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GEER POURS IN A LITTLE HOT SHOT

Answer to a Frantic Kansas Negro Bryanite Editor.

SALEM, Sept. 26.—Oregon's obsolete section of the constitution relative to colored people seems to be a burning issue in the Kansas state election. Governor Geer is in receipt of another letter, enclosing him a copy of the Colored Citizen, a democratic paper published at Topeka, by a negro, which has kept standing the obnoxious section from Oregon's constitution with the heavy black-letter heading: "Oregon's Black Law. Worse Than Disfranchisement, or Tillmanism. That State Gave McKinley 10,000 majority, and Refuses to Repeal the Following Law." Governor Geer answers the last letter and refers to the newspaper in question in the following characteristic style:

"Your letter of the 21st inst., with a copy of the Colored Citizen, of Topeka, is at hand. I had just received a similar letter from a gentleman in Parsons, Kan., calling my attention to the desperate straits to which the democrats of Kansas are reduced for campaign material. I will enclose to you a copy of my answer to him.

In addition to that letter I wish to say that the mental depravity of the negro who will, for any reason, justify the treatment of his race in the Southern states by what this editor calls 'Tillmanism,' is past comprehension or characterization. 'Tillmanism' stops nowhere short of the admission made by Senator Tillman himself in the senate this year when he declared that 'We stuffed the ballot-boxes, we shot them and we are not ashamed of it.' Your Colored Citizen says that this obsolete section of our constitution is 'worse than disfranchisement or Tillmanism.' But the difference is that that section of our constitution was never enforced, while 'Tillmanism' is, and whatever else is not known by the average voter of this country, he does know that this section was repealed and rendered null and void by the adoption of the 14th and 15th amendments to the Federal Constitution. The principle of the 'consent of the governed' in its larger and truer sense is in operation everywhere in this country, save in that portion where Mr. Bryan will receive nearly all of his electoral votes.

"I desire to say, further, in regard to this Kansas matter, that since discovering that you have a negro in your state who is so unappreciative of the great privileges conferred upon himself by the republican party as to indorse and apologize for the treatment of his race in the Southern states, I believe it should have this obsolete section of our constitution engrafted into its own organic law and rigidly enforced. I would be in favor of enforcing it here if we had such negroes."

Sad Accident at Baker City.

BAKER CITY, Sept. 26.—The 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Marcus died this morning from injuries received yesterday afternoon in a very peculiar manner. A neighbor, in passing the house, discovered the child hanging by its neck from the swing in the shed at the rear of the Marcus house, and which was used for the amusement of the children. It is supposed that the little one had either attempted to climb into the swing or had been left sitting in it by some of the older children, and had slipped, twisting the rope about her neck.

When found the child's feet were just off the ground and its body cold. A physician resuscitated the child to life, but it went into spasms and died this morning.

Howard Must Die For His Crime.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Sept. 26.—The jury in the case of James Howard on trial for alleged complicity in the Goebel assassination, this morning rendered a verdict of guilty, with the penalty fixed at death. The jury retired at 9:10, and returned with its verdict at 9:48. The courtroom was crowded with spectators, almost trembling with suppressed excitement. Foreman Crutcher, of the jury, passed the written verdict up to the clerk, and it was read by Deputy Clerk Elliott. Howard did not display



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BOER DEFEAT IS COMPLETE

Struggle at Komatiport Was Bloodless—Fighting Spirit Gone—Burned All Property and Fled to Neutral Territory.

New York, Sept. 26.—A dispatch to the Herald from Lourenco Marques says: The Boer defeat is complete. By dint of riding from Barberton your correspondent overtook first General Hamington's division, then that of General de la Cueva, and finally entered Komatiport. Not a shot was fired nor was a person seen during the march.

Evidence of the enemy's destructiveness was everywhere to be seen. The bridges had been dynamited, the stores, buildings and homesteads looted and burned, as had been also the railway property, all the chief stations being smoking ruins, among them being Kaapman's Hecterspruit and Komatiport. The last place there is an enormous sea-over which the Boers have wrought destruction.

The devastation includes hundreds of wagons, trucks and carriages, which have been burned, together with all kinds of stores of clothing, ammunition, traps and provisions, such as sugar, coffee, rice, flour and stationery. Thousands of tons are still burning. General Polakow has secured hundreds of locomotives. The whole of the Selati railway is simply blocked with rolling stock. On my way from Barberton I saw at Hecterspruit the burst Boer guns and destroyed stores. In the Crocodile river there were visible literally acres of damaged gun ammunition, wagons, dynamite and stores of every sort. At Komatiport there were, besides the burning stores, hundreds of tons of ammunition. The enemy had left standing any tents.

The great waste in the effects of the war was evident. Furniture, trunks, provisions, clothing and other articles were lying about in every direction. In the rocky bed of the river were enormous quantities of stores, ammunition, cannon and foodstuff. Any good police force—say one of 20—can do the rest of the work of

pacification for security.

If General Buller and the others move on to seize the passes, neither Viljoen, the new commandant-general with Steyn and Schalkberger, nor Koetze, with the rest of the derelicts from Koomatiport, can escape through the mountains toward Lydenburg and Pietersburg, while to remain in the low veldt at this season of the year spells death for men and cattle.

The Portuguese have disarmed all the Boer refugees taken.

Fifty truckloads, with nearly 500 tons, have been dumped down on the island of Shebeen, off Lourenco Marques.

The Irish-American mercenaries are clamoring for pay, and threatening the Boer officials.

The final collapse of the Boer army may be summarized as follows:

When the Boers, numbering 2000, evacuated Koomatiport, they took up positions between the Lobombo range and the river. They had good positions, and could have made a capital stand, but owing to the disorganization and lack of discipline they were prevalent, they were only half-hearted.

Wishing to avoid a conflict and unnecessary bloodshed, the British consul-general consulted the Portuguese governor-general, Senhor Machado, as to the best course to be pursued to attain this end. He asked that emissaries should be sent up with an address to the Boers pointing out the uselessness of continuing their resistance and the absolute needlessness of going on further. Besides, if they continued to fight there was a fear of the natives rising.

Owing to the fact that the Portuguese had been most kind to the Boers, and as they had guaranteed their maintenance and repatriation and promised to send them back to their country free of charge, the scheme succeeded beyond the wildest hopes of its originators.

Instead of dozens coming down to Lourenco Marques, 2500 arrived in this wise. Diplomacy, therefore, triumphed by bringing the war to a speedy and bloodless close.

"My baby was terribly sick with the diarrhoea," says J. H. Doak, Williams, Oregon. "We were unable to cure him with the doctor's assistance, and as a last resort we tried Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. I am happy to say it gave immediate relief and a complete cure." For sale at Blakeley's drug store.

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