

PROHIBITION AND THE SOUTH

E. D. Clopton, a southern Colored farmer from Monroe county, Mississippi, arrived in Omaha last week, rented a farm and expects to bring his family here in a short time. A representative of The Monitor called upon Mr. Clopton and asked him to explain just why so many Colored people are leaving the South. Mr. Clopton's testimony is as follows:

"The train I left Mississippi on had ten coaches and were so filled with Colored people that many of us were forced to stand up for many miles. These people were distributed to Pittsburg, Chicago, St. Louis and Kansas City. The reason of the exodus is that prohibition and the boll weevil have ruined the South. It is impossible for thousands of people, both black and white to make a living. All efforts to destroy the weevil have failed and the destruction is spreading rapidly.

As to prohibition, it is doing great harm. It is ruining our young men and drunkenness has increased many fold. Crime is on the increase and the idleness enforced by the weevil pest only augments it. Labor conditions are such that Colored men can find no employment, the whites being themselves strictly up against it. If prohibition would mean here what it has meant in the South, I hope it will never be adopted."

PROHIBITION IN COLORADO

The following is taken from one of our Colorado exchanges. Think it over.

"Now in regards to the conditions as found in Colorado since that state went dry. There are a few things that we want to add to the conditions that confronted the Colored people in that state now and after the dries won.

In all of the hotels, clubs, restaurants, cafes and saloons where the Colored men and boys were employed as waiters, porters, bellboys, etc., conditions became so hard and dull that 1,164 Colored people were thrown out of employment, affecting 900 families. No work was furnished the Colored people in other lines because the Colored men are not employed, only the exceptions, in any lines than above named, and, as janitors. The men that would have given Colored men jobs in other lines of work, saw to it that the thousands of white men that lost jobs because of the same reason, had to be cared for first—this soon put work at a premium, the Colored laborer being stranded. This is an actual condition. Colored people left Denver in hundreds because they were the greater losers.

Colored people, who for the past decade have been forced to buy property in cities because of the great prejudice practiced against them in renting decent and desirable places to live in, have been unable to even keep up their payments because of non-employment, thus losing their money and homes. Yes, indeed, the Colored man was the greatest sufferer in Colorado because of prohibition, and there are still drunks in Colorado."

SUPREME COURT FINALLY BANS "BIRTH OF NATION"

Columbus, Nov. 3.—Supreme Court today upheld state movie censors in rejecting "The Birth of a Nation" film, on the ground that Ohio statutes do not provide any manner or method for bringing into the record the censored film.

Governor Frank B. Willis barred the pictures from the first. Every court has upheld him.

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Dry Committee Slurs the Negro

The so-called "Dry" Committee has mailed a lot of leaflets to Omaha voters. Among them is one purporting to give a comparison of conditions as between Nebraska and Kansas.

Evidently the committee is not wholly satisfied with the showing, for it makes this apologetic statement:

"It should be remembered that Kansas has 54,030 Negroes. This accounts for some unfavorable conditions there."

This is one of the contemptible tricks which the prohibition bunch is pulling off in this campaign. While some of these zealots are working to induce Colored men to vote for the so-called dry amendment, they are telling white voters that the insufferable conditions in Kansas are due to the presence of the Negro. In other words, they try to shift responsibility for the failure of prohibition on to the shoulders of the Colored men!

The question is, can they put it over?

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