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Horace G. Clay, son of Editor Clay of Clay's Review, died Wednesday evening at St. Joseph Hospital after an illness of six weeks. We extend our sympathy to Editor Clay in the personal bereavement that has come to the Clay fireside.

## WHAT HAS BECOME OF THE INDEPENDENTS?

A few weeks ago there was a great howl among colored voters about independents, and the putting of a representative colored man on the independent ticket. Curbstone conferences were held, meetings appointed and even a candidate selected, but what are the results? The independents have vanished into thin air, the candidate quiescent and the party gone up the spout. Better come back in the old camp, boys, and do business with the powers that be.

## REPUBLICAN STATE TICKET.

State Chairman John F. Vivian is the right man in the right place. He has before him a splendid campaign and a winning ticket. He is a man who knows how to make things go and helps to make them go. He is genial, affable and considerate of all interests. He slights no man, no candidate, no voter, no interest and no section. He sees and understands the situation from every compass point and keeps things moving harmoniously and swiftly so that the Republicans have every assurance that they will sweep the state for their ticket.

The candidates on the state ticket this year are those who personally inspire confidence in the success of the party. There is not a weak candidate on the list from top to bottom. Their intelligence, character and strength speaks for itself.

Chairman Vivian succeeds that strong and clear-headed man of affairs in the person of D. B. Farley, who brought the ticket, heavy loaded as it was two years ago, to success. There can be no doubt but what Chairman John F. Vivian, with his long experience, extended acquaintance and fair dealing, will carry the Republican majority this year up into the thousands. Chairman Vivian, has lived in Colorado for thirty-eight years and for the past twenty years has been actively engaged in politics, is at present mayor of Golden and secretary of the Golden Milling Company. He is friendly to all classes and knows how to meet men in every walk of life. He tries not to promise more than he can fulfill, but once his word is out he endeavors to make good. The Colorado Statesman takes pleasure in commending him and the whole state ticket to the voters of Colorado on November 6th for their unqualified indorsement and support.

## POLITICAL UPHEAVALS OF THE COLORED PRESS.

The Negro press has its comic as well as its serious vein, its amusing as well as its economic problems to face. The colored press looked at as a whole is a family that gets on remarkably well together. Like a giant the colored press has its strength and like Sampson it has its weakness.

Last week The Colorado Statesman in a merry vein took the opportunity to welcome our esteemed contemporary (The Statesman) back into the Republican family fold, to forgive its childish impetuosity of two years ago, and without spanking it for its misbehavior, we asked it in the future to be good and obey its paternal head. But just as we had gotten Brother Franklin quieted and fed, Lo! trouble breaks out in Colorado Springs. Did you see the Enterprise last week? (It is presumed many read it in Denver). It has always been a good Republican child, perhaps orphan, and though it is only a few years old it has always been politically well fed. But now it comes out in a headline, "Where Are We At?" signed by Editor Muse. If you want us to answer Brother Charles, presumably you are in the soup or out in the cold. What strange bee has stung The Enterprise? Why, we thought you were a stand-patter, Brother Charlie, a died-in-the-wool, always-at-home Republican. Didn't they let you into the family fruit jar?

Then there are Messrs. Porter and Simpson, editors of the Advance, just born, two weeks old, with a lusty appetite crying for milk, more milk. Also Brooks, of Pueblo, trying to wedge his fingers in the preserve jar while somebody in Denver is holding the lid on. But come, cheer up, little men, get back in the family fold, don't stray too far from the Republican threshold; you might get stolen by those wicked Independents or bad Democrats. It is only some new arrangements, colored people are now getting together and conducting their own affairs politically. You will get yours, but you must produce the goods. Father J. W. Jackson is a good man, and will give you a square deal without favorites. Get back in the bunch and work and your oats will be alright, but you will have to eat them from a new stall and feed box. They will taste just as good when you have learned how new arrangement is working success to all.

## FACTS AND LIGHT ON THE ATLANTA RIOTS.

The colored people all along contended that when the truth was brought to light that the Negro was not the aggressor or transgressor in Atlanta. Now the facts are at hand and our prophecy justified. The Independent, a magazine published in New York, gives the cause in a brief article, the substance of which follows:

"The cause arose from four sources, one remote, three immediate. The remote cause was the hot political contest between Hoke Smith and Clark Howell. Both candidates openly avowed that Negroes have absolutely no rights save those granted them by suffering at the hands of the whites. What a farce. The immediate causes were: first, It was asserted by newspapers—the News and Georgian—that five assaults had occurred in one week and an additional one on the fatal Saturday—not one of which has been proved. Second, there is a sharp rivalry between three Atlanta newspapers for patronage, each using the Negro to attract readers among a population that can best be secured by abusing and villifying the colored race. Third, there is fact growing up in that city a increasing number of educated and prosperous colored people whose success is an eyesore to many whites, but whose prosperity cannot be hindered as the facts well demonstrate."

Here is the aggravating truth. A

Negro boy went into a white woman's yard to deliver a laundry parcel. She screamed and cried that the youth was attempting to assault her. A mob began to assemble. The newspapers were circulating "extras" under glaring headlines, "Another Assault." Then separate and extra editions, each more terrifying than the other, appearing hourly until dark, saying, "Another Assault," and advocating the gathering of a mob, even offering money reward to slay colored people.

It is coming out little by little that the whole affair was deliberately planned. Negro barbers were dragged out of their shops while shaving white men, and their places of business demolished. One of the finest shops in the entire country had the front glass smashed because the owner was colored.

The true explanation of the riot is found in economic causes. If the Negro was content to be wholly idle, improvident and worthless, all classes would treat him with the easy tolerance still shown by aristocratic Southern families. It is the Negro effort to rise above the environment of slavery that has influenced class hatred and leads mobs to murder him in cold blood. It is this industrial progress and this alone that makes color a crime, not only in the Southland, but North, East and West. It is unfortunate that several Negro journals lay this matter to that indefatigable leader, Booker T. Washington, but Mr. Washington is no more responsible than any successful colored merchant, lawyer or educator in Colorado. In inspiring the Negro to go into business and win merit and wealth Mr. Washington is but following the natural law of successful efforts that has lifted other peoples from poverty and degradation. As a people begin to advance new complications arise. These must be successfully met and overcome and this the Negro is doing. Let him go on, these little disturbances should not frighten or hinder him. He must pay the price and meet the conditions, and this he is rapidly doing.

## MASSACRE. (Continued from first page.)

been the day before a meeting of white people to protest, and they had not been disturbed by the police; but that Negroes should meet and talk was "seditious" and that they should arm themselves in defense was dangerous, although one shop had sold \$16,000 worth of arms and ammunition to white men.

What will be the end of it all? We cannot guess, but we know that to their latest day of life a pall of shame and horror ought to rest on Hoke Smith, Clark Howell, John Temple Graves, and every other man who has stirred up this race hatred, violence and crime, and brought this ringing curse on Atlanta and the disgraced State of Georgia.

## RACE NEWS. (Continued from first page.)

ligions in Chicago, Sept. 15, 1893, and presided at the Ecumenical conference of Methodists in London, Sept. 7, 1901.

Washington, Oct. 8.—Counseling his race to keep the peace, but to be prepared to defend themselves against mobs with weapons, the Rev. Frances J. Grimké, a Negro clergyman, pastor of the Fifteenth Street Presbyterian church yesterday delivered a sermon on the Atlanta race riots. "The duty of the Negro is to make it as perilous as possible for the mob. When the mob understands from actual experience that there are blows to take as well as blows to give, it won't be so quick to organize. The only thing which makes them think twice before acting is the fear of being injured. "There is but one way to deal with a mob, and that is to shoot to death, to riddle it with bullets or use dynamite. The Negro then will be doing himself and the whole South a service."

Argenta, Ark., Oct. 8.—Quiet today followed the storm scenes that have been enacted in Argenta across the Arkansas river from Little Rock, during the last two days. Mayor Faucette today issued an order for everybody with the exception of officers to disarm and the order has been generally followed. An inquest was held by the coroner today over the body of H. G. Blackman, the Negro who was lynched in Argenta Sunday night, and the jury returned a verdict that Blackburn came to his death at the hands of unknown persons. Neither Garrett Colum, Charles nor Lewis Styles, the Negroes charged with killing John Lindsay Saturday night or wounding his son, Policeman Milton Lindsay, have been captured. No further trouble is anticipated unless the fugitives Negroes are captured and brought here.

Jacksonville, Fla., Sept. 20.—Hon. John S. Beard, State Senator and a prominent lawyer, has promised to introduce in the next Florida Legislature an amendment to the State constitution providing that none but white persons shall be eligible as electors in this State. His purpose is to test the legality of the Fifteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution. Mr. Beard's bill would do with frankness, what the South has heretofore dared to accomplish only by tergiversation. He would openly disfranchise Afro-Americans on account of their color, whereas the South has disfranchised them under the subterfuges of the "grandfather clauses," poll taxes and educational and property qualifications. Mr. Beard's proposed bill has thrown a violent scare into the Southern whites and has delighted Southern Afro-Americans.

## THE BEAM IN OUR OWN EYE

"In the face of the Atlanta Negro massacre," says the Detroit News-Tribune, "the American people and the American press should be somewhat modest in denouncing the Russians for the slaughter of Jews in Odessa, Bialystok and elsewhere. Indeed, at all times, it would be better for people to look after the mending of their own manners before lecturing others on that subject, but after the Georgia abomination we should be very modest in criticism of other countries."

"There has been little even in the first exaggerations of the Jewish persecutions that has not been paralleled at Atlanta. The victims of the murderous mob have almost in every case been entirely innocent of the crimes which have served as provocation against a white race. The guilty are safe in prison or free and at large, hidden from both police and rioters. The innocent wayfarer upon the street, the law abiding workman at his labor, and even the home-keeping citizen, has in nearly a score of cases been done to death by mobs made up apparently of by no means the ordinary criminal class but of men of recognized standing in a community which ranks as high in civilization as any city of the southern states; a community full of churches, school houses, hospitals and other institutions of Christian civilization; a community which boasted of its refinement and held its head as high as any in the nation."

"Atlanta cannot shift the responsibility of this inhuman atrocity upon its criminal class. One of its own newspapers incited it in advance, and while the general opinion may deplore the affair as a disgrace to the city and an injury to the good name of Georgia, there does not seem to be any very poignant regret for the fate of the innocent negroes who were slaughtered with methods worthy of savages."

"Nor can the blame be put upon the foreign immigrants who comes in for so much criticism lately as an influence of determination in our population. The South is the

purest bred section in the country. There, if anywhere in the union, there may be said to be a simon-pure American race which has been unmixed for four or five generations of any taint of European blood. Surely the South needs above all other sections the civilizing Christianizing influence which would come to it with a liberal injection of new immigrants from older and more law-abiding populations."

"The fearful question will arise in many minds: Is this the climax of anti-Negro ferocity in the South, or is it, as many fear, the opening of a savage warfare which will soak the soil with innocent blood of both races? Should the latter fear be justified, the southern states can hardly be left to solve the problem for themselves. Should such scenes be repeated, the nation could not ignore the obligation of common humanity."

## INCITED BY PRESS

It must not be forgotten, however, that while the mobs have offended against the law of the land, there are Georgians not of the mobs who have offended against the moral law by perpetuating in speech and press the hatreds of their race toward the weaker race and thereby inciting Negro hating mobs to gather and kill. To spread of this sort of thing as a race war is to wrench words. It is not war to kill non-resistants, and the Negro at the South has been non-resistant.

But in the face of such provocation as the outrage at Atlanta, the Negro may not always remain non-resistant. We are hearing much from the South of the "uppishness" of the new generation of Negroes. The older Negroes, it is said, are docile, and the white race have no difficulty in getting along with them; but the new Negro is aggressive and resentful. God help the white community where that is a fact, and which allows its mobs to kill with impunity unresisting Negroes. For the "uppishness" of the new Negro means that human nature in the Negro is asserting itself, and that the time is approaching when the upturned faces after a "race war" will not all be black. White men cannot forever mob and slay the people of another race, however docile that race may seem to be, without in time being mobbed and slain in turn. And if it be true, as white men say, that the Negro is still in a savage state, what horrors may we not expect when his savage affection and docility turn to savage vengeance in retaliation for generations of wrongs at the hands of the race that now mobs him? It is well to disarm the Negroes of Atlanta, as the authorities there are now doing, in order to prevent retaliation; it would be better to prevent the race-hating outrages by whites which excite to retaliation—The Public.

## BIBICAL PREDICTIONS

The bewilderment of life is strange and perplexing. The life we are living has no certain rule that guarantees surety.

It's chance from beginning to end. There are many creeds and forms of religion and yet none are able to exist beyond the Bible. Outside of its teachings science is unable to guide us, by a system which assures safety but simply gives us theory. The prediction of the Bible come true with every generation. Things of today are just as they were predicted by those inspired to prophesy in ancient days among the antiquated nations. The Bible says there is nothing new, nothing new that has not already been. If this be true then those who prophesy were thoroughly competent to know what would exist among the nations who should follow. We today are using the science of the Egyptians, Greeks, Romans and other older nations and have

not added one thing that's new to science. We are using electricity in a more practical way than in former years, but at the same time we have not discovered what it really is, other than it pertains to the elements, science undoubtedly knew this a thousand years ago.

The Bible predicted numerous false prophets, wars, earthquakes, etc. It predicted the time would come when men would be of unsound mind and that ministers would not preach sound doctrine, women would lose affection for man and care more for each other. The Bible predicted many other things, too numerous to mention.—World (Columbus, Ohio.)

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