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Strive to Prevent Labor Exodus

Whites of Georgia Promise Race Protection from Mistreatment if they Will Remain Where Needed.

CONFER WITH RACE LEADERS

Colored Men Given Opportunity to Speak Plainly Concerning Conditions. Fear Potent Factor.

Albany, Ga.—Leading white citizens of this section have awakened to the necessity of stilling the unrest which is agitating Negro labor and leading to the unprecedented migration to northern sections, and as a means to this end they have called into conference leading Negroes of the community. At a preliminary meeting held to talk things over, prominent representatives of the Negroes were asked to talk frankly and freely of the problem, and they did so, with the result that a clearer insight was had by all present into certain features of the widespread emigration movement among the Negroes of this section.

As an outcome from this meeting the white citizens have determined to take action to assure the Negro laborers of southwest Georgia that they are wanted here, that they will be given protection from mistreatment, and that the best class of white citizens will continue as in the past, to be their friends.

Why They Leave Georgia.

It was brought out by the statements made by the Negro leaders that there are several considerations that influence the Negroes who are leaving Georgia. In the first place the coming of the boll weevil has caused many of them to become apprehensive of their ability to make a living here any longer. Some of the large white planters, it is stated, have told their Negroes that because of boll weevil conditions they can no longer make arrangements to supply their needs as they have done in the past. This has removed the main prop of the existence of many Negroes, and when the opportunity has come to go north they have seized upon it as a welcome means of salvation from conditions with which they feel unable to cope.

Fear a Potent Factor.

Another factor, and a much stronger one, that is causing many Negro families to leave, especially from certain sections, is the impression that has gone abroad among them that the better class of white citizens have changed their attitude and will no longer protect them.

The big, outstanding feature of the meeting was the assertion that the plain truth of the exodus of Negroes from southwest Georgia is that they are afraid to remain here. Tales were told of the sleepless nights spent by Negro families in sections where lynchings have been perpetrated; how every sound outside the humble cabin

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NEXT ON THE PROGRAM.



—Bronstrup in San Francisco Chronicle.

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Nebraska Democrats Appoint Race Men

Lincoln, Nebr., Dec. 4.—Four Colored men have so far received appointment under the state democratic administration elect. Major Moore and Col. Wm. Woods were re-appointed to the positions held by them under previous administrations, while Secretary of State, C. W. Pool, has appointed Fred Bailey as clerk. In addition to Bailey's regular work he will assist in the registration of automobile licenses, which is a rather responsible duty.

The fourth appointment has been made by the democratic sheriff-elect, Mr. Thompson, in naming a Colored man as jailor. He will be the first one of his race in the Court House for many years.

WHITES' PROTEST OF NO AVAIL

Shreveport, La., Dec. 8.—Despite the efforts of some prejudiced whites to prevent the Avenue Baptist Church from building on a recently purchased site, the City Council has unanimously requested the Building Inspector to issue a permit for the same.

Schwab Will Employ Colored Men in Plant

Baltimore, Md.—That Charles M. Schwab intends to give Colored labor a square deal at his big steel works near the city was asserted by his confidential man, Joseph L. Ray, at a banquet tendered him by representative men of the race here Tuesday evening of last week.

Mr. Ray said that Mr. Schwab intended spending \$50,000,000 within the next three years in developing his plant here, and would make Baltimore the greatest ship-building center on the Atlantic seaboard. He said that 20,000 men would be employed, and that Colored men would be given a chance at anything they were capable of doing. He said that it spelled good things for the race in the way of industrial opportunity.

DEAN TANCOCK WILL PREACH

Dean Tancock will preach at St. Philip's church Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Public invited.

Street Lighting Contract Ratified

Citizens Endorse Action of Mayor and Commissioners by Decisive Majority.

RACE VOTE IMPORTANT FACTOR

Returns From All Precincts in Which Colored Vote is Large Show Significant Facts.

The street lighting contract entered into between the city commissioners and the Omaha Electric Light and Power Company over two months ago, was ratified by a decisive majority at the polls Tuesday, at the unnecessary special election forced upon the city by a small coterie who opposed the contract. Unofficial returns, which will not be materially altered by the official count, show a majority of 2,275 for the contract in a total vote of 19,852. The vote was, "Yes," 11,064; "No," 8,788. This vote is about double that of the last special election, which was held in August, 1913, when the extension of the franchise to the Omaha Gas Company was the issue.

Race Vote Important Factor.

The Monitor did good service in educating its readers on the importance of the street lighting contract and as a result the race vote was a most important factor in this election. An analysis of the returns shows that in every precinct, except two, in which the Colored vote is relatively large, the contract carried by good majorities. The two exceptions out of twenty such precincts, were the first and fourth precincts of the Sixth ward, where there was a majority of 11 and 35 respectively against the contract. That majorities were returned in the precincts where the Colored vote is relatively heavy is a significant fact.

Where Colored Vote is Heaviest.

While there are very few precincts in the city, even in the exclusive districts, where there are not some Colored voters, there are certain districts where this vote is quite strong. The precincts in which the Colored vote is heaviest and the returns from these districts are the following:

Ward Precinct	Yes	No	Majority
First 9	93	32	61
Second 1	209	108	101
Third 1	152	40	112
Third 3	88	30	58
Third 4	59	18	41
Third 5	83	27	56
Third 6	103	30	73
Fourth 6	124	40	84
Fourth 7	94	23	71
Fourth 8	79	46	33
Fifth 1	95	79	16
Sixth 1	79	90	-11
Sixth 2	74	60	14
Sixth 3	89	75	14
Sixth 4	71	106	-35
Eighth 1	142	108	34
Eighth 2	121	79	42

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