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### FOUR WERE HANGED.

The Sentences of the Others Commuted to Imprisonment for Life.

Chestertown, Md., Jan. 13.—Four of the Afro-Americans who murdered Dr. Hill were executed in the jail yard at 12:30 o'clock. They were Brooks, Brown, Williams and Combs. Repeated efforts were made by numbers during the night to secure confessions from the Afro-Americans, but each man stuck to his story and absolutely denied all knowledge of the crime. An immense crowd was present. During the night a sensation was caused by a deputy warden, one of the death watch, who had been drinking heavily. He insisted on the prisoners singing all the time. After this had continued a while he suggested that they dance a little until Sheriff Plummer ordered the deputy out of the building. The four boys convicted and sentenced with today's victims have had their sentence commuted to life imprisonment. Of the eight originally condemned to death one was only 13 years old, three were 16 and one 17. The other three, the men who planned and executed the murder, were respectively 24, 27, and 28 years old. There was a strong feeling that it would be a grievous error to hand the four younger boys who were drawn into their murderous designs, and the governor finally commuted their sentences to life imprisonment.

The men were convicted of the murder of Dr. James H. Hill, because he signed a certificate that an Afro-American, who was killed in a saloon row, had died of heart disease. They met the doctor on a lonely road at night, when he was going to make a professional call, and while one of them held the horse, the others committed the horrible crime. The whole country was aroused, and altogether fifteen Afro-Americans were arrested. One of them, Perry Bradshaw, confessed and implicated his companions in the tragedy.

Don't wait another day, renew your subscriptions.

## COLORED BUSINESSMEN.

Important Factors in the Business Life of Cincinnati.

### IN THE THIRTIES TO THE SIXTIES.

Mr. L. D. Easton, Revives the Occupation of Some of the Queen City's Dardies.—Interesting Reading.

The meeting at Allen Temple Monday evening to collate and take into consideration the condition of colored business and business men in this city; how best to foster, conserve and aid their enterprises and undertakings, reminds me that it may be interesting to publish a brief sketch of the past when mercantile affairs flourished among us. From about 1833 to 1863 colored cantile affairs flourished among us, important factor of the business life of the Queen City and the occupations of some of our leading citizens at that period reflect seriously upon the boasted progress of the race since then, in so far as Cincinnati is concerned. The colored shoe-makers failed, or refused to stick to his lask and the penalty is paid by his becoming so insignificant as never to be considered at all in commercial affairs.

Chronicle: Charles Moore and John Ohara were among the best river pilots between Cincinnati and New Orleans. Moore died without children, and Ohara, having means, disdained to make his boys John and George climb the rough ladder of experience, up which he himself had passed and after spending their patrimony, which they did rapidly, both drifted along in the usual route until they finally graduated as "profession of odd jobs," in the office of Colonel, then Capt. D. W. McClung, A. Q. M., U. S. A. The Colonel was then an indignant boss and when they quit the quartermaster's service they were totally unfit for any other work. Both drifted and died in poverty.

Wm. Beckley, who had a most varied experience, was in these early days a steamboat builder. He passed through the gamut from affluence to poverty and back again time after time, with more pluck, determination and energy, than any man I ever knew. Every few years Old Bill seemed to lose a fortune, after which he would go home, lick one of his son-in-laws, and start fresh in a new line. From a wicked, almost reckless, dare-devil he finally gravitated into the Methodist church, into which he carried the zeal which characterized him and died a shouting Elder of that faith. Jesse Beckley, brother of Bill made about three hundred thousand dollars as a patent tin-roofer. During the war he secured nearly all the government contracts in this vicinity, from which he obtained enormous profits. Shortly after its close, his daughter married his white bookkeeper and the family moved West where they all turned white. Jesse plunged head and heels into speculation, lost all, went crazy and died a pauper.

G. Craft, was then engineer for a leading firm in the bottoms. He invented a governor or gauge for his engine, but his black skin prohibited him from obtaining a patent which was secured by his employers, about fifty thousand dollars. They generously permitted him to manage their engine at \$50 a month so long as he was physically able to do so.

George Carey was a successful land and money broker. Jere Rolls and Bro. carried on a large blacksmithing business in all departments and no doubt many of our old citizens can remember the remarkable work he fabricated and put up, from his shop on Plum, near Columbia street.

The Shaffer Bros. were at that time leading wagon makers and employed a large number of hands.

Smith Clements and Mose Green each conducted a large cooperage establishment employing both men and boys. John Williams and Thomas Basco had plenty of work at bricklaying and plastering for the trade. John Woodson was a well known builder and contractor who did a flourishing business. He was killed by falling from a house he was erecting at Gallipolis. Wylie Reynolds was a house painter, employing a number of workmen and apprentices. Robert Duncanson came here from Detroit as a house-painter. Taking advantage of opportunities, he developed a landscape artist. On his return from a trip to Europe, his admiration for Charles Sumner led him to send that statesman a handsome picture of Loch Kathrine as his personal tribute of respect and admiration. The Senator on investigation learned that "Dunc" was a poor colored artist. He had the picture appraised by two art connoisseurs of Washington and sent a check for five hundred dollars, with the statement that while he gratefully appreciated the compliment of the gift, he could re-



BENJAMIN F. BUTLER.

Lowell, Mass., Jan. 11.—Upon receiving news of General Butler's death this morning Mayor Peckham ordered all flags on public buildings to be placed at half-mast and called a special meeting of both branches of the City council for tomorrow evening to take action on the death of their distinguished fellow-citizen.

Up to his last moment in Lowell, General Butler was very active. One day last week he left for Salem early in the morning regarding a will case on trial there. He returned to Lowell at noon, attended a funeral and was then driven to the station and left on the train for New York and Washington. In a speech in Lowell, January 29, 1890, General Butler said: "When you bear me to that inclosure on the other side of the river, which I hope for as my last resting place, I pray you put over me for my epitaph: 'Here lies the General who saved the lives of his soldiers at Big Bethel and Fort Fisher, and never commanded the army of the Potomac.'"

General Butler's wealth is estimated at \$7,000,000. He owned half a million of real estate in Washington, and as much more in Lowell. He was interested in manufacturing at various points, and held a large share of the stock of the American Hurling company of Lowell. Among his Western investments were the Craig ranch of 100,000 acres in Colorado, three-fourths of the Mora grant of 600 acres in New Mexico, and his large holdings in the San Miguel Consolidated Gold Placer Mining company, of which he was president. His direct heirs are his son, Paul Butler, and his two nieces, Miss Nesmith and Miss Webster, all of Lowell.

General Benjamin F. Butler died suddenly last Tuesday, at Washington, D. C. General Butler was a true and tried friend of the colored race. He occupied a unique position in American politics.—Zion Leader.

American Citizen.—We are very sorry to hear of the death of Benjamin F. Butler. He had the courage as a Democrat governor to appoint a Negro to a judgeship.

New England Torchlight.—He may not have been a great soldier, but what is greater still he was a great American. The white South hated him. The black South loved him. The patriotism of the whole country honored and respected him as a trusted and devoted American worthy of universal emulation. General Butler is dead. Peace unto his ashes.

Chicago Conservator.—His death is one of the first of the old friends of the race to occur in the new year. Thousands of colored men throughout the country will mourn his loss, as he was universally regarded as one of our ablest and most earnest friends. It was due to this big hearted man that a humane stand was taken in reference to the slaves who escaped their masters and made their way into the camp of the Union forces.

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## MACBETH LAYS ON.

Shrewd, Energetic Persons Make Money in Liberia.

### EXPERIENCES OF THE SUCCESSFUL.

The Future Christianization of Africa.—Why People Emigrate and the Troubles They Meet.

Editor of the Boston Republican: Dear Sir.—I read with interest an article in your issue of Dec. 10th, taken from the Detroit Plaindealer, the writer being Mr. M. W. Caldwell. I do not wish to put myself on record as being in favor of a wholesale deportation of our people to the land of Ham, neither do I think that our people should be advised to immigrate en masse to the land of their forefathers; but to say that to advise a man to go to Africa is almost as bad as to advise him to go to the devil is, in my opinion, putting it rather strongly. In discussing the question of emigration, the first question which presents itself is, why do people emigrate? In the early days of America those who came to our shores did so for various reasons; some desired civil and religious liberty, others wealth, still others came in search of adventure. Many of them were disappointed, many died of diseases incident to our climate or brought on by exposure, not a few starved to death, and thousands were killed by the savages; but in spite of all these disadvantages they continued to come, and looking at the result today, none shall say that they acted unwisely.

Now, as to some of the reasons which Mr. Caldwell gives for his advice. Perhaps his strongest statement is, "Colored people have no business in Africa than a hog has in Heaven." I have no information as to the status of a "hog in Heaven," but I feel sure that if colored people have no business in Africa, God would not have made that land the home of the Negro race. Another statement: "Advise them to go to their graves, advise them to kill themselves, but for God's sake let Africa alone; stay away from there." Here we are told that death, even death by suicide, is preferable to a trip to Africa. There certainly can be nothing worse than death to be encountered in Africa, and all the teachers of Christian ethics tell us that those who kill themselves are sure to go to a place much warmer than Africa.

Another statement: "The fever is sure to claim you when you go there, just as it did Elder Geda, who accompanied Bishop Turner there a short time ago and never returned." Now the fever is "sure to claim you," how is it that it did not claim Bishop Turner, who returned seemingly no worse for his trip and anxiously to go again?

As to Mr. Caldwell's advice to "go West," I have nothing to say against it. I believe that the West offers great opportunities to every man; but it seems that even in the West, where colored people have settled in large numbers, race antipathies have arisen. Even in Oklahoma, not long since, an attempt was made to lynch a Negro. Mr. Caldwell says if we go West, we will in ten years be able to force the South to treat us as human, not as brutes; a somewhat peculiar statement, since, if we go West, the South will be unable to treat us either as "human" or brutes.

Now, as to the facts of the case. There are in Africa English, French, Dutch and Portuguese settlements. Any encyclopedia or descriptive geography will give more information about those places than I can without trespassing on your time and space. I do not learn that any of these colonies refuse to receive Negro immigrants, and if, as is true, Europeans have settled in Africa and have lived and prospered, why cannot Negroes do as well or better.

As much has been said against Liberia, I will give a few examples of successful emigrants with some of whom I have been personally acquainted.

Mr. Stephen Creighton left Charleston in the fifties and went to Liberia. He was one of the leading shoemakers of our city. He lived and prospered in his new home and became commander-in-chief of the Liberian army. Mrs. Alice Fuller, another Charlestonian lived for years in Liberia, and died at an advanced age, possessed of considerable wealth, which she had gained in business in Monrovia. Mr. Clement Irons went out in 1878 in the "Asor." Although then past middle life the fever has not yet claimed him. He has built a small steamer and is making money as a coffee planter, and also working at his trade, he being a machinist. Dr. Thomas D. Campbell a native of Monrovia, graduated at Howard university in 1890. He assured me that his native country offers an excellent field for the practice of his profession. He has returned

ed to Monrovia and I am told is doing well.

I have had the pleasure on numerous occasions of conversing with Mrs. Roberts, widow of the late President Roberts, of Liberia. Mrs. Roberts is an American by birth and despite her long residence in Africa is still active and vigorous. From her I learned that Liberia is by no means an El-Dorado, but is a place where a shrewd, energetic person can make money. Coffee planting is its principal industry and Liberian coffee is said to be the best in the world.

I have given these as a few examples of persons whom the fever has not claimed, and who seem to have, perhaps a trifle more business in Africa than a "hog in Heaven."

I could cite others if space permitted. In conclusion I would say to any one who desires to go to Africa, don't "go it blind," but read upon the subject, enquire from those who have been there, weigh well what you hear and read, and form your conclusions according to your own judgment.

I believe that the civilization and Christianization of Africa is to be the work of the Negro race. I do not believe that we will ever get full and absolute justice in America this side of the millennium. I believe that the race is now serving its apprenticeship and though far in the distant future, the time will come when the American Negro will return to the land of his forefathers, and taking with him the knowledge he has gained in the hard school of adversity, build up a civilization whose grandeur shall astonish the world.

Robert J. Macbeth, D. D. S., Charleston, S. C., Dec. 17, '93.

## THE WORLD'S FAIR

Bishop Brown Wants a Statistical Exhibit of Race Progress.

Bishop John M. Brown, of the African Methodist church, has issued a circular to the public asking the colored people to unite their efforts with his and petition Congress to pass the joint resolution proposed by Senator Kyle and Representative Harter for a statistical exhibit of the progress of the colored people at the world's fair. In an interview the bishop states that Mr. Hale G. Parker, of St. Louis, Miss Imogen Howard, of New York, Mrs. A. M. Curtis, of Chicago, and Mr. J. E. Johnson, of Baltimore, are the only four colored persons connected semi-officially with the Exposition management. Mr. Parker is an alternate commissioner, serving without salary, and Mr. Johnson is merely an assistant to the board having charge of the government exhibit.

The bishop claims that such an exhibit would present interesting material for considerations of the public—that in the past thirty years the greatest advances have been made in the improvement of the race, as the wealth, churches, education, and industrial pursuits will show. This advancement of the race is not confined to any particular quarter, but is in the North as well as in the South, and the same in the East and the West. The circular declares that the colored people are without official personnel in the world's fair, and Bishop Brown wants this mistake corrected by the passage of the joint resolution.

J. E. Johnson, the assistant to the government exhibit board, is aiding Bishop Brown in the prosecution of the matter.

The joint resolution introduced by Representative Harter is as follows: Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the board of control and management of the United States government exhibit, created under section 16 of "An act to provide for celebrating the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus," approved April 25, 1890, be, and the same is hereby directed to prepare a statistical exhibit illustrating the progress of the colored people since January 1, 1868. Provided, That the expenditure attending said exhibit shall come out of the annual appropriation allotted to said board of management for the ensuing fiscal year, and not to exceed the sum of \$50,000 of said annual appropriation.

## DISPROVES THE "SOULLION" IDEA

J. H. Harris, formerly a clerk in the Cook county hospital, has been succeeded by another Afro-American, Mr. Wm. Howard, Mr. Harris is now with the Star Insurance association.

W. B. Lockett, a colored man at Frankfort, owns one of the largest livery stables in Kentucky.

Geo. B. Low is conducting a successful picturing framing business at St. Paul, Minn.

Thomas W. Swan has been added to the reportorial staff of the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Joe D. D. Rivers, business manager of the statesman, Denver, Colo., has been elected messenger for the House of Representatives.

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**KNOWS FORTY LANGUAGES.**

**Professor Edward Blyden, of Liberia, the Most Learned Man of His Race**

Perhaps the most learned colored man in the world is Professor Edward W. Blyden. Professor of Arabic and Ancient Languages in Liberia College, Liberia, Africa. He is a master of forty languages, and converses fluently in the Oriental tongues. He was at one time a Presbyterian minister, but lately discarded Christianity, and is now a zealous advocate of Mohammedanism. He has written many articles and pamphlets on it, and holds that it is the best religion for the Negro. He was born on the island of St. Thomas, one of the Danish West Indies, August 3, 1832, and early in life emigrated to the United States in quest of wealth and adventure. In 1851, when only nineteen years of age, he went to Liberia, and shortly after graduating from Alexander High school, twenty miles from Monrovia, he became its principal. Professor Blyden is widely known as a politician as well as a scholar. He has been secretary of State of Liberia and secretary of Interior once. For eight years he represented the Liberian government at the Court of St. James as Minister Plenipotentiary and Envoy Extraordinary, and the following excerpt, clipped from the London official Gazette of August 2, 1887, shows better than anything else the kind of impression he made there.

"Dr. Blyden has been chosen an honorary member of the Athenaeum Club, one of the most aristocratic and exclusive clubs in London. Among those who selected him are such men as Sir John Lubbock, Lord Carnarvon, Herbert Spencer, Viscount Caldwell and Dean Church. The Marquis of Salisbury, the Foreign Secretary, is a member of the club. Dr. Blyden is probably the first Negro who has been so honored."

It was at one time Prof. Blyden's ambition to become president of Liberia, and once of twice he has come very near realizing it. In 1884 he was the candidate of the Liberian Republican party for the presidency, but Gen. H. R. W. Johnson defeated him by a very small majority. The campaign was one of the fiercest ever waged from the foundation of the Government, and, although Prof. Blyden went down, his friends are firm in the belief that he will some day be at the head of affairs. However, it is not as a politician, but as a scholar that he is best known. In some quarters there has been a disposition to regard him as a marvel, but he modestly insists that any other Negro could have done what he has done. He is one of the few Negroes who have established reputations on both sides of the Atlantic. His name is to be found in several books containing sketches of distinguished modern scholars and linguists. He believes that Ethiopia will yet stretch forth her hand, and preaches "Africa for Africans." He holds that the more the American Negro advances the more will he see the necessity of turning his face in the direction of Africa. He is a trusted attaché of the colonization society. He owns a fine house in Washington City, and once every year pays a visit to this country. He is in many respects a remarkable man and may some day be Chief Magistrate of Liberia, although he insists that he is out of politics.—*Courier Journal.*

**YPSILANTI NOTES.**

Ypsilanti, Mich., Jan. 16.—Miss Amanda Roper has been quite ill for the past two weeks. Miss Estelle Embrose is suffering from a severe cold. Mrs. Mariah Glenn, mother of Mrs. W. R. Jones, of this city, and Mr. John Glenn of Grand Rapids, was buried from the Baptist church on last Thursday. She leaves a large number of relatives and friends to mourn her loss. Mr. Charles Leatherman who has been visiting Mr. Fred Anderson, returned to Ann Arbor last Monday. The Church Aid society gave an entertainment last Thursday, and a very nice program was rendered. There will be a baby show given for all babies under six months old, in about two weeks, at Samaritan hall. Messrs Anderson and Davis, and Miss L. B. Mashat, attended the high school sleigh-ride party, last Friday night. Misses Genevieve L. Thompson and Louise Mashat, had their ears frost bitten last Saturday. Little Nugget.

**MARSHALL MATTERS.**

Marshall, Mich., Jan. 16.—Mr. Alonso Grant has been very sick, but is somewhat better at this writing. Mrs. Thomas Lewis spent the Sabbath in Battle Creek with Miss Mattie Harris. Mr. Shadd, formerly of Canada, who has resided in our town for over two years, was found in a suffering condition last week, by Marshall Dond, and taken to the county house. Mrs. Thomas leaves for her home in Indianapolis, Tuesday. She will go by the way of Grand Rapids, and see her brother John, who is very ill. Mr. Kip Johnson has returned from Toledo, Ohio.

—If you are getting lazy, watch James. If your faith is below par, read Paul. If you are impatient, sit down quietly and have a talk with Job. If you are just a little strong-headed, go and see Moses. If you are getting weak-kneed, take a look at Elijah. If there is no song in your heart, listen to David. If you are getting sordid, spend a while with Isaiah. If you feel feeble, get the beloved Disciple to put his arms around you. If you are losing sight of the future, climb up to Revelation and get a glimpse of the promised land.—*Boston Saturday Evening Gazette.*

**MILWAUKEE NEWS.**

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 16.—This has not been a good week for business, notwithstanding it is bitter cold, colder than it has been since '85. Sleighing is good and livery-stables and blacksmith shops have been doing a land office business. Yet I am glad to say there have been no accidents. Although it was 12 degrees below zero last Wednesday evening, a large sleighing party surprised Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hughes at their new residence. Messrs James Johnson, William Baeman and Emma Bell constituted the committee. Mr. Johnson made a very creditable welcome address. After a short social chat refreshments were served which the committee had prepared. After which members of the family joined the sleighing party. Although they returned cold, every one had a good time.

On Thursday evening oysters were served in connection with the Literary. All present spent an enjoyable evening.

The ministerial duties of Rev. Geo. A. Brown will not allow him to run a weekly paper, but with the assistance of the Revs. R. H. Williamson, P. E., Chas. Thomas, Wm. A. Bruce, D. P. Brown and others, the Northwestern Recorder will appear early this morning and after lying in the morgue all day it was identified late to-night as that of William Chandler. He was seen in a pool room late last night in an intoxicated condition, and he said he had been working in the woods up North and was on his way home to Allegan. It is believed he wandered off and went to sleep. He is believed to have a family at Allegan.

—Rev. J. W. Alexander, one of the oldest ministers in the Iowa conference being a little deaf was run down by a wagon in Moline, Ill., last week, receiving injuries that may prove fatal. He was taken to a drug store after the accident where an examination revealed the fact that his right leg was broken and that he had sustained many internal injuries of a serious nature. Nelson Lyons, a Chatham, Ont., boy had his hands so badly frozen by exposure that they will have to be amputated.

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Peter Casey, an old man living at Blenheim, Ont., was found frozen to death in his house. He had been missing for a week.

**CAUGHT IN TRICKERY.**

—J. W. Robbins, an Afro-American attorney of Grand Rapids, was brought into court on a bench warrant charged with obtaining money under false pretenses and compelled to disgorge \$25 obtained from Mrs. Ida A. Barrett, of Louisville, Ky., for whom he was acting as attorney in divorce proceedings. The money was awarded the lady for expenses by the court. Robbins obtained an order for the money in order, as he said, to appeal the case. He then showed the money in his pocket and refused to give it up. His case is now in the hands of the prosecuting attorney.

**INVENTIVE GENIUS.**

—Mr. P. D. Smith, of Springfield, Ohio, after two years experiment-

**Casualties.**

New York, Jan. 13.—Henry Lambert and William Harris, both colored, while steaming out dynamite, preparatory to making a blast at Col. Elliott E. Shepard's new house at Scarborough, yesterday, were badly injured by a premature explosion of the dynamite. The accident occurred at 5 p. m. Lambert's right arm and leg were so badly torn that the leg had to be amputated, and he will probably die. Harris' face is filled with sand, and if he recovers he may lose his eyesight. Both men are in Ossining hospital, Sing Sing.

Hudson, N. Y., Jan. 13.—Joseph Springstein, a deaf Afro-American, sixty-five years old, was found in the road frozen to death near his home in Kinderhook, at an early hour this morning.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Jan. 14.—The frozen body of an Afro-American, was found in the snow near Reed's Lake early this morning and after lying in the morgue all day it was identified late to-night as that of William Chandler. He was seen in a pool room late last night in an intoxicated condition, and he said he had been working in the woods up North and was on his way home to Allegan. It is believed he wandered off and went to sleep. He is believed to have a family at Allegan.

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ing on a potato digger has at last patented a machine that will do all he claims for it. It is a very useful machine for farmers who raise large crops of potatoes. It is in many respects a wonder, and a marked improvement over all machines of like nature. The patentee claims that potato digging by it can be made safely, rapidly and profitably, and that the potatoes are separated into grades of different sizes. Mr. Smith has been negotiating with J. S. Fook's company, manufacturers, for the purpose of having them placed on the market. They to pay him a royalty on all sold.

**PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.**

The Boston Courant says:—The news of the death of Gen. Butler has caused sadness among the colored people of this city. To show the love of the colored people for General Butler a bust in bronze is to be placed in one of the new public buildings when completed. This bust is to be presented to the city of Lowell as a token of gratitude of the colored citizens of Boston towards Gen. Butler.

—D. E. Johnson, of San Antonio, Tex., a hopeful friend of his race, wants to organize a so-called Afro-American Steamship and Mercantile Company, that shall help develop a Negro government in Liberia that will command the respect of all nations.

—Perhaps Gen. Dodds, of Dahomey, renowned who has Negro blood in his veins, may be the coming "man on horseback" in France. Stranger things have happened says the Boston Globe.

—Two weeks ago Georgianna Bolling, the three-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Bolling of Richmond, was playing around the fire hearth, when her apron caught fire and she received burns from which she died in a few hours.

—Chas. S. Harper, stock-keeper in the carpet department of H. P. Watson's store, Indianapolis, Ind., was appointed cashier, during the holidays, in the toy department of that store.

The valedictorian of the Des Moines East Side high school class, an Afro-American who graduates this month, is Wm. Jackson. This young man gets the position through honors fairly earned. He led his class through every one of four years since he entered the high school. He is the second boy to be valedictorian. Geo. W. Read was the first. He is now lieutenant in the army. He graduated in 1877.

—Peter Postell, of Hopkinsville, Ky., who, it is said, can draw his check for \$50,000, is the richest colored man in the State of Kentucky and Enoch Seales, formerly of Lexington, is said to be the richest Afro-American in the United States.

A great cure for cough—Mrs. A. K. Morris, 456 Canton St., Philadelphia, Pa., writes: "I took several bottles of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup for a bad cough and was entirely cured."



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The order of Knights of Pythias was founded February 19th, 1864, at Washington, D. C., by Justus H. Rathbone. At the time when war was in the heart of man, and sorrow in his home—when from ocean to ocean and from gulf to the lakes, our glorious land was engaged in scenes of carnage and death. Justus Rathbone saw in Grecian history the germ of an order that should prove a power to dispelling the warmth of sectional strife and restoring the hearts of men to a basis of universal brotherhood. The reign of Dionysius, the Elder, marked an era of selfishness in the world's history. Following the example of a tyrant, his adherents in the island of Sicily, vied in obliterating from the tablets of their memory every vestige of that noblest principle of manhood which recognizes man's fealty to his fellow-men. Damon, a statesman and Senator at the city of Syracuse, by his opposition to Dionysius, in his attempted usurpation of power, was placed

under sentence of immediate death. Pythias, the soldier, and time tried friend of Damon, besought the tyrant to grant him a respite, that he might bid a last farewell to those most dear to him, his wife and child. The denial of this request was followed by the most striking exemplification of pure friendship that has ever illumined the pages of history. Pythias offered himself as a hostage for Damon while he should visit his wife and child once more before he died. The chains were taken from the limbs of Damon and placed upon those of Pythias. Damon was soon at his home; he bade his weeping wife and child an affectionate farewell, and calls for his horse, in order to return in time to redeem his pledge to Pythias. He finds that his horse has been killed by his servant in order to prevent his return, but he secures another horse and flies to Syracuse. In the meantime Pythias has been tempted to escape the doom which seem to threaten him; but no! he insists upon the terms of the hostage being carried out to the letter. He exclaims, "It is sweet to die for those we love!" The time is fast passing, and still Damon does not appear. The block is erected, the crowds are gathered in the square, the funeral procession is formed, and Pythias is led forth to seal his friendship with blood. Does he shrink? No. Does he falter? No. But with soldierly courage and iron nerve he wends his way, cheerfully to die for his friend. In that awful moment the clatter of a horse's hoof is heard in the distance, and soon Damon falls exhausted at the feet of his friend. This display of manhood and true courage led captive the tyrant's heart, who remitting the death sentence of Damon, sought admission to their friendship.

**THE AMERICAN PASTIME.**

Brinkley, Ark., Jan. 13.—Two more Afro-Americans and one white man were lynched early yesterday morning in the vicinity of Cotton Plant, for the murder of the Atkinson family on Saturday night. This augments the list of five, two Afro-Americans having been swung off and riddled with bullets Monday for the same crime.

Many pleasing and interesting incidents of the colored boy's progress in Iowa are coming to the light every day. What has seemed in the past unobtainable to the colored youths of the State, now seems to be in the reach of all who have pluck, energy, and ambition. Not the least gratifying is the recent case of Mr. G. W. Carver, of Ames at the art exhibit in Cedar Rapids. There are several pictures on exhibition and they are being admired by many for their beauty of design and execution. Little do the visitors at this exhibit know that they are admiring some of the handiwork of Mr. Carver, a poor colored boy. These steps up the ladder of progress will be appreciated by all who have an interest in the race.—*Des Moines Avalanche.*

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## PERSONAL MENTION.

-Hon. Geo. H. Jackson spent Sunday with his family.

-Dr. Ida Gray, our popular dentist has been on the sick list the past week.

-One of the popular society belles of Detroit, Mich., who visited our city last summer and made many friends, will soon be led to Hymen's Altar. The fortunate young man is a resident of Detroit.

-Dr. Frank W. Johnson is ill.

-Wm. H. Boone, Jr., of Chicago, who has been spending a few days with his parents, has returned to Chicago.

-The committee having in charge the promenade concert given by Excelsior Division, No. 7, J. R. K. of P., attach much of the credit of the financial success of the entertainment to the untiring efforts of their chairman, Mr. John Stowers.

-According to the committee presented him with a most beautiful gold ring upon which were engraved the emblems of the order, F. C. B. The presentation was made last Monday evening at his residence, 114 George in the presence of the committee and a few friends. A pleasing presentation was made by Harry G. Ward. "Mine Host" almost overcome with surprise responded feelingly. An elegant luncheon had been prepared by the hostess, of which the brave knights partook freely. A liberal indulgence in the "flowing bowl" caused a display of "roit, music and eloquence" seldom surpassed. The happy gathering left early morning, wishing Mr. and Mrs. Stowers many bright and happy days.

-Mrs. Singer, of Covington, Ky., the aged and venerable mother of Professor Samuel R. and J. P. Singer, of Covington, and Professor Chas. Singer, of this city, was buried from her home in Covington last Monday. She was 77 years old.

-Abbie Rankin, the faithful coachman who has for some time been in the family of Samuel Pogue, of the dry goods firm of H. and S. Pogue, was seized with a violent hemorrhage last Tuesday while driving Mrs. Pogue to the city, which resulted in his immediate death. He was forty-five years old and married.

-Mr. Hendley Lewis, Cumminsville, continues very low with asthma at his home.

-Acting upon the suggestions of the Plaindealer, the Ladies Auxiliary society are arranging a grand charity ball to be given the latter part of next month. This is a very deserving organization and is doing much charitable work among the poor, and the public should give them all the encouragement possible.

-Dr. Clifford J. Hickman, a graduate of the Electric Medical school of this city, is said to be making an excellent record at Memphis, Tenn., where he has a very lucrative practice.

-John R. Rudd is in New York in the interest of the American Catholic Tribune.

-George Rankins will soon lead to Hymen's Altar, one of the belles of Paris, Ky.

-Mr. James Maupine (of Lexington, Ky.) was in the city last week.

-George Fielding is dangerously ill at the City hospital.

## LOCKLAND - WYOMING.

Lockland, O., Jan. 18.-Miss Mamie E. Carter is on the sick list.

Miss Mary Wilson, of Winton Pl., O., was the guest of Miss Laura M. Johnson, Sunday.

The protracted meetings at the A. M. E. church still seem to be growing. We have ten mourners and five converts. The outlook is very encouraging.

The Missionary Band which met at Mt. Zion Baptist church was attended with a large crowd. Mrs. Shepherd and Mrs. Shipley, both white of Wyoming, addressed the meeting. Clifford Odre, read a very fine sermon on "Missionary."

The "protracted effort" at Mt. Zion Baptist church seems also to be a success. They have five mourners. Rev. Dent and Rev. Harris, of Cincinnati, with Rev. Jackson, are conducting the meetings.

## SEEKING A REFUGE.

Forth Worth, Texas, Jan. 13.-The exodus of Afro-Americans from Avoyelles Parish still continues. The greater portion of them are going to Oklahoma. Yesterday fully 200 stopped at the Union depot in this city and changed cars for that point. They give the same reason for their leaving Louisiana as the one given by a former contingent which passed through here about three weeks ago bound for Oklahoma. This is that they were forced to leave by their white neighbors, who objected to them attempting to establish schools for their children. All of them were born and reared in Avoyelles Parish. They seem to have been well to do, but say were compelled to dispose of their property at a sacrifice.

Has your subscription expired? Look at the yellow label on this paper and renew at once. If you wish the paper continued.

## Walnut Hill Notes.

-Mr. Abe Saunders and wife are now visiting his mother, corner of Elmwood and Westminster avenue.

-Mr. Harry Jones has been very ill, but seems to be none the worst at the present.

-The revival season has now come. Little Bethel is doing a great work in bringing many souls into the fold. Brown chapel has had the service one week and are on the second. There seems to be great prospects in the future.

-Miss Jennie L. Owens was on the sick list last Sunday, and could not fill her place in the choir. She is recovering.

-Miss Alice Parham keeps in very poor health. Last Sunday she was worse than ever.

-The Christian Temperance band of Brown chapel met last Sunday. There was quite a crowd out. Ben. McWilliams made an interesting speech on temperance. There will be a large crowd out at the next meeting, as he will be out and others have arranged for a good program.

-Mrs. D. Gibbs is still ill.

-Mrs. Coe, of Myer's Court keeps about the same.

## CHILLICOTHE NEWS.

Chillicothe, Ohio, Jan. 17.-The entertainment given by the citizens for the benefit of Mr. Oscar N. Boynton, who contemplated moving to Spokane Falls, was a grand success. The beneficiary has since relinquished the idea of going West, and purchased a cab. However, if any one desires to visit Spokane, he may do well to call upon Mr. Boynton, as it is to be presumed that he will make the trip by cab.

Little Melvin West, the interesting two year old child of Mr. and Mrs. Nolan West, met with a very sad death Thursday, from morphine poisoning. Innocently administered by its four year old sister. The funeral service occurred from the family residence. Rev. J. W. Nuby officiating. Mr. and Mrs. West have the sympathy of the entire community in their bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bell who have been visiting the latter's mother, at Albany, Ohio, for the past three weeks, returned home Saturday.

Grandma Cunningham, the aged mother of Mr. Isaac Cunningham, died at the residence of her son, Tuesday night. She will be greatly missed by the entire community, by whom she was held in the highest esteem.

The Enterprise coal company is doing an excellent business under the efficient management of Mr. S. W. Butler. The firm is a young and certainly an enterprising one, and is deserving of patronage.

Mr. Edward Sutton who has been very ill, is now convalescent.

## YOUNGSTOWN BITS.

Youngstown, Ohio, Jan. 17.-Mr. D. E. Davis, the silver plater and nass trip to Erie.

Mr. John Ross is convalescing.

The grand rally at the Third Baptist church Sunday was largely attended. Receipts nearly \$45.

Mr. W. B. Saunders was attacked with the grip this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Smith—a son.

The death of Lorenza Baller, occurred Tuesday.

There is a great deal of excitement among the white barbers as to how to keep from shaving Afro-Americans without insulting him. Some want it to go to a higher court and try and break the law. There was a meeting held last Thursday in a lawyer's office, there being twenty barbers present, and it is said that there were a few colored barbers present. It is to be hoped that there is not a person in the city who would go against his own flesh and blood. Let every one give James a lifting hand who was the first man to hold up for his fellow man in the city of Youngstown, Ohio.

## STRIPE IN AN OHIO TOWN.

Jeffersonville, Ohio, Jan. 14.-This city has been in a reign of terror for the last twenty-four hours over a threatened clash between blacks and whites. Horace Scott, an Afro-American barber, has been meeting clandestinely Miss Merriman, a pretty country girl, and is now charged with the paternity of her child. Yesterday a number of citizens met and called on Scott at his barber shop. The chairman told him to leave town at once or be tarred and feathered. When the citizens left Scott summoned twenty Afro-American friends and all armed themselves with Winchester's, guns and revolvers, and taking their stand in the barber shop, defied the whites to attempt to molest Scott. Nothing was attempted last night, but to-day the Afro-Americans have paraded the streets with their guns. The excitement was increased to-night by the discovery in an alley of John Hankins, an Afro-American, who was in a dying condition. It developed that he had been poisoned and he showed symptoms of having been given strychnine. He is suspected by the Afro-Americans of having furnished information concerning their movements and it is said they gave him poison in a saloon. He cannot recover.

Mr. George R. Hicks who enjoys the reputation of being one of the most efficient mail agents on the B. and O. road, was compelled to remain at home a few days this week, owing to the serious illness of his little daughter, Irene.

A grand musical concert will be given in the near future by Prof. C. A. White, of Washington, C. H., under the auspices of Quinn Chapel. We are glad to see that Mr. Josiah B. Hill who was confined to his room last week, is able to take his position again in Nippen's pharmacy.

Plato.

-Dr. Parker Hall, of Malden, Mass., is employed in the laboratory of Weeks and Potters.

## RENNVILLE, OHIO.

Rennville, O., Jan. 16.-The annual meeting of the First Baptist church, was held on Friday. The report of treasurer showed a balance of near \$250. This speaks well for the energy and perseverance of the pastor, Rev. J. M. Riddle.

Mr. Wm. Bixter has removed his family to Congo, the new mine recently opened.

Mr. Sumner Williamson has gone to Lancaster, where he purposes to attend school. He is quite a talented young man and we bespeak for him a bright future.

W. E. Clark who has been quite ill, is out again.

Miss Mariah Chamber, of Salem, W. Va., is visiting relatives here.

Rev. A. J. Means is recovering and hopes are entertained that he will be able to fill his pulpit next Sabbath.

The extreme cold weather of the last few weeks has had the effect to keep every one in-doors. Church services have been but poorly attended, and the chief concern of every one, appears to be, to keep warm.

Attucks lodge, K. of P., conferred the Page rank on one candidate at their last meeting.

Revival services at the Baptist church are in progress. The interest is apparently increasing.

Mr. Thomas Cousins and Mrs. Dollie Sanders, were united in matrimony on Thursday, Jan. 5th. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. M. Riddle. They received the congratulations of a host of friends.

Mr. Wm. E. Moore, of Columbus, O., paid a flying visit to his mother, Mrs. Virginia Moore, on Monday.

Mrs. Stewart, of Cars Run, was visiting her sister, Mrs. John Sapp.

Mr. Samuel Kent, is recovering from a severe cold. Mrs. O. W. Shelton is also convalescent.

Messrs. G. Wyatt and A. J. Johnson, have returned from a visit to Virginia.

Mr. R. L. Davis will spend several days in Columbus, in the interest of the Miners organization.

Rev. W. E. Clark is again able to be about.

Spider Robinson, an account of whose assault on his wife was in our last week's letter, has been arrested.

The postponement of K. of R. and S. of Attucks lodge, resulted in the re-election of Mr. C. E. Jones. Blanks have been received from the G. C. for quarterly endowment. The lodge hopes to make the best showing this quarter of any in its history. Knights A. J. Means and T. Archer, are on the sick list.

## MECHANICSBURG MATTERS.

Mechanicsburg, Ohio, Jan. 16.-Mr. William Tolliver, of Rose Hill, Ill., is the guest of Mrs. John Bass, this week.

Mr. William Adams, of Columbus, O., spent a few days with his parents last week.

Mr. Robert Bass spent a few days in Sandusky, O., last week.

Rev. N. S. Merritt attended the Ohio Baptist convention at Columbus, Ohio.

Quite a number attended the party at the residence of Mr. David Adams last Saturday.

Mrs. Eve Lagins who has been sick, has recovered so as to be out again.

Owing to the severe cold weather, the Missionary Society at the Second Baptist church last Sunday, was not very well attended.

## STARVING IN CINCINNATI.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 14.-A pathetic story was related yesterday morning by the prisoners arrested for the attack on the bakery wagon of William Stratemyer, in the "Bottoms," early Thursday morning. From what they say, the Afro-American population along the river front must be in a half starved condition, and a great deal of suffering at present exists among them.

William Moore, Alias Smith, alias "Diamond Moore," and his companion, Charley Johnson, had their cases continued in the Police court yesterday until January 20. Smith was identified as the one who used the knife on Mr. Stratemyer, and was placed under \$2,000 bond. Stratemyer's condition was yesterday evening regarded as very critical, and it is feared that he may not recover. The knife penetrated the abdomen, and paralysis has developed. They will both be brought before the grand jury next Monday.

With the two prisoners James Berkis, Tom Ellis and Morris Vaughn were also locked up as witnesses. Over 300 Afro-Americans are living in the Salvation Army barracks, at 64 East Front street and some of them have had nothing to eat for days. Growing desperate, a raid on bread wagons was determined on, and a murder may be the result. Chief Deitch advised the head of the local charities of the situation among the unfortunates in the Bottoms, as he fears further trouble, robberies, "hold-ups," and other misdemeanors will result if the present "hard times" continues. Only yesterday Charles Abernathy, colored, released from the Workhouse, after fourteen months sentence, called at headquarters in a half frozen condition and asked for help, but nothing could be done for him.

## SUCCESSFUL ENTERPRISE.

The Iron Duke Mining company, of Denver, Col., of which Edwin H. Hackley, editor of the Statesman, is secretary, is in a most flourishing condition according to its prospectus for '98. The company does a general mining, milling and prospecting business in gold, silver, copper, lead and other ores. It was originally capitalized at \$50,000, but the capital stock has since been increased to \$500,000. The name of Edwin H. Hackley, as secretary is a guarantee to the race of the straight-forward bonafidness of the company, and we enjoy a race pleasure in referring to it. May its shadow never grow less.

## XENIA ITEMS.

Xenia, O., Jan. 16.-James Scott's trial commences this week, for the murder of his wife Annie Scott, which occurred here some weeks ago. Full detail will be given in our next issue.

Mrs. Eveline Sterling is about to become the leading mid-wife doctor of Xenia, O. We advise you to advertise with us and build up an extensive trade.

We have met several persons of late who have asked us could we tell by Hicks storm calendar, at what season of the year there would be a storm period in the upper regions. We do not know at present whether the equinoctial storm period in March will shake Rev. Hayden's peculiar tree in glory or not. If it does American people will stand a poor show as every leaf will take some one. Get ready.

We called on Mrs. Hattie Rallsback and found her near bedfast with neuralgia.

We have of late been receiving sample copies from all the leading colored publishing houses for which we return many thanks.

Mr. Richard H. Sterling, late a private in company A 32 regiment, United States Colored Infantry, will soon get his pension, which he has been contending for, for over ten years.

Owing to the long lasting cold wave, our working class of people have had but little to do, and the wolf stands at the door-step of many a poor man in Xenia, Ohio.

There has been but few cases of people being froze to death, but the suffering with cold and frozen feet is numerous.

The Pan Handle railroad have been meeting with bad success. They have lost several engines and freight cars, and have had to borrow engines from the Little Miami road to haul freight, etc.

All parties indebted for this paper will please call at Mrs. Hattie Rallsback and pay up, also leave orders for the delivery of this paper and all items of interest.

Let every colored man and woman patronize our own race paper.

E. H.

Xenia, O., Jan. 15.-Sleighriding is the order of the day Ah! there boys take your best girl out.

We are having a great deal of sickness and deaths now.

Mr. Elijah Smith died of pneumonia on the 2th inst. at his sister-in-law's Mrs. Rosa Smith. He was buried at Jamestown. Funeral was conducted by Elder Wm. Rajay.

The funeral of Steward Messenger was largely attended at the Wesleyan church. Rev. R. F. Clark officiated. The deceased leaves to mourn the following children: Mrs. John Green, Mrs. Fannie Vaughn, Springfield, O.; Miss Sallie and Rachel, Robert and little Freddie, all of them of age except the latter, he being 8 years.

Mrs. Hannah Goodlone, of Dayton, O., was over to attend the funeral of Mr. Messenger.

Mrs. Millie Anderson, of Springfield, was called suddenly to the funeral of her grandfather.

Mrs. Vaughn and Mrs. Anderson have returned to their homes.

The Good Samaritans elected their officers for the ensuing term as follows: Hulda Hacking, W. P. P. D.; Celia Bailey, O. of F.; Nancie Johnson, D. of F.; Anna Hanch Washington, D. of F.; Ana Hubbanks, D. of R.; Mary Leach, D. of C.; Hattie Rallsback, D. of F.; Martha Gales, D. of P.; Siplen Maren, D. of L. There will be an installation at their next meeting, 27th.

Mr. Hezekiah Crawford died of pleurisy at his home on the 13th, aged 60 years. He leaves one daughter in Washington, D. C.

Persons having items send them to Mrs. Rallsback for publication, by Monday morning, and oblige the agent.

## TOLEDO TOPICS.

Toledo, Ohio, Jan. 17.-Toledo ladies social club gave a card party on the 17th at the residence of Mrs. C. H. Furgusson.

The Queen of the West society held a social at the residence of Mrs. Clem Page, on the 14th.

Mrs. John Davis was agreeably surprised by a number of her friends on the 9th.

Mr. and Mrs. A. King entertained a few friends on the 10th.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Welcher entertained a few friends on the 12th.

Mr. Charles Cottrel returned to this city from Columbus, last week.

Miss Cannon, of Lima, is visiting her brothers, Messrs Joseph and John Cannon.

The many friends of Mr. Geo. Fields, will be pleased to hear that he is improving and able to walk a few steps with help.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Payne who have been visiting at St. Louis, were obliged to shorten their visit; Mr. Payne having become ill. He is now convalescing.

Mrs. Georgetta Morris who died at her residence on Indiana avenue, was buried from the A. M. E. church, Monday.

Mr. Charles Robinson who died last week, was buried from the A. M. E. church Sunday.

Jimmie and George McField who have been sick for some time, both died Sunday. Jimmie, of consumption and George of brain fever. A double funeral took place from the house, Tuesday, Jan. 17th. The bereaved mother has seen the eyes of three little ones close forever in a little more than two weeks.

Julia Watkins, the eldest daughter, of Mr. and Mrs. John Watkins, died at Vicksburg, Miss., Thursday, Jan. 12th. Her remains will be brought to this city. She professed religion on New Year's night, and leaves a bereaved mother and father, two little sisters and many friends to mourn her loss.

## ATHENS ARTICLES.

Athens, Ohio, Jan. 17.-Mrs. James White and daughter, Frankie, spent Sunday here with relatives and left Monday for Albany, Ohio.

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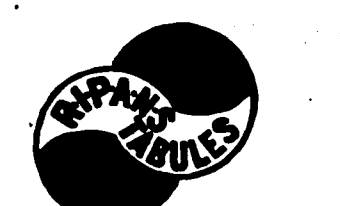
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### GALLIPOLIS ITEMS.

Gallipolis, Ohio, Jan. 16.-The Lincoln high school in our city will give a Junior entertainment in March.

The Third street Baptist church and the M. E. church have commenced their protracted meetings.

Miss Emma Mason is improving very fast.

Mrs. Anna Jones has been very ill, but she is better now.

Mr. Joseph Hall, of Gallipolis, O., was arrested at Pt. Pleasant, W. Va., for carrying concealed weapons and being intoxicated.

Mr. Patterson Boggs and Mr. Anderson Miller, have a law suit on hand about a fence corner.

Mr. James Staten has arrived home from Pittsburg.

Mrs. Lorenza Lewis gave a birthday party on Jan. 14th, for her daughter, Miss Cora Lewis.

Ask your friends if they are reading the Plaindealer. Have them try it.

### PIQUA POINTS.

Piqua, Ohio, Jan. 15.-Rwv. Richard Meredith remained all the week, holding meetings, but will return home Monday.

Cyren A. M. E. church are holding meetings.

Miss Ruth Huggard was presented with a fine present by the First Baptist Sunday school, as assistant organist.

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Some well intentioned people have advised that the Afro-American, like the Jew, bend his energies for a period to the accumulation of money, and leave politics alone. The Plainealer is unable to see how such policy would benefit the Afro-American. Liberty becomes less valuable when one surrenders his privileges as a man and as a citizen, and it is always easier to give up than to acquire. If the Afro-American in the South should ever willingly give up his citizenship and cease to protest against the lawlessness and anarchy, and the denial of civil rights and privileges in the South, he might never again regain his footing as a citizen. The Jew with all his wealth, controlling as he does almost the wealth of the world, and making great progress in other fields of civilization is still discriminated against. In Russia his lot may be said to be even harder than that of the Afro-American in the South. His possessions are taken away from him, he is huddled in certain districts from which he is not allowed to stray under penalty of being sent to Liberia, and measures have been taken to compel his emigration. In certain hotels of the North he can not find accommodations, and the highest societies do not allow him to enter their ranks, while in Mississippi there appears reports of numerous outrages committed against them.

The Plainealer advises the Afro-American to pay no heed to the advice of persons who think it best for them to abstain from politics. Hold fast to every right and privilege guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States to the citizen, and never cease to protest against every denial or withholding of any right or privilege belonging to him. Everything comes to him who waits, and has energy and purpose and things are coming our way, even though they look, at times, dark.

There is not an Afro-American throughout the country, but who ought to have a word of cheer and of encouragement to all those who are fighting the battles of the people. Every movement against proscription, every effort to check intolerance should be met with the sympathy and aid they deserve. Every Southern Afro-American, and every Northern one, too, should aid the Citizens committee of New Orleans, and other organizations of a like nature, as well as private citizens. God speed in their fight against the class laws of the South. It has been nearly two years since the Citizens committee first commenced to gather funds to fight the separate car laws. It lost the battle in the State of Louisiana, as if expected to, and now it is getting ready to meet the enemy in the highest tribunal of the land, Judge Tourgee, of New York, one of the best friends of the race that ever battled for securing justice to others, will present the case at Washington, and he will be assisted by eminent legal talent, of both races. Let the race back up the committee, and if more funds are needed, let it stand ready to furnish it. This is a critical point in our history. Let it be met as it should be.

Four Afro-Americans were hung for the murder of one white man at Chestertown, Md., last week, and almost at the last moment, four others, who were mere boys, and who likewise received sentence of death for the same murder, received notice that their sentence had been commuted to imprisonment for life. There can be no doubt but what the murder was a most outrageous and cold blooded one, and that the principals deserved the full punishment of the law, but there is reason to doubt the wisdom and justice of the verdict that sentences four young boys who had no further connection with the crime than that they were, it is claimed, unwilling witnesses. That these boys, 13 to 15 years of age, should be compelled to dwell their life long in prison, only shows up another of the inconsistencies of Southern justice to Afro-Americans. There is not a week that passes by but what murders, as outrageous as the one in question, are committed on Afro-Americans for far less causes, and

the murderers are not even compelled to appear before a court of justice.

Benjamin F. Butler.

The conditions of life in our American Republic; the wide scope it has offered for the cultivation of character, and the development of genius, have combined to produce men of great and unique parts. There was that about the earlier history of our country, when it was emerging out of its chrysalis state—from the cruel inconsistencies of American life as compared with its avowed principles of liberty; from the struggle over the constitution, and the breaking of the rude shell, slavery—to a government in harmony with its professions, that tended to bring out all that was good and great, or bad and debasing in man. That period produced great characters, men who shown resplendent by the light of their genius, by their acts and deeds in their advocacy of righteous principles, and the cause of the oppressed. How brightly emblazoned upon the pages of our history are the names of Brown, Lovejoy, Garrison, Phillips, Sumner, Wade, Giddings, Lowell, Curtis, Lincoln, Grant Whittier and others who united with them in their efforts to break down slavery and elevate humanity. Through what a storm of religious, social and political persecutions they passed before the consummation was reached.

Among men who believe in the elevation of the masses, who believe that there is no cause more ennobling than that of striving to uplift his fellows Benjamin F. Butler will be considered as fit to rank with those men who have made such a cause their life work. In his death, the country loses one of its greatest and most unique characters. His political career has been a checked one. He commenced his life as a Democrat; was a member of the National Democratic convention of 1860, and voted repeatedly for Jefferson Davis, and afterwards withdrew from the convention, because of its declaration on slavery. Like Grant and Logan, he changed his politics when he saw that the course of the Democratic party threatened to disrupt the Republic. He remained a Republican until 1876 when he again entered the Democratic party, and finally united with the Greenback party, and was its candidate for president in 1884.

Despite his love for the theatrical, which appeared to be a prominent phase of his character, Gen. Butler during the war showed himself to be a shrewd farseeing man, who looked beyond temporary expedients, and proved himself to be a true friend of the Afro-American. He was one of the first to answer the call for troops. In 1861 he entered Baltimore, proceeded from there to Washington, where he was greeted enthusiastically as one of the saviors of the Capitol. He was assigned to duty at Fortress Monroe, and here was first applied by him the term "contraband of war," to the runaway slaves, who came to him, and whom he refused to deliver up to their former masters, which action caused him numerous enemies at Washington. Future historians will do Gen. Butler justice for his strict military discipline at New Orleans. He was in the midst of a hostile country, surrounded by enemies and desperate remedies were required to bring peace out of turmoil. The hanging of Mumford, his order for the clearing of the streets and for declaring all women on the streets after a certain hour, "women of the town," for their conduct to his soldiers, caused excitement all through the South, and even in the North, and Jefferson Davis proclaimed him an outlaw. While at New Orleans large numbers of slaves came into camp and offered themselves for services, and Brigadier Gen. Phelps, of Vermont, persistently urged that they be employed. Correspondence passed between him and Gen. Butler, and Butler refused to do so on account of the orders issued to him from Washington. Later on when hard pressed, Gen. Butler armed the Afro-American. Their courage and usefulness, the great bravery they displayed at Port Hudson, under the most trying circumstances, made him ever afterwards an enthusiastic advocate of the Afro-American. The conduct of the "Black Phalanx" also electrified the nation, which before, despite the history of the past, seemed to feel that the slave would not dare to face white men.

After the war Gen. Butler was elected to Congress as a Republican. He was active in the impeachment of President Johnson, was a prominent figure in the Reconstructive measures, and in the House, vying with that other able son of Massachusetts in the Senate, Charles Sumner, was most active in securing the passage of the Civil Rights bill. As a Democratic governor of Massachusetts, he showed his consistent

friendship by the appointment of Lawyer E. G. Walker, as police justice of Boston. When the State Republican Senate refused to confirm this man, he sent in the name of Geo. L. Ruffin, who was confirmed. This act has not met its parallel by that of any Republican or Democratic governor of any Northern state, and makes that appointment stand out all the more pre-eminent, as showing his friendship for the race, his contempt of public opinion, the will to do that which he thought was right, and to reward the deserving.

As a lawyer Gen'l Butler was undeniably great. He had no superior at the bar, and has been engaged in most of the cases that have come before the U. S. Supreme Court. In which constitutional questions were involved. Like Phillips he espoused what he thought to be the cause of the people, and like him such advocacy led him out of the Republican party.

By the standards that govern men Gen'l Benjamin F. Butler will be regarded as a great man. His love of prominence will not detract from this, because he has never been known to waver when principles were questioned, or the cause of the people to be advocated. All Afro-Americans will ever honor him as one who has been a staunch and enthusiastic advocate, and in their hearts his name will be enshrined with other great friends of the race.

America has been playing the roll of a goody goody nation lately. Her subjects have indited many strong protests against England's treatment of Ireland and against Russia's inhumanity to the Jews. Largely signed petitions have followed in the wake of these protests to show how thorough in earnest the people here are, in breaking down oppression and in building statues of liberty on its ruins. It does not take much courage to be popular, nor does it strain seared conscience to speak a lie when it is not necessary to act it out in the life. If every pretended tear shed in America for the Russian Jews, had been dollars, there would be enough cash on hand to buy Palestine and build a house for every family of that nation now in Russia.

The signers of the protest so recently forwarded to Russia resided in almost every State in the Union, and although Mississippi is not specially mentioned, there is no doubt that its people are as good as humane States. Yet only last week, in that State, a large number of the superior (?) race, who make, execute and defy the laws, have been giving practical lessons that are the very essence of the milk of human kindness. Near Jackson, lives a number of wealthy Jewish planters, who employ a large number of Afro-Americans. Without provocation their houses have been burnt and theirs, and the lives of their tenants threatened unless they leave the State in a specified time. This devilment is being carried on while they still rings at their lips: "Russia Oh, Russia! How can you be so cruel."

The Democratic press is raising a righteous howl about the Republicans stealing legislatures and through them the U. S. Senate. And they are not at all mealy mouthed in making the charge. They have been striking right out from the shoulder in declaring the course of the Republican party, in trying to elect senators from one or two Western States, down right thievery. But the poor dainty Republican managers have not the courage or the manhood to stand up and tell the Democrats how they have come in to power. Not alone by stealing, but they have added murder to their thieving. If stealing seats in the senate was a capital crime, there would be at least ten Southern senators entitled to a cell in some penitentiary. The late sainted Senator Kenna, for the repose of whose righteous soul, high mass was said in the Senate chamber, came to his seat by virtue of murder—nothing less. Eulogy and flattery over his remains will not wipe away the stain of crime that hoisted him into position. The sooner our Republican managers learn to turn these charges of stealing upon those who make them, the sooner they will come into power again. Now is the time when the party needs a Sumner, a Chandler, a Logan—men whose teeth did not chatter when an ex-rebel spoke.

That great men's minds run in the same channel was evidenced in last week's Plainealer, when Judge Tourgee and Rev. John M. Henderson both spoke of the tendency of the Afro-American to ostentation. Each wrote upon a different subject and with a different object in view, yet both agreed upon the vital point that too much force is spent in ostentation and show. This is a seasonable time of the year for reading Afro-Americans to have their attention called to a weakness that is all together prevalent and hurtful to solid progress. The posing men of the race have not been the men who have honored it or brought it respect, nevertheless their names are oftener in print. A titled name hitched to an incompetent or vicious man is a stumbling block to the race.

A week had scarcely passed since the death of Gen. Butler when notice was flashed over the wires of the death of a man who has played a prominent part in the history of the country—Ex-President R. B. Hayes. Whenever his name is mentioned the memorable struggle of 1876 springs into mind. Mr. Hayes was of a different type from Gen. Butler. He was one of those good men who seemed to think that all persons were actuated by good impulses, and all that was needed to bring the South again into perfect union was to withdraw the troops. This movement showed how little he knew of men and the dominant impulses of the South. This act of his surrendered to the Democratic party the most faithful allies of the Republican party, and inaugurated scenes of strife and carnage, of foulest murder, and most destructive warfare, that was ever waged in any country in the time of peace. From this conflict thousands of lives were lost, vast property interests sacrificed, and women outraged, and scarcely one person brought to justice for these misdeeds. The evils of that time still live in the present, in the innumerable lynchings and outrages still going on in the South. President Hayes, by the withdrawal of troops, has been execrated by Afro-Americans.

Since his retirement from the presidency, Mr. Hayes has led a quiet life and has belonged to numerous societies whose object is the amelioration of the condition of masses. He was not fitted, either by character, temperament, or by his knowledge of men, for the time in which he served his country as president.

And yet, there are Afro-Americans, who insist that the Democratic party is the best friend of the Afro-American. The history of the legislation of the Southern States is replete with instances of a nature calculated to oppress and check race progress. But all this legislation will only serve to develop a character and persistency of purpose in the race that will enable it to surmount all obstacles and come out victor. The Living Way says truly that the Afro-American "goes marching on."

There is a peculiarity about the subject the lecturers of to-day are handling, which peculiarity can only be explained by a paradoxical law of the association of opposites. Last year Mr. Talmage a big man, was lecturing on "big blunders," this year another big man, Rev. Dixon, is lecturing on "big fools." Next year some other big man will be out with some other big subject that of which he himself, is not a shining example.

The Christmas season is supposed to be an era of "Peace and Goodwill." Yet in the South, surrounded by churches and storied traditions, of the event, ten men were lynched during Christmas week. To all of which the Plainealer again repeats: For hate is strong, And mocks the song, Of peace on earth, goodwill to men.

At Youngstown, Ohio, a judge of the Common Pleas court, fined a barber \$50 and costs for refusing to shave an Afro-American. This decision or award is directly contrary to the decision of the judge at Marietta, Ohio, who declared that part of the civil rights law, referring to barber shop was unconstitutional.

Unintentionally, last week, we credited a clipping to the Christian Recorder, which should have been credited to the Plainealer. No harm done we hope.—Denver Exponent. You are forgiven this time.

## CURRENT COMMENT

Alexandria Clipper—Colored men, be polite, be industrious, be saving. Teach your boys and girls to honor and practice manual labor, not to despise it. Educate your children and don't say, "I got along very well without any education and my children can do the same." If you got along well, the "stuff" is in your children, and with education they will get along better. Buy your children healthful books and now and then encourage a colored author. How do you know that your boy or girl may not write a book, and how do you

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know that the Afro-American volume you present your boy may not be his inspiration to do some creditable act? It is often a mighty little thing that influences a whole lifetime.

Philadelphia Tribune—After all the hubbub over the case of Dr. Briggs, charging him with heresy, the New York Presbytery cleared him of all six charges. The General Assembly may now be asked to give its view upon the matter. Should this occur, it is hoped they will pass upon it as soon as possible. Such church squabbles are not healthy, and in our opinion tend more to injury and bad feelings, than in any way to strengthen the cardinal doctrines of Calvinism. Some men have won a good deal of notoriety out of the scheme, and that is about all that ambitious souls can hope to win.

New York Tribune—"The Charleston News and Courier" thinks that the "narrow and noisy" section of the country knows as New England is destined to sink into utter political insignificance. When an earthquake brought ruin and death to so large a portion of Charleston a few years ago, the "narrow and noisy section" was most prompt and generous in sending help to the sufferers; but it would be unreasonable to expect "the News and Courier" to remember a little circumstance like that. The Bourbon never learns charity and never forgets prejudice.

Denver Exponent—The Negro in America with his present privileges and opportunities, is faring far better than he would in Africa, fighting himself, as well as the different powers of Europe.

The American Citizen—The Plainealer takes up more than two columns replying to a silly Negro, named Grandison who is at present at the head of a school in North Carolina. We met this Negro, Dec. 1888 in Atlanta, Ga. He was then a big eyed, abnormal eared, lippy ignoramus, with an extra amount of "gab." From his recent "bellowing" he does not seem to be improved. Mr. Plainealer, save your shot for better game.

The Mirror—In this age no man is a traitor to party who regards his own and his race's interest more sacred than party ties.

Afro-American—A few intelligent Afro-American pastors in the South are advising their people to emigrate from that clime, where they are persecuted and to seek refuge on the continent of Africa. They are on the field and evidently know what is best for their people. But some how we have never been able to see the advantage to be gained by the African emigration scheme. How will it do to change the subject and teach the race that America is theirs by birth right, that their fathers paid for the soil by the sweat of their brow and that the race must stay here and enjoy the legacy, cost what it will?

Pioneer Press—We congratulate the legislature of Massachusetts for electing Henry Cabott Lodge as U. S. Senator. He is a widely known author, a profound scholar, and a better constitutional lawyer, America has not.

There is a lesson in this, that the South will do well to ponder over. Mr. Lodge is the author of the election bill, and the fact that his State sends him to the highest law making power of this country shows that the loyal sons of the old Bay State endorse the bill. It was in that very State where the seed of liberty was sown, moistened by such men as Garrison, Phillips and others, and this may be a seed of justice and equal rights for us all, deeply buried in the sacred soil of that glorious old state, that will by and by, grow and spread its branches until it shall cover and protect every law abiding citizen in this prejudiced cursed country.

Exchange—The election of Henry Cabott Lodge to succeed Senator Dawes of Massachusetts is strong endorsement of the Federal Election law and an advance clarion sound that there are yet, Republicans living that are determined to make national equal rights and universal suffrage honorable, as party principles. The overwhelming endorsement which he received in the caucus, was just like the great liberty loving state that has never been behind in advocating the principles designed by the Declaration of Independence to govern the greatest Republic.

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Beatrice Jenkins, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jenkins, of Watson street, is very ill.

The boys' musical and literary club is the name of a new organization among the boys of Bethel Sunday school. Master Sandford Daily is president, and Master Eddie Abenathy, secretary.

Mr. Wm. J. Kersey has been seriously indisposed the past week. Mr. Charles Lewis, formerly a member of the Jubilee troupe, but who has in company with his wife, Mrs. Verina M. Gilliam Lewis, been giving musical and literary concerts in the city, en route to Chicago.

The sisters of the Ready Workers' society, will serve a 'S' supper, Feb. 14th at Bethel church. The supper schedule will include sundry seasonable substantial, sweetmeats and sips or something to suit every one. Admission five cents.

Miss Ella Brown, of Brewster street, is visiting Amherstburg friends.

Mrs. John Pines, of Pontiac, who was suddenly called home by the death of her mother, Mrs. Johnson, at Dixboro, Mich., will be the guest of Mrs. Perkins in Detroit, for a few days.

Madame Sissieretta Jones, 'the Black Patti' will sing in the Auditorium, Feb. 9th, under the management of Mrs. Maegle Porter Cole. See advertisements later.

Mrs. K. Willette, of Clinton street, who was visiting friends in Chatham, has returned after an enjoyable time.

Mrs. Lizzie Ford, eldest daughter of Mr. Daniel Mills, died Wednesday of last week, from the effects of a severe cold and was buried last Sunday afternoon from her late residence on Russell street. Rev. Henderson officiating.

A business meeting will be held by the Minnetta Social club at the residence of Isaac Wilkins, on Alfred street and a full attendance is requested.

Rev. Dr. Thompson, rector of St. Matthew's church, has purchased the residence of Mrs. Carey at 250 West Canfield avenue, and has removed his family there.

The Willing Workers' society meet next week at the residence of Mrs. Wm. Tomlinson, 299 Adelaide street.

John Green and Fred Brown, took part in the contest for the welter weight championship of the State, at the Griswold theater, last Monday night. Brown fought Travis and lost while Green dropped his match to Kelly who claimed to hail from Mt. Clemens. Green showed up well, however, and is rated about the best in the State, this being his first match in public.

Madame Sissieretta Jones is acknowledged by all to be the greatest singer of the race. Don't fail to attend the coming concert at the Auditorium.

Jim Peters wants a go at Geo. Peters, the Afro-American middle weight champion.

The best remedy for rheumatism, Mr. John W. Gates, Petersburg, Va., writes: "I used Salvation Oil for Rheumatism and obtained great relief. It is the best remedy I have ever tried and I shall keep it in the house."

There is a letter at the Plaindealer office from Saginaw, Mich., for Miss Inna Carley. Please call for the same.

Maud Wilson a 20 year old girl who formerly lived at Chatham, died in her chair at 147 Larned street one night this week. The inmates said she had been in poor health for some time. Her body was removed to F. Dick's undertaking rooms.

Mrs. William Lewis pleasantly entertained the Willing Workers at her home on Calhoun street, Thursday.

Mrs. Mيرانit is expecting a visit from Mrs. Chew, of Troy, N. Y.

"The Senate" met at the residence of Mr. Harvey Webb last Tuesday evening. After the debate the members enjoyed a little social intercourse and a fragrant cup of coffee.

Mr. R. C. Barnes is counsel for B. F. Schellberg in his contest for a seat in the Legislature. Mr. Barnes is gaining quite a reputation as a shrewd lawyer.

Mrs. R. Moore of Wilkins street has fully recovered from her recent sickness.

There will be the usual services at Second Baptist church next Sunday at 10.45 and 7.45 p. m. Rev. N. F. McBayne, pastor.

Souvenir spoons are the rage now. Subscribe for the Plaindealer and get one.

George Peters, the local pugilist, referring to the roast given him by the Free Press says: "If the Free Press fighting editor says Kelly weighed only 140 pounds the night of the tournament he must have been cockeyed. He weighed 150. I am ready to fight Kelly or any other man, who weighs 160 pounds or less for all the money the Free Press building is worth. My money is ready any time anybody wants to cover it. When the Free Press got a 'rake-off' on my fights, I was all right, but now that I want all of my share of the receipts myself they throw dirt at me."

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## ODD FELLOWS' CONVENTION.

A convention was held in Detroit, Mich., on January 2, for the purpose of formulating plans for the organization of a District Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows in the State of Michigan. The following delegates were present: C. T. White, J. W. Smith, and T. C. Johnson, Bay City; T. J. Henson, J. W. Harris and Henry Thomas, East Saginaw; Romain C. Johnson, J. K. Kersey and F. J. Johnson, Ypsilanti; and C. H. Christian, R. H. White and F. D. Hamilton, Detroit. The convention was called to order by T. J. Henson, of Saginaw, who was subsequently chosen temporary chairman and R. H. White temporary secretary. The most important business was the selection of the first officers of the District Grand Lodge and the honors were conferred as follows: District Grand Master, C. T. White, Bay City; District Deputy Grand Master, J. W. Harris, East Saginaw; District Grand Secretary, R. H. White, Detroit; District Grand Treasurer, F. D. Hamilton, Detroit; Grand Warden, F. J. Johnson, Ypsilanti; Grand Guardian, R. C. Johnson, Ypsilanti; Grand Chaplain, T. C. Johnson, Bay City; Grand Marshal, T. J. Henson, East Saginaw. Members of the Executive committee, C. H. Christian, Detroit; J. W. Smith, Bay City; J. H. Kersey, Ypsilanti. The convention then took a recess, subject to the call of the temporary chairman.



The Plaindealer acknowledges the receipt of an invitation to attend the Opening of the Union Depot, on Saturday, January 21. A fine musical program will be rendered by the Fort Wayne band.

It has been over a year since Richard B. Harrison made his last appearance in Detroit, when he read at Bethel church, Monday night, to small but appreciative audience. His selections were different from those he has been heard in here, and comprised both the comic and the serious. He has improved in his methods and has learned the art of holding his listeners. He is sympathetic too, and to an extent, sways his hearers. That he is capable of still further improvement, detracts nothing from his ability to give a most pleasing entertainment. The Plaindealer would like to have seen a larger audience in order to see what an incentive it would have had to a more ambitious effort.

Those who were at the entertainment had an opportunity of hearing something about the great American pastime—lynching. Mr. Harrison described a lynching scene that he witnessed in Alabama, with all of its revolting details, and the hot-headed cussedness of the Southerners. When such things are related by eye witnesses they have more effect than when they are read, and because of this Bethel church should have been filled to the doors. Northern people have cause to be thankful that they live in a country where justice prevails, and where prejudice of race does not bear down so heavily upon them.

"I want all the best people in the front to hear Miss Jones sing," said Mrs. Cole. "I want to show them that the talents of colored people are not confined to cake walks and dance halls, but that our race has produced one of the greatest singers of the age."

There are people who have no use for others except when they can be used to profit. When this occasion passes there appears to be nothing to mean that can be said against them.

Two new fire engines were put into commission by the city recently. If the Afro-Americans of the city would get together here would be no reason why some of their number could not get together there would be no reason some of the different houses, or as controlling one of them.

"Gall Hamilton"—Miss Abigail Dodge, writes Wm. E. Gladstone a scathing letter, in which she uses this language: "In the name of God I arraign you, the head of the British government, for the murder of Florence Elizabeth Maybrick, now dying in the convict prison at Woking."

Further on she adds: "The home secretary of the late government, who began the torture; the late prime minister, who sustained him in it; the present home secretary, who continues it—these are all as guilty as you, but I do not know whether they believe in a God. You believe in God. It is therefore because you believe in God that I invoke the witness of Almighty God while I charge you with the murder of the innocent woman in Woking prison. We have been asking justice in the name of mercy. I ask it no more. I ask for justice only. I ask it in her own sacred name."

Miss Dodge should have sent a similar appeal to the pastors and priests of every Southern church in America, in behalf of the mobbed and outraged Afro-American women of that section. It would have been excellent Christmas reading, when so many Southern congregations have left their churches to see a howling mob swing some mutilated Afro-American into eternity right in the shadow of their church spires, and have offered no protest. Can they believe in a God?

A bill has been introduced in the Alabama legislature to prohibit white teachers from instructing Negroes. What next, gentlemen? The Negro goes marching on.—Living

## Bazoo and Bootjack.

The Editor had spent the whole morning trying to make his correspondence for publication, and the space allotted that department jibe. It was a heavy task, for every mother's son of them thinks a paper is published solely to give the news of his or her locality. Of course a newspaper has several other missions outside of telling what people wear at a party or how well they enjoyed themselves when they get there, nevertheless a large number of correspondents go into hysterics if a line is left out and if there be any one thing more than another that the ordinary chronicler of local events is blessed with, it is volubility. Nevertheless the Editor was patient, he had often had occasions to examine the essays of his early school days and he would scratch his head and exclaim: "How the devil did I ever write so much and say so little." He was in the midst of his labor when Bazoo entered. "Look here Bootjack," said he, "you need not expect much news from me for a week or so. I find I've got to commence all over again and get acquainted. I started down the street the other day with an old chum and met a nice looking young lady, 'stranger?' said I 'stranger?' ejaculated he. 'Don't you know her? Why that's Mrs. So and So. Used to be Mary Smith.' 'Great Scott,' said I, 'she married, why she was in short dresses when I went away.' And so it has been all this week. I find the society mail-en of to-day was the short dressed brigade of yesterday.

There are but two classes of citizens I recognize that looks familiar. One is the prominent citizen, who has made and saved some money. He puts me in mind of the faithful servant of the Bible, for like him he must have wrapped his prominence in a napkin and put it away for safe keeping, for it is the same old prominence and the same old money. Of all the new enterprises I have heard of since coming home that give employment to labor or gives promise of becoming a permanent institution, not one of them have any of the old line milled men behind them. The other class that seems familiar is the bum whose sole business is to do the public. I am sure if there was a bum university anywhere in this neighborhood, a few of our home talent would have degrees conferred upon them that would be well merited.

By the way, you have a new kind of bum since I left. He is a species I have never heard of before, although I declare I do not discover any particular difference between him and the ordinary youthful bum I knew when here. They call him a tar-ra-bum or bum tar-ra. I don't know which is correct for I must confess I am not up on colloquial slang. I see a number of our boys have joined this new order. A few of them of whom I expected better things. They were going to school when I left the school of promise too, but they are attending the one across the way now, the school of adversity.

Young men are seldom compelled to attend this academy, but it is like the Castle of Gaunt Dispair, it don't do to monkey with it too long. I have been making a picture in the future of two boys with present opportunities equal. One takes advantage of his and the other neglects his. You can imagine the relative state of these two boys when they have become men without me outlining the picture to you.

There is one thing I have noticed here which is keeping with my observations elsewhere. That is the proneness of Afro-Americans to make monkeys of themselves. Once, while on the Pacific slope, I went on a pleasure trip. I was hardly seated before a band of hoodlums began to sing jim crow songs to the great amusement of the whites. I turned away in disgust and the white people eyed me as a curiosity. They couldn't conceive of an Afro-American, who could be entertained by reading or conversation on the popular subjects of the day in preference to listening to jim songs. They had always pictured him as a jim crow being and those fellows were helping to confirm their belief. I would have felt more comfortable if the whole lot had been pitched overboard. The fellows were showered with small coins while not one of the donors would have given a cent to help support one of our churches nor would they have thought it profitable to have patronized one of the concerts given by Afro-Americans of talent.

Not long after that I was at a public gathering where patriotic sentiments pervaded the whole meeting, but the omnipresent jim crow Negro was there and it wasn't long ere a crowd of them got together and commenced their unearthly yell. I slipped quietly away, cursing my fate, not that of my race connections, but that so many of them with whom I am identified, continue to make such blanket blank fools of themselves, and make this foolishness so conspicuous at all times.

"I'll get my bearings by next week."

Sometime ago Mrs. Virginia De Baptiste applied for a divorce from W. E. DeBaptiste on the grounds of extreme cruelty. Wednesday the case came on for hearing and the bill was dismissed by Judge Hoerner. DeBaptiste was insane when the act was committed, and he has since been in the insane asylum, and discharged as cured.

What Hustling Means.

This word hustling means to get there, it means success and wealth, it means honor and distinction. It is the unit by which successful men are measured. For a better definition we respectfully refer our readers to the owners of the Detroit Plaindealer—one of the most successful products of genuine hustling of which we know.—Petersburg, Va., Herald.

## LANSING LAONICS.

Lansing, Mich., Jan. 16.—The events of our city have been wanting so long in your columns that I fear that we Lansingites will pass out of memory if we do not renew our acquaintance.

Sunday's services closed the revival. Our Sunday school is a success. There are seven very able teachers conducting it.

Mrs. Amanda Scott is quite ill, also Mrs. John Roberts.

Miss Maggie Davison who has been ill for a long time, is better, also Mrs. Eva Jackson.

Miss Eva Fowler has returned from Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Byrd paid a visit to Detroit, returning Tuesday. Mr. E. Louis has returned home, after a two weeks visit in our city.

Mrs. S. Leek was suddenly called away by the death of her father. A reception was tendered Miss Hattie Byrd while home on a visit, to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. Byrd. The guests numbering sixty had a delightful time, afterwards Miss Byrd returned to Cleveland, Ohio.

A sleighride party will be the event for Tuesday evening. The participants will go to Leadley's Park, where a pleasant time is anticipated.

M. B.

BRANTFORD BUDGET.

Brantford, Ont. 16.—A very enjoyable event, was that of the surprise party given Wednesday evening, Jan. 11th, by Mrs. Ben. McComas, in honor of her husband's birthday. Quite a number were present, and the evening was spent in cards, music and dancing.

Miss Anna Armstrong who had been spending a few weeks visiting her mother, Mrs. Thomas, returned to New York city, Wednesday, accompanied by her sister, Gracie.

Mr. James Wilson is home from Columbus, Mo.

Mr. Charles Jones is home from Buffalo, N. Y.

Miss Addie Walker who has been spending a couple of weeks under her parental roof, will return to Detroit Wednesday, regretted by her many friends.

One of our young city gentlemen who has recently returned from abroad, claims to having been married to a charming young lady in the far West. A few cling to the belief that the tale is true, while the greater majority think otherwise. Oh! well, we'll all be better satisfied and feel more convinced when the lady herself puts in an appearance and claims her rightful possession.

If the young lady in East Saginaw, who wrote to a friend in Brantford some weeks ago, should chance to read the news from the Telephone City, and espay these lines, will she kindly send her address to her friend which she neglected to do. She would be most happy to communicate with her.

Gleaner.

GODDARD WILL FIGHT KENNEY.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 12.—Billy Madden has written a letter to Professor Wm. Clark, stating that he would like to bring Joe. Goddard to St. Louis, to give a boxing exhibition. Should he come Kennedy, the big black, who has conquered every heavy weight in this city, and who is known as the "New Orleans Terror," will box with Goddard. Further, if Madden feels disposed to bring Goddard here, Clark will back Kennedy for \$1,000 and the largest purse that can be secured to Madden to the above effect, and it is not improbable that Goddard and Kennedy will be brought together.



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Orin Wilson, of Co. K., 102nd Regiment, U. S. C. T., was installed commander of Post No. 156, Monday, January 9th at St. Johns, Mich.



CLEVELAND DEPARTMENT

Subscription orders and news items for the Cleveland department of the Plaidealer...

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Mrs. Benford, of Forest street, is much better, after being confined in doors from a severe fall during the holidays...

Mrs. Jones, of Michigan, who has been the guest of Mrs. Kate Brown, returned home last Thursday...

Mrs. Edwards, of Vine street, is convalescent. Mrs. John P. Green has been quite sick for several days...

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The purpose of Mr. J. A. Collins' recent visit to Cleveland was to be baptised. Last Thursday evening, the 13th inst., this imposing ceremony was performed...

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 16.—The church organization, for several years known as the First Independent Baptist church of this city, has changed its name, and will hereafter be known as the Corinthian Baptist church...

Miss Abbie McFarland, of Columbus, O., who has been employed as teacher in the public school at Greenville, Ky., is in the city visiting her friends...

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- 18. Miss Mulock—In a House Boat. 19. Mrs. Oliphant—Earthbound. 20. Ouida—Little Grand and the Marchioness. 21. F. W. Robinson—The Barmaid at Battleton. 22. Alfred Lord Tennyson—The Lover's Tale. 23. Miss Tackeray—Out of the World. 24. Annie Thomas—The Mystery, and Other Stories. 25. Miss Mulock—The Self Seer. 26. Mrs. J. H. Riddell—Miss Molly's Mishap. 27. Katherine S. Macquoid—Poor Roger. 28. The "Duchess"—How Snooks Got Out of It. 29. Conan Doyle—My Friend, The Murderer. 30. Charles Dickens—The Chimes. 31. Charlotte M. Braeme—A Gilded Sin. 32. Besant and Rice—Shepherds all and Maidens Fair. 33. Helen B. Mathers—As He Cometh Up The Stair.

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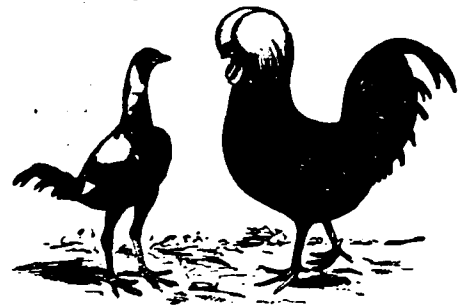
# FARM GARDEN

## HANGING A HEAVY DOOR.

A Plan for an Outside Door That Will Not Readily Get Out of Order.

Prairie Farmer illustrates a device for hanging a heavy door which is described by a correspondent who has tested it, as follows: "To make and hang a door ten feet square, for instance to a corn crib alley, take a 4 by 4-inch long pine scantling for the butt of the door and a 2 by 4 piece for the other end. Make about two feet of the upper end of the 4 by 4 round, and on the bottom put a ring; also insert in the bottom a 3/4-inch rod 10 inches long, leaving 4 inches out. Next, take a 2-inch plank 12 inches wide and about 6 feet long, and fasten it across under a couple of rafters, or under the eaves, or if it is a common boarded roof, then directly under the roof boards, and nail the roof boards firmly to it, letting it project fifteen inches from the end of the build-

case, says a writer in The Farmers' Monthly, it is emphatically the fine feathers that make the fine bird to the eye of a fancier. A White Crested Black Polish fowl must be first of all pure white in the crest and the rest of the plumage jet black or it is small of value. Likewise the Duckwing Bantam must be a genuine little aristocrat or it, too, ranks low, for, though on account of their intrinsic value as producers of eggs and fine market qualities we may well keep hundreds or thousands of Leghorns, Wyandottes, Brahmans, etc., not of exhibition quality, when we come to the more ornamental breeds we demand first of all beauty.



SILVER DUCKWING GAME BANTAM AND WHITE CRESTED BLACK POLISH.

White Crested Black Polish when well bred are strikingly handsome fowls. They invariably command the admiration of visitors to poultry shows who may indifferently pass by the more common breeds and wonder what it is in pure bred fowls that so many people profess to fancy. The Polish, or Poland, as they used to be called, have been bred pure for many years, as they are one of our oldest members of the standard family. But old as the breed is, thoroughly good specimens are none too plenty. Fanciers who delight in breeding for fine points, and who prefer a fowl that when they do succeed in getting it up to a high standard will be something they may well be proud of, often find much recreation and genuine pleasure in a yard of White Crested Black Polish.

A game without good shape is nothing. In no other breed of fowls does shape count for so much as in the game. Perfection in the Silver Duckwing Game Bantam means, so far as shape is concerned, a long slender neck, broad shoulders, small, low carried tail and long legs. Duckwing Games are housed at small expense, as they take up but little space, and their food costs comparatively little. They lay well, and for the diminutive size of the fowls the eggs are large, very palatable and nourishing. The chickens are plump and have delicious flesh. Of course, when profit alone is the object, larger breeds of fowls must be kept.

### Cranks on Dress.

There are indeed all sorts of cranks on the subject of men's furnishings. There are those that will have suspenders for every pair of trousers—a good idea—and they will all be costly, high class articles—and they will get even on neckwear or some other phase of attire. Then again there are neck wear fads—and this class is growing—that will do with one pair of ordinary braces—wear low priced shirts and go the limit that finer neckwear costs in the leading shops.—Clothing and Furnisher.

### Training His Employer.

The story is told of an English butler, who had been employed in several Boston families, who got homesick here and went back to London. When he applied for a place and showed his last recommendation dated Boston he was told that no Englishman wished to employ a fellow spoiled by lax American methods. So he has been driven back to Boston, where he is now supposedly training his employer to be severe with him in the English fashion.—Boston Transcript.

### Troubled with the Fog.

A child who had never seen a fog except in California rushed to his mother much excited the other morning to tell her that it "was growing California." The same small boy, who had had the peculiar state of the atmosphere explained to him, was noticed later in the day blowing with all his might upon the window pane. When remonstrated with for dimming its clearness he explained, "I'm trying to get all this fog out of my mouth."—New York Post.

### Bearing Turkeys.

A poultry woman in a letter to Ohio Farmer advises those who have broods of turkeys which they want to prepare for market to make a change of diet an important feature. She says:

Cornmeal mixed with a sprinkle of pepper and pulverized charcoal will fatten quicker than will whole corn. Every other day I make a mash of small potatoes, scraps of cabbage, pumpkin parings, etc., boiled soft, slightly salted, and a few handfuls of bran or meal added. This served warm is relished, especially in the morning after descent from their airy perches. Wheat, oats or screenings are good. Being unable to obtain shells, I utilized all the broken dishes by reducing them to fragments small enough to be swallowed. My turkeys never wandered from home because I always fed them punctually when they came trooping homeward from their daily quest, from the woods and fields. Never confine them when fattening. Feed liberally, and then let them seek such additions to their diet as nature prompts.

It is prognosticated that Nebraska will be growing more tobacco than sugar beets in the year 1900.

Not a few of the farmers in western New York believe that it pays to have cows come in in the fall.

The cranberry crop for 1892 is estimated at 700,000 barrels, 50,000 barrels less than last year's output.

It is reported that it was demonstrated by tests made last month at the Chicago stockyards by representatives of the United States bureau of animal industry that lumpy jaw, in a mild form at least, is curable and is not dangerously contagious, if at all.

The main reason why shallow cultivation succeeds so well with the onion is, according to A. A. Crozier, because the roots grow best in a compact soil, and the explanation which attributes the general practice of shallow cultivation to the supposed shallow rooting habit of the plant is erroneous.

## DUNCAN'S PROJECT

Would Take 1500 Afro Americans to Haverhill, Mass.

Haverhill manufacturers are now discussing a scheme for building a new factory of mammoth proportions employing 1,500 men, in the western part of the town, near what is known as Mitchell's Falls, furnishing employment to 1,000 colored people of the Southern States. H. L. Duncan, a prominent colored citizen is the promulgator of this scheme. Last week he laid his plan before the Board of Trade, and that body immediately assured Mr. Duncan of its support. Ex-Mayor Richard has already offered three acres of land for the erection of the building, which Mr. Duncan will accept. Several of the moneyed citizens have already extended contributions which are ready for use as soon as arrangements are completed. Next week Mr. Duncan will make a trip to Washington for the purpose of securing the interest of several colored capitalists. Beside the establishment of shoe factory, Mr. Duncan proposes to institute a cotton and woolen factory, thus providing work for five hundred more colored men.

The erection of the new factory will begin in early spring, and will add materially to Haverhill's population and prosperity.—The Courant.—Boston Mass.

### Birney Corrected.

To the Editor of the Plaindealer:—We have been reading the "History of James G. Birney, and his times," written by his son, with a good deal of interest, and find some statements that we don't feel disposed to pass without contradiction. Truth is what we all should seek after, and in presenting facts it will be necessary to give some of our own history. We were in the anti-slavery movement as early as 1837 and attended the State anti-slavery convention in Putnam, Ohio, in 1839, saw James G. Birney there and heard him speak, and from that time forward we kept well posted on the history of that gentleman. Now we would not listen to any man speaking a disrespectful word of Judge Birney, without contradicting him; we always considered Mr. Birney an earnest christian man, worthy of the confidence of the whole community. Yet while this is true, we think it is unbecoming in his son in writing his history, to under value and belittle such men as, Wm. Lloyd Garrison, Wendell Phillips and their coadjutors, because they were not politicians. Now, some times men over shoot the mark by pandering to their own family pride, and then blame others for the same offense.

On page 333 of this work, we find the following: "But when historians shall have cleared away the rubbish heaped by vanity's ignorance and family pride, upon the facts of the early opposition to the slave power, they will award this honor to James G. Birney, that he saw more clearly than any other man of his times the true path, followed it more closely, kept the end more steadily in view, and by common recognition of friends and enemies, became and remained until the sudden close of his public career, the trusted and honored leader of the party of constitutional resistance."

What is all this but family pride and self-glorifying, and we hope no man acquainted with the circumstances of those stirring times, will award Mr. Birney any more honor than will be given many other good men, that stood in the front of the battle.

On page 368 of the same history, he tells us that up to 1840 it was probably true that 99 abolitionists out of a hundred were church members; and the clergy as a body contained more abolitionists than any other class in proportion to their numbers. This was recognized fully by Mr. Birney. This last statement we pronounce an absolute falsehood, as the clergy were the most deadly enemies we had to contend with. In 1841 when we endeavored to establish a track for the U. G. R. R., we knew but one minister of the gospel, in the counties of Coshocton and Holmes, in Ohio, that we felt safe in approaching to give us assistance in that business, and that minister, Rev. Geo. Gordon, now sleeps in a martyr's grave. And for an historian to try to make the people believe that the clergy were right on this question, is a slander upon them. If the writer may chance to read the history of Wendell Phillips, written by Meynt, he ought to feel somewhat cheap for what he has written.

In the same year as mentioned above we attended a general Synod of a very orthodox church, to find out what they would do in regard to the slavery question, but the subject was not mentioned even in prayer, and one reason was the clerk of the synod, a few years before had sold his Negroes in South Carolina, pocketed the money and came to Pennsylvania to teach men righteousness. And the church at that day had no rebukes for such conduct.

L. Boyd.

Springfield, Ohio, Dec. 14, '92.

### AN AFRO-AMERICAN JEW OUTRAGE

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 12.—There is considerable excitement here over reports of outrage committed against wealthy Jews in Southern Mississippi. He Hillock, of Pike county, has been the principal sufferer at the hands of the white caps. Within the last two months he has lost 27 tenant houses by fire. His Afro-American farm hands have been ordered to leave the country. At present he maintains an armed guard at his private residence to keep it from being burned. Mr. Hillock claims that he has been damaged at least \$50,000, and says he will move to New Orleans. The Afro-Americans are being driven from all plantations owned by Jews and labor is demoralized.

## Want Their Rights.

Chatham, Ont., Jan. 16.—Mr. Editor:—As the correspondence for Chatham has ceased, I take pleasure in sending you the current news, with a few facts relative to our interests. What effects us in Chatham will be interesting to our brethren in other places. Our population is about eight hundred. Notwithstanding this number, and our people are large property owners, the township of Chatham forces upon us the separate school system, the only instance in Ontario. The colored citizens petitioned the school board to abolish this, which has been recently denied. But justice to the board requires me to state that two of them are friends and advocates of the applicants, and did all they could to grant the just demand. It is also just for all lovers of God and man to exclaim, Shame! to the other three, who have no respects for the right of the citizen. It is time that the inconsistent conduct of Christians which belie their profession should be uncovered. They claim to have a common Father, and one interest of a common brotherhood, and then refuse to worship at the same shrine and send their children to the same schools. The worship of Brahma, by the poor creature in India consisting in the devotees not having any dealings with those outside of their grade, is consistent with their profession, because they believe Brahma created the four different grades, and that he forbade a man of one caste becoming a member of another, but Christians profess to believe that "God hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on the face of the earth," therefore that man who claims to be a christian, and opposes the right of his brother to an equal opportunity and moral privilege is in appearance, at least, a hypocrite.

Our foe, from the gulf to the lakes is a common foe. But with the sword of truth and lawful means we shall put to flight the legions of error, and bring the woes of the master upon the heads of scribes, pharisees, hypocrites, or in modern terms, unjust officers and false teachers. Many victories have been won by us. In Buxton, two miles distance from Chatham, the majority of the school board is colored. A white brother, more holy than his brethren, declares he can not stand it, and swears that he will send his children to the paro-hial schools of the Roman Catholic church. Rev. Poindexter became one of the school board of Columbus, Ohio, helped Miss Hattie Hall, a member of his church to secure a position as teacher in the mixed schools of said city. Miss Hall will remember that I encouraged her to attend the Normal school preparatory to such a position. She thought it useless at first, but upon encouragement she prepared herself. Hence it is reasonable to assert, elect our fathers to sit with the school boards and prepare our sons and daughters for the positions offered, and the present difficulty will be remedied.

Mr. Shadd, the principal of our public school deserves much praise for the unselfish part he took in trying to abolish the caste school system; for, had we succeeded he would have no doubt lost his position as instructor. He sees, with other rising young men of our race, that our recognition depends largely upon our success to have a common interest, sympathy, and school with others. It is the testimony of most students in our university, colleges, seminaries and high schools, where all irrespective of race attend, that their colored brothers have been misrepresented, and even bitter Southerners in these institutions of learning have been converted into firm advocates of our rights. Mr. C. Sheehy, a fellow student, said that he was told that the Negro was incapable of advancing in higher education; he did not know differently until at sixteen he began his higher education at Denison university, where he chummed with Henry Beasley, a colored man. Thank God! that the lies about us are being made manifest, and that the truth reveals him to be a happy addition to the industrial, educational and religious interest of the world.

I will state a few facts that seem to me to be prophetic for the abolition of the separate public school system both North and South: The Berean college, a few miles from Frankfort, Ky., is composed of both blacks and whites—not blacks and Indians as at Hampton's Industrial school of Virginia. The Mexican university, of Ohio has a colored professor of biology, Mr. Turner by name. Wonderful changes a quarter of a century has made for us! Let us continue to watch for opportunities, to labor to secure them, and not forget to pray, that our common Father, who has fixed the bounds of our habitation, may give us the desire of our hearts.

Mr. Henry Weaver and Mr. Isaac Holden, were unanimously elected to the Council Chamber of the Township of Chatham. We all rejoice.

Miss C. Blackwell has returned home from Washington. Her father is feeling better this week.

Miss Lewis, of Toronto, will read here to-morrow night.

The cosy residence of Mr. Henry Jacobs was the scene of a very tasty wedding, Wednesday evening, Jan. 11th, the principals being Miss Laura E. Jacobs, of this place and Mr. Charles T. Cherry, of Chicago. At five o'clock, Mrs. Bella Hunt began playing the wedding march, and in a few minutes the happy couple stood before the venerable Bishop Hawkins who performed the ceremony in his usual felicitous way. The bride was assisted by her sister, Miss Helen Jacobs, while her brother William supported the groom. The bride wore cream silk trimmed with lace, with orange blossoms at her throat. After the happy couple had partaken of the wedding supper with about eighty of their friends, they left on the evening train for their future home in Chicago. Miss Jacobs was one of Chatham's most popular young ladies, a fact which

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Detroit, Nov. 4, 1892.

CORNELIUS J. REILLY, Circuit Judge.

R. C. BABNEY, Complainant's Solicitor.

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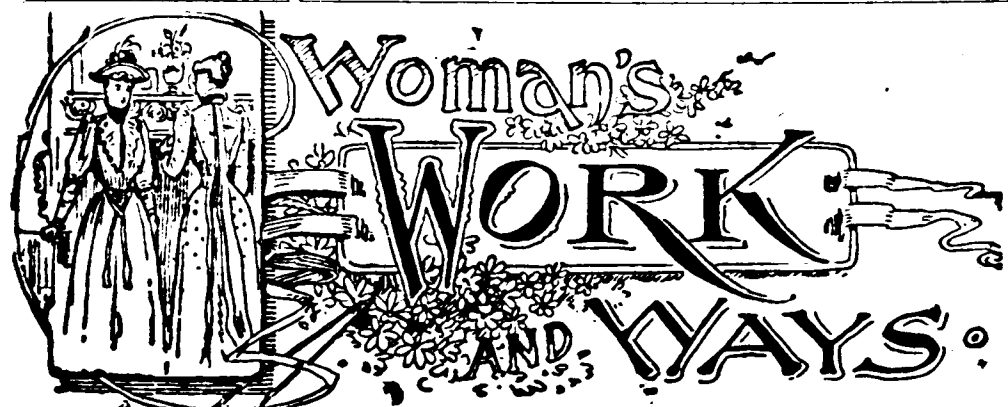
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At the high school in Stamford, Ct., there is a young colored lady a native of Boston, Mass., who is an instructor in Latin and Greek. She is the youngest daughter of Mr. Geo. W. Lowther. It is stated also that she sings in one of the large white church choirs of that city.

Miss Lou Wallace, the only colored contestant in a declamation contest of twelve girls in the high school, at Monmouth, Ill., took the prize, which was a beautiful gold watch.

One of our greatest women is Miss M. C. Jackson, of Atlanta university. This excellent young woman graduated from A. U. in '85, has since done praiseworthy work in Athens, and in various places in Florida and is now one of the best teachers in our Southland. She will doubtless be the first governess of the State Industrial school for girls, to be located at Savannah in connection with the colored college.—People's Advocate.

"If your mind is broad don't wear rings on the little finger," says an authority. "As this accentuates the width, and if your hands are long, no matter how white, don't load them with jewels, this will add to the horny look. It is better to keep them ringless."

Mrs. Nancy Garrison, a colored lady, at Holly Springs, Miss., has the longest hair of any woman living. She is 60 years old, wears her hair in three plaits. The side plaits touch the floor, while the plait behind drags 2 feet, 9 inches on the floor.—Globe Democrat.

"A voice from the South" is the name of a new book recently placed on the market by the cultured and scholarly Mrs. A. J. Cooper, of Washington, D. C., graded schools.

The granddaughter of Ex-President Russell of Liberia, is a student of Tuskegee Normal school at Tuskegee, Ala.

The venerable widow of the late Bishop Alexander Campbell, who lives at Bethany, W. Va., celebrated her 90th birthday recently.

The Plaindealer is in receipt of the engagement cards of S. Jose' Wilkinson, of Santiago, Cuba, to Miss Jewel A. Jacobs, youngest daughter of Dr. H. E. Jacobs, of Natchez, Miss. The bride elect is a young lady of culture. Mr. Wilkinson has traveled very extensively, and now that he is resolved to settle down in life, he has the good wishes and blessings of his many acquaintances. The wedding is to take place at a very early date, in consequence of the health of the groom elect, and after making a tour through California, they will settle down in Santiago, Cuba.

#### WE ARE COMING.

By Miss Josie D. Heard, Philadelphia. The words as originally written are "They are coming." We have taken the liberty to change them as they appear.—Ed.

We are coming, coming slowly—We are coming, surely—In each avenue you hear the steady tread.

From the depths of foul oppression, Comes a swarthy—bued procession, And victory perches on our banners' head.

We are coming, coming slowly—We are coming; yes, the lowly, No longer writhing in our servile bands.

From the rice-fields and plantation Comes a factor of the nation, And threatening, like Banquo's ghost it stands.

We are coming, coming proudly—We are crying, crying loudly; O, for justice from the rulers of the land!

And that justice will be given, For the mighty God of Heaven Holds the balances of power in his hand.

Prayers have risen, risen, risen, From the cotton fields and prison; Though the overseer stood with lash in hand; Groaned the overburdened heart; Not a tear-drope dared to start—But the slaves' petition reached the glory land.

We are coming, we are coming, From away in tangled swamp, Where the slimy reptile hid its poisonous head; Through the long night and the day, We have heard the blood hounds bay.

yet shall shine.

We are coming, coming boldly, Though the Nation greets us cold.

By We are coming from the hillside and the plain, With our scars we tell the story, With the cane brakes wet and gory, Where our brothers' bones lie bleaching with the slain.

We are coming, coming singing, Our thanksgiving hymn is ringing, For the clouds are slowly breaking now away.

And there comes a brighter dawn—ing, It is liberty's fair morning, We are coming, surely coming, clear the way.

Yes, we come, our stepping's steady,

And our power is felt already—God has heard the lowly cry of the oppressed; And beneath his mighty frown, Every wrong shall crumble down, When the Right shall triumph and the world be blest!

—The Planet, Richmond, Va.

#### WHAT IS A WIFE?

The pretty school teacher for a little diversion, had asked her class for the best original definition of "wife," and the boy in the corner had promptly responded, "A rib."

She looked at him reproachfully, and nodded to the boy with the dreamy eyes, who seemed anxious to say something.

"Man's guiding star and guardian angel," he said in response to the nod.

"The helpmeet," put in a little flaxen-haired girl.

"One who soothes man in adversity," suggested a demure little girl.

"And spends his money when he's flush," added the incorrigible boy in the corner.

There was a lull, and the pretty, dark-eyed girl said slowly: "A wife is the envy of spinsters."

"One who makes a man hustle," was the next suggestion.

"And keeps him from making a fool of himself," put in another girl.

"Some one for a man to find fault with when things go wrong," said a sorrowful little maiden.

"Stop right there," said the pretty school-teacher. "That's the best definition."

Later the sorrowful little maiden sidled up to her and asked: "Aren't you going to marry that handsome man who calls for you nearly every day?"

"Yes, dear," she replied, "but with us nothing will ever go wrong. He says so himself."

#### ANOTHER FRIEND GONE.

New York, Jan. 13.—The funeral of Miss Sallie Holley, widely known for her anti-slavery work before the war, was held this afternoon from Miller's hotel, in West Twenty-sixth street, where she died Thursday evening.

The services were conducted by Felix Adler and Professor Davidson, and the body was taken to Rochester, N. Y., for burial. She was the daughter of Myren Holley, who was well known as a reformer over fifty years ago, and a prominent member of the liberty party.

Miss Holley, soon after she left school, began delivering anti-slavery lectures, and twenty years before the war was prominently identified in the anti-slavery movement with William Lloyd Garrison, Wendell Phillips and Ralph Waldo Emerson.

After the war Miss Holley went to West Virginia and taught a school for colored children in Lottsburg, Northumberland county. The school house was burned by indignant white citizens of the town.

Miss Holley purchased a small tract of land, built another house and continued to educate the poor colored children there until a few weeks ago.

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#### ALWAYS THE FIRST.

It is a singular fact that in almost every thing of importance the colored people take the initiative step. Moses was first to lead a lost people, out of darkness; Hannibal was first to cross the Alps; Simon was the first to help Christ bear His cross up rugged Golgotha; Crispus Attucks struck the first blow at Boston in the Revolutionary war; Copeland shed the first blood in the late civil war, and the Haytian government is the first to dedicate its building at the World's fair—it is simply indicative. —Exchange.

#### COLORED BUSINESS MEN.

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After his death his son took to the stage, went to Europe, married a German girl and foreswore allegiance to the United States. He is now a German citizen and lives in Paris France.

At the Northwest corner of Fifth and Sycamore, Samuel Wilcox established a grocery that for elegance and completeness was without an equal. Professor Peter H. Clark was one of its clerks and Judge James Fitzgerald a messenger. A large fine and paying trade was accorded it as once. The clerks were kept busy. One after another the steamboats sent their orders for supplies to Wilcox. He prospered and waxed rich. Alas! He began to pay attention to wine and women. His son followed the father's lead. Several of the clerks joined the procession. In a short time the place became so rapid that the profits of all the groceries in Cincinnati could not have sustained the gain. His credit, good at one time for \$100,000, ran down until the bankers hesitated at two or three thousand. Seeing the crash inevitable he gathered together what he could, took his friends wife and left Cincinnati forever.

Less matured, therefore weaker, his son died before he left, so that no blood kin remained to mourn his enforced and sudden departure.

Poor fool! Nearly all men stand adversity, but how few contain themselves in prosperity. Later on, Keith and Sanderlin opened a fine grocery on Fourth street. They prospered, but not so rapidly as they desired or expected. They retired from business and moved West, where each became wealthy. Keith dying and leaving an estate of over \$100,000.

Mr. Reynolds, of Maysville, Ky., opened a first class retailing store on Fifth street, between Main and Walnut. He did a good business, but for some reason sold out and moved away.

Robert Gordon came here from Virginia with a good capital and opened a coal yard in partnership with James A. Clark. They did not agree, and after a short time Clark retired, Gordon continuing the business. Coal dealers with small capital, began to spring up over the city like mushrooms. The large operators combined and determined to crush the little fellows out, especially "the Nigger." At that time the only source of supply was by way of the river. Gordon was a shrewd, cunning and far-seeing man, comparatively illiterate, but possessed thorough business intelligence.

Trained in the coal business, he had managed to save enough from earnings his master gave him to purchase his freedom and bring to Ohio a capital of several thousand dollars. He had packed two yards with the season's stock and was supplying his customers from two to three of his boats lying at the wharf. Suddenly the price of coal at retail was reduced to lower than large rates. Gordon complacently locked his yards, tied up his boats and supplied his customers by transferring their orders to his enemies, who unsuspectingly made the deliveries. Most of the small dealers were thus started out.

The capitalists proposed to recoupate themselves by high prices later in the season. Alas! The river froze and not a ton could be brought here. In a brief time it developed that Gordon had about all the stock in the city. A few other dealers solicited his assistance in filling contracts but he "had no coal to spare." Sympathy, he declared was not an element of business life, and he never forgot a lesson once learned.

Gordon raised the price of coal from 6 cents to 12, to 15, to 20, to 30. The newspapers declaimed and the price became 40 cents. The city council appealed to the gas company to release a part of their stock for the sake of the poor. Gordon charged 50 cents and refused to sell more than half a load, twelve and a half bushels, to one individual. They threatened to mob him and the price went to 60, to 70, to 80 cents. The railroads then began bringing in a few loads and the distress was relieved. His earnings for that season are estimated at from thirty to fifty thousand dollars.

One more lesson he gave the combine and he was ever after respected, because he was feared. A train of about thirty cars from the Muskingum valley was on its way to the city. A meeting was hurriedly called by the dealers to form a combination, purchase and divide it up. Gordon heard of the meeting and appeared there to demand his share. Some advised a refusal, but when he announced his determination to break the pool unless he got it, they weakened and came to terms. One of the elements of his strength lay, no doubt, in the fact that no one ever knew his financial worth. When he died his estate was variously estimated at from \$150,000 to \$500,000.

A story is told of him that he once bought \$60,000 of United States bonds in the Lafayette bank. He gave his check in payment. The first impulse of the teller was to call an officer and have him arrested for a crank. Discretion prevailed, however, as the bank upon which the teller rushed in there almost breathless, to inquire about it. The paying teller told him to accept a \$100,000 check if offered, and when he returned to Gordon he was obsequiously polite as to occasion embarrassment.

About 1848 or 1849, J. P. Ball established at number 28 or 30 West Fourth street, the first daguerreotype gallery of the West. It became the rage to get your picture taken and Ball's gallery soon acquired a national reputation. It was a wonderful thing that a man should be able to collar the sun force it into a box and compel it to do artistic work superior so far as accuracy and expression are concerned, to the work of any portrait painter living. The place was

equal to a gold mine. Money rolled in and Ball made a competency annually. The fame of the art gallery reached Boston and Frank Leslie sent a special artist to make sketches of it, which appeared in the Illustrated in 1850. Ball was a high liver. He was so elated at the distinction which followed his first venture that he was ready to try anything which it seemed might possibly make a showing. He invested and lost. At last he bought a panorama and went to Europe expecting to come back a millionaire at least. He was disappointed; got broke and had to borrow money to get home, where on his arrival he found his business run down, badly in debt and rivalled by a new firm composed of his brother and brother-in-law under the title of Ball and Thomas. J. P. Ball took into partnership Col. Bob Harlan and fun began in the newspapers through the business rivalry of the two firms. Ball finally succumbed and went West, his brother died and in a few years Thomas sold out and retired.

The Wilberforce, hotel on the South side of Second (then Columbia) street, between Sycamore and Broadway, was doing a good business in 1833. About 1850 it was succeeded by the Hotel Dumas, on McAlister street, between Fourth and Fifth. The Dumas was built especially for the purpose and was completed in all its appointments. A large and paying patronage was accorded it and it was especially favored by the Creoles of New Orleans, both white and colored, with whom it was a favorite. During its career it was in charge of Sandy Shumate, A. S. Thomas, John H. Perkins and others, all of them old steamboat stewards.

The St. Charles hotel at the Southwest corner of Sixth and Broadway, conducted by Charles Jones, had only about forty rooms, but was a very respectable rival of the other two.

It is hardly necessary to say that nearly all the barber shops belonged to colored men. The stewards of the leading hotels, who purchased supplies, hired all help, etc., were colored men. Nearly all the confectionery and fruit business was in the hands of colored men. Laundry work and whitewashing was all done by colored people. Expressing, teaming and hauling was largely our business. I have not named all, but nearly all the business men of the earlier period of the city's history, Llewellyn, Granger, Butler, Luke King, Dennis Hill, I. B. Delaney and others I have chosen to leave out. Saloon keepers as Alta Payne, (Old Shady), Sol Adams, John Picquette, etc., I leave out. The several excellent printers and newspapers of that time I leave out. The large class of professional people I leave out—not because they were not a part of the body politic, but because I think they may be taken for granted.

A person caught teaching a colored child across the river then, was a candidate for the penitentiary, with good prospects of getting there. Yet on this side we maintained three private schools for colored youth, not including the high school, which graduated such men as Hon. P. B. S. Pinchback; Professor Peter H. Clark; Joseph H. Perkins; Thos. Ball John I. Gaines; Dr. Commodore Buckner and others.

The inquisition now being made into this matter is timely and a good move on the part of the leadership. It is well to ask ourselves "where are we at?" Many reasons may be given why such a showing may not be made to-day. Can we find a remedy? Will we apply ourselves to effect it when found? I trust so.

Very truly yours,  
L. D. Easton.  
Cincinnati, Nov. 17, '92.

#### FIGHTING CLASS LAWS.

The Citizens Committee Ready to Send its Case to the U. S. Supreme Court.

Monday after handing down its decisions, the Supreme court passed upon several motions. Among these was the application of counsel for a rehearing the famous Plessy case, which the court refused.

The next day Judge Walker filed the defense's petition for an appeal to the United States Supreme court with the necessary document for a writ of error. The order for the issuance of the writ was granted Thursday by Chief Justice Nicholas; the required bond was signed by M. Paul Bonseigneur, and the transcript is now being mailed to Judge Tongue, who will take it to Washington and present it to the august tribunal, and then will make the final test, to ascertain whether American citizenship confers equal right and equal privilege on all citizens.

To the present able counsel in the case, the Citizens' committee will add other great legal luminaries, and a battle royal will be fought in vindication of American manhood and equal rights.

And thus while Democratic political journals are musing on what is best for the colored citizens, and advising them that it is wisest for them to acquiesce in the operation of the obnoxious statute, and assuring them that the Jim Crow car works no hardship to them and was not instituted to do them injustice or to humiliate them, the Citizens' committee goes right along, unmindful of the gratuitous advice, and determined to render totally inoperative the oppressive law which it has already disabled in so far as it applies to interstate travel.

The colored citizen is not moved by a sentiment of "faux amour propre." He knows that the law is an attack on his manhood and dignity. He knows that the statute violates his constitutional rights, and he has the courage to recent the unwarranted invasion, and he will not cease his efforts to have the law annulled until they are crowned with success.

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