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The Coal Trust and the Salamander.

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Seven hundred thousand human beings, workers in coal mines, are on strike because the "owners" of the mines will not let them earn enough to live on.

Let us leave today's situation-to return to it later-and go back to the days when nature was storing up the coal for the uncreated race

The carboniferous era-during which the coal beds were formedlasted some six millions of years. During these long, thousands of centuries, the pollen dropped gently from the vast forests of fern trees, softly piling layer upon layer of the future coal beds. Hideous monsters swam in the water or flew through the air. The interesting fivetoed salamander-to whom Darwin attributes the fact that we have five fingers-plowed his way through tthe soft vegetation, a hideous creature seeking his hideous prey.

The six million years of the coal forming age went by, and other millions of years followed. By and by man came on the scene. He screeched and fought and murdered and stole, gradually working his way up toward real civilization, always thinking-as he foolishly thinks now--that civilization was with him.

When certain insects get ready to lay their eggs, they capture some weaker creature, kill it or stun it with poison and lay it away with the eggs, that the young may find food at hand when they come to life. Nature, planning to put us here, stored away the coal for us, like a prudent insect mother. Now we have got far enough along in our onward march to use coal, and we are using it.

What a fine sight the using presents to men and angels and future

Thousands of years ago the coal was stored up by a far-seeing Prov-

Today half a dozen human beings whose ancestors were fishes when the coal was made, proudly say "That coal is mine"-and they torture their tellows in the exploitation of the coal which was made for all human kind to use, and not for the selfish purposes of a few.

Suppose the five-toed salamander, with his wart-covered face, had claimed the falling layers of fern pollen as his property. He might have said for himself, at least:

"I am here watching the coal forming process, and I have rights." Yet all nature would have laughed at his foolish claim.

No one laughs at the claim of a coal "owning" monkey of this age who says that the coal which was stored away millions of years before he came on earth is his.

The coal was stored up for mankind by just and provident Nature. It should be distributed with justice and providence, among all the

Those who own the coal in reality are the inhabitants of this entire nation. The men who dig it out, the railroad men who haul it to market are interested part owners of it. The digging and hauling 4 the republican party has always masshould be well paid for. The brainwork of engineer, mine discoverer . or inventor should be paid for most liberally. After such just payments, the coal should be distributed among human beings for whose benefit it was created, at rates as low as possible. But today the coal fields the coal miners, the coal haulers, the engineers, and the consumers are farmed out for the exploitation of a blood-sucking trust.

At present the coal fields, the men who work them, and every human being heated by the coal, exists at the mercy of a few law-breaking financial gamblers who should be breaking stones in state prison instead of breaking hearts in thousands of homes.

What are you, Mr. Individual Reader, going to do to interfere with this state of affairs? Are you going at least to cast a vote against it, or are you going to mope along as dull-minded as your esteemed ancestor, the five-toed salamander?

BISHOP TURNER SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE.

TO THE AFRO AMERICAN

Denounces Republican Party as a Wolf Parading Around in Sheeps Clothing.

ner, head of the African Methodist Episcopal church, has declared his unalterable opposition to the re-election William McKinley to the presidency of the United States, and announces his unswerving support of William J. Bryan for that position. He has given out an address to the Afro-American voters of the country and furnished copies to the democratic national committee for distribution. His address, in which he shows the fallacy of the statement that the republican party is the friend of the negro, follows:

"I am declaring my preference for William Jennings Bryan for president because he represents the same broad shed his blood willingly. principles that Abraham Lincoln espoused and I believe it will be for the

of Lincoln and the republican party

WAS FRIEND OF PEOPLE. never believed in governing without people of being cowards. the consent of the governed. He never believed in grinding down the rights and privileges of the common people. He never failed to accord honor where honor was due. Now how can any one reconcile the party principles of Lincoln with the party principles of Hanna

and Roosevelt? "In its treatment of the colored man queraded as a wolf in sheep's clothing. Since the time that party claims to have freed the slaves its managers have When Lincoln died, republican honesty his bones, and an era of republican James Godfrey, one of the richest farto the colored race was interred with moral degeneracy began. We are told mers in Bartholomew county, and a ity's sake. Yes, and I believe Cuba, support Bryan in the coming campaign. Porto Rico and the Philippine islands

mitted in thy name! "The republicans have lied to us about our freedom and our citizenship. Our freedom was a war necessity, and plies which the farmer must purchase, was dearly bought with colored arms and Mr. Godfrey believes that the

replica of serfdom. ing to retain themselves in power, in- trust evil.

augurated the journeyman government system in the south, which is not only blot upon our national escutcheon, but the secret of all the American colored man's social troubles today. They thrust the unsuspecting negro's hands into the fire to snatch out their chest-

NO MORTGAGE ON VOTE. Contrary to the emotional idea that the republican party has an unlimited mortgage on the suffrages of the colored man, I say that the organization should be everlastingly grateful to the colored man. The republican party is the child of that race. Through Lincoln's honest championship of the enslaved people that party was born. Through the colored man's gratitude it was bred. The black man behind the gun turned the tide of the rebellion thus insuring the power of the party. The black man was used as a political tool in the south during the 'carpetbag' regime and temporarily sacrificed Chicago, Ill.-(Special.)-Bishop Tur- his social safety. For thirty-three years he has delivered his vote to the republican party like a poor man gives his pound of flesh to the shylock.

"Now we have the spectacle of a tin soldier, a flashlight hero, whose pen is mightier than his sword, who 'conceived' the idea of a rough rider regiment because he had seen Buffalo Bill's Wild West circus. He is saved from death in Cuba by the colored soldiers who rush to the rescue of his 'threesheet' troopers. He returns to the states and poses for emoluments and the camera and writes for the magazines of how he forced the black soldiers to keep to the front at the piont of his pistol.

POOSEVELT'S INSULTS. "Black men on the battlefield have always been brave. In every war our nation has waged the colored man has

"In the war of the revolution Crispus Attucks, a colored man, was the first benefit of my people to vote for him. to die on Boston common. During the As Abraham Lincoln was a friend to war of 1812 General Andrew Jackson the colored race, so is William Jen- praised the valor of the 'men of color' at the battle of New Orleans. Fifty "All of this silly sentiment of adher-i thousand colored men made way for ing to the republican party because of liberty and died in the civil war. The Lincoln's proclamation of emancipa- gallant Ninth cavalry rode 100 miles tion is misapplied. The republican party through the blinding snow, Christmas eve, 1891, and rescued the beleaguered of Hanna are distinctly things apart. Seventh from an Indian massacre. They Lincoln is dead, but his principles of fought and died in Cuba, and nursed personal liberty still live, and verily the fever-stricken soldiers at the risk the mantle of Elijah never fitted the of their lives. And they are now forced shoulders of Elisha as perfectly as Lin- to fight their own colored people in the coln's mantle fits the broad shoulders Philippines. All this they have done for their country's sake, and it is left for this vitascope character, this modern "Lincoln never harbored a trust. He Don Quixote, Roosevelt, to accuse my

> CANNOT FORCE THEIR VOTES. "If Governor Roosevelt 'forced' the colored soldier at the point of his pistol to save his life at San Juan hill, he cannot force the colored voter to save his political life on election day. The colored man will then have a chance to 'Vengeance is mine; I will resay,

PROMINENT FARMER FOR BRYAN Columbus, Ind .- (Special.)-The repubconstantly lied to the colored man. lican politicians were given a surprise last night by the announcement that that we were emancipated for human- life-long local republican leader, would were freed from the same incentive. Mr. Godfrey says that as a farmer he Oh, humanity, what crimes are com- finds it impossible to indorse the Mc-Kinley administration. The trusts have raised the prices of all the sup-200,000 strong, and our citizenship is a American citizen will look in vain to the "After the war the republicans, seek- republican party for relief from the

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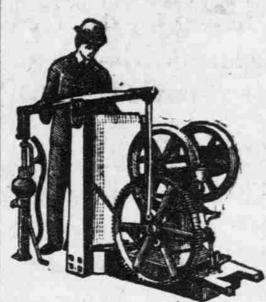
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