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TEACH THE ALL IMPORTANCE OF CHARACTER.

Let the Pulpit Cease to Apologize for Evil. Ugiy Rumors at Wilberforce .- What's the Matter at Waco?

NUMBER XI.

The law of right is not to be evaded like human laws, but is changeless, pitiless, and its penalties are as sure as truth. The storm at sea shows no favors to the skilled navigator that it does not show to the veriest tyro, but the experienced mariner knows how to set his sails and place his helm. Neither does the moral law have favorites; it grinds away through the ages sending good upon those who do good and are good, and evil upon those who do evil and are evil.

Ignorance may procure mercy at the judgment bar but it wins no abatement of God's law now. God does not take the farm away from the industrious man who toils six days a week, and give it to the psalm singing saint who does naught but pray, sing and sigh. Neither will God take America from the wide-awake, diligent white man to give it to the meek and pious Negro as a reward for laziness. What we get we must get by using the same means that others use. High standing in the esteem of the

world will not be ours until we possess a high character. Great power will not be ours until we are powerful. We cannot longer consent to be objects of pity without drawing upon ourselves contempt. We need no more pity; we should scorn to accept it. We need recognition as men, and a chance as men, to compete with our fellows. The pulpit should teach the all-importance of character. Teach the people to be men, real men and noble women.

There are thousands of colored churches that are simply missions sustained by the whites. People who will let generous whites pay for the gospel they hear, are not much more than beggars. A manly man fries to pay his own bills; he won't sponge off of anybody. But in the colored churches which are supported by the race, there are always a large number who, like fleas, climb on the backs of others, and ride through without pay in one penny a year. Such people are beggars. Of what force are they among men? The pulpit should shoot at this class of deadbeats. Colored men in the South often marry women who are known to have served a term as the mistresses of white men. Such low-minded skunks are unfit to live. If the colored men of the North were manly enough to value virtue and to protect it, they would imitate the whites and kill off every white man who violates the chastity of a colored female. But instead of the colored men protecting their women from the licentious advances of the whites, they wink at it. Instead of the pulpits sounding 'the true note, many of the preachers are as great foes to virtue as are the evil class of the other race. When a woman has lost the desire and the power to be chaste, she should die. Let her be taught this truth. When men become so depraved that they will ruin an innocent life in order to gratify their passions, they are as unfit to live as is a murderer. Let this truth be enforced. Let equally high grounds be taken as regards honesty, truthfulness, etc. Let the pulpits cease to apologize for evil, and preach righteousness. Let the preachers purge their ranks of evil-doers, and become lights unto the world. The Negro lacks moral energy. He recognizes these evils, but puts off the task of grappling with them. The number of those who are truly manly is too small to accomplish much. The race conscience is sluggard and dull. The pulpit will not unite to prick it, and the press is either afraid or incapable. Evil sits enthroned in high places. The Negro is as much of a hypocrite about his moral attainments as he is about his intellectual. People who will clothe rudest ignorance with the titles of highest scholarship, will do about anything. Although the trustees of Wilberforce University were creditably informed that the lead of the Theological Department had frequently been detected with the odor of whisky on his breath, although they were told of ugly rumors affecting his chastity, yet they retained him in the faculty, without even so much as making a formal investigation. Prof. Spivel and others on the ground, are said to have stood ready to testify, but they were given no chance. Why was this? Simply because the controlling element did not think it so terrible that a teacher drank a little, or be guilty of indelicate conduct with a woman. However, the Southern Christian Recorder says "No teacher should be employed in any school, whose moral character is not good." Rev. Brad-well, you are a man, and "Plutarch" bonore you. Rev. Bradwell is the man who, for reasons, opposed the election of Bishop Gaines. He is a man of principle and with all his lack of great attainments, is far more fit to be a Bishop, than that he is, never ruined any man's gotten all about the bite, but about daughter nor robbed any man of his wife. He dares to talk out plainly about the great evil-doers at Wilber- has become so violent that he work has become so violent the become so vi numbers of the learned aspirants. Rev. Bradwell, great, large-hearted soul that he is, never ruined any man's

a good work as to place the trustees under obligations to re-elect him, the welfare of the school positively demanded it. Cunning Jackson knew this, and hence his trick. His great champion was Bishop Gaines, so they suy. At Wilberforce a Maxwell is sec-retary, Prof. Shorter is treasurer, and another Maxwell is attorney. These three finger all the money. It is said that the annual reports that they submit to the trustees, in no way cover their transactions. No one blames them for hanging on to so fat a thing, but the people should demand the trustees to look into things more fully. Character, character, demand character of all men in places of trust. What's * **** the matter at Waco?

For Better or for Worse.

Some Notable and Fashionable Weddings In Leading Social Circles.

Miss Nannie Griffin, of Carmi, Ills. to Mr. Fred. Bushmen.

Miss Birdie Harvey to Mr. W. E. Files, at Olivet church, Chicago.

Quietly, Miss Annie A. Perry to Dr. W. C. Arthur, both of Louisville, Ky. Miss Mona Cox and Mr. Joseph S. Colter, of Louisville, Ky., were married Wednesday.

Miss Gertrude C. Deaver, of West Chester, Penn., to Rev. C. L. Jefferson, of Baltimore, Md.

At Chicago, Ills., Capt. H. C. Carter to Mrs. Fannie Brown, Thursday, at St. Thomas Episcopal church.

What is recorded as one of Saratoga's grandest weddings was the marriage of Miss Sarah Washington to Mr. Charles Oliver.

Mr. Joseph Price and Miss Sarah Williams were married at Morgan Run, near Coshocton, O., last week. Miss Williams is white.

James H. Nelson and Mrs. Clara Bolden, of Washington, Pa., have re-cently exchanged single blessedness for matrimonial felicity.

Prof. E. A. Clark, of Lincoln Institute, Jefferson, Mo., was married re-cently to Miss Dovie King, of Cincinnati, who was formerly a music teacher at Lineoln.

At Augusta, Ga., Mr. Lucius H. White, son of W. J. White, editor of the Georgia Baptist, to Miss Mattie Smalley. It was a quiet affair; no cards.

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THE CONSTITUTION AS ADOPTED AT KNOXVILLE.

Quite a Number of Important Changes.- A Letter to the Convention From the Hon. John R. Lynch.

The convention of the Afro-American League, which met in Knoxville, Tenn., last week, adopted the following reivsed constitution:

ARTICLE I. The name of this organization shall be the Afro-American League.

ARTICLE II.

The objects of the League are to protest against taxation without representation; to secure a more equitable distribution of school funds in those sections where separate schools exist; to insist upon a fair and impartial trial by a judge and jury of peers in all causes of law wherein we may be a party; to resist by all legal and reasonable means mob and lynch law whereof we are made the victims and insist upon the arrest and punishment of all such offenders against our legal rights; to resist the tyrannical usages of all railroad, steamboat and other corporations, and the violent or unlawful conduct of their employes in all cases where we are concerned, by prosecution of all such corporations and their employes, in State and Federal Courts; to labor for the reformation of all penal institutions where barbarous, cruel and unchristian treatment of convicts is practised and assist healthy immigration from terror ridden sections to others and more law-abiding sections. The objects of the League are to encourage local leagues in their efforts to break down color bars, and in obtaining for the Afro-Americans an equal chance with others in the avocations of life, and to unite with such branch leagues for organized and effective work in secur-

The objects of the League shall be attained by the creation of a healthy public opinion through the medium of the press and pulpit, public meetings, addresses, by appealing to the courts of law for redress of all denial of legal and constitutional rights and by such political action upon the part of local leagues that they may deem advisable.

ing the full privileges of citizenship.

have control of all the funds of the League, subject to the direction of the Convention. It shall have general supervision of the Local Leagues comprising the Afro-American League, and shall be charged with the duty of organizing such Leagues whenever in its opinion deemed advisable. The committee shall be called together by the president of the League immediately after the convention and shall then organize. It shall make its own rules and hold meetings at such times and places as it shall determine. A meeting may be called at any time by its chairman. Five members of the committee will constitute a quorum for transaction of business.

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Sec. 3.—The Executive Committee may remove any officer or member of the committee for causes hereinafter stated by a majority vote.

ARTICLE X.

It shall be the duty of the president to preside over the annual meeting of the Executive Committee. He shall sign all orders and shall receive compensation for actual traveling expenses until such time as the financial condi-tion of the League shall warrant a salary. 481 (14 14 (14)

ARTICLE XI.

The duty of the secretary will be to keep a record of the proceeding of the Convention and the Executive Committee. He shall have charge of the headquarters of the League, subject to the direction of the Executive Committee. He shall countersign all drafts, issue an annual report of the progress of the League, at the annual convention, in attaining its objects, perform such other duties as may be demanded by the Executive Committee, that pertain to his office. He shall receive an annual salary of \$500, and shall give bonds in such sums as the Executive Committee shall determine.

ARTICLE NII.

The treasurer shall keep an accurate account of the funds of the League, shall make an annual report to the Convention, shall pay no draft unless signed by the president and countersigned by the secretary, and give bonds in such amount as the Executive Committee may from time to time determine.

ARTICLE X.M.

The attorney of the Afro-American League shall be charged with such legal matters as in its discretion the Exectuive Committee shall designate, and he shall receive for such legal services such sum as the Executive Committee shall determine. ARTICLE XIV.

To Erect a Monument.

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Movement to Raise a Monument to the Afre American Soldiers.

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From the New York Tribune: A meeting in the interests of the movement to raise a fund of \$75.000 or \$100,000 for the purpose of erecting a monument to the colored soldiers who died in the war, was held last week in the Fleet Street African Methodist Episcopal Church. The Rev. W. T. Dixon, of the Concord, Baptist Church, presided, in his capacity of the head of the National Negro Monument Association. There were addresses by the Rev. Dr. W. B. Derrick. Commander Osborne, the Rev. R. H. Still, T. McCants Stewart, John W. Williams and others. It was voted to have a committee of twentyfive to take charge of the matter and communicate with other cities, and call a National convention to further the project. The site for the monument has not yet been selected. The subscriptions arleady made amount to \$55.

H1051-A Southern Mistake.

Free Labor Has Proved to be the Greatest Helper of the South.

From the Philadelphia Ledger. The dream of a great Southern empire that was largely responsible for the war of secession and from which the southern people were so sharply awakened at Gettysburg by Meade, by Sherman's march, and by Grant at Appomattox Court House, was, to a great degree, inspired by the assumed necessity of the retention of slave labor as a means of prosperity in its relation to the raising of cotton and tobacco. These two crops were believed to be the basis of the wealth of the South, and it was believed by the people of that section that with cheap slave labor they would so increase the growth of staple and product as to make them masters of the markets of the world. Of the new empire cotton was to continue to be king, and tobacco prince. The South was mistaken in many things in connection with the movement for the building of a separate confederacy out of its several commonwealths, but in no other thing did it so blunder as in its dream of establishing an empire upon cheap slave labor. In fact, cotton and tobacco are not ilkely after a few years to be the chief sources of southern wealth. Underlying the soil of several of the states of that section there are such vast deposits of mineral and vegetable wealth; there are such controllable manufacturing forces, such transportation facilities ready at hand, or to be made ready, as to give them a value which in time may, and probal or appointive office by any officer of ably will make them the dominant mercantile factors. In the plans of the would-be builders of the confederacy there was nothing provided for the spinning and weaving of cottons. The South was to plant, garner and bale it; its neighbors, foreign and domestic, were to manufacture it. But now the cotton gin and the picker, carder, spinner and loom are in the same field, as it were, and the cloth, not less than the fiber, is a source of southern prosperity. Between 1852 and 1859 inclusive, the average cotton yield of the South was a little over 3,000,000 bales, except in 1855, when it was under. or 2,932,000 bales. In 1860 the number of bales had risen to 4.832,770, or more than three-quarters of a million in excess of any crop ever before raised in a single year. There were rumors of a coming struggle with the North that season, and they induced extraordinary planting. The South feared that a possible result of the ----contest, if it occurred, would be the manumission of the slave, and after that, they contended, there could be no more cotton crops. For a few years after the close of the war the general poverty of the people and the undetermined relations of the whites and blacks caused a reduction of the cotton crop, but in 1875 the field was over 4,000,000 bales and in 1880 it was over 5,000,000 bales and in 1800 ft was over 5,000,000. Eight years later there were over 7,000,000 bales gath-ered. I, 1889-'90 the field was 7.297, 117 bales, averaging 498.14 pounds per bale, against a crop in 1888-'89 of 6,939,284, averaging 497.06 per bale. The difference in weight indibale. cates that the crop of the latter year was equal to 7,312,974 bales of the lesser weight bales of the yield of the previous year. The increased growth of tobacco in the South is shown in the comparative returns of the crops of 1879 and 1883. In the former year Florida raised 21, 182 pounds; in the latter, 488,075. In 1870 the crop of Kentucky was 171, 120,784; in 1889, 225,403,047. The increase in North Carolina in ten years was 10,000,000 pounds, and only in Alabama, Virginia and Maryland was there a decrease of production in the same period. In these three states other and more profitable industries diverted capital from the raising of tobacco, and they are all infinitely more prosperous than they were ten years years ago, their industries being more diversified. Instead of free labor hurting the South it has proved its greatest helper, and even in the cotton field it has proved its superiority to cheap slave labor.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Lawyer J. Alexander Chiles, exertion. There are hundreds of peo- of Lexington, Ky., and Miss Fannie ple who belong to characteristic and dan't. J. Baines, of Philadelphie Pa., Thursday, July 23.

At Philadelphia, Pa., the Rev., Lev-en H. Stanford officiating, Miss Lucinda Ricketts to Mr. Wm. Blockson. The bride was prettily attired in a cream colored albatross.

Miss Nannie Griffith and Mr. Fred. Bushthrough, of Evansville, Ind., were quietly married last week. The wed-ding, though expected, was somewhat of a surprise to their friends.

Miss Emma J. Hodges, daughter of James Hodges, a prominent contractor, of Memphis, Tenn., and a charm-ing young lady, to Dr. Clifford S. Hickman, of the same place. They honeymoon in Chicago and Cincinnati.

A popular social event was the marriage of Rev. James Henry McMullen, pastor of Wright's chapel, Washington. Pa., to Miss Anna Morrison, an accomplished and prepossessing belle, of Akron, Ohio.

Hanged by a Mob.

An Afro-Amosican Murderer Lynched After Confessing His Crime.

Arkansas City, La., July 19.—At 2 o'clock this morning John Farmer, charged with having assassinated Dr. C. C. Buckner, near Dermott, Wednesday, and bound over to await the action of the Grand Jury, was taken from the calaboose by an armed mob and hanged to a tree. It is understood that before he was hanged Farmer confessed to the crime, giving as his reason that he wanted to marry Carrie Marion, the girl who was was cooking for Dr. Buckner, and that the doctor was in the way.

The shooting, he said, was done at the instance of the Marion woman. Horace Wade, the owner of the gun, and the Marion woman were arrested also, and barely escaped lynching. They were hurried off to Lake Valley this morning in the custody of the Deputy Sheriffs, it being feared that they would share Farmer's fate.

The mob of lynchers was composed of both whites and blacks. Buckner was a prominent planter and was a leading Republican.

D. A. Taylor, of Chicago, has been appointed a letter carrier.

There is plenty of money at San Francisco to back Dixon at evens, but the Willis men are not coming with their money at anything like these figures. Tom O'Rourke has been the rounds of all the sporting resorts looking for some one who wants to back the little Australian at even money, but could not find him.

Mr. George Campbell, of San Antonio, Tex., was bit six months ago in the call of his leg, by a dog. The animal was savage, but not mad. Mr. Campbell has apparently since then,

ARTICLE IN.

The Afro-American League shall consist of the local leagues of the United States.

ARTICLE IV.

Section 1.-The officers of the Afro-American League shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and an Attorney, who shall also constitute the executive committee of the League, all of whom shall hold office for the period of one year, or until their successors shall have qualified. ARTICLE V.

Section 1.-The annual convention shall consist of delegates elected by local leagues, the basis of representation being one delegate for each tilly members, provided however, that each local league be entitled to one delegate.

Sec. 2-No local league shall be entitled to representation in the annual convention of the League waten is not financial with the Secretary of the Afro-American League.

ARTICLE VI.

The convention shall be held annual ly at such place as the Convention assembled may determine by a majority vote.

The Executive Committee shall have power to fix time and place of such meetings.

ARTICLE VII.

The Afro-American League in Convention assembled shall have power to admit and suspend Leagues, to overrule the action of the Executive Committee and to levy assessments to meet the necessary expenses of the Afro-American League.

ARTICLE VIII.

Sec. 1.—The assessments levied up on Local Leagues shall be paid by the treasurers of the same directly to the secretary of the Afro-American League, to carry out the objects set forth in Article 2, provided, however, that the maximum tax of any one assessment shall not exceed 25 cents for each and every member, whose name shall appear upon the rolls of the local leagues, and provided further, that no more

than two assessments can be levied in any one year. The secretary shall once every 30 days report and turn over to the treasurer such sums as have been collected and receive the treasurer's receipt for the same.

Sec. 2.-Each Local League shall on or before the 1st day of January of each year make and forward to the secretary of the Afro-American League a report showing the number of members in such Local League, and the officers thereof. Such report to be signed by the president and secretary of such Local League.

ARTICLE IX.

Sec. 1.-Upon the death, resignation or other disqualification of a member of the Executive Committee, the Executive Committee shall have power to fill such vacancy, and further, that the Executive Committee of the Airo-American League shall have power to fill any vacancies in the offices of the

Atro-American League.

Sec. 1.-Any officer or member of the Executive Committee attempting to use the League for individual po-litical purposes shall be expelled.

Sec. 2.-As the objects set forth in Article 2 can be materially advanced by political action on the part of the League, it shall be lawful for the Afro-American League to adopt such a political course as shall be deemed judicious and wise for the advancement of such objects.

Sec. 3.-The holding of any politicthe Afro-American League shall not be considered unlawful.

ARTICLE XV.

The members of the Executive Committee shall be allowed the actual traveling expenses incurred in going to, and returning from the meetings of the committee. Also the hotel and traveling expenses be paid while attending to the duties required of such offiec. 9E.

ARTICLE XVI.

The Convention shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order. ARTICLE XVII.

No Local League shall adopt a constitution which shall conflict in any provision with the constitution of the Afro-American League.

ARTICLE XVIII.

As women are eligible to membership on the same conditions as men. it shall be lawful for ten or more women to organize a Local League.

For Local Leagues.

Section 1. Any person of the age of eighteen years and upwards (without regard of sex) can become a member of this League by subscribing to its constitution and by-laws, and by the payment of — entrance fee, and a monthly assessment of -.

Section 2. The objects of this League are to protest against taxation without representation; to secure a more equitable distribution of school funds; to insist upon a fair and impartial trial by judge and a jury of peers in all causes at law wherein we may be a party; to resist by all legal and reasonable means, mob and lynch law whereof we are made the victims, and to insist upon the arrest and punishment of all such offenders against our legal rights; to resist the tyrannical usage of railroad, steamboat and other corporations, and the violent and insulting conduct of their employes in all instances where we are concerned, by prosecutin of all such corporations and their employes in State and Federal Courts; to labor for the reformation of all penal institutions where barbarous, cruel and unchristian treatment of convicts is practiced; and to assist healthy immigration from terror-ridden sections to other and more law-abiding sections. Section 8. A general tax of — per

annum on all members of this branch league shall be levied and covered by the treasurer into the treasury of the National League to earry out the objects set forth in Section 2. Section 4. The objects of this League shall be conserved by the creation of a healthy public opinion, through the medium of public meet-

And still they come! Prof. W. D. McCoy, of Indiana, is eager to embrace all the alleged difficulties and repre-

Bec. 2.—The Executive Committee shall have the general management of the affairs of the League when the Convention is not in semica, and shall (Continued on Page 2.) did Dr. Jackson sectore his re-elec. abouts of the dog is unknown. and the second second

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A lawn party will be given by the B. M. E. church Monday evening, Aug. 3rd, on the church grounds. Admission, 10 cents.

The conference of the B. M. E. church will be held in Chatham, Aug. 15th. R. Miller, superintendent, will preside. Memorial services for the Rev. Nathan Ellsworth, secretary of the conference, will be held Wednesday, Aug. 19, at 8 P. M. at Chatham.

The Rev. Masterson, of the A. M. E. church, assisted the Rev. John M. Henderson in his communion service last Sunday morning, assisted in the dedicatory service of Ebenezer Sunday afternoon and preached for the Rev. Alexander in the evening.

Tanner chapel was filled Sunday morning to hear the Rev. Robert, of Oakville, and in the evening a large audience listened to the Rev. Geo. W. Brown of Kent.

The Rev. Masterson will hold a grand rally Aug. 23rd. Dr. Derrick will be present throughout the day. The church is fast assuming its place as the most popular in the town, and great credit is due Rev. Masterson for his faithful energy.

Mr. Preston and Miss Simpson, of Ypsilanti, were married last Saturday, by the Rev. Masterson.

PLEASED WITH THE CIRCUS.

Battle Creek, July 21.-Ringling Bros.' circus drew a large crowd to our city yesterday. The show was those who needed them, and he is engood and all were well satisfied. Should they come to the city again, deeply sympathize with him and his they would receive a hearty welcome. wife in their affliction.

A number of friends and relatives of Mr. Philip Dyson called at his residence last Friday evening to inform him that it was his birthday, and that they had come to celebrate the occasion. Mr. Dyson received many presents, and a pleasant evening was spent by all.

Mrs. Perry Sanford was called to Niles last week by a telegram an nouncing the serious illness of her sister, Mrs. Sarah Jenkins, bu on arriv-ing found her sister dead. The funeral was held on Friday.

The remains of Mr. Henson Simpson were brought to this city last week for interment.

The Second Baptist church of this city, wants a minister; a married man with small family is preferred.

Mr. Robert Kimble is making extensive to his house which, when done, will be a fine residence. Mr. Kimble is known by our citizens as a thorough business man.

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Geo. Palmer and Herbert Mayo. of Buffalo, were in the city Wednesday, visiting friends, en route to Chicago. Misses Azalia Smith and Eliza Cole your best friend to take it. The Plain-dealer and the "History of the Black" from the National Teachers' Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Campbell are entertaining a pretty little girl who will be a permanent resident in the family.

A private letter from Washington. contains the sad news that Misses Mickie Cook and Lettie Clark are seriously ill.

The Detroit Social Club will meet next Monday evening at the shop of Mr. Robt. Duncan to make arrangements for their summer "outing."

The union excursion, given by St. Matthew's and the Second Baptist Sunday Schools last Thursday, was largely attended.

Mr. Birnie G. Chappee and Miss Susie E. Williams were married Wedneeday evening at the home of the bride. A description of the wedding will appear in the next issue of the Plaindealer.

Mr. Stowers died at the residence of his son, Mr. W. H. Stowers, of the Plaindealer, Sunday afternoon, July 19, and was buried Tuesday afternoon from the Second Baptist church. Mr. Walter Stowers has lost in rapid succession, his brother, sister and father, and his care and attention to them during their illness, has been a beautiful lesson of affection to all who have noted it. Without the assistance which most of his companions had, he made his way through school and has won, almost unaided, a worthy place

in the community, and sharing the prosperity which has come to him with almost unparallelled generosity. His services in the various interests of life, social, political and religious, have always been at the command of deared to a large circle of friends who

FACT'S AND FRIVOLITIES.

The official lists of Berlin are said to contain 60,000 persons named Schutz, Schulze or Schultze.

The explosion of a dynamite cartridge to blow up an old ship near Mobile sent to the surface a jew fish that weighed more than 200 pounds.

The demand for the revised version of the New Testament in 1881 exceeded that for any other book that has ever been published before or since.

A very large turtle laid 175 eggs just at the foot of Hotel Coquina's front steps on Ormond beach, Fla. A crowd of thirty or forty people were standing near at the time.

A carrier pigeon, which had been bought at Charlottenburg, near Berlin, and taken to London has reappeared in its old home, baving most likely escaped and successfully unde taken the long flight back. A Fort Worth, Tex., man says that he has the largest madstone in the world. It is nearly as large as a hen's egg and was new and neat. Pleasant quarters. Call. taken, he says, by his father from the stomach of a white deer found in the

Te Cerrespondents Don't Be Late.

We cannot insure the publication of correspondence which reaches us later than Tuesday. A number of our correspondents should pay attention to the hints below. Don't blame us if your latters are not pub-Mehed.--[Editor.

All matter for publication must reach us by Tweeday nown to insure insertion in the following issue.

Write your notes on one side of paper only and on separate paper from letters on business.

Personal jokes are not wanted.

Do not write matter for publication and business orders upon the same sheet of DF.DCT.

Want of space will not permit of exterded notices of entertainments, parties, receptions, etc. Send us the NEWS, Make your letters short and readable.

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Be brief, on time, and do not say Mr. "So and So" is sick when he only has the finger-achel

Correspondents will please remember that advertisements, lists of wedding presents, lengthy obituary notices, speeches, resolutions, poetry and inquiries for relatives must be paid for. Our advertising rates will be sent you on application.



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The Eastern Star society will give a lawn social at the residence of Mr. J. J. Evans, Wednesday evening, July 29th. All are invited. Mrs. E. Marshall is on the sick list.

Mrs. H. Hawkins went to Kalamazoo last week, for a short visit. Rev. J. McSmith is in the city for

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a few days.

DAY'S DOINGS.

Day, Mich., July 20.—It has been some time since I sent anything from this point. We have had a very pleasant harvest.

The Plaindealer, \$1 per year. Get your friends to subscribe. The Plaindealer and "Gems of Deportment,"\$2. "Gems of Deportment" is worth \$2.50 alone. Get your friends to subscribe. Joseph Allen, Sr. is very low, not much hope being entertained of his recovery.

Mrs. Sarah Vaughn recovers very slowly from her stroke of paralysis. Rev. E. E. Gregory is holding a

campmeeting at Simonton's Lake, near Elkhart.

All soldiers of the 102nd Regiment, United States Colored Troops, that attend the National Encampment, will meet at the Clinton School, Room A, for the purpose of holding a regimental reunion, on the 5th and 6th of August. Matthew Artis Post, No. 341, of Day, will attend the encampment at Detroit, beginning August 3rd. A. R. B.

NEWS NOTES.

Lansing, July 20.-Rev. Henderson was in the city Monday.

The A. M. E. Sunday School will picnic at Grand Ledge, Thursday. A number of Lansing people attend

the celebration at Ann Arbor on the 1st of August.

Mr. Marshall Freeman will make his future home in Battle Creek. Mr. Edward Lewis is the guest of

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Additional Mere Mention

Mr. Wm. H. Anderson has returned. Mrs. Wash. Smith.

There is a letter in this office for Chas. Curtis, of Simcoe, Ont., is doing the races this week.

R. Weaver, of Chatham, was in the city on Saturday last.

Will Barrie, of London, Ont., is visiting Mrs. Phil. Hunton.

John B. Anderson left Thursday, for Mansfield, O., for a few day's visit. Richard Harrison left for Foronto. Monday, where he will visit friends. Mrs. John M. Henderson returned last week from her visit to Chicago. Mrs. Cannon, nee Ackley, of Toledo,

visited friends in Detroit last week. iting her sisters, Mrs. Gregory and Mrs. | head.-Yonkers Statesman. Dve.

Ozark mountains. The newest gimcrack in the hands of the New York street peddlers is a little trick savings bank, a wooden box with a tiny drawer which opens to receive a coin, and loses the coin mysteriously whenever it is shut.

Doctors in Hudson county, N. J., have formed a protective association. All delinguents are waited upon by the collector of the association, and if a settlement is not effected within a reasonable time the party is blacklisted.

According to Rev. C. E. Amaron, president of the French Pretestant college at Springfield, Mass., there are now about 50,000 French-Canadians in New England and New York, and 1,000,000 in the United States. The number is rapidly increasing.

The Medical Record erroneously credits a Boston poet with the honor of having christened the lobster "the cardinal of the sea." The phrase belongs to a distinguished Frenchman. A Boston gentleman first called the clam "the strawberry of the sea." however, and his name is Charles Levi Woodbury.

Henry Clews, the New York banker, devotes a great deal of time and money to well pleased with anyone who expresses a desire to go through it, and one of the first rooms he will take a visitor into is his bath room. He is said to have expended \$40,000 on this room. The walls, floor, bath, in fact, every part of the room is of onyx

SHARP POINTS.

There are sermons in stones and but tons in the contribution box.-Puck.

When employers cut down their employes usually cut up. --Binghamton Republican. The man who is unfaithful with one

talent wouldn't do any better with 10,000 -Ram's Horn.

Funny, when a man starts on a business career the more checks he receives the sooner he gets there.—Binghampton Leader.

Primus.-- "Isn't she a distant relative of yours by marriage?" Secundus: "Yes. I am her flance twice removed."-Harper's Bazar.

Two Milwaukee dentists have dissolved partnership of twenty-three years. They could not pull together any longer.-Yonkers Statesman.

Jones: "How did you become deaf?" Brown: "Oh, I was born that way. I wanted 'but little hear below,' and I got it." Texas Siftings.

FIBS AND CONFIBS.

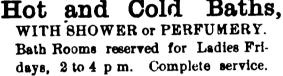
A man's idea of being good to a woman is to give her opportunities to be good to him.—Atchison Globe.

"Who was George Stevenson?" "Oh he was the man who invented railroad collisions."-Munsey's Weekly.

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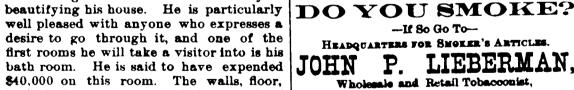




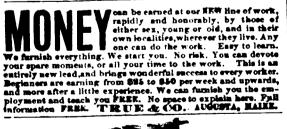
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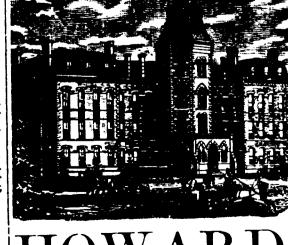
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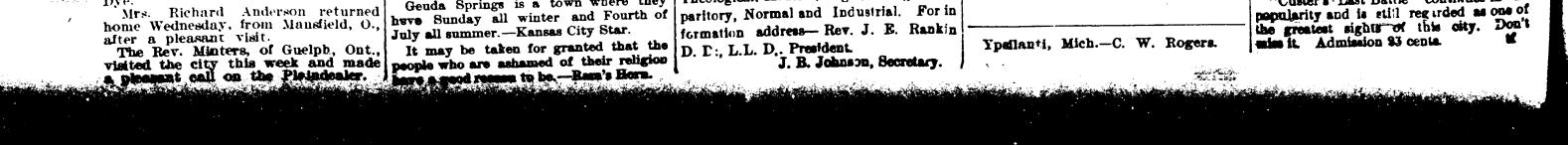


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I was a lieutenant of engineers under Von Moltke, said Paul Wolff, of Washington. Let me give you a chapter from my personal experience to show how thoroughly the German war department prepared for emergencies. One day a message came to me at the barracks bidding me report in civilian dress at the railroad station and receive orders. I went to the station. great heat at which iron melts will burn A man approached and addressed me as Meyer. I said: "My name is Wolff." "No," said he. "your name "own use, and found it does me is Meyer. Here is your bag of samples. You are selling whisky. I am selling wine. We will go to such and such a city and call on Mr. So-and-so and Mr. So-and-so and try to sell them "and then soon a general headache some goods. We went, and I made an effort to sell whisky by the sample, but didn't sell any, of course. Then we proceeded to another city and tried to sell goods there. After we had visited several merchants and had returned to the hotel my companion said to me: "We will take a walk and go across the bridge. We will not return together. On your way back you will pace the bridge, and going and coming you will keep your eyes open to observe all of the points you can about the bridge." Then for the first time I began to have a suspicion of what was really wanted. I strolled down to the bridge and leaned over the edge, looking at some workmen who were making holes in the abutments. I observed the plan of construction from the various points and then went on across the stream. After awhile I started back, and on my way I paced the bridge arch by arch. In the engineer corps we are trained

to pace distances with great exactness. I can walk a block now and tell the length of it within six inches. I returned to my hotel without having made a note, but with my head full of the plan of construction. My companion joined me. "Now," said he. "you will return to the place from which we started and you will make as complete a description of that bridge as you can turn it in." I carried out the order and heard no more of the expedition. A considerable time after that war came and the German army marched to the frontier. As the advance drew was blown up and fell in a mass of ruins. The army halted. A train of

together in a few hours and the army marched over the river and into the enemy's country. Every timber and every piece of metal was ready for im- He carries a note book with him at all mediate use. A new bridge has been times and when an filea strikes him he jots constructed throughout for that particular crossing based upon my report. -Globe-Democrat.

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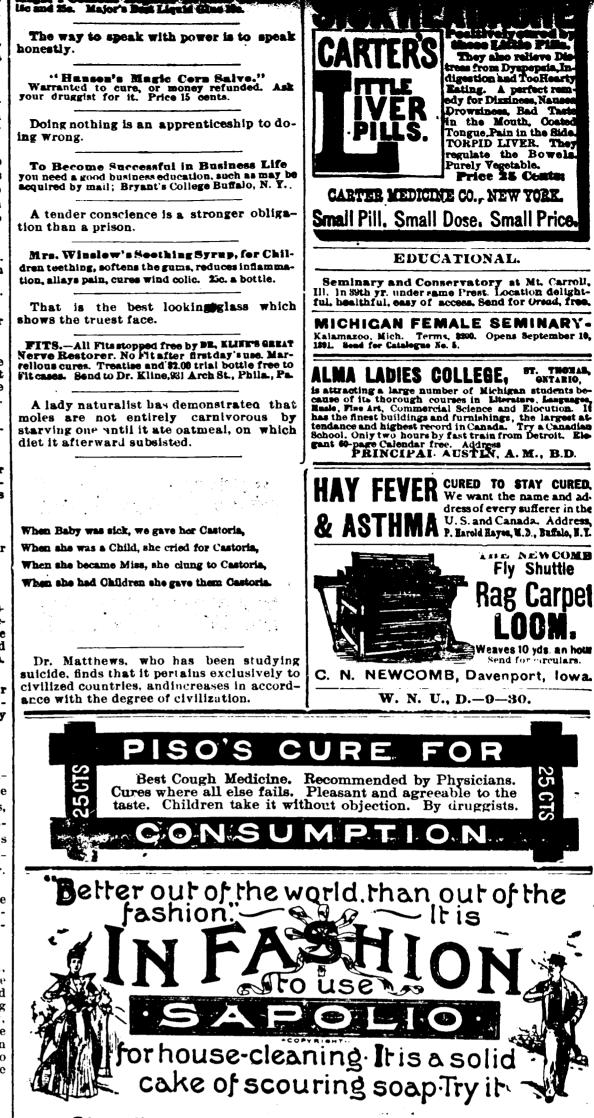
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Education in Egypt.

Education is making great strides in Egypt. and the natives are beginning to show appreciation of the advantages In 1887 there were only twelve paid fees, and the total receipts were £9,000. Last year the number of these schools throughout the country, as far south as Assuan, open to all races and creeds, was forty-seven; the attendance was 7,307, of whom 62 per cent were paying pupils, and the receipts reached nearly £20,000. The increase is significant as education is not compulsory. It is a rule, however. that all pupils must learn either English or French, and it is significant that whereas in 1889 only 14 per cent of them selected English, in 1890 the proportion rose to 23 per cent.

Wipes Out the Profits.

Some Philadelphia clergymen have got into difficulty by neglecting to make returns of the marriages they have solemnized during the past year. The penalty is \$10 for every offense, and the profits of the business are quickly wiped out by it.

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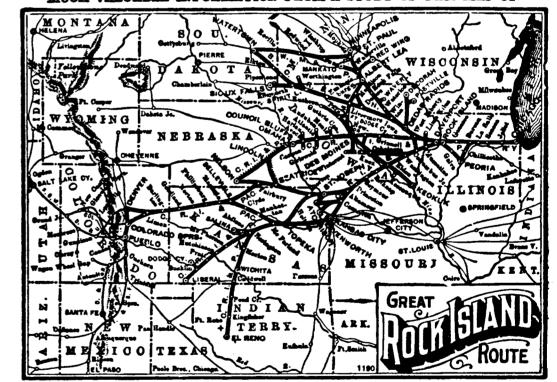
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The readers of the Plaindealer are familiar with that agitation, which, sweeping through the country, resulted in the formation of the Afro-American League. That this organization has grown, has held its second Nation al convention, is a triumph for the League idea, and certainly a source of encouragement to its promoters and well-wishers. While the second convention was inferior in the number of delegates present, the states represented, and the rampant enthusiasm which was so conspicuous in the convention at Chicago, the convention at Knoxville will not be without its influence in its effect upon the future of the A fro-American.

The location of Knoxville, the separate car law which recently went into effect in Tennessee, had probably much to do with the small attendance, for agitation against holding the convention had commenced nearly two weeks before, and the discontent had begun to assume large proportions, and several states that had but recently met in convention and chosen delegates, failed to be represented in the convention. Pennsylvania, through the State Journal, had challenged Michigan to present a delegation as large as hers. Michigan was present, but Pennsylvania wasn't "in it."

The address of President Price to

reducing the executive to five, and permitting no local league to be represented in the annual convention, that is not financial with the Afro-American League. Also the insertion of an article making plainer the attitude of the Afro-American League toward the women of the race. The same committee prepared the address to the local leagues, with which Plaindealer readers are now familiar.

ers to occupy an office in the League;

There was a mass meeting held in Knoxville on the evening of the 14th, and speeches were made by S. R. Maples, Rev. E. A. Johnson, Miss Ida B. Wells, T. Thos. Fortune and others, a paper on "Industrial Co-operation" was read by C. E. Lane, of Asheville, N. C., that contained a plan which seemed plain and feasible enough to achieve good results, should the

League ever be in condition to undertake anything of that nature. All of the speeches were in denunciation of the separate car law and other institutions of like nature in the South. and the best of all was that of Miss Well, who starting out by declaring she couldn't make a speech, captured the house by her apt and clear illustrations of the points made in her ad-

dress

The people of Knoxville seemed to be vastly encouraged by the result of the convention, and an impetus was given to their city in league work that will spread all over Tennessee, and, let us hope, throughout the entire South. Indignation over the sepaarate car law is rampant, and any movement on the part of the League looking toward testing its constitutionality in the United States Supreme Court, would be rapturously hailed and aided.

But one day was required to finish up the work of the League. W. H. Anderson.

Mr. W. D. Howell, the novelist, has caught the American fever, and in his latest novel essays a solution of the "negro problem." The opening chapters of Mr. Howells' novel promise well. Unlike many of his compeers. he shows signs of a belief that "something good" may come from the downtrodden race and he is fair enough to

see that even the fair skins and silken locks of the Irish cannot obliterate the convention was an excellent one. the fact of the rudeness and want of

Current Comment.

A + +15 + The New York Age:

The three or four Afro-American Methodist denominations in this country should consolidate their organizations into one. From the New York Tribune:

Ingalls facetiously refers to himself as "a statesman out of a job." There is many a "statesman" whose term of office hasn't yet run out, but who is never free from the suspicion of a job.

The New York Tribune: Senator Hoar made a good phrase when he spoke of "an unclipped dol-

lar and an unclipped citizenship" as the great central principles of the Re-pubilcan party. If honest money and equal rights do not appeal to the people, they have strayed far from the faith of the fathers.

The New South, Beaufort, S. C. We regret very much that Dr. Grimke has not been able to see his way clear to accept the professorship tendered him at Biddle University and has declined the same. The Dr. is one of the purest, safest and most capable leaders of our people, and his presence at Biddle would mean a great deal for that institution.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat : Mr. Cleveland is a sicker man politically than Mr. Blaine is physically. He is suffering from cancer of the hopes, Bright's disease of the expectations, consumption of the chances, paralysis of the delegations and a general breaking down of the whole system. Dr. Vest, who has been one of his constant attendants, says he's a goner.

The American Baptist:

"Plutarch," a writer in the Detroit Plaindealer, like "Billy Smith" his predecessor, knows too little about Baptist churches, their polity or their leaders, to write an intelligent article, either in approval or censure. He finds it convenient in a recent issue to say a good many hard things about them, which he ought to know is untrue and unwise, but we will be char-itable and in kindness admonish him to inform himself before he makes another effort in that direction.

The New York Age:

The Afro-American Republicans of the Middle and New England States should exercise more influence in the party and receive more benefit from it than they have heretoire. Nothing short of thorough organization and leadership can effect this, and they do not show any disposition to organi7₽`.

The Richmond Planet :

There is much talk relative to the probability of Hon. Frederick Douglass, Minister to Hayti, being succeeded by a white man.

This rumor has been unofficially deevident that the subject has been under discussion by the powers that be, and barring political expediency, there was and is, a likelihood of a white man being sent to represent this government's interest in the black Republic. Such action however, should not be We cannot believe that tolerated. President Harrison would lend himself to such a scheme and we know that it would be resented by Afro-American voters from one section of this country to the other. We are warned of danger as it appears on the horizons. We have sounded the keynote and will prepare to meet any attack which will involve any of the positions which have been conferred upon us with a view of racial recognition on account of our ability to perform the duty entrusted to our care. No white Minister for Hayti!

The Destiny of the Race.

Some Census Figures Which Indicate the Solution of the Problem.

From the Detroit Sunday News. Hasty generalizations concerning the the future numerical strngth of the Afro-American in this country, based on his proportionate high birth-rate. and the misleading reports of the census of 1870, have done more than anything else to render the Negro problem a question for political manipulation. Only two years ago the presiding officer of a political convention stated that at no distant future the colored population would reach 50, 000,000. Statements such as this are regarded with different degrees of satisfaction, and if true, the Negro would himself soon over-run this continent.

The crudity of statements such as this, which can be used so disastrously for political purposes, is shown by General Francis A. Walker in the July Forum, in an article sketching the future of the Negro, based on the statistics of the race back to 1808, when the slave trade was abolished. that time, or from the census of 1810, the Negro numbered 700,000, or 19 per cent of the netire population. In the recent census he is but 11.9 of the entire population, or, while the white population has increased 16 fold, the Negro has increased but 10 fold. Taking the statistics by 10 and 20 year perious since 1810, General Walker shows that the increase by per cent has declined steadily, and asserts that in all probability this reduction in the Negro's relative importance in the population will never be reversed.

In confirmation he examines in detail the respective birth and death rates in 23 southern counties of equal population, black and white, based on the tenth census, and finds that per 1,000 births of those born and dying, the rate for whites was 100.1 against 140.8, blacks. The proportion of death rates between whites and blacks in the large cities is greater against the blacks. In New Orleans the death rate for whites was 25.57, blacks, 36. In St. Louis, whites, 18.19, blacks, These results show that the 33.78.Negro race is maintaining its slight rate of increase only by means of a very high birth rate over a very high death rate.

Another fact worth noting is the future geographical distribution of the Negro, now that he can move freely from place to place. As a slave, the tropically bred Negro was forced to follow the interests of his northern bred master, often into regions where he lived only at a sacrifice of vitality. Comparing between 1880-90 the rates of increase in Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Kentucky, Missouri, Tennessee and North Carolina, with the cotton growing states, it is found to be 19 per cent in the latter against 5 per cent in the former. The inference is that in those parts of the country where the Negro is not an economic necessity, the black population will become more and more reduced nied, but to our mind it is plainly by the entrance of a vigorous white element. Industrial considerations at the same time will draw him to his more natural habits at the Gulf states where the white man cannot take his place. Whatever growth may be expected from the colored race, will take place there, and it is not probable that a race so limited in its range will ever reach to one-third even of 50,000,000. To recapitulate, the Negro in 1790 was one-fifth the population; in 1840, but one-sixth; in 1860, one-seventh; in 1890, less than one-eighth. Industrial reasons and natural tendencies are draining him off toward the low lands of the Gulf of Mexico, and there his greatest rate of increase will be felt, which in the nature of things will be constantly decreasing in its relation to the total population. Facts such as these, indicate that the Negro problem will become less and less rather than more and more a political problem, and that the solution may reasonably be left to the operation of physiological and economie laws.

Not One Whit.

Afro-American Sentinel, Jackson, Tenn. The Detroit Plaindealer, like all the great weeklies, has reduced the price to \$1. per year ,at the same time it has not reduced one whit its excellence as a general newspaper or its earnestness, zeal and ability as a defender of the rights of Afro-Americans.

VARIETY OF THINGS.

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Communion services were held Sunday morning at Bethel church and though there were not so many present, those who were there, agreed that communion in the morning, shorn of the objectionable features so noticeable in the afternoon meetings, when the audience is largely augmented by mere sight seers, is much to be preferred. In many of the A. M. E. churches, communion services are held monthly, thus separating this sacred ordinance of the church from the business which necessarily characterizes the services when held at the regular quarterly meeting. The business ma-chinery of the church is as necessary as any other portion of it, but the intermingling of the temporal and spiritual affairs which has so long obtained in the church has done much to take from the holy ordinances the sacredness which should attend them. A reform in this line would be in keeping with the spirit of progress which is now being exhibited at Bethel.

The following is a copy of a letter sent to Rev. B. F. Lee, concerning his comment on an article on "The Publication Department," by Rev. James M. Henderson, which appeared in a recent issue of the Christian Recorder

Detroit, Mich., July 21, 1891.

Rev. B. F. Lee. Dear Brother: If you will kindly indicate what part of the statement concerning the Publication Department in my article published in your last issue, you desire verified, I will gladly comply with your request. Let me hear from you and I will answer you fully. Your litule comment is in a half-innuendo manner that I shall not notice. I believe that I am prepared to prove that there is as much of "concrete fact" as of theory or rhetoric in that statement. Many things which the fathers regarded extravagant theories are conceded by their children verities. The time is opportune to discuss this department if you desire it. Of course you will publish promptly whatever may be said frankly pro or con concerning it.

of the rapid, material advancement being made, instancing among other with its \$500,000 capital, and its surplus of \$125,000, also the recently organized penny bank of Chattanooga, which is doing a monthly business of and most vicious of the race. thousands of dollars. Referring to the constitution, he thought some doubts had arisen whether in its present form it was best adapted to perform the work of the League; whether it would not be best because it was so misunderstood, to omit its non-partisan feature and admit of political action; whether in the present state of the League the executive committee was not too large and cumbersome; also the thought had arisen whether it was best in working for the mass, to work for them, with or without their presence and counsel. These thoughts I leave to the convention to ponder over and "take such action upon them as it deems fit and proper."

In other columns of the Plaindealer will be found the constitution as amended. The principal changes are the doing away with the State Leagues, allowing both local branches and Afro-American League political action, and eliminating its non-partisan phrase. The committee on constitution in suggesting these changes, were actuated by the following reasons:

Maintaining a State League created an unnecessary expense, its abolishment puts each local league in touch with the Afro-American League, and gives to each local league a representative in the annual convention.

While local leagues were permitted political action under the old constitution, it was not generally understood, and to make this sufficiently plain, in Art. II, Sec. 2, a clause was inserted giving to local leagues the right to use such political action to further their interests as they might done. deem wise and prudent.

The confounding of the terms, nonpartisan and non-political, by the mass which led many to think that when they became members of the Afro-American League, they had to give up politics, is in great part responsible for the elimination of the phrase, "The League is non-partisan." Under the old constitution, political action so far as it related to the endorsement of measures was as permissible as it now is, but was not so understood.

Other changes suggested by the committee, and approved by the conven-

He congratulated it upon the growth refinement, which exists in the middle of the League, because he saw in it, classes. Of course, those of the Irish the medium of much good. He spoke race who are refined and courteous, will take exceptions to Mr. Howells' view of their brethren and it maybe institutions, the bank at Richmond | they will sympathize with the large and increasing number of intelligent Afro-Americans who are invariably classed by white writers with the lowest

"America" in its revision of the opening chapters of Mr. Howells' novel, says: "Whatever future subsequent chapters of Mr. Howells' novel may unravel for the Irish and the Negro as they appear to Dr. Olney, experience teaches us that we must be content to leave the task of absorbing the Irish into our indistinguishable American life, and of doing full justice to the enfranchised black, to American adaptibility aided by that great obliterator of unnatural distinctions, Father Time. And America can help "Father Time" in this good work by purging itself of a lingering prejudice toward the Negro which should not exist in a journal dedicated to the work which it hopes to accomplish.

If some bourbon editor will sum up the unwritten laws of the Southland, a phrase which they use so proudly, he will do the world a favor. It will also be found to be the most barbarous code of the century. President Hippolyte, with all his accused brutality, could get pointers from it.

It is the general opinion of thinking men that the A. M. E. Bishops "put their foot in it" when they asked Director Davis for a "colored sideshow." These Bishops haven't as much business tact as they suppose, and their act savors of the "ax to grind" species.

The Democrats have been for years hatching organizations calculated to split the Republican party. They have been able to swallow every one oft hem but the last. The Farmers' Alliance insists that it should do the swallow ing that time if there is any to be

Now that the Afro-American League has elected new officers, let us have a live adminstration. There are many practical undertakings the League might inaugurate which would unite the people in one successful effort. A start and a start

The predictions as to what the Hon. Frederick Douglass will do as to resigning as Minister to Hayti, are as numerous as speculations concerning the health of the Hon. James G. Blaine.

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PERSONAL AND IMPERSONAL.

Chas. Good, of Cincinnati, is now in the employ of your Uncle Samuel. He is a letter carrier.

The Afro-Americans of western New York, are pushing A. M. Thomas, Jr., for the Liberian mission. .

Wiley G. Overton, the Afro-Amercan policeman of Brooklyn, will shortly be detailed for special duty.

Mr. John G. Bampfield, brother of the editor of The New South, has been appointed postmaster at Lemmasee, South Carolina.

Dr. Clarence Howard, of Philadelhia, brother to Miss Audie and Miss Imogene Howard, will spend the next two months in England

Wm. D. Kelly, the leading Afro-American Democrat at Leavenworth, Kan., is a candidate for lieutenant governor of that state this fall.

Rev. Dr. R. F. Hurley, of Boston, vill make an extended Southern trip, giving several public lectures while in that section.

Mr. Esteve Mars, of New York and Mr. Bismarck Pinchback, of Washington, both young medical men will continue their studies in Germany.

The Rev. W. H. Heard, of Philadelphia, is a candidate for the Liberian misison. He called upon President Harrison at Cape May last week. Albert White, of Chicago, shot and probably killed Betty Dalyle, a woman with whom he had formerly lived, last week. Both parties were of bad reputation and in a quarrel a short time previous, the woman had shot White.

The Michigan conference is well represented in the current number of the Church Review. The presiding elder, Rev. James M. Henderson, has a paper on "Sin" and the Rev. John M. Henderson, of Detroit, writes of the "Afro-American Press and Pulpit."

J. B. Simpson, a graduate from Col-by University, and now pursuing a theological course at Newton Theoogical Institute, has been appointed instructor in Greek and Physics in Wayland Seminary, Washington, D. C.

Samuel Gillespie, of Love, Miss., rescued a friend from a police officer, the other day, and was himself arrested last week and shot to death by a mob of masked men. Twenty-one bullet holes were found in his body. The animus of this brutality is found is concerned. Every one wants to sell in the fact that some time previous out and leave at once. A good many

"The Superior Race"

At Its Best Terrorizing An Unoffending People,

Round Lake, N. Y., July 18-Bishop Newman, who is a resident here during the summer, has charge of the colored churches of the Methodist Episcopal denomination all through the South. Recently he received a letter dated Donaldsonville, La., from the Rev. Pierre Landry, who is in charge of a district in Louisana, inclosing the following letter relative to outrages by regulators on the colored people in Beattyville. Terre Bonne Parish. It is signed by the minister of the church, whose name need not be given, and it contains a simple and evidently unexaggerated account of a genuine outrage. It is dated Schriever, La., an adjoining village, in which apparently a large part of the congregation had taken refuge. Beattyville is the center of a large colored settlement. The letter reads:

Schriever, La., July 6, 1891. The Rev. Pierre Landry.

Dear sir and brother: Your card at hand and contents noted. My rally (a southern term for exhortation meeting) will come off as appointed, according to promise. The church and all was getting on grandly and while standing on the hill of bliss we have been let down into the valley of humiliation. Last Thursday was a sad day, and one to be remembered in this place. About 4 o'clock in the afternoon the "Regulators' rifles, shotguns, whips and clubs, and the most brutal acts were practised on our people. All who did not succeed in getting out of the way were whipped and clubbed nearly to death. some were shot at and chased into the bayou. All of this was done without provocation.

Brother Smith, our esteemed brother has been forced to resign his office (Mr. Landry, in a note, says Smith) was the ward constable); also the justice of the peace of our ward, Mr. Coxen. All hope is paralyzed so far as accomplishing any good here now

Fraternally Yours. James M. Henderson.

An Unpopular System.

The Office of Presiding Elder Seems to Lack Favor.-- A Plea Against it.

To the Editor Plaindealer:

It has been authentically announced that the Michigan Conference will convene on the 13th prox., and since such is the case, there are some questions of relative benefit that might be suggested to the members of that body. A system or rule binds those who are identified, and unless this rule is changed, it rather hampers our actions.

If a system become objectionable an honest expression only brings forth good or bad reports, but does not mar the rule.

Never in the history of this conference has our Presiding Elder system been a popular one. It has always hindered the progress of the churches, and the ministry recognize in it a 'bugbear'' of huge dimensions. Many indeed, have been the sufferings of our ministry under this restraint, and if an even, careful and yet fearless opinion were expressed, that opinion would be, "We do not need the office." It was the writer's said experience a few weeks ago to receive a letter from a dear philanthropic brother; his life was fast ebbing away, but he said in that letter "I have given all my support to my Presiding Elder. While he is young and vigorous, I am old and decrepit. But the conference orders and I must obey.³

On the receipt of this letter, a telegram was received announcing the death of this minister. And it can be confidently asserted that he needed This is indeed the necessities of life. a sad case and peculiarly so because this same Presiding Elder knew the pastor in charge was a man who was willing to submit to his arbitrary ruling in support of his extortion.

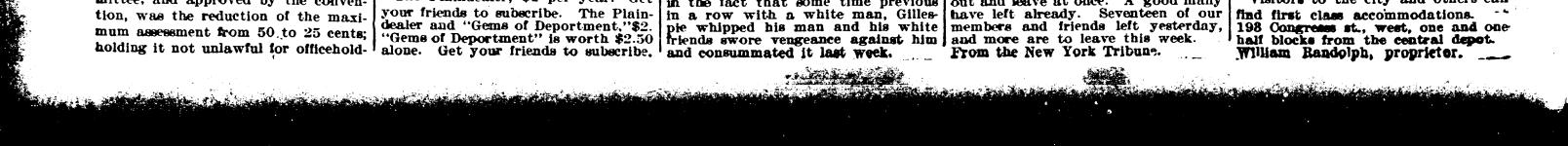
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It is true that Bishop Brown made a ruling to the effect that his Presid-ing Elder must be supported; but I question whether he meant that the preacher in charge should pay the assessment when it is less in amount and all are expecting you on hand than the church's indebtedness to him. The ministers of any conference would not object to the system of Prewe anticipated a grand time. But siding-eldership if it could be consistently supported. But it is our duty to ask the question, "Can we support it?" The answer will be emphatically, "No." Why? For several reasons. Why? For several reasons. The laity cannot see its benefit. The men who are appointed in many inentered the little village, armed with stances are inexperienced, arbitrary and unfit for the office.

It would not do to become personal, but too well does every minister in the Michigan conference know the disadvantages which they have undergone in the past year. In view of this fact, would they not be acting in sympathy with our membership to ask conference to modify the system and let the Elders assist each other? Try this, with the consent of the Bishop until the end of the quadrennium. W. L. Brown.

Detroit, Mich., July 7, 1891.

Visitors to the city and others can



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To City Subscribers.

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The Plaindealer office is now permanently located on the second floor of the building formerly occupied by the Tribune Printing Company, 13-17 Rowland street.

For additional locals, see third page. Miss Eva Turner, of Macomb street, is seriously ill.

Mr. Hale, of Springfield, spent Friday in Detroit.

A large number of Toledians spent Sunday in the city.

Miss Amanda Luckett has returned from her visit to Cleveland.

Mr. Danl. Seals, of Cleveland, was in the city Monday on business.

Miss Edith Robinson, of Wellington, Ohio, is the guest of Miss Flossie Cole. Mr. Chas. Henderson, of Cleveland, visited Detroit the fore part of the present week.

The Rev. J. L. H. Watkins, of Grand Rapids, was the guest of the Rev. Alexander, last week.

Miss Ada Kinley, of Chicago, Ills., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. N. Turner, of 346 Antoine street.

The Rev. Masterson, of the A. M. E. church, of Windsor, preached the com-munion sermon at Bethel church, Sundav.

Miss Mary Rodney who has been the guest of her sister, Miss Christina Stewart, has returned to her home in Port Huron.

The Rev. Alexander entertained Mrs. M. Leatherman, of Jackson, last week, The Rev. E. H. McDonald is in the East, attending his father who is very

Mr. Alfred Montgomery, of Petite Cote, Out., spent Tuesday in the city. He saw Temple Bar win the Merchants

Glances llere and There.

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"I am expecting company and how shall they be entertained," is the burden of many housekeepers' plaint just now. Contrary to the general belief, it is far more difficult to entertain guests when the city is full, as it promises to be this summer, than when there are only two or three strangers to be cared for. Few houses will hold all of one's acquaintances and their guests, and the most generous householders shrink from an entertainment which must take the form of a crush, marring their best efforts to entertain, and spoiling the enjoyment of their visitors. The situation is ag-gravated this season because all public halls and places of entertainment have already been secured for the convenience and pleasure of the encampment visitors, so that the hosts and hostesses of this season who want to make it pleasant for visitors will find it necessary to entertain informally, early and often, if they want to take in all their friends.

Of course the river is always with us, and doubtless many pleasant boating parties will be arranged and enjoyed, but the best form of hospitality is that when the guest is welcomed under our own vine and fig tree and for those who wish to open their homes to friends, after the general reception, which is always in order, a luncheon is the most convenient form of entertainment. It may be formal or informal, and is delightful if it takes some particular form, as a clover, sweet pea, violet or old maid lunch, when all the decorations are of the particular variety of flower The menus bearing quotachosen. tions and the favors being clusters of the flower. An old maid lunch which was very successful, was recently given for a company of ten young women, all engaged in some profession or trade for self-support. The flowers were daisies in which the lower petals were cut so as to resemble a quaint little head, the favors were pussy willows and the menus, hand painted, were decorated with the benign face of a comfortable looking tabby, though it is a fact to be recorded that every one present professed an antipathy to puss and her feline characteristics.

A luncheon may be as simple or as elegant as the hostess chooses. If the occasion is a ceremonious one, the table is set as for a dinner and the dishes are handed by servants.



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and Manufacturers' stakes.

Mr. James Davis, who graduated from the university at Ann Arbor the past season, has returned to his home in Georgia, after having spent a month in the city.

Mrs. Wm. W. Ferguson and Mrs. Geo. A. Barrier with their families, leave Saturday to spend the remain-der of the summer in their cottage at Bois Blane island.

Mrs. M. E. McCorkle gave a delightful tea Sunday evening in honor of Mr. Dean, of Cleveland, who has been spending some time in the city, en route to points farther West.

Mrs. Mary Thomas, of Wilkins st., entertained Bishop Brown, Rev. J. H. Alexander and family, Rev. Beckett, of Ypsilanti, Rev. G. W. Brown, of Flint and the Rev. John M. Henderson, of Detroit, at tea Monday evening.

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The residence of Mr. Richard Anderson, 502 Beaubien street, was burg-larized Thursday night. Mrs. Ander, son and Miss Fannie Anderson are visiting in Mansfield, O., and while Mr. Anderson was taking in the bicycle parade, the thieves took Miss Fannie's winter clothing, bank book, etc.

The Detroit Social club met last pitality.

Bishop Brown conducted the dedica-tory services at Ebenezer, last Sunday, and though his press of duties made his stay in the city short, he <u>Sund-time</u> to make a few calls on the friends who love to welcome him to their homes. The Bishop has cer-tainly acquired the art of growing old gracefully. He is thoroughly in touch tainly acquired the art of growing old gracefully. He is thoroughly in touch with the progressive idea of the young, and he tempers their enthusiasm with his own large experience so kind-ly, that a conversation with him, filled with reminiscences of the past and hopes and plans for the future, is a treat which his young parishioners thoroughly enjoy.

Miss Meta Pelham Ferguson entertained a large number of her young friends last Monday afternoon. The merry young people who came to help keep her twelfth birth-day, entered into the amusements of the afternoon with the zest which childhood alone brings to such an occasion, and the little hostess will remember the day little hostess will remember the day as much for the thorough enjoyment of each moment which they spent to-gether, as for the pretty gifts which they brought. The birthday cake con-tained the rquired number of candles with one to grow on, and the efforts to "blow them out" after tea was serv-ed, furnished much amusement. The Rev. G. W. Brown, now of Flint, formerly of Ebenezer church of Detroit

ine key. G. w. brown, now of r int, formerly of Ebenezer church of Detroit, made a pleasant call at the Plain-dealer office while here attending the dedication of the new Ebenezer. He

Each plate should have beside it, two knives, two forks, one or two spoons and a water goblet. The first course should consist of fruit, bouillon or consomme served in cups set on plates and supplied with teaspoons. Where there are several courses, the plates are necessarily changed at each course, Vegetables are served from the sideboard, and tea or coffee at the table. Cold meats, salads, croquettes, beefsteak and omelet are viands to be selected from. With sweets as the taste of the hostess may dictate. At formal lunches it is a pretty custom to provide a bouquet for each lady, grouping them in the center of the table to form the central ornament and distributing them at the close of the meal.

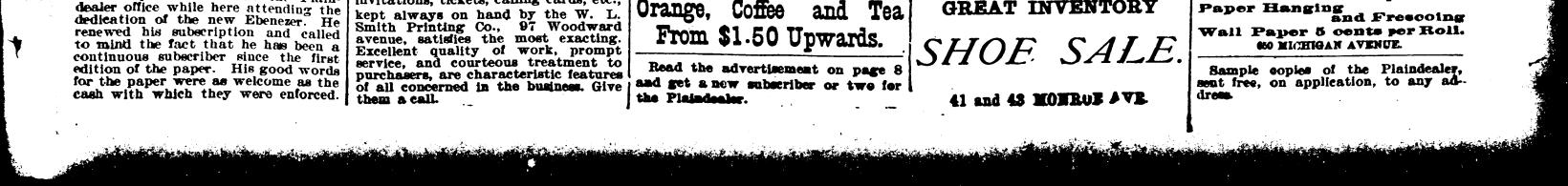
Last year a form of entertainment which afforded much enjoyment, was an early morning ride to the Pointe

and a lunch served from hampers. which were carried by the projectors of the drive. After all, it is not the matter but the manner of entertainment which ensures its success, and a hearty welcome is a sauce which will make the most homely hospitality palatable.

It does not always pay to take the old adages literally. The other day The Detroit Social club met last Monday night at the residence of Mr. Joseph Ferguson. After the transac-tion of the regular business, Mr. Fer-guson invited the club to partake of a tempting luncheon, prepared in hon-or of his 27th birthday. Though somewhat surprised by this unusual finish to their meetings, the members "fell to" and did ample justice to the their generation host's hosthe Glancer following the custom of all her. "Have you looked for her?" ask-ed the Glancer. "Well, no, I just thought I wouldn't tire myself runthought 1 wouldn't tire myself run-ning all over the Island and probably miss her after all. You know the old adage, 'Sit still and every thing will come round to you.'" The Glancer strolled away and after a while saw the missing lady sitting on the other side of the Island, placidly reading, with her lunch box by her side. After the customary greetings she too told the customary greetings, she too told the Glancer that she had not expected to spend the afternoon alone, but had expected to meet a friend and lunch with her. "But I thought," said she, "that I'd find a place and wait for her, and that would be better than running all over the Island and maybe not find her after all." The after-noon was now far spent and to verify the old sout the Clancer exted the role the old saw, the Glancer acted the role of special providence and brought the two trusting old ladies together. They rewarded him with a portion of their substantial lunch, which he thor-oughly enjoyed and left them to enjoy what remained of their afternoon, together. The little episode, however, confirmed him in the belief that every thing may come to him that waits, but you had better hustle while you wait, or it may come too late to be enjoyed.

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A Revised Constitution.

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the purpose of this league being to secure the ends desired through peaceable and lawful methods.

Section 5. This league is in no sense a partisan body, and no man shall be barred from membership therein because of his political opinions.

BY LAWS.

(1) The name of this organization shall be the Afro-American League of

(2) The officers of this League shall -, No.be one president, two vice-presidents, one secretary and two asisstant secretaries, one treasurer, two chaplains, two sergeant-at-arms, and an executive committee of five; the officers to be elected-(as the league shall deter-

(3)This branch league shall meet at mine.) -, the first Tuesday in each month, (or oftener at an discretion of the league,) at 8 of lock P. M., with open or secret meetings (at the discretion of the league).

(4) This branch league shall bes up ject to the daws made by the Afro-American League.

Lynch Expresses His Views.

The following letter was directed to T. Thomas Fortune, Secretary of the League.

Washington, July 11, '91. I regret very much that my official engagements at this time prevent me from attending the meeting of the League. 1 desire, however, to call the attention of the League to a matter which, in my opinion, demands the serious attention of your organization.

A few years ago, by act of the legislature, my own state,-Mississippiset the pernicious example of compelling railroad companies to provide separate accommodations for white and for wealth and respectability. colored passengers.

the example thus set. While it is courage all educational and moral provided that these separate accommodations shall be equal, yet every co-operation which more surely brings one knows that such a provision is meaningless, and that the purpose of other source of power. the legislation in question is to humiliate and degrade colored people. It is bad enough to have our votes vio- ances which have focussed the eyes of lently suppressed, our voices criminally stifled and our civil rights cruelly abridged and denied, but when out a glorious destiny. it comes to humiliating, degrading and insulting our wives, mothers, sisters and daughters, every colored man ident and consul general to Hayti, a in the land, who has a spark of manhood in him, should not hesitate to raise his voice and use his influence, part of the white press of the country his power and his vote, to do away with this outrageous, disgraceful, offensive and inhuman class legislation. Our position in this matter should

be outspoken and unmistakable.

It should be emphatically declared that the political party which coun- not believe the administration will tenances and tolerates such odious leg- allow itself itself to make any such islation, and which will not favor the abrogation and repeal of such laws, wherever they exist, will receive no support from colored persons in any part of the country.

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upon the no less important question public education. ഷ് Our interest in federal legislation is of such infinite importance that we

feel that we can heartily endorse the recommendation of the Afro-American Press association at its annual meeting at Cincinnati, that President Harrison should appoint an Afro-American as one of nine appellate judges created by act of the 51st congress. It has been sufficiently shown by the Afro-American Press that we have men eminently qualified to fill such high judicial position, and we trust that such an appointment will be made. We are not able to command language sufficiently strong to characterize our condemnation of the separate car system as maintained in many of

nity-an insult to our manhood, and we believe it to be a violation of constitutional and common law. It is acquiesced in. We call upon the race at large and members of the league in particular to use all lawful means to break down the iniquity

the states. It is a gratuitous indig-

We believe that lynch law is one of the greatest evils which we are called upon to endure, and we feel that the time is ripe when this species of lawlessness should be stopped. We commend the efforts of certain influential journals at the South to discredit this lawlessness, as well as their efforts to reform the prevailing convict lease sys-

tem We commend also the generality with which native southerners employ Afro-American labor, and condemn the discrimination in this respect too of ten practiced by northern white men We commend the tendency every where manifest, toward greater thrift

and economy among members of our We should more largely enter race. the trades, commercial pursuits, banking and other avenues which make should acquire real estate whenever Several other states have followed it is possible to do so: we should enefforts and learn the wisdom of that strength in ear civilization than any

> While sympathizing with the Repub lic of Hayti in the internecine disturbthe world upon her, we have confidence that she will ultimately work

We renew to the Hon–Frederick Douglass, United States minister rescontinuation of our high regard and confidence in this nour while a large assault and vilification with the evident intention of creating prejudice against employing Afro-Americans in the diplomatic service of the country. It is a device of the enemy. We do mistake as these papers urge, as it would give currency to the falsehood

that we have not men qualified for such service. We ask the race everywhere to join

In this matter the League can de- the Afro-American league. We need Any efforts that your organization not need for friends to give us generous assistance. T. Thos. Fortune, New York, Ch'm. W. H. Anderson, Michigan. R. S. Lovingood, Georgia. J. E. Hamlin, North Carolina.



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A GOSSIPY LETTER FROM OUR OWN CORRESPUNDENT.

Triennial Session of the National Grand Lodge, U. B. F.-The Summer Guesis.-Personals.

Special Correspondence :

Chicago, Ills., July 22.-How are you enjoying yourself? How long do you purpose remaining in the city? These and similar questions are being addressed to three or four thousand strangers, to whom, Chicago with her extensive accommodations and everchanging entertainment is offering the services of hostess. The citizens are an injustice that should not be quietly up and qui vive, each vying with the other seeing who can best do honor to the numerous distinguished visitors. The unusual increase in the numher of "summer visitors" is occasioned by the regular triennial session of the National Grand Lodge, U. B. F., National Grand Temple, S. M. T., and National Grand Encampment K. of P., organizations which are largely represented in nearly every state in South. The program of the Order, together with the many entertain ments which are being given, will keep the city in a continued state of turmoil until Friday, on which day the session will close. Monday evening a grand reception was tendered these organizations at the Second Regiment Armory, corner of Michigan ave. and Monroe street, at which the following program was presented :

Address of Welcome, Dr. J. H. Magee; Response, Prof. A. J. DeHart; Music, Second Regiment Band; Ad dress, Dr. W. T. Peyton, Nat. G. M. Address, Hon. E. H. Morris; Music, Orchestra; Address, Wm. Porter Esq., N. K. C. Address, Hon. W. R. Vaughan; Music, Second Regiment Band; Address, F. A. Dennison, Esq. Address, Hon J. W. E. Thomas; Grand March and Banquet.

The evening was most delightfully spent by all present. Wednesday evening, the National Grand Temple, S. M T., was entertained at Central Hall This organization is the ladies' branch, and, as is always the case, the entertainments by the ladies or given in honor of the ladies, have a more delightful appearance, so it was in this case. The ladies were all there and it is needless to say, this fact brought all the gentlemen too and a right o'ly and pleasant time was spent. is making him the target of brutal Friday was given up to picnicing at Kuhn's Park. Dancing and a general good time was had. Seldom has Chicago had such a convocation as the one now in session, and we trust that the time spent in the city may prove profitable and enjoyable, and redound in good to these very worthy organizations, making it expedient and satisfactory enough for them to favor us with a call again in the near futare.

The races at Washington Park closed last Saturday, giving place to the the strength which comes of union. West side races. A number of the When we shall help curselves, we shall successful sports left the city Monday and Tuesday to attend the Eastern Southern meets, leaving some of their Mr. James Embrose, of Ypsilanti, not so successful brethren to ply their was on the streets last week. vocation until the fickle goddess shall favor them with her smiles. Great indeed has been the kick among the sporting fraternity at the 12 o'clock closing law and the closing of the gambling houses inaugurated by the present Mayor, making it impossible for them to make a play for day. The hay harvest is finished and their money or get even after the was a very light crop, averaging day's races.

ising young men is in the city interviewing real estate men. Wonder what Sam has in view. Girls, he's all right!

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Giles, 3227 Armour ave, entertained a number of friends last Monday evening in honor of the two young lady visitors of Mrs. Waters', Miss Boyd, of Urbana, Ohio, and Miss Harris, of Springfield, Ohio. Mrs. Giles' qualities as hostess, are so well known, that it is only needful to say that she entertained, to be assured that all who were fortunate enough to be present enjoyed themselves completely.

Mrs. Cumbo and daughter, Mrs. Boldon, of Kalamazoo, Mich., are expected in the city on a visit of a month with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wright and Mr. Will Fielding entertained a large concourse of friends last Tuesday evening at their residence, 3214 Armour ave. in honor of Misses Boyd and Harris, and Dr. A. J. DeHart, of Cincinnati, Objo. Dancing and pleasant conversation whiled away the hours so rapidly that the night was far spent and dawn was near at hand before the guests reluctantly withdrew, loud in their praises of the evening's entertainment. One of those pretty and hunger-inspiring luncheons, which only those who are familiar with entertaining, know how to prepare, was served and right heartily partaken of by the good nat- dren of the city of Independence, Kas., ured, merry gathering. Music was rendered by Prof. Chas. Burroughs' orchestra, late of Detroit.

OPEN AIR CONCERT.

Ann Arbor, July 21.-Last Wednesday night the Bethel church held an open air concert at Mr. StephenAd- ored residents of the city generally ams'. crowd was in attendance. Miss L. Mashat assisted.

Mr. A. DeHazen was in the city Tuesday, looking after the First of

August Mise Katie Crawford is visiting Mrs. John Jones, of South Lyons.

Among those at Whitmore Lake Sunday, were Mr. and Mr. William Graves, Mesdames Clay, Cornelius and Blackburn. Miss Carrie Freeman went to the encampment Sunday.

Rev. Gilead, of Adrian, filled the pulpit of the Second Baptist church on Sunday, preaching two good sermons.

"Gems of Deportment" and the Plaindealer, one year, \$2. "Gems of Deportment" is alone worth \$2.50. Agents wanted to make an active canvass to sell this book and introduce the Plaindealer. Liberal Commissions. Write us.

Mrs. Carsons, Misses Eva Cooper. Ora and May Green attended the grand rally at Ypsilanti, Sunday.

Invitations have been received in the city from Mr. Childs, announcing his marriage on the 23rd inst. He is a graduate of the Law Department, full face. is an exemplary young man and deserves much happiness.

The students come and go, and leave the fair maidens of Ann Arbor just where they find them, to the regret of many.

Elder Cotman got home last Fri-

Separate Schools.

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Constitutional in Missouri, but Not Allewa ble in Kaneas.

The Supreme Courts of adjoining States recently considered laws relating to separate schools for white and colored children. Several white citizens of Grundy County, Missouri, objected to the presence of four colored children at the school which the children of the plaintiffs attended. The colored children belonged to one family and were the only children of school age in the district. The Missouri law provides for the establishing of separate schools for colored children when there are fifteen such children in the district. When the number of colored children is less than fifteen, they may attend a school in some other district. The nearest school for colored children was three and one-half miles from the home of the colored family over whom the litigation The Misosuri Supreme Court arose. decided as other courts have, that the laws providing for separate schools were constitutional. They said that the colored children did not suffer any hardships which were not inevitable from the separation of one class of pupils from another. Two colored chilwere more fortunate in evoking the aid of the courts. Their father lived near the Second Ward public school, and the children, girls of eight and ten years, were obliged to go a considerable distance to the Fourth Ward school, in which rooms had been set apart for colored children. The col-It was a success, and a large favored the designating of separate schools for their children, but the father of these little girls wished them to go to the nearest school. The Supreme Court decided that cities of the size of Independence had not received from the Legislature the right to establish separate schools for white and colored children. In the absence of such authority, the Court holds, the school authorities could not designate separate schools for the colored children, and the children might attend the school of the ward in which they lived.

SUDDEN DEATHS.

Cassopolis, Mich., July 20,-We stop to harvest, wheat yielding from 25 to 40 bushels per acre.

Morgan Vaughn returned to Lansing Tuesday, afte**r** a -two weeks visit. Rev. J. E. Hill, of South Bend, was in our city last Saturday, posting bills for an emancipation celebration at Benton Harbor on the 20th inst. Rates \$1.00, round trip.

Z. Beverly is not gaining in flesh. 'Tis neuralgia that gives him such a

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monstrate the zation, as well as the necessity for it.

may make to educate public opinion upon this subject and to secure the repeal of these offensive laws, or their abrogation through the courts, ought to be supported, and I am sure will be, not only by the colored people throughout the United States, but also by the friends of justice and equal rights without regard to race or color

Yours Very Truly, John R. Lynch,

Secretary Fortune Reports.

Secretary Fortune's report was as follows:

Expenses-July 14, To Salary, \$750; Jan 16, Tel. to Astwood, \$3.75; Jan. 11, Type-writing, address, \$2.00; Feb. 17. Expresasge League Con., \$1.00; Mch. 27, Printing League Con.,\$15.05; Postage for Year, \$2.63: July 13, Expenses, \$61.30; Total. \$835.73.

Receipts -- Jan. 17. Detroit Branch, \$5.60° Feb. 6, Ladies' Branch, Am-sterdam, N. Y., \$6.50; Feb. 15, 9th Cav. League, \$11.75; May 16, Young Mens League, Amsterdam, N. Y., 32. Copies of Con., \$16.90; Donation of Secretary's Salary, \$750.00; 'Total, \$792.15. Balance due, \$43.58.

The Resolutions Adopted.

The Separate Car Law Denounced In No Uncertain Way.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Convention at Knoxville :

We congratulate ourselves upon the fact that we have proceeded so far in the effort to create a national organization, devoted to the special purpose of securing our full citizenship and manhood rights, that we are enabled to hold the second annual meeting of the Afro-American League. We have to deplore the fact, however, when we consider the important work with which we have charged ourselves, that the race at large has not been brought | Thompson. to take a more active interest in the work.

Believing that this general apathy has been caused largely by the nonpartisan feature of the constitution posing great things for the World's and the cumbersomeness of the working machinery of the league, we have was at headquarters yesterday tellso modified the constitution in these ing of the plans the colored residents respects as to bring it more in harmothe race, and to so simplify its working machinery as to make it more easily understood.

We feel that the work of the Afro-American league is absolutely a they will give \$50,000 or \$75,000 tonecessary one and that the awakened wards the construction of the Texas interest of the people will enable it State Building at the Fair; then one

to accomplish that work. We condemn unreservedly the system of taxation in the southern states thorough exhibit of everything that which excludes us almost entirely from | can be produced as illustrating their any representation in political affairs. We demand the political methods by 000 was to be raised, Mr. Ellis said which this un-democratic condition is that they would form an organization maintained. We feel to say that those and sell shares of stock at \$1 each. republican senators who joined with Hale G. Parker. the Afro-American their democratic confreres in defeat- alternate World's Fair Commisisoner ing the effort to enact some election of Missouri, was at headquarters yesmea ure by which this condition could terday. He has been mentioned and have been legally rendered, de-metry our censure and distrust. It tions as a person agreeable to them is a pleasant duty, therefore, to com- to be connected with the Exposition mend the stalwart position which management with a view of securing

MILWAUKEE NEWS NOTES. Milwaukee, Wis., July 20.-Rev. Simon Crutcher, of Chicago, is in the city.

Mrs. J. J. Miles and children have gone to Batavia, Ills., to remain during the warm weather. Miss Lotta Hughes has returned from

an extended trip to New York. Mr. W. T. Green has opened a Ger-

man class at the Plankinton, that bids fair to be successful. Mr. Green claims to be able to teach any one to speak German in five weeks. Any one desiring to join the class can do so by addressing him at the Plankinton house

It strikes us rather forcibly that there are too many young men studying for the clergy and the bar. You seldom see a young Afro-American attending college, who is not studying for either one or the other of these professions These fields are already too crowded. We need more skilled mechanics, tradesmen, financiers, etc. Don't let us all try to be preachers

or lawyers. Any one having any communications for the Plaindealer can send them to either to George Bland's barber shop

or address J. B. Buford, Plankinton House Mr. C. Trevan is visiting friends in

^{Thicago}.

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Mrs. Jackson, of Madison, is in the city, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. H.

J. J. B.

TEXAS AT THE FAIR.

The Afro-Americans of Texas are pro-Fair. W. H. Ellis, of San Antonio, of Texas intend to carry out. He says ny with the political aspirations of there are 460,000 Afro-Americans in the Lone Star state and that they have taxable property valued at \$4,

200,000. They intend to raise, he says, \$200,000, and that of this sum

portion of the building will be allotted to them and they will make a progress. When asked how the \$200,

Richards and Pringle's colored minstrels left the city Tuesday, to begin their season. They will open at Valparaiso, Ills.

Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Cliff Hickman, of Memphis, Tenn., are in the city. They were joined in the holy bonds of wedlock in that city, last Saturday, and le have won every suit, and we underleft for a bridal tour North and West, stand they have secured a clear title They will return to take up the du- for a portion of their land, and have ties of married life some time in Au-

gust. The Doctor is rapidly making a place for himself among the first men of the country. Success to you, Dr. Hickman, Remember "There's room at the top," and there is lots is worth that much. Subscribe for of room and a whole heap of top. Miss "Sammie" Murfree, one of Nash-

villes' most charming young ladies, is with us, the guest of Miss Mamie Maxwell, 2902 Armour ave. Sam. Hill, one of Cincinnati's prom- Montgomery, Ala.

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di Jane - He

The Second Baptist church gave a festival on Tuesday night. Lottie.

FLETCHER CROPS.

Fletcher, Ont., July 20.—The weather has been very dry, and drawing water will soon be the order of the was a very light crop, averaging about 1-2 ton per acre. The farmers are now very busy with their wheat crop, a fair yield being looked for. Bean crops upon the Raleigh Plains are far below the average, and upon the whole, are miserable failures.

There has been some litigation over the Herrington mob, but the old coupa strong showing for the rest.

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J. M. C.

Many Afro-Americans suffer losses in the bank failure of Moses Bros., of

Edward Anthony, a farmer, died while waiting for dinner Thursday. George Mansfield, a dairyman, was found dead in bed on the 21st. Laura Beverly is entertaining Mrs. Smith, of South Bend, this week.

W. B.

THREE RIVER LOCALS.

Three Rivers, July 21-Mr. and Mrs. Noah Burton and three children, of Warrior, Ind., who have been the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Weaver, returned to their home Tuesday.

Rev. Brown, of Cassopolis, was the guest of B. L. Weaver and family the first of the week.

Mr. Z. Jacobs and daughter, Miss Luella, visited Constantine and the Lakes, Sunday.

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Mrs. D. H. Weaver is quite ill with a severe attack of neuralgia.

Miss Mary Sanders has gone to South Bend, Ind., to live. Lou.

William Green, the female impersonator, left for Chicago Monday to fulfill an engagement.

• • "THE GRASP PATRONIZE OF US AN AND HONEST MAN BE IS IN WHAT GOOD I LIKE COMPANY. TO FEEL," EXCLAIMED THE OBATOR. "GO AND SHAKE WITH EISMAN & MAY, THE SHOE DEALERS, AT 85 GRATIOT AVE," SHOUTED A MAN IN THE AUDIENCE. "THEY'RE HONEST MEN AND GIVE HONEST VALUE." THOSE WHO NEVER TRY US ARE LOSERS. EISMAN YOUR SHOEMEN, AT 85 GRATIOT AVE. & MAY,

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rresident Benjamin Harrison took up-lexhibits from the colored people on this important measure as well as throughout the country.

MY DREAM.

i dreamed, I ruled a kingdom, And love could enter there. The shadow realm seemed peopled With loves that were but air.

My vassels all so eager My wishes to divine: Brought sweetest dreams from dreamland Of that dear love of mine.

There floated through my vision, A dream within a dream. That bodied forms more fragile, Than th' moon's reflected beam.

Then is this phantom fabric, My loved one came to me; Oh Heav'n' that such sweet rapture So much a dream should be.

HER INFATUATION.

Mrs. Bombustle was an old and rich widow. She was not very old-only about sixty-and even to hint in her presence that she was old at all mortally offended her. The great ambition of her life was to appear to be young and to secure a young husband.

Nevertheless the blandishments of art could not conceal the fact that Mrs. Bombustle was no longer in the heyday of life. She, however blissfully believed that her deceptions were effective.

But a disagreeable revelation was in store for the elderly dudine.

Mrs. Bombust¹ had for many years been a guest at a fashionable hotel in New York city. Twice she had nearly succeeded in capturing a husband, but in each instance the suitor, though impecunious and fond of money. ultimately faltered and fled from her presence. Disappointed, but undaunted, Mrs. Bombustle steadily held to her purpose.

She was just recovering from the effects of the breaking of the second marriage engagement when two new boarders arrived at the hotel. They were handsone and well-dressed men, each twenty-eight years old. They were assigned by the head waiter to a table quite near to the one at which Mrs. Bombustle took her meals. She was favorably impressed by their appearance, and on the second day after their arrival, at the dinner hour, she occasionally turned her face toward them and smiled benignly. They now for the first time gave her presence special heed, and that they were amused they took no pains to conceal. Before Mrs. Bombustle left the table she noticed with a little uneasiness that they appeared to be making fun

mire her evidently vexes our aged belle."

"I am glad of it. Such a ridiculous old humbug as she is ought to know how she is really regarded."

"She imagines she is about twenty years old. She's so gay now that she must have been perfectly enrapturing when she was twenty."

"I do not agree with you; I believe she is much more beautiful and enchanting than she was then. She has studied the art of presevering and enhancing beauty so long and so thoroughly that she is enabled to defeat all of the encroachments of age, and to make herself each day more lovely than she ever was before."

"Perhaps you are right. Her dress is certainly the most stunning one she has vet worn.'

"I have just found out that she is verv anxious to secure a young husband. If we had not offended her, one of us might be made happy by 'her." "By her fortune, you mean."

"How little feeling you possess! Do you not perceive that this woman by devoting herself and her fortune to a young and impecunious husband would prove herself to be a most noble philanthropist?"

"Pshaw!"

In a similar vein the young men continued to chat, and faithfully the fair stenographer took down every word they said.

Two hours later a neat typewritten report of the conversation was submitted to Mrs. Bombustle. As she read, her rage became uncontrollable. She became very red in the face, her breath was so rapid and short that she could scarcely speak coherently, and she struggled in vain for words. Flora feared that her aunt's excitement would be followed by serious consequences. Mrs. Bombustle persisted, however, in having several similar conversations reported, and every time a typewritten report was read by her she flew into a rage. Flora, alarmed, called a physician and had him come into the room when Mrs. Bombustle was in the midst of a tantrum.

••My dear madam," said the doctor. "you must avoid getting so excited. or you will die of apoplexy. Even if you do not die, your health will be sadly injured, and your remarkable beauty will fade."

The last remark which Flora had instructed the physician to be sure to make, had the desired effect. Mrs. Bombustle immediately became calm, and promised to have no more reports made, adding that she did not fear

tion, and controlled her as if she were a child.

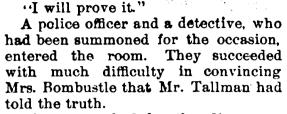
Mr. Tallman heard of the courtship, and saw his opportunity. Accompanied by Flora, he called at the hotel.

"How dare you come into my presence after what has happened," said Mrs. Bombustle, as she saw the young man who had ridiculed her.

"He is sorry for what he did," cried Flora. "Now he is your friend." ··Nonsense."

"Mrs. Bombustle," said Tallman. "I know that I treated you very rudely, but I am sure you will forgive me when you find that I have made a discovery that will save you from a life of misery. Permit me to tell you as a friend that Mr. Lessip is unworthy of your confidence. He is a gambler and a blackleg."

"I do not believe it," exclaimed the old lady in a rage.



Almost crushed by the discovery, Mrs. Bombustle moaned:

"I am a poor, miserable, vain old woman. You only told me the truth, Mr. Tallman, when you ridiculed me. You have proved yourself to be a better friend than my flatterers have been."

The next day Flora ventured to inform her aunt that she had promised to marry Mr. Tallman.

"You have my blessing, and I shall leave you all of my property," said Mrs. Bombustle. "I have had enough lessons. I shall never marry."

COURTSHIP IN 2000.

Edward Bellamy, the Authority on Such Matters, Tells About It.

While the unmarried woman of the year 2000, whether young or old, will enjoy the dignity and independence of the bachelor of to-day, the insolent prosperity at present enjoyed by the latter will have passed into salutary, if sad, eclipse, writes Edward Bellamy in Ladies' Home Journal. No longer profiting by the effect of the pressure of economic necessity upon woman to make him indispensable, but dependent exclusively upon his intrinsic attractions, instead of being able to assume the fastidious airs of a sultan surthe fastidious airs of a sultan sur-rounded by languishing beauties, he bate. In the patter of the estate of Alice will be fortunate if he can secure by will be fortunate if he can secure by titionof Charlatte Gallawa, praying that adminishis merits the smiles of one. In the tration of said estate may be granted to Charles year 2000 no man, whether lover or ed that the twenty-eitht day of July next at ten



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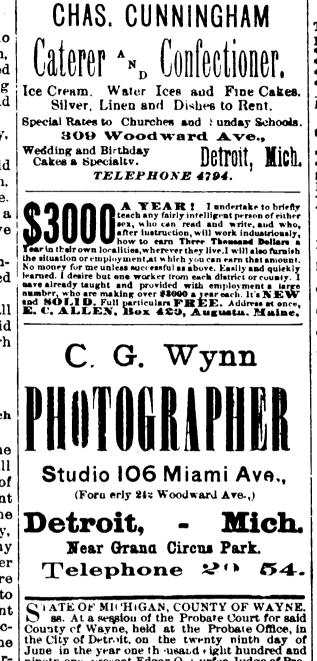
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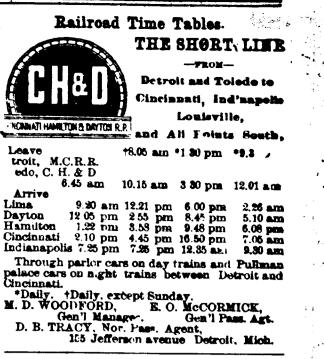
Kalamazoo - Elren Wilson, 717 Michigan avenue.

Marion, Ind.-Mrs Anna Julius. South Bend, Ind.-C. A. Mitchell, 835 West Thomas street.

Birmingham, Ala.-W. H. Moss, 1908 4th., avenue.

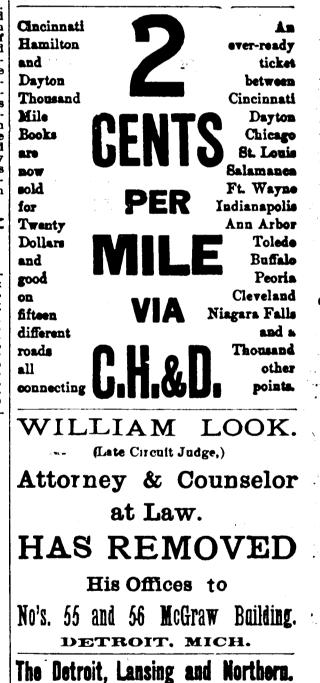
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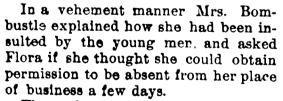


and her faith in her charms that she dismissed her suspicions with contempt. But the next day she knew that she was a target for merciless ridicule. Whenever she looked at them, they looked at each other and laugbed.

Ordinarily good natured, she had a high temper when once well aroused. and her admiration for the young men was displaced by a hearty hatred, With her anger she nourished an intense curiosity, and she resolved that in some way she would find out what it was they said about her.

Mrs. Bombustle had a niece named Flora Bonesteel to whom she was much attached. Miss Bonesteel was twenty years old, was energetic and bright, and was a stenographer in a wholesale house on Broadway. Her aunt wished her to live with her as a companion, but the girl. desiring to lead a busy and useful life, and to be independent, would not accede to Mrs. Bombustle's wishes. The old lady secretly admired her niece's spunk, and in her will left the greater part of her property to Flora.

One night Miss Bonesteel received a brief letter from her aunt, who wrote that she wished to ser her niece as soon as possible on important business. Flora at once repaired to the hotel and found her rich relative in a very excited condition.



The reply was in the affirmative.

wish you to come at once to this hotel, sit at a table beside the young men, and take down in shorthand for my benefit what they may say.

"Oh, aunt, do not be so foolish. I would not deign to notice these young rather lose the fortune than to lose rascals if I were you. Pretend not to you." see them, assume an air of dignity, and show them that you consider them and their opinions of no consequence. They will then respect you, and be ashamed of themselves.

"Don't talk to me," said Mrs. Bombustle; "I know what I am about. What I desire to learn is, can you do me the favor?"

that further remonstrance would be useless. "But I am sorry," she wits to invent some plan by which thought, "that aunt will persist."

sense of humor, however, and it was lar manner. In spite of her mortifywith a good deal of merriment in her ing experience, the fantastic old lady heart that she seated herself at a table soon resumed her chase for a young near the young men when they ate husband with unabated ardor. To her dinner the next day.

Mrs. Bombustle soon arrived, and ing the attention of a Mr. Van Lessip a took her customary place at a third new boarder of the hotel. He was not old lady and laughed.

of her, but so great was her egotism | death, but that it was important that she should retain her good looks.

> Flora also wrote an indignant letter and sent it to the young men. She severely criticised their ungentlemanly conduct, and urged that decency required that they should never again show their faces in the hotel.

> The young men read the letter with consternation and sought another boarding place without delay. One of them, Robert Tallman was his name, had noticed what a pretty and intelligent girl Flora was, and had resolved to seek an introduction. His disappointment and mortification were consequently keen, and he bitterly regretted his unmanliness, the more so because his character was good and his usual conduct unobjectionable.

One day he met Miss Bonesteel on Broadway. He colored deeply as he asked permission to speak a few words of apology.

Flora coldly acceded to his request. "You cannot imagine how sorry I am," he said, "that my unseemly levity should have caused your aunt. and especially you, so much distress." Miss Bonesteel looked into his frank countenance and saw that he was sincere.

"I am glad that you can at last appreciate the full enormity of your conduct," she said with dignity.

"May I not hope to win by good conduct your approval in the future?" was timidly and humbly asked.

"Perhaps," was the slightly encouraging reply.

They often met within the next few months and became deeply in love.

"Aunt will not leave me one cent of her fortune if I marry you," said "Then," said Mrs. Bombustle, "I Flora to Robert after he had been urging her to name a day for their wedding.

> "Would you rather have her fortune without me?"

> "No; I would a thousand times

"My dear girl."

They kissed each other.

"The fortune is not to be despised, however," said Flora, reflectively.

"True, especially as we cannot expect a fortune from any other source."

"What shall we do?" "I do not know."

They loved, and yet they were not "Certainly," said Flora, perceiving indifferent to their wordly interests. But while they in vain tortured their Mrs. Bombustle might be placated, The girl was not without a keen circumstance favored them in a singugreat delight she succeeded in attract-

husband, may hope to win the favor of maid or wife save by desert. While representing man at the feet of woman, woman has been, in fact, the dependent and pensioner of man. Nationalism will justify the poet and justify the eternal fitness of things by bringing him to his marrow-bones in earnest. But, indeed, we may be sure that in the year 2000 he will need no compulsion to assume that attitude.

Belling the Cat.

Any one who encounters great personal danger for the sake of others is said to "bell the cat." The allusion is to the fable of the cunning old mouse, who suggested that they should hang a bell around the cat's neck to give notice to the mice family of her approach.

"That is very good advice," said a wise young mouse, "but who is to undertake the job of belling the cat?"

Archibald Douglas, earl of Angus, was called "Bell-the-cat Douglas." Tt came about in this way. James III. made favorites of architects and masons; one mason named Cochrane he created Earl of Mar. The Scotch nobles held a council in the Church of Lauder for the purpose of putting down these favorites when Lord Grey asked. "who will bell the cat?"

"That will I," said Douglas, and he put to death in the king's presence the obnoxious favorites.

When the abdication of the Queen of Spain was popularly urged and discussed, the London Times pertinently asked:

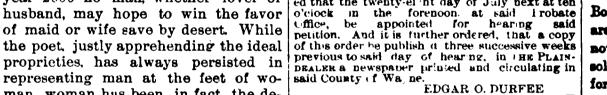
"Is there a man in all Spain able and willing to 'bell the cat?'"

Finding a "Mare's Nest."

The origin of the expression "to find a mare's nest' has been traced to the days of the early Saxons. What we call a nightmare was by our forefathers supposed to be the Saxon demon Mara or Mars, a kind of vampire, which caused the incubus by sitting on the sleeper's chest. The Mare vampires were said to be the guardians of hidden treasures, over which they were supposed to brood as hens do over their eggs, and the place where they sat was termed their neidus or nest. Hence, when anyone announced that he had made an extraordinary discovery, someone accused him of finding a Mare's nest, or the place where the vampire kept guard over her hypothetical treasures.

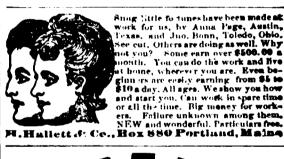
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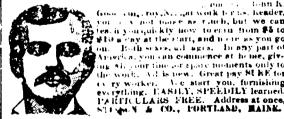


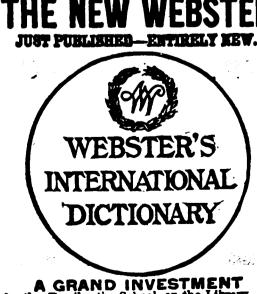
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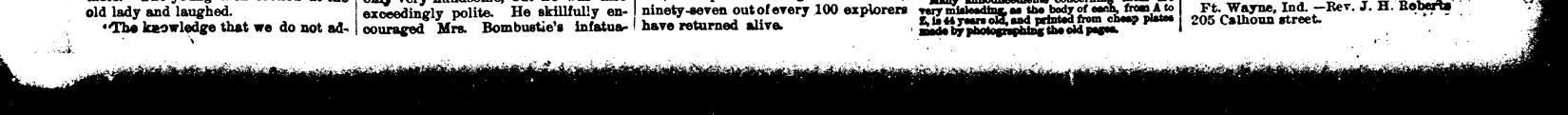
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At the International Convention of the Society of Christian Endeavor, at (Plummer) Minneapolis, there were but two Afro-American denominations represented, the Methodist and Baptist, and but because the Samaritans claimed descent fifteen Afro-American delegates. The from Ephraim and Manasseh."-(Godet.) spirit of true Christianity pervaded the meeting; in the chorus Afro-American mingled their voices with representatives of every race and nation-ality. On the platform the Rev. D. A. Graham and Rev. T. L. Johnson supply. "Springing up." Like the jets gave testimony of the faith within from the fountain. "Into everlasting them in company with white clergy life." Rather, "unto everlasting life." from every section of the country, and in the homes of the people Afro-American delegates were entertained by white people and white delegates enjoyed Afro-American hospitality.

In speaking of the wonderful growth of the Society of Christian Endeavor, King's Daughters, Epworth League and other religious organizations, a contributor to the Naw York Tribune, sees the danger of "Encouragement or what may be called a talking re-ligion or platform Christianity." He whom she was living her husband showed says of the active talkers and mana- a certain element of right character." gers of these meetings and societies : Godet. "They unconsciously fall into the notion that the successful organization of a society, which shall have bustling meetings with plenty of speeches, is the end and aim of religion. And so ognizes the necessity of such talk as of her past life. a medium for the necessary exchange of ideas, he calls attention to the fact that the arena of religion, is not the platform, but the trivial round, the facts of her own history, she proposes to common task of every-day life. A fact worthy of consideration when one calls to mind how frequently in our churches, the showy talkers and loud professors over-shadow the quiet doers of the word. And how often a false estimate is put upon the member whose voice is heard loudest in coun- nor there exclusively. oil or a prayer, while he completely ignores the duties which allow him no opportunity for show.

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A REPUBLICAN CLUB.

Piqua, O., July 19.-A club was organized on last Monday evening to be known as the Piqua Republican Club, J. P. Wilson, president. It is hoped in outward acts, ceremonies, gestures, that this club will be a benefit to the limitations of time and space. nor in any Afro-Americans of this part of Ohio. - The Rev. Henderson Stewart, of Cincinnati, filled the stand of the Second Baptist church, Sunday.

Mrs. Ford, of Kentucky, visited her son, Jesse Turner, and returned home last week.

The Misses Hunter and Dickerson. of Dayton, were the guests of Misses Maud and Jessie Randolph, Sunday. Mr. Jeffries had a narrow escape from being killed by the cars.Satur-D. A. M. day morning.

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11. "Nothing to draw with." The vesaccomplished and speaks in glowing for this purpose was in possession of his disciples. "Whence then hast thou that Their Widows, Children. living water?" "She thinks of spring water as distinct from cistern water."

12. "Art thou greater than our father Jacob?" "She calls Jacob 'our father'

14. "Shall never thirst." "For the craving is satisfied as soon as ever it recurs." "Shall be in him." So that he

15. "Sir, give me this water." Her reverent Sir, or Lord, indicates that this is no feigned or sarcastic supplication; yet there is scarce any thing truly spiritual in her request." Whedon.

II. The True Worshipers, Verses 16:26. -16. "Go, call thy husband." The object of these words was to awaken in the woman a sense of her life of sin.

17. "No husband." The fact that she

18. "Saidst . . . truly," "The knowledge which Jesus had of her circumstances was immediate and supernatural." Meyer.

19. "A prophet." She rightly reasoned that there was no other supposiwe have a religion of talk instead of soned that there was no other supposi-a religion of deeds." While he rec- tion that would account for his knowledge

> 20. "Our fathers worshiped in this mountain," etc. Possibly to turn the conversation away from the unpleasant Jesus the old question of controversy between the Samaritans and the Jews: whether Mount Gerizim or Jerusalem was the proper seat of religious worship.

21. "Neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem." Neither here exclusively,

22. "Salvation is of the Jews." The true historical development of salvation took place among the Jews. The Samaritans were mere copyists and pretenders to the divine knowledge.

23. "The hour. . . now is." Because the Son of God, who reveals the truth, is already in the world. "In Spirit." "Not thing pertaining to the sphere of sense." "In truth." In a manner corresponding with God's nature and attributes. "The Father seeketh such." A beautiful and comforting thought.

24. "God is a Spirit." Hence the necessity for spiritual worship.

25. "I know that Messias cometh." The Samaritans shared the national hopes of the Jews on this point. "He will tell us all things." This is much as if she had *said: "You may be right; but it is impossible to be certain until the Messiah arrives to resolve our doubts."

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