

THE NEGRO EXODUS INTO INDIANA.

The Purely Political Character of the Movement With the Intention of Carrying Indiana.

The Movement Neither Spontaneous or Natural—But the Result of Conspiracy.

A Complete Review of the Entire Exodus Movement, Considered From Every Point of View.

Pauper Additions to Our Population.

While New York is watching with eager solicitude the importation of paupers from Europe, the Republican press, and the Republican party of Indiana are inviting pauper negroes from the South to come to Indiana by hundreds and by thousands for no other reason under Heaven but to vote the Republican ticket. One Langdale, who is said to be the editor of a "red hot Republican paper," proposed to find homes for all who come. The leading Republican paper of this State expresses the opinion that each county in the State needs 200 of the paupers—male adults who with their families, will swell the grand total of the army of the negro paupers to about 66,000. There is absolutely no work for them. Every day's work they may do

IS VIRTUALLY TAKING BREAD

from the mouths of the white people of Indiana who have to work for a living. But if these pauper negroes come, they come to vote the Republican ticket, to rob white laborers of the means of support, and to make a livelihood more precarious; still the Republican managers are urging them to come. Not one in twenty of these pauper negroes has a dollar; ragged, filthy, lazy and improvident, they come to live upon public or private charities, or to die beggars and paupers as they did in Kansas. The "red hot" Republican press has determined to lend its aid in the infamous proceeding, and their agents are at work in the South. They like the Republican papers, are also "red hot." The pauper negroes are coming with their filth, rage, disease and vermin. They went to Kansas to die. They came to Indiana to vote to beg, to be taken care of, or starve. The working people are getting their eyes wide open on the subject, and the Republican conspirators will find out at last that the best laid plans of mice and men do not pan out well sometimes.

THESE MISGUIDED NEGROES HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO INDIANA—WHERE THEY ARE NOT WANTED—FROM STATES WHERE THEY CAN LIVE IN COMFORT. THEY ARE COMING TO BE SUPPORTED BY CHARITY, COMING TO STARVE, TO DRAG OUT A MISERABLE EXISTENCE; BECAUSE THE REPUBLICAN PARTY WANT TO USE THEM FOR VOTING MACHINES. THE MEN WHO ARE ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS ARE MORE CRUEL THAN DEATH. THEY ARE MEN OF THE SAME TYPE AS THOSE WHO OBTAINED THE CONFIDENCE OF THE SOUTHERN NEGRO TO ROB THEM OF THEIR LAST DOLLAR THROUGH THE AGENCY OF THE FREEDMAN'S SAVINGS BANK. THEY BELONG TO THE CLASS OF MEN WHO FOR YEARS KEPT THE SOUTH IN TROUBLE, BY EXCITING THE PREJUDICES OF THE NEGROES AGAINST THE WHITES, THAT MURDER MIGHT VITALIZE THEIR BLOODYSHIRT HANGAROUS. THEY ARE NOT IMPLACABLE ENEMIES OF WHITES AND BLACKS, AND THEIR NEFARIOUS SCHEMES SHOULD BE EXPOSED.

THE ONLY EXCUSE FOR THEIR COMING.

The people of Indiana, Republicans as well as Democrats, have very clear perceptions with regard to the importation of Southern pauper negroes into this State. The cry about the necessity for more farm hands is as vile a falsehood as was ever told. Nowhere in the State, from the Ohio river to Lake Michigan, has there been a call during the past six years for farm hands in excess of the local supply. Instead of more laborers being in demand, there have been hundreds of idle men pleading for work which could not be obtained. The negro immigration business is a vicious, perfidious proceeding from first to last. It is cruelty to the negro, who is not wanted in Indiana, and it is no less a stinging injustice to the white laborers already here, and who are having a hard time of it to get a living. The movement was inaugurated by a set of white and black scamps in the employment of Republican conspirators, for the purpose of increasing the Republican vote in 1880.

THESE PARTISAN FREEBOOTERS CARE NOTHING for the welfare of the laboring people of Indiana, or the black paupers of the South. They are willing to sacrifice both if thereby the Republican party of Indiana can increase its vote. They are aiding the increase of the negro population of Indiana. They are willing that the white labor of Indiana shall be brought into direct competition with negro labor. They know if these Southern pauper negroes will work at all, that they can be hired at wages upon which no white man could live decently or comfortably, still they are anxious to subject the white workingman of Indiana to the humiliating and degrading competition with pauper negroes of the South, who are to be brought here by subscription, and maintained, as in Kansas, by private or public charity, and this is to be done to increase the Republican vote of the State. The laboring people of Indiana have watched the exodus, and if the Republican party makes anything by it they will be welcome to all it can gain.

THE NEGROES WHO WERE ENCLINED to Indiana are poor, ignorant, and in numerous instances vicious. Paupers at home, they could still find subsistence, for the climate is more genial and their necessities more easily supplied. On reaching Indiana, it was readily seen they must at once be provided for, or they starve and freeze. To go to any country and bid for emigrants for Indiana from the pauper population, to ransack the slums for the lazy, thriftless, and vicious classes, would be regarded universally as an outrage. But this is just what these Republican fanatics and kidnappers have done. Not a negro has a dollar to save him from perishing. Upon their arrival they had to be taken in hand and provided for; homes must be had; employment must be furnished; food, fuel, shelter and clothing had to be supplied. And all this must be done promptly and continuously. Once there, the negro, if he will work at all, is not in a position to name the price. He is in the custody of miscreants who will rob him of his earnings just as the Republican scamps robbed him through the agency

of the Freedman's saving bank. WORK THAT A WHITE MAN WOULD DO FOR A DOLLAR THE PAUPER NEGRO WILL BE REQUIRED TO PERFORM FOR A QUARTER OF THAT AMOUNT.

AND THE WHITE LABORER WILL BE COMPELLED TO LOOK ON IN SILENCE AND SEE HIMSELF AND THOSE DEPENDENT UPON HIM ROBED OF THE MEANS OF SUBSISTENCE THAT THE REPUBLICAN PARTY MAY GAIN A FEW VOTES IN 1880, AND THAT THE SOUTH MAY BE EMBARRASSED BY THE WANT OF LABORERS.

Democrats have opposed this whole business of forcing mendicant Southern negroes into this State. The movement is in direct conflict with the interests of the working people of the State, and opposed to the welfare of the negro as well. For negroes from the South to come to Indiana to support themselves, and of their own free will, is one thing—to be forced here to vote the Republican ticket, and to be supported by private or public charity, is a very different thing. In opposing such an exodus the Democratic party has been consistent, and the more the subject is investigated the more the people will be convinced that the Democratic party is actuated by prudent considerations.

FERD DOUGLASS' OPINION OF THE EXODUS.

During the time the exodus was in active operation, Frederick Douglass, the leading colored man of the country, now Marshal of the District of Columbia, wrote as follows:

I CAN NOT BUT REPEAT THE OPINION ALREADY OFTEN EXPRESSED—THAT ALL ORGANIZED EFFORT AT THE NORTH DESIGNED TO PROMPT AND PROMOTE FURTHER STAMPEDE OF THIS SORT SHOULD BE DISCONTINUED. THESE POOR PEOPLE SHOULD NOT BE DELUSED AND ALLURED FROM THEIR HOMES, ESPECIALLY AT THIS SEASON OF THE YEAR, BY PROMISES EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED OF PECUNIARY AID. I SEE NO WISDOM BUT MUCH FOLLY—NO GOOD BUT MUCH EVIL IN BRINGING TO THIS CITY MULTITUDES OF THESE PEOPLE, UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT WHEN THEY REACH HERE MONEY WILL BE RAISED AND FURNISHED THEM TO PAY THEIR TRAVELING EXPENSES TO THE NORTH, THE WEST OR ELSEWHERE. THERE ARE HUNDREDS AND THOUSANDS EVERYWHERE READY TO RIDE ON RAILROADS AND TO VISIT DISTANT CITIES IF ASSURED IN ADVANCE THAT THEIR RAILROAD FARES WILL BE PAID, AND THAT FOOD AND SHELTER WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THEM.

THE SECOND REPUBLICAN SCHEME TO SWINDELE THE NEGRO.

When Republican rascals concocted their Freedman's Savings bank scheme, for the purpose of robbing the negroes of their small earnings, there was about the proceeding a deliberate devilishness unparalleled in the history of knavery; but this essential villainy sinks to fathomless contempt compared with the infernal cruelty of the Republican kidnappers who are engaged in destroying the pauper negroes from the South to Indiana. These wretched negroes are absolutely paupers, without money, provisions or seasonable clothing. They are, from the first, objects of charity, and must be supported at private or public charge. They are the victims of deceptions which, for base purposes and regardless of consequences, deftly describe. They come—say the knaves who enticed them away from their homes—to work, but every day's work they obtain is just that much deducted from the white men of Indiana who are dependent upon their labor for support. THE PLEA THAT THERE IS ANYTHING CONNECTED WITH THE EXODUS OF SOUTHERN NEGROES TO INDIANA THAT BEARS ANY RESEMBLANCE TO HONEST, PRUDENT OR ADVISABLE IMMIGRATION IS KNOWN TO BE A MONSTROUS FALSEHOOD.

THE REPUBLICAN CONSPIRATORS, BLACK AND WHITE, WHO ARE WORKING UP THE EXODUS ARE DOING IT FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING THE REPUBLICAN VOTE IN INDIANA, AND FOR NOTHING ELSE. To accomplish their purpose they are subjecting their black victims to hunger, cold, sickness and death, in a strange land, among strangers, where they are not wanted, and where their labor is not in demand. The Republican scamps who are carrying forward the business have no sense of right—neither sympathy nor conscience. They want the negroes' votes in 1880, regardless of the suffering their scheme entails upon the negroes or white men. Fortunately, a great many honest Republicans begin to comprehend the condition of affairs, and are setting their faces against the whole infamous scheme.

THE BOTTOM FACTS OF THE EXODUS.

That the pauper exodus was from the first manipulated by a set of soulless Republican scamps, black and white, there can be no question. That they lied to the negroes is a fact that admits of no controversy. And the negroes now in Indiana, if permitted to testify, would make the infamous proceeding so plain that even Republicans would be compelled, in the interest of humanity, to denounce the piratical kidnappers with unmeasured severity. These Republican rascals have gone among the ignorant pauper negroes of North Carolina, and told them that they were wanted in Indiana as farm hands. That was a lie, and the rascals knew it. They told them that they could at once secure good homes, with gardens; that they would be furnished with a cow, and would receive \$2 to \$3 per day as wages, in cash. These statements were lies—known to be lies at the time, and proved to be lies since the poor, half-naked, half-starved paupers arrived in the State. The Republican kidnappers, in the employment of Republican conspirators and knaves, made contracts with the railroads to ship the paupers over certain lines at so much a head, receiving a bonus for their work—an exhibition of mercenary cruelty equalled only by the negro stealers who formerly entrapped the natives of Africa in their jungles, and shipped them to the most favorable markets. These contracts to ship pauper negroes to Indiana were fulfilled when the negroes reached Indiana. Here they were dumped and left to the cold charities of the world, and their sufferings have been terrible. Sick, half-clad, without money or food or shelter, they were forced into church buildings and shanties and pens to live or die, as fate might decide. One poor fellow with a wife and two children, a negro of the better sort, who paid his way through, after three weeks' search for work, was able to find employment at \$1 a week; another poor deluded pauper was able to get \$4 for a month's work in the country, and returning to his home, a place of squalor, he found his wife in the pangs of child-birth, and soon after the infant lay cold and stiff in

the embrace of death—frozen to death because there was not a particle of clothing with which to shield it from the blasts of winter.

THE WHOLE BUSINESS IS A PANORAMA OF HORRORS, GOTTEN UP TO FILL INDIANA WITH REPUBLICAN VOTERS FOR THE CAMPAIGN OF 1880.

It is impossible to exaggerate the infamy of the whole proceeding, from first to last; it is unparalleled wickedness—a crime against humanity, and fully illustrates to what profound depths of depravity Republican leaders will descend to gain a partisan triumph. No one objects to legitimate immigration to Indiana, but this exodus from North Carolina was simply fiendish. It was concealed in falsehood; it has brought forth a progeny of criminals, of sufferings, of villainies that defy adequate description; and these facts we conclude will be brought out before the investigating committee. Senator Voorhees by bringing about this investigation, deserves the applause of the country. He has done his State a great service, but he has done the poor deluded blacks of the South a far greater service. Facts have been submitted to a candid public that have brought into haggard prominence the deep damnation of the Republican scheme that will fill the land with horror.

THE PHILOSOPHIC VIEW OF THE MOVEMENT.

The exodus of the negroes of the South to Northern States is in direct violation of every principle and law which regulates and governs the migratory movements of the human species. More than this, it is in direct conflict with the instincts of bird and beast. Subject the movement to the severest analysis, and the discovery will be made that the Southern negroes who are, now seeking homes in the Northern States have been the victims of the most infamous falsehoods, and have been enticed away from a country where their services were in demand, where the climate is suited to their comfort, development and longevity, to a country where their condition can by no possibility be improved, and where it is made, by circumstances beyond their control, indefinitely worse. The most intelligent negroes of the country, ex-slaves and free born, unite in denouncing the exodus to be vicious in all respects.

THE SOUTH IS THE NATURAL HOME OF THE NEGRO.

In the North he is out of place. To say nothing of race prejudice, the North is not the section that invites negro immigration. It is a well established fact that since the war the condition of the Southern negro has steadily improved. THOUSANDS OF THEM ARE NOW LANDED PROPRIETORS, AND CULTIVATE THEIR OWN ACRES; AND IT IS FURTHER ESTABLISHED THAT THESE MORE INTELLIGENT SOUTHERN NEGROES DO NOT PROPOSE TO EMIGRATE. THE INDUSTRIOUS, THRIFTY NEGRO FINDS THE SOUTH THE BEST PLACE FOR HIMSELF AND FAMILY. THOSE WHO ARE PERSUADED AWAY ARE THE LAZY, THRIFTLESS, PAUPER CLASS, WHO LIVE FROM HAND TO MOUTH; AND THIS LATTER CLASS ARE EASILY PERSUADED TO ABANDON THEIR NATIVE COUNTRY BY REPUBLICAN CONSPIRATORS, WHO WANT TO USE THEM FOR PARTI-SAN PURPOSES, REGARDLESS OF THE SUFFERINGS THEIR INFAMOUS FALSEHOODS INFLECT.

The laws of emigration demonstrate the fact that people emigrate from countries overcrowded, where the means of subsistence are precarious, to countries less populous, where the means and opportunities for subsistence are more favorable. When a movement is made in violation of this law, the reasons underlying it and prompting it, are, as a general proposition, vicious, and the design is to subserve some purpose in itself criminal. But when those who inaugurate such movements of people seek out the pauper class, the ignorant and depraved, the idle and thriftless vagrants, they become to all intents and purposes the enemies of society, and should be dealt with as felons. That the Republican rascals who are now engaged in bringing pauper negroes from the South to Indiana, their aiders and abettors, are in all regards the enemies of not only their negro victims, but of the white citizens of Indiana, facts clearly demonstrate.

They are bringing these pauper negroes from localities where their labor is in demand to other localities, where their labor is not wanted. They are bringing them from States where the population is sparse to where it is more dense. They are bringing them from States where the climate is more favorable for their health and comfort, to one where they must endure great suffering. They are bringing them from States where the soil is as fruitful and its products as abundant, and the means of subsistence under any circumstances as readily obtained, as in Indiana or any other Northern State. Hence it is clear that those who are engaged in enticing the negroes from the South to Indiana are doing it, not for the good of the negro, BUT FOR THE PURPOSE OF HELPING THE REPUBLICAN PARTY

to gain a triumph in 1880. A glance at statistics bearing upon the subject will satisfy the most obtuse and stubborn citizen that the exodus movement is not only meanly partisan, but that it is criminally cruel, and that for its accomplishment the conspirators have been compelled to deceive the ignorant negroes by a studiously devised system of lying. Taking into consideration the areas and population of the following eleven Southern States, it will be seen that they have an area of 749,030 square miles, and a population averaging 12,89 to the square mile; while Indiana, with an area of 38,800 square miles, has a population of 49,71 to the square mile. The following figures are taken from the census reports of 1870, and while population has largely increased during the past decade, it may be assumed that the conditions have not changed to any extent calculated to impair the force of the argument:

A SCHEME TO BRING OUR LABORING PEOPLE TO THE LEVEL OF PAUPERS BY LEAVING NOTHING OF PROFIT AT THE END OF THE YEAR.

One of the reasons urge by the Republican conspirators and their black and white practical kidnappers for filling Indiana with pauper negroes is that these pauper negroes "have nothing left at the end of the year." It has cost them all they earned to live. They have just been able to make both ends meet with nothing left over. Admit it, and what of it? We ask the people of Indiana to look abroad over the State to find how many laborers in Indiana do more than to come out even at the end of the year. How many of the white toilers of Indiana have anything left at the end of the year? The response will come from thousands. We have nothing left. THE PROFITS OF LABOR TO THE TOILER ARE SMALL INDEED. WITH THE SEVEREST ECONOMY THEY HAVE LIVED, AND THAT IS ALL; AND STILL THESE REPUBLICAN CONSPIRATORS AND BLACK AND WHITE AGENTS GO TO NORTH CAROLINA TO ENTICE

IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO SHOW UP THE OBJECTIONABLE FEATURES OF THE EXODUS IN A STRONGER LIGHT. THE NEGRO CAN NOT BY ANY POSSIBILITY IMPROVE HIS CONDITION BY COMING TO INDIANA. THE EFFECT OF HIS COMING UPON HIMSELF WILL BE TO INCREASE HIS WANTS AND SUFFERINGS, WHILE HE MAKES THE LIVING OF WHITE LABORERS MORE PRECARIOUS. THIS STATE OF THINGS IS ALREADY BEGUN. WHITE MEN ARE BEING DISCHARGED, AND THEIR PLACES FILLED WITH NEGROES, BECAUSE THE POOR DEVILS, TO KEEP FROM STARVING, WILL WORK FOR WAGES AT WHICH NO DECENT WHITE MAN CAN LIVE. IT WILL BE WELL FOR THE PEOPLE OF INDIANA TO WATCH THIS EXODUS BUSINESS WITH CEASELESS VIGILANCE. IT IS A REPUBLICAN SCHEME TO MAKE VOTING MACHINES OF THE MOST MISERABLE SET OF PAUPERS ON THE CONTINENT.

ITS EFFECTS UPON WHITE LABOR.

The organs of the Republican kidnappers who visited North Carolina for the purpose of enticing to Indiana thousands of pauper negroes to vote the Republican ticket, have found time and again sought to make it appear that Indians require the assistance of these pauper negroes to cultivate the soil. The black Republican rascals who were the agents of the white Republican knaves were guilty of the most infamously barefaced lying. They told the North Carolina paupers that homes and lands were awaiting their coming; that lands could be had at from \$1 to \$1.50 per acre; that six or seven months of provisions would be provided gratuitously; that men were wanted from \$2 to \$3 per day, and women from \$20 to \$25 per month. These lying representations were well calculated to induce the pauper negroes to make the venture. The black rascals were particular to tell the pauper negroes that no Democratic negroes was wanted, and when they arrived in Indiana they would be expected to vote the Republican ticket.

THE BLACK AGENTS OF THE WHITE REPUBLICAN SCOUNDRELS.

made such statements can be established, and that every one of them, except those which relate to voting, is a lie, can be proved. That it was a Republican scheme, the republican press has universally though unwittingly shown by the statements in its editorial columns, that it is the most infamous piece of business ever engaged in by a political party to change the political complexion of a State is easily demonstrated. The only party that could by any possibility engage in such an execrable proceeding is the Republican party—a party that elevated Hayes to power by fraud, forgery and perjury, who would not hesitate to fill Indiana with pauper negroes by means equally vile.

The report of the Auditor of State for 1878 shows that there were in cultivation in the State of Indiana about 5,839,678 acres of land. The cereal products of these lands in 1877 were as follows:

Wheat, bushels.....	21,022,431
Corn, bushels.....	34,642,403
Barley, bushels.....	54,741
Oats, bushels.....	10,658,126
Bailey, bushels.....	134,234

In the year 1878 there was an increased yield, and in 1879 the wheat product amounted to about 55,000,000 bushels, making Indiana the banner wheat State of the Union. During these years of steadily increasing production there was nowhere a demand for farm laborers in excess of the supply. On the contrary, the supply of labor was largely in excess of the demand. There was not a county paper published in the State that advertised for farm laborers to come from a distance.

THOUSANDS OF HONEST MEN WERE OUT OF EMPLOYMENT, MECHANICS AS WELL AS COMMON LABORERS, WHO WOULD HAVE BEEN GLAD TO OBTAIN ANY KIND OF WORK AT ALMOST ANY PRICE, BUT IT COULD NOT BE HAD. IN VIEW OF THESE FACTS, THE MONSTROUS PROPORTIONS OF THE WRONG INTENDED THE WHITE LABORERS OF INDIANA BY THE REPUBLICAN KNAVES WHO HAVE BEEN AND ARE STILL IMPORTING PAUPER NEGROES INTO THE STATE CAN BE APPRECIATED. The population of Indiana in 1870 was 1,830,637. The gain from 1860 to 1870 was about 20 per cent. If the same ratio of increase has continued during the decade just passed, the population of the State is now about 2,000,000, or about 60 persons to the square mile. The population of North Carolina in 1870 was 1,071,361; the increase during the decade from 1860 to 1870 was something over 7 per cent, and the present population of the State may be estimated at about 1,146,356, or something over 22 persons to the square mile. Here, then, we have the fact that the Republican knaves are kidnapping pauper negroes in North Carolina where the population is 60 to the square mile to ship to Indiana where the population is 60 to the square mile, ostensibly to better the condition of the paupers, while the real purpose is to have them vote the Republican ticket. These Republican knaves, and kidnappers disregard every law that influences the legitimate migration of human beings, they violate the laws of Indiana, they violate the laws of humanity, and they violate the laws of Christianity. They have inflicted untold cruelties upon the pauper negroes, and to gain a few votes are willing to force the white laborers of Indiana into pauperism and crime.

THE EXODUS INDIANA WANTS, Indiana is indeed a large and prosperous State, and it is a natural condition that there will come to the State a number of new emigrants and settlers there, either of men, women or children, separately or all combined, who will advance the material wealth, prosperity, and well-being of that great and growing Commonwealth. The evidence on the point before the committee came from every shade of party politics, and the laboring-man of the republican-labor party were as emphatic in their denial of Mr. New's statement as the most pronounced democrat in the State.

Indiana is indeed a large and prosperous State, demanding development, and all of us are anxious that the State should be developed, and everything that tends to promote its material wealth and prosperity. Q. Did you think that it would tend to the material wealth of the State to encourage these people to come into it, taking all the circumstances under which they are coming? A. I have no doubt that it would add to the material advantage of the State. If so, just say so. A. If these people come—or rather, I thought you intended to bring them into Indiana, as these people are coming, I have no doubt that it would add to the material prosperity of the State. If, however, the percentage is as reported to me, or as the investigation has shown, that is not the proportion.

Q. You would be disposed to bring them to Indiana to stop coming in the way in which they are coming?

A. I am looking at it from an Indiana stand-point.

Q. O. K. we are all looking at it from an Indiana stand-point, as an Indiana man, I ask you further, if these people who are coming, in your opinion, would add a proportion to the State, you would advise them to come in proportion?