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# Buck Niggers and Politics

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("Col. Dick Maple") †

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A "buck nigger" by the name of William Dulaney, who has been President Roosevelt's barber for quite a time, has been elevated over the head of a white man in the Navy Department and given a salary of \$1600 per year. — Ralph W. Tyler is a "nigger" and also Auditor of the Navy Department, and the white man who held this SIXTEEN HUNDRED DOLLAR job was reduced to an EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLAR job, and "Theodore's" barber, Dulaney, was placed in this white clerk's shoes, at a salary of SIXTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS per year.

This is about the season of the year, and about the proper time for the Republican Party to muss around with the "coon" vote, as you know "buck niggers" who are old enough to vote are very valuable assets to the Republican Party; and the darned fool white Republican voters, no matter if their brother has to take a back seat for a "nigger," will belly up to the polls, and vote the Republican ticket "spiter-nor-hell;" so the political axe in the hands of "Teddy" will be wielded with considerable vim from now on until the elec-

tion, and many a white-skinned clerk will be decapitated to make room for foul-smelling "bucks" with ebony hides, as you know the "coon's" vote is a very valuable asset to the Republican Party, for without him the Republican Party would have no more show of success than a snowball would have of lasting 24 hours in Hades.

The editor of this journal was born and raised a Republican, and remained in that deplorable condition for a number of years, but blessed be the name of Booker Washington and "Teddy," we lost our appetite for "coons," and concluded that we would manage to get along without further mingling with these odoriferous bipeds.

There is a large number of white clerks under Ralph W. Tyler, of the Navy Department, and they sit quietly by and for fear of starving to death, they permit this kinky-headed "nigger" to lord it over them. — Why, consarn my buttons, I would rather do the Bellshazzar act, and eat grass like a jackass than to sink so low down in the scale of humanity that I would be satisfied to work under a "nigger" boss.

†- Seth McCallen (pen name "Col. Dick Maple") was the person credited by publisher Phil Wagner with starting *The National Rip-Saw* in Jan. 1904. Wagner noted that "at that time, neither the Colonel nor I were conscious Socialists, and the Colonel was the sold writer and contributor for the new paper..." In the summer of 1909, Maple was stricken by a stroke and W.S. Morgan was hired by Wagner to produce copy, with McCallen remaining nominally on the masthead in spite of his incapacity. In March of 1911, Wagner secured the additional journalistic cooperation of Kate Richards O'Hare. McCallen officially quit the paper on June 26, 1911 with the announcement given and changes made to the masthead effective with the August 1911 issue.

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