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THE NEGRO QUESTION

Has taken its place at the front with offensive and needless prominence. Offensive, because in the hands of the enemies of the South it is made the occasion of false charges and statements, denunciations, and abusive intermeddling in its affairs; and needless, because without the offensive uses of the subject, the negroes were quietly and unobtrusively adapting themselves to the position to which they are fitted, not so much by race adaptation, as by their inability as yet, in a novel and trying stage of existence to qualify themselves for the duties into which false and selfish friends would thrust them. The Anglo-Saxon was unable to fit himself only long ages of very arduous training for the conduct of free government, and for the submission to the laws inseparable from the safety and perpetuity of such government. Very many recent incidents make it questionable whether he has yet obtained the requisite capacities for self-control. How then can it be expected that the negro, without any traditions except those of barbarism, and servitude, be expected to take an equal place alongside of the race which has worked out its salvation by painful trial, aided by the most enlightened human counsel, experience and guidance. Granting that the negro has such inherent qualities that will make him the equal he claims, or is claimed, to be, time is needed to develop them.

That the expectations of his false friends are vain even from their own point of view is illustrated by their readiness, as a last resort, to curtail the Southern congressional representation in congress, which can be done only by denying the right of suffrage to the negro. He ceases to be "the man and brother" the moment he ceases to be useful to the Republican party. He is useless if the Democrats, as is alleged, deny him the privilege of a fair vote; he is useless if he does not vote at all, as is the course suggested by some of the leading negroes in despair at the equal recognition denied them by the party that claims ownership of them, and he is worse than useless if he vote a Democratic ticket. But in each and every case it is the question of utility that enters into the consideration of his white political friends, and it is the question of ascertaining the assurance of this utility that occasions the present agitation of the subject. But one thing seems certainly determined. The issue must be decided on Southern soil. Humanity yields to expediency; and the negro will not be invited to end his troubles and attain his alleged equality on Northern territory. Colonization upon the sacred soil of freedom is not to be encouraged.

Upon this and other questions connected with the solution of the problem, the Philadelphia Record has the following, which is wise, in which Southern men concur, and upon which they have conscientiously and also judiciously acted:

"The scheme of colonizing the negroes in Mexico or Africa is still more impracticable and foolish. The negroes of the South prefer to remain where they are, and they cannot be driven from their homes by force. If they could be deported by violence or with their own assent, their removal would turn many healthy and cultivated regions of the country into wastes."

"The true methods of solving 'the negro problem' consist in securing the colored people in all the political and social rights to which they are entitled; in discounting all appeals to race hatreds and fears; in frowning down the mischievous partisanship which seeks to make the colored race a separate factor in American politics; and in helping the negroes to obtain such education as would enable them to better discharge the duties of American citizenship. The colored people of the United States could then be left to work out their own political salvation."

"Much of the talk of 'solving the negro problem' comes from people who would have quite enough to do in satisfactorily solving the problem of their own relations to society."

THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

Is now in the full enjoyment of its tour through the Northern and Western States, and with the splendid, though somewhat cool October weather, the beautiful, highly improved and apparently prosperous country through which its path is shaped to run, it will no doubt prove a memorably pleasant excursion. But it would seem that it is to be nothing more than a splendid picnic, fruitless in everything but present pleasure. There seems to be a retributive justice in such result; for Mr. Blaine, or those having his direction, seems to have been at pains to divert it of all national significance by sectionizing it in exhibiting only one part of the country. What must the foreign visitor conclude, when, in pretending to display before his eyes the full strength of the great North American Republic, only one part of the picture is shown him, and the other part is hidden as unworthy to be seen? What must he think when one half is kept in the background as having no lot nor part in the affairs of the great nation whose people, whose products, whose progress, whose unity he is invited to inspect as models for his adoption? Will he believe the unity to be so strong, the products so valuable, the progress so great as to justify the boastfulness of the Great Republic in so vaunting the solidity of its strength, the infinitude of its resources, the marvelousness of its progress?

Those visitors are among the wise men

of the countries they represent. While they may be amused, they are too intelligent to be deceived. They are not to be caught with chaff. The great object of congress might be assumed to be the establishment of closer commercial relations between all the American republics, having a hemisphere of their own, and with natural ties and mutual interests to draw them together. But the foundation of such commercial relations is mutual and reciprocal advantage. But that advantage is denied by the tariff system of the United States to the other parties to the contract. While duties almost prohibitory are laid upon the products of Mexico, Central and South America, it is a vain expectation that these States will weakly abstain from a countervailing retaliation. They are far more astute than they are assumed to be by those who think to overreach them by repressions, luncheon and railroad tours. Long and intimate relations with the European commercial people, and the sense of the advantages they have enjoyed through the liberality of European systems are a bar to any easy conquest through the blandishments of Mr. Blaine, or the American system, because in that they see the barriers of a tariff wall erected for the protection of special American interests limited to the aggrandizement of a few, and operating to the detriment of the many. And so the congress may meet and bow and smile and interchange empty compliments in which the Spanish peoples are all skilful adepts; and then go home, still satisfied, that as things stand, it will be better for the Spanish republics to go on trading with Great Britain, or France or Germany, from whom they can buy at lower prices and sell at higher profits than with the United States which pursues its general, unwise, and hurtful policy, even to the damage of its own people, by the enforcement of a tariff, high and almost prohibitory.

And so the congress will disperse, and its Southern members go to their distant homes with pleasant memories and enlightened experience, to buy and sell in their old course of trade with Europe.

It strikes us with surprise that English law methods so illustrated by the profoundest learning, and fortified by the experience of centuries should be so slow to adopt the just and common sense system of appeals. It may be that the English law, drawing its precedents from a remote legal antiquity, and finding them most authoritative at a period when the will or the wish of royalty was more potent than the due of mercy and justice, is inclined to give sanctity to precedents, and to go, as in the earlier days, straight to its mark, indifferent to the pleadings of humanity, English Conservative temper in the law, as in everything else, holds fast to established custom. A sentence once pronounced is final, with only a hope of the merciful interposition of the sovereign, to be obtained through the agency of the home secretary. The defect, nay the abhorrent cruelty exercised by a delegated subordinate power, with absolute right to dispose of the issues of life and death, was forcibly presented in the recent case of Mrs. Maybrick. She was condemned to be hung, and the execution was fixed for the end of a period of three weeks. Hope for her rested on application for reprieve, or commutation by the home secretary; and that functionary, with heavy gravity, hesitated because if he took any step in mercy to the condemned woman, it would be rebuke to the judge who in effect charged the jury to find a verdict of guilty, and then sentenced her to death. The woman, possibly guiltless, might hang, but the judge must not be offended by calling his wisdom and justice in question, or violating the hoary laws of official etiquette. It was the conflict between mercy to save a human life, and vanity to maintain the integrity of custom.

But in the discussion of the verdict and subsequent proceedings to stay its effects, the absurdity of the present system shewn upon the legal and the general public; and now a bill is framed to be submitted to Parliament to create a court of appeals, to consist of seven judges to hear cases brought up from the decisions of the lower courts; recognizing by this action, which has long been known in the United States, the fallibility of judges and juries, and the possibility that error can be made by one tribunal which may be corrected in another; a possibility the English system appears never to have dreamed of.

Dr. Parker Prays cream Van-Ola, Rosaline, Ongaline and Diamond nail powder having now become the ladies' favorites, at F. L. Jacob's drug store, these popular manieure articles may always be found, together with pocket emery board, orange wood sticks, nail scissors, files and other such requisites. Also a complete line of drugs and toilet articles, in addition to the Hebe Soda Fountain from which ice cold drinks are dispensed. Corner Main street and Patton avenue.

A GREAT PAPER
Was the last Sunday's issue of the Atlanta Constitution. It was gotten up to greet the opening day of the Exposition, and to prove to the crowd of visitors what a great place Atlanta was. The enterprise of the Constitution was marvelous, and has not been surpassed by any of the great northern dailies. The issue filled 56 pages; and of the work required, the Constitution says:

It requires over 250 columns of advertising to carry the business to the public, and about seventy columns to carry the news. It requires over 22,000 pounds of paper to carry this single edition of the Constitution, which is to say—over eleven tons of white paper. The type, if set in book form, would make two large volumes of 350 pages each, and it required more than sixty printers, and as many more stereotypers, pressmen, proof readers and foremen to do the mechanical work.

To Dissolve Colds,
Headaches and Fevers, to cleanse the system effectively, yet gently, when cough or bilious, or when the blood is impure or sluggish, to permanently cure habitual constipation, to awaken the kidneys and liver to a healthy activity, without irritating or weakening them, use Syrup of Figs.

FALL GOODS THE BIG STORE

Bostic Bros. & Wright
Is now overflowing with the largest and prettiest stock of Dry Goods ever brought to this market.

Henriettas, Cashmeres, Mohair Cloth, Jubilee Cloth, Turner Goods, Velvets, Worsted, Eiderdown in all colors, Renfrew Dress Gingham, etc.

NOTIONS! NOTIONS!
All sorts of Notions, including Yankee Notions, and some of the prettiest Notions you ever Noted.

Some of the most Fascinating Never-Fail Fascinators that ever Fascinated.

Hoods, Toboggans, and Shawls in endless variety.

The prettiest line of Flannels you ever saw.

Blankets, Quilts and Counterpanes.

Jeans and Cassimeres.

Gents' Furnishing Goods in abundance. We can fit you in a nice Suit or Hat, in any style you want.

We are Sole Agents for the celebrated Morrow Shoes for Ladies.

To arrive in a day or two—a full line of Ladies' latest styles Walking Jackets.

200 prs. Ladies' and Misses' Shoes, made by Ziegler Bros., Philadelphia, which we will close out at net cost.

QUIT.
No man will lose money on you, and when one offers goods below cost at wholesale, buy them, but don't touch them in other goods. Use common sense, price around, and where you are offered the best bargains

BUY.
We can sell you a solid Woman's Shoe for \$1, well worth \$1.40, a Child's School Shoe for \$1 that you cannot match for \$1.25 in Asheville, a Hat for 50¢, that others ask 85¢, to \$1 for. We have an Old Ladies' Shoe for \$1.50 that will please every tender-footed middle-aged or old Lady in the land and be a source of solid comfort to her. Our Man's Shoe for \$2 in Congress or Lace has given better satisfaction than any shoe we ever sold. We have a line of Dress Goods from 10¢ up that is astonishing in quality, for the price, a line of Dress Alpaca at 30¢, all colors, of Flannels in large plaids at 30¢, of Mohairs in greys at 20¢, and of Triets at 48¢, we guarantee will not be equalled in this town. We especially invite the Ladies to call and see our Silks for fancy work, chenilles, bangles, arasenes, wools, knitting and embroidery silks. We are also prepared to do stamping on Linen, Plush, Velvet and Felt, at prices away below those charged by others. We have a beautiful line of patterns. All the new pieces bought in September and guarantee satisfaction. We have a Kid Glove in Black and Tans at \$1 that takes the fancy of every lady who has seen them. The best woven Corset for 86¢, that has ever been shown in Asheville under \$1.25. Come and see.

BOSTIC BROS. & WRIGHT,
No. 11 N. Court Square.

BOOKS AND STATIONERY,

ARTISTS' MATERIALS,

ENGINEERS' SUPPLIES,

PICTURES AND FRAMES,

FANCY GOODS,

BLANK BOOKS, EVERY GRADE,

ROLLS, TOYS AND GAMES,

WESTERN N. C. SCENES,

BOTH PHOTOGRAPHIC AND HAND-PAINTED,

—AT—

ESTABROOK'S,
22 S. Main Street.

IN ORDER TO MAKE SOME CHANGES IN OUR BUSINESS, WE OFFER

AT COST,

OUR STOCK OF SILVER-PLATED WARE, INCLUDING KNIVES, FORKS, SPOONS, CASTERS, BUTTERS, PICKLES, ETC.

ARTHUR M. FIELD,
Leading Jeweler.

THE GREATEST ATTRACTION

Is that fine lot of ENGLISH BRIDLES and THREE-HORN CHAMORIS SEAT SADDLES AT

J. M. ALEXANDER'S

And the low prices at which he is selling all goods in his line.

He has increased his force and intends to meet the demand.

SATISFACTION GUARANTEED.

Mrs. Abner Alexander, 'Hopewell Mecklenburg Co., N. C., was a great sufferer from a womb trouble, brought on by deep cold she had taken. But she was entirely cured by using Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy.

THE RACKET COLUMN.

Our goods are all in and we are now ready to meet anybody's prices. We have some of the best bargains in Dress Goods, Shoes and Hats we have ever offered. In Blankets, Comforts and Bed Spreads we are prepared to offer some special prices.

ALL WOOL

Shawls to sell at prices cheaper than we ever have been able to buy them at before. We sell no goods at cost or under just to get you in our store and then make it up on you in other things, by charging two prices for something that you do not know the real value of. We sell everything at a small profit, and our facilities for buying being better than those of any store in North Carolina, except "Rous Racket Stores," we can and do undersell anybody in Asheville on Dress Goods, Shoes, Hats, Tinware, Notions, Glassware, Tools, Clothing, Lamps, Lamp Chimneys, Shawls, Blankets, etc., etc. Yard-wide Factory Cloth and Graham's Plaids or Homespuns some sell for less than cost—but skin you in other things. Our advice is, buy Homespun and Plaids as cheap as you can, being careful to see that each yard measures 36 inches, but when you have bought that

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Our New Big Stock, And learn our prices before you buy elsewhere.
Very respectfully,
GEO. T. JONES & CO.
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STRAUSS' RESTAURANT
—AND—
Oyster Parlor.
EUROPEAN PLAN.
Meals at all hours. Electric Cars Pass the Door.

I take pleasure in announcing the Oyster Season of 1899-1900 has opened, and my long experience in the business justifies me in assuring the public that I can please and satisfy all customers. I will serve oysters in the best style, and dealing only with reliable houses, can offer the finest oysters on the market. Try our

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Or Pan Roast. Boston Bay Steaks a specialty. Great care will be taken with all orders. I sell only the finest and freshest oysters that can be had. I receive shipments direct from packers every afternoon. Charges reasonable. My restaurant is also supplied with

BIRDS, GAME, FRESH FISH, ETC.,
At all times. Special attention given to lady customers. Polite and attentive waiters. Board by day, week or month with or without rooms. If you want the best the market affords call on

E. STRAUSS, Prop'r.
South Main Street.

PRIVATE BOARD.
NEW HOUSE! NEWLY FURNISHED! ALL MODERN IMPROVEMENTS.
MRS. N. B. ATKINSON.
No. 211 Haywood Street.
In 22 d's

PRIVATE BOARD.
A large house, 338 Patton Avenue. Warm, comfortable rooms. On street car line. Terms reasonable.
MRS. J. L. SMATHERS.

MRS. S. STEVENSON
Has removed to the Johnston Building, Patton Avenue, corner of Church street, where she is prepared to keep regular or transient boarders. Table furnished with the best the market affords. Terms reasonable. mar 31/00

ROUND KNOB HOTEL
McDowell Co., N. C.

(Situated on the W. N. C. R. R. An hour's ride from Asheville.)

First class in every respect. Mineral waters—Lithia, Iron, Alum and Iron, Red and White Sulphur and Magnesia.

The most picturesque spot in Western North Carolina.

Parties leaving Asheville on the 1.32 p. m. train can have dinner on their arrival by telegraphing from the depot.

Terms reasonable. Special rates to families.

J. Bulow Erwin,
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Feb 20/11

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FAMILY GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS

Agent for Reems Creek Woolen Mills.

North Main Asheville, N. C.
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Mosaic Tile and Cement work a specialty.

Grates, Ranges and Boilers set.

Buildings moved and repaired in first class manner.

Sewerage, Drainage and traps for the same thoroughly understood and promptly attended to.

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may 30/11

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CELEBRATED ORIGINAL
\$2.99 SHOE.



For gentlemen. A perfect shoe at a moderate cost. Try a pair of our specialties in gentlemen's shoes. \$5.00, \$4.00, \$3.50, \$2.99, \$2.50 and \$2.00. Every pair warranted. Examine our specialties for ladies at \$4.00, \$3.00, \$2.50 and \$2.00, unexcelled for comfort, durability and style.

Insist on having the original M. A. Packard & Co's Shoe. The genuine have our stamp on bottom of each shoe. Sent postpaid to any part of the U. S. on receipt of price. M. A. PACKARD & CO., Brockton, Mass. For sale in Asheville by

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No. 53—Leaves Columbia 5.20 p. m.
Arrives at Charleston 9.30 p. m.
No. 52—Leaves Charleston 7.10 a. m.
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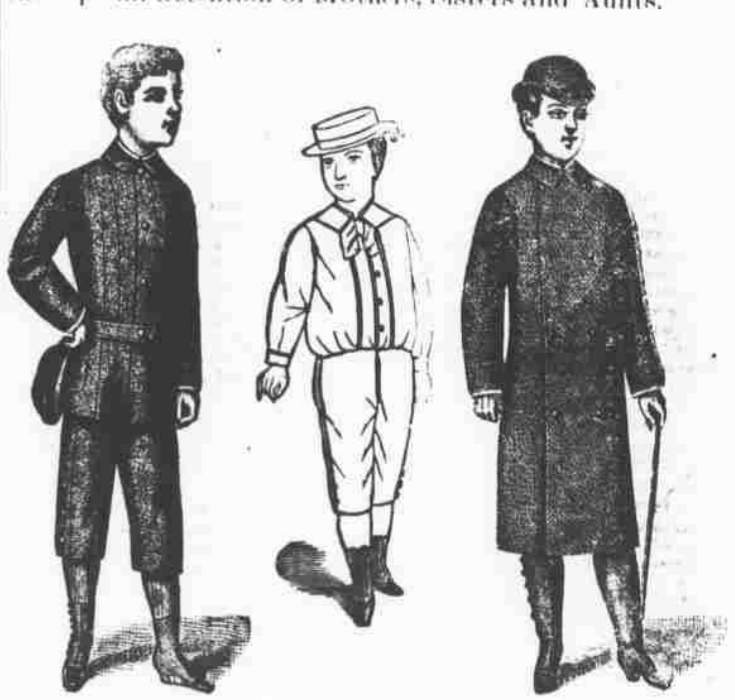
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Our Mr. CHAS. BLANTON goes to Northern and Eastern markets with the ready cash which insures to the new business



THE YOUTHS', BOYS' AND CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Will receive our special attention, and to this we will call the especial attention of Mothers, Sisters and Aunts.



OUR GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING GOODS

Will be replete with all the Novelties of the season in the way of Neckwear.

OUR HAT DEPARTMENT
Will receive due attention, and in it can be found from the conventional High Hat down to the Soft Knock-about.

We have already placed our order for a line of

MEN'S FINE SHOES

With one of the most popular makers.

Our mode of business shall be STRICTLY ONE PRICE, and all goods warranted as represented or money refunded.

Our opening will be announced in due time.

CHAS. D. BLANTON & CO.,
One Price Clothiers,
Patton Avenue, Asheville, N. C.