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A PHASE OF THE SPOILS SYSTEM.

The recent killing of the colored postmaster at Lake City, South Carolina, the shooting of several members of his family, and the burning of his house over his head, has received the condemnation it justly deserves by the Press of the State in which the crime was committed, and the Southern press, generally.

Aside from the horribleness of such an act, and also the fact that the perpetrators of the crime, are likely to escape all punishment; beyond all the real known facts of these murders, there are causes which are productive of just such crimes as that which occurred at Lake City, and which may occur at other places.

There are causes which lead to crimes of this character, where the innocent suffer, not for their own acts, but because of the prevailing conditions of their environment.

Tragedies like that of Lake City, are simply phases of the spoils system, growing out of a corrupt and pernicious system of politics, which has for its most prominent feature, that of reward, as following the promise of some political action performed.

It is the giving out of offices from a central political point, such as the Nation's Capitol, which is productive of crimes committed.

These crimes perse, have not any justification. They are atrocious, brutal, but they are committed and the innocent suffer, while the criminal, altho' not detected, carries away during life the stain and dishonor.

This saddling upon communities such men as the central political power may consider the best tools for their political ends, raises the most serious question as to whether communities have any rights worthy of consideration, which even an opposite political party is bound to respect?

Or shall the central political power fill offices in every community, which are in fulfillment of promises made, such offices being in payment of political work performed?

It is in this confusion of appointing men to offices in the South, from the Washington end, without knowing or caring as to the wishes of the people over whom these appointees must preside, is what produces the irritation, out of which such crimes as that of Lake City grow.

The practice of appointing colored men to the most prominent offices in towns and cities in the South, simply on the ground of political reward, and in the face of community protests, ought to receive some attention from the political machine.

Because a community protests against the appointment of colored men to offices which place them in a commanding position in the community, it must not be thought that these protests come from politicians, alone, for the politician is not the protester, but the business men and the citizens who must come into

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unpleasant contact with these office appointees, are those who are most vehement in their protestations.

It is the right of the taxpayer, the merchant, and the good citizen, which ought to demand a careful hearing in these appointments which virtually command the town and its commercial interests; and when time after time the political appointee is set up, no matter how obnoxious, personally, or how disqualified, mentally, then trouble is certain to result.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE.

Mormons Discomfited.

Two Mormon elders have been in our section and preached 22 sermons at the school house near Morgan Swamp. They baptized one convert. On Thursday last Rev. H. S. Davenport of the Christian Church came over and met them at the house of Mr. John A. Everington and had a discussion with Mr. Everett their chief elder at this place. We were anxious to hear it, as they had made some boast and said they were solid and had made some impression upon the people. A Mormon elder is a very plausible, and can make things look quite plain when he has no one to dispute him.

The subject discussed was extraordinary gifts continuing in the church. The Mormons took the position, that these gifts still existed in the "Church of latter day Saints." Mr. Davenport denied. In order to decide the controversy, they were to use the Bible, (C. V.) Mr. Davenport opened the discussion by reading the commission, Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16: from the 15th verse to the close of the chapter; Luke 24:54-53; John 20:22, 23, verses 30, 31 of same chapter.

He then turned to Acts 3, and read the case of the blind beggar, who sat at the gate and begged, and showed that the signs spoken of in Mark 16, did follow the Apostles. So far they agreed. Mr. Davenport then argued the faith exercised on that day was in Peter and John and not in the beggar. Mr. Everett denied and continued that the faith was in the lame man, but could not sustain his position.

Other instances were brought forward, but Mr. Davenport sustained his position in every case and annihilated the position of the Mormons, that they can work miracles if the subject has faith. The Apostles could work miracles regardless of faith in the subject. The next proposition was the laying on of hands in order to receive the Holy Ghost. Mr. D. contended that none but the apostles could confer this gift, that it was not conferred upon all believers, and that those upon whom the gift was conferred could not confer the gift to third parties. Mr. E. failed to make a single point on this proposition.

Mr. Davenport then read 1 Cor. 12, and the 8th verse of chapter 13. He proved that there were extraordinary gifts in the Corinthian church, and that these gifts were to cease. That when the Apostles died they left no successors. He then called on the Mormons to sustain their position and asked them if they would handle a "cat" if they said "No." He told them that there

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was an infirm boy in the neighborhood, and asked them to restore him to health. They could not do it. He told them that as they could not sustain their position their teaching was a deception.

He preached a sermon that night at the school house and had the elders out to hear. His subject was the Church of Christ, and at the conclusion he called on the elders to come forward and join it, and gave them an opportunity of saying anything they desired. He did as much good. Mormon influence will not be felt here again.

S. A. EVERINGTON.

Tryon to Name The Bridge.

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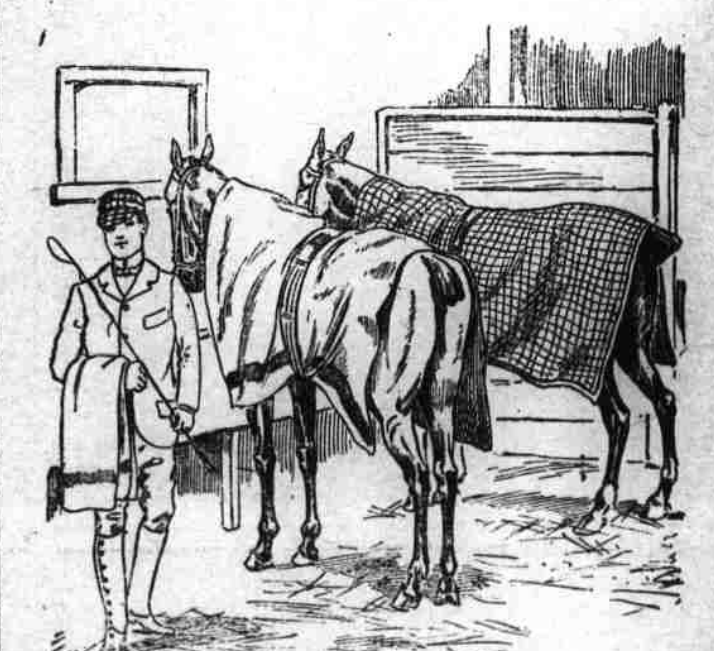
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