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THE NEGRO VOTE AS A FACTOR.

The so-called "Lily White" movement in the South is considered a good deal of perplexity to the Republican leaders in the North, not so much on account of the negroes in the South as on account of the negroes in the North, where in some States they hold the balance of power, and if voting solidly can decide elections. To what extent this factor figures is shown by the following table giving the number of negroes in the States named and the number of negro voters, according to the census of 1890.

Table with 3 columns: State, 1890, 1900. Lists states like Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, etc., with corresponding population and voter numbers.

There are other Northern and Western States in which there are negro voters, but not enough to materially affect results no matter how they vote. The significance of these figures and the dependence of the Republican party on the negro vote may be realized when we know that with the Southern States voting solidly Democratic as they usually do, it requires but a few of the Northern States to elect a Democratic President. There are several of these States, such as Missouri, Kentucky, Maryland, Delaware and West Virginia, which, eliminating the negro vote, are normally Democratic, while there are several others such as Connecticut, New York, New Jersey and Indiana, which under ordinary conditions can be carried by the Democratic party, if the negro vote do not figure, for the Democrats have carried them repeatedly and they have been looked upon as safely Democratic as some of the border States which we carry but have always have to fight for.

This is the negro vote in those States in 1900. It is larger now in many if not all of them, and according to the claims of some of the negro leaders very much larger; but whether larger or not the figures show why the Republican leaders pander to the negro vote, why they seem to take so much interest in the negro, why there are Crumpler bills, and why they still insist on appointing negroes to office—in the South.

If it were not for this vote the "Lily White" movement in the South would have not only the assent, but the active co-operation of the Republican leaders in the North, who have long ago abandoned all expectations of reaping any benefit from the negro vote of the South, which they would consider a happy riddance if they could eliminate it entirely and make the Republican party what the Democratic party is—a white man's party. That is not only their sentiment, but it is the sentiment of eight out of ten of the white Republicans of the South, rank and file, notwithstanding the pretences of some of the anti-Lily White faction to the contrary.

When Senator Fritchard asserts that in promoting that movement he is acting in accord with the sentiments of a large majority of the white Republicans of this State he is right, for every one who knows anything about the Republican party in North Carolina knows that there is no sympathy whatever between the white masses of that party and the negro contingent, and that the alliance has always been one to which they have submitted more from necessity than from choice, and to which they would not have submitted at all if it were not for the prejudice that many of them have against the Democratic party, prejudice grown out of previous conditions and the war; while others had their eyes upon postoffices, deputy marshals, jobs in the internal revenue business, which they liked about in the same proportion that they disliked the negroes, with whom they affiliated politically and to whom they became leaders.

When Gen. Clarkson, who doesn't stickle over questionable methods in carrying schemes in politics, arranged, before the last election, that meeting between those colored bishops and President Roosevelt, he had his eye on the negro vote in several of the States in the list published above which were deemed doubtful and might be lost to the Republicans if the negro vote went to the Democrats or if the Republicans failed to get it, and it is now contended by some of the negro leaders that it was the negro vote which gave the next Congress to the Republicans, and possibly it was. It is certain that if the negroes in New York had not voted the Re-

publican ticket the Democrats would have carried that State.

The position is a peculiarly embarrassing one for President Roosevelt, not only on account of the party, whose success he of course desires, but also on account of himself in view of the fact that he has set his heart on the nomination for the Presidency, and his election, if nominated, might be imperilled by antagonizing the negro vote of the North, which as he views it is a much more important factor than the negro vote of the South, from which he expects nothing outside of the national convention, if it should figure there, which is very doubtful. The embarrassing feature to him is to so manipulate as to avoid antagonizing either the Lily Whites of the South or the leaders of the lampblacks, for if he run counter to the latter he will run against the negro leaders of the North who might retaliate by bolting the party in the event of his nomination. He will need the votes of the "Lily Whites" fellows in the convention, if he have opposition, and he will need the votes of the negroes in some of the Northern States if he is nominated, and that's what's the matter, and what is giving him and some of his friends so much trouble.

When Senator Fritchard and others sprang the Lily White business they incubated a good deal of both for Mr. Roosevelt and other party manipulators.

THE HAGUE TRIBUNAL.

Since the Venezuelan question is to go before The Hague Tribunal for settlement it will be interesting to learn what The Hague Tribunal is. It is an international high court, the outcome of the suggestion of the Czar of Russia, in pursuance of which representatives of fifteen nations met in convention at The Hague, in the Netherlands, where after discussion the court was organized July 29, 1899.

The fifteen nations represented in it are the United States, Great Britain, Russia, Germany, Austria-Hungary, Italy, Belgium, France, Denmark, Japan, Holland, Portugal, Roumania, Spain, Sweden and Norway. As each of these nations has four representatives in the court there are sixty in all. The representatives of the United States are Chief Justice Fuller, of the U. S. Supreme Court; John W. Griggs, ex-Attorney General of the United States; George Gray, U. S. Circuit Judge, and Oscar S. Straus, formerly American Minister at Constantinople, who succeeded ex-President Harrison, deceased.

The members hold for six years and may be re-appointed. Disputing nations may select as many or few of the members as agreed upon, so that the tribunal may consist of but three or four full members. While The Hague, where some of the executive officers are located, is regarded as headquarters, the court may meet in any city agreed upon, the idea being to choose the point most convenient to the parties in dispute. There is no appeal from the findings of this court, the next arbitrator being powder and shot.

As there has been some discussion as to the possibility of the Monroe Doctrine becoming involved in this arbitration it may be stated that when the American delegation, at the head of which was Andrew D. White, appeared on the convention it was distinctly declared by it that in no event could the Monroe doctrine ever become a subject for the consideration and action of this court.

CHIEF SUGAR.

It does not seem to be settled yet whether the best sugar manufacturers will oppose the ratification of the reciprocity treaty with Cuba, or accept the twenty per cent reduction and let it go through.

Secretary of Agriculture, Wilson, a great champion of the best sugar industry and a confident believer in its possibilities, expresses the opinion that the best sugar manufacturers will acquiesce because they have been considering the matter since it was last before Congress and have come to the conclusion that they have more to gain by settling the question and putting a stop to the agitation, than they could possibly be hurt by a twenty per cent reduction on Cuban sugar. He says the view some of them take of it is that with the tariff question, as far as sugar is concerned, at rest, millions of capital would be invested in the industry which shrinks from going in while the agitation is on, and he believes that with the profit in growing beets to encourage the cultivation of them, and the large acres of territory adapted to the culture, and the territory that may be added, with the large capital invested, with the improved and cheaper processes of manufacture, the output will become immense within the next five years and that sugar can be made and sold at two cents a pound, which is less than can sugar be made for in Cuba.

Secretary Wilson is somewhat of an enthusiast on the best sugar

question, and has been contending all along that it was only a question of a few years when the best men with proper encouragement would produce not only sugar enough to supply the home demand, but a surplus for export, and therefore his rainbow predictions may be taken with a good deal of allowance. What the best men will do for they have talked so much one way and acted in so many different ways that little confidence can be placed in statements as to what they are going to do.

One of the problems that confronts the Russian Government is how to feed 15,000,000 of hungry people scattered through Central and Eastern Russia, in the Southeast and along the Volga. Their condition is such that in many cases men sell their wives and daughters to get money to buy oxen to plow for the next crop. In China and in India millions are starving and have to be fed by public charity.

A Virginia girl who advertised for a husband captured a full-blooded Indian, who came on from the Indian Territory, married her, and took her back with him. He runs a laundry out there, the first Indian we ever read of who believed in much washing or a reputation to John Chinaman.

CURRENT COMMENT.

A movement has just been started for the formation of a farmers' trust. If it should succeed there will be more backing and filling by the politicians than ever in their efforts to find a trust policy.

The island of Guam comes up to the front with a shortage in its revenue of nine hundred dollars. This is the island all the inhabitants of which were ordered by the first American governor to get married. In view of this fact the shortage seems ridiculously small.

It seems to be confessed by President Castro that he had hope of assistance from South and Central American republics when he declared his purpose to resist the powers of Europe; but the republics did not make the slightest movement in his direction. There never will be an alliance of this sort. These little republics cannot afford to become responsible for one another's vagaries.

Once more the acceptance or rejection of Cuban Treaty rests with the Best Sugar men, according to Senator Burrows of Michigan, one of their leaders. Of an annual consumption of 2,360,000 tons, the Best Sugar men supply 150,000 tons; but they are allowed to pocket, in addition to State bounties and legitimate profits, the tariff duty amounting to about \$60,000 a year, and that is why they stand, with the approval of public servants, as an obstacle to a treaty that would bring at least \$60,000,000 worth of trade in other American and Cuban products to this country and which would probably expand within a very few years to \$150,000,000 or more.

TWINKLINGS.

"The way of the transgressor is to engage a good lawyer." -Puck. -Bjinks—"What did Wisekus do to deserve this monument old man?" -Trinks—"He invented asbestos whiskers for amateur Santa Claus." -Chicago News. -She—"Why don't you go out occasionally, dearest, and enjoy yourself, say at the club." -But I don't want to go into the habit of having a good time. -Life. -Mrs. Wrayback—"Such a man as Mr. Deswaybe has a wife. Mr. Wrayback—"I don't know. I've wondered for years what I have ever done to deserve this." -Leek's Weekly. -"Do you think Josh's inventions will work?" asked Mrs. Cornelius. "I hope so," answered her husband. "If he keeps on with them, Josh won't." -Washington Post. -"Rather an appropriate gift someone gave to Jargron for Christmas." "What was that?" "A shoe-horn, with which to put on his hat the next morning." -Baltimore Herald. -"What are the chief products of South America?" asked the school teacher. "Tommy Taddeus," replied the answer. "Rubber, coffee, ultimatums and insurrections." replied Tommy. -Judge. -"I was having witnessed an unusually villainous performance of Hamlet," remarked a student, "when I saw the time to settle the Shakespeare-Bacon controversy. Let the graves of both be dug up and see which of the two turned over." -Boston Courier. -The savage regarded the first white man thoughtfully. "If I try to fight him," he said, "he will kill me, and if I try to live in peace with him he will cheat me and back on me, and I will starve to death. What chance have I got?" -Chicago Post. -"Do you think the time will ever come when we can telephone without wires?" "I don't know. If it does I wonder what excuse the girl will have to make when she tells me to have us ring up again." -Chicago Record Herald. -Tommy-Papa, what is an anagraph? Papa (who is an Alderman), it is a great, my son, that some city officials—those who are in power—by voting against ordinances that owners of automobiles don't want passed. -Kansas City Journal.

Domestic Troubles. -It is exceptional to find a family where there are no domestic squabbles, consequently, the family of the late King of Siam, who died by having Dr. King's New Life Pills around. Much trouble they were by their great work in Siam and have been troubled. They not only relieve your but cure. Only 25c. at R. B. Bellamy's drug store.

Wonders never cease. A machine has been invented that will cut, paste and hang newspaper. The field of inventions and discoveries is unlimited. Notable among great discoveries is Dr. King's New Discovery Consumption. It has done a world of good for weak lungs and has saved many a life. Thousands have used it and conquered Grip, Bronchitis, Pneumonia and Consumption. Their great verdict is: "It's the best and most reliable remedy for throat and lung troubles." Every 50c and \$1.00 bottles guaranteed by R. B. BELLAMY, druggist. Trial bottles free.

Avoid all drying inhalants and use that which cleanses and heals the membrane of the throat. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is such a remedy and cures almost easily and pleasantly. Cold in the head vanishes quickly. Price 50 cents at druggists or by mail. -Coughs caused difficulty in speaking and to a great extent in breathing. By the use of Ely's Cream Balm drooping of mucus has ceased, voice and hearing have greatly improved. -J. W. Davidson, A. P. at Law, Memphis, Ill.

Older Bluff, Va., Nov. 12, 1902. We have sold Johnson's Chill and Fever Tonic for the past 10 years. We know it has saved hundreds of long cases of fever and has saved many lives and has saved the lives of hundreds of our own people. We keep it in our household.

Older Bluff Woolen Co. Agency of this wonderful medicine will be placed with good men. Address A. B. Girardeau, Savannah, Ga.

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Rheumacide. Thoroughly eradicates the excess of Uric and Lactic Acids from the system, starts the kidneys into healthy action, cures rheumatism and indigestion. THIS DONE, YOU ARE WELL OF RHEUMATISM, AND ANY OTHER DISEASE CAUSED BY IMPURE BLOOD. Do not be discouraged if other remedies have failed. RHEUMACIDE has made its reputation by curing alleged incurable cases. Does not injure the organs of digestion. R. A. LOMAX, Baltimore, Md., U. S. A.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE. -Newton Enterprise: Monday evening the six-year-old boy of Will Hauser, colored, killed himself with a five-cent toy cap pistol. He put a small cartridge in it and was snapping it to see if it would shoot. He held it up to his face and was looking down the barrel and snapped the pistol once too often. The ball entered the brain through the eye and killed the boy instantly.

INDUSTRIAL PROGRESS. The development of technical and industrial schools in Germany has increased not only the domain of Emperor William, but has enriched all other civilized nations, says the New York Evening Post. One of the first matters taken up and studied scientifically by these institutions was the making of buttons and other useful and ornamental articles from mother of pearl.

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

(Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce, Monday, Jan. 2, 1903.) STAR OFFICE, January 2. SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 52 1/2c per gallon. ROSIN—Market firm at \$1.35 per barrel for good strained. TAR—Market firm at \$1.60 per barrel of 280 pounds. CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at \$1.75 per barrel for hard, \$3.00 for dip. Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine nothing doing; Rosin firm at 95c; Tar steady at \$1.35; crude turpentine quiet at \$1.00 @2.00.

RECEIPTS. Spirits turpentine..... 25 Rosin..... 384 Tar..... 345 Crude turpentine..... 47 Receipts same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 817 barrels; Rosin, 230 barrels; Tar, 37 barrels; Crude turpentine, 1000 barrels.

MARKET. Market firm on a basis of 8 1/2c per pound for middling. Quotations: Ordinary..... 5 1/2c; Good ordinary..... 7 1/2c; Good middling..... 9 1/2c; Middling..... 11 1/2c; Same day last year, market firm at 7 1/2c for middling.

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