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The Colored Exodus.

"Cotton, too cheap, and justice, too dear," is the condensed sentence used by the New York Herald in stating the reason for the exodus of colored people now taking place in the south. There are various reasons given by other journals for this movement of the blacks. They have found that, politically, they are to be hereafter in the south a dead letter. They will not be allowed to have any representation in congress, nor in legislatures probably, nor in county governments. They are paid (if at all) for their labor on the plantations, not in money but in orders, and are obliged to make their purchases of designated persons, and the result is plain enough.

Such a condition is one of freedom in name, but slavery in practice. Losing all hope of ever gaining any political recognition, and cheated, as they believe, at every point, and being made to believe that there are better chances in the great west, many have determined to try their fortunes there. Many of them have died on the way, and are dying at their encampments. Like ignorant children, they have started on their hegira without sufficient means and preparation.

The Pacific coast must prepare for accepting many of these refugees from the south, although we scarcely anticipate such a result. The colored people in New York are alive to the question, and one of their prominent men advocated the idea of the exodus. He thought there was a call or an opportunity for the employment of a thousand colored men in Arizona on railroads, and that the same is true in California and New Mexico. He encouraged the movement. A partial migration of the colored race will be a benefit to the southern states, according to the views of Senator Windom, who seems deeply interested in the movement.

It can scarcely be possible that any considerable number of the ruling race of the south can have endorsed the proposition to prevent the emigration of the blacks, by enactment that not over fifty shall be allowed to take passage on any steamer on the Mississippi river. This would be a stretch of tyranny beyond anything heretofore enacted. We give them freedom, the franchise, then make their lives intolerable by oppression and cheating, and then say they shall not have happiness, in the face of the Declaration of Independence, and of the Constitution. The south can scarcely have sunk to that degrada-

Capt. Connor's Statement.

Capt. Connor, commander of the steamship Oregon, was interviewed by a Bee reporter this morning who said: "I brought my ship over the bar in broad daylight, by the north channel, leaving the Great Republic ontside, waiting for high tide. The tide had been flowing about an hour when I started over. The Republic was seen until dark Friday night. On Saturday morning when I left Astoria for Portland I saw the Republic, but thought she was still outside the bar. I watched her with my glass until my ship was ten miles from Astoria. As the Republic did not move I thought she might be grounded, but I could not go back to assist her. I had no right to go as there were tugs that could render assistance, when I could rates. not go any where near her. If there had been no other boat around, then I should have gone back to see what the trouble was. From the position the Republic occupied I thought she might be outside the bar when I last saw her, and her steam was down which bespoke trouble. There was nothing said about her when I left Astoria. She stranded about 200 yards west of Sand island." The captain was inclined to be reticent and declined to give an opinion as to where the blame rested. The Bee

trathfully remarks that it will be time enough, when the facts are understood, and the excitement that attends the disaster has subsided, to form and express a judgment, and attach the fault where it belongs; and this we shall try to do, impartially, so soon as it can properly be done.

-The novel sight was presented in the Texas legislature recently of a member of that body speaking in Spanish in advocacy of a bill making the payment of poll tax a prerequisite to voting. His argument, which most of the body understood, although uttered in a foreign tongue, was that at the last election over one thousand Mexicans had crossed over and voted in Texas. The Spanish must have been persuasive, as the bill passed the lower house.

-English newspapers very rarely contain in the obituary column a notice of a funeral, because, except in the case of a very eminent person, it is not desired that any but near relatives or very intimate friends should attend, men worth a million go to their graves with less pomp and parade than New York car driver.

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