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Let every colored man who favors the elevation of his race subscribe for the Leader; and let every white man who believes that slavery was a crime against humanity and that it is the duty of the ruling race to aid the Negro in his struggle for moral, social and intellectual elevation do likewise.

The National Tribune, of St. Louis, took a severe spell of Jim-Jams on learning that an attachee of the Leader had become a Deputy Sheriff. So "skeered" was it that it immediately called upon the people of St. Louis to give it a "benefit" in order, we suppose, that it may be ready to recede toward the "settin" sun on the appearance of our Deputy. A benefit is it you want? Well, come this way, Brother Tribune. How our Deputy does ache to give you a "benefit". Whoopie! Chaw me up! Oh blessed, blessed is the "benefit" giver.

The Hon. John R. Lynch writes the New Orleans Observer: "Many thanks for the attention you have given the Shoestring District. My majority, according to the sworn returns of the precinct inspectors, is 661. Had the election been fair and the count honest in every County in the District my majority would not have been less than 10,000. Chalmers' claim to the seat is based solely upon the outrageous action of County Commissioners in throwing out votes that they themselves admit to have been fairly and honestly polled. Am determined to push the cause.

I am glad to see that you speak in terms of commendation of our friend Senator Bruce. He is a true and worthy man. He is an honor to his race and party."

President Hayes has wisely decided to give Cadet Whittaker a trial by Court Martial. It is understood that the President was influenced to this decision by that big-hearted, ideal American soldier, General O. O. Howard, who has just been appointed to the command at West Point. Thus General Howard signalizes the very announcement of his appointment by an act of kindness to an unfortunate colored boy whose life has been blighted by the beastly prejudice fostered at West Point by the brute Schofield, and his class.

Guilt or not guilty, Whittaker had about as much chance for justice before that West Point Court as a captured merchant, before a squad of Algerine pirates.

Schofield believed that the Negro boy was an intruder at West Point, and he naturally sympathized with the pauper snobs, who determined to make him feel it. His course in this West Point affair should hand the name of Schofield down to infamy. The President's action in the premises will shine with increasing brightness as the years go by.

I well remember about fifteen years ago that no colored person, however aged, infirm or helpless, from the baby at the breast to the old centenarian, could ride in a street-car in the city of Philadelphia, or when the railroad companies in the interests of their dividends, took a vote from their passengers in every car to see if their was any Christian sentiment on that subject. The aforesaid Christians condemned the Negro to walk, no matter what the weather, and kept them out of the public conveyance. The people at large have had to give way on this subject, through the operation of moral and physical forces and laws; and the Military Academy at West Point can be no exception to the necessities of its being, which are to provide us with military knowledge and skill; and two million of black men, who are good soldiers for any climate, are so important to us as a military element that West Point must drop its notion of caste or disband.

With the famous correspondent of the Cincinnati Enquirer makes the above truthful observation with reference to West Point and color prejudice in general. His little memorandum about Philadelphia does no credit to her so-called "brotherly love" people. But the times have changed. This sort of Philadelphia was exceedingly numerous throughout the whole country a few years ago. It is a singular fact that this fellow they call General Schofield was only a few years ago engaged in the business of excluding colored people from the street-cars

in Richmond, Virginia. If President Hayes had only driven him from the Army in disgrace, we could sleep so much better o' nights.

SENATOR BRUCE.

This time another year will the Republican party, through its President-elect have accorded the Negro wing of the party a part of what is due it by placing Senator Bruce in the Cabinet? The Negro race does not want any other man; it wants Bruce. He is the best qualified because of his past experience as a public man and because he stands to-day free from any stain upon his character. Justice ought to be done to the Negro if he is expected to come up to the rack every time called upon. We see the leading Republicans and leading Republican organs of the North speculating upon the complexion of the next Cabinet. They conjecture that the German, the Irishman, the Frenchman and other classes of our citizens will be represented, but we have not heard a single one hint that the Negro will be represented. We know this much, if Senator Bruce or some other colored man is not put in the Cabinet there will be a great many disappointed colored voters. It will do the party no harm to consider the claims of these million voters! —Athens (Ga.) Blade.

The following article is clipped from the Chicago Times, and is one of the most just and sensible statements of the Southern and Negro question it has been our pleasure to read. Coming from this source it is significant to say the least:

"It is easier," says the mayor of Charles Town, S.C., "to count out the negroes than to kill them." This discovery doubtless explains the dearth of outrages of late years. The "nigger" is permitted to live because he can be rendered innocuous by the application of additional subtraction, and defiance to the last.

But Mayor Courtney and Senator Butler are singularly short-sighted. The evil of "nigger domination" has so wrought upon their brains that they are only for to-day and leave-to-morrow unthought of. But tomorrow will come.

The docility of the negro is shown by the absence of any servile insurrection resulting from the war, and by the almost universal refusal of negroes to defend themselves against rifle clubs, White leagues, and other southern political institutions. But this docility is the result chiefly of slavery. In 1884 there will be a large body of adult negroes who were born free, or who have never known the lash of the fetter, whatever may have been their condition when slaves. The Mayor and the Senator expect the negroes to submit for all time to the ascendancy of the whites, secured not by intellectual superiority, but by simple violence and perjured election returns. They doce themselves.

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