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CRUSADE AGAINST THE NEGRO.

Evansville, Indiana, is the latest acquisition to those communities in which, chiefly for political reasons, the anti-Negro element has arrayed itself against our people, proceeding with most drastic and unlawful measures to expel the colored population thereof. In this unholy work, unconstitutional in point of any law which may, for expediency, be invoked to favor it, those who promote it cite the lynching of the colored men at Rockport and Booneville for the alleged crime of causing the death of a white barber at Rockport one night over a month ago. Nearly all of the populons communities in that district of Indiana have applied similar measures against our people.

What does this extraordinary crusade against the Negro mean? It cannot be either religious or temperance in character, for our people are among the most devoted of Christians. It cannot be educational or industrial, for the Negro is among the most apt, the most ambitious and the most advanced in his classes. He is the most industrious employe in what he undertakes to do. Can it be political? If so, why should it occur in that particular part of Indiana?

Let us see.

In every town mentioned as the center of this anti-Negro activity it is found to be held by those whose prejudices against the race is chiefly on account of its color. Who compose this element? Generally, they are members of the Democratic party and they do their work of crime invariably in communities in which partisan Democracy prevails in political contests.

Therefore, is it political? Largely so, beyond a doubt.

The influence of disfranchisement of the Negro in certain Southern states has spread to the staid and stoical communities of Indians. It is the inttial move to drive the Negroes from Indiana or disfranchise them.

In those communities there are many white tramps. Ninety-nine in every one hundred of them are criminals by instinct and habit. When arraigned for their depredations they plead inability to obtain work because of the presence of Negroes who will work; and it is generally on the testimony of the tramp that a colored man is convicted of crime.

Therefore, the animus in this unlawful movement is found in the criminal heart of the white hobo, nine times in every ten cases filed against the former.

There are a very few colored tramps-not ten in a thousand of the hobo fraternity. Our people will work. They have been taught that principle of self-preseraction ever since they were old enough to babble for bread. If they cannot, for a given time, earn more than a living, they have shown a disposition to do that rather than to loaf, tramp or steal.

Hence, is the cause for this outrageous treatment of the Negro political? What else can it be?

A feature of the progress of this bloody crusade is the incomprehensible supineness of the Republican managers relative thereto.

MUCH PATIENCE AT SALEM.

The senatorial situation at Salem is practically unchanged, except to the extent that public patience shows signs of exhaustion. Corbett receives his usual support on each ballot, McBride his and Smith, the Democratic aspirant, his. The scatterring votes may fall anywhere when the break shall come.

Hermann's most intimate friends have given out the statement that he is not an avowed candidate. his strength will go on the break is aiready partially understood.

It is positively evident, however, Hermann. that neither McBride, aule chance of election. Their forces cer H. H. Hawley, of the Boys' and Proprietor, southwest corner Sixth are holding out in the hope that ex- Girls' Aid Society, whose work is noshe contest and withdraw. That hope It should be said that the Boys' and Reading room, pool and billiards.

certain defeat for the others named.

forces are delaying the final result in of his own conception of responsibility, an effort to gather to their strength the is performing a noteworthy service. straggling votes and a little Demo- His duties are multifarious. He seeks cratic support in the break-up, their the remotest corners of evil for victims hope being that in this way they may of vice, whom he rescues, in their acquire votes enough to throw to ex- early experience of waywardness, from Senator Mitchell to elect him, the sole the influences which invariably lead object being to defeat H. W. Corbett them to crime when left to their own at all hazards. In this their folly may discretion. He is ever alert. Bad

doubt place a sufficient number of tious officer. votes at Mr. Corbett's disposal to elect

Regular business is being delayed in result in the senatorial contest. It is ridiculously silly for men with inconsequential support to expect Mr. Corbett to yield his place to them against the desire of the people He certainly will not do it.

On the other hand, it is expensive sorry in due time for their play with public interests.

Mr. Corbett went to Salem with the line of active employment. major portion of his party in his behalf. He cannot yield. It has become far more than a personal matter with him. It is an affair of popular consequence now. Public sentiment is besentiment will rue the day they ignored it.

Hon. H. W. Corbett is the man tofinal ballot.

A DAGO SUBSTITUTE.

ployed, in the place of Negroes, in the nouncement creates no surprise among those who have watched the trend of current political and economic conditions in "certain sections of the South.

For instance: Recently, colored voters of "certain sections of the South" were disfranchised. Rather than live under such conditions of political proscription, they lost no time in finding homes where their legal political rights were respected. Thus industrial conditions in 'certain sections of the South" became suddenly congested. Importation of labor was necessary. Large enterprises suffered for lack of it. The Italian substitute was found to be the only alternative.

Even now, however, employers are complaining that Italians are not satisfactory; that he is not capable of becoming a good citizen; that he is lazy, treacherous and generally incompetent.

This is one of the first fruits of the movement to exclude the Negro from the South. It is a forceful suggestion of one of the notable results of Afro-American exclusion from the plantations of the Southland.

There will be others. But those who a e actuated by an unreasonable prejudice in this matter will not learn of the full import of this infamous crusade until the ruination of their own enterprises and fortunes impel the con-

Let them enjoy the dago substitute as long as they find virtue in it. The Negro is better off in communities where he may pursue progress in the essential avenues of educational and industrial well being and where he may enjoy his constitutional rights of citizenship.

OFFICER HAWLEY'S GOOD WORK.

Among those who are doing excellent work in behalf of the moral wellbeing of the boys and girls of the city, and, indeed, the young people of the Smith nor Fulton stands any reason- entire state, should be mentioned Offi-Senator Corbett may grow weary of tably commendable in many respects.

will never be realized. Mr. Corbett Girls' Aid Society of Portland is, in RELDING BROS. has given it out emphatically that he the first place, one of the best and will not withdraw. It is either suc- most active institutions of its kind on cess or defeat, with him, while it is the Pacific coast. It is doing a good work, morally and in charity. Officer It is current belief, based on avident Hawley, acting under direction of Suwork, that the McBride-Hermann perintendent Gardner and in pursuance boys and wicked girls cannot escape It is generally believed that a break him. He saves them, not only from in the alignment of the several differ- vicious associations, but from publicent forces may occur at any time, ity, and he places them under influ-The Democrats are becoming restless, ences which make them permanently The people all over the state are de- better. Not many cases are treated manding a final result. As said before, for waywardness in the Boys' and Mr. Corbett holds the lead and when Girls' Aid Society without success. the change shall come it will beyond He is a faithful, alert and conscien-

THE GREAT FAIR.

The proposed inter-state fair for this sesion by this tardiness of definite Portland in 1905 has already aroused the business energy of the leading spirits of Oregon's metropolis and the first results are most auspicious. It is assured beyond peradventure that this grand carnival of exhibits and accompanying features of entertainment will be held. In addition to that, the first Til folly for the small fry in the conflict to step in the arrangement for it gives assume that the people of the state will earnestness that it will be directed by applaud their work of dalliance with managers whose foresight, skill and false influences. The men who lead ability in such extraordinary matters the factions in this discord will be will make it a success—a success worth many hundreds of thousands of dollars to the people of Oregon in every

Portland's growth as a metropolis has been gradual, but substantial, and it shows today a permanency not found in any other city of the great Northwest. That of Oregon generally has hind it-and those who stubbornly been less so, but not because of lack of refuse to yield to the pressure of public incentive advance, but chiefly on account of the absence of inspiriting encouragement and consequent enthus iasm. In a measure, this accounts for day, and he will be the man on the Oregon's reputation as a slow-going commonwealth in material progre

The day of the commencement of work on the great fair to be held four It is said that, in certain sections of years hence marks a new era to this the South, Italians are being em- state's advancement. Portland, parwork on the plantations. This and of business benefit from this great undertaking.

> A newspaper is really no more than an admirable invention for propagating ideas and news. The fact that a man is at the editorial head of it, or any where else on the line, does not in the least relieve him from the duties and responsibilities attending the communication of thought. The liberty of the press means liberty to state facts, liberty to argue them, liberty to denounce abuses, liberty to advocate reforms. It does not mean the venting of private and personal spleen and grudge. Aris totle defines liars as of two classes, the selfish and the unselfish. Journalists may be divided the same way. There are those who are in it for some base, selfish, sordid and personal end, and there are others who like it because it gives an opportunity to confirm and spread truth and to correct and uproot error. The personal journalism that attempts to reward friends and punish enemies is a noxious and unhealthy thing. For the benefit of the press itself it ought to die out.

· Little work of a general character has so far been accomplished by the present legislature. Much of the legislaiton so far done is of a special char-

Administrative results in the Philippine islands are not vet pronouncedly definite. It is evident that the task of subjugating the Filipinos has only

The special tax to relieve the conges tion of finances in the municipality of Portland will not cover the deficit by about \$82,000, but it will help relieve the condition of the local treasury.

Affairs in the settlement of the Chinese imbroglio are again entangled. Russia's course embarrasses the situation. Earl Li has proven to be a liar in more places than one.

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