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## EXPOSITION PROGRESS.

An Exclusive Race Exhibit of any Class Impossible.

## AN APPOINTMENT URGED.

Progress at the Columbian Exposition—Texas Seems to Take the Lead.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 2.—Since the initial publication of these communications last winter, great interest in the World's Columbian Exposition has been awakened, which is constantly growing.

In nearly every state World's Fair matters have been discussed with great definiteness. In the State of Delaware an Industrial Exposition has been held, which reflected a great deal of credit upon the race. In North Carolina, the agitation for the Raleigh State Fair has been marked with enthusiasm, and no less eminent personages than Dr. J. C. Price and others are doing their best to produce a good exhibit, which, after the close of the Raleigh Fair, is hoped will become the nucleus of a State exhibit at Chicago in 1893.

From almost every point comes information that all features of the great Exposition relative to the race is being touched upon, both by the colored press and the pulpit. It may take some time to demonstrate that under the present form of the Exposition organization, an exclusive race exhibit for any class cannot be entertained. If such a plan were seriously thought of and adopted, it would put the great enterprise on a plane with a county fair. In an international celebration all this competition on specific race issues must, of necessity, be abandoned. Hence, when many leading colored men attempt to discuss the feasibility, or even the practicability of a separate exhibit in the interest of the colored race at the World's Fair, they show a deplorable lack of information, and seem to fail to properly grasp the purposes for which great international exhibitions are conducted.

In a former communication it was pointed out how errors were to be installed, and it might be added that the Bureau of Installation of the World's Columbian Exposition will take charge of the classification and placing of all exhibits, which has had the effect of removing from the minds of many the doubts relative to the exact policy to be pursued towards our intending exhibitors by the Exposition management.

It will be of interest to note that this will be done for the peculiar discussions of the separate exhibit question, which was understood by many, would have eventually been the cause of an entanglement of the whole subject, detrimental to all concerned. Secretary Hirst, of Florida, who had charge of the Philadelphia Centennial and other Expositions, and who is now in charge of the Bureau of Installation, states that all applications for space must be addressed to the Director-General of the Exposition. These applications are then classified and grouped. In short, the name of the individuals or their nationality are not to be taken into consideration but each exhibitor is given a particular exhibit number. The name of all such exhibitors, of course, is known to the secretary of the Installation Department, but the fact as to whether such is white or black is not in any sense to be considered. When the exhibits are placed in the various buildings the name of the individual contributing the same is reserved. But in the bestowal of premiums the judges make up their decisions from the exhibit numbers. Names and nationality will only be brought to light after the exhibits have been passed upon. This method will entirely eliminate every iota of discrimination, and is the fairest manner possible to exhibit the displays of all alike. Consequently no one need worry about this separate exhibit talk whether it would or would not benefit the race, as such specifically cannot be countenanced in connection with a world's fair of the kind the anniversary of Columbus' discovery of America will be in 1893. A special commissioner is not a separate commission any more than special lines of exposition work among the colored people are ipso facto separate. This should be carefully borne in mind by every colored person who will send an exhibit to Chicago.

At all events, the true spirit of the Exposition goes right along making converts among all classes and in all climes, although it takes much time in explaining these exhibit questions. Our ministers, editors and leading men are at last getting in the harness, and thousands of good things are being written and spoken daily in the interest of the great Fair. Texas seems to have taken the lead in this enthusiasm, and has already sent to the city of Chicago a World's Fair delegation in the interest of that State. The bishops of the A. M. E. church have petitioned the Fair management to hurry on with the appointment of a practical and prominent colored man, whose duty it shall be to col-

lect whatever the race may wish to send to Chicago for exhibition. One of the leading Negro journals has shown to the Exposition officials a plan for increasing the stock subscriptions of the Exposition among the race to over \$100,000, and the management has countenanced the plan.

All this shows business foresight, tact and energy, and the editor who proposes to raise these Exposition subscriptions avers that as soon as some one is appointed to collect the exhibits, he has a second plan to offer by which every man, woman and child of the race can be individually reached. J. E. Johnson.

## A Monument to Progress.

The Rev. Dr. Handy Justifies the Purchase of the Washington Property.

Rev. James A. Handy, head of the finance department of the A. M. E. church, is out in a letter to the Christian Recorder, explaining the necessity and value of providing adequate headquarters for his department of the church. Among other things he says:

"Standing in the calcium light of the nineteenth century of civilization, not only as the church of the living God, but as the representative head of Methodism among the darker races of the earth who profess christianity, and most especially the African and his descendants upon the North American continent, we have duties and responsibilities which cannot and must not be evaded. As Negroes we are the cynosure of the civilized world; all eyes are turned upon us. The American Negro is on trial. Has he within him the latent powers to develop that standard of true manhood by which all nations are measured? Living in the midst of the highest civilization, what advance, what progress has he made along the paths of spiritual, intellectual and material development since he was elevated from the likeness of things to the dignity of creation, a blessing or curse? Will it eventually succeed or fail? This, tersely, is what constitutes the Negro problem. There is no sane person on God's green earth who will not agree with me that the dissemination of the teachings and doctrines laid down by our blessed Saviour, the education, uplifting of the masses and the material growth of the race, comprehend the solution of this grave problem. Equally true is it that the church is the great fulcrum. That under the peculiar conditions the A. M. E. church understands the situation and her duty, and has risen grandly to her responsibilities, let past and present history attest. At this crisis, with the future pregnant with unbounded possibilities, shall we deliberately err, or turn the dial of progress backward? God forbid!

With an estimated communicant membership of five hundred thousand, and an additional five hundred thousand weekly worshippers, an annual expenditure of nearly one million for our church support alone, should the church be content to have the headquarters of her Financial Department located in a 12x14 room in the basement of a private residence? This is the burning question. I answer emphatically, NO! and believe that I voice the sentiment, conviction and opinion of every true believer and lover of the church. This feeling dominating, after mature deliberation, consultation and advice, I purchased for and in behalf of the church, a suitable four story pressed brick building, situated centrally upon one of the most important business streets in Washington, D. C. This building I have already remodeled and suitably furnished from garret to cellar at a total cost of \$12,000. Here headquarters of the Financial Department have, at last, been established, and provisions made to accommodate our bishops and other officers of the church in the regular discharge of their various official and ministerial duties.

Serious objections cannot be urged against locating the headquarters of the department at the Nation's capital. Apart from the facilities of being located next the sea coast and centrally, there are other invaluable considerations and facilities which no other city in the Union can offer.

Further, the Nation's capital is the objective point, not only of Americans, but of foreigners.

Here, then, is the place to erect a monument to the church's prosperity, and at the same time subserving her best interests.

If further justification were needed for securing such headquarters at this time, I have but to point to the Ecumenical Council of Methodism of the world, the second in the history of the church, which convenes in Washington next October.

But in addition to the growing necessity of the church for suitable and adequate headquarters which I have remarked, we present to the world an object lesson, and should rear a monument to our progress.

Should issue be taken as to the advisability or necessity of securing to the church a proper building for its financial department, I have only to say in conclusion, that at the close of the present quadrennial, if the church is not desirous of retaining this property, I shall be prepared to present a purchaser for the building at its stands, at cost price, who will pay the cost price for the same.

Afro-Americans of Boston are pressing the claims of Mr. William O. Armstrong for the office of auditor.

## THE LEAGUE'S CRITICS.

Our New Correspondent Who Proposes to Discuss Their Views.

## THE VALUE OF CRITICISM

The Ease With Which a Good Thing May Be Knocked Out—To Build Up Something Tangible I. Different.

All persons have more or less ability in criticism, it is a common saying that "anybody can criticize," but all persons have not the knack of criticizing wisely. If they have they fail to use it, and the world is the sufferer thereby. It is easy to pick flaws. It is easy to try to destroy any man or any organization that leaps into prominence through their intrinsic worth, because forthwith the opinions of the individual, the principles of an organization or its mode of working is not in harmony with the personal views of the critic. With the chronic critic or grumbler everything that is not in harmony with his warped nature is along with him. Such, however, is not the object of true criticism. True criticism points out weaknesses that the weak places may be strengthened. If it seeks to tear down, it is only that something better, nobler and grander may take its place. It is no sycophant fawning upon the great, it is earnest, brave, courageous and patriotic; quick to commend all that is good in men and organizations, and while it criticizes their weaknesses forcibly but gently, it is only that they may become grander, their influence greater, and their sphere of usefulness increased.

What Socrates did for the philosophy of his time by his searching inquiries, so will true criticism do for the evils and misguided thought of our day. Christianity of to-day needs a master mind to probe it to its center and extract from it the false ideas and teachings that have become a part of its body and restore it to its original simplicity. The body politic has become infested with political sores and ulcers, the knife must be wielded by a skillful hand to cut them out without endangering the life of the patient. Parasites have entwined themselves around organizations and institutions, religious and secular, dwarfing their growth, whose sectorial feelers must be unloosed before they can accomplish the full intent of their being. Rising men and infant organizations, thoroughly in harmony with the people, aiming to redress wrongs and correct abuses, have about them clinging to their skirts in the effort to keep them down, an army of misguided men, either from malicious intent or who think it their duty to do their utmost by an ill-natured or false criticism.

False criticism is not always malicious on the part of the critic. Man that is born of woman is liable to err, hence it is that many a person with a sincere motive, by their very criticism help to destroy things most useful, with whose principles they are in perfect harmony. There are worthy men, grand institutions, that suffer from their ill-judged efforts. There are underserving men and institutions upon whom is lavished fulsome praise. The effect of both is harmful. The first are oftentimes ruined. The second, when the light of true criticism is turned upon them, are found, like froth, to be gaseous and lacking substance. Its effect upon the race or organization to which they belong is hurtful, the greater the prominence, the greater the damage. Steel is all the better when tempered by fire, so true criticism has the effect of placing the worthy more prominently before the public because of their merit, while the unworthy who have risen to the surface like bubbles, are punctured by its sharp, telling truths. False criticism is sometimes due to an ignorance of motive and fact. It is, however, none the less false, and the true critic not conversant with the fact, will hesitate before he attacks anything until he is well informed and knows upon what ground his strictures should be based.

In the Plaindealer Plutarch is filling the office of the true critic. He wields a trenchant pen, and, skillfully as the surgeon wields the scalpel upon the body, removing from it its protuberances, so is he attempting to remove from the body of Afro-American church organization the sores upon it. Even when most forcible and severe it is easily to be seen that the main object is to institute reform, rather than to destroy. All his correspondence says in effect, lop off these abuses, educate your ministry, make your moral standard higher, and the great work of the church will increase wonderfully. While Plutarch's criticisms have been directed at all the churches, they are chiefly so to the one which by virtue of an almost complete organization in North America, its educational work, and wonderfully growing strength causes it to assume the lead of all organizations among Afro-Americans. Even when he is most severe there seems to be in his writing a touch of pride in the growth of that church,

that causes one to think that if he is not an active worker in it, he must be an enthusiastic admirer, and one who, by virtue of an inquisitive mind, has made himself acquainted with the inner workings of the church and its leading men. His criticism upon them has punctured more than one bubble, as is evidenced by sundry murmurings, and even by an ill-advised attack made upon him and the Plaindealer "gossips" at the Michigan conference week before last, an account of which the writer read in the columns of a Detroit daily newspaper. More such critics like him and Billy Smith (by the way, where is Billy?) are badly needed, for they seemed to have learned the true value of criticism,—to correct abuses, rather than to retard progress or destroy.

Among the race there has arisen another organization, a secular one, whose chief purpose is to rid the body politic of some of the sores that infest it, to secure many rights and privileges that are denied, and to make war upon that public sentiment that is doing all that it can to increase the proscription against the Afro-American. It is just an infant, and hence not afflicted with such abuses that call forth the efforts Plutarch has been making. Still, by a misapprehension, an ignorance of facts, by jealousies, the critic who stands aloof and picks out flaws in construction, the one who tells what ought to be and should have been done, who yet lifts no hand to help do it, there is a likelihood that its growth may be retarded. To correct the misapprehension, to inform the ignorant, to allay jealousies, to puncture the argument of the critic looking for flaws and the one of "ought to be," is the object of Plutarch.

## A Minister's Death.

Our Milwaukee Correspondent Registers Another Kick.

Milwaukee, Wis., August 31.—By solicitation, Mr. W. L. Green has organized another German class. Mr. Green certainly merits the success which he is meeting.

Mrs. J. J. Miles and family have returned home after a lengthened stay amongst the hills and rivulets of that delightful little town, Batavia, Ills.

Mrs. H. Bland and Mrs. Julia Bell have gone to Chicago for a short stay.

The literary entertainment given by the Wilberforce students at the St. Mark's A. M. E. church, Tuesday evening, the 18th inst., was a decided success, for which they desire to thank their many friends. The orations and papers were of unusual merit and were much appreciated.

The Rev. Simon Crutcher, of the Wilberforce College, Ohio, preached an interesting sermon at St. Mark's A. M. E. church, Sunday evening. Subject, "The new creation."

The Literary held its usual weekly meeting Thursday evening, and was well attended.

The funeral services of Theophilus Trevan, who died Tuesday a. m., 2:30, was held at St. Mark's A. M. E. church Thursday afternoon. The services were eloquently delivered by the Rev. Jacobs, of Chicago. The mother, sister and brother of the deceased, of Chicago, were in attendance.

Mrs. King and Mrs. Julia Watson are better.

Mr. Alfred Parkes died at Soldier's Home last Tuesday. He leaves a wife and daughter.

We are to the front again with another kicker. This time it is regarding the coldness with which the members of St. Mark's church, with one or two exceptions, treated Mrs. Elder Trevan and family. In the first place, the funeral was very poorly attended, and a good many who were there appeared to have come more through a morbid curiosity than through sympathy for the family and respect for the dead. In leaving the church there was not a lady in the congregation who was sympathetic enough to tender assistance to Mrs. Trevan in her efforts to enter the carriage. In fact, the indifference with which the family were treated on such a sad occasion was marked.

Mrs. Geo. Wheeler returned home from Mt. Pleasant, where she has been in attendance on the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Jas. R. Clemmons.

Mr. L. H. Palmer and others have gone to Chicago, to attend conference.

Miss Minnie Hart, of Evanston, Ills., is in the city, the guest of Miss Hughes.

Misses Minnie and Ida Reese, of Waukesha, have returned home.

J. B. B.

## FIGHTING BACK.

Chicago, Sept. 2.—A dispatch to the Chicago Tribune, from New Orleans, says: "The bitterness with which the white Grand Army veterans here fought against the admission into the order of colored veterans at the late National encampment, is now bearing the natural retaliatory fruit. 'The Crusader,' 'The Pelican,' 'The Ferret,' and other organs of the colored people in this State, are publishing in every edition appeals to the colored veterans and their adherents to see to it that no white member of the Grand Army is elected a member of the Louisiana delegation to the Republican nominating convention. The rank and file of the colored men have taken up the cry, and a determined effort will be made by them to force the Grand Army of the Republic leaders away from the prominent places in the coming election."

## "PLUTARCH'S TOPICS."

A Bold Challenge to the Rev. Chas. Smith.

## SOLID FACTS WANTED.

Bluff and Bluster Does Not Convince the Intelligent People of this Century.

"Plutarch" contemplates closing his articles quite soon. This will be pleasant news to a certain class of persons who have been turning uneasily in their beds for a period. They misook "Plutarch," and supposed that he meant to expose individuals in a merely wanton manner. This, however, has not been the writer's practice. Wolves in sheep's clothing have been pointed out only in cases where such a course would aid in fashening on the public mind some neglected truth.

The race is too indifferent to "facts," too indifferent to "chastity," too "oose in its ideas of "real worth," hnce holding up such individuals as have been held up, and pulling the cloaks off of them and exposing their tattered undergarments was a public service, deserving the high compliments which possibly fifty journals have bestowed.

Dr. Smith contradicts some of our assertions, and we are going to lay back and wait for him to bring his proof. In the meantime, "Plutarch" will drop around through the country and gather some new facts, and be ready to show why he is horrified.

It is strange that each individual who has kicked at "Plutarch" is a person of unsavory repute. Such men as Tanner, Brown, Payne and others of the Methodist bishops have had no objections to urge; they all know that "Plutarch" has not pointed out even a tenth of the matter. They all agree with what he has had to say. Come, Dr. Charles Smith, and trot out your denials. Let them bear on their backs solid facts; don't let them be prancing steeds covered over with the glittering and emblazoned robes of your florid rhetoric. We all want facts, and will hold with delight evidence showing that you have no whisky drinkers in your pulpits, no adulterers, no ministers with two or more living wives. We will all be glad to learn that the Rev. Dr. Heard and other apparently superficial blow-hards have named as unfit to wear the scholarly titles, captured by them through trickery and promise of returning the favors, are really deserving. We would delight to know that the stories of Dr. Jackson's immorality, as told by President Mitchell, Bishops Payne, Tanner and others, are unfounded. But we will not join your ecumenisms of those persons until you clean them. A big, bluff denial accompanied with a bombastic attack upon "Plutarch" don't prove anything unless it is your desire to gain votes for the bishopric by poisoning as a champion of your church. However, you can't come that dodge. Your church is not attacked, but certain evils in it are. Every word of abuse you utter stinks you lower in the esteem of all worthy persons.

We are waiting on you. What have you got to say. "Plutarch."

## TO FIGHT DIXON.

Fred Johnston, the English champion, is awaiting a reply from Thomas O'Rourke, the backer of George Dixon, in reference to his challenge to fight the American champion feather-weight for \$2,500 to \$5,000, and the purse of \$3,000 the National Sporting Club of London has offered. If Dixon will not go to England Johnston will come to America if the same terms are offered. The National Sporting Club is anxious to secure Dixon to meet Johnston, and it has announced that it will put up a purse of \$3,000, which is \$500 more than recently offered, and also allow Dixon \$500 for expenses. Johnston's backers offer to bet from \$2,500 to \$10,000 on the result.

## SEEKING REVENGE.

Georgetown Ky., August 29.—This place is passing through a reign of terror. A gang of Afro-Americans last night burned the dwelling house of County Judge Bates, also a large tobacco barn and a small cottage. They are incensed because the mob hanged one of the Afro-Americans—Frank Dudley—yesterday. Ex-Speaker Owens of the Kentucky Legislature organized a posse and patrolled the streets all night. Murderer Squire Kendall and his four boys are strongly guarded in the county jail.

## WANT RECOGNITION.

Indianapolis, August 28.—A number of Afro-American Republicans of note from Indiana, met to-day at Rev. J. H. Clay's to read a letter from President Harrison, and formulate some demands. They profess friendliness to the administration, but demand recognition. A resolution asking for representation on the World's Fair commission or for an appointment to Liberia or Hayti was passed. The President's letter was addressed to Rev. J. M. Townsend, commissioner of deeds, and was cordially received.

## CHICAGO DEPARTMENT.

The Plaindealer can be found in Chicago on Fridays at:  
 T. J. Birchler, 2724 State St.  
 E. J. Quinn, 281 29th St.  
 J. C. Cranshaw, 456 36th St.  
 W. H. Britton, 2828 State St.  
 M. Martin, 26 North Clark St.

There was an Emancipation celebration at Kuhn's park, Monday, August 31, which was most successful financially and socially. About 500 or 600 Afro-Americans were present, and from all indications enjoyed themselves hugely. It is however, greatly to be deplored that on this and on like occasions, the sale of liquor is tolerated, which is not infrequently the cause of much unpleasantness. On this occasion a number of the men and women became so full of the miserable slops that were sold out at the park, that a most disgraceful row ensued on the return trip.

The program included addresses by John G. Jones, of Chicago, Col. A. A. Jones, of North Carolina, Prof. H. G. Jones, of St. Louis, W. R. Vaughan, of Council Bluffs, Bishop J. M. Brown, of Washington, Richard A. Dawson, of Chicago, Dr. W. H. Derrick, of New York, and Prof. W. M. Waring, of Chicago. John G. Jones was President of the day.

Col. A. A. Jones delivered a stirring speech on the "Rise and Progress of the Negro Race in this Country." Prof. H. G. Jones, who is a World's Fair Commissioner from Missouri, spoke on the "Lessons of the Hour." He claimed that the Afro-American race had been steadily progressing since emancipation. Bishop Brown spoke eloquently for a few moments about the part the Afro-American played in war and the progress of the race. Hon. W. R. Vaughan, the author of the Freedman's Pension bill introduced in the Fifty-first Congress, who was for five years Mayor of Council Bluffs, spoke for half an hour in explanation of the nature of his bill and how he proposed to get it passed. He urged the colored race to stand for their rights.

Mrs. J. R. Butler gave a recitation entitled, "The Last Words of John Brown," and the program concluded with a prize drill by the Juvenile S. M. T. of the United Brothers of Friendship. Eighteen little girls of Mount Hope Temple were put through various movements by Miss Oecle Lewis.

One thing agitating Chicago people at present is the coming Labor Day celebration, Monday, September 7. A large number of special attractions have been secured for this occasion, one of the most prominent of whom is the Hon. Jerry Simpson, of Kansas, "Old Sockless." Before Mr. Simpson went West and took to farming and to sitting up nights to write speeches to deliver before the Alliance lodge down in the school-house at the crossroads, he made his headquarters in Chicago. In those days he was an able seaman, and sailed the stormy lakes on a lumber hooker, both fleet and staunch. From the Rush street bridge to Muskegon he sped, and then bore back with him many a fat bundle of pine shingles in a manner bold and blithe. He was a skipper of parties and the lumber interests of the Northwest had a bad quarter of an hour when they learned that fickle Jerry was to leave them in the lurch.

But time has wrought a change in his as well as all other human affairs and now the gallant skipper returns to Chicago a statesman, with an extra collar in his traveling bag. It is but natural that Chicago should be prepared to greet him with considerable enthusiasm.

The Iowa Conference convened at Bethel church, Chicago, August 26th, and closed at 9 p. m., Monday, September 1st.

The roll includes sixty-three preachers, sixty of whom were present. The pastor, Rev. G. W. Gaines, entertained the conference so magnificently that, as a graceful expression of their appreciation, the preachers elected him delegate to the general conference on the first ballot. The election of Rev. John M. Henderson of the Michigan conference and of Rev. George W. Gaines of the Iowa conference, so readily and so nearly unanimously shows what ministers, like other people, appreciate kind treatment and a big-hearted way of doing things.

After possibly seven ballots, the delegation to represent the Iowa conference was fixed as follows: George W. Gaines, Relever Knight, P. E., J. W. Malone and John T. Jennifer, D. D. The election of Revs. Malone and Jennifer was hotly contested by Rev. Harper, Rev. Reynolds and Rev. Brown.

The younger element were anxious to have as their representative Rev. D. P. Brown, and would have succeeded had he not generously remarked to some of his friends that he hated to get in the way of so experienced and distinguished a man as Dr. Jennifer.

All were unanimous in their praise of Bishop Brown's noble labors and the splendid results during four years. But few changes were made in the appointments. All the Chicago pastors were returned.

Chief of Construction Burnham, will soon have men working night and day on the World's Fair buildings. The boilers for the temporary electric light plant have arrived, and will immediately be put in position. The working plant of this system is so far laid that within a month at the latest the grounds can be thoroughly lighted, and construction work be carried on without interruption through the night. Three changes of men, working eight hours each, will be employed regularly.

Central Station officers are rejoicing over the capture of the man who is supposed to be responsible for many of the diamond robberies that have occurred on the south side during the last several months.

A telegram received by Capt. Lloyd from the Cincinnati police, announces that Bernard Hutchinson, a colored turban, is under arrest in that city and that several diamond rings that were stolen from Wilbur F. Studebaker's residence at 1531 Michigan avenue two weeks ago were found on

his person. The Studebaker residence was entered at night by a thief who got safely away with about \$600 worth of diamond rings and pins and a gold watch belonging to the master of the house. The thief disdained taking anything but jewelry and that of the most value.

August 10 Mrs. Laura E. Foy's residence was broken into and over \$800 worth of jewelry, mostly diamond ornaments, was stolen. A breastpin studded with small diamonds and valued at \$400, a ring set with three diamonds valued at \$125, and a shirt-stud set with pearls and diamonds and worth \$100 were among the valuables taken.

Both robberies were reported at police headquarters, and Central Station Detectives Wood and Plunkett were detailed on the cases. The manner in which the burglaries were committed and the high class of property selected by the thief, showed that he was no ordinary house-breaker.

The officers gathered facts that led them to suspect Hutchinson, and a description of the man was wired to all large cities. The Cincinnati police were particularly instructed to watch for Hutchinson, as it was believed that he, being a racing man, would attend the races at Latonia, just across the river from Cincinnati. The conjecture proved correct, as the man was found at the track. Detective Wood left for Cincinnati to bring Hutchinson back for trial.

Another disagreeable affair, if true, has been brought to light, concerning one of the Postoffice attaches. It is to be sincerely hoped that the accused may be able to prove himself innocent. It is as follows:

Hilbert Ogden, an Afro-American clerk in the Postoffice, was arrested Saturday by Detectives Tierney and Hartman, of the Central Station, charged with burglary. The arrest is in connection with thefts in the clerks' wardrobes at the Postoffice. Watches and money left in the coats and vests by the clerks were taken. Last week Henry Walsh, a clerk in the letter department lost a valuable gold watch, and the Central Station officers found the property in a Dearborn street pawnshop. Ogden was placed under \$500 bonds until the 5th.

Mrs. Geo. Escue, of Toledo, O., is rapidly improving in health since her sojourn in the Lake city. She will remain a couple of weeks longer.

Mr. Will Fielding's smiling face can be seen on the streets of Chicago again. Mrs. Rickman, of Xenia, Ohio, who has been visiting her daughter and son, Mrs. Ewing and Mr. James Tuppins, left Sunday evening for her home.

Mrs. Hickman, of Evansville, Ind., is in the city, the guest of Mrs. Barnett, of 544-55th street.

Madam Dandrige was called away from the city Thursday, to attend her sister, who is very sick in Memphis, Tenn.

The Twilight Social club of North Chicago, gave their first grand ball last Thursday evening. A very pleasant time was had by all present.

It has been suggested that the policemen in some of the out-lying districts should be furnished with bicycles. That would not do. The drawbacks are too numerous, the principal among them being that some reckless policeman might move fast enough to catch an occasional burglar, thereby destroying the reputation of the department.

### ADRIAN NEWS NOTES.

Adrian, Mich., Sept. 1.—Rev. Gilliard returned home Saturday.

Miss Laura Jones, of Toledo, is the guest of Miss Ella Craig.

There was a large congregation Sunday evening at the A. M. E. church, and a very interesting sermon was preached by the pastor.

Miss Emma Taylor, of Toledo, paid our city a flying visit.

Miss Mattie Roberts returned to Wilberforce Monday.

Mrs. Wm. Harris, Mrs. Henry Harris and Misses Mille McCoy and Jennie Harris spent a few days at Round Lake.

### YPSILANTI NOTES.

Ypsilanti, Mich., Aug. 31.—The A. M. E. church is again without a pastor, the Rev. L. M. Becket having resigned.

The Rev. McSmith is very ill in the city.

Mrs. Bird and Mrs. Blackburn are guests of Mrs. DeHazen.

Although the week was rainy, the campmeeting managed by Mr. E. H. Johnson and the Rev. Williams was a success.

The first picnic of the season will be given Thursday by the Baptist and Methodist schools. The Rev. Scruggs of Ann Arbor, and Mr. F. A. Merchant will address those present.

Miss Estelle Embros has returned from Toledo, where she has been visiting friends.

The Light Seekers met at Mr. R. H. Morton's, Tuesday.

The Ladies' Lyceum met at the home of Mrs. A. Moore.

Zach Simmons was in the city Sunday.

Mrs. Freeman visited friends Sunday.

The Good Samaritans elected officers last week.

### BATTLE CREEK DOINGS.

Battle Creek, Mich., August 25.—A notable social event occurred last week, Thursday, at the residence of Mr. Toles, in the marriage of his daughter, Miss Maria Toles, to Mr. Alphonzo Gaines; the ceremony by which the happy pair took upon themselves the vows of matrimony, was performed by Rev. B. Roberts, of Kalamazoo. The affair was very quiet, none being present but the relatives of the contracting parties. Mr. and Mrs. Gaines have a wide circle of friends in our city, where they have resided since childhood and have justly held a high position in society where their refinement and worth have secured for them the universal esteem of our community. The bridal pair have the best wishes of their many friends.

Battle Creek, Mich., Aug. 31.—The Rev. Hill preached his first sermon Sunday to a large audience. He will move his family this week.

Rev. G. B. Pope left last week for South Bend. We regret to part with

## WE GIVE YOU

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him and family. May success attend his labors.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gurley attended the Association at Niles last week, and report a pleasant session.

Mr. Marshall remains very ill. Miss Lizzie Maddison, of Jackson, is the guest of Miss Currie Cook.

Mr. Horace Olds, of Cincinnati, O., left to-day for his home, after a pleasant visit to his brother, Mr. H. C. Olds, of this city.

### BUSINESS BRIEFS.

Chinese immigration is solicited by Mexico.

A Portland brewer is buying saloons to sell his boycotted beer.

Japan has built its first factory for the manufacture of woolen goods.

Washington is the only city of any size in this country that possesses no factories.

The output of gold and silver in Australia in 1890 amounted to about \$26,000,000.

In Russia stoves are built into the walls between rooms, thus heating two rooms at once.

The French make paper umbrellas, rendered wholly waterproof by gelatinized bichromite of potassium.

The vast cattle range in eastern Washington is over three hundred miles long and two hundred miles wide.

China has coined a silver dollar which will be accepted in trade in place of the Mexican and Japanese coins heretofore used.

The introduction of the rubber tree into the Panama islands has not proved successful commercially, as the trees secrete little rubber.

Adobe residences are becoming popular in Southern California from the fact that they are cooler in summer and warmer in winter than ordinary residences.

American petroleum has been shut out of the Peruvian market owing to the discovery of oil fields in that country covering an extent of 7,500 square miles.

The cheapest railway fare in the world is that on the Central London railway, on which there are three workmen's trains daily, the fare for six miles being but two cents.

The population of Japan is 34,000,000, and these are supported on 33,000,000 acres. Irrigation and drainage are universal, and the entire country is one vast garden of wonderful productiveness.

A recent order from an Australian firm for 20,000,000 feet of lumber will require twenty-five large vessels to carry it. Recent extensive developments in mining interests in Central and South America have led to large shipments of timber from this country.

One of the train dispatchers in the service of the Georgia Southern railroad is a woman, Mrs. Willie Coley.

The house in which Andrew Johnson was born, including the tailor shop and sign over the door, is to be removed to the world's fair at Chicago.

Arabi Pacha, the leader of the Egyptian revolt which Eng. and helped the khedive to suppress is reported to be dying in Ceylon where he is a prisoner of state.

Annie Rooney was before Justice Glennon, of Chicago, the other day, charged with disorderly conduct, and the justice permitted her to escape with a fine of \$5 and costs.

Lady Macdonald has received an autograph letter of sympathy from Queen Victoria, a distinguishing mark of imperial favor perhaps never before accorded to a Canadian lady.

There is only one woman member of the British national rifle association, Miss Leale, but there are few better marksmen, if the term will apply. At a contest in London she made a total score of 32—many of them bull's eyes—out of a possible 35.

John Adams in his old age went to Faneuil hall to see Stuart's Washington, near which stood his own bust. Pointing to the hero's firmly closed mouth he said: "That great man could hold his tongue, which this fool," tapping his own bust with his cane, "never could learn."

Henry Labouchere, the famous free-lance London editor and member of parliament, is a little fat man whom a correspondent who recently saw him describes as sitting in a leather chair, twiddling a grizzled beard. "He is a millionaire, a radical, an insufferable wag."

The historic old Valley Forge property on the line of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad is in danger of being divided up and sold, its present owner, Mrs. Anda L. Carter, having instructed her attorney to dispose of 190 acres of it. The portion of the property about to go into the market contains the remnants of the ramparts of Fort Mifflin, the old spring, the site of the forge, and of the headquarters of Washington, Lafayette and Knox.

A. L. Cushman, of Grand Rapids, lost \$50 and accused his friend, George Mendorf, with taking it. Mendorf was arrested and searched, but the money wasn't found. Then Cushman was searched, and the \$50 discovered beneath the waistband of his trousers. Cushman apologized.

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John Oakley Packer, a parish clerk at Gloucester, England, died recently and it is recalled that he was the last surviving pupil of Robert Raikes, of Sunday school memory.

Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, the Philadelphia specialist, is regarded as a literary wonder. His poems are excellent, his medical works standard authorities, and his play, "The Miser," scored an instantaneous success.

John Fiske, the historian, says Lowell was a matchless Dante scholar, and no experience was so valuable, and no instruction in any college corner was pursued with so much pleasure as in his advanced class in Italian.

The relic hunter fend is at work on the monument of Nathaniel Hawthorne to such an extent that a big fence will be placed about it to keep intruders away. The magnificent tombstone has been chipped continually until now there is scarcely any of it left.

Gen. Butler's wife, of whom he writes so tenderly in his memoirs, was an exquisite elocutionist, surpassed, in the opinion of many by Fanny Kemble alone. She knew several of the Shakesperian plays by heart, and believed that they were the work of Bacon.

The undertaker who furnished Mrs. Polk's coffin performed the same service for President Polk forty-three years ago. The casket was of what undertakers call the "monarch" style, which is reserved for "state occasions." It was of red cedar, with copper lining and silver trimmings, supported by Norman columns covered with black broadcloth.

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Church News-

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The call is signed by B. W. Arnett, W. B. Derrick, C. H. Phillips and L. W. Huss.

The corner-stone of the new St. Paul's church, Baltimore, Md., has been laid.

Walter L. Preston, a Baptist missionary, has been called to preach in a new M. E. church in Bridgewater, New Hampshire.

The Christian Herald quotes an excerpt from Spurgeon which is so suggestive of one's need in our own churches that it is given a place in church. It is as follows:

Is the printing department of the Sunday School Union closed or not, is the question which Dr. C. S. Smith may address himself to next. In the meantime the word, Afro-American, will be used, the great C. S. S. to the contrary notwithstanding.

A call has been made through the Christian Recorder for a convention of Afro-American Methodists, to be held in Washington, during the setting of the Ecumenical conference in October "for the purpose of advancing plans and means looking towards closer union and more fraternal relations among the various colored Methodists of the world."

"They used in old times to catch pigeons and send them out with sweet arguments on their wings; other pigeons followed them into the dove-cote for the sake of their perfume, and so were captured. I would that every one of us had the heavenly anointing on our wings, the divine perfume of peace and joy and rest; for then others would be fascinated to Jesus, allured to heaven."

Piqua, O., August 30.—The Third Regiment of O. N. G. camped in Fountain park, and after a gloomy time of one week, left Monday, Aug. 24th, for their homes.

We notice on our streets the pleasant faces of Harry Holmes and wife, of Goshen, Ind.

Mrs. Lindsay has returned home from her visit to Madison, Ind. Miss Callie Gilliam, who has been visiting friends and relatives, has returned to her home in Washington, D. C. Also Miss Fannie Harris will return soon.

Philippi Lodge, No. 2204, G. N. O. of O. F., went to Sidney August 30th, to attend the funeral of Richard Mitchell. Many others were present from Piqua.

Miss Abbie Palmer is on the sick list. The Rev. Mr. Woods, of Springfield, preached at the Second Baptist church. D. A. M.

THE FATHER OBJECTED. Montague, Mich., August 28.—Richard Shellbine is in a very critical condition here, and injuries received from a club in the hands of I. W. Bird, may result in his death. Shellbine, who is white, had been paying attention to Bird's good-looking, 20-year-old daughter, which the father forbids on account of his color. Calling Wednesday night, in spite of the prohibition, he was assaulted by Bird, and terribly hurt.

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A PLEASANT PARTY. Oil City, Pa., August 31.—Bishop Payne passed through the city from Titusville, Pa., to Wilberforce, Ohio. Mr. William Ervin, who is with the Catholic Tribune, Cincinnati, visited our city last week in interest of that paper.

A very pleasant party was given at the beautiful home of Miss Florence Burch, on Wednesday evening last. Music and games were the chief amusement.

Mrs. R. M. Green is confined to her bed from a severe fall last week. The Odd Fellows gave a social in their lodge room last Monday evening which was a success, financially as well as socially.

Mrs. Lowery, of Titusville, was in the city on last Sabbath. F. M. D.

PORT HURON LOCALS. Port Huron, Mich., August 24.—Mrs. W. H. Russell, of Detroit, and Mrs. C. A. Hillman, of Evansville, Ind., who have been visiting Mrs. A. E. Kennedy and daughters, left for Detroit, Thursday afternoon. They were accompanied by Mrs. M. E. Fletcher, of Shelbyville, Ky., and Sam Russell, who were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Page.

Mrs. W. Troy, of Detroit, who is spending the summer in this city, visited in St. Clair last week.

Mr. T. Jackson, who has been in the employ of J. L. Wayner all summer, has left the city for Detroit, where he will remain during the exposition.

Marion, Ind., Aug. 25.—It has been some time since the Plaindealer has had a letter from Marion, but our silence does not indicate that our interest is waning, or that we are non-progressive.

After a drought for five weeks rain fell steadily 48 hours, and everything and everybody was refreshed thereby.

The County Fair, which opens today and continuing until the 28th, is an attraction just now.

Mrs. A. H. Smith is visiting her mother in Springfield, Ohio. Mrs. N. W. Harper is visiting her parents in Neweastle.

Miss Lizzie Vaughn, of Cass county, is visiting in the city. The Baptist church which was recently started here was not a success.

Camp meeting is in progress at Hill's Chapel. Mr. B. Phillips and wife, of Mechanicsburgh, O., will reside here in the future.

"Father" Young, an old resident of Marion, died, aged 80 years, since I wrote last. He leaves seven children and a number of grand-children to mourn his loss.

Mr. and Mrs. John West are grieving over the death of their little son, who was only seven weeks old.

Findlay, O., Aug. 30.—Rain prevented the usual large attendance at quarterly meeting Sunday.

Miss Nannie Woodson, after about two months' visit here with her two brothers and other relatives, starts home Tuesday, to take charge of her school at Bowling Green, Ky.

Rev. J. W. Brumfield, of Chicago, is in the city, and is visiting Miss Woodson. Rev. Brumfield expresses himself very favorably impressed with our city.

Mr. B. Smoke is on the sick list. Mrs. W. H. Thompson lost her home and furniture by fire last night. Loss, about \$3,000, partly insured.

Mrs. Archy Woods is home again after about six weeks' visit in Michigan, and is looking much better.

Mrs. Skellens has returned home also. Mrs. A. French, after visiting at Cleveland, Cincinnati and several places in New York state, has returned home accompanied by her sister, Hattie whom we are all pleased to welcome back.

Mr. Grant Johnson is now in Kentucky. He is expected home next week.

Mr. O. Johnson is very sick. The Findlay people will celebrate in Lima, September 22.

Mr. A. B. Cooper does the leading business in making and repairing shoes in Findlay, and it is said by those that should know that he has the finest shoe-shop in the state.

Miss Lora Ransom, of Belaire, O., is in the city, visiting her brother and sister.

Mr. Charles Scott and wife, of Lima, have moved to Findlay, and expect to make this their future home. We are glad to welcome them.

The glass houses have nearly all opened, and Findlay is again alive. Mr. Fred Adams, of Fostoria, was on our streets today.

Mrs. James King has returned home after four week's visit in different cities in Ohio. T. A. Y.

West Superior, Wis., Aug. 31.—Miss Wright, of Canada, is visiting Mrs. J. Stokes.

Mrs. A. Hopson, of Alexandria, Minn., is the guest of Mrs. R. Ho-son. Mesdames Fred Johnson, and James Butler were entertained at tea by Mrs. H. E. Johnson, Monday, and by Mrs. J. N. Richey, Thursday.

Mrs. Wagner expects to leave for New Mexico, next week. S. C. B.

A SAD FATE. Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Brown, of Worcester, Mass., arrived in Detroit, August 6th, intending to reside here. They were just becoming satisfied that they had made a desirable change of residence, and were gathering hope of the beneficial effect of the climate, when Mr. Brown was struck down with an affection of the heart, which was chronic, and in a few days he was dead. During his short residence here he had made friends and was respected by them for the excellent qualities which he possessed. His early death and the loneliness of his widow are deeply deplored by all who knew them. The deceased was a little over 36 years old. He was a prominent mason at his home, and came well recommended to the craft in Detroit. His remains were laid away in Elmwood on Sunday with the sad rites of the Masonic order.

Grand Haven, Mich., Sept. 1.—Mrs. Julia Linn returned home Saturday. Mr. E. Molsen has finished at the Spring Lake house, and has removed back to his old shop on Main street.

The Spring Lake house closed Sunday evening for the season. The scarlet fever was the cause of the house closing so soon.

The Kit factory owned by Charles Kilborn, was destroyed by fire Sunday evening.

The electric company are rushing things; they have the poles up and the works will soon be finished.

The Ackley college will soon be under roof.

Mr. H. Smith is reported better; he has had a hard pull.

F. R. Graves is soon to leave the city for the north-eastern part of the country.

Mr. M. Smith has returned to the city after a short ramble. We are pleased to see him back. F. R. G.

Albion, Mich., August 26.—Miss Kate L. Crawford is spending a few days with her aunt, Mrs. D. E. Williams. She is on her way to St. Louis, Mo., where she is one of the teachers in the public schools.

OUR CANADIAN COUSINS

THE WEEK'S HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS ONTARIO POINTS.

Cayuga, Ont., September 1.—Mrs. L. Duncan, after a short visit here among friends, left for her home in Hamilton.

Mr. Robert Street, Mr. Jas. Duncan and Mr. A. S. Barnes left here on last Monday to join the Black Cyclone Colored minstrel company, under the management of W. S. Purdy. They intend traveling through Canada, and then through the Eastern and Western states. The friends here in this vicinity hope that the trains will be running when they want to come back.

Miss M. Elliott and mother were the guests of Mrs. H. Barnes on Thursday last.

Mr. G. R. Gayles, of Buffalo, made a flying visit here. Mr. E. H. Barnes returned home after a week's visit to Hamilton to the Saengerfest. B. H. E.

Canfield, Ont., September 1.—Mr. G. R. Gayles, of Buffalo, N. Y., spent a few days at his old home in this place. The many friends whom he had left some years ago were glad to see his countenance once more. He left on Saturday for Boston, Mass., where he will spend a short time.

Mr. William Street and Mr. James Duncan spent a few days in Hamilton, during the Saengerfest.

Mrs. Bertha Fields, after a short visit home, left for Ft. Erie on Saturday.

Miss Martha Elliott and mother were the guests of Miss M. Streets, last week.

Mrs. Lucy Duncan and children, of Hamilton, have returned home after a pleasant visit to this place and surrounding country.

Mr. David Street left for Buffalo, N. Y., on Friday last.

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Fletcher, Ont., Aug. 31.—The dry weather continues, and farmers are busy preparing their land for wheat. There has been just a few light showers, but not enough to give any water.

Miss Miller, of Lansing, is visiting her mother in Buxton, and is on her way to see friends at St. Catharines and Niagara Falls.

Mrs. Jos. Shrieve has returned to her home in Chicago.

At a lawn concert held at Mr. A. Robbins in Buxton on the 27th. Mr. R. L. Holden and W. H. Bazzy, of Chatham, delivered telling speeches in the interest of the Kent Civil Rights League, of Chatham, and in a lucid manner pointed out the great work to be accomplished and urged the people to action. They were loudly cheered.

Miss Mary Ann Morris, representing South Buxton came forward with a beautifully decorated cake that all the other cakes dwindled into insignificance before it, but the threatening clouds prevented the cake walk from taking place and the crowd dispersed after an enjoyable evening.

Miss Hattie Rhine left on the 26th, for Henderson, Ky., to take charge of her school there. J. G.

Guelph, Ont., Aug. 31. Rev. Mr. Minter has been returned to Guelph for another year. We are pleased to hear of his return, as he has been a great success in building up the church and advancing the young people in every department, and has taken a general interest in his work.

Mr. A. Smith and his son, Josephus, took a trip to the country. They say that the crops are very good in Peel county, although they will be rather late on account of the wet weather.

Preparations are being made for school which opens on Tuesday the 1st. Master Ernest Sheffield returned home from Collingwood after a pleasant vacation with his friends.

Miss Eva Bollen has returned from her uncle's in Toronto. M. S.

Chatham, Ont., Aug. 31.—Quarterly meeting passed off very pleasantly, although the little shower we had in the morning threatened to make the day a disagreeable one. A large number turned out through the day. Bishop Wilmore of the Union church assisted Rev. J. O'Banyoun in the sacramental service. Five persons came forward and were received in full membership into the church, which is in a prosperous condition.

Miss Emma Fox returned on Friday from her visit to Springfield, O.

Mrs. Kennedy and her daughter, Inaus, and Mrs. Enm. Douglass, are on the sick list.

Miss Lewis of Detroit, arrived in the city last week for the purpose of teaching in the music department of the Wilberforce Institute.

On last Wednesday evening quite a large number of the members and friends gathered at the house of the Rev. J. O'Banyoun, and took him and his wife and mother greatly by surprise with the numerous baskets which each one brought, heaping the table with the necessary comforts of life.

The program of the Willing Workers society last Monday evening was very good and quite a number was present. Lizzie.

THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF WAYNE. In chancery. At a session of said Court held at the court room in the City of Detroit in said County on Thursday, the 20th day of August, 1891. Present: Hon. Henry N. Brewster, Circuit Judge. Lucinda Burrell vs. Alexander Burrell, complainant and answerer in said cause within four months from date of this order, and that in default thereof said bill of complaint be taken as confessed by the said non-resident defendant. And it is further ordered that within twenty days before the date thereof said complainant cause a notice of this order to be published in THE DETROIT PLAINDEALER, a newspaper printed, published and circulated in said County once in each week for six weeks in succession.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, '91.

Good crops and fair prices always militate against the Democracy and new parties.

The Farmers' Alliance is the old Greenback party revived, with a few additions, and it is started by the same old leaders.

It is now said that the Hon. J. M. Langston is a candidate for the Haytian mission. Has he given up the contest for the judgeship?

The Appeal is laying up for itself endless trouble, in trying to find out who among Afro-American women is the handsomest, by the ballot.

There is such a thing as overbooming a man as the candidate of his party for any particular office, and this is what the Blaine organs appear to be doing.

The Memphis Appeal-Avalanche man makes the statement that Afro-American preachers controlling 1,200 votes in his section, can be bought for \$10. What has the Free Speech to say to that?

Every thing must have a beginning. Even Editor Hackley was at one time hardly more than a year old, and he probably then was not in a more healthy condition than the Afro-American League now is.

Senator Sherman's opening in the Ohio campaign on honest money, was a remarkably clear effort. He thoroughly punctured the free coinage measure, and made a complete refutation of the charges made by the Democratic and Alliance people in accusing the Republican party of being the cause of the demonetization of silver.

It is really too bad that there is only one practical man in the world while all the rest are theorists. Ought not the practical man proceed to enlighten by showing wherein theorists are wrong and helping to set them right, instead of standing aloof and prophesying evil, and not lifting one hand to help us out of the mire of our theorizing sloughs.

The memorable celebration of the battle of Bennington recalls the important part taken in the Continental war by the "Molls" and women of equally homely christian names. The Clarices and Margherites and Gladys prominently engaged at present in the battles over bifurcated skirts and Delsartean gyrations, were evidently "not in it" in 1776.

It is very likely that during the coming fall there will be opened a section of land in Oklahoma containing 4,000,000 acres. The land is fertile, the climate is good, and if President Harrison succeeds in his negotiations with the Cherokees, it will be an excellent chance for such Afro-Americans who live in States where freedom is denied them, and who are able to move, to take up land there and create a new home for themselves. It is better to suffer privation for a time in an effort to be free, and enjoy the privileges of a man, than to have plenty and be not able to enjoy it.

Louisiana has made itself conspicuous again on the color question. It was delegates from this State that sought to create a color line in the G. A. R., and now in the Patriotic order of the Sons of America, they asked for more time to impress upon that body the necessity for excluding Afro-Americans from that body. It requires a four-fifths vote in that body to change the constitution, and upon the vote to eliminate the word "white," only two-thirds of the delegates voted for it. Pennsylvania voted solidly for its elimination, while Ohio and Illinois delegates voted almost solidly for it.

In one or two of the states, the separate car law is particularly stringent. An Afro-American cannot even ride in a Pullman car if there are white people in it, and for an offense against this law the Afro-American must pay a fine, and if the conductor does not have him ejected, he is also liable. By such extremes this mean Southern prejudice will overleap and destroy itself. It will draw to it the attention

of the public sentiment throughout the country that will demand the repeal of all such legislation, and which will also insist that every man be entitled to the full benefit of the law and his citizenship.

Colonel Hardy, of St. Paul, Minnesota, was a delegate to the Afro-American League, which recently met in Knoxville, Tennessee. While on his way to and from he was subjected to a great many indignities by the railroads on account of the separate car law of the latter state. Although holding a first-class ticket, he was compelled to ride in second-class cars. This he did under protest that he was a citizen of another state. Since going home Mr. Hardy has placed his grievances before his friends and neighbors and they have organized to push a test case of the separate car system to the United States Supreme Court. In view of other biased decisions of that tribunal it will be of interest to note its decision in this case.

What a wall of sympathy is now going up from some of our Northern journals over the poor Southerner who is being so heavily taxed to educate the "Negro." If ever there was sympathy misplaced, this is. If ever there was made a false statement, that is. But even if it were not so it is the duty of the State to educate the children therein, whether they be black or white. They who own the wealth must pay the tax direct, each in proportion to his accumulations. But they who are so full of sympathy forget that not only in the South, but throughout the country, they who live in rented homes really pay their share of the taxes of their states. Though not paid directly to the tax receiver, it is paid to the landlord.

European diplomats are thrown into consternation over the fact of Turkey's permitting a vessel of the Russian volunteer fleet to pass the Dardanelles, and over the apology of the Porte to Russia for having detained the vessel. As this is a violation of the treaty made between the great powers of Europe in 1841 and confirmed by those of 1871 and 1878, a war cloud is again visible. "England must protect her interests," cry the English papers, while the Vossische Zeitung of Germany says that such action on the part of the Sultan would justify the removal of Turkey from among the independent states of Europe. Thus it is that scarcely before one war cloud has disappeared, another arises to keep the diplomats in office, maintain large standing armies, increase taxation and making the life of the common people generally miserable, and keeping them poor.

Canada is disappointed because she hasn't passed the 5,000,000 mark. The increase in her population for ten years has only been 500,000, while in immigration alone for that period she received 850,000. This would seem to indicate that either the Canadian citizen is leaving as rapidly as the immigrant arrives, or that the immigrant soon tires and leaves for the States. Indeed, Canada has much food for reflection in the census, and it naturally suggests such pertinent questions to her people as "Is our economic policy of government best adapted to our interests?" "Does connection with the English people in government have an influence upon our people?" "Would reciprocity with the States benefit us, or would not annexation to the States best fill up our lands and stimulate our factories and industries?" The natural increase in her population should equal the gain made in her population during the ten years.

Chili has scarcely completed her incense war, before the dispatches that come from the Republics south of us are filled with reports of disturbances. Salvador and Mexico are vexed by tyrants who rule with iron hand, and revolutions are budding. What better off are these Republics with their thousands of years behind them of civilization, than the Haytian with scarce a century? Is there to be found in the license of the mob at Valparaiso and Santiago any greater wisdom or humanity than in they who, upon like occasion, have thronged the streets of Port au Prince? Come nearer home. Is there any more of Christianity, of civilization, of refinement in the almost daily outrages committed by chivalrous (?) bourgeois against defenceless Afro-Americans (men, women and children) than there is in the reported outrages in Hayti? Does the fiercer cruelty of those reputed to be civilized entitle them to be regarded as more fit for self-government, than those who are regarded as almost savages?

The Southwestern Christian Advocate sympathizes with the Southern G. A. R. members who asked for a separate department for Afro-Americans in that organization. It says Northern people cannot appreciate the

who brooks Southern prejudices. A man's business and social standing is destroyed and his prospects ruined. These Northern men who go South and find they have to relinquish every patriotic principle to live in that section, had better sacrifice their business prospects and go elsewhere. It is better to be a man of principle than a toadyist, even though it brings a modicum of success, by such ignominious bonding. The South has been long bidding for Northern men and capital. When it sees that it must exercise tolerance in order to bring Northern men and capital to develop its resources, the South will learn a lesson. As it is, the G. A. R. men who now cater to Southern prejudices, are bowing to for gain, what they offered their lives to defeat.

### Current Comment.

Washington Pilot: Rest assured that if any colored jurist is appointed to the bench it will be the practical lawyer, Hon. D. A. Straker, of Michigan.

Muskegon News: Suppose this rain-making business is a success—what of the legal aspects of the case? Has the rain producer any right to spoil Farmer A's hayting just to help out Farmer B's potato crop? Shall a Methodist picnic be postponed on account of a shower gotten up by the Baptist congregation? These and others will be serious questions to handle by the official rain-maker when he is added to the list of county officials.

Star of Zion: The Grand Army of the Republic is having its praises sounded by the colored press everywhere. It took advanced ground in standing up for the right, and the New York Independent pertinently asks the Christian church what it has to say now in extenuation of its prejudices, when an organization laying no claim to Christian principles or teachings, can rise up in its might and declare against such unjust discriminations? Is the Christian church really leading in modern reforms, or does it propose that secular organizations shall lead? Is the pulpit waiting for wrongs to be corrected by worldliness, or does it propose to thunder against them until wickedness ceases to dwell in high places? The pulpit must lead in condemning wrong, in demanding justice for all, in defending truth.

Evansville Graphic: The Nashville Tribune says that Rev. C. S. Smith, manager of the A. M. E. Publishing House, has discharged the colored printers and hires the work done at a white office, on the ground (as he alleges) that the work can be done cheaper. If this is true this man Smith should be ousted at once. This publishing house belongs to the colored Methodists of the whole country and is supported by them. It is the only printing office perhaps in the city of Nashville where colored men can work, and to close its doors upon them is an insult to the colored people of the whole country. This man Smith, if the charge is true, is like a large number of colored men who get their living wholly from colored people, but the moment they have anything to do they cannot find a colored person good enough to do it. Yet, to hear them talk about what they are doing and what they will do, one would be led to think those fellows would suffer martyrdom for their race. Such fellows are found in every town and city—in fact, the woods are full of them. But their sun is setting.

A majority of Southern employers interviewed affirm that education has "injured the Negro as a common laborer." If this means that it has raised and refined his aspirations, it has done no more for him than for intelligent whites. The more a freeman is "injured" this way, the better.

### FROM THE FAR WEST.

Ronald, Wash., Aug. 24.—Dull times are about over, and work at the mines has begun on half time. It is expected that they will soon run on full time. Afro-Americans find ready employment here as miners, and, since their introduction here in Kittitas county, more than 1,000 have settled in the state, most of them at Franklin, Cedar mountain and New Castle in Kings county. Kittitas county being centrally located and possessing the flourishing county seat of Elsenburgh, a young city of about 4,000 inhabitants, promises to be the most successful of central Washington. The land is good for farming and mining, and there is still much desirable land not taken up. There is no reason why it should not attract many wealthy and influential Afro-Americans as well as laborers. We are glad to note that a few are coming in, and we will cheerfully welcome others. Among the new-comers whom we look upon with pride, is a young attorney, Mr. A. A. Garner, who has come to make a name among the legal pioneers of the state. Mr. L. Saunders has gone to Franklin.

A. A. Hawkins is at New Castle. Mrs. Frank Bonner left for New Castle, last week. Mr. Henry Rhone has resumed his position as superintendent of the hauling department of the mines. Mr. Isaac Sally, one of the engineers at the mine, is giving perfect satisfaction. Mrs. Sanders expects soon to join her husband at Franklin, and visit friends before she returns.

### THE RAIN MAKER.

Who is it when the sun is high,  
And all the land is hot and dry,  
Answers the farmer's piteous cry?  
The Rainmaker.  
Who is it when on hill and plain  
The starving cattle browse in vain,  
Brings with him promises of rain?  
The Rainmaker.  
Who is it with his little bomb,  
Projected into the air so plumb,  
Makes Jupiter Pluvius succumb?  
The Rainmaker!  
Who is it when the rain hath poured,  
And life to nature is restored,  
Is both by sick and good accord?  
The Rainmaker!

### The Separate Car.

Minneapolis to Test the Constitutionality of the Law.

The Afro-Americans of Minnesota sent a delegate to the recent convention at Knoxville, and he was forced to travel in a second class coach, though holding a first-class ticket. Being accustomed to the freedom of Northern cities he resents his treatment South, and upon his return home he has agitated the question of testing the constitutionality of the separate car law. The citizens of St. Paul have determined to test the obnoxious law, and held a large and representative meeting lately in that city. F. L. McGhee presided at the meeting. The following resolutions were adopted:

Reaffirming our declaration heretofore made, that "every colored citizen has been most flagrantly insulted and his citizenship debased by the enactment of the odious separate car act of Tennessee, which went into force on the 12th day of June, 1891, and believing it a duty we owe to ourselves and our race to have the validity of said act tested in the highest court of our land, be it

Resolved, That we assembled do constitute and appoint a committee of twelve, whose duty it shall be to devise such ways and means as it may deem best to the end of instituting such proceedings as are necessary to test the constitutionality of such act; and said committee, when appointed, is hereby given plenary power to collect and expend funds, and do all other things necessary in the premises.

Resolved further, That as soon as practicable said committee shall issue an address through the press and pulpit soliciting popular subscription and co-operation for the purpose of the promotion of the premises.

A subscription was started for the purpose of carrying out the purpose of the resolution. There was \$100 subscribed and \$40 paid in. The following committee was named to issue and circulate the appeal referred to and to raise further funds:

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### PERSONAL AND IMPERSONAL.

Pittsburg's Afro-American candidate for councilman is Mr. Robt. Day, Jr. B. F. Lightfoot, formerly editor of the New England Torchlight, was drowned recently while bathing at Magnolia, Mass.

Miss Laura A. Taylor, of Minneapolis, has been appointed clerk in the dry goods establishment of S. E. Olson & Co.

The will of the late Mrs. Rose E. Randolph, of Memphis, Tenn., was probated last week. She left property valued at \$50,000.

Will Lewis, of Tullahoma, Tenn., a lad of 18, was taken from jail by a band of masked men and hung last week. His only crime was drunkenness.

Cards are out for the wedding of Mr. E. Montgomery Buncie, of Washington, and Miss Maud Benjamin, of Norwich, Conn. The marriage will take place September 9.

The sheriff at Conway, Ark., succeeded in ending a mob of 200 men Friday night that had determined to hang Charles Mulligan, an Afro-American who was under arrest for the murder of Isaac Frankenthal. The prisoner was taken safely to Little Rock.

### JUMPED TO HIS DEATH.

Greenwood, Miss., August 29.—The Locust Grove Baptist church, about one mile from town, is very nearly completed. The church is built on the very beautiful site on which their old church stood. The writer, accompanied by friends went out to the church last Sunday, and there heard the funeral sermon of Mrs. M. E. Hanton, who was a member of that church. The sermon was preached by the Rev. A. C. Murphy, who was assisted by the Rev. A. Q. Thomas.

The Rev. Campbell, pastor of the McKinney chapel Baptist church, has been holding protracted meeting for two weeks.

The Sunday school convention held at Minter City was a nice affair.

The Rev. L. W. Washington, pastor of the Minter City charge, has also been carrying on protracted meeting, and has received over forty into the church. He baptized them last Sunday. The Rev. S. H. Mails, of this place, preached the baptismal sermon.

Columbus Bell, who was convicted at this place and sent to the convict farm for playing dice, was killed a few days ago by a falling tree.

The wife of Arrie Hatch, who lives a few miles from this place, has turned white. She has been examined closely, and it is said by those who examined her, that there are but few black spots on her.

Mr. J. E. Holmes, of Yazoo City, was in our town a few days this week in the interests of the Meridian building and loan association.

The Rev. A. Macbeth, of Itto Beno, was in the city this week.

An Afro-American of Linton, a little town about six or eight miles from this place, committed rape on his mother-in-law Thursday, was arrested and put on the train yesterday to bring to this place to be put in jail, but while the train was running along at almost lightning speed, he tried to effect his escape by jumping from the train. He got but a little distance before he received a shot in the neck, and died shortly afterward. G. H. H.

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### MAJOR WARNER THANKED.

Representative Afro-Americans of Kansas City Appreciate the Services Rendered.

The Afro-Americans of Kansas City, Mo., the home of Major Warner, chairman of the "Color Line Committee," at the G. A. R. encampment, called upon him upon his return home to personally thank him for his part in the settlement of the color question in that organization. He was presented with resolutions adopted by the Attucks club, of that city, and addresses were made by Professors J. D. Bowser and W. W. Yates.

Major Warner responded at some length to the address and resolutions, rejoicing in the expressions of appreciation and good feeling evinced by the visitors, while disclaiming any particular right to the honors given him. He said in full:

"Friends, to see that this demonstration by you as the representatives of not only the colored citizens of Kansas City, but I take it as reflecting the sentiments of the colored citizens throughout the country, is to me most gratifying; not that I have individually done anything that justifies it, but that I am so fortunate to be a member of an organization of men who were the Nation's defenders when the Union was in the throes of impending dissolution, that I am so fortunate as to be a member of that organization which in its silver anniversary more than a quarter of a century after Appomattox said that up to this day in our organization we have known no creed, we have known no color, and by the eternal will know none.

"There is no new principle in the Grand Army of the Republic. From its birth in 1866, at Decatur, Ills., to its silver encampment at Detroit, its only qualification of membership has been an honorable discharge from the Union army or navy, unblemished by any unworthy act in civil life.

"No man, however high, not possessing these qualifications, can be admitted. No man, however humble, can be rightfully excluded. The enlarged catholicism of the Grand Army of the Republic as of qualification of membership will ever be restricted. It never has had and never will have a color line.

"No man, let me say to you now, and I wish I could say it to our colored comrades throughout the United States—no man, however high, however gifted in eloquence, can ever induce an encampment of old soldiers to draw any line save that of good citizenship between the men who fought the battles of liberty. We had in the civil war, 165 regiments of infantry, cavalry, heavy and light artillery of colored men. Their blood was shed on the same fields and in the same cause as was the blood of their white comrades.

"Their love of country, their devotion to the flag, received a baptism of blood upon many battlefields of the civil war. At Milliken's Bend, in that fierce struggle, more than 50 per cent of the colored troops were killed or wounded. It was the Fifty-Fourth Massachusetts, a Negro regiment, that was given the post of honor to lead the grand charge at Fort Wagner. Two hundred and seventy-two of the six hundred and fifty brave men with black faces who went into that charge did not return. Who has not read the story of the mine explosion, or the Battle of the Crater, where 1,327 colored soldiers gave their lives that the nation might live.

"The men who thought you were good enough to fight by their side in the civil war will never, so long as you keep abreast with them as honorable and respectable citizens, say by word or deed that you are not fit to become members of the G. A. R., in any department of the Union.

"The first drop of blood that was shed by the patriots that founded this government, was that of a colored man who led the citizens—then called a mob—of Boston against the British massacre. They fought side by side with the patriots at Bunker Hill and on other battlefields of the Revolution.

"In the war of 1812, General Jackson authorized the enrollment of colored troops, and at the close of the war complimented them for their bravery and discipline.

"The resolutions you have presented me, I notice were passed by the Attucks club. It is happily named, as Attucks was the leader of that brave band of citizens of whom I have spoken, and who fell in the Boston massacre. He, with the other comrades who fell by his side, pierced with British bullets, lay in state in Fanueil hall. One stone marks their resting place, bearing this inscription:

"Long as in Freedom's cause wise men contend,  
Dear to your country shall your fame extend,  
While to the world the lettered stone shall tell  
Where Caldwell, Attucks, Gray and Meyerick fell.

"Brave Attucks' name will never be erased from that stone, nor will one of his race, because of his color, be denied admission to the G. A. R.

"In justice to our comrades generally, I feel that it is my duty to say that what I said and did at the encampment at Detroit was simply in cordance with the spirit and genius of our organization. I did no more than other comrades would have gladly done had either of them been upon the committee in my place, and I am authorized to say had the commander-in-chief understood the facts as they came before the committee, he would never have made the recommendation for separate departments in Louisiana and Mississippi.

"This is no time for extended remarks, and in conclusion let me again return to you my heartfelt thanks for your kindly expressions upon this

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Mr. Frank Hymon, of Washington, D. C., is visiting in the city this week.

Mrs. Geo. W. Check left last week for a short visit to Wellington and Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig have returned to their home in Grand Rapids after a pleasant stay in the city.

The Rev. E. H. McDonald, of the Baptist church, preached his farewell sermon last Sunday.

Miss Lulu Watson, who has been visiting her uncle, Dr. S. C. Watson, has returned to her home in Washington.

Misses Pelham and Gregory, who were guests last week of Mrs. W. W. Ferguson at her cottage on Bois Blanc island, returned home Saturday.

Mrs. Gray, of Uniontown, Pa., mother of Mr. Wm. Carter of 324 Montcalm street, died at his home, August 4th.

During the last days of the conference held at Bethel church recently, Bishop Arnett assisted in presiding. He was the guest of Mrs. H. J. Lewis.

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Mrs. Douglass, Miss Douglass and Miss Fannie Douglass, of Chicago, who have been the guests of their sister, Mrs. John M. Henderson, for some time, left for home yesterday.

Miss Helena Abbott, of Toronto, Ont., has returned home after having spent a most delightful time in the city. She was the guest of Mrs. M. E. Lambert.

Mrs. Will Beasley, who has been spending the summer with relatives in the city, will be accompanied to her home in Chicago by her niece, Miss Eita Gregory. They will probably leave Saturday night.

Miss Dora R. Grayson, teacher of music in the public schools of Tecumseh, and well known for the sweetness of her voice in Detroit, is in the city for the present week. Miss Grayson is an enthusiastic cyclist and has fallen in love with Detroit's asphalt.

During the week of the annual conference, Mrs. W. H. Gregory entertained the Rev. E. E. Gregory and family, of Day, Rev. J. P. Goutas and family, of Bay City, Rev. C. F. Hill and family, of East Saginaw, and Mrs. C. H. Brown, of Day.

The person who took from Abstract hall on Thursday evening, August 20,—Meykidi Literary entertainment—a silk umbrella bearing the following inscription, "J. B. Lyle, Lex., Ky.," will please return the same to 197 Antoine street, or the name will appear in the next issue of this paper.

The Detroit City Band, organized last fall, has, under the instruction of their capable leader, Mr. J. W. Johnson, been steadily improving, and are fast reaching a point where they may aspire to be classed among the best of the city. The band leaves here Saturday to fill an engagement in Montreal and will return in time to play for the Porters' Union in the Labor Day parade.

Miss Ida Griffin, who spent her vacation traveling with the Fiske Singers, will be with them again next season. Miss Griffin's lovely contralto voice has contributed often in the past to the advantage and pleasure of her friends, and she will leave for her new duties with the good wishes of an entire community. The fact that she will be chaperoned by Mrs. Porter Cole is a guarantee of her success.

Prince Momolu, son of the King of the Vey Nation of Western Africa, is in the city for a few days, at the residence of Mrs. Garrison, of Division street. He is a very bright young man, of rather small stature and of more than ordinary powers of observation. The craving for learning caused him to run away from his country three years ago, since which time he has been a student at Nashville preparing for a course in Medicine at the Meharry Institute. Last Monday he delivered a very interesting lecture on the manners and customs of his country to as many as St. Matthew's church could comfortably hold. What English he has at command is very clearly handled with a pleasing accent and combined with a simple off-hand style, makes his discourse novel as well as instructive. People of these so-called christian and civilized countries, in their great self-conceit, entirely underestimate the inherent abilities of the native African and his powers of reason, and no one knows it better than the African himself.

Perhaps the most pathetic portion of the Prince's address was his reference to the invariably fatal effects of a five or six years sojourn in this country upon the health of the Africans. They almost always die in from one to three years after their return. To sacrifice one's life for the privilege of getting and transmitting to one's people a portion of world's knowledge is princely indeed, and should merit encouragement everywhere.

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### Glances Here and There.

Men are coming to learn that to do one thing well, or one branch of one thing well, is about all that an ordinary individual can hope for, so in the professions and trades which men affect most, there are specialists in every department. The result is a higher degree of success in their work, and a well-kept, youthful air, which is often lacking in the women of their homes, even when they are much younger, because women are slower to learn that complete success cannot be hoped for when one must divide his energies on half a dozen different occupations. The Gleaner was called on to sympathize with a young friend the other day, who wondered why at the close of her vacation, she felt so unfit to undertake the work of her profession. He knew that she had spent the time of rest in house-cleaning, sewing, entertaining and canning fruit, but he did not seek to enlighten her as to the cause of her exhaustion, because he had heard her before dilate on the theory that "change of occupation is recreation," and he knew from experience the futility of attempting to give sight to those who are wilfully blind.

The picnic season is almost over in this latitude, but the Gleaner knows of a new fad in sandwiches, which he cannot refrain from giving for the benefit of those whose appetite is improved by dainty service. It is called the aesthetic sandwich and is flavored with violets, roses and other blossoms. Of course you are anxious to know the "how," and here it is.—Butter, you know, takes the flavor of any substance near which it is placed. So you take a pat of sweet butter and, wrapping it in the thinnest dairy cloth, place it in a tureen on a bed of blossoms and cover it over with the same kind of flowers. After the butter has absorbed the fragrance, spread it upon thinly cut bread with a minced filling of meat or jelly, and you have a dish dainty enough to set before the king, or what is much better, a dish which will be potent in winning the heart of your own "particular Prince charming."

Some people think that the fashion of giving wedding presents is already sufficiently embarrassing to persons of limited means, but if a custom invented by a June bride is generally adopted, wedding invitations will become a bugbear so terrible as to entirely destroy the pleasure one experiences from being remembered on this festive occasion of his friends. At a luncheon given as a first entertainment by a young Matron, each name card was different, and consisted of a photograph of some corner or brook of her home, taken so as to include the gift of the person whose name was on the card. Now there are some to whom this would appear only as a pretty acknowledgment of the gift by the bride, but if, as has sometimes happened with the Gleaner, your best friend married when you are least able to be generous and the value of your gift is an exposition of your property rather than an expression of the wealth of good will you have for her, it will not increase your happiness to see your present photographed among the magnificent offerings of your friends. The most elaborate luncheon under such circumstances will be apt to prove as Dead Sea apples to the taste, and the hostess be transformed into a Nemesis, avenging a condition of affairs where you are doubly an innocent victim.

Mrs. Mary Waring has returned to her home in Wauson, O.

Miss Mary Taylor will spend the fall and winter in the city.

Mrs. Rodeman and Mrs. Norez were guests of Mrs. W. H. Gregory a few days.

Mrs. Will Beasley spent last week at Star Island Algonac, and Grande Pointe.

Mr. James Armes is recovering very slowly from his attack of muscular rheumatism.

Mr. William Smith has been appointed clerk in the post office department by Postmaster Hance.

Mrs. McCorkle entertained friends in honor of the Rev. McDonald, Wednesday night.

Mrs. Wm. Smith entertained the Rev. McDonald and other friends at tea Tuesday evening.

Miss Mollie Lewis has accepted the position of music teacher at Wilberforce University, Chatham, Ont.

Miss Millie Taylor, of Watson street, has returned from a pleasant visit to Chatham and Dresden.

Prof. James Gregory, of Washington, D. C., spent Thursday in the city. He paid the Plaindealer a pleasant visit.

Miss Abbott, of Toronto, Ont., sang Gounod's Ave Maria at the afternoon services at St. Matthew's, last Sunday.

Mrs. M. T. Bibbins entertained a few friends at tea Tuesday evening, in honor of Mrs. A. Kennedy and daughter, of Port Huron.

Died—at the residence of her daughter, 150 Elizabeth street East, Mrs. Susan Simpson, aged 90 years, 8 months and 7 days.

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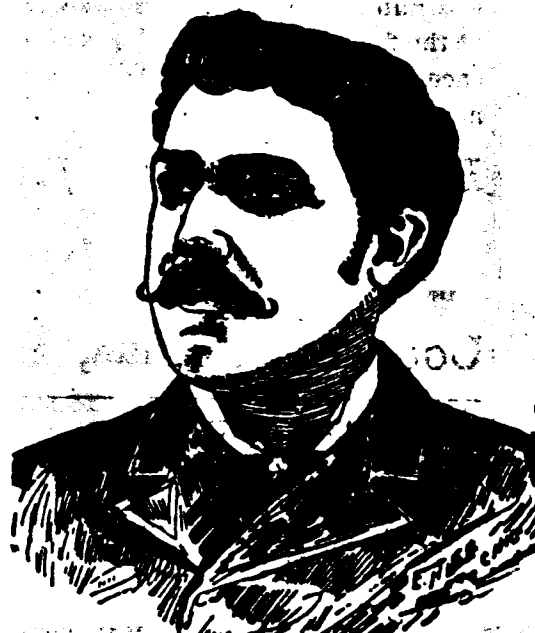
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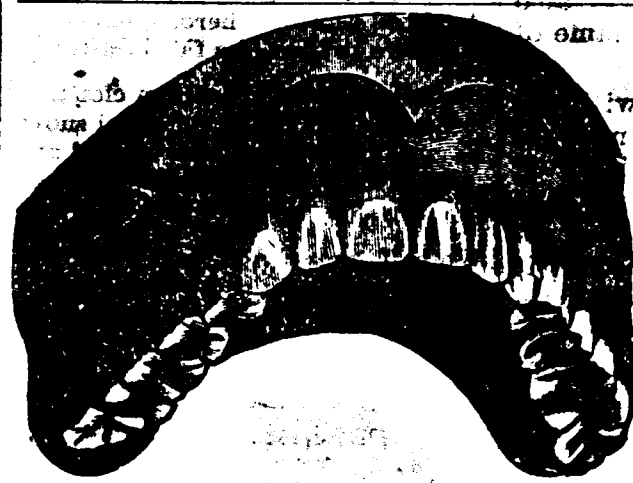
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Flower worship—or, more strictly speaking, the reverence for flowers—is a further manifestation of tree worship, for the origin of which one must go back to that primeval period when the earth seemed not only "apparelled in celestial light," but when every part of creation seemed to be endowed with a strange and conscious vitality.

To us flower superstitions appeal most strongly for their connection with our religion. "The cross of Our Lord," says someone, "may be said to fling its shadow over the whole vegetable world." It has given a quite different complexion to the popular belief. The trees and flowers which had been before that time associated with heathen rites and deities began to be connected with the events of the crucifixion itself, and the legends that have thus arisen are simply legion. A good example is found in the belief that the cross was made of elder, and that for this reason the wood of the elder tree should never be bound up in faggots for burning, or be treated with the least disrespect.

This is quite different from the medieval belief which gave the elder tree a bad character because Judas hanged himself upon it; and the identical tree was shown "fast by the tombs of Absalom" in Sir John Maundeville's time.

Probably the tradition had its origin in pre-Christian times, in the North; for the superstitious regard for it has an analogy in the folklore of the Danes of the present day.

On the border of the wood, says the Saturday Evening Post, with its white clusters glimmering through the dusk, the elder has an especially ghost-like and mysterious appearance; and it is held in Denmark that the tree is protected by a powerful being called the Eldermother, without whose leave it is not safe to gather the flowers.

The change instanced in the elder from heathenish to Christian tradition is illustrated by nothing so well as by the flowers which have been dedicated to the Virgin. All flowers are said to be dedicated to her, but there are many with which her name is, in one form or another, directly associated. The "Lady's smock," the "Lady's slipper," the "Lady's grass," belong to her; in some parts of Germany the primrose is "Our Lady's Key," because, as Grimm suggests, it is the flower that unlocks the spring; the glistening drops that sparkle on the sun-dew are "Our Lady's tears;" and the beautiful maiden-hair fern is also commemorative of her by the name of "Maria's hair."

The lily is first associated with the Virgin in the story of her assumption. It asserts that when the Apostles, on the third day after her interment, visited the grave in which the mother of the Lord was interred, they found it open and filled with a growth of roses and white lilies.

Before the Christian era the great white lily was held in high regard. The Jews believed it had the power of counteracting all witchcraft and enchantments—for which reason Judith is said to have crowned herself with a wreath of lilies when she went out to the tent of Holofernes.

The real rose was a mystic flower in heathen days in both Germany and Scandinavia, and since the advent of Christianity has been an ecclesiastical emblem. The apse of the old cathedral of Hildesheim is nearly covered by a wild rose the roots of which are within the crypt. It can boast, according to popular tradition, of an antiquity extending over more than a thousand years, for it was growing on the spot when Charlemagne laid the foundations of the church.

There is a tale which accounts for its origin. It was when a holy maiden of Bethlehem, "blamed with wrong and slandered," was doomed to death by fire that—says veracious Sir John—"she made her prayers to Our Lord that he would help her, as she was not guilty of that sin." Then the fire was suddenly quenched, and the burning brands became red "roses," and the brands that were not kindled white "roses" full of roses. "And these were the first roses and roses, both white and red, that ever any man saugh." Henceforth the rose became the flower of martyrs as well as an emblem of the Virgin. It was from its association with Mary that St. Dominic instituted the devotion of the rosary, with direct reference to the life of the Mother of God.

Probably almost every plant which the old herbalists record as bearing the name of a saint or as being distinguished by some specially religious epithet might be traced back. In the old gardens every plant and flower had a name suggestive of holy writ. There was the herb benedict, a remedy for nearly all the diseases under the sun, with its graceful trefoil leaf and the five golden petals of its blossoms, symbolising the trinity and the five wounds of our Lord.

There was also a trefoil, or "Herb Trinity," or shamrock, noisome to witches, and possessing an especial interest from the use made of it by St. Patrick. We have, or had, scores of other plants which received saintly names; but we will speak in conclusion of the passion flower. It came from the new world at the very beginning of the seventeenth century, and described as the "flower of the five wounds."—"The fringe-like filaments are blood red, as though referring to the scourge with which our Lord was beaten." In the midst of the flower rises the column to which He was bound, and above are the nails, both of a "clear green." Above, again, is the crown of thorns, surrounded by a kind of veil of threads. In the centre of the flower, and under the column are five marks or spots, of a blood color, "clearly representing the five chief wounds that Christ received on the cross." The plant, "the describer continues, "is rich in leaves, which in shape resemble the iron of a pike or lance head, and refer to that with which our Lord's side was pierced."

When Hoops Came In. It was in the very early portion of the eighteenth century that the hoop petticoat came in. The skirts were not quilted, but there was a kind of panier drapery attached to the train, the bodice pointed, the elbow sleeves ruffled. In 1709 we read of a black silk petticoat having a red-and-white calico border; cherry-colored stays, trimmed with blue and silver; a red and dove-colored damask gown, flowered with large trees; a yellow satin apron, trimmed with white Persian silk.

The quilted petticoat and flowered overgown dates back from 1730 to 1795, when Mr. Pitt brought in the powder tax, which sent powder out of fashion. Hair powdering came into extensive use with the introduction of the huge periwig at the Restoration. Hoops and saks were worn in George I's reign—viz., 1714-1724—and it was in George II's time—1727-1760—that the mock pastoral fashions were introduced, and when men and women dressed as shepherds and shepherdesses.—London Queen.

Our Mother. We have a lady at our hearthstone Of wondrous beauty, graces rare; A welcome guest, so honored,— Precious in our sweet circle's prayer. She has not what the worldly critic Would beauty call, or wit, or grace. And Fashion's magnate, proud and selfish, Would not give our dear a place. She's donned her finished dress, rich, shining. ('Tis seen not but by Love's strong eyes.) And all ablaze with gems of splendor,— Fashion's grand triumph, in the skies. 'Tis set with jewels carved from Virtue; 'Tis starred with diamonds, rare, of Love; A life of sacrifice, heroic, Others to bless, its fabric wove. Beyond our mazy, autumn cloudlands, Beyond our hill's perpetual snow, Beyond our vales of flame, and amber, Where, O, our loved one, wouldst thou go!

We half guess her Eternal Mansion Is now unveiling, nearing, seen To those dear eyes with snowy fringes, Love-lit, sky-lined, soulful, serene. —Woman's Tribune.

FRESHLY GATHERED. The police statistics show that 130,000 persons are dependent upon charity for subsistence in Naples. There are some curious names among the mountaineers of Botetourt county, Va., for instance, Honeybuses, Clapsaddle and Fireball.

The largest reservoir or artificial lake in the world is the great tank of Dhebar, which covers an area of twenty-one square miles. An English bishop has been confined to an insane asylum. He preached so oddly that attention was attracted and he was found to be mentally unbalanced. A queer old man in San Francisco, although he has the whole of a rickety tenement to himself, habitually sleeps in an old Saratoga trunk four feet long.

Miss Louise Renner, of Wise, Isabella county, Mich., went into the woods with her father last winter and with an ax and saw helped her father earn \$125. She has also a bureau made entirely by herself.

Three cities are to hold the ashes of Mme. Blatavsky. The theological convention has resolved to divide her ashes into three parts, and to deposit one portion at Madras, another in London, and the third in New York.

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## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

### LESSON XI—SEPTEMBER 13—CHRIST AND THE BLIND MAN.

Golden Text: "One Thing I Know, That Whereas I Was Blind, Now I See." John IX. 1—11.—35—38.

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**INTRODUCTORY.**—The exact date of this lesson cannot be fixed. We must put it on the Sabbath-day somewhere between the Feast of Tabernacles in October and the Feast of Dedication in December of A. D. 30. Bringing together the statements of the various evangelists, we find that our Lord wrought seven miracles of healing on Sabbath-days: Withered hand, Matt. xii. 9; demoniac at Capernaum, Mark i. 21; Simon's wife's mother, Mark i. 29; woman bowed down eighteen years, Luke xiii. 11; dropsical man, Luke xiv. 1; paralytic at Bethesda, John v. 10; man born blind.

**I. THE BLIND MAN HEALED.**—Verses 1-7. 1. "As Jesus passed by." On the surface this incident appears to have been without divine purpose, but who shall say that it was really so! "Blind from his birth." "In the case of the beggar this would be no secret. He probably whined his mournful fate into the ear of every passer-by.—Abbott.

2. "Who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?" Abbott says: "The question seems to be in spirit this: 'What is the explanation of this man's blindness? his own sin?' That cannot be, for he was born blind. Is he then punished for his parents'?" The question supposes—what is not a fact—that every particular form of suffering is the result of some special sin. This statement, however, does not contradict the fact that sin produces suffering.

3. "Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents." So as to bring about the condition which you see. "That the works of God should be made manifest." In the manner presently to be disclosed. 4. "I must work the works of him that sent me." This was the "meat and drink" of Jesus. "While it is day." While my life lasts, and the opportunity is offered me. "The night cometh." The night of death. "In the case of Jesus, this 'night' was clearly discerned by him from the beginning.

5. "I am the light of the world." By his teaching, his wonderful works, and his stainless life.

6. "Spit on the ground, . . . and he annoyed the eyes . . . with the clay." "Clay and spittle were both believed in ancient times to possess curative properties. Why Christ used them here is a matter of conjecture. Certainly not as remedies; for one blind from birth could not be cured by a remedy so simple, and he who healed the blind at Jericho by a touch had no need to resort to other means."—Abbott.

7. "Go, wash in the pool of Si-loam." That is, wash off the clay into the pool. "The pool of Si-loam is identified with a pool which stands to the south of the temple mount, and consists of an oblong tank, partly hewn out of the rock, and partly built of masonry, measuring about fifty-three feet in length, eighteen feet in width, and nineteen feet in depth, with a flight of steps leading down to the bottom." "Came seeing." Has any poet ever attempted to describe this man's emotions on first seeing the world in which he had lived so long?

**II. QUESTIONS RAISED.**—Verses 8-11.—8. "The neighbors . . . said, . . . Is not this he that sat and begged?" It is evident that he was a well-known beggar, like the one described in Acts iii. 2-10.

9. "Some said, This is he." Those who were best acquainted with him must have been satisfied of his identity. "Others said, He is like him." We may presume that those who entertained this opinion were such as had previously given him only a casual notice. "But he said, I am he." This testimony settled the matter of fact, and opened the way for other questions.

10. "How were thine eyes opened?" That is to say, "We believe your statement to the effect that your eyes have really been opened; tell us now the process by which this result has been accomplished."

11. "A man that is called Jesus made clay," etc. A more simple and straightforward narrative could not be imagined. Plummer says: "Note the gradual development of faith in the man's soul, and compare it with that of the Samaritan woman and of Martha. Here he merely knows Jesus' name and the miracle; in verse 17, he thinks him a prophet; in verse 33, he is of God; in verse 35, he is the Son of God."

**III. FAITH EXERCISED.**—Verses 35-38.—35. "Jesus heard that they had cast him out." It is likely, in view of what is stated in verse 22, that this casting out was not a mere driving of the restored beggar from the courtroom; but his formal excommunication from the synagogue. "When he had found him." What wonderful tenderness is revealed in the fact that the Son of God actually interested himself to find this poor despised creature! "Dost thou believe on the Son of God?" In the original there is a marked emphasis on the word "thou," as if Jesus had said, "While so many others are disbelievers, dost thou believe?"

36. "Who is he, Lord?" The Greek word here translated "Lord" is simply a term of respect; it is sometimes rendered "Sir." There is nothing in it to intimate that the man as yet learned the true character of Jesus. Nor is this strange. Nobody would care to inform the sightless beggar. "That I might believe." He was ready to exercise faith as soon as properly instructed.

37. "It is he that talketh with thee." The clear and definite revelation, as yet withheld from the proud Scribes and Pharisees, is thus made to one of the humblest of God's creatures

38. "I believe."

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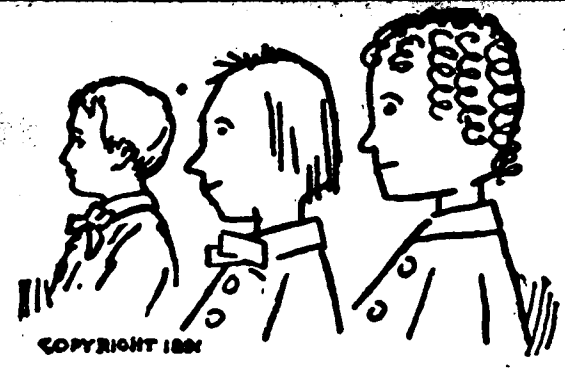
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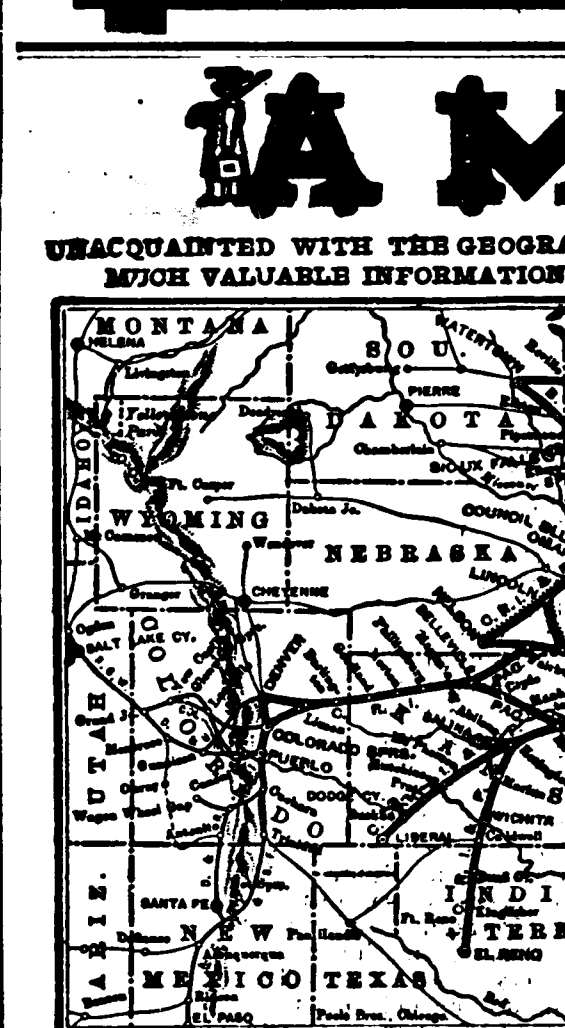
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SOCIAL NEWS OF INTEREST FROM STATE CENTERS.

## SAGINAW VALLEY NEWS.

Saginaw, Mich., Aug. 30.—It has been a long time since I made an attempt to enlighten you readers, but noticing your correspondent, Henrietta's complaints of the apathy of our citizens toward the Plaindealer and believing this impression not altogether correct, I have taken the liberty to come to the assistance, providing it will be no intrusion.

To have people here take a deep interest in the Plaindealer, your letters should treat of what is transpiring around and about us, and not so much the trend of a missionary report, impressing your readers that all our citizens are devout members of one particular church society. I must admit that we have many good and pious people, and some otherwise. The pious Methodist, the straight-cut, close communion and hard-shell Baptist, the strict Presbyterian, the high-toned Episcopal, the devout Catholic, the Spiritualist, and the believer in everything in general and nothing in particular, all are here. The last but not the least in number are found in the ranks of the Salvation Army, routing the Devil nightly. They probably succeed in driving King Satan beyond the lines of the Army, but to a casual observer, his Majesty has the freedom of the whole city, outside the barracks. You see we have people of all beliefs and creeds represented. These peoples' fancies must be tickled with letters less celestial and more worldly. The old chestnut, that Rev. So-and-so, delivered a very fine sermon last Sabbath to a large congregation after which there was a collection taking up of two dollars and sixty-five cents, with the liberal congregation will buy their beloved pastor a Prince Albert coat, a general outfit and car fare, that he may attend the general conference, is tiresome. Such reports spread broadcast about our city, where families are worth from fifty cents to a hundred thousand dollars, is enough to make the average Saginawian grow green with rage. What the general reader wants to know is: Mr. Will Robinson is here from Washington, on a visit to his parents, and is having more receptions than would suffice for a senator.

George L. Henry purchased a fine residence on Sixth street, and moved into it.

Richard Combline has altered and finished a cosy home recently purchased by him on Fourteenth street.

Sterling Brown will soon build a residence on the city lots recently purchased by him.

Arthur W. Brown, the genial Pullman car conductor, has purchased two city lots. This may mean matrimony.

Dr. Charles Ellis is doing well. He contemplates enlarging his office.

Mrs. Jane Morris, of Chicago, paid this city a flying visit.

Mrs. W. Q. Atwood has returned from her visit east.

Mrs. W. L. Goodridge will return from her visit to Baltimore, and will stop in both Cleveland and Detroit.

W. F. Countee, of Jefferson ave., has purchased a house on Johnson street.

Peter Thurman can certainly feel proud of his fine residence, and more so of the title boy that came to him a few weeks ago.

W. Q. Atwood has made several real estate deals recently. He realized a handsome margin on them all.

Mrs. C. W. Ellis, Sr., has returned from Higgin's lake, and found the Bit-toid's restaurant so full of business that they will increase their help.

Fred. Harris, an old and respected citizen, died this morning.

I made an investigation last week, and found the Plaindealer had been purchased by one family and read by eight other families. This wholesale borrowing is not right. Each family should buy a copy so as to encourage the poor boy who sells them. Then read and store the papers away, and resolve to neither lend nor borrow.

Mum.

## ANN ARBOR EVENTS.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Sept. 1.—Miss Maggie Johnson left for Detroit Saturday, for a couple of week's visit.

Elder Scroggs arrived home from Niles on Tuesday night.

The ladies of the Second Baptist church held a festival on Tuesday night for the organ fund. Proceeds, over \$6.

Mrs. Burleighly has religion, and will be baptized next Sunday.

Mrs. Estella Blackburn's baby is very sick.

Messames Beal and Blackburn went to Ypsilanti on Sunday for a visit.

Mr. Craig left Monday for Canada, after a pleasant visit with his brother.

Miss Dora Boyer left Saturday night for Ypsilanti.

Miss Hattie Gibbons left Monday for her home, Wayne, Ind., after several week's visit with Miss Eva Cooper.

Elder Scroggs spent last Wednesday in Detroit.

Mrs. Frank Scott and children left Monday for a few day's visit in Detroit.

Mrs. Cotman has been quite sick.

The Baptist and Methodist Sunday schools had a picnic on Thursday, but it was interrupted on account of rain.

Miss Mary Jewett left on Monday for Howell, to assist in some concerts. She got home on Thursday.

Mrs. Washington gave a party on Friday night. Among those from abroad were Mrs. M. Berry and Miss Dora Boyer, of Windsor.

Mrs. John Davis entertained some friends on Friday night.

Mrs. Bertie Battles and daughter, Gracie, left Monday morning for Pittsburg, via Detroit, where she will join the Pisk Jubilee Singers. She will be sadly missed among the musical people, but we hope our loss will be regained.

Miss Beulah Johnson will now be organist of the Second Baptist church.

Miss Alice Bateman spent Sunday at Pittsburg.

Miss Annie Bateman was in the city Sunday.

Mr. Craig, of Ypsilanti, was greeting old friends on Saturday.

The streets are now putting on their busy appearance, the students are coming in, securing rooms, etc.

The high school opens on the 1st and the prospect points to more pupils than ever before.

Soomon Zeibis was arrested last Wednesday for stealing cigars from the hotel where he was night watch.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis and son will make Ann Arbor their home for this college year, and Mr. Willis will enter the Law Department. He has been teaching in the South for a number of years.

Mrs. Armstrong, teacher in the St. Louis, Mo., visited with her cousin, Mrs. Frank Scott, from Tuesday until Thursday.

Mrs. John West still remains in a precarious condition.

Lottie.

## DAY'S DOINGS.

Day, Mich., Aug. 30.—Rev. E. E. Gregory has been returned to Day circuit for the third term.

Your correspondent attended the National encampment at Detroit, and enjoyed a pleasant time with the comrades and friends. His regiment, the 102nd, held a reunion in Room A., (Clifton school, Wednesday the 5th, at 10 a. m. There were 29 members of that regiment present, who formed an association and elected officers as follows: Jesse W. Wary, Cassopolis, president; B. C. Curtis, Day, vice president; A. R. Byrd, Day, secretary; Philip White, Louisville, Ky., treasurer.

The association wishes to obtain the addresses of all the soldiers belonging to the 102nd regiment I. S. C. T. All those seeing this request, and wishing their names enrolled, can send same to the Secretary, A. R. Byrd, Day, Mich. Some of the comrades that were present at the reunion could not refrain from shedding tears of joy at meeting those dear old comrades they had not seen for almost 26 years. The association aims to hold a reunion each year at some place in the State. Take the Plaindealer and become informed of the whereabouts of all your comrades.

Farmers are very busy preparing for seeding.

Dr. John A. Harris and brother, Jacob, have just returned from a two week's visit at Bedford and other points in Indiana.

J. W. Day has been very sick with bilious fever, but is gaining slowly.

John A. Calloway has opened a new grocery at Day, and is getting a nice trade.

Miss Ida Wright will commence school at Day on September 7th. She hails from the city of Grand Rapids. As this is her birth-place we wish her success.

A. R. B.

## GRAND RAPIDS NOTES.

Grand Rapids, Aug. 27.—The people of this city are much pleased at the re-appointment of the Rev. J. L. H. Watkins to the Spring street church, he received a cordial welcome from his congregation.

The Messiah Baptist church is in a prosperous condition. The members have organized a "Reaper's Society," which gave a successful entertainment on the 25th.

Miss Lockett and Miss Lennie Craig have returned from Louisville, Ky., where they spent two months visiting friends.

Knights Templar who attended the sixth annual convocation at Detroit are delighted with their pleasant session. The ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star were also pleasantly entertained during their stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig and family and Mr. Don Buckner have returned from a delightful visit to Detroit and Canada.

All the visitors to Detroit are loud in praise of the hospitality of its citizens.

Mrs. Goins, who has been visiting friends in Ypsilanti, has returned home.

Miss Eva Evans of Ypsilanti is here visiting her sister.

Miss Maria Beem, who has been spending a couple of weeks in Petoskey, has returned.

Mrs. Vickers, of Detroit, is visiting her piece, Mrs. Huss.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Nilson are rejoicing over a fine daughter.

## CASSOPOIS NEWS.

Cassopolis, Mich., August 31.—Mrs. Z. Beverly went to South Bend on the 26th, to attend her sister, Mrs. John James, who is quite sick.

Mrs. Winnie Smith, of Allegan, is visiting her brother, Eli Jones, and other relatives.

Laura Beverly is entertaining Mrs. Zora Allen, of Detroit, for a few days.

A telegram was received on the 30th, announcing the death of Mrs. John James. She will be buried in Chain Lake cemetery, Tuesday.

Miss Dallah Wilson, of Day, and Miss Grace Wilson, of Valina, attended the teacher's examination, Thursday.

W. B.

Cassopolis, Mich., Aug. 25.—Excursion from Cassopolis to Benton Harbor Harbor, and from Battle Creek to Cassopolis, Tuesday. Mr. Alexander Cook and John Thompson, excursionists, called on us.

Fred Weaver, of Battle Creek, is cook at Weaver hall, Diamond lake.

Andrew Hostler, becoming worried with the people of Cass county, left for Oklahoma last Thursday.

Vance Camell, a respected citizen and farmer, will soon move to Kansas.

## THREE RIVERS.

Three Rivers, Mich., Aug. 24.—Miss Callaway has returned to the city.

Mrs. Sanders and son, of Indianapolis, Ind., and Miss Ida Perry, of South Bend, Ind., were guests at the residence of Mrs. Z. Jacobs, Thursday.

The Messrs. Weaver, of Marion, Ind., are the guests of their uncle, Mr. B. L. Weaver.

Master Asa Beverly and sister, Miss Verna, were the guests of Master Albert Callaway last week.

Miss Luella E. Jacobs will spend a fortnight visiting in South Bend, Indiana.

Mr. Leonard spent Sunday in Mendon, Lou.

For the State Fair at Lansing, September 7th to 11th, and the West Michigan and Kent County Fairs at Grand Rapids, September 14th to 18th, the C. & W. M., and D. L. & N. lines will sell excursion tickets at one fare for the round trip, from all stations in Michigan.

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