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LESSON FOR THE NEGRO

They Have Been Dupes and Victims Of Mean Leaders.

DECEITFUL WHITE SCHEMERS

Fooled Them and When the True White Men Asserted Themselves, Deserted And Left the Negro to Look Out For Himself. The Negro Should Profit by The Lesson.

Washington Post.

The trouble in the Carolinas is perhaps over. Peace has been restored and order and civilization have been re-enthroned by the only methods that could possibly have succeeded. Northern doctrinaires may hurl philosophical condemnation at the southern whites to their hearts' content. They may prate of violence and babble about barbarism. The objects of their disapproval care less than nothing about that. The preservation of social order, the protection of property, and the purity and intelligence of government are of more concern to them than the clamor of the mere theorists and dreamers. Barbarism is one thing to the metaphysician. It is a very different thing to the man whose material interests, whose feelings, whose very life-side, are subjected to its sinister and abhorrent touch.

The southern whites have done just what the northern whites would have done under similar conditions—they have dropped party politics in the presence of a great emergency, and have restored the regime of enlightenment and christianity.

We wish, however, to call the attention of our colored friends to one lesson of the episode which they will do well to take to heart. We ask them to consider for a moment the value of those pretended champions of theirs, who have attended on the office-procured by their votes, who have inflamed them by evil counsel, and deluded them with false incitement. What became of these champions in the hour of peril? Where was that boasted valor, which expressed itself in insolent bombast and offensive truculence? What became of these deceitful white schemers, and these uproarious negro braggarts—the beneficiaries of the ignorant and credulous loyalty of the colored masses—when the white men flew to arms and put them to the test?

The employers of North Carolina, upon whose enterprise and capital nine-tenths of the colored population of the State subsist, who pay 95 per cent. of the taxes which maintain their schools and asylums, hospitals and poor houses; who conduct every industry that furnishes employment for the poor, and to one or another of whom every helpless and afflicted negro appeals—never without unquestioning response—in their hour of extremity, these white men are now calling in the refugees to peaceful homes and profitable occupation, while the former office-seekers and office-holders of both races and colors are hiding in northern refuges from the storm which their rapacity and insolence provoked.

The Carolina negroes have been dupes and victims. They have been deluded into dreaming that they can grasp and hold power in communities in which they represent practically nothing of the true basis of civilized society—neither wealth nor culture, neither profit nor substance. A lesson has been offered them. The question is whether they will profit by it.

LAGRANGE NEWS.

FREE PRESS BUREAU.

LAGRANGE, N. C., NOV. 17, 1898.

Mrs. Jonah Wells went to Goldsboro today.

There will be an oyster supper tomorrow (Friday) night, under the auspices of the members of the M. P. church.

There will be preaching in the M. P. church Sunday morning and children's missionary exercises at night. All are cordially invited.

Mr. W. A. Thompson and family, of Aurora, have moved here, and, until the house they expect to occupy is vacated, will live with Dr. Smithwick. Mr. Thompson will open a banking business here next week.

Dr. Thomas Hume, of the University of North Carolina, will lecture at Newhold High School Friday night, November the 25th. As a profound thinker, educator and orator, he has but few equals. All are invited to enjoy the literary feasts.

The Mystery of the Razor.

It is a matter of common experience that a razor left for awhile unused becomes blunt. A writer in Chambers' Journal says that rust caused by the moisture in the atmosphere is quite enough to account for this. Shearers, for instance, who have to use particularly sharp instruments, never set their shears till just before using. What is not so generally known is that a razor which will not cut will become sharper sometimes by being left aside for some time. The only explanation of this is that the electrical properties of the metal in the edge become changed.

A "wire edge" is commonly put on a tool by amateurs. The steel turns and folds back on itself. It is owing to the edge being made too long and thin, or the metal being too soft. The only cure for a wire edge is to break off the bent portion and grind and set again.

"A knife that cuts better when it is hot" (and under no other circumstances) we sometimes meet with. We have been going into the reasons of things, and the reason of this is easily explained. Heat expands metal, and in proportion to the amount of metal which is heated. There is more metal in the breadth of a blade than in its thickness, and the former, therefore, is expanded immensely more than the latter. In other words, the wedgelike shape is lengthened, and the tool becomes "sharp."

The Fall of Just Pride.

One day soon after the Mulberry Bend park was laid out in the Italian quarter of New York the man who had had more to do with the good work than any one else was passing there. As he strode happily along, thinking of the tenements that used to stand there, the fresh, clean earth attracted him and he walked out upon it. Stamping joyously about, he exclaimed:

"Fine, fine! They have planted the seed and soon the green grass will spring up under the warm sunshine. It is my proudest!"

Just then a park policeman who had slipped on behind him landed two vigorous whacks on the good man's back.

"Git off'n th' grass, ye looney old crank!" he said. "Be off wid ye, quick now, an' don't let me ketch ye 'round here ag'in or I'll run ye in. See? G'wan, now."

The philanthropist had leaped wildly to the walk and his fist doubled up with anger, but a second thought, that the "sparrow cop" was right, caused his hand to relax, and the maker of the park "moved on," sore but wise as ever.—New York Times.

Sandy and the Mare.

A Scottish paper tells a story of Sandy Mc—, a Forfarshire farmer who had been spending an hour or two in the evening with a friend a couple of miles away. It was a moonlight night, and Sandy, after partaking freely of his friend's hospitality, was riding quietly home across the sheep pastures on his "guid and mare," when they came to an open ditch, which his mare refused to cross.

"Hoot awa, Maggie," said the rider, "this winna dae. Ye maun jist gang ower."

He turned back about a hundred yards, wheeled round and gave the mare a touch of his whip. On she went at a brisk canter, but as they reached the edge of the ditch she stopped dead and shot Sandy clean over to the other side.

Gathering himself up, Sandy looked his mare straight in the face and said: "Vera weel pitched indeed, ma lass. Bit hoo are ye goin to get ower yersel', eh?"

Weary's Sacred Promise.

"No, madam, I cannot split the wood to which you so indelicately refer. It would be a violation of a sacred promise I made to me aged mother."

"Nonsense! What kind of a promise?"

"We have the poker habit in our family, ma'arp, and I promised mother I'd never touch a chip in any form."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Tobacco was discovered in Santo Domingo in 1496, in Yucatan by the Spaniards in 1520. It was introduced into France in 1560, and into England in 1583.

Nearly 1,200,000 pounds of colors are used by the United States government annually for printing paper money, revenue and postage stamps.

BATTLESHIPS HALTED

At Rio de Janeiro to Take Part in a Demonstration

AGAINST THE SPANISH COAST

If Spain Fails to Come to Terms of Peace. The Oregon and Iowa Are Within Telegraphic Reach of Rio Janeiro If Such a Move Becomes Necessary.

Washington Special to Philadelphia Times.

"The battleships Iowa and Oregon are within telegraphic reach of Rio de Janeiro. They can sail eastward as well as southward if occasion requires that their course shall be changed.

Thus spoke President McKinley today to one of his constitutional advisors. The cabinet minister significantly said: "The president's purpose is very plain. Moreover, the battleships Iowa and Oregon are big enough to alone conquer Spain in her present condition."

These indications of the policy of the administration resulted from inquiries concerning the situation in Paris and the actual instructions which have been sent to our peace commissioners. It has been ascertained that President McKinley intends to halt the battleships at Rio de Janeiro. This may be regarded at Madrid as a menace, but it is not so intended. The order to halt the battleships is only precautionary. As a suggestion, merely, it may be said, that the halting of battleships at Rio may prove to be as interesting at Berlin as at Madrid.

It is the purpose of President McKinley to have the battleships and cruisers of our navy ready to make immediate demonstration against the Spanish coast, in the event of further manifestation of a disposition for unreasonable delay on the part of the government at Madrid. The order for the rendezvous of the North Atlantic squadron at Hampton Roads is exceedingly significant. The Philippine archipelago must be surrendered without capitious bickering or else Spain may lose the Canary Islands also. Our navy is able to perform other miracles.

HOOKERTON ITEMS.

November 17.

Mr. Will Hooker, of Greenville, came Tuesday to spend several days at his home near here.

Dr. Thos. M. Jordan, accompanied by Dr. E. H. Horaday, of Willow Green, went to Kinston Monday.

The usual Thanksgiving entertainment will be given in the academy building on the night of Nov. 24th, with an up-to-date program. No invitations will be sent out. Everybody invited to attend.

Cotton Market.

The New York cotton market opened today for December at 5.17 and closed 5.19. May opened 5.34, closed 5.38. Spot cotton at Kinston, 4.50 to 4.80.

The Lady of the House.

"The lady of the house," once esteemed a highly polite and conciliatory form of address, is now, said a city dweller, "ancient and obsolete with those who pursue business by modern methods. In advance practice the custom is now to address the lady of the house by name, a method vastly more impressive and one susceptible of varied application. Thus an establishment with which we already have relations sends out a new circular, and this is left at the door by a man who says not 'for the lady of the house,' but 'the So-and-so sends this to Mrs. Blank.' This beats 'the lady of the house' out of sight and marks the refinement of modern methods of doing things."—New York Sun.

Some Sharp Sayings of Bismarck.

Bismarck had the frankness to say that he looked upon the comedies of Dumas the younger, and indeed on most French plays of the lighter sort, as grossly corrupting to the public morals. "Panem et circenses," smiled De Morny. "Panem et saturnalia," muttered Bismarck.

"Prince Bismarck is respectfully requested," wrote the American, "to cable a few words in reference to the following question: What benefit will be derived in your grace's opinion from international expositions?"

On the margin of this the prince simply wrote in pencil, "None."—"Bismarck's Table Talk," by C. Lowe.

"OLD NORTH STATE" NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

N. C. University plays football with Virginia at Richmond, Va., on Thanksgiving Day. The Carolinians expect to win the game as they have a very strong team this year.

The negro solicitor, Williamson, defeated by Mr. W. E. Daniel, in the second district, is trying to make a contest—is endeavoring to get the supreme court to have bogus votes counted for him in Halifax and Northampton.

It is reported that three Republicans will contest for the seats of their Democratic victors for congress—O. H. Dockery against Bellamy, in the 6th district, Skinner against Small, in the 1st, and Pearson against Crawford, in the 9th.

Greensboro Telegram: Mr. Armstrong, agent for George Gould, of New York city, is now going to build a five room lodge, with barn and kennels, one mile east of High Point, where he has secured 10,000 acres of land for shooting privileges for Mr. Gould and his friends.

On the evening of Thanksgiving Day at Raleigh the third inter-collegiate debate between Wake Forest and Trinity will be held, the subject being: "Resolved, that the United States should not adopt a policy of territorial expansion." Trinity has the affirmative, Wake Forest the negative. H. M. North, S. A. Stewart and John W. Flowers represent Trinity, and J. C. Owen, W. E. Fry and W. N. Johnson, Wake Forest.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

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WILL CONQUER IN 1900.

Senator Daniel Says the Democrats Did All Hoped For.

CONSIDERS SUCCESS SURE.

Relation of Philippine Islands a Matter For the Gravest Consideration. Don't Think Keeping This Territory to Be To the Advantage of American People.

Washington Post.

Senator Daniel, of Virginia, sat in the parlor of the Shoreham last evening, and chatted for a moment regarding some phases of last week's elections.

"The Democracy did all its most ardent friends hoped for in the south," said he, "and the election of nineteen congressmen in New York state was most gratifying. To beat a war administration was impossible, doubtless, and so we ought to be thankful that we did so well in spots, and go on with renewed determination to conquer in 1900. The Democratic party is incapable of destruction, and though it may be beaten time and time again, it comes up smiling and confident, knowing that its hour of success is as certain as the continued existence of the nation."

"Some rather serious questions before this ensuing session of congress, senator?"

"Yes, the questions growing out of the war are indeed serious. The retention of the Philippine islands is a matter for the gravest consideration. While I have never given public expression to my own position, I am not disposed to think that the keeping of this territory is to the advantage of the American people. It is entering on an experiment, a brand new departure from our established system, and the complications that might ensue are something that no man can now with certainty foresee."

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