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PREFERS TO REMAIN

TO SEE THE SALVATION OF THE RACE IN AMERICA.

Prof. Straker's News on the Deportation Scheme—Liberty or Death—The White Man is Not Depraved—The Outlook Promising.

The following is a letter written by Prof. Straker to the Charleston News and Courier, giving his views on Senator Butler's emigration scheme to Africa:

To the editor of the News and Courier, Charleston, S. C. Dear Sir: In a circular letter dated January 8th, 1890, you have asked my opinion concerning the proposal to furnish free transportation and a small outfit to all colored residents of the Southern States who desire to return to the land of their fathers.

In answer let me say that I am decided in my opinion that the colored people of the Southern States or any other portion of the United States ought not to leave the land of their birth to go to Africa for the reasons given for the necessity of their deportation. No one will deny that the chief reason, as entertained by the promoters of Negro emigration to Africa is to get rid of him in the United States as the best solution of the race conflict which now exists. Now it is obvious that this question of the Negro being able to live in the United States alongside with the white man, and secure his equal rights under the law and enjoy equal public and political privileges or not, strikes at the foundation of our government and threatens its perpetuation according as it is settled one way or the other, and if longer left undecided, will bring disaster to the whole country. It is useless to settle the question as to the Negro and leave it as a fundamental right undetermined as to other races more in our midst, because in our complex nationality it is likely to arise at another time as to any other class of people, such as the Irishman, the Chinaman or the Pole.

It ought not to be determined upon the principle of expediency or benefit to the Negro, but upon the principle of right or wrong. The Negro is no longer a ward of the nation but a freeman and a citizen and differs not under the Constitution from any other citizen. Special legislation for him creates a distinction among citizens in their citizenship and to my mind would be unconstitutional. What power has the National government to appropriate money to expatriate the Negro any more than any other class of citizens? And, if it should upon the plea that he cannot live in America and develop his full powers in the midst of a hostile race whose prejudice against him rests upon his color, does it not lead itself to compromise a fundamental right of a class of citizens and acknowledge its weakness to protect him in the enjoyment of the same? Is it not better to let the Negro alone? Any colored man who regards emigration to Africa as the solution of the race trouble is to my mind not only short sighted but unmanly and unpatriotic because he surrenders a right for expediency or partial benefit. Do Rev. I. S. Lee, of Charleston, S. C., Dr. Blyden, of Liberia or Bishop H. M. Turner of Atlanta, Ga., believe that the Negro ought to surrender his right to live in America upon the ground that he is unable to withstand the white man's oppression any more than the original colonies to surrender these rights to England? Is the sentiment expressed by Patrick Henry dead in their hearts? Let me assure them it is not in mine nor in any very large majority of Negroes in the States. Give us justice in the country of which I am a citizen or give me death. I can find no equivalent for justice but itself. I do not believe that any great portion of the colored people of the United States desire to go to Africa because of their oppression in the States, and should any great number go, would this lessen the prejudice towards them? This answer is found in the fact that there is prejudice exercised towards them though in a less degree even in the Northern States where their numbers are few.

If the large number of the colored people of the South is the cause of race conflict, let them disperse themselves throughout the several states and thus dispel the idea of exclusive Negro government in any State for such is not consonant with our republican institution. This is not a white man's government nor a black man's government, and all classes should govern equally and not exclusively. What the Negro citizen wants is protection of his rights under the law and he will ever make opportunity for himself. This and nothing more, and if the law is insufficient to protect him he must protect himself as all men have done where it is imperative.

I believe that the educated and wealthy and industrious Negro of America will, in large numbers, go to Africa and build up a civilization in the land of their fathers, at no distant day, but this will be done voluntarily upon their own convictions and not upon those of their former oppressors. Any other method of emigration to Africa as adopted by any set of Negroes upon the ground that they cannot secure their rights in America and must surrender them proves them unfit to go to Africa to teach their brethren manhood, an essential element in true civilization.



EX-SENATOR B. K. BRUCE.

I do not believe with Senator Butler and others that the two races cannot live harmoniously together within the United States. His recent speech in the United States Senate in which he has conceded the great progress of the Negro in 25 years is the strongest argument against the disbelief of his future development in civilization. If he has so advanced so in 25 years what will his progress be in 50 years. Look at Fred Douglass a slave 50 years ago, and Douglass a free man today.

In South Carolina where I have lived for 14 years, despite much wrong done my race in said state, I have yet seen growing instances of a decrease in prejudice, and I do not believe the white man of America so depraved as never to be able to relinquish an unreasonable prejudice towards the Negro, on the ground of his color or his race, but those white men who favor his emigration must necessarily be of this belief. No objection can be made if the legal right exist to Congress giving aid to those colored persons who want to go to Africa voluntarily. For myself I prefer to remain and see the salvation of the Lord. He has promised us deliverance from our enemies.

I have written thus, at length, to give my opinion as requested.

D. A. STRAKER, Detroit, Mich., Jan. 1890.

PETER POUNDS HIM.

How Jackson Meets All Comers For That \$100 Bill.

The following account of an attempt of a Washington blacksmith to stand before Jackson is a fair sample of an every night occurrence:

Peter Jackson, the pugilist, last night added another victim to the many who have fallen beneath his pile-driving blows. Last night's aspirant for fistic honors and also for the \$100 offered to any one who would stand before the Australian for four rounds, was George Walker a young blacksmith.

When he stepped on the stage at Kernan's Theatre, a wild howl greeted him and he was urged to do up the Negro. Walker weighs about 180 pounds and although very active is almost devoid of science. He put up his hands like a real fighter and made a sprig at Jackson landing about two feet from him. Then quick as a flash he turned and ran across the stage. Jackson followed him and when he turned knocked him down with an upper cut. Walker was quickly on his feet and as quickly on the floor again, for Jackson had knocked him down. When he arose the second time he refused to go on with the contest and left the stage amid the jeers of the audience. Two years ago he tried to stand before Sullivan with the same success.

Will Organize a League.

HARTMAN, Mich., Feb. 27.—A convention has been called by the colored people of Berrien county to meet at the A. M. E. church, Benton Harbor, Mich., March 20th for the purpose of organizing a county league of the Afro-American League and to elect delegates to the State convention and transact other business that may be necessary to form a permanent organization. Those prominent in the movement are Jonathan Mason, Hartman; Rev. Wm. Collins, St. Joseph; Henry Wims, Benton Harbor; W. M. Brown, St. Joseph; Lewis Bell, St. Joseph; Daniel Prezel, Niles; I. J. Jones, Niles; G. O. Curtis, Niles; J. Q. Wilson, Hartman.

The members of Old Bethel, M. E. church, Charleston, S. C., celebrated the 93rd anniversary of their church, Feb. 16, by special services conducted by the pastor, Rev. B. F. Witherspoon. The church is in a flourishing condition, having been recently enlarged, and is now one of the most comfortable and commodious in the city.

I have used Salvation Oil in our stables and heartily recommend it. It does wonderful work with horses with cuts, bruises, sprains, pains sores, &c. B. CRAIG, Manager Bradley's Keystone Stables, Wilson street, Baltimore, Md.

BEARING FRUIT.

A Chance to Develop One of the League Ideas.

To the Editor of THE PLAINDEALER.

SIR: From reading your paper I have become filled with anxiety to do something for my suffering brethren in the South, but I have been at a loss how and what to do first—which would prove beneficial. After thinking the matter over, I concluded to inform you of the circumstances here that you might understand the chances for success to those who may be persuaded to come here and to the country around about here. The educational facilities are excellent, there being a good public school and an excellent college located here. My two boys are being educated here and are enjoying the same privileges of any other boys in the place.

What I wish to do is to act as agent for any of my people who would like to secure homes safe and comfortable. I can get employment for as many as 12 women at any time, and for six or seven men. The women will get \$2 per week to start on, the men, from \$18 to \$23 and may be more. I see so much in your paper about the suffering of my people that I concluded to write to you and inform you, that if you know of any persons who wish to come West, that I will secure work for them. To be sure, this is a small village and many, I know, prefer to live in the larger towns, but there is every advantage and I feel that any who come will be rewarded. The time has past for the sentiment which has prevailed among us so long. "You may have all the world, give me Jesus. It is time now to begin to look out for number one.

I was born a slave in Harrisburg, Ky. I have a two-chair shop and two bath rooms and I am doing a good business. There are from 5 to 9 hundred students here every year and trade is good. I have been needing a good colored workman for some time, but can get none who will stay long, they say the place is so small. I can get white help, but I have resolved to never teach a white man the trade. The white man who works for me now, is only my porter. I hope you will look the matter up and if you can find a little squad who wish to locate, I know places to put them in and I'll see they get good homes. I would take a young man, married or single, in my shop and am willing to do anything to help my people out of it—

Twenty years is long enough.
Yours respectfully,
E. S. MORGAN,
Feb. 20, 1890. Mt. Vernon, Iowa.

Washington's Birthday.

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 24.—The drama entitled "The Only Daughter" was very successfully presented. The duet by Mesdames Anderson and Bell being received with marked favor. Arrangements are under way by means of which the balance of \$15 due on the church will be paid. Your correspondent addressed the pioneer club on the Negro problem.—The Rev. M. Reynolds of St. Stephens church, Chicago, visited the city in the interest of a church paper.—The Rev. D. P. Brown has been confined to his room with a severe cold and Mr. L. Hughes, one of our oldest church deacons has been suffering for a few days.—Misses R. H. Bryant and S. N. Nonner returned well pleased with their trip in the northern part of the state.—We regret that some of our young men are so little awake to their duties as gentlemen as to give respectable dances and we hope they will be shunned by all self-respecting young ladies.—The Mat. H. Carpenter club celebrated Washington's birthday Saturday by an entertainment at which some excellent speeches were made, Governor Heard was one of the speakers. A picture was presented to the club by Mr. Paul H. Carpenter and received by Judge Walter.—Mrs. Geo. Brand is confined to her bed.

The name of Mr. McCabe of Kansas, is suggested by the Topeka Capital, for governor of Oklahoma.

PERILS IN OUR PATH.

DR. TIFFANY'S ORATION BEFORE THE UNION LEAGUE CLUB.

The Dangers which Menace us—Immigration—Ignorance—The Race Question—What Answer—The Problem of Peace.

Special to THE PLAINDEALER.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 11, '90.
The Rev. Dr. O. H. Tiffany addressed the Union League Club of this city, on Washington's birthday on the subject of "The Grandeur and Peril of our National Expansions. He eloquently pictured the condition of the United States 100 years ago and contrasted it with its present magnitude and wealth. In discussing the cruises of the Nations growth, he took up the perils which confront the Republic, of the dangers of emigration, the decadence of American spirit, the peril of ignorance and finally after this fashion spoke on the most dangerous of all the perils which lie in the path of the Nation's progress.

"Another peril to the permanence of our institutions and to the public peace is found in our defective ballot system, where intimidation often defeats the honest expression of political opinion and dictation takes the place of private judgment. Without the free, spontaneous expression of individual judgement, the result of the elective franchise defeats the purpose of the voter. But while in all directions there is an expression of anxiety with reference to this matter, there is in a large section of our country a special necessity for its consideration. The danger is more openly presented in the States south of Mason and Dixon's line. Somehow trouble in the South is always a dark trouble. But the remedy for an unsettled and raging race problem is not to be found in social arrangements, nor wars of extermination, nor plans of expatriation or colonization. When I heard that even in our National Senate Chamber a proposal had been made to remedy existing wrongs by perpetrating others, and denying the rights of citizenship to those who fought for National existence, and this at the suggestion of those who fought against it, I felt that the statue of Liberty on the dome of the Capitol of Washington had been rightly placed with its back to the South. The race problem is a difficult one, and the difficulty in solving it is increased by the fact that a problem, somewhat like it has been tried in the same field, with unsuccessful results. But it was a different problem. The experiment of having the descendants of diverse races, of different colors, living side by side with equal privileges under equal laws, has never been fairly tried. Prejudice and caste feeling have hitherto forbidden this to be done. The Negro has been pronounced an inferior, and been treated as such. It is not right to pronounce a verdict without a fair and impartial trial. Assumptions are not arguments; denunciations are not demonstrations; prejudices are not proofs. There are two parties in the field, either of whom may be right, or both of whom may be in error. Each party to the controversy may have pretensions which cannot be justified. One side can make no reasonable claim for social equality since law does not regulate such questions. No statute can be enacted which could compel the cultivated and educated of either color to associate on terms of equality with the uncouth and illiterate of the other. Such things are governed by a principle of natural selection which law does not touch. The other side can make no assumption of helplessness and hopeless inferiority of the race.

Let us put ourselves on trial by inquiring what answer should the Nation give if any large body of its citizens in the Southern States should appeal after this unusual fashion to the National Government? "We did not come here of our own accord; we were brought here as captives and sold in the markets. We have not stayed here of our own choice; we were kept in the chains of slavery and in the worse bondage of an enforced ignorance. We tilled the fields and raised the crops, even when those who owned the fields and used the crops were fighting that they might retain us under their domination. You gave us citizenship and we rejoiced; you gave us ballots, but they do us no good. We are growing in intelligence; we have learned the use of tools and machinery; we are growing in other knowledge; for we are learning the power of combination and the force of public opinion. Illiteracy does not increase among us, nor does crime. Our children are as well educated as an class in our community. We are no more Africans than our neighbors are Europeans; but we are constantly annoyed with the fact that the polls are not open to us; that we are discriminated against because of race and color. We call upon the National Government to remove from among us those who are obnoxious to our eyes by reason of their pallid complexion, and to our ideas of justice by their manners and habits. Let Congress appropriate millions of money and send these folks to a land they may call exclusively their own."

What answer should we make to such appeal? Should we not say to the white citizens of the South, "You are as much citizens of the republic as are your black neighbors. You have as much right to the protection of the Republic as they have. You formally consented to bestow citizen-

ship upon them, and before the law in this land all men are equal. We will arm you with a defence. We will give you a secret official ballot, which your fellow citizens cannot interpret to your prejudice. Let those among you who can read, prepare their ballots for themselves, and those who cannot read nor write secure some trusty neighbor to help them. Express your political sentiments and preferences by the use of such ballots; stand by and see that these ballots are counted; combine if need be, to put the man elected by these ballots in the offices to which they are chosen. If then, there is resistance, it will be the resistance to popular sovereignty, and the State can, constitutionally, appeal to the Nation and the National Government, will act as promptly in putting down this rebellion as it did efficiently in conquering a former one. If we should say this to white men, we must say it to all men.

But why should we indulge in anticipations of tumult and disaster? Why should not the experiment of simple civil justice be fairly and fully tried? Who can doubt the issue? The dominant race in the South may be as mistaken in the matter of the freedman as their fathers were thirty years ago with reference to the slaves. They survived emancipation, and because of it are stronger, richer than before. Insistence upon justice might bring an advance on all their present gains. With long years of acknowledged superiority; with the traditions handed down from a valiant and chivalrous ancestry, they clearly show the possession of great strength. If to this they would add the stately courtesy which attends acknowledged social position and seat justice on her throne, they might lead the world in solving the great problem of universal peace.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR WAR.

Missouri and Illinois Grand Commanderies Lock Horns.

Pilgrim Commandery of Minneapolis has been the cause of a rupture between the Knights Templar of Missouri and Illinois. This commandery was under the jurisdiction of the Missouri grand commandery from which it was suspended for rebellious conduct. Soon after its suspension Pilgrim commandery attempted to secure recognition by the Illinois grand commandery, but eminent grand commander Harris of Missouri forestalled this action by communicating with the eminent grand commander of Illinois, stating the cause of the trouble and asking them to refrain from interfering in matter. The eminent grand commandery of Illinois replied in brotherly terms and assured Missouri that they would leave them to deal with their refractory subordinate body. The Illinois commandery, however, did not live up to their pledge and in defiance of all laws of courtesy and fraternity recognized the rebellious commandery at Minneapolis and set it to work under the jurisdiction of the State of Illinois. This action roused the ire of the Missouri commandery which retaliated by withdrawing all relations with the grand commandery of Illinois, and issued an official circular stating reasons for the same. The document announces to the Sir Knights of both hemispheres that henceforth there is to be no intercourse or Masonic recognition between these two grand bodies, and that the cause of these radical measures on the part of the grand commandery of Missouri is that Sir B. W. Harris, grand commander of K. P., of State of Illinois, invaded their jurisdiction when on Jan. 15th '90, he granted a dispensation to the suspended knights of St. Paul, in open violation of their promise. Peter Harris, R. E. G. C. of the United grand commandery of the State of Missouri and its jurisdiction, closes the notice by announcing that Knights in the jurisdiction are not to converse with or admit into the subordinate commanderies any of the Knights Templar of the order of Illinois under constitutional penalties, and invites all grand commanderies owing allegiance to them to unite with them and sever all Masonic intercourse with the Grand command of K. T. of the State of Illinois, who have brought indignity and abuse on the time honored glorious order by their injudicious action.

Just Plain Justice.

Philadelphia Press: It is easy for us at the North to urge justice; it is difficult for those of like mind at the South to work justice.

But the solution of this problem is not in silence. It is not in leaving all as it is and trusting to time. It is in agitation, in demanding justice and rebuking violence, in unveiling injustice and exposing this great wrong to human rights wherever perpetrated. The worst outrage at the South is not the suppressed ballot of the black man, but the enslaved vote of the white man, which for tens of thousands of voters is not free, because of this spectre of black domination. The murder of a black man here and there is not the worst crime inflicted on Southern society; but the spread through whole states of the disregard for law. The exclusion from shops, factories and foundries at the North of the Negro is not one half so serious to the community as the idle and untrained Negroes this exclusion creates.

The only remedy for this is justice to the Negro in all the relations of life. This will solve the "race question." Nothing else will.

President Harrison has offered the Liberman Mission to Prof. Gregory of Washington, D. C.

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Useful Inventions.
ADRIAN, Feb. 24.—Mr. Wm. Moore celebrated his twenty-first birthday on the evening of the 21st. refreshments were served and all enjoyed a pleasant evening.—Miss Ida Hartley left the city Wednesday for Hudson, where she will be the guest of her cousin, Miss Georgia Holiday.—Mr. Thomas Wallace has invented three very useful articles: a tea filter, coffee filter and a pop corn popper, they are unsurpassed by any similar article of the kind in the market.—Mr. Reuben Cole of Blissfield paid Adrian a flying visit last week.—Mrs. Barde of Ohio paid Adrian a flying visit last week.—Miss Luella Underwood of Minnneapolis is the guest of her brother Mr. J. D. Underwood. She expects to make this her future home.—The protective league hold their next meeting Monday evening at the A. M. E. church; ladies are also invited to attend.—Rev. Gaylord of the Second Baptist church preached two excellent sermons Saturday morning and evening which were highly appreciated by all who were present.
M. P.

I was Good to be There.
GRAND RAPIDS, Feb. 24.—The Ladies' Church Aid society of Messiah Baptist church met last Wednesday evening at Mrs. P. Custer's 239 Lagrave street. After the transaction of business luncheon was served by Mrs. Custer and her daughter, which was thoroughly appreciated by the guests. The society will meet March 5th at the home of Mrs. S. Owens 228 Jones st.—Services of the Messiah Baptist church will, in the future, be held in Immanuel Chapel on College avenue.—The Rev. J. W. Johnson will baptize two persons next Sunday in the Fountain street Baptist church.—Mrs. Deacon G. Smith is very sick.
N. C.

DEEDS, AS WELL AS WORDS.

A League Admirer Sends his "Mite" to Further the Cause.

WOODSTOCK, Feb. 24.—Mrs. B. Hughes of Ingersoll, Ont., returned home last Thursday after a pleasant visit with Mrs. D. G. Anderson of Duke street.—Mesdames Rhoda Thompson and Mary Marshall are convalescent.—Miss Arabella Henderson of Ingersoll is the guest of Mrs. Joseph Hollingsworth of Dundas street.—The Rev. Pharis will deliver a lecture on the "Race Problem in the United States," tomorrow evening.—According to the Commercial Advertiser any effort to harmonize the whites and blacks will be fruitless, they are two distinct and separate people and so long as they remain in the same country bloodshed and clashing are inevitable. The situation being no better now than it was before the close of the war. No one will dispute that the condition of the Southern Afro-American is very bad, but when we consider their former condition and compare it with the progress they have made, in spite of their meagre chances, we do not take the same gloomy view that the Commercial does. The prejudice against the Afro-American is strong and he does not make the showing that he might under better circumstances, but he is forging ahead and it is to the everlasting disgrace of the whites of America that he meets with such drawbacks in his efforts. Bonaparte, in his speech to his army before crossing the Alps, said "God is with the man who has the largest gun." It is always so, and though the case seem gloomy at times for the Afro-American, he must put forth the greater effort and according as he excels in perseverance, God will be with him. We hope to see a great immigration to British Columbia very soon, through the League. And as we believe in doing as well as talking, we send our mite to the League.
W. H. H. J.

Election of Officers.

GRAND RAPIDS, Feb. 25.—On Sabbath the churches were well filled both morning and evening. Rev. N. N. Pharis who has been assisting Rev. Alexander in his protracted meetings, was taken sick Friday and could not go to Adrian to hold his quarterly meeting, but will hold it Sunday March 2.—Friday the U. S. B. elected the following officers: pres. Mrs. S. Warren, vice-pres. Mrs. T. Forbes, sec'y Mrs. J. C. Ford, asst. sec'y Mrs. Henty, chaplain Mrs. C. Minnisee; relief committee, Mesdames J. Wilson, A. Jones, W. H. Hall, E. A. Thomas, D. Buckner, and J. C. Ford; festival committee, Mesdames J. C. Craig, N. Carter, G. Gest, Brice, A. Crockett, and T. Forbes. The society makes a good report for the past three months. They have a neat sum in the bank and have expended over \$23 in assisting the poor and needy and sick.—Miss Martha Harris of Battle Creek, is in our city, the guest of Rev. J. H. Alexander and family.—Mrs. E. Pettiford left last Thursday for Dayton, Ohio, where she will reside.—Mr. J. C. Craig has returned home, after having spent a few days in Battle Creek.—Mrs. C. A. Pinkney, jr., has returned home from St. Paul, Wis. where she has been visiting for three months.—Mrs. George Daley paid Detroit a short visit last week.
J. H. A.

A Rousing Meeting.

EAST SAGINAW, Feb. 25.—Rev. Cotman spent last Sunday in Flint assisting the Rev. Peaker with his quarterly meeting service.—Miss Bradley has returned to her home in Flint after a two months visit in Saginaw among relatives and friends.—The party given by Mrs. Banks in honor of her 37th birthday was largely attended and her presents were very beautiful. The evening was pleasantly spent in games and dancing until the clock on the mantel struck one and every body in attendance was sorry at the breaking up of so pleasant a gathering.—The East Saginaw protective league which is now over two months old, held a rousing meeting Friday evening Feb. 21st at the A. M. E. church. Your correspondent was pleased to note the interest manifested by our colored citizens.—The Odd Fellows will celebrate their fifth anniversary at their hall on Court street.—The Rev. Johnson of Big City will preside over the meeting.—What's the matter with the A. M. E. Sunday school, has it gone down with McGinty? if so, we hope to see its resurrection day soon.—Mr. W. Q. Atwood is repairing one of his tenement houses.
SCRIPPER.

The Nashville Students.

FT. WAYNE, Feb. 24.—Mrs. Henry Levi of Bluffton, Ind., was in the city with her mother enroute to Niles, Michigan.—Mr. William Jones spent Sunday in Portland, Ind.—Mrs. Chapman Rhodes' twin babies are sick with the grippe.—Bro. J. H. Clay has so much recovered from his sickness that he is able to be around on the streets again.—The Nashville students give a concert at the First Baptist church tomorrow night.—Mr. Robt. Whitefield a touristic artist has started a barber shop of his own and has fitted it up in fine style.—There was a large attendance at church and Sunday school yesterday notwithstanding the bad weather.—Revel meetings will be continued this week.—Our young people are having lively times at the literary society in their debates.—Big Eliza is drawing big houses at the Academy of music, it seems that every thing draws but the revival meetings that are being conducted here.—Elder Hill preached two powerful sermons yesterday.
J. H. R.

Died with Typhoid Fever.

MARION, Ind., Feb. 25.—There is a great deal of sickness here at present.—The angel of death visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eliza Weaver, Friday afternoon and took away their little daughter aged 5 years, after an illness of 4 weeks with typhoid fever. Mrs. Weaver is also confined to her bed with the same disease.—Washington's birthday was duly celebrated here by all the city schools.—Mr. J. M. Nickels went to South Bend, Ind., to assist Rev. J. I. Hill in his revival. May God crown their labors with success.
A. P. J.

THE AFRO-AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Hints for the Formation of Local Leagues Throughout the States.

BUREAU OF INFORMATION.
T. Thos. Fortune, the Secretary of the National League, wishes that the secretaries of all local leagues to put themselves in communication with him as soon as possible; giving the name of their branch league and the number of persons on their roll. The secretary's address is No. 4 Cedar street.

Despite all that has been said there seems to be some misunderstanding as to what is required to become a local or branch league and who are entitled to membership. All local organizations of a political, social or literary nature can become local or branch leagues by endorsing the objects of the National League and becoming supporters thereof. The Constitution of the National Afro-American League appears on page 3 of the Plaindealer the objects of the League are plainly set forth therein, as well as the maximum of financial support that will be required of each individual member for a year.

All persons over the age of 18, without regard to race or sex, who are in harmony with the objects of the National League, are eligible to membership.

Monthly duties ought to be regulated by the expense, a branch league may be under for rent, fuel, light etc., and be large enough to create a balance in the treasury so that when the State and National assessments are due the treasurer may upon the direction of the club take therefrom a sufficient sum to pay the assessment for each name that appears on the roll of the local league. An initiation fee varying from 50 cents to one dollar and monthly dues ranging from 15 to 25 cents under ordinary circumstances ought to be sufficient.

In regard to a constitution for the new forming local clubs something like the following might be adopted.

ARTICLE I.

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

Sec. 1. The object of this League is to render support to the objects of the National League as set forth in article 2 of the Constitution of the National League.

Sec. 2. The objects of this League are to do all that we can in our own locality to abolish racial lines, and to place Afro-Americans on equal footing with all other people in our locality.

ARTICLE II.

Any person of the age of 18 and upwards without regard to color, race, sex or opinion in politics, may become a member of the League by subscribing to the Constitution and by laws, and the payment of _____ cents entrance fee and a monthly assessment of _____ cents.

ARTICLE III.

Sec. 1. The officers of the League shall be a President, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, chaplain, sergeant-at-arms and an executive committee of five who shall be elected at the regular meeting in _____ of each year and shall hold their offices for the term of one year or until their successors are elected and qualified.

Sec. 2. The officers shall be elected by ballot.

ARTICLE IV.

The assessment levied by the National League shall be paid as described in article 7 section 1 of the National Constitution.

ARTICLE V.

This constitution and by-laws may be altered or amended, at any regular meeting, by a two-thirds vote of the members present. Provided, that a written notice of the proposed alteration or amendment shall be offered at the meeting sixty days prior to the one in which it is to be acted upon, and a copy of the same filed with the secretary.

BY-LAWS.

Sec. 1. The regular meetings of this club shall be held _____

beginning at _____ Sec. 2. members at any meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Sec. 3. The officers of this League shall perform the duties usually required of such officers.

Sec. 4. The president shall call special meetings upon the written request of members of which at least _____ days must be given.

Sec. 5. Immediately after their election the members of the executive committee shall meet and organize by the election of a chairman and a secretary, and shall notify the league of the election.

Sec. 6. The president, secretary and treasurer shall be ex-officio members of the executive committee.

Sec. 7. The executive committee shall have control of the affairs of the League subject to its direction.

Sec. 8. The treasurer shall give such bonds as the executive committee may determine.

Sec. 9. The secretary and treasurer shall make an annual report of the affairs and conditions of the League.

Sec. 10. When any member of the League shall be in arrears in any dues or assessments to the amount of one dollar, he shall be debarred from any participation in the proceedings of the League, and when such arrears shall not be liquidated within sixty days after notice from the secretary the name of such member shall be stricken from the rolls of the League.

Sec. 11. Robert's rules of order shall be authority on all questions of a parliamentary nature.

Sec. 12. Order of business.

Devotional exercises.
Calling of roll, reading of minutes.
Report of committee and communications.
Unfinished business.
New business.

Suggestions, addresses, etc.
The foregoing is presented also for the sake of obtaining a like constitution or something very nearly similar in all leagues. It is not, of course, obligatory, and any branch league is at liberty to form constitutions and by-laws to suit themselves so that it is not at variance with the National Constitution.
It is sincerely to be hoped that the people of Michigan will be alive to this matter, and that the work will go promptly on.

Death of Pioneers.

CASSOPOLIS, Feb. 24.—Circuit court adjourned to March 3d.—Born on the 17th inst., a son to Mrs. Thomas Archer.—Mrs. M. Beverly and Mrs. Sizemore are visiting in Berlemont, Allegan county.—John Allen returned to Lansing on the 21st inst.—Readers of THE PLAINDEALER throughout the state are more interested in the news from Calvin township than from Cassopolis. We see no correspondence of late from Day. Not to intrude, I wish to mention the death of Moses Sanders on the 18, aged 87 years; also the death of Canon Ash, on the same date. Mr. Henry Brown died on the 23d. There are some of the pioneers of Cass county and their demise should receive our attention.
W. B.

The Detroit school board has decided in favor of free text books for the public schools.

WINGED MISSILES.

One of the sights in New York now is a large eight foot wide.

The new King of Portugal has curly hair and a very pretty mustache.

Chauncey M. Depew has talented heels. He is said to be a graceful dancer.

Rider Haggard will go to Athens instead of Persia. A Greek story will be the result.

The Prince of Wales has cut himself down to three cigars a day and ten cigarettes.

Damas said: "God made fools that the world might be made more enjoyable to wit."

Alphonse Daudet is at work upon a new novel, "The Caravan," which will appear this year.

George William Childs ought always to be on time. He owns 321 clocks. One of them cost him \$1,100.

Sir John Macdonald, Canada's premier, is 77 years old. The English people believe in old men for council!

The total number of letters and telegrams received by William E. Gladstone on his eightieth birthday was 3,000.

A man at Memphis, distressed by poverty, committed suicide. Wealth never does that way. It is self complacent.

By the new route via British America it will be possible to go from London to Yokohama in twenty-three days.

An exchange says: "It is the small things that annoy one. A famine of cents is felt more than a scarcity of \$1,000 bills."

The microbe is a very small thing, but the doctors say it gets the grip on you and holds on with the firmness of a vice.

The Atchison Globe says: "A woman's happiness is in danger when she begins to compare her husband with other men."

In the marital relation in Illinois drunkenness brings its own reward. Two years of inebriety is cause sufficient for divorce.

Joe Jefferson's pen pays. The Century people knew what they were about when they gave him \$12,000 for his autobiography.

In China, when the rain is too abundant, the officials set the images of the native gods out in the rain to induce them to stop the down-pour.

Dwager Empress Augusta did not die in poor circumstances. She left an estate worth 7 million marks. The Germans are a saving people.

Mrs. Lancaster, who recently died at Mansfield, England, at the age of one hundred and eight, was considered the oldest person in England.

Florida provides that there shall be some space between drinks. Saloons in that state are not allowed to be closer to each other than 200 feet.

An enthusiastic writer says that Jay Gould's voice "is as low and sweet as Annie Laurie's was." But Annie never had the grip Jay has.

The latest shade in white, is the oyster shell. It is a combination of cream, white and yellow. It is so delicate that it has probably not come to stay.

Farmers who raise corn where it is only worth fifteen cents a bushel and then buy their meat believe too strongly in a division of labor. But they will do it.

New Orleans, after much discussion and delay, has finally risen to the luxury of a paid fire department, and the question of a belt railroad is now being agitated.

Two Russian climbers of Mount Ararat found in perfect preservation a minimum thermometer, which was left there last year. It registered fifty degrees below zero.

In New York it is proposed to amend the jury law so as to exempt newspaper men from jury service. The theory is that they all know too much to be competent jurymen.

Ben Hughes, a Reading peddler, is drawn over the streets by a pair of goats. A big bulldog attacked them a few days ago, and Ben is now on a vacation while his goats are recuperating.

Stories of the finding of gold continue to come from Maine, the latest being that an Indian squaw picked up \$300 worth of the precious metal in the Franklin county hills and sold it in Portland.

The English are beginning to suspect that Bismarck may have had something to do with the Portuguese disturbances in Africa. England's embarrassment is Germany's opportunity.

A drought which has prevailed in south Africa is said to be due to the same cause that ruined Egypt, Mesopotamia and India, once the most fertile countries in the world. It is the destruction of the forests.

The Mexican government knew what it was about when it got 1 million grape cuttings from California with a view of distributing them free to the people of the republic. Anything to supplant piñaque.

A taxidermist of Asheville, N. C. made a proposition to Richmond parties to prepare the body of Jefferson Davis so as to permit its being used as a statue, guaranteeing it to last, exposed to the elements, at least 3,000 years.

Berlin has established perambulating postoffices, which are a great success. The mail carts drive about in eleven different directions, deliver local letters at their destination, and sort the letters collected while they are being taken to the postoffice.

New York city is beginning to feel a little less defenseless nowadays in view of the elaborate preparations which the federal government is making for the fortification of the New London entrance to the Sound and of the Narrows at Fort Wadsworth.

Two grocers in Dubuque had a quarrel, and each figured to drive the other out of business. The sharper one advertised to give away one dozen clotheaspins with every 50 cent purchase, and small as the gift was it closed the other store in six months for want of custom.

The amphibious woman is looking this way again. Miss Agnes Beck with, the female champion swimmer of England, is preparing to make another visit to America during the spring. She is determined this time to accomplish the feat of swimming from Sandy Hook to Rockaway beach.

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An Unwelcome Guest.

BATTLE CREEK, Feb. 24.—A little race not occurred in our city last week in which a young colored man who is employed in a wholesale grocery store, played a prominent part. The gentleman in question was invited to a surprise party given by a white family on Maple street and accepted and attended. Two young white men were in the party who were brothers, one was engaged to play for the dancing and the other was there as a guest. When the dancing began the younger brother refused to form in a set with the gentleman of color who had chosen a white girl for a partner, and withdrew. The other brother discovered the colored man and his girl answered that he did not play for "Nigger" dances and also withdrew. The other young white man feeling insulted resolved to have redress and followed the two brothers and when overtaken a free fight occurred the brothers thinking a good run was better than a bad stand, took leg ball. There has been talk of arrest but none has been made yet. We would suggest that the colored gentleman had better attend parties of his own race where he will let be liable to insults.—The remains of Miss Cora Hamilton was brought to this city from Detroit where she died Saturday last. The funeral was held from the Second Baptist church Monday at 2 o'clock; the Rev. J. A. Ford officiated and was largely attended. The remains were accompanied by the Rev. Mrs. Gordon of Detroit, who is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Evans.—A party of 25 young colored people left Thursday evening for Wicksburg, Mich., for the purpose of a surprise party on Mrs. Bell Johnson a former resident of our city. The surprise was complete; the parlor was opened to the welcome guests who prepared to enjoy themselves. The evening was pleasantly spent with singing and games after partaking of a beautiful supper; they left on the early morning train for their several homes. Mr. J. W. Clayton of Allegan was present.—A party was given Monday evening in honor of the 29th birthday of Mrs. Wm. Cook. A pleasant evening was spent. The hostess was the recipient of many useful presents. After partaking of most beautiful repast the guest retired wishing Mrs. Cook many happy returns.—Mrs. John Henderson is on the sick list.—Mrs. J. Conner is also having an attack of grippe.—Quarterly meeting will be held next Sunday, March 2. B. S.

Not Without Hope.

NEWARK, Ohio, Feb. 25.—Rev. Jesse Henderson left last Tuesday to visit his family in Springfield, Ohio.—Rev. Grandison of Akron showed his beautiful panorama of biblical and other interesting views.—Dr. J. Carey of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Samuel Carey of Nagand, Mich., visited their sister-in-law, Mrs. Ann Carey of north Fourth street the past week.—Mrs. M. A. Norman and Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Norman attended the funeral of Mrs. J. E. Norman which took place Tuesday last at Zanesville. She leaves a husband and a little baby besides a large circle of friends to mourn her loss. She was amiable and loving wife and mother, and her loss will be greatly deplored. The friends of the deceased have the sympathy of the community in their sad bereavement but they do not sorrow as those without hope for they know that she, for whom they mourn is forever happy with the Lord.—Mr. O. W. Norman of Bellefontaine, Ohio, is visiting in the city.—Newark was visited Sunday night by a regular mid summer thunder storm. The thunder and lightning were very violent and the rain poured down in torrents.—Mrs. Edward is slowly recovering.—The Hurley Comedy company showed here last Saturday night for the benefit of Mrs. J. Cook.—Mrs. Elizabeth Jones and daughter, Mrs. H. Currey, leave Saturday for Pittsburg, Pa., for future home. D. U.

Her Loss Deeply Regretted.

TORLEDO, Feb. 18.—At her late residence, 860 Lincoln street, Mrs. Fleiding E. Brown, after a protracted illness of four months departed this life Saturday morning, Feb. 15th. The deceased was in the bloom of youth and her death weighs heavily on the citizens of this city. A little over three years ago she embraced religion and united with the Third Baptist church. Her three years of christianity were marked with strict precision and she was looked upon as a christian light. At half past two o'clock Monday, the A. M. E. church was filled to its utmost capacity to pay the last sad rites to the deceased. Rev. Williams paid a glowing tribute, assisted by Rev. O. F. Ross. Hardly a dry eye could be seen in that vast audience. Among the floral tributes, which were many: White carnation wreath, Mesdames Lewis and Southerland; a star, Mrs. S. Howard; anchor, Third Baptist church; a very handsome star from A. M. E. Sunday school; star and crescent from Mrs. McLaughlin; basket of white carnations and tea roses from Mrs. Chas. Ferguson; large pillow, Christian Barbers; and a large number of other beautiful flowers. The relatives have the heart-felt sympathy of their friends in this their sad bereavement. Resolutions of sympathy and respect were passed by the A. M. E. Sunday school and the Third Baptist Sunday school.

An Old Citizens Death.

MARSHALL, Feb. 23.—Charles Harrison, who died Feb. 10, was born at Notaway county, Va., Oct. 15, 1835. He lived there until about 16 years old then he went to live with his uncle in Unionville, Bedford county, Tenn., until he entered the army in 1863 and came to Coldwater with the 109th Michigan regiment and remained a resident of Coldwater until 1871 then moved to Marshall where he remained until his death. He was twice married, his first wife Miss Jane Ranson, died in 1862. In 1870, 6th of September he married Miss Mary A. Humphrey of this city. After coming here he entered the employ of Hurd Steam Hill in 1873 and remained until he was taken sick. He leaves a wife and 5 children, 1 daughter and 4 sons. He was buried on the 15th and his funeral was largely attended. Mr. John Wilson, Miss Gusta Wilson, Mrs. Lizzie Jackson, and cousins of Mrs. Harrison from Lansing attended the funeral, and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. H. Cook, Mrs. Chas. Mitchell, Miss Josephine Chase and Mr. and Mrs. Cozy from Battle

Creek.
We beg to thank most sincerely our friends in Marshall, Battle Creek, Albion, Lansing and Jackson for the kind assistance rendered us in my husband and fathers late sickness and death. Mrs. M. A. Harrison, Lue H. Harrison, Sammie and Charley Harrison. B. T.

A Pleasant Hostess.

KALAMAZOO, Feb. 24.—The Rev. D. A. Grabam has been having great success in his revival meetings so far, there have been quite a number of conversions and still more at the anxious seat.—The Rev. Fletcher of Logansport, Ind., was in the city last week, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hedgebeth.—The ladies of the Eastern Star chapter will give an entertainment on Tuesday evening, Feb. 25.—A pleasant surprise was given Miss Susie Hammonds on Wednesday at her home on Washington avenue, by her young friends. Games and music were the features of the evening, and all agreed that Miss Susie was a very pleasant hostess.—Miss Martha Harris of Battle Creek, was the guest of Miss Ella Gray for a few days last week.—Mr. McCandler, an old resident of this city met with quite an accident by giving his foot a bad cut.—Mrs. Eliza Taylor and Miss Lizzie Anderson are convalescent.—Miss Connie Anderson has returned from her visit at Cass.—Miss Josie Keith is visiting friends at Cass.—The young folks are anticipating a very pleasant time at the ball to be given at the Grand Opera House by Mr. S. S. Wheally, on March 6th. Notice.

The Horse in Battle.

An officer of experience, says the Courier-Journal, writing on the behavior of horses in battle, says: "When it comes to battle, a horse seems to know everything that is going on; but he does his duty nobly and seems to be in his element. He enters into the spirit of the battle like a human being. He shows no fear of death, and it is singular that if his mate is shot down he will turn to look at him and seem pleased."

"A horse in my battery was once struck by a piece of shell, which split his skull so that one side was loose. The driver turned him loose, but he walked up by the side of the gun and watched the firing, and when a shot was fired would look away in the direction of the enemy, as if to see the effect of the shot. When a shell would burst near by, he would calmly turn and look at it. When he saw his own team going back for ammunition, he ran back to his own place and galloped back to the caisson with the rest. When the lieutenant pushed him aside, to put in another horse, he looked at the other one sorrowfully while he was being harnessed up, and when he seemed to realize that there was no further use for him he lay down and died. The lieutenant strongly asserted that he died of a broken heart."

Decorated Germans.

One of the first things that strikes a stranger in Berlin is the multitude of orders soon everywhere. There is scarcely a public assemblage, and certainly not an official one, at which individuals may not be encountered whose breasts are fairly dazzling with the richness and variety of their decorations. Of course such a display adds to the picturesque quality of these gatherings, and nobody begrudges the heroes the pleasure they take in displaying the rewards of their bravery. But there seems to be almost a superabundance of orders, and the hand of royalty has been so lavish lately in their bestowal that they are very generally beginning to lose that attraction of rarity that formerly made them so greatly desired.

About Watches.

"Watches," said a jeweler "are funny things. Do you know that there are times when a watch will not run regularly? I have had railway engineers say that locomotives are much the same way. When a watch has one of these irregular spells it is almost impossible to make them go. Many a watch is ruined, too, at times when carelessness is the prime cause. Some men will wind a watch to close, and then, if it refuses to run, shake it until everything is out of place. A large per cent of the repairing done is brought about by persons who do not know how to take care of a watch.—Times-Star.

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He did not feel quite like a rich man, however, until he got the money into his hands. Then he began to imagine that he could buy up the whole earth.
"Am I happy?" he repeated to an Item reporter who called on him. "Well, I should smile! What do you expect of a man who gets \$5,000 for \$1? Why, I feel as rich as Croesus. I knew I would strike luck if I continued investing in the Louisiana State Lottery."

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RAVE FOR Chicago and the World's Fair.

DETROIT wants rapid transit, and that very badly.

RENEW your subscription at once and send us the name of your neighbor to whom we can send sample copies.

MESSES. LANGSTON, HILL, THRETT and MILLER are all entitled to their seats in the 51st Congress. Give them justice.

THE patrons of the Brush street line of the City Railway, would like to have cars run more often than once in nine minutes in the morning hours.

B. K. BRUCE crowned himself with honors at the Michigan Club banquet, by his masterly address on the principles involved in the Southern question.

IF EACH one of our regular subscribers would make it a point to secure one new subscriber to THE PLAINDEALER, we be able to give them a better paper.

OUR friends can help us materially by inducing their friends to subscribe for THE PLAINDEALER. Use your influence and we are quite sure you can obtain a new subscriber or two.

THE number of defaulters and embezzlers in public office in the South is becoming more numerous. Since only bourgeois are elected, the superior race must be falling from grace at a lively rate.

IT is quite laughable to see our Michigan free trade Democrats trying to help the Hon. WILLIAM E. GLADSTONE in his discussion with Mr. BLAINE on the tariff question. There are always men in the world who think they can do anything better than any one else.

LATELY a number of policemen have been suspended for one cause or another, one or two on serious charges. Just who has been appointed to fill their places, the general public is not informed; this much we do know, that no Afro-American yet appears on the force of the "metropolitan" police. Why?

THE pocket book containing over \$5,000 which was found by a Boston Afro-American and returned to its owner, belonged to a gentleman from Florida. How much higher did this honest act raise the Afro-American in this Southerner's eyes? Will he go South to prate about the "ignorant, thieving niggers"? It would be just like some Southerners.

THERE is one thing our Afro-American exchanges ought to do, and do quickly. They should stop publishing the sermons of that monumental crank, TALMAGE. He is a Christian quack whose ideas of humanity are hardly as large as a pea. We don't believe there is a drop of sincerity in any man's body, who blows a warm breath North for the equality of rights and a cold one South.

THE PLAINDEALER would like to see the Michigan Protective State League come together and endorse the objects and purpose of the Afro-American League and, together with all local Afro-American Leagues throughout the state, unite to form the Afro-American League of the State of Michigan. Unity of action in Michigan can do more than by a division of forces. What think you, men of Michigan?

THE Afro-American youths are certainly not alive to their opportunities in Detroit nor throughout the great North and West. Among the majority the pursuit of pleasure more concerns them than in preparing themselves for the stern realities of life. That the white youth, as a rule, are equally so disposed is no reason why their example should be followed. Their virtues, not their vices should be emulated, for they are not hemmed in by such conditions as meet the Afro-American. To secure a given place the Afro-American must come better prepared than any other competitor and even then has not equal chances to rise, except he possess exceptional ability. Because of this if he ever expects to better his condition and escape from the beaten paths, he must be always ready to accept opportunities when they present themselves and he cannot do this by being simply on pleasure bent. He needs more study and less pleasure.

IF THE talk of Senator FRYE and Congressman ALLEN at the Michigan Club banquet, indicates anything, it is that the Republican Congress means business. In fact, they have commenced in a business-like way in putting the stamp of disapproval on Democratic ways in the South. There is little question that an electoral bill will be passed, and that President HARRISON will enforce it, looking to the re-establishing of the rule of the Constitution in the former slave states. The Republicans have temporized too long with this crying evil of nullification and disfranchisement and they have but aided it in its growth. Since they have commenced, they should throttle the monster until life is extinct. Yet the committee on elections have already faltered or blundered in refusing THRETT his seat on the grounds that he did not sufficiently establish his case. The very condition of things South, connected with the light vote for Congressmen, ought to constitute a prima facie case. The burden of proof should be upon the contestant to prove that intimidation was not used. If LANGSTON, HILL and MILLER meet THRETT's fate, the Afro-American will have little faith in the consistency of the pretensions of the Republicans of the Congress.

WHEN ex-Senator BRUCE's name appeared among the list of the Michigan Club speakers, along with such eminent men as Judge THURSTON, Secretary NOBLE and Senator FRYE, his friends, although they knew him to be an able man, felt a little diffident as to whether he would be oratorically overshadowed or not. That feeling was dispelled before he had been on the floor more than five minutes. His address was timely, scholarly and eloquent and the many good points met a hearty response, in continued applause from the audience. Few men have received the ovation accorded him, in Detroit. Beside, the audience represented the solid men of the city, as well as the prominent members of the party throughout the state. When he arose, it was fully two minutes before he could speak, the applause that greeted his appearance being so hearty and continued. As Senator FRYE put it, when he did speak, "he awoke the conscience of his auditors as to the condition of the South and its needs." His appeal for National aid for education was convincing. There were beautiful sentiments spoken and telling points made by the speakers present, but none more eloquently put or more heartily received than those of Mr. BRUCE. He clearly demonstrated his ability to sit in the councils of the nation from which the lawless acts of the bourgeois of Mississippi have excluded him, although they have read him out of the ranks of the race by dubbing him a prodigy.

THE recent editorials of the Philadelphia Sentinel on THE PLAINDEALER reminds us of the following story of the little boy who accused his big brother wrongfully: Little boy (crying)—"Ma! Ma! Johnnie has taken my apple." Mother—"Johnnie, give your brother back his apple." Johnnie—"I haven't his apple, mother, but I see it on the floor back of him." Little brother—"Well, I thought he had it. Anyway, he has got my rubber ball." Johnnie—"Why, that is on the table where you laid it last."

The Sentinel is in the position of the little brother. It accused THE PLAINDEALER of giving full assent to Senator INGALLS' speech and when it finds itself in error, it retorts by saying, well, anyway, THE PLAINDEALER is an advocate of a League which prohibits men who hold positions in Federal or State offices from holding an office in the National League.

THE PLAINDEALER has never, publicly or privately, nor has its editors and owners, individually or collectively, ever made the assertion that the solution of the race problem depends wholly upon politics. Further, if the Sentinel can ever find during the long career of THE PLAINDEALER, one instance where THE PLAINDEALER placed party before the good of the Afro-American, why, THE PLAINDEALER will plead guilty to all the crimes in the calendar or to anything else the Sentinel may charge against it.

THE FERGUSON-GIES case came to an unexpected ending last Monday afternoon with a verdict for the defendant. Under the charge of the court that a restaurateur has a right to keep "separate tables for white and colored patrons," the jury was only out about fifteen minutes. We did not believe that an opinion of this character would be rendered this side of Mason and Dixon's line, for it is in the line of the old "Jim Crow" doctrine. With the advancing ideas of humanity in the North, that in almost every state and community men are recognized on their merit, it seems as if race proscription would be buried forever. But it remained for a Democratic circuit Judge in the city of Detroit, in the full glow of the enlightenment of the nineteenth century, to rule that proscription is legal and that an intelligent, refined, wealthy Afro-American

can be stowed away any where in a restaurant that a prejudiced or bigoted proprietor may choose. This is what this opinion amounts to. Disguise the real gist of the decision as you may by meaningless phrases of equal accommodations, the fact remains that when the restaurateur is sole arbiter of what he shall do with his Afro-American patrons, the devil may not be more artful in devices to insult him. If the Supreme Court of Michigan affirms this opinion of Judge Gardner, Michigan ought to be placed side by side with Mississippi. This is Taneyism modified. But we do not believe it is the law and will not until the Supreme Court says it is.

AMONG Afro-Americans the topic of the day is the Afro-American League. This league was formed at an opportune time, for the heart of the nation is being disturbed at the injustice accorded the race in the South. The people seem to be awakening from their apathy, and the knowledge that only the wisest statesmanship and the strongest patriotism can avert the trouble that begins to loom up in great magnitude, is forcing itself upon them. The acts committed against the black and white men by Southern intolerance, are antagonistic to our principles of government and a disgrace to civilization. They are violations of the Federal law and an outrage upon the people of the North and West, since by these violations greater political power is given to men of the South than to men in other sections of the republic.

In the solution of this Southern-political-race question, the Afro-American must play a prominent part and the Afro-American League is a medium through which his energies can best be concentrated. Greater good can be accomplished through one organization, particularly so in Michigan where the Afro-American population is not large in numbers and is scattered, than by a division of their strength in two or more National bodies. The Afro-American is not rich, by any means, and in supporting more than one National body of this kind there is a useless waste of expense entailed upon the people in keeping up the organizations. The money thus wasted could be better used in solving the questions that should be of interest to every Afro-American.

THE Evening News of this city should be the last paper in the world to make light of Southern outrages. It has been but two years since it sent special representatives South to watch the election proceedings there. The declaration made at the time was: "We want to see if the representations concerning bulldozing are true." These men went in good faith, representing an independent journal of Democratic leanings, because of its advocacy of "free trade." What was their report? It is sufficient to give that of one, only, it tells the story for the rest. Writing from Mississippi, this correspondent said substantially: Although I was in the war as a soldier and did not know fear, I dared not visit the telegraph office for fear of my life because it was known that I was a newspaper correspondent from the North. Did he lie? He was a white man at that and took no part in the election, yet he dared not go to the telegraph office to report what he saw. What of the Afro-Americans who wanted to vote?

The News either believes its correspondents lied or they openly stultify themselves when they ridicule the "bloody shirt."

SOME OF OUR PROFESSIONALS

W. Owen King will take unto himself a bride, when the robins nest again.

Hart, the pedestrian, is acknowledged by all to be the "prettiest walker" in the six-day match now on in this city.

Sam Lucas and wife have signed a contract with Sam Jacks, manager of the Lilly Clay combination, for next season.

Joseph Loomis, better known as "Man," has stepped over into the rank of the professionals, having entered a six-day walking match at Detroit.

Johnny Smith, the colored bantam-weight of Indianapolis, has posted a forfeit for a match with any 105 pound pugilist in America, for \$1,000 a side.

Jerry Flowers an Afro-American did up Prof. Wm. Kendall in less than two minutes at the race track at Spokane Falls, Montana, last Monday. Jerry was not touched.

The Cuban Giants are to put some strong runs in the field the coming season. Among whom will be Thomas, Collins and Malone, catchers; White, Storey, Seldon and Miller, pitchers; Frye, first base; Grant, second base; George Williams, third base; Harrison, short stop; Seldon, Boyd and Storey, fielders.

Journalistic Gems.

Richmond, Va., Planet: THE DETROIT PLAINDEALER is one of the most progressive Afro-American journals in this country. Its devices for advertising are unique, and show that this company of young men have an eye to business. Its editorials are journalistic gems of the highest order.

Miss Lillian Lewis of Boston, who has on foot a plan in connection with the Afro-American League, by which worthy and capable Afro-American girls and women are to be helped to positions, is receiving gratifying encouragement and from the citizens of Boston, and the plan promises to be very successfully carried out.

NOT ALL WORTHY OF PRAISE.

Only Those Should be Called Goliath Who Can Wield His Sword.

To the Editor of THE PLAINDEALER.

It does not require anything like as much brains or character to be a "big gun" among the people of our race as it would to stand even fair among the truly great men of the country.

Do we not err in holding particular standards which are so greatly at variance with universal criterions?

Among us the blatant vulgarian is called a Sam Jones, the fluent of speech a Beecher. Thus are we held up before the world as objects of ridicule.

These so-called "Sons of Thunder, Tail-mages, Spurgons, etc."—what a sorry figure they would cut if intelligently contrasted with the genuine article.

Men who accept such fulsome flattery thereby demonstrate their true quality.

We have some men who can reasonably be compared with the world's acknowledged great men. But, alas, how few they are.

Ignorance can exalt ignorant men as easily as it could deify an image of stone.

The ignorant are often as far wrong in their praise of men as they were in imputing divinity to a bull.

A quack shuns the criticism of the thorough and courts the flattery of the incompetent.

Scores of our best doctors could no more justify their titles among the learned men than could Darius Green rank with Edison as an inventor.

Our standards are the standards of the ignorant; our goals are the goals of the timid. Trucking quackery out-ranks merit; the loud applause of the vulgar is esteemed above the clear cut judgement of the thoughtful.

Abundance of unthinking laudations are greedily accepted in lieu of true worth. Men are not so anxious to be really learned as they are to be called learned.

Men labor more ardently to be rated as great than they do to be truly great. The consciousness of possession is not half so dear as "popular imputation."

The indiscriminate bestowal of titles by our colleges; the profuse sounding of praise by flatterers; has placed a premium on hypocritical sciolism, discouraged honest effort, and largely placed the unworthy in the lead.

Let us call no man Goliath who cannot wield Goliath's sword.

Rev. J. M. HENDERSON,

St. Paul, Minn.

Feb. 1890.

Doing Good Work.

The Ladies' Benevolent Aid Society at Grand Rapids, is doing a good work among the needy ones. The remains of Mrs. Clark who had no relatives in the city, were kindly attended to by them. Their next meeting will be held at the residence of Mrs. Craig on Jackson street and it is hoped all who can will attend and help the ladies in their errands of mercy.—Mr. George Huntley died Feb. 8, aged 38 years. He leaves a mother, five brothers and a sister to mourn their loss. J. H.

The Walking Match.

The six-day go-as-you-please match at the Detroit rink has been the attraction of the week, and large crowds have witnessed the ped as they tramped around the sawdust track. Hart, the noted Afro-American, dropped out after the first day with 106 miles to his credit. Joseph Loomis, the Detroit amateur, covered 63 miles in the first 24 hours, running the first 10: He has surprised everyone by his grit and endurance, and plucked some of the "knawalls" who bet that he would not cover 45 miles the first day.

The Martha Washington tea party given last Thursday evening at the Church Mission rooms by the ladies of the Helping Hand Society, was a very successful entertainment in every respect. In spite of the severity of the weather the room was filled and those present were amply repaid for braving the weather. The ladies of the society were becomingly dressed in character, the rooms were prettily decorated and the exercises and refreshments left nothing to be desired.

Among the guests at the grand ball and banquet tendered the employees of Mabley & Co. on the twentieth anniversary of the firm, at Puharman Hall, last Saturday evening, were Messrs. H. Houston, Ed. Campbell, F. Hamilton and E. Baker. Among the ladies invited to share in the festivities, was Miss Azalia Smith. The affair was in every respect enjoyable, and the great firm have scored another success in their efforts to win popular favor.

Mr. Frank Thurman of Jackson, and Mr. Darius Roberts of Adrian, were delegates to the Republican State League last Friday. Mr. Roberts stayed over to the banquet in the evening, and on Saturday visited THE PLAINDEALER office. Senator Bruce also made a pleasant hour's stay in the office and his talk on the leading topics of the day was thoroughly appreciated by Mr. Roberts as well as THE PLAINDEALER staff.

In a private letter to a member of THE PLAINDEALER staff, Senator Bruce writes from Washington, under the date of February 24, "I recall with much pleasure my visit to your beautiful city and the courtesies extended to me on that occasion." He also writes in complimentary terms of the enterprise of the Tribune in reporting the banquet.

The Ferguson-Gies case was tried before Judge Gartner this week and the verdict rendered according to the charge of the jury was, "no cause for action." The case will go to the Supreme Court, as many are of the opinion that Judge Gartner did not interpret the law correctly.

Mr. T. W. Stewart, of THE PLAINDEALER, stopped over in Lansing for a few hours last Tuesday as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Tann, at whose residence a social gathering took place and a pleasant evening spent in his honor.

Mrs. Nathan Lewis who formerly lived at 111 Champlain street, has moved into her new home, 69 Champlain street, with which she is very much delighted and where she will be pleased to see her old friends. Adv.

A VARIETY OF THINGS.

Louis Crawford an Afro-American farmer near Birmingham, Ala., is the proud possessor of a razor-back hog, for which he has refused \$100 cash. The hog is a natural born possum hunter, and the old farmer has no less than 50 hides this season as evidence of his hog's powers. The animal is devotedly attached to him and follows him about like a dog. Crawford says he discovered the animal's queer instinct one night while going through a wood, where he found the hog under a tree prancing furiously and rearing up against the trunk. Upon approaching the tree and looking up he saw a big fat possum. This experience being repeated several times, he came to the conclusion that this queer freak was a natural born possum hunter, and his subsequent hunting expeditions have been so successful that he refuses to part with his prize at any figure yet offered.

Another evidence of the disgusting prejudice among the employes of the government at Washington is the case of Miss Victoria Singleton, who is described as beautiful, accomplished and refined. The daughter of a haughty Southerner by whom she was educated and cared for until the attentions of the son forced her to leave her southern home she went to Washington passed the Civil Service examination, was assigned to duty in the numbering division of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. But the women of the division objected to the presence of an Afro-American and she was removed from one position to another until she was finally given the position of messenger, which she now holds instead of the one her ability entitles her to have.

The old adage is being verified that in the most adverse circumstances, there is something for which we are to bless God. The outlook for the Afro-American South is gloomy indeed, but now and then there comes to us indications of the dawn of a new era. Soon by the testimony of the South, will the South be convicted. The following from the Staunton Valley tells its own story:

"It is not that the colored voter has been treated so well by the Republican party of the nation, for as a matter of fact, that party has not done its duty by him, but it is because the course of the Democratic party, in the South at least, has been such as to absolutely repel the colored voter. No self-respecting colored man could vote for a party which has continually heaped abuse upon his race, and has insisted that sooner or later they must be exterminated or driven out of the country."

"The Demagogues of the Democratic party in Virginia have never ceased to try to make political capital by low, contemptible appeals to race prejudice. The Negroes who, as a rule, go quietly about their business are dangerous class. The lowest element in our society is appealed to upon the ground of the danger of Negro denunciation, and all that kind of stuff and nonsense is continually dinned into ears of the more ignorant voters in order to keep them solid in the Democratic ranks."

"We know that at the beginning of the late gubernatorial canvass the colored voter was very much inclined to divide, and we think that at least one-fifth of them would have voted for McKinney, but the Richmond Dispatch and other Democratic leaders chose to try to make the fight on the race issue, and the consequence was the colored voters were repelled, and as it were, driven back into the Republican ranks."

That was a very apt reply given by an escaped slave to a group of self imposed advisers, just before the war. The poor fellow footsore and weary, had been taken in by a kind-hearted Scotch woman and while he was eating, a number of loungers from a neighboring hotel entered the room and began to amuse themselves by catechising him. "Well Cuffy," said one, "we suppose you are a runaway slave." "Yes, sir, I am," was the reply. "Well, we suppose you had to work pretty hard." "Not harder than I had to run," said Cuffy. "Well, you had a hard master?" "No, sir, I had a good master. Well then, if you did not have a good master, you should be ashamed of yourself for running away."

"Gentlemen," said he, "my place is home, if either of you want it you can apply for it.

The members of St. Stephens A. M. E. church at Chicago, Ill., are worked up over the robbery of the church treasury of nearly three hundred dollars. The loss was peculiarly unfortunate to the church as it has expected to pay off one thousand of their four thousand dollars indebtedness. The pastor, Rev. Reynolds, in conjunction with his flock, had worked hard to raise this amount during his first year. At the first rally seven hundred dollars was raised and everybody went to work with fresh enthusiasm to collect the remaining three hundred. But on the night of St. Valentine's day the report showed that the desired one thousand was reached. But the people were not suffered to rest after their labors, for February 16, thieves broke into the house of trustee John Allen and rifled his trunk of \$268.13 of the church funds. The trustees have taken decisive measures to apprehend the thief and have offered \$50 reward for his arrest. The church which, six years ago, was only a small frame structure, now has a fine brick and stone edifice worth over \$12,000 with a debt of \$4,000 which the people were working so diligently to remove.

The Rev. H. Gratton Guinness of London, who has just returned from a ten years' trip on the Congo, in his missionary report before the Baptist ministers weekly meeting, of New York city, stated that the native African is more intelligent than the Afro-American. The Afro-American is a pretty smart fellow under a great many disadvantages and if the native African is his superior no Afro-American will grudge him the credit due him.

An order has been issued by the President that certificates of merit be awarded to the twelve men who with Major Wham, paymaster of the United States Army, were attacked by highwaymen in ambush and robbed of the contents of the treasure chest. The escort fought desperately and nearly all of them were severely wounded that they will never be able to perform service again. The certificates of merit is a just recognition of their faithful service.

Mrs. Woodfork, 46 Sherman-st., is prepared to furnish first class accommodations to parties desiring board or room. Adv.

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THE PLAINDEALER COMPANY.

MERE MENTION.

Advertise in THE PLAINDEALER.

Mrs. N. Ford of 647 Beaubien street is quite ill.

Every little helps—don't put off the collector.

Miss Josie Hemsley left for Philadelphia last week.

Don't forget the League meeting Thursday night, March 6.

Peter Jackson, the Australian pugilist, is expected in Detroit March 10.

Mrs. Wm. Pierce is seriously ill at her home on Watson street.

Mrs. J. Molson died last Sunday evening at her residence, corner Hastings and Grove streets.

Zach Chandler Lodge will hold their annual service at Ebenezer church Sunday afternoon, March 2.

The Working Men will meet Thursday, March 6th at the residence of Mrs. Byrd, 293 Catherine street.

The parlors of Mrs. Alice Jones at 382 Antoine street, were crowded Monday evening at the social given by the Excelsior Home club.

Mrs. Thomas Brown of 327 Macomb street, entertained a few friends at high tea last Friday evening. A pleasant evening was spent by her guests.

Willard Chapter of Eastern Stars will give a St. Patrick entertainment on the evening of March 17. Particulars next week. Adv.

Mrs. Delaney of 646 Beaubien street, who was confined to her bed a few weeks ago with a severe spell of sickness, is able to be out again.

Now that the dissenters in the Bethel church have been beaten in all the courts, it is rumored that they will seek forgiveness and ask to be restored to membership in the church.

The Thanksgiving banquet of Zach Chandler Lodge will be held in March. Preparations for an unexceptionable entertainment are now being made. Look out for it. Adv.

Fred Freeman who assaulted Mrs. Clara Price who keeps the candy store at 443 Hastings street, was tried before Police Justice Miner last Monday, and, being convicted, was fined the large sum of five dollars.

The promenade entertainment given at Barnes' hall, corner Woodward and Grand River avenues, last Wednesday evening, under the auspices of Eureka commandery, Knights Templar, was well attended. Dancing lasted until 2 o'clock Thursday morning.

"We have met the enemy and they are ours," said Commodore Perry, thus telling the story of the battle of Lake Erie. And it is also a fact that Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is no sooner used than the cold is conquered and the cough disappears.

Mr. R. E. Wortham of Russell street, an old and much respected citizen, died February 21, after a very short illness. He was buried Sunday afternoon from the Second Baptist church. The funeral sermon was preached by the Rev. McDonald, assisted by Elder Scott, and the church was filled with friends who came to pay their tribute of respect to the deceased and sympathize with his bereaved family.

Zach Chandler Lodge, No. 2654, G. U. O. O. F. will give their reunion and banquet on Tuesday, March 11, at 8 o'clock p. m., at Stanley's Hall, Lafayette avenue, next to Abstract Hall. There will be short addresses delivered by prominent oddfellows, after which there will be a grand promenade concert. A free supper will be served from 11:30 to 12:30 o'clock. Admission, for gentlemen and lady \$1.00, single ticket 50c. Good music will be in attendance. Adv.

The Detroit Afro-American League No. 1 will hold their monthly meeting Thursday night, March 6th at their hall, room 15 Hilsendeen block. Business of importance will come up for consideration. All members are requested to be present.

WALTER H. STOWERS, Sec'y.
WILMOT A. JOHNSON, Pres.

Be ready to pay the collector when he calls.

Glances Here and There.

PLANS to increase the cash balance in our churches are always in order and in view of the fact that all the Afro-American churches in the city are making improvements calling for the expenditure of large sums of money, it may not be amiss to submit to them the following unique plan of a New York minister: He bought \$25 worth of nickels and gave one to each of his congregation with the advice to invest it as they pleased and bring the proceeds to the church. One little girl bought eggs with her nickel and cleared \$2 on her investment. An old lady spent her first nickel in cucumbers and re-invested the proceeds in potatoes, soap and bread, successively until the five cents had become \$3.02. Four young ladies pooled their nickels, bought photographs of the pastor and netted \$17.35. Many other ingenious ways of putting out the nickles were resorted to by the members, all of which were successful and when the reports were all in, the \$25 worth of nickels had become \$375.82. The plan seems chimerical, but from the fact that it would inculcate in our youth, business principles rather than mendacity, it is a long way in advance of jugs, punch cards and like devices in vogue in our churches.

REV. Henderson preached last Sunday on the Afro-American League, and the Plaindealer is pleased to note the fact, outside the splendid advice the pastor gave in the matter. As a race who has suffered many things as well as being deprived of many things, our preachers need also to be teachers. The Plaindealer has said before that we need to know how to live in order to know how to prepare to die. Outside of this there are practical questions of life that lie in the province of the pulpit. And the community is healthier, and the family life the better ordered because of the practical suggestions of the preacher. A lax home life is a reproach to a Christian and the lack of interest in public questions makes a sluggish home. One thing needs to be impressed upon the people, especially the Afro-American, that is, that the highest life is the most unselfish, and that behind a profession should be the solid attentions of it in our acts. The possibilities in the League movement should challenge every citizen to contemplate as to what part he will play in this new crusade. Never again should a League meeting be so poorly attended in the city of Detroit as the last one. Many grave questions in which Afro-Americans are the principal factors remain to be settled and the League offers the only means through which we may hope for success. Let our ministers advocate it from the pulpit. Let us discuss it in our homes. Let us talk of it in the streets and above all let us prepare to act through for the salvation of race interests.

WORN and feeble victims just recovering from the terrors of a gripe, will learn with cold chills of horror that another foreign malady is heading this way. The new disease comes from Rome and is called "la nouma." It is described as a lethargic sleep which steals insidiously upon the victim and from which it is almost impossible to awaken him. Press dispatches say that thus far there have been no reports of cases in America, but the disease is epidemic and is spreading rapidly, and, judging from the lethargy which has pervaded the social world in Detroit this season, we feel safe in predicting that if they have not already caught it, her citizens will prove an easy mark for the disease.

THE young ladies of the East have formed a "Young Ladies' Protective Association," some of the rules of which are peculiar. The association is especially designed to look after the matrimonial interests of young women and the secretary is required to keep a list of the name of every young man in town. An investigating committee looks up his record and he is listed accordingly. His little affaires du coeur are keenly watched and according as he deports himself, he is catalogued, honorable, dishonorable, generous, prudent, stingy, etc. His business affairs also receive close attention and if he is poor his name is followed by the legend "c. m." These mystical letters mean, to the initiated, that she who is willing to brave fate and live the frugal life of a church mouse, is welcome to him. The c. m.'s have few takers. No member of the society is permitted to receive attention from a gentleman who has been in attendance on another member, unless the young lady officially releases him in a letter to the association.

WHEN a member announces herself engaged, the investigating committee submits the character of her fiance to the club who decide by that whether he is worthy of their fair sister. Young men who make a practice of visiting a girl and staying three or four hours discussing opera, plays, etc., without inviting his hostess to share them, are marked "d. b." and a dead beat is abhorred by every member. Young men who only visit their friends when they receive invitations to parties, receptions, etc., are marked "h. v." which, being interpreted, is of the hog variety, and the ladies have a Jewish aversion to this class. Those who display propensities to flirt are black listed, and no member who values her standing in the club, will receive the evanescent courtesies which this ee like variety offers. The movement is spreading, in course of time it may reach Detroit, and in the meantime, an interesting subject for thought among some of our young bachelors would be the query, under which head would my name be written.

THOMAS R. CRISUP, who graduated from the University of Michigan some years ago with the degree of lawyer and had, as many claim, "the best chance at that time of any young Afro American in the State," is today ostracized by all the respectable members of the Detroit Bar and is seldom seen in practice in any court other than the police court. For years his course has been such as to lose him the respect of his former friends and associates and as noted in THE PLAINDEALER some weeks ago, he has been branded by the Supreme Court upon his own testimony as unfit to be countenanced at the bar of any court.

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Some of the early preachers would announce the doctrine they intended to teach at the beginning of their sermon. It would help the clearness of some modern sermons if this custom was observed.

We should ask for temporal blessings in a spirit of submission to divine will. We are not always competent judges of our needs.

Some conversationalists make strained efforts to use large and new words. In this they betray ignorance and miss the first principle of the conversationalist art: clearness. This can be secured only by using familiar words in the ordinary sense.

We are so blind to our own imperfections and there is such a large vein of selfishness in our nature that it is difficult for us to measure ourselves honestly.

Worship should be measured by its spiritual profits rather than by its form. Some of the most informal services in which the divine spirit was present have been attended with the largest results.

Doctrines must accord with common sense in order to give longevity. Men have spent a lifetime in a futile effort to enforce upon the mind a doctrine contrary to reason.

Whatever may be claimed as advantages of extemporaneous delivery of a sermon it is nevertheless true that the written sermon, as a rule, is most faithfully prepared.

Truth, like a magnet, has two sides, a positive and a negative. It attracts and repels.

Jonathan Edwards was the greatest metaphysician of his day. His dissertations on the ultimate foundations of our knowledge have stood the test of subsequent investigation better than those of any of his contemporaries.

Mohammed disclaimed any power to work miracles. So far he was honest, but he made several awkward apologies for his inability.

The Christian church must encounter outward persecution and inner contention. Even though its missions be spiritual it cannot escape these natural consequences.

Unbelievers generally conceal a part of their sentiment out of a deference to public opinion.

The Christian soldier should endeavor to excel in spiritual warfare.

Some people are very conscientious in some things but quite inconsistent in others.

ABOUT PERSONS AND THINGS.

Two Afro-Americans of Gadsden, Ala., have bought a coal mine.

Charles Blondin of Marion county, Fla., owns 165 acres of land for which he has refused \$50,000.

Stephen B. Gipson and Constantine R. Hubert have been elected to the common council of Philadelphia.

Congressman Cheatham the only Afro-American representative in Congress, voted for Chicago in the World's Fair contest.

Charley Harden, an aged Afro-American of Athens, Ill., has an affliction in his head which has prevented his sleeping for four years.

The first strawberry festival of the season was given at the Methodist church of Portland, Conn., Wednesday evening, February 19.

The Washington papers congratulated the Afro-American residents of the District at the interest they take in the Sunday school work.

A memorial in honor of the late Miss Martha Briggs of Washington, D. C., is to take the shape of establishing a public library in the Briggs school building in that city.

The Rev. J. M. Henderson of St. Paul, and W. R. Morris, the Afro-American lawyer, discussed the race problem at Minneapolis last Thursday evening in the G. A. R. hall.

Jerry Flowers, an Afro-American pugilist of Spokane Falls, Washington, knocked out Prof. William Kendall. The fight lasted one and a half minutes and Kendall was fearfully punished.

An industrial league for the purpose of opening up the avenues of industrial employment and stimulating independence among Afro-Americans, has been formed by the young men of New York.

Dispatches from North Carolina say that Afro-Americans enraged by the attitude of the whites toward the exodus from the state, are applying the torch with the intention of burning up the town of Rocky Mount.

The first annual session of the National Colored Chatauqua which was to have been held at Lake Jackson, Fla., February 22, has been postponed because of Prof. Price's attendance on the two leagues. The time of meeting will be announced in March.

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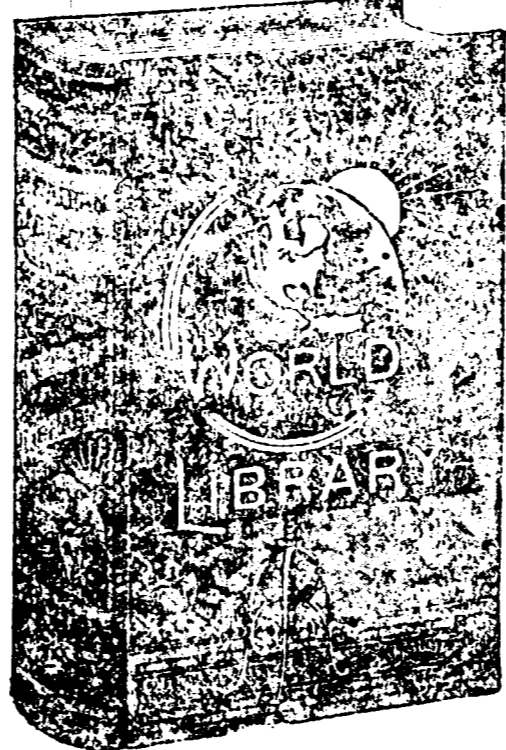
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