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THE NEGRO QUESTION AT THE NORTH.

It looks like the "negro question" is being rapidly transferred from the south to the cities of the north, especially to the great city of New York. The social feature of the general problem is certainly taking on greater proportions there than in our section. There never was any doubt as to how this question would be settled in our part of the country. There never was any cause for alarm here because of it, but it is assuming startling proportions in New York city.

The negroes are not content, as they were a few years ago, to confine themselves to a certain residential portion of the city where they had colonized; but now they are ambitious to invade the more fashionable part of the city, and their ambition is being gratified through the means of a real estate company which is establishing negro tenement houses and negro colonies in various localities of the up town part of the city. This has been made easier by the rapid increase of the negro population of the city in the last few years.

Up to recent date the negro residents were colonized chiefly on Fifty-third street, but of late they have begun to branch out into the more fashionable sections. They are no longer willing to confine their residence to the negro colony. They seek more pretentious habitations among the upper classes of white people, and wherever they make a new lodgment trouble is raised.

The Afro-American Company, which is at the bottom of this movement, has purchased large apartment buildings in West Fortieth street, which will be turned into negro tenements. On Ninety-ninth street this company owns several large apartment houses and has leased a number of others. In West Ninety-eighth street two or more apartment houses have been leased by it, all of which will be tenanted by negroes. The blacks have invaded streets still higher up the city, and in that neighborhood have established a saloon solely for negro patronage. Wherever they locate disorder immediately breaks out and the sections become known to the police as rowdy ones. The value of adjacent real estate drops as soon as a negro tenement house is established in any locality and the white people sacrifice their property in order to be able to move from the neighborhood. Often none but negro purchasers can be found and this has enabled the Afro-American company to buy much property at far below its real value.

Along with the social advancement of the negroes comes demand for political recognition. They are beginning to feel their political power and are inclined to presume upon it. In one assembly district there are three hundred more negro voters than white, and their leaders are demanding that a negro should represent them in the lower house of the state legislature. Booker Washington has told them that "an Afro-American assemblyman in New York would be worth more to their race than an Afro-American congressman from the south". Washington shows good sense in the position he takes, for he knows there will never be another "Afro-American" congressman from the south. The next legislative assembly, whether state or national, which numbers a negro among its members will have such member as the representative of a constituency north of the Potomac river. Washington knows that if his race is ever again to win a political victory for one of its members it will not be on southern soil. The white republicans of the north know that there are many legislative and congressional districts, and even some states, in which the negroes hold the balance of power, and were the latter inclined to do so could insist on representation on tickets or break the republican hold on the district or state.

It looks as if the negroes in New York are beginning to realize this fact as to some of the legislative districts

in that city and are likely to insist on their rights. Well, when they do and we see negro members of the legislatures of New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio and such northern states, the white people of those sections must not expect any sympathy from the southern people, but may rather look for rejoicing in this section.

ROOSEVELT AND THE THIRD TERM.

The Washington Post discusses the meaning of the "third term" principle as applied to election of presidents. It asks: Were Mr. Roosevelt to be nominated and elected again would it be a third term for him? and argues that it would not be so.

The election of Mr. T. J. Jarvis as governor of this state in 1880 was a case somewhat similar to that of Mr. Roosevelt under present circumstances as it relates to the third term idea. Mr. Jarvis was elected lieutenant governor with Senator Vance as governor in 1876. The governor resigned in a few months to accept the senatorship and Lieutenant Governor Jarvis succeeded him and at the end of the term was nominated and elected governor, though he could not have been so elected had he been the successful candidate for governor at the beginning of the term to which he succeeded on Mr. Vance's retirement from the office, as the constitution of the state declares that the person elected to that office shall not be eligible to the same office more than four years in any term of eight years, "unless the office shall have been cast upon him as lieutenant governor." Mr. Jarvis filled the office of governor for nearly two terms of four years each, or about seven years, the exceptional clause in the constitutional provision against a governor succeeding himself making this permissible. Why should not the same principle as that embodied in the exceptional clause to our state constitutional provision above referred to apply to the unwritten law against a man serving as president for three terms when the first term of his service was cast upon him as vice president by the office of president becoming vacant through the death or resignation of the former occupant?

The Post says on this subject: Were he to be nominated and elected again, would it be a third term for him? There is a good deal to be said against it, for he would have been elected president twice. During his first period of service, which covered only three years and six months, he was acting in the place of another man, and, as is well known, felt bound to carry out his policies, retain his appointees, and fulfill his pledges. In no full sense of the word can that broken period, with its political character fixed and its officials selected beforehand by some one else, be said to be a presidential term of Theodore Roosevelt. He was merely by designation of law standing in place of another, and his first term began when he was elected president. There is evidently force enough in this view to remove the third term objection to his nomination if his party wants him and he is willing to run. So far as his party goes, there is no doubt at the present time as to its preference, which leaves the matter entirely with him.

Mr. Bryan seems to have mapped out a campaign for himself to begin soon after his arrival. He has made the following engagements for public speeches: Chicago, on September 4th; Lincoln, September 5th; St. Louis, September 11th; Louisville, September 12th and Cincinnati September 13th. He will stop at Kansas City on his way home. Soon after the November elections he will begin a canvass in Australia, one of the very few nations of the globe which he did not stump on his present tour of the world. There has been no announcement yet when he will invade the forbidden territory of Tibet and storm with his eloquence the city of Lhasa.

Our congratulations to the Chatham Record and best wishes for its editor, the Hon. Henry A. Lendon, for continued success in the future. With its last issue that paper interposed upon its twenty-ninth annual volume. For twenty-eight years it has been owned and edited by the gentleman who still makes it an influential factor in the cause of democracy and the development of his section of the state. May it continue for many years to keep up the good work it has done and the valuable influence it has wielded in the state. The value of such a paper to the public cannot be summed up in dollars and cents or the good that it has done be estimated.

One of the officials of the South and Western railroad tells a Charlotte Chronicle representative that there are three thousand five hundred laborers at work on the construction of that road and that the section between Spruce Pine and Marion will be in operation by January next. From Marion to Rutherfordton or Mount Holly the work will be much less difficult and greater progress can be made. It won't be long before Wilmington will have her through line to the coal fields of Tennessee and Kentucky.

Those South American fellows must think Mr. Root is the president instead of only one of that gentleman's advisers.

Judge Justice is now holding court in Moore county. We are glad to see that men convicted before him on the charge of carrying concealed weapons are being severely punished. With him it is not suspension of judgment on payment of costs or the imposition of a nominal fine for this offense or of assault with deadly weapons, but is such punishment as fifty dollars fine and four months' imprisonment. That is the way to break up this pernicious habit.

Does any body believe that gentleman saw Banker Stensland in Pittsburgh the other day and the latter told him he had a plenty of money? If it be so then the friend lost a good opportunity to negotiate a handsome loan.

Coney Island is not such a pleasant place to visit now. When one starts for the place it is a question whether he will get there safely or have his head broken on the way.

Court Martial for Salisbury Militia. Court martials are to be ordered by Governor Glenn to convene right after the first regiment encampment, for investigation of the conduct of the Salisbury military company recently in the Salisbury lynching. The court martial will be at the request of Capt. Max Barker, who was in command of the company. He claims that he retired from the jail because Sheriff Julian would not give orders to permit his men to shoot into the mob. The court martial will be held about August 20. Governor Glenn says the only way to proceed against state officers for dereliction of duty would be by suit or indictment.—Reidsville Review.

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Greenville Not Asleep. No, Greenville is not exactly asleep. She stirred enough between naps to get a \$50,000 bank, a \$100,000 building and loan association, day electric current and an ice factory, all in seven months. Nothing sleepy about that. There is more to follow, too, including a chamber of commerce.—Greenville Reflector.

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Miss Tarbell thinks Rockefeller can smile and smile and be a villain still; yet she burns his midnight oil—when she can't get gas.—Philadelphia Inquirer.



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ANNOUNCEMENT

To the Democratic Voters of New Hanover County. With a high appreciation of the kindness shown me by my Democratic friends in the past in electing me to the office of Clerk of the Superior Court of this county, I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to that office and ask your support at the approaching primary. apr 28 tr JOHN D. TAYLOR.

To the Democratic Voters of New Hanover County.

I take this method of thanking you for the kind support given me in the past, and at same time announce myself a Candidate for re-nomination to the Office of County Treasurer, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary.

Very Respectfully, July 10 1m H. McL. GREEN.

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR SHERIFF

This is to remind my friends and the public generally, that I am still in the race for Sheriff and will be until the close of the primaries. THOS. C. JAMES.

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