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IS HE PIG OR PUP.

BUTLER now says that disfranchisement has not removed the negro issue from politics in Louisiana, South Carolina and Mississippi. Webster's Weekly says, the Populist Hand-Book issued two years ago, denounced the Democratic party for "being too weak and cowardly to stand up as men and enact laws disfranchising the negro vote, WHICH LAWS WOULD HAVE BEEN CONSTITUTIONAL." The Hand Book says:

"In nearly every Southern State, except North Carolina, the negro is disfranchised, with result that racial antagonisms cannot be aroused because the absence of a basis on which to proceed. The same power that disfranchised the negro in these Southern States has been wielded by the Democratic party in North Carolina for twenty years and yet no advantage has been taken of that power."

Thus the Democratic party was abused by Butler, for not disfranchising the negro, and now he abuses it for wanting to disfranchise the negro. Butler is like the Pig and the Pup. An old ducky was commanded by his master to take a fine blooded pig to a neighbor as a present. The pig was put in a sack, and slinging it across his shoulder the old man started down the road, whistling a tune. He had not gone far when he came to a still-house. He set his sack containing the pig down outside and went in to get a little "O-be-joyful." While he was in there some boys slipped his pig out, and put in a pup in its place. Soon the old negro came out, wiped his mouth and picked up the sack and went on. When he got to the neighbors house, he told the man he had that fine blooded pig for him. The whole family came out of the house to see it. Uncle Sam untied the sack, reversed the ends and out crawled the pup. He looked at it for a moment, rubbed his eyes and exclaimed: "Dar, But before de Lord, Massa, dat pup was a pig when I started with him. I swear before the Lord, he was. Yes sah." The neighbor became very indignant and told Uncle Sam to take his little old pup back home, that he didn't want no such stock as that. Uncle Sam turned the pup over and over and looking at it, exclaiming, "He am a pup, yes, Sir." Picking him up dubiously he put him back in the sack and started sadly back home. Every hundred yards he would stop, put down the sack and roll the pup out and look at him, or look down into the sack with one eye. But he came back to the still-house, and the temptation to stop was too much for him, and he set his sack outside and went in again. Soon he came out feeling better than ever and forgetting all his trouble about the pig. When he reached home he said to his master, "Massa Jan, I swar, fore de Lord dat dat pig you give me was a pup." Oh, Uncle Sam you are dreaming, his master said, Put him out here and let me see. Uncle Sam's eyes began to roll as he opened the sack, his fingers twitched, for he didn't know what that pig had changed to since he last looked, but he rolled him out, and behold, there was the same little pig which he had started to the neighbors with. He looked at it and walked around it, turned it over, opened its mouth, whistled to it, but it was the pig, and raising his eyes to the stern face of his master, yelled,

"I'll, swar before the Lord, master, dat pig can be what he wants to be. He can be a pig when he wants ter be and he can be a pup when he wants ter be. I'll swar before de Lord, master, he can."

So that is the way with Marion Butler. He can change his argument to suit the occasion. He can be a pup when he wants to be and he can be a pig when he wants to be.

WHITE SLAVE.

IN 1896 in many parts of the North the owners and managers of manufacturing establishments served notice on their employes that if they voted for Bryan they would be discharged from the positions they held. This was white slavery, pure and simple. Because of their necessities some white men were forced to vote as directed in order to get bread and meat for their wives and children. But the conduct of the employes was more dangerous to free institutions than the whip of the meanest negro slave trader who ever cracked his whip over defenceless slaves.

A few days ago we printed that the Republicans of the Seventh District, had elected D. M. Carpenter, a cotton mill manufacturer of Catawba county, a delegate to the National Convention. Following close upon the heels of that announcement comes the news that this man Carpenter, imitating Northern Republican manufacturers, regards his employes as white slaves whose actions and votes he can control. In his cotton mill, the operatives are white and they believe in White Supremacy, and some of them wearing "White Supremacy for North Carolina" badges as they had a right to do. What does this modern Republican, who believes in white slavery, undertake to do? Every employe in the Maiden Mill wearing this button was told to take it off. The Newton Enterprise adds:

"Most of them declined to do so, and we are told, the bosses went through the mills and took the "White Supremacy" buttons off of the men, boys and girls, and warned them not to enter the mill again wearing "White Supremacy" badges. Our informants did not say whether or not the offending individuals were taken into the "tower" to make the surrender of their liberty. Perhaps they were thus dignified, but possibly they were not given even this much consideration.

"Wonder, if it once occurred to these "bosses" that it was their duty to get the consent of the White Supremacy stockholders in the mills before proceeding to debuttonize and disfranchise the boys and girls behind the spinning frames"

In North Carolina men who work in factories and elsewhere have given their work for their wages, and employes have not tried to control their politics. Such successful manufacturers as Thomas M. Holt and Walter M. Steele would have despised themselves if they had descended to such petty and mean slave-driving. They and other employers have not heretofore sought to put the operatives in North Carolina on the level of a slave, and we do not believe North Carolina manufacturers have any such desire. It remains for a new-fledged Republican, who flopped in 1896 to the party of negro magistrates and negro post-masters, and has recently been elected as a delegate to the National Republican convention, in his new-born zeal, to emphasize his Republicanism by employing the method of Republican manufacturers who take orders from Hanna.—Raleigh News-Observer.

Yes, and that same political liberty taught by Thos. M. Holt, referred to above, is encouraged by his son, and nephews in Alamance county. And we would like to take this occasion to say that we believe there are no more honorable men in their dealings with their employes, in the

State, than the Holt's in this county; there are no other men in the State so ready to help an unfortunate employe, nor any who are disposed to treat the people fairer than the Holt's of Alamance county. There is, as a result of this, good feeling among all the employes and employers and we are glad of it.

THE Postal Telegraph Company are making quite a reputation throughout the State for promptness in sending and delivering messages. In the races at Charlotte, last week, an instrument was up near the grand stand, and as the races would come off they were described by wire all over the State. A week or so ago, during the progress of the prize fight, dispatches were read in Bradley's Drug Store from the Postal Company, as the fight progressed. Each knockout or advantage was instantly made known and the progress of the fight was kept up with almost the same interest as if we had been present.

A special from New York says: "A movement is now on foot by railroads of the south to induce the Boers to settle in certain sections of the South. The general prevalence of the belief that the war in the Transvaal can last but a little while longer has given an impetus to the project to encourage the settlement in some of the Southern States of those of the Boers who will not submit to reconstruction under English dominion. It is reported in railroad circles that definite plans are being made to further the possible exodus of Boers to this country.

At the Soldiers' Home in Raleigh last week a veteran named House suddenly became violently insane and attacked another named Davis whom he struck a heavy blow on the head with a Club. Davis lost considerable blood and has a severe wound over the temple, but is in no danger. Horne had been in home some time. It is said that in his native country he struck a man, who died of the blow. He was sent to the hospital for the insane.

Sens'or Bacon points out the current expenses in Cuba during the past year have aggregated eleven million dollars. Cuba is about as large as Georgia where the cost is \$872,000, not so large as Missouri where the cost is \$1,707,137. Carpet bag rule, not counting for stealing, comes high to the Cubans.

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