picture made a lasting impression on the boy's mind. But when he moved South he found all a lie and couldn't understand how he had been deceived in Vermont. He was a Negro slave who was worth only a few dollars, while mules and horses were adapted to ploughing, could be bought for \$100, and from a economic standpoint, the negro would be used instead of the mule. So after the war there were all kinds of fiery speeches made in the South and as a boy I became very prejudiced against the negro, and my impressions of the Yankees when they began to come into our Southern country. But he is here helping to develop our wonderful resources, including his capital, money, energy and is one of us. We are not afraid of him at all, but on the other hand, like him very much and I am glad that he is extended to him whenever he comes to the State. I know that Mr. Taft is a good and great man and while the writer has always voted the Democratic ticket he is not afraid to predict that if Mr. Taft runs for president he will get a pretty big vote in North Carolina. And the prediction goes further: Taft, Fairbanks, or Bryan will be the next President without much showing for the latter, unless there comes some kind of shake-up or eruption affecting the entire country. There does not appear to be a stain on the administration of Mr. Roosevelt, and it is probable that the people will likely say that Saint Paul's words, "Prove all things, hold fast that which is good," fit Mr. Roosevelt. He has been proven and found good. He declines to enter the race again and we must take hold of another like him, Mr. Taft, for instance. Mr. Bryan is a good citizen and has good experience as a nominee and would take it again. The nomination is worth something to him. However, he would not be elected because they who would be for Mr. Taft would be more than that they would be for Mr. Bryan. The Democratic party, in national politics, appears to be barred by the statute of limitations.

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**TANNER ON THE CANTINE.**

Commander of the G. A. R. Says Old Soldiers Regard Its Abolition by Congress as an Insult.

Washington, July 21.—"Corporal" Tanner, commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., like many other officials of the national organization, takes a vigorous stand on the action of the last session of Congress in providing for the abolition of the canteen from the "national soldiers' homes throughout the country." It is said to be quite probable that when the annual encampment is held the organization will put itself strongly on record as opposed to what has been done and make an attempt to change the work of Congress. On that particular phase of the matter "Corporal" Tanner does not express an opinion, but on the general sub-



James Tanner

ject of the canteen he says: "I have been over a good deal of the country in the last year. I have talked with a great many of the inmates of soldiers' homes. I have also talked on the same question with many of the officers of the regular army. All of them denounce such legislation as an insult to the old soldiers as well as to the soldier in the regular army. I have no hesitancy in saying that such legislation as this is the worst blow temperance could be struck, and harm will be done for years to come unless there is a correction of the mistake. It is preposterous to think that the law will make the old soldier any better off morally. The cause of temperance will be retarded and the good name of the old soldiers generally will not approve of such legislation. No legislation

**CURIOUS LAWSUIT.**

Can a Trading Stamp Co. Alienate the Affections of a Wife.

Will a suit lie against a trading-stamp company for alienating the affections of a wife? A Philadelphia man arrested for non-support pleaded that his wife was a victim of the trading-stamp habit and refused to buy her supplies at a store where he had an account because stamps were not given with purchases. The allowance he made her for household expenses was squandered in superfluous groceries with which she received stamps of many colors, convertible into parlor furniture, chromos and tableware.

The defendant arrested for non-support convinced the court that his home was being filled with food in bags and cans which could not be eaten, and that additions were being made to the congestion every day. On the sidewalk when he left the charge were assembled 13 pounds of coffee, six of tea, 14 of cocoa and coffee, 15 cans of peas, 11 of corn, five of baked beans and a 25-pound bag of sugar, not to speak of miscellaneous things in bulk and by the gross for which trading stamps are given. After reading the indictment the prisoner at the bar said:

**TAKES BACK HIS WIFE.**

Husband Who Got Divorce and Faithless Wife Meet in Church.

Though faithfulness, murder, and the law's divorce have separated them, the power of religion paramount to all these claims on human hatred and remorse, has brought together again James Newman and his former wife. Newman, who was in Jersey City, the man acquitted on the score of the "unwritten law" for shooting Wilber Van Tassel, has begun life over with the woman who betrayed him. Newman, who was a mechanic at Wappingers Falls, had known for some time that his pretty and wayward young wife was accepting the attentions of other men, but as was sworn at the trial, it was not until the most convincing proof of her guilt was put into his hands—that he believed she had exceeded the bounds of wifely honor. Her acquaintance with Van Tassel had been clandestine. They invariably met in Poughkeepsie. One day, in a moment of forgetfulness, Mrs. Newman gave her sister-in-law a letter to mail to Van Tassel. Instead of obeying, the girl took it to Newman, who opened it and read therein the evidence of his wife's falsity. She asked Van Tassel to meet her at a cheap Poughkeepsie hotel.

Newman sealed and mailed the letter, and when the two were entering the hotel together he shot young Van Tassel in the back and he died a few days later. His lawyers used the defense of the unwritten law and he was vindicated. He later secured an absolute divorce from his wife. The pair, who are both ardent Catholics, had not met until recently, when they attended a mission held by the Franciscan Fathers at Wappingers Falls. Under the inspiration

that takes away from a man the milder and comparatively unstimulating drinks, and forces him, if he desires alcoholic stimulants, to hunt for them in uninviting places and accept the attendant evils, is what legislation from a temperance view. It is a matter of universal knowledge among the regular army officers that drunkenness has greatly increased among the men since they were deprived of the cleanly conditions of beer and wine in the post canteens and left to secure their drinks among the vile resorts that surround army posts.

"I was always in hearty accord with the sentiment expressed by Mrs. Tanner many times in her lifetime, when the question was up in Congress, namely, that she was surprised that the Women's Christian Temperance Union and other temperance bodies did not find occasion to halt and consider their course, when they found themselves working

I moved, of course, that when he first moved into the White House he was sort of skittish and inclined to shi at things when there wasn't nothing in them, and when he drives to see me again, say I kind of got that if I could go there and have a soshable sort of talk with him, the boys to home mite deside they'd be barkin up the long tree after all. I mite wish I could get in there and talk with my friend, the President."

And then besides folks out our way think Mister Roosevelt is pritty near the goods, and sense that time his train stopped at Plainsville I'd bin hopin he'd keep rite on bein President for awhile.

of that service they exchanged notes and became reconciled. The fathers pointed out that any man and woman married by the Church are still married, and neither of Prof. William Jones. Therefore the two quietly arranged to come away together and begin their married life anew.

**NOW HERDING THE COWS.**

Nephew of Henry James Learning Dairy Business for Charity's Sake.

Renouncing the allurements of fashionable society in Seattle and forsaking his life profession, that of law, E. Holton James, nephew of Henry James, the eminent novelist, and nephew of Prof. William Jones, head of the philosophy department of Harvard College, and son of one of the oldest and richest families of the country, has chosen to live the simple life of cow herder and dispenser of milk.

Mr. James is a strong admirer of J. G. Phelps Stokes, and declares he is only following in his footsteps. James' fortune is estimated at about \$500,000, while his wife, an English woman, is reputed to be worth close to a million.

For more than a month Mr. James has been employed on the Paulhamus dairy ranch, near Sumner, as a cow-herder. He arises at 3 o'clock every morning and does his part of the milking with Swiss and German hands.

James was treated like any other farm hand on the Paulhamus farm. It made no difference that he was college bred; that he had been graduated from Harvard in 1906, and that he was plentifully supplied with this world's goods.

**A STUDY IN BROWN.**

There was a certain Miss Brown whom no one could blame. For parading her name When ever she donned her best gown, She dwelt remote from the busy town, But the dullest would know By its outward show What house belonged to Miss Brown.

She'd hold her modest head down, Her color she never showed. She could never disguise, For they looked no way but brown.

Her hair should have been beauty's crown, Not the truth must be told—Not a grain of gold Relieved its piteous brown.

**GREEN'S OYSTER BAY TRIP**

WENT TO SEE THE PRESIDENT

Plainsville Citizens Hoped to Persuade the President to Accept a Third Term in the White House—How He Was Received at the Office by Secretary Lobb—The President's Decision Irrevocable.

"You see I felt sort of acquainted with Mister Roosevelt. When his train stopped at Plainsville I shook hands with him, and he sez, sez he: 'I hope I may have the pleasure of seein you agen some day.'"

I meekly bowed, I guess, about what the President sez to me, fer I did feel kind of proud of it, and the boys they sort of got to kiddin me about it. But I didn't mind 'em, no, no, no, mite.

So, when I went out to go to New York to see what had become of the dividends the feller sed would be-comin to me on them minin stocks, Hank Wheaton up and sez: 'I say, Hank, why don't ye go on down to Oyster Bay and call on your friend, Mister Roosevelt?'

But I aint a crittismin Mister Lobe, mind you. I wouldn't think of crittisin him in no position, and I don't want you to take it thataway. Yr Obedt Servt, EZRA GREEN.

**TO BUILD A TOWN.**

Lexington Concern Buys Denton Property and Lays Plans to Develop Denton.

Denton is destined to become a very important point in this section, now that it has a railroad, a coal mine, and a water power. Plans for its expansion are known. Just now the most important business undertaking in the county has Denton as the scene of activity, and that town during the next twelve months must build up rapidly.

On Monday the Davidson Insurance & Trust Company closed a deal with Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Carroll, of Denton, whereby 240 acres of valuable real estate in Denton changed hands. The property lies right in the town, and is the right of the depot and adjoining yards and the only property that can be bought at Denton at the present. The purpose of the company is to cut this tract up into lots and factory sites, lay off streets and streets, and build up the town. Investors have already been engaged to commence the survey. There will be something like 700 desirable building and factory sites for sale in a short time. The company will give away sites for cotton mills, furniture factories, chair factories, veneer plants, etc.

The site of Denton is ideal for a town. The land, especially this tract, is comparatively level, with splendid natural drainage, however. The place is blessed with good water and health. Situated within easy reach of important towns in the surrounding counties, it is still far enough away to command the business of a large section of country rich in natural resources. As a point for wood working establishments it cannot be surpassed. In reach of Denton there is one billion feet of the finest of all timbers. Labor is plentiful and cheap, and the problem of fuel solved at once. Within a year the great development of electric power at Whitney will make it possible for a manufacturer at Denton to operate very cheaply. And the newly built railroad furnishes easy outlet for manufactured products.

The Insurance & Trust Company will advertise the town extensively and will sell its plans through to completion vigorously. The company is strongly financially and is directed by some of the ablest and wealthiest business men in the county. Mr. J. W. Noel, president of the First National Bank of Lexington, is president of the company. Mr. S. W. Finch is secretary and treasurer, and among the stockholders are the well-known Messrs. A. W. McAllister and E. P. Whorton, of Greensboro, captains of industry and finance. The strength of the company and the business acumen it possesses promise great things for Denton.



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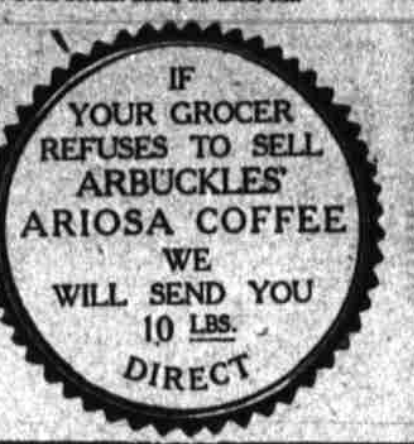
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