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THE NEGRO IN MASSACHUSETTS

Recently a negro has been elected to a prominent office in Massachusetts, for the first time in the history of the state, and now they seem to have an elephant on their hands.

Although the 'colored man and brother' is very dear to the Massachusetts heart, the good people of that state are willing to exhibit the evidences of their esteem and affection only in other states.

A bill has been offered in the Massachusetts legislature which seems to bear out this assertion. It provides for an appropriation of \$10,000 to pay the expenses of the governor, six of his staff, four of his council and a certain number from the house and the senate at the Tennessee exposition.

MR. LINNEY WAS NOMINATED.

In a recent article the Washington Post referred to an eloquent appeal of Congressman Linney, of this state, in behalf of a pension for Jerry Smith.

The convention was held at Wilkesboro, N. C., and the contest was close and exciting between Mr. Linney and E. S. Blackburn, one of the most brilliant young republicans of the South.

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what ahead of Senator Pritchard in this matter, he having named his boy William McKinley one year before Senator Pritchard did.

This ought to give the Catawba man the postoffice, or "something better." It seems to be a free-for-all race. Yesterday's Asheville Citizen said:

John C. Poole, the stuttering and spitting McDowell county republican, is getting tired of seeing so much in the papers about Senator Pritchard's boy, William McKinley, Jr., and announces through the McDowell Democrat that he named his boy William McKinley eighteen months before Senator Pritchard named his. Poole is entitled to the claim for consideration at the hands of the incoming administration that his priority in child naming implies, and should have it. Besides, Pritchard has gotten what he wants and Poole hasn't.

AS OTHERS SEE US.

It is always pleasant to hear others speak well of us and the following from the Piedmont Headlight, of Spartanburg, S. C., will be of interest to our people.

North Carolina may have and doubtless has her full quota of mean people; but somehow or other in our experience and perambulations over this mundane sphere we have never as yet met with a Tar Heeler but we found him a big-hearted, whole-souled, clever fellow. They are shrewd business men, keen traders, but honorable and just. They are true friends and open enemies. We have always been partial to North Carolinians, but perhaps it was because we happened to fall in with the cream of the state. We have met and transacted business with thousands of them, and we never knew one to do a mean, dishonorable or underhand act.

CREAM OF THE PRESS.

Nature abhors a vacuum, but she never had a crank legislature on her hands.—Cleveland Leader.

Now Nevada should pass another law insisting that prize-fighters should fight and not talk.—New York Press.

With Matt Quay, Tom Platt and Mark Hanna in the senate the star-eyed goddess of reform can do nothing but weep.—Atlanta Constitution.

The prisoners at Sing Sing are to be taught drawing in order to keep their minds occupied. This is reducing prison work to a fine art.—Chicago Tribune.

When President-elect McKinley expresses his intention of clothing his cabinet members with more dignity, he means American-made dignity, of course.—Boston Globe.

Congressmen continue to pitch into the secretary of agriculture. They can never forget the exposure of the humbug in the congressional distribution of garden seeds.—Boston Herald.

The Russians have presented King Menelek with a brass band, a piano and an organ. As yet the African monarch has not developed any suspicions as to the friendliness of these gifts.—Washington Star.

There will be no serious regret that Idaho has sent a man to the senate who cannot speak the English language fluently. The fluency of the present senate is one of its worst faults.—Providence Journal.

A fireman goes through enough at one of these below-zero fires to earn his salary for a year. Don't forget that next summer when you see him sitting in front of the engine house smoking a pipe.—Chicago Post.

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state for information as to the killing of a son of M. F. Lopez, an American citizen, by the Spanish forces at Sagua la Grande, Cuba.

The house committee on elections Tuesday discussed the Georgia contested election case of Watson vs. Black, but came to no decision. The committee will meet again Friday, when the decision is expected to be in favor of Black.

All Fools Not Dead.

All of the fools are not dead yet. It may never come to pass.

Last night Deputy Sheriff Wray, of Rockingham county, came to Reidsville with some prisoners, placing them in the calaboose until this morning when he took the train for this place.

During the night the men set fire to their blankets, hoping to escape, but before any means of egress was discovered they found they were in immediate danger of being smothered and called loudly for help.

The fire was put out without much trouble, and this morning they were brought over and carried to Raleigh, all except one, a white man named J. Ester Shaw, convicted of slandering a woman, who was sentenced to work on the roads in this county for six months. Of the four taken to the pen, two go up for twelve months and two for three years each. Their offenses were robbery, burglary, &c.—Greensboro Record.

Ram's Horn Blasts.

A dollar never buys much for a stingy man.

Misfortunes and imprudence are often twins.

God goes with the man who is willing to take a hard place.

There is no virtue in doing right simply because we have to.

Better be a lamp in the house than try to be a star in the sky.

God made man to great to find his life in the present moment.

Backsliding begins when the christian begins to live on stale bread.

The man will be well occupied whose first aim in life is to do God's will.

In the Court House.

The influence that leads to delay and failure in the court house is the same force that leads to popular vice. The chief trouble lies in the court house. So many "judges" and "majors" and "colonels," with hands bloody to their elbows, have been turned out of the court house in triumph, usually just before the election, that thousands of good citizens have lost confidence in the courts. Some have lost all respect for the civil authorities. They are technical foolishness, high-priced folly, delay, failure, acquittal.—Dallas News.

Declining Sweetness.

Sugar has sunk to a low price here and abroad, although the loss of the Cuban crop reduced the output in 1896 by 648,500 tons as compared with the previous year. In 1895-'96 the yield of sugar was 2,837,000. The year before it was 3,485,500 tons. Yet raw sugar is three-sixteenths of a cent a pound cheaper than a year ago. The fact is a striking proof of the wide reduction which general depression made last year in the consumption of all food staples.—Philadelphia Press.

Baltimore's Credit.

The price—105.77—obtained by the city for the \$1,453,300 of new 3 1/2 per cents issued to fund the floating debt was the highest ever obtained by it for that class of bonds and indicates the excellent credit of the city. The bonds were taken by men who were best acquainted with the city and its resources—by a syndicate of Baltimore bankers—who take the securities not for sale, but as a permanent investment.—Baltimore Sun.

Would be a Worthless Appointment.

The anti-Kyle forces can well afford to prolong the senatorial deadlock until the legislature expires by its sixty day limitation, for then Governor Lee will have the power of appointment and can be trusted to do whatever Pettigrew dictates. Meanwhile Messrs. Kyle and Pickler would do well to carefully consider this phase of the case.—Minneapolis Tribune.

An Epidemic in Europe.

The elopement of princesses seems to be assuming the form of an epidemic in Europe. It began with an imported princess from Michigan, and the next to take the lady was one of the real sort, born in the purple, a daughter of the notorious King Leopold of Belgium, and she has run off with an Austrian army officer, a dashingly handsome man.—Brooklyn Standard-Union.

Europe Opposed to Bryan's Platform.

Senator Wolcott need not expect to find Europe ready to return to free silver coinage at the ratio of 15 1/2 to 1 or 16 to 1 when the commercial ratio is 31 or 32 to 1 and the output is swollen to 43,000,000 of ounces to 175,000,000 per year. Europe does not want silver monometallism, with banishment of gold, as current and international money. It is as strongly opposed to Bryan's platform as is the republican party.—Chicago Tribune.

LYMAN J. GAGE'S VIEWS.

Believes the Country's Monetary System Should be Changed.

New York, Feb. 2.—A special to The World from Chicago says: Mr. Lyman J. Gage, the new secretary of the treasury, with great candor and courtesy makes his position quite clear on financial affairs as follows:

"Our whole monetary system is the resultant of makeshift legislation and unscientific compromises. It is time that reform began.

"In my own opinion, the greenbacks should be permanently retired. The silver purchased under the Sherman act should be gradually sold and the treasury notes redeemed and cancelled. Some well-guarded system of bank note circulation broader and more elastic than the present national bank act provides should be inaugurated.

"Such bank notes should be redeemable at a central place, and be redeemable in gold only.

"Silver certificates, which form nearly one-fifth of the circulating medium of the United States, are dangerous. By their use a volume of inferior money has found an abnormal use. They are the most perplexing feature in the much-involved problem of our national finances.

"There is no reason why the government should act as a ware house man for either gold or silver. Such a function is outside its proper limit of action.

"But we are faced by a condition. The enormous amount of \$500,000,000 of silver, represented by \$338,000,000 in silver certificates, added to the \$150,000,000 purchased by the government under the Sherman act, constitutes a standing menace to every business interest.

"To sum up, the defects of our present currency system are:

1. Confusing heterogeneity, which needs simplification.

2. The greenback controversy the principle of paper money, viz: That every note injected into the commercial system should represent an existing commercial value.

3. The treasury note is a standing evidence of a foolish operation—the creation of a debt for the purchase on a falling market of a commodity for which the purchaser has no use; it lies open to the just charge of being both idiotic and immoral.

4. The national bank note merely conforms to the true principle of paper money, but the unreasonable requirements for security paralyzes its efficiency and operates to destroy its elasticity.

5. The silver certificates extend the use of silver to a larger extent than is consistent with the safe preservation of that metal on a parity with gold.

"Would a national commission help to promote reform?"

"There is reason to hope that it would be a great service in that direction. Such a commission if rightly elected would throw a flood of light upon these involved questions. The information it might gather would be of immense value to all our people, and would guide us to wise legislation.

"Emotion and sentiment are not safe guides in matters of science. A clear apprehension of true principles will lead to correct action.

"Reaction will be slow, but it is coming, and it will be of long duration."

An Associated Press representative at Chicago saw Mr. Gage this morning. He was very busy, having before him about 1,000 letters, but he took time to say: "Those are my views subject to such modification as further thought may seem to require. I must decline to go into a delineation of my views now, as I haven't time to formulate them, and, I do not think it would be proper or advance the interests of the country."

Cheap Rates.

The following cheap rates are offered by the Southern railway for occasions mentioned below:

On account of the Eastern Carolina Fish, Oyster, Game & Industrial Fair, New Bern, N. C., Feb. 22-27, the Southern Railway will sell tickets from Durham to New Bern and return for \$4.85, including one admission to the fair grounds. Tickets will be sold Feb. 20th to 25th, inclusive; final limit March 2nd. Continuous passage in each direction.

On account of the meeting of the Baptist Young People's Union of North Carolina, Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 9-14, the Southern Railway will sell round trip tickets Durham to Raleigh for \$1.50. Tickets will be sold Feb. 8th and 9th; final limit Feb. 15.

Notice!

This is to notify all persons who have failed to list their tax, either on poll or property, for the year nay list the same on or before the first Monday in February, 1897, to the clerk of the board of county commissioners and the fine will be remitted. Those who fail to list such taxes by the time above specified will be prosecuted according to law.

Done by order of the board of county commissioners. W. W. Woods, C. B. Com.

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