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MISREPRESENTING THE NEGRO

Discussing presidential politics with particular reference to the Brownsville incident, the New York Independent says:

The negroes declare that they will not vote for Mr. Taft, nor for any one else whom President Roosevelt will favor.

The Independent is eminently correct in declaring that this is "amazing" and it would be more amazing if the unnamed negroes the Independent purports to quote really represented the sentiment of the whole body of negro voters.

Almost on the same day that the Independent recorded the above Governor Hoke Smith was delivering his inaugural as the new chief executive of Georgia, outlining the democratic program.

The honest student of history knows that the negro race was improved by slavery and that the majority of the negroes in this state have ceased to improve since slavery.

With the approach of the time for the preliminary notices required by the new primary election law, those who are charged with the administrative work imposed by the new plan for nominations are discovering a lot of things about which they are not sure.

The inauguration of direct primary nominations in Nebraska will present complications chiefly insofar as those depended upon to put the law into operation make complications for themselves.

Some necessary experimentation is incident to the installation of any great piece of machinery with so many ramifications, but the weak spots and mistakes will soon be disclosed and can be strengthened or remedied later by amendatory legislation.

BUILDINGS AND FIRE LOSSES

Experts appointed by the interior department at Washington have just made a lengthy report upon the building lessons taught by the fire losses in the large cities of the country.

While the experts have not discovered anything startlingly new, some of their recommendations are particularly valuable, or would be if adopted by municipal administrations.

The fear that the voting machines will not be large enough to accommodate all the names to be voted on at this fall's election need not worry anyone.

The records of the county court show an increase of more than 10 per cent in the number of marriage licenses issued during the month of June, just passed, as compared with the same month last year.

The Commercial club has formally adopted a resolution expressing thanks to everybody who had anything to do with promoting the success of the recent trade excursion to the Puget Sound.

The next thing that will be needed to make the Gibson law effective will be a decision of some competent authority defining exactly where the line is to be drawn between selling liquor at wholesale and selling it at retail.

One Officeless Rough Rider. Captain Sloan Simpson, formerly of the Rough Riders, is a guest of Houston.

Lead Sobs for Rockefeller. Chicago Inter-Ocean. If Mr. Rockefeller would only come to this city, where his company has done such a fine business and earned so much money for so many years...

Profitable Mutuality in Grant. Philadelphia Record. One of the most interesting personal features of the Capitol scandal is that after Mr. Cobb's plans had been adopted...

"Higher Law" Anarchy. Indianapolis News. It really seems almost a waste of time for courts to try cases when the "higher law" is invoked.

Sudden Wealth. Indianapolis News. Notwithstanding the general prosperity that has prevailed in this country for some years and the rapid increase of wealth...

Increasing Railroad Equipment. Philadelphia Record. Although railroad companies complain in some instances that an unfriendly attitude of public sentiment makes it difficult for them to raise capital...

The Boston Herald says that Boston might get one or both of the national conventions if the city had a hall large enough to seat 14,000 odd persons.

A farmers' union in Louisiana adjourned a session the other day to lynch a negro who had been charged with assaulting a woman.

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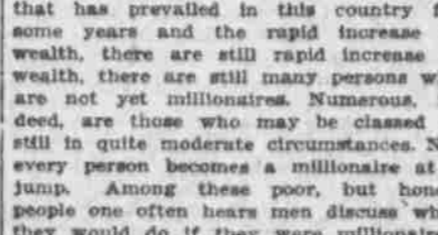
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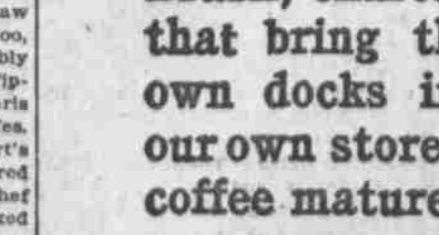
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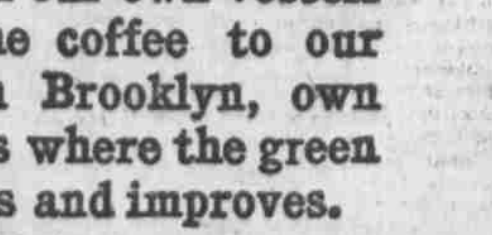
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