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NEGRO POSTMASTERS.

Our introduction of the negro question was made merely to show that any man who voted against State and local negro officeholding in the August election would stultify himself by voting for negro federal officeholding in North Carolina. That is the plain, simple truth, and no amount of squirming will change the truth. A vote for Bryan means that the federal offices in North Carolina will be held by Democrats—all white men. A vote for McKinley means that the federal offices in North Carolina will be held by Republicans, which includes many negroes. There is no getting around this fact.

In saying this we raise no cry against the negro any more than we made war on the negro when we said that a vote for Aycock meant White Supremacy and a vote for Adams meant negro rule. If we were right then, we are right now.

The Democratic party is not the enemy of the negro. It will see that he gets justice and fairness. We do not object to the people of the north, or in the south, for that matter, having negro officeholders wherever the people desire them. The difference between Cleveland and McKinley in appointing negroes to office was this: Cleveland did not appoint negroes to office in the south, but gave them offices in those sections that declared a negro was as fit to hold office as white men. His negro appointees went to negro countries or to northern states or to the District of Columbia. While it created a row in those communities that had favored negro officeholding in the south, Cleveland never appointed a negro to office in the south. McKinley, on the other hand, while giving the negro office, takes pains not to appoint a negro postmaster in Ohio, but to appoint 27 in eastern North Carolina. The people of North Carolina do not presume to say to a president that he shall not appoint a negro to office, but they do say that no president who cares for southern sentiment will impose negro officials upon a southern community. As McKinley has done this, they know that a vote for McKinley means a vote for 27 negro postmasters in eastern North Carolina, or as many of them as has not been sent to the penitentiary.—Raleigh News-Observer.

Gen. Bates, who knows, says of the slavery that exists in the Philippine possessions of Uncle Sam is "genuine slavery" and no mistake. But he says the "slaves as a general thing work but very little." That is fine for a republic that freed 5,000,000 negroes after a four years war and at the cost of 400,000 white lives sacrificed. What a fine thing anyhow is that McKinley government. Gen. Bates is bothered to see how these negroes in the new possessions can be taken and freed without paying for them. How much in treasure did it cost to free every negro in the south?—Wilmington Messenger.

Coincident with Mr. Bryan's great speech accepting the nominations comes an urgent appeal from Mark Hanna for money. The Democratic leaders appeal to the patriotism of the people, the Republican leader appeals to their greed. Cash is the only thing that can keep McKinley in office four years longer.

Much to that gentleman's astonishment the people seem disposed to allow Mr. Butler to sulk.—Durham Herald.

And perhaps the people of North Carolina would be grateful if the State press would stop printing Butler's name. Let's mention something more pleasant.

The public debt of China, which is principally held in Europe, amounts to \$500,000,000 in round figures. In this lies a potential argument against the partition of the Chinese empire.

"Through the months of June and July our baby was teething and took a running off of the bowels and sickness of the stomach," says O. P. M. Holliday, of Deming, Ind. "His bowels would move from five to eight times a day. I had a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in the house and gave him four drops in a teaspoonful of water and he got better at once." Sold by J. E. Hood, druggist.

Fixed the Gas Company.
"I'll fix 'em," said a Capitol Hill citizen when he got his gas bill a couple of months ago. "Nine dollars and eighty cents, hey, when we've been out every night with the exception of two or three for the past month! I'll move, that's all, at the end of the month, but if I don't make that gas meter of mine work overtime between now and the day I move it'll be because I run out of matches, that's all! I'll eat up about \$40 worth of gas and then let the darned gas company keep the \$5 I've got on deposit!"

So from that evening on as soon as twilight fell the Capitol Hill man made a tour of the house and lit every jet from cellar to garret.

"I'll teach 'em to bunko folks!" he said to himself savagely as he started all the burners a-going.

Along toward the end of the month he and his wife picked out another house and made arrangements for moving. The Capitol Hill man was delighted when the gas bill read \$20.00.

"This is one time they won't gouge me!" he shouted exultantly as he danced around with the bill in his hand.

Three days before the day set for moving his wife was taken ill, and of course the moving had to be declared off. She is only now convalescing. The Capitol Hill man paid the \$20.00, and his friends are now telling him the story about the man who robbed his own trunk.—Washington Post.

Danny Lied.

Danny, who is an errand boy in a broker's office, got a job in the same office for his chum Harry. Danny set himself the task of making Harry appear to the best advantage during the probationary period of his job, and he found it necessary sometimes to use means that were only justified by the end.

Every afternoon Danny had to run with messages from one of the exchanges to the office, a distance of half a mile. When Harry came, Danny had to "break him in" to do this. The first day that he made the trip from the exchange Harry staggered into the office, gasping, with his eyes starting from his head. For a moment he couldn't speak. The broker looked at him in astonishment and said:

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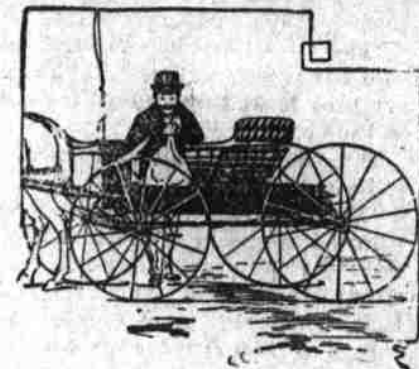
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