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FOR THE ROADS TO REMEMBER. Beginning many months ago there has been a reaction throughout the whole country from the hostile attitude which the law-makers and public had assumed toward railroads.

The railway companies were greatly to blame for the conditions then existing. They had exasperated the people by their arbitrary and unfair treatment of those who were compelled to be their patrons and by their defiance of the State laws in many instances.

But, as said in the beginning, a reaction in public sentiment has long prevailed and the people are inclined to give the railroads a square deal. They are willing to treat them fairly if the corporations will deal fairly with them.

It will be well for the railroads, however, not to put a wrong construction on this change. They should not conceive the idea that the people are going to give up their right of fair treatment, simply because they have abandoned former harsh and stringent measures.

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LEAVE THE AMENDMENT ALONE. Recently the Florida Legislature has had before it a joint resolution explicitly providing for negro disfranchisement. This measure contemplates an indirect method but as direct an infringement of the fifteenth amendment as can well be devised.

Does the possibility of such radical action mean that Florida politics have anything to fear from the negro? The undisputed fact is that the negro has already been disfranchised with virtual completeness by a simple poll-tax provision and elects not one township constable in the whole State.

Some months ago we had occasion to comment upon an article in which former Justice Morris F. Trotter, of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, contended that the fifteenth amendment was constitutional.

We need not say how very little respect we have for the fifteenth amendment. It was born of fanaticism, sectional hatred, and desire to gain party advantage; it was enacted by the most shameless use of force and fraud.

But we recognize the fact that the fifteenth amendment's possibilities of evil for the South are now pretty well exhausted. Disfranchisement on account of "race, color or previous condition of servitude" has long been an accomplished fact in many States, although achieved by indirect means.

It should not be overlooked, either, that the South might very conservatively find itself less well off if the fifteenth amendment were quite out of the way. During the decades before the civil war this section had three-fifths representation on its negro population; it now gets five-fifths.

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amendment alone and that no other State's Legislature will ever take up the question.

THE CASE OF JOHN C. DAVIS.

Developments following the arrest of the two Davises, of Washington City, charged with embezzlement, will be watched with great interest by the people of this State, and especially by the citizens of Wilmington, where the two men lived for some years prior to 1892 and where John, the younger brother, made his debut as an embezzler and a defrauder of the widow and the orphan.

By his religious zeal and great liberality in all church enterprises, especially by the congregation to which he belonged John Davis won the confidence of a great many of the Wilmington people, and when his exposure came it was a terrible shock to his host of friends, though there were some who had begun to doubt his integrity some time before the exposure was made.

It developed on his trial that he had little money of his own. His practice as a lawyer was not large and the many donations he made to his church were from the moneys he had fraudulently secured from others under promise of profitable investment. Many of the presents he made the church were bought on credit, and when exposure came the congregation found itself owning a very handsome church, but, to the members' surprise, heavily burdened with debts which Davis had contracted in the building and furnishing the church, one of the latter items being a costly chime of bells.

We suppose that when put on trial on the charges now brought against him Davis will again plead insanity, and it will be interesting to note the view a District of Columbia jury will take. As every one has heard, it takes all kinds of people to make up the world. Davis represents one kind—happily not very numerous.

Charlotte is to be congratulated upon the opening next week of an exceedingly attractive new amusement park three miles west of the centre of the city, and the Charlotte Consolidated Construction Company, which continually does things for this community, is to be thanked.

While the Southern Baptist Convention at Louisville is on we take any one in the act of saying "Southern Baptist Church," we shall not hesitate to express our opinion of such ignorance.

POLITICS AND RELIGION.

Bride and Groom Swap Church Membership For Party Fealty.

Politics and religion were the two determining features of a marriage performed Tuesday night at 10 o'clock by Dr. Gilbert T. Howe at the parsonage. The bride, Mrs. Catherine M. Chase, had solemnly declared unto the bridegroom, Joseph B. Field, of Letcher county, Kentucky, that she would not marry him until he should become a Methodist. They did not stop to argue the difference in doctrine between the Baptist Church, of which he was a member, and the Methodist Church, to which she belonged. These differences were in the eyes of these ardent lovers, the bride aged 48 and the groom 42, but mere incidents. Such a matter as the change of faith was as nothing to the groom. So he changed, but on one condition. Certainly it was fair that if he had changed his religion in order to win the wife, it should be a fair exchange that she should change her politics from Democracy to Republicanism. And she acquiesced in this demand.

NEW TRAIN ON SOUTHERN.

Birmingham Special Will Help to Relieve Passenger Traffic.

In order to properly handle increased passenger traffic between Washington and points South, the Southern Railway, as previously intimated, has announced that beginning May 16 it will inaugurate the Birmingham special between Birmingham and New York, the equipment to consist of Pullman cars, dining cars and day coaches.

Vaugh Signed by New York Americans.

Princeton, N. J., May 9.—Bobby Vaughn, who for two seasons played second base for the Princeton team, and was elected captain of the 1909 nine but not allowed to play because of the faculty restrictions, has been signed by the New York American League club, at a salary said to be the largest ever paid to a college player. He will join the team June 15th. The contract he signed last week calls for \$500 a month.

Secretary Wilson Looks Into the Meat Inspection System.

Chicago, May 9.—Secretary of Agriculture James Wilson arrived here today to begin a series of conferences with the government meat inspectors from all parts of the country. They will discuss conditions in packing houses and problems that confront the service. About 150 inspectors will attend the meeting, which is an annual affair.

A Courtesy Acknowledged.

The very interesting fac-simile of the autograph letter of President Jefferson Davis, which appeared in the supplement of Sunday's Observer, was made through the courtesy of The Southern Publisher. The credit was inadvertently omitted.

JOHN C. DAVIS RUN DOWN.

LEADS OFFICERS A WILD CHASE.

Marshal Collins Drives His Car at Breakneck Speed to Help Detectives Capture Man Accused of Obtaining Money Under False Pretenses—Believed the Man is Wanted Elsewhere.

Washington Herald. After an exciting chase of several blocks through the heart of the city shortly before 12 o'clock last night, John C. Davis, a well-known attorney, was arrested on a charge of false pretenses.

It was due to the speed of a certain cab, horse and the strategy of Marshal Collins, who leaped into the limelight several years ago when he arrested a number of distinguished diplomats, that Detectives Cornwell and Baur were able to capture Davis. The prisoner was aided, it is said, by his brother, M. T. Davis, in his dash for freedom, but the men were unable to elude the detectives, aided by the famous marshal of Glen Echo.

ACCUSED BY WOMAN.

Davis, who lives at 932 K street northwest, and has offices at 316 and 317 Columbia Building, is accused of obtaining \$1,000 from Mrs. Nellie McKeown, a Cincinnati woman, who is stopping with friends at 1739 Q street northwest. Mrs. McKeown went to the office of District Attorney Baker shortly before 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and after a few minutes' conversation a warrant for the arrest of Davis was issued, charging him with false pretenses.

About 11 o'clock Detective Cornwell saw M. T. Davis enter a drug store and use a telephone. Davis then drove in a buggy to a spot in Tenth street before St. Patrick's Catholic church, where he stopped the team in the shadow of trees and waited. Cornwell communicated with Baur, and in a few minutes the two detectives left the station and reached Tenth street, where the pair took the watch on the carriage.

RAINS ON DETECTIVES.

It was raining hard, and the detectives had trouble in watching the man in the buggy without being seen themselves. Suddenly a man ran around the corner of Tenth and G streets, jumped into the waiting buggy, and the team was off at a gallop, going west in G street. The detectives knew it was useless to attempt to follow the buggy on foot, and thought they had lost the man when a cab appeared. The cabman, no less a personage than Marshal Collins, was hailed. "Follow the buggy and don't lose sight of it" were the orders Collins received as the two detectives jumped into the cab.

Collins drove down his whip across the flank of his horse, a big bay with thoroughbred blood in its veins, and the race began. Going at breakneck speed, the cab turned west in G street in time for Collins to see the buggy turn north in Twelfth street, the driver of the buggy lashing his horse into a gallop.

Collins had a reputation of never failing to catch the man he is after, and he determined that his reputation should not be ruined in this chase. He whipped his horse until the animal was galloping at race horse speed, but the streets were wet and slippery, and Collins was forced to slow down when he reached Twelfth street for fear the horse would slip in turning the corner.

IGNORING CROSSING POLICEMEN.

Once in Twelfth street the former marshal saw he was gaining on his quarry, and again started his horse into the pace that soon brought the cab a few yards behind the swaying buggy. Crossing policemen waved nightsticks and called in vain to the flying vehicles to stop, for Collins knew he had the law behind him and was going the limit.

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JUDICIAL BALL GAME.

Standing of the Players up to Date—Connor in the Lead.

The judgeship game still holds the boards, with Justice Connor in the lead at present, though others are running him a more or less close race. A report came back the other day that Judge Shepperd went to Washington to see the President in the interest of Mr. Fuller, and was told that it was no use, that he had made up his mind to appoint Judge Connor, but to-day the news is that it will be Connor or Skinner. It reminds one of the story of "Little Ekaney"—"First one, an' de odder" is on top. The race is like that of a baseball league, and we figure it out the percentage to-day stands like this:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Percentage. Connor: 896, Skinner: 655, Hicks: 540, Settle: 420, Fuller: 380, Timberlake: 295, Adams: 200.

\*Put out of the game for batting a fourth-class postoffice.

\*\*Out on a fluke at first. Seawell was in the running at the beginning, but he went out on a "pop" fly before a single game was played, and, therefore, does not figure in the percentage column.

It is not known how long the season will last, but it is thought the game will run well into the dog days.

SINCE APPOMATTOX.

The Victory the South Has Won in Defeat.

Newport, R. I., Herald.

This is the South forty-four years after Appomattox. The men of the old South went to their homes after the surrender and set to work in grim earnest. They laid the foundations of restoration firmly and deeply. Their sons and grandsons have carried on the work with intelligence, energy and efficiency. To-day the South is the most American part of this Union of forty-six States. There are no outward evidences of the havoc and ruin wrought by four years of civil conflict. The economic regeneration of the South is one of the most amazing achievements of modern times. Aided substantially it has been by other sections, the general result is, nevertheless, an enduring monument to the invincible spirit and the inflexible determination of the men who many years ago at Appomattox accepted the results of war in good faith, and, guided by the wise counsel of a great leader, General Lee, buckled down to work on the farms and in business and in the professions in the spirit of brave and true men. Peace hath its victories no less renowned than war. One of the finest pages in the history of the United States is that which records the work of the firm men and women after Appomattox.

Unusual Man Hunt in the Sulu Islands.

Manila, May 10.—An unusual man hunt is in progress in the Sulu islands. For several months a Moro bandit named Jikeri, with a considerable following, has been on a rampage, and the regular government is making every effort to run him down.

The navy recently lent to the authorities a squadron of gunboats to search the numerous small islands of the group and now another vessel is to be added to assist in the strange chase. Several land detachments have been sent out and General Dussall, who has gone south to inspect Mindanao, may take a hand in directing operations.

Jikeri raided the rich Parang pearl fisheries and later murdered two white traders. His band also attacked the constabulary and a number of settlements inhabited by peaceful natives and a sprinkling of whites.

To Address Florida Students.

Rev. H. W. Battle, pastor of the Baptist church of this city, is to deliver the educational address at the commencement of Stetson University, of DeLand, Fla. Stetson University was founded and endowed by the Baptist multi-millionaire, John B. Stetson, and is one of the great educational institutions of the country. It has an attendance of over six hundred students.

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Matchless Value

We secured from a well-known manufacturer a line of Beautiful Dresses and Tailored Suits one-third off. These will be on sale Monday, Tuesday will be our most attractive sale of the year.

SILVERWARE THAT RESISTS WEAR "R. Wallace 1835"

A leader in the Jewelry Department for next week Triple Plate ONLY (the very best) Teaspoons, value \$2.50 to \$3.00, at \$1.50 per set. Table Spoons, Soup Spoons, Dinner Forks, real \$4.00 and \$5.00, at \$3.00 per set. Hollow Handle Dinner Knives, Nickel, Silver, Plated, Silver Soldered, 16 pennyweight, yet (all triple plated knives 12 pennyweight) value \$6.00 to \$7.00, at \$5.00 per set. Dessert Knives like the above at \$4.50 per set. Soup Ladles, plain and gilt bowls, at \$2.50 and \$3.00. Sugar Shells and Butter Knives, cased, at \$1.00 per case, 2 per set. Five Specials For Our Silverware Sale: Chest No. 1, ninety pieces, \$1.00; Chest No. 2, fifty-four pieces, \$1.00; Chest No. 3, fifty-one pieces, \$1.00; Chest No. 4, forty-eight pieces, \$1.00; Chest No. 5, twenty-seven pieces, \$1.00. The above does not include the chests, but English free of charge. Trade street store. Sale at 9 o'clock Tuesday, May 11th.

THIRD FLOOR READY-TO-WEAR DEPARTMENT

SPECIAL IN SILK PETTICOATS. 50 new Taffeta Skirts, extra nice quality, full made Skirt with deep flounce of shirring and tucks; worth \$4.00. Special for Monday Only \$2.89. SHIRT WAISTS. Big assortment of Waists at a popular price, both Lingerie and Tailored styles, from the plainest to the most elaborately trimmed in lace insertion and edging; 40 distinct styles. Price \$1.00. Handsome line of Lingerie Waists, perfect fitting garments, made of the best material and trimmed in fine quality of lace and embroidery. Prices from \$3.50 to \$6.50. Splendid line of Tailored Waists in Lawn and Linen, the very best quality and the finest tailoring from the plain tucks to the pretty hand-embroidered designs from \$2.00 to \$7.50. Black Silk Waists in Messaline, Taffeta and Japanese, pretty new styles, some with low cut collar. Prices from \$3.75 to \$8.50. PRINCESS SLIPS. New Lawn Slips to be worn with princess dresses, neatly trimmed in rows of lace. \$2.50. SPECIAL WAISTS. Extra values in Net Waists—Ecur and Black, worth to \$5.00. Special White or Black Lawn Made Lingerie Waists—slightly worn from \$2.50 to \$4.00. SPECIAL VALUES IN GOWN WAISTS. Worth from \$2 to \$5. Baby Caps in Lawn and Lace, neatly tucked and all sizes. Prices from 25c. Children's Creepers and Gowns made of Pink and Blue Gingham of nice quality. Children's Night Drawers for 6 years. Prices \$1.00. COMPLETE LINE OF APRONS. Aprons and Mails, also Gaiters, Lawn and Potted Sewing. SPECIAL IN CHILDREN'S WEAR. Children's Dresses in White from 1 to 4 years old, and trimmings, slightly worn. We put them on the table for \$1.00. No. 1—Garments worth 25c. No. 2—Garments worth 50c. No. 3—Garments worth 75c. No. 4—Garments worth 1.00.

ANOTHER BIG MATTING SALE

Beginning Monday we will sell for one entire week China and Japan Matting at greatly reduced prices. This is an opportunity to save money. Buy now, buy any amount you want from our well supplied stock. All 30c. China and Japan Matting for one week per yard. All 25c. China and Japan Matting for one week per yard.

Porch Shades

Summer is here and they aid in breaking the heat of the sun. Only the best quality of Bamboo Porch Shades. the natural color: 8x8. 6x8.

Following numbers are entitled to \$18.00 Cut Punch Bowls at \$2.95: 1427, 1456, 1350.

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