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When President Lincoln's proclamation of freedom takes effect in the South, these contrabands will return to their homes and take with them nine tenths of the free colored population of the North.—The laws of climate and production will draw them thither by an irrestible attraction. We have been told a thousand times by the pro-slavery organs that the cotton and rice fields are exactly adapted to the blacks, and the blacks to them; and this is about the only truth they ever did tell. We are informed by a prominent citizen of Platte county, Missouri, now in this city, that the slaveholders of that region, whose negroes have taken advantage of the rebellion and fled to Kansas, are now using all their efforts to persuade them to come back *and work for wages*, promising in good faith never to assert any claim of ownership over them. So will it be over the whole South. The plantations must be cultivated and the blacks, if not the only ones who can do the work, are certainly the only class who can do it advantageously and profitably. —[Chicago Tribune, 23d.

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