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A MIXED ASSEMBLY.

Ocala, Fla., May 6.—Leading colored men of Florida, including many preachers, editors and teachers, have just issued a call for a gathering in this city on May 23rd, which they call an "educational, scientific, and industrial convention." The prime object is to enable the whites and the Negroes to arrive at a better understanding of their true relations to each other with a view to promoting the welfare of both races. Leading white citizens have been asked to address the convention, and the topic, "Attitude of the White Man in Florida toward the Negro," will be discussed by Governor Mitchell, Ex-Governor Fleming, Comptroller Bloxham, Ex-Congressman Bullock, W. N. Sheats, state superintendent of public instruction, D. M. Fletcher, of Jacksonville, and Major A. J. Russell. A list of forty subjects is announced for discussion, including education, race, economy, temperance, Negro emigration, agriculture, science, divorce, etc. This is the first conference of this character ever arranged between the leaders of the two races in the South, and its deliberations and results will be watched with great interest. The promoters of the plan are very enthusiastic and predict an immense gathering, which will lead to better feeling thereafter.

TO JUSTIFY LYNCHING.

Denmark, S. C., April 30.—Five hundred citizens met here this afternoon and adopted resolutions justifying the lynching of John Peterson. The resolutions also say that any man who wants to protect a rapist or punish his lynchers deserves the same fate as Peterson.

MR. DOUGLASS A GUEST.

He Attends a Banquet and Makes a Few Timely Remarks.

ON THE COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION

Gently Hints at the Great Injustice Done the Afro-American—A Pleading Incident.

At the banquet given by Mr. Palmer at the opening of the Exposition, to the representatives of all nations, the Hon. Frederick Douglass was an invited guest. All the nationalities were represented and the occasion was one long to be remembered. Mr. Douglass was among those who were called upon for a speech and responded as he only can. It was the gem of the occasion. The Plaindealer reproduces it:

At the close of Senator Romero's speech there were calls for Fred Douglass, and Mr. Douglass responded as follows: "I did not come here to entertain, but to be entertained. I have been finely entertained since coming here. I am entirely unused to making after-dinner speeches. I am almost unused to dinners anyway. I am certainly unused to such dinners as we have had a specimen of this evening. I believe it is usual on occasions of this kind to make short speeches. I am glad that it is so, but I never made a short speech in my life with which I was well satisfied, and I never made a very long speech with which anyone else was very well satisfied. (Laughter.) I look upon this occasion as yours. I have very small part or lot in it. This is a day or an occasion for the Caucasian, not for the Ethiopian. It is the day for Spain, for the Castilian; it is the day for Chicago especially. (Applause.) I look upon this as a continuation of the opening of the World's Columbian Exposition, and one of the most pleasing features of the whole affair. This World's Fair, as it is called, has many sides. It has a side for the aesthetic, the lovers of the beautiful. It has a side for the administration, for the organizer and for the discoverer.

"But it has also another side, a moral side, which to me is the most important. If this sin-cursed world of ours is blessed with peace, with brotherly love, with fraternity, with millennial affection, we may well claim for this result the participation of the World's Columbian Exposition. (Hear! Hear!) It has brought together all nations, countries and people. It has shown to us that while the types of mankind differ like the waves of the sea they are together one, like the sea itself; that a common humanity runs through us all. Lands intersected by a valley passing through them we are told by the poet, abhor each other. Mountains interposed make enemies of nations which, but for the presence of the mountains would have mingled into one. These World's Fairs, Columbian exhibitions are instrumental in bringing together the children of men, removing mountains of prejudice, envy, ill-feeling and bringing us into the common brotherhood. It is this aspect of the Columbian Exposition which is most precious to my heart, most consonant with the life that I have lived and the cause to which I have devoted what little energy and ability I possess. (Applause. "Hear.")

"Gentlemen—I will not take up your time. (Voices, "Go on.") This affair belongs to you. Here is the Caucasian—you three-story headed men, with intelligence looking out at the windows and pouring out through your living voices and your presses. I wonder that you call upon me to say a word on such an occasion as this, and I yet feel profoundly grateful to you, gentlemen, and I feel proud, considering the point from which I started and the way by which I have traveled, threatening and serious, that at this time in my life I meet with the elite of this nation in the most intimate relation in which men can meet each other, and am called upon by you to participate not only in the good things of the table, but also in the good things of thought of idea of spirit and spirituality. I came through here soon after this great city was swept by a fiery storm and the cloud-capped towers and gorgeous palaces of this city had been laid in ashes; but I had the honor to state then in the Old Metropolitan hall, that Chicago was then untouched by the fires, that the real Chicago had never felt the heat of the flame, certainly was not singed by it, but what constituted Chicago was its men. Its thought, its enterprise, its ambitious determination; and these were untouched by fire or by flood. (Applause.)

"Now, for a man who did not come here to make a speech, I think you will let me off. (Voices, "Go on.") No, my friends, there are some plants much better when cut

off. Mine is one of them. I am somewhat in the condition of the Negro who was playing for a party of dancers. Late in the evening he became a little tired and some of the dancers said to him to go on. At last he said to them: "Gentlemen, it is all well enough for you to say go on, but this Negro wants to know where the wind is coming from." And I say it is well enough for you to say go on, but I am running short of wind and ideas. I thank you kindly for the honor you have done me in calling upon me to address you."

CHRISTIANITY IN COLOR.

A gentleman from Boston quite recently spent some time in Florida. While there, he made it his business to take in the churches and schools of both races; he succeeded thus and in other ways in obtaining much light upon the Southern question. In reciting his observations and impressions to a prominent religious organ, of Boston, he emphasized the religious side of the situation. He conceded that the white people of the orange commonwealth had the best schools, but that the colored people obtained the best results from their poorer ones. He stated that while the whites could boast of the best churches or the externals of religion, the Negro embodied the life and soul of christianity and that from him his Caucasian brother had many things to learn in a spiritual way. So convinced was this traveler and writer of the absence of substantial christianity from the whites that he would either contend for a mixed congregation in case of his residence there or unite with some exclusively colored congregation. For the white churches he claimed a lifeless body and the dullest formalism while the Negro he insisted has all that is worth having of godliness in that part of the moral vineyard. This impartial writer eulogized the colored people as a whole for their relative piety and warned his own race of the danger of turning its back upon the truth as taught and practised by the Son of God. Of course he was not blind to the fact that too many of us incline toward the white man's soulless religion, but threatened a similar fate in the case of the black as well as the white formalist.—The Christian Recorder.

WANTS TO STOP LYNCHING.

Atlanta, Ga., May 6.—A reward of \$200 for proof to convict each one of the mob concerned in the cremation of an unknown Afro-American in Clay county, is authorized by Governor Northen. Speaking today of his endeavor to crush out the lynching spirit, the governor said it was really the great aim of his administration.

"I believe that the laws should take their course," he added. "I recognize the fact that the provocation to quick avenging of wrongs is often very strong, and that the impulse to lynch is hard to restrain; but where there is such a crime as we usually lynch for, the remedy in the courts is sure if we but wait. Some progress seems to have been made in changing sentiment in the last year or two. It is a question of education. Time is required but evidences of greater respect for the law crop out now and then.

"The serious feature of lawlessness is not the individual case to-day or to-morrow, but the dangerous possibilities of ten or twenty years hence. The conditions about us are changing every day. We have had in the past an educated class and an ignorant class here in one state. Now these who were formerly ignorant are becoming educated, and some day they will surprise the unobservant by their advancement. Mob law may lead to a more widespread disregard for law and order."

AFTER THE WHITE CAPS.

Jackson, Miss., May 4.—Court convened at Brookhaven, Monday, and the first business transacted was to indict and jail ten White Caps for shooting a colored man and burning his cabin some weeks since. This morning a mob of 100 men rode into town and surrounded the court house and jail. They were all from the country, armed with shotguns and muskets, and swore they would release every prisoner. An important case was being tried, but when the gunners appeared the lawyers, witnesses and others were panic-stricken.

For an hour the mob held the court house in a state of siege, repeatedly threatening to kill Judge Christian and the officers. Finally the citizens mustered and arming themselves went to the rescue. The mob fled to the suburbs and fortified themselves in the bush. Sheriff McNair telegraphed Governor Stone for guns, and in company with Adjutant General Henry, he went to the scene in person, carrying with him forty Winchester and 2,000 cartridges. Since his arrival there this evening nothing has been heard, but trouble is expected.

THE COWARDLY SOUTH.

Arkansas Towns Delight in Persecuting a Woman.

ARRESTED UPON FLIMSY CHARGES.

A Laughable Yet Serious Opinion of a Southern Justice—Not Even Allowed to Preach.

To the Editor of the Plaindealer:—I am not desirous of intruding myself before the public as often as the run of disagreeable occurrences I have been unexpectedly subjected to, has compelled me of late weeks, but I think it is requisite I should bear witness openly, in the columns of the most outspoken and popular papers of the cowardly, illegal and contemptible conduct of another of the towns of Arkansas, and this third one being also no mean, small sized village, as were Prescott and Conway, but it is the hitherto believed, progressive and liberally disposed Fort Smith.

I entered there at 3 a. m., Thursday, April 20, having been forced out of Conway hastily by the valorous mayor, sheriff, marshal and a detle of brave citizens. It is true it was only a woman they deigned to so immortalize, but it happened, unfortunately for them, it was no coward or chicken-hearted woman they so treated; I proceeded to open my work quietly at Fort Smith in a short address on Friday night at prayer meeting service of the A. M. E. church, with the kind introduction of Elder P. W. Wade. At Elder Williams' Sunday school, Sunday morning I spoke as well as at the long service at 3 p. m. where they gave me a fine welcome. At night I preached at Elder Williams' in the Baptist church to a very fine sized, attentive audience, and notices were given out for lectures on Tuesday and Wednesday nights, on "The Origin of Races," and the "Island of Jamaica." At 3 p. m. Monday, a house full of ladies met me also to hear the address on "Women's Toppies." To my surprise after so much headway, I was stopped abruptly by command of the chief of police to attend him at the court house and answer to two warrants he had received, sent from Conway, and also that I was lecturing unlicensed! The subterfuges were so paltry I had to laugh. Into a carriage I was placed by the summoning officer and carried before the chief of police and another examining personage, whose status I cannot define, but he was vastly more polite and courteous in tone than the rough chief. My name, business, nationality, authority were all closely seen to. My unimpeachable, cool and self-possessed replies and undoubted credentials, carried weight enough to show I was licensed, and not out of law, but he bluntly then affirmed, "The communication had come from the Conway authorities, saying: 'was a dangerous disturber of race peace, teaching equality by my life and labors, so was disruptive of the peaceful relations' being had in Arkansas between the two, hence I was to be treated as a lawbreaker.' This poor preserver of the law, broke all law by daring to order me not to preach, even when I said I'd preach instead of lecturing, and by after collections, obtain means to take me so abruptly out of the state, not to open my mouth, or protest, or attend the called meeting that night, in fact I was to remain inside the house where I was staying and not go anywhere until the train departed for Coffeyville, Kansas, at 3 a. m., and on it must go to avoid the warrants being pressed. I lodged in jail, and so was virtually in prison. I had as witness with me Rev. R. W. Wade, whom I had taken up by the way down to the court house. It necessitated my accepting this high handed mandate, because I had no faith of belief in the courage of a colored man to stand up to me afterwards if I refused and got put in jail. I of course had no resources in hand. Missourians are necessarily poor and unprepared to employ lawyers to enquire into the merits of such gross outrages. Then what good is it to attempt to force a trial of cases, as things are in the unhappy South, with public opinions dead against free speech, no equality before the law, rights denied and ignored to white and black alike, unless it is possible to render a verdict that is in strict harmony with the vile, determined policy to rule or aim to strike out manliness and individual independent character from anybody, white or black, who is just, generous, equitable and square, without fear of favorable question that does not, on every question that does not, enforce white dogmatic supremacy, or the slavish subsmissiveness, that must not venture to even question or discuss on the side-walks together, opinions adverse to the ungodly, foul, unnatural, expiring belief that has been more sacredly held than the last six or eight years than it even was in the palmiest days of

complete ignorance among the unlettered masses in the South; that a Negro has no rights a white man is bound to respect," if it means thereby any simulation of equality or natural selection for association. The manhood and courage of the men have been beat down by this wicked policy, till grave danger faces us, that is humiliating as well. The men accept anything, allow anything, before they will even operate and demand pluckily legal rights, hence it is now come to just where they hoped to get it, by the policy of the old slave masters, prostrated and fettered by the policy inaugurated several years ago, so cold bloodedly, "that we would be friends North and South by hook or crook, even cemented by having the poor unhappy freedmen to their old masters ideas, of what alone was ameliorating and beneficial." This is a national disgrace, and the cause of the increasing pusillanimous outrages on personal liberty and life, in Arkansas, especially. So I came off to Coffeyville, Kansas, and will start out on my lectures through the state. To arouse attention on the lines I deem all essential, quietly, legally, yet persistently. God helps those who help themselves only! Mrs. M. R. Rodgers Webb, Coffeyville, Kas., April 26, '93.

IN HER DECLINE.

A Pretty Romance of the Ante-Bellum Days.

Springfield, Ohio, May 5.—A pretty romance of the old ante-bellum slavery days came to light here this morning by R. L. Hayter, the Lagonda house bootblack, receiving a letter from his mother, who is now in Iowa. The letter incloses another letter in which Mrs. S. A. Luker, of West Fork, Tenn., pathetically appeals to Mrs. Hayter, the old slave, to return to her and take care of her during her few remaining days on earth.

The letter further states that she is entirely alone in the world, old Mr. Luker having died two months ago, and she has now no living relative, all her kith and kin being dead. Mrs. Hayter's old mistress further says she has \$40,000 in cash and 500 acres of land, the old homestead near West Fork, and if the old slave will come to her she will will the entire estate, money and land, to her former "mammy." Mrs. Hayter is quite feeble, and wrote to her son here to go immediately to West Fork, to her old mistress, and take care of her.

DAHOMY BURIAL SERVICE.

New York, May 2.—Sixty-four sorrowful African Negroes started for the World's Fair yesterday. They arrived on Sunday on the steamship La Bretagne, and passed the night at Ellis Island.

One of their number, named Usugah, a young man, had died of pneumonia contracted during the sea voyage. He was sick when he landed, and on first reaching Ellis Island would not let the physicians help him.

His fellow travelers crowded into the hospital, and when the officials tried to stop them, threatened a riot.

The party insisted upon going through the Dahomey burial service. With a blunt knife each of the party cut out some of the hair from the two sides and the back of the dead man's head. His nails were cut at the corners by each, and the hair and nail clippings preserved by the tribe. Usugah will be buried in Evergreens cemetery to-day at the expense of the government.

THE COLORED FAIR COMPANY.

The colored A. and M. association, of Lexington, Ky., has closed a contract with the Kentucky Fair company for their beautiful grounds for their annual exhibition in September. Ed. Chenaill, the new president of this company is backed by a strong board of directors who are determined that the exhibition this fall shall surpass any heretofore given. This company ranks so high that any promise they make, the public is perfectly satisfied that it will be carried out to the letter. The president and every member of the board of trustees, and we are satisfied will offer a fine program and attract an unusually large crowd to their exhibition.

PRACTISED WITHOUT LICENSE.

Baltimore, Md., April 29.—Richard Pennington, Afro-American, has been doing a big business among colored folks as a voodoo doctor. To-day he was committed for court on two charges of appropriating the furniture of Mrs. Martha Jacobs, one of his patients, and of practicing the healing art without the necessary diploma. Part of Pennington's system consisted in keeping Mrs. Jacobs locked up in a damp room.

Mrs. William Murden, 197 Third St., Albany, N. Y., gives it the meed of praise, as follows: "I have used Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup and find it has no equal. No family should be without it."

A BONE OF CONTENTION.

One of Shakespeare's Heroes Caused a Heated Discussion.

THE NATIONALITY OF OTHELLO.

Two Views of What the Writer Intended—Almost More Than the Critics Can Stand.

From the Boston Courant—Shakespeare had scarcely been entombed before warm and heated discussions as to the nationality of his Othello began to be provoked. This subject at once became the bone of contention, the one rock upon which the otherwise peaceful current of opinion regarding the great poet split.

All else that the bard has written and said was allowed to pass as perfect. No one dared to question or dispute him. In his writings he chanced to violate an accepted canon of dramatic art the action of the "myriad-minded" must therefore become law; all other writers must conform thereto. Not thus, however, with Othello. The possibility that Shakespeare intended the hero of his best tragedy to be a Negro, was and is, more than critics can stand. They exhaust the treasures of well stocked minds on this subject.

Much display of learning, and ingenuity in discussion have been shown to prove the poet's—but all with questionable effect. The work of critics has served for little other than to show how lamentably the minds of wise and good men can be biased by mere caste or Negrophobia.

The great critic Coleridge who was certainly a good and conscientious christian, (in the general acceptance of that word), became so unbalanced in discussing the nationality of Othello and his marriage of Desdemona as to say: "It would be something monstrous to conceive this beautiful Venetian girl falling in love with a veritable Negro."

Nor did Coleridge alone take this view. John Quincy Adams, one of our earliest Abolitionists, as well as greatest statesman, and a man who before he became president, was a lecturer on Shakespeare at Harvard, was accustomed to grow so heated and rabid in talking of Othello possibly being a Negro, that he would denounce Desdemona most bitterly. "I can never," he said, "forgive her wantonness in marrying a rude, unbecoming African." Thus did the two critics express themselves. And in like manner wrote and spoke many other distinguished scholars. Yet most of them in proportion as they were removed from our nineteenth century idea of the Negro talked with less venom, reasoned more like philosophers, and consequently arrived at better results in their conclusions.

But it must not be presumed that the contention has been all along one-sided. Such is not the case there have been men no less distinguished for their ability who took views regarding Othello quite opposite to those of the above named gentlemen. These writers see nothing incongruous in Shakespeare's making a Negro the hero of his greatest tragedy. It serves to heighten rather than detract from its dramatic effect.

Over against the opinions of Coleridge and Adams, then, may be placed those of the celebrated Christopher North, who, in a long article in "Blackwood's Magazine" on this same subject, concludes thus: "I swear Othello was a Blackpoo (Negro) and that Desdemona was the whitest lady in Europe." The same is true of the stage-critic Lewis, who says: "Othello is black—the very tragedy lies there; the whole force of contrast, the whole pathos and extension of his doubts of Desdemona depends on his blackness. And the same writer further adds that the representation of him thus "would excite repulsion in women no where out-side of America."

To these last arguments must be added the words of Shakespeare himself; for if there were any room for doubt Othello's nationality it seems that the great poet's own language clears it away. What then are the internal evidences for thinking Othello a Negro? They are the expressions of some of the characters in the play.

In the 72 line of the first scene of Act 1st, Rodrigo calls Othello "Thick-lips," later on, Brabantio speaks of him as "Sootey nosome." In truth, the talk of Iago and Rodrigo when they go to inform Brabantio, and the language of the whole trial scene in the first act of the play point unmistakably to Othello's being a Negro.

Then Othello himself says in scene 3, Act 3, "My name that was as fresh as Dian's visage is now begrimed and black as mine own face."

These as well as many other such expressions in the play establish beyond a doubt the fact of Othello's being a Negro.

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FROM MANY STATES.

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING

Milwaukee, Wis., May 9.—Tuesday evening being the regular monthly communication of Widows' Aid Society, there were present 18 Master Masons, all members except Mr. James Stewart, of Golden Rule lodge, of Zanesville, Ohio. The meeting was enthusiastic and harmonious as is the custom with this lodge, as is the custom with this lodge. Many things contribute to the successful working of this lodge, chief among which is the fact that the members are alive to their obligations, pay their dues promptly, always have on hand money to pay their bills and best of all have a surplus in the treasury. The family of any member has a claim on the consideration of all the members, the spirit of brotherly helpfulness being a marked characteristic of the lodge. The ladies held a pleasant meeting at the residence of Mrs. P. C. — We are holding back a little to give all who are desirous of becoming members to do so at the foundation of the chapter.

The Thursday evening literary were prepared with all the essentials for an excellent meeting, but through some freak of the pastor, of St. Mark's church, they were compelled to hold their meeting on the side-walk, as the church doors were not allowed to be opened. Messrs Palmer and Hughes, came laden with leas, fruits and cake, the president was there with his gavel, the secretary with his books and the members with their exercises, but the door was shut.

Milwaukee people are beginning to appreciate the zeal of the Rev. Daniel Brown, who six months after he came here cleared the church of a debt of \$9,776, paid three years insurance and on giving the trustees the deed, also gave them the excellent advice to keep out of debt. The need of a clear headed progressive young minister in Milwaukee is greatly felt. The Rev. Williamson because he has not church has closed the doors until the visit of the presiding elder on the 15th of this month. A movement is on foot to remove him. Meantime the literary will sever its relations with the church, and find some other place of meeting.

Mrs. Julia Watson and Mrs. A. V. Rainey, returned Saturday from their visit to the World's Fair, accompanied by Mr. Rainey.

Mr. S. C. Peters, Mr. Geo. W. Bond, Mr. Robert Richardson, Mr. Henry Meaders and others, who have spent a few days pleasantly in our city, have left the city.

Mr. Frank Dixon has returned to the Plankinton. After June 1st, the Plankinton will give their waiters \$25 per month.

Mr. Geo. Allen and the children of Mr. and Mrs. Connors, are ill.

FRANKFORT FANCIES.

Frankfort, Ky., May 9.—The athletic entertainment was a success.

Rev. I. B. Welch, of Harrodsburg, spent Sunday with his family in the city.

Rev. Christian, of Philadelphia, preached for the A. M. E. congregation Sunday morning, and the First United Baptist Sunday evening. Both sermons were very interesting and instructive.

Professor Wakefield and Dr. E. E. Underwood, made a business trip to Lexington, last week.

Mr. Flaney, of Louisville, left for his home Monday. He was in the city attending the funeral of one of his relatives, Mr. Chase.

A party of young people went to Midway to attend the closing of the school of that city. They report the exercises grand and spent their time pleasantly.

The city and Normal schools crossed bats at the Normal last Wednesday, which resulted in a score of 26 to 14 in favor of the city school. The game was interesting from beginning to the finish and there was in attendance about 300 spectators.

Mr. Louis Smith was, in the city last week.

The exercises at the St. John's A. M. E. church Sunday afternoon, was well attended and the program was well rendered.

Professor Wm. H. Mayo was elected unanimously superintendent of the colored school of this city, at the last meeting of the school board. This speaks commendably of Mr. Mayo, and shows that the board has implicit confidence in his ability to control the school. Professor Mayo has had charge of the school for about 11 years and his work stands as a monument, and in high praise for his assiduous and untiring efforts for the upbuilding of the race.

Rev. B. W. Farris, pastor of the Corinthian Baptist church, left last week for Boston, where he marries. Invitations were not sent out separately, but were read from the pulpits of the churches of the city. He will marry on the 24th of May, and there will be a reception given him at New York, Cincinnati and at his home in Arkansas. He and his wife will be in Frankfort after May 31, where they will be given a reception at the Corinthian Chapel, by his host of friends. Rev. Farris has not been in our midst, but a short time, but from the class of sermons preached and the instructive lectures presented together with the gentlemanly way he has conducted himself since with us, has enabled him to make a host of friends, who wish him much success in his new undertaking. There is a bright future in store for Rev. Farris, and he now stands in the ranks of the best young theologians in the state.

Grafton.

Frankfort, Ky., May 1.—The concert given by the Corinthian choir in their beautiful church and auditorium on last Thursday night, was a grand affair. The drill by the young ladies of the Normal school,

was the prettiest we have ever witnessed. The whole entertainment reflects much credit upon the participants and especially upon the leader and manager, Professor C. C. Monroe.

The closing exercises of the city public night school, on last Friday night were quite gratifying to the public. Mr. Geo. B. Halleck, the able teacher, is highly commended for his good work.

Dr. U. V. Williams, president of the board of trustees and Professor McHenry Rhoads, superintendent of the city public schools, made excellent addresses to the members and friends of the night school.

Mrs. C. Fisher, an aged lady had a paralytic stroke on last Tuesday morning, and died that evening. She leaves several small children, and a grown son to mourn her death. Her funeral took place last Saturday, from the First Baptist church. Rev. Eugene Evans, officiating.

Rev. B. W. Farris, the talented and beloved pastor of the Corinthian Baptist church, leaves on Wednesday next for the East. He will go to Boston, Mass., when on the 24th inst, he will take unto himself a companion for life. His many friends in Frankfort wish him abundant success, and will arrange a grand reception for him and his bride, upon his return.

Mr. John French, of Cincinnati, is in the city, the guest of his mother, Mrs. Ann Johnson, on Mero street.

All persons who are receiving this paper in Frankfort, and have not as yet settled for your subscription, will take due notice that after May 10, your paper will be discontinued. Don't allow this to be the case. You are reading one of the best papers in the country, devoted to the welfare and progress of the Afro-American.

CENTRALIA NOTES.

Centralia, Ill., May 1.—At the city election held here on the 18th ult., Mr. Henry Bibb was elected alderman in the First ward.

The mayor elect and the new council will take the affairs of the city into hand, Tuesday night, May 2.

Mr. S. Gales and Mr. Samuel Overton have returned from Cairo, where they have been spending a few days with friends and relatives.

Messrs Joseph and Michael Covington, departed Saturday morning for Missouri, to attend the bedside of their brother.

Miss Hattie Bibbs who has been on the sick list for several weeks, is slowly improving.

Mr. Charles Fish and several others were up last Sunday from Mr. Vernon, Ill., to make arrangements to get up an excursion to Havana, forty miles North of Jacksonville, but they have since learned that the authorities of the park will not allow it to be open on Sunday, so they will run the excursion to Springfield, Ill., May 14. They expect to have a large crowd.

The members of the I. O. O. F. lodge are making preparation for the district lodge which convenes here, August 1, 2, and 3, '93.

FORT WAYNE, IND.

Fort Wayne, Ind., May 7.—Lincoln Commandery, No. 8, which was organized in 1888, has been adding members from that time up until the present. They stand high in the estimation of the people. The ladies Matchless Chapter, No. 8, has purchased a fine piano for their hall, 328 South Calhoun street, on Thursday evening, May 11, the Commandery and St. Mary's, lodge, No. 14, will turn out in full uniform to commemorate the ascension of our Blessed Savior who rose from the dead, and ascended into Heaven for our justification. May all of us ever keep green the memory of that day, cherish and relish the hope when done assembling on this world as a stage and the people its actors, that we may assemble around the mighty throne above. May God speed this and all other lodges on and upward now and ever more, where parting will be no more.

Rev. W. H. Brown, of Amherstburg, Ont., will preach the sermon. The officers of the Commandery are: E. C. J. H. Roberts; Gen., Thomas Williams; Capt. Gen., S. M. Rang; Prelate, Henry Levi; Recorder, James Smith.

Mrs. Annie Hurley, of Hillboro, O., is visiting relatives here.

Elder D. A. Graham, pastor of Bethel A. M. E. church, of Chicago, delivered at the A. M. E. church, of Fort Wayne, Ind., in charge of Elder Wm. Collins, a powerful and instructive lecture, Tuesday, May 2. Subject, Courtship and Marriage. The audience was held spell-bound. He also warned the young ladies who are in the habit of marrying young men, to try them; and after the honey moon, find out they have been tried by trying to resist the blows of the fist and find two pretty black eyes to let the people know they are married. After the lecture all agreed they had received a treat of the season, passed from one to another.

J. McMullen, of Fort Wayne, Ind., is the only contractor and builder that has in his employ a Negro carpenter. He is the first Negro carpenter that ever worked at the trade in this place.

MATTOON MENTION.

Mattoon, Ill., May 7.—Mrs. Lizzie Jones is still very sick.

Mr. L. King, of Crawfordsville, Ind., will reside in Mattoon this summer.

Rev. A. Jackson, of Champalmer, preached Sunday at the Second Baptist church.

Some contemptible person smeared red paint on the front of the Baptist church. The vandal who would thus desecrate a house of worship should be severely dealt with and the officers of the church should use every possible means to detect them.

A GRAND RALLY.

MINISTERIAL SCHOOL.

Chillicothe, Ohio, May 2.—St. Elizabeth Chapter, of the order of Eastern Star, gave a very pleasing musical and literary entertainment Thursday evening, to a large audience. The program was well rendered. Miss Lulu Hedgpath, showed considerable ability in her recital of, "What is Life?" Mrs. Joseph Winburn, with delightful presence and splendid voice rendered the solo, "Take me back again!" Little Richard Star, who has won laurels by his musical efforts before the public, was exceedingly pleasing in "Do not trifle with McGinnis," and was enthusiastically encored: Mr. George Medley and sister, Miss Cora, who have remarkably sweet voices, can hardly be said to have done themselves justice in their duet, "The Swallow Song;" Miss N. Gilmore showed herself possessed of a rich voice of considerable compass by her rendition of the solo, "That is Love;" Mr. Charles Hedgpath delighted everyone with his rendition of "Afterwards." Possibly the most pleasing feature of the evening's entertainment was the artistic rendition of J. K. Emmet's "Cuckoo Song," by Mr. Romeo Craig, which was rapturously applauded, and the singer was compelled to respond to an encore. A duet by Misses Alle Tunstall and Flora Rideout, solos by Misses Minnie Powell and Effie Stewart, and the dialogues, were well rendered, but space will not permit special mention. Mrs. Ed. Chancellor and Miss Nettie Gilmore, were the accompanists.

Mrs. Maggie Garland while driving from here to Roxabel, was thrown from the vehicle, and sustained serious injuries.

Mr. Harvey Williams, of Wilberforce university, was in the city a few days this week.

Mrs. Henry Woods is seriously ill at her home on Mechanic avenue.

Messrs Charles Burris, of Cincinnati, and Robert Brownlee, of Hillsboro, have accepted positions in the shaving parlors of Messrs Thomas and Woods, respectively.

Mrs. Dr. J. W. Abrams who has been visiting her daughters, Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Mitchell, in Columbus, returned home Saturday.

Miss Madge Butler and Mr. Walter Norris, are both confined to their beds, with consumption, and are not expected to recover.

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, the grand rally at Quinn chapel was a success. Rev. J. J. Johnson, of Frankfort, preached, and fully sustained his reputation as an able pulpit orator. His theme in the morning was, "The dreams of the Bible," at night, "Be Strong." Rev. Grant Leeper delivered an eloquent discourse Sunday afternoon, and deepened the good impression he has made with the people of Chillicothe. The collection amounted to \$41.10. Miss Ada Hammond, assisted by Miss Cora Medley, presided at the organ during the services.

The baptizing of the converts of the First Baptist church will occur Sunday, May 7, when thirty-eight candidates will receive the sacred rite.

Mrs. Ed. Chancellor returned from Washington, C. H., Thursday, where she had been called on account of the sickness of her mother.

Professor Samuel Clark, of Cincinnati, spent Tuesday in the city and addressed the Masonic fraternity at their hall, Tuesday night. He registered at the Hotel Harris, and paid the schools a pleasant visit.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Young was buried Saturday. Rev. J. W. Nuby, officiating.

Miss Lillie Bunch and Mrs. Charlotte Hill, are on the sick list.

Mrs. Henry Gilbreth, of Springfield, is the guest of Mrs. Rev. D. D. Lewis.

Miss Bell Hackley left Saturday for Cleveland, where she will spend a few weeks with friends and relatives.

Mr. Richard Chancellor, the enterprising grocer, is also engaged in the poultry business. In the rear of his establishment he has an incubator, with which he is meeting remarkable success. Those desiring young chickens would do well to give him a call.

Mr. Edward Cousins left Saturday for Dayton, where he has accepted a lucrative position.

Mrs. Charles Tracy left for Toledo, Thursday, which place she will make her future home.

Rev. Dr. James Poindexter and Rev. S. W. White, of Circleville, were in the city Tuesday, on business.

Quarterly meeting at Quinn chapel, A. M. E. church, has been announced to occur Sunday, May 14. Presiding Elder, W. J. Johnson will be present to conduct the service. The membership of the church will please be prepared with their assessment when the collector comes around.

The Ministerial Institute, of the Eastern District, held at the First Baptist church, April 29, and 30, proved to be one of the most interesting conventions of the kind ever held in the church. The discussions were scholarly, logical and practical, and were edifying to both hearers and participants. Among the ministers present were: Elders O. Jones, of Bloomingsburg; J. G. Jackson, of Washington, C. H.; G. W. Willis, of Nippen; W. H. Beasley, of Jamestown; C. W. Stribbling, of Lebanon, and Stephen Nuby, of Middleport. Sunday morning Elder Beasley preached an able sermon; Sunday afternoon, Elder Stribbling preached a powerful sermon. Each service was largely attended.

CHILlicothe CHAT.

Chillicothe, Ohio, May 9.—Very pleasant and most enjoyable was the surprise tendered Miss Cora Medley, by her aunt, Mrs. Sophia Bunch, Monday evening, the occasion being the seventeenth anniversary of her birthday. The guests were attired in pretty spring costumes, which seemed to lend an additional charm to the beautiful parlors. The evening was delightfully spent in music, dancing and games. Among those

present were Mesdames Sophia and Susan Bunch, Misses Sallie Gatliff, Lizzie McKinley, Nettie Gilmore, Mamie and Ada Preston, Lulu Hedgpath, Jennie and Flora Rideout, Lillie Bunch, Ella Dowdy; Messrs J. Tunstall, Homer, Lyman and Ernest Cox, Charles Hedgpath, H. Hackley, J. B. Hill, Horace Redman, Henry Rideout, James Bunch and W. E. Viney.

Rev. J. W. Young, of New Richmond, was in the city Wednesday and while here was the guest of Rev. D. D. Lewis.

The Wendell Phillips Literary society held their semi-annual election Friday night, and resulted in the choice of the following: President, J. B. Hill; vice-president, L. W. Cox; secretary, J. C. Fox; assistant secretary, G. W. Medley; prosecuting attorney, H. C. Beard; critic, H. H. Redman; sergeant-at-arms, C. Jack, chaplain, Frank Hill.

Mr. William Gatliff left Monday morning for Cincinnati, where he will enter the Pullman service.

Mrs. Henry Gilbert, of Springfield, who has been the guest of Mrs. D. D. Lewis, for the past week, left Monday morning for Circleville.

Mr. Homer Grimes, of the class of '92, left Tuesday morning to accept a lucrative position in Cincinnati. Success, Homer.

Mr. Walter Norris, one of our brightest and most promising young men, died Sunday morning at the early age of 18 years. His funeral occurred Tuesday afternoon from the First Baptist church. Rev. J. W. Nuby, officiating.

Professor J. W. Hayes, of Cambridge, spent Saturday and Sunday with his family in the city.

TOLEDO TOPICS.

MR. VENA'S DEATH.

Toledo, Ohio, May 8.—Wm. M. A. Vena, one of the most promising young colored men in Toledo, died last Thursday of consumption. He has been ailing a long time and has been confined to the house for about ten weeks.

Mr. Vena had been employed as deputy clerk in probate court for over a year. Although, but twenty-three years of age, he was one of the most promising young men in Toledo and he had already demonstrated his ability to make for himself a useful career. Interested in the advancement of his race and anxious to contribute all his ability and energy to pushing their cause, he had won the love, respect and admiration of both white and colored. Interested in politics and an ardent Republican, he had already done signal service for the party, and had acquired considerable political influence. He was a prominent and active member of the Erie street M. E. church, and did a great deal of work in the Sunday school. He was also a Master Mason and a member of Euclid lodge, No. 25. He was born in Ohio, on Dec. 29, 1870, educated at the public schools and graduated from the high school in 1888. He displayed considerable ability as a scholar and was regarded as a promising young man by his teachers. After filling several positions, County Treasurer, Horace J. Potter, appointed him a deputy in his office. At one time he was ward committee-man and made a successful campaign. He continued to act as deputy in the treasurer's office until 1891, when he was appointed assistant secretary of the State Board of Equalization at Columbus. After the adjournment of the board, Mr. Vena returned to Toledo, and was appointed deputy clerk of the Probate court, by Judge Millard, which position he held to his death. Mr. Vena was buried from the A. M. E. church on Sunday.

A very large number of friends were present to pay their last tribute to their friend. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. J. W. Asbury. Many floral tributes were presented, among them was one by Euclid lodge, F. and A. M., who attended the funeral in a body. The waiters of the Boody house presented a very pretty floral emblem. The remains were laid to rest in Woodlawn cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Watson, of Missouri street, entertained the Hawthorne club last Wednesday evening.

Mr. Geo. Fields who has been steadily improving, had quite a bad spell last Saturday, but is now much better.

Mrs. M. A. Deyer and Mrs. J. H. Brown, have returned from Detroit.

Mrs. K. M. Speed assisted by the A. M. E. church choir, gave a musical and literary entertainment in the A. M. E. church, Monday evening, May 1. A very fine program was rendered.

The Japanese concert given by the Henretta society, on May 9, was a grand success.

A number of Toledoans will visit Detroit, on May 21.

Mr. Charles Washington, of Dunferland, Ill., is the guest of his uncle, Mr. A. R. Taylor.

Mr. C. R. Vena has an offer of a position in Chicago and is thinking of accepting it.

Mrs. Geo. Welcher and Mrs. Harris Johnson, are on the sick list.

A number of strangers attended the funeral of Mr. Wm. A. Vena, among whom were: Messrs John Ward, Will Poetal, Wilnot Johnson, Mrs. Mills and daughter, of Detroit; Mr. John Henderson, of Fort Wayne, Mrs. Robert Collins, and daughter, of Fremont, Ohio, and Mr. F. D. Adams, of Findlay, Ohio.

Mr. E. A. Vena attended his brother's funeral and is talking of making Toledo his future home.

Mr. A. M. Wood will visit Dayton soon.

Rev. J. W. Asbury accompanied his wife home to Xenia, on Monday, he will return for Sunday.

Rev. M. A. Dyer filled the A. M. E. church pulpit Sunday evening.

HOWELL NOTES.

Howell, Mich., May 1.—Anna Healand, of Lansing, spent Saturday and Sunday in Howell.

Miss Leona Thompson, of Lansing, is spending a week in Howell, the guest of Miss Elzora Healand.

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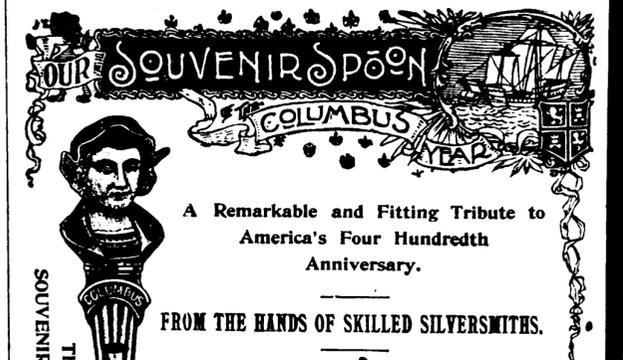
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PERSONAL MENTION.

—Jas. Monroe Hazelwood, of Charleston, W. Va., is spending a few days in the city, the guest of White's hotel.

—Gen. S. T. Sneed, A. J. Riggs and W. L. Wharton, will represent Polar Star lodge, No. 1, K. of P., at the grand lodge to convene in Cleveland.

—While the efforts to bring about a consolidation of Union and Zion Baptist churches, are not meeting with such success as one might expect, yet there is every reason to believe that all will be well in the end. Zion Baptist church was built in 1867, and has since been used by this church as a place of worship. The present amount of indebtedness upon the church is \$10,000, with interest. The building is easily worth \$28,000. Union Baptist church congregation is badly in need of a new building and there is, probably, no better and easier way to obtain a valuable building in an excellent location than by consolidation. The board of deacons and trustees of both churches are almost a unit for consolidation. One, A. T. White, of Zion, offered to give a large part of some valuable property, owned by him in Xenia, if the proposed measure was accomplished.

—Mr. Alfred S. Hill, who has been spending a few months in Hot Springs, Ark., is at home again.

—John R. Rudd, of the American Catholic Tribune, is home again, after an extended Eastern trip.

—The first picnic of the season will be given next Tuesday evening at the Lookout House. It will be a benefit arranged for Harry Bates to assist him in purchasing an artificial limb.

—Robert Pelham, manager of the Plaindealer, will be in the city tomorrow, the guest of Sam. B. Hill.

—John B. Browders spent a few days this week in Bowling Green, Ky., the guest of his mother.

—Miss Pauline Alexander left last week for a brief stay in Chicago, Ill.

—Deputy John S. Fielding is in Columbus, on a business connected with the court of Calantha.

—Miss Louisa M. Troy, a wielder of the birch, in the public schools of Dayton, Ohio, will spend Sabbath with relatives in this city.

—Professor Charles Slinger leaves the city next week for the World's Fair city, where he has been employed in one of the leading orchestras of that city.

—Mr. Wm. West and Miss Susie Turner, will be married June 12.

—Col. R. R. Rudd, and John White, of Springfield, spent Sunday in the city among the Pythians.

—The three-year-old daughter of E. Hendrick, was buried last Monday. She had been ill but a few days, and died very suddenly last Saturday.

—Miss Carrie Griffin, of Dayton, Ohio, was in the city a few days this week, the guest of Miss Alice Colston.

—The Cantata, Court of Queen Elizabeth, by Miss Ada White, will be rendered at Allen Temple, the 20th, inst.

—L. H. Wilson has been confined to his room since last Saturday.

—Garnett Building and Loan company is still a prosperous and encouraging business, at 295 W. Fifth street, and invites the patronage of those who desire to save their money. Meetings every Wednesday evening.

—Professor A. W. Bailey, of Xenia, Ohio, and Geo. W. Hartell, of Dayton, will spend Sunday in the city, the guests of the Plaindealer.

—Mrs. Lafayette Lawrence, of 101 George street, accompanied by Mrs. Sallie Kelly, will attend the convention of Women's Relief Corps at Hamilton, Ohio, next Wednesday. They will be the guests of Mrs. Wilson Terry.

—John S. Fielding, Harry G. Ward and Jesse J. Woodson, will represent Garnett, lodge, K. of P., at the Grand lodge, which will convene at Cleveland, June 20, 21, and 22.

DID YOU KNOW?

That Col. Robert Harlan is a candidate for legislative honors next fall.

That Dr. Frank Johnson has built up quite a lucrative practice during his one year's stay in the city?

That the Griffin-Wilson nuptials will take place about the 18th, inst., in Dayton.

That the Civil Rights bill of Representative Jackson's failed to become a law.

That the attempt to consolidate Zion and Union Baptist churches is meeting with much opposition.

That the Rankin Johnson nuptials will occur in June.

That the annual picnic of Garnett lodge will take place on July 13, at Wooddale Island.

That Hunter's grocery on Court street is the place to deal.

HANDSOME WEDDING.

Lockland, Ohio, May 9.—Miss Susan Oliver and Mr. Frank Tucker, were married last Wednesday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Parker. The bride was handsomely dressed. Rev. Jackson performed the ceremony. They received some very handsome presents. The groom made the bride a present of a handsome gold ring. They left the next morning on a tour to Mechanicsburg, Ohio, and other Northern cities of Ohio, after which they will return to Urbana, Ohio, where they will make their future home.

Mr. A. Perkins spent Sunday visiting friends in the city.

Mr. George McWilliams has opened a new fruit store.

Mrs. Susan Nichols was visiting friends in the city, Sunday.

The Missionary band met at Mt. Zion Baptist church last Sunday afternoon. There were quite a number out.

Mrs. Mary Smith spent Sunday visiting friends in the city.

Master William R. Johnson is on the sick list.

Mrs. Mitchell, daughter and sister, of Cincinnati, Ohio, Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Collins, of Hamilton, Ohio, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Roberts, Sunday.

Rev. Gazaway preached two very able sermons, Sunday at Bethel A. M. E. church, it being the third quarterly meeting. The collection amounted to \$53.86.

FINDLAY FACTS.

Findlay, Ohio, May 9.—Mr. J. Ramsey has been quite sick for several days.

Rev. A. Posey preached his first sermon Sunday, at the Baptist church.

Sunday morning Mr. and Mrs. Scott bid good-bye to the Sunday school prior to their leaving for Lima. The parting was very effective, and there were glowing words of tribute and praise spoken of their work by Superintendent A. R. Cooper and others.

Rev. William Watson, a student of Wilberforce college, is in the city, where he will be employed for the summer.

The Baptist Sunday school will hold memorial services at 2:30 o'clock.

The young folks are making special arrangement for their concert the 15th. An excellent program will be rendered.

C. D. Williams is progressing nicely with his arrangements for decoration and memorial services, May 30. Memorial services will be held in the afternoon and in the evening there will take place a flag drill by the young ladies, and a military drill by the boys.

The sewing circle met this week at Mrs. Franche's.

The friends of Mr. M. A. Vena, of Toledo, were grieved to learn of his death last Thursday. F. D. Adams attended his funeral from this city.

G. T. Johnson and C. D. Brown, spent Sunday in Lima. Boys you go quite often.

Elder Mason's sermon Sunday, on the crooked bush was a very able one.

Mrs. Preston, of Ypsilanti, Mich., who has been visiting her daughter Mrs. Geo. Anderson, leaves Saturday for her home.

Rev. A. Gulliford will officiate at the baptizing at Blue Creek, and in his absence his pulpit will be filled by Revs. Lamb and Posey.

Mrs. Etem is attracting considerable notice on account of her powers in ventriloquism. She is certainly wonderful in this respect, surpassing all we have heard.

Rev. Mason resigned from the presidency of the literary society, where he has served since its organization, over two years ago, and L. H. Jones was elected to the office. We congratulate the society on choosing one of Mr. Jones' ability to succeed Rev. Mason.

G. T. Johnson played ball with the Y. M. C. A. team in Lima, Thursday, making some wonderful plays.

H. A. W.

LIMA LINKS.

Lima, Ohio, May 9.—The candidates for baptism at the Baptist church last Sunday, were twelve in number.

Baptizing at the A. M. E. church Sunday, at 6:30 a. m.

During the absence of Miss Hattie Shaffer from home last Saturday evening, a large number of young friends assembled and surprised her by having a party there. Quite an enjoyable time was had until a late hour when refreshments were served and all departed with a good night.

Misses Blanche Collins, Mamie Huggard and D. Kendall, of Piqua, spent Sunday here.

Mrs. T. W. Freeman and mother, Mrs. Woods, returned home from Cincinnati last Monday, where they had been burying their brother and son, Robert Woods.

Mr. Ed. Harrison who took an exit to the city of Chicago, last Sunday week, returned home sick, Friday.

Miss Blanche Lillie is confined to her room by sickness.

TO LOCATE HERE.

Rendville, Ohio, May 8, 1893.—Rev. A. J. Means, who has been ill for some time is improving and was able to fill his pulpit Sunday.

Rev. N. Burnett and Dr. Lyons, D. D., of Harrisburg, Pa., preached at the First Baptist church in the absence of Rev. Riddle.

Mr. William Harris lost a valuable horse Sunday.

Mr. Ira Holmes, of Gallipolis, is the guest of Mr. C. A. Hopkins.

Miss A. L. Dunbar and Mr. A. Jackson visited Columbus last week.

Dr. S. S. Jordan, of Cleveland Medical College, is talking of locating here.

Mr. J. L. Woods is building an addition to his restaurant, near the depot.

Mr. J. L. Jones made a business trip to Pomeroy Monday.

Miss Mollie Williams, who has been very sick, is improving.

Rev. J. J. F. L. Lyons, D. of Harrisburg preached Sunday night

HE WILL ALSO PREACH, WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

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BELIEVES IN MARRIAGES.

Oberlin, Ohio, May 9.—To the patrons of the Plaindealer, and especially to those of Oberlin, be it known unto you that the correspondent holds himself absolutely free of the authenticity of the item inserted in the issue of last week concerning the society organized by the married ladies of Oberlin. The item was simply handed to me and I allowed it to be sent in with the other correspondence. In truth many of the best people of Oberlin think such an organization will be a great blessing to the town. The ladies themselves here beg leave to pen a few words in their own defense.

Str.—The ladies of the society in question wish to inform you that the item inserted in the Plaindealer last week, is extremely ungenerous and quite without foundation. We grieve that our race is so uncharitable, and information will be cheerfully given any person by addressing committee.

We are glad to welcome among us in our social life, the energetic and accomplished young man, Mr. S. H. Boykin, of Reaves, Tenn.

Out breaks of fires are becoming frequent occurrences. On last Monday morning, the beautiful residence Mrs. Morrison, of No. 9, Elm street, was destroyed by flames.

Mr. N. C. Hill, of Berlin Heights, brother to G. W. Hill, of Oberlin, left Norwalk, last Monday morning, for Asherville, N. C., thence to Tip Top, S. C., where he will be married to Miss I. J. Burt, of Cokesburg, S. C.

This will seem remarkable when it is noted that Mr. Hill is only 24 years old, and this will be his third wife. Having married first at 17, then at 21 and now at 24.

Mr. M. Evans left for Chicago, Saturday.

G. W. Hill visited Norwalk last week.

Messrs. Grant and Williams, visited Elyria, Saturday.

Mr. George Russell, of Bridgeport, Conn., paid his brother John a visit last Sunday, on his way to Milwaukee. They had not met before for 25 years.

Rev. R. B. Hill is giving a series of lectures at Mt. Zion, illustrated by stereopticon views. We are sorry to speak of the misdeed of our young people at these lectures. They seem to have no regard or respect for the Sabbath or for themselves. This includes some of the best element of the town. Nevertheless if they can not respect themselves, we hope they will remain away. May this hint be sufficient.

There was a grand musicale given by the young ladies of the 63 E. College street, Misses L. V. Childers, M. Laury and J. Johnston, of the conservatory, rendered some fine selections. The feature of the evening, if any one of the selections can be thus favored above the others was the violin duet by Miss Johnston and Mr. Robinson, Miss Lowry accompanying.

TOLEDO TIT-BITS.

Toledo, Ohio, May 3.—Mrs. S. Lucas, of 399 Missouri street, is making a dress of white braid for the World's Fair. It contains seven hundred yards of braid.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. White entertained the Hawthorne club and a number of friends at their residence, last Thursday evening. A large number were present all of whom had an enjoyable time. Cards and dancing were the amusements of the evening. A delicious lunch was served at a late hour.

The reception given last Friday evening by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Slaughter, in honor of their son, R. W. Slaughter, was a delightful affair, characterized by the many handsome ladies and gentlemen. An elegant menu was served during the evening. The evening was one that will not soon be forgotten by the large number of guests who were present and enjoyed the hospitality of the host and hostess. It was the largest and most elegant reception of the season and showed the high esteem which Mr. R. W. Slaughter is held by his fellow citizens. There were just enough elderly persons in attendance to give the whole affair the grace and dignity that usually characterizes well regulated receptions. There were about seventy-five persons present, all of whom went away highly entertained, and hoping that Mr. Slaughter will return again soon and give them another opportunity to enjoy an event of the same kind.

Mr. Geo. Remley met with quite a serious accident last Wednesday. He was stepping into an elevator and made a misstep. His right foot was very badly crushed and will lay him up for some time.

The Queen Victoria council, No. 2, gave the social at Mrs. George Brown's, on April 20, instead of the Queen of the West council.

Mrs. Archie Allen entertained the Henriettes on May 1. About twenty-five persons attended.

Miss Lula Fitzpatrick, of Springfield, who has been visiting in our city, left for Chicago, last Sunday.

Miss Besse Cox returned to Adrian last Saturday.

Mr. R. W. Slaughter returned to Chicago, Monday.

Miss Fanny Fitzpatrick left the city for Chicago, Monday.

Mrs. John Darby Belle Tandy and little Ethel Crossen, are on the sick list.

Mrs. L. M. Hicks is convalescing.

The Ideal club will give a social at the residence of Mrs. Gertie McGee, on May 3.

Miss Alice Johnson is visiting relatives in Sandusky.

Mr. H. L. Malone who has been in Canada for nearly three years improving his property, after a long and tiresome drive of 200 miles reached our city last Wednesday, to stay. Mr. Malone is an old citizen of Toledo and his friends are glad to have him among them again.

Georgia.

A ROMANTIC OFFER.

CHAMPION CITY NEWS.

Springfield, Ohio, May 9.—Quite an interesting romance of ante-bellum days came to light here last week, by Mr. R. S. Hayter, who is now connected with the Lagonda house as bootblack and wash-room man. Mr. Hayter received a letter from his mother who now resides in Winfield, Kan., inclosing another letter from her former mistress, Mrs. S. A. Guker, of Westfork, Tenn., pathetically appealing to Mrs. Hayter to come down and look after her as she is getting old and by the course of nature will soon lay down the turmoils of life and enter a more peaceful bliss she hopes, and that she is entirely alone in the world, her husband having died two months ago, and she has now no living relative, all of her kin being dead. She also said that she and her husband had decided to will to Mrs. Hayter and her children all of her estate, which is forty thousand dollars in cash and five hundred acres of land, the old homestead near Westfork, and if Mrs. Hayter, or her son will come down and look after her for the few remaining days, she has on earth, she will will the entire estate to her. Mr. R. S. Hayter, her oldest son leaves immediately to look the matter up.

Miss Hattie Adams, of Findlay, Ohio, is the guest of her cousin, Miss Effie Allen.

Mr. C. D. Rudd, who has been the guest of his parents for a few days, has returned to Muncie, Ind.

There was quite a large number attended the concert of the Allen Chapel, A. M. E. church, last Tuesday. The program was well rendered and after a few remarks by Rev. R. C. Ransome, the concert was ended. The ladies then served refreshments. Quite a sum was realized from the entertainment.

The Allen Chapel Sunday school elected Misses Cassie Nelson, Emma Dunley and S. Singleton, to represent them in the convention at Mechanicsburg.

Miss Anna, daughter of Mrs. Jas. Harris, was married Thursday evening, 4th inst., to Mr. B. Franklin Morris, of Dayton. The bride is a well known young lady of this city and has the well wishes of a host of friends. The groom is a well known young man of Dayton, having lived there all his life. He is engineer in one of the factories in that city. The couple will go to housekeeping on Sprague street, that city.

The Christian Endeavor of Allen Chapel, A. M. E. church, elected delegates to the convention to be held in Cincinnati.

Read the Plaindealer for news.

Rev. B. C. Anderson met with a very serious accident last week by being cut with a butcher knife. He was confined to his room for some time, but is able to be out again. He wishes to thank brother Masons and Odd Fellows for kind attention to him.

Mr. Robert Conner, one of our old citizens who is now residing at Columbus, Ohio, at the Hotel Chittenden, is home again, suffering with a very severe cold on his lungs. He is stopping with Mrs. Laud, on Euclid avenue.

Miss Jessie Paige who has been visiting relatives and friends in Columbus and Cleveland, Ohio, has returned home much elated over her visit.

The Plaindealer can always be had by calling at Mr. Jackson Day's shoe shop, on West High street. Any one wishing old copies will also call there and he will be glad to wait upon you.

You should advertise your business and entertainments in the columns of the Plaindealer; it will pay you two to one better than in any other way you can advertise. The rates for advertising are reasonable. See Mr. Charles Green, or D. Willson, for rates.

Mrs. Alonzo Gregory and Mrs. R. C. Ransome, are on the sick list.

Mr. Bollton Dudley is very ill with dropsy and rheumatism.

Portions of our city was deluged with water last week; there was no one drowned, but some very narrow escapes. Many hundreds of our citizens were flooded along Buck Creek families were compelled to go to the upper stories, the water having occupied the first floors of their houses. It was reported that Mr. John Wilbur's little girl, Lily May, was drowned, but it was found afterward that while he was trying to save his wife, he fell out of the skiff into the water and received a ducking. And also on Front street, Mrs. Blackburn's five small children were alone when she surrounded the house and was entering it when Mr. Huffman rescued them from their perilous position.

Misses Grayson and Marshall, Mr. Thompson, of Dayton, and Mr. Backus, of Cincinnati, attended the Morris-Harris wedding Thursday evening 4.

Rev. E. C. Deby, of the senior class, Wilberforce university, will preach at North street church Sunday morning, 12, and at Allen Chapel, the same evening. Mr. Deby had the misfortune to lose the money he had collected to take him through college and is trying to make some by preaching at those churches, of whose pastors the dean has got the consent to permit the young man to do so.

Elder Williams, pastor of the Second Baptist church, preached his farewell sermon last Sunday night, that is his last sermon as regular pastor of that church, but will continue to preach for them until they can get some one else. Rev. Williams is a minister of great ability and the people in general are sorrow to lose him. He carries with him the good will of every one and especially his brother pastors, who hold him in high esteem.

Mrs. Fillmore, of Columbus, was visiting friends in this city last Sunday.

Mrs. Barnett, an aged lady of this city, died Saturday evening, at the advanced age of 92. She was an old member of North street church, from which place the funeral was held.

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Augustus Murray, departed this life May 3. He was born in Xenia, Ohio, April 27, 1864, and was married to Mr. A. B. Murray, January 9, 1889. She was a worthy member of North street church, from which she was buried. Rev. Ransome preached an excellent sermon. The floral tributes were many and beautiful. She leaves a husband and little boy, mother and father, and many relatives to mourn her loss.

HAMILTON ITEMS.

Hamilton, Ohio, May 9.—Mr. Franklin Beard is on the sick list. Mr. Tim Cowan is also on the sick list.

Mrs. Robertson, the late widow of F. Robertson, of Dayton, spent the Sabbath with her mother, Mrs. Terryman.

Mrs. Addie Bryant was called to Covington, Ky., on account of the illness of her niece, Mrs. Mary Hawkins, who died Sunday morning at 2 a. m. She leaves a husband and three children to mourn her loss.

Elder Toney, the pastor of the A. M. E. church, is working very hard among his congregation trying to pay at least \$100 on the parsonage. The people I am sure will be glad when the debt of \$300, which has been hanging on for so many years, is paid.

We raised \$1.19 for missionary day last Sunday.

Don't forget quarterly meeting, nor rally day. The latter is the last Sunday in this month.

Miss Clara Jackson entertained the social circle at the residence of her sister, Mrs. J. E. Lewis. An enjoyable time was had by those present. Mr. Davison favored the company with some guitar selections and Messrs. Works and Conway, led a conversation on history.

Virginia Council, No. 15, will give a musicale soon.

Please have your necktie ready. Don't wait for at least three weeks. By being on time you then have agent on time and in this way the ball is kept rolling.

NEW RICHMOND NOTES.

New Richmond, O., May 8.—Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Thomas, of Mt. Auburn, are spending the week here visiting friends and relatives.

The many friends of Mr. Peter Nelson will be sorry to learn that he was taken sick Sunday afternoon with

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Alexander, of Cincinnati, were the guests of Mrs. Alexander's mother and grandmother, Sunday.

Mr. Joshua King is still ill.

Miss Bettie Moore, Cincinnati, was in the city Sunday.

The communion services at the A. M. E. church, Sunday were largely attended. Collections for the day \$47.47.

Philip Bailey, Cincinnati, spent Sunday here.

Sunday was Missionary day at the Second Baptist church. All the scholars and officers of the Sunday School tried to see who could get the most scholars to attend. A great many of them succeeded in bringing in new scholars. The supt., W. Georgia Boone, who had been working very hard was very successful in bringing in new scholars.

Mr. Washington Tilton is visiting his uncle, Mr. John Tilton, of this place.

Mr. Tyler and other young men whose names are not known to the correspondent, of Cincinnati spent Sunday here.

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MIDDLEPORT NEWS.

Middleport, Ohio, May 2.—Havana, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scott, is very ill with symptoms of typhoid fever.

Mr. John Coleman who had been very ill for several weeks past, was able to resume his work last week, at the rolling mill, but a few days ago he received a fall which now confines him to his bed.

Mr. Richard Grant, a former resident of this place, but now of Columbus, Ohio, arrived here Thursday, April 28, accompanied by a newly made wife. They were welcomed gladly by his many friends.

Mrs. J. Warren, Sr., still remains very ill.

The Mitten party given by Class No. 4, of the A. M. E. church, last Saturday night, was a grand success.

BODY FOUND.

Middleport, Ohio, May 10, 1893.—Wilbur, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Nash, died Sunday night, May 7th.

Mr. John Coleman, who has been sick, is now able to be out.

Havana, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scott is very sick.

The body of Wesley Wilson, a

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The whole country should be interested in putting a stop to lynch law. For its example is as contagious as the most violent epidemic, and takes hold of all classes, and sets them to emulating the horrors and barbarities of others. Since the burning to death of Smith at Paris, two other Afro-Americans have been put to the torch. Kansas caught the fever and wanted to lynch an innocent man and only the most heroic stand taken by an Afro-American minister, combined with a few cool-headed whites arrested a crime. The crime was only prevented for a few days, however, when another man was made a victim to the fury of the mob. In Minnesota, a white man, guilty of rape upon two little girls, five and six years old, (take note that the ignorant Afro-American with all his terrible heritage, is not the only one guilty of such a crime) was taken by a mob and lynched, with all the Southern accessories of firing into the dead body and yelling. (Crime is a terrible thing, but lawlessness only adds to crimes, and puts the brand of crime upon hundreds. If all the people engaged in lynching and burning were tried and convicted the prisons would be filled and afford some interesting statistics and inferences.

The New York Age is mistaken in crediting the Cleveland Gazette as being the first paper to call attention to the defects of the Jackson Civil Rights law. The Plaindealer had that honor if any honor can be attached to such a thing. When Mr. Jackson first presented his bill to the house, The Plaindealer pointed out its defects. It did not wait until it passed the house as did the Gazette.

The speech made by the Hon. Frederick Douglass was a gem. Our grand old man is still without a peer in his style of oratory.

The Afro-Americans of the South must raise more corn, potatoes, bacon, etc. Two pounds of bacon can be raised at the price of one pound of cotton, while the purchasing power of one pound of bacon is equal to three pounds of cotton. The moral is plain.

The Governors of Arkansas and Georgia, profess to a desire to stop lynching. In Mississippi White Caps are being tried and sentenced to imprisonment and hell is being raised generally because of it. Last week they tried to take the town of Brookhaven, threatened the judge, tried to adjourn the court, were unsuccessful and retreated only when the state troops assembled upon the call of the governor.

The bill before the Michigan Legislature to restore capital punishment has awakened quite a discussion as to the best method to decrease crimes that are worthy of death. Most of the arguments so far adduced have been in the line of the advocacy of capital punishment. However there is a cause which has had more to do with the increase of crime in this state than the withholding of the death. It is the number of legal quibbles that have been thrown around the accused that makes it difficult to convict. To this is added an insane sentiment of sympathy that covers the criminal with flowers and sends those who have been dependent on his victim, to the poor house. Sentimental nervous men are down on juries and they allow their subject mind, as the psychologists would put it, to act instead of their reason. It cannot be questioned either from certain verdicts given when the fate of saloon keepers are in the balance that a large number of unscrupulous men get on juries whose ideas of justice are regulated by the price. As long as criminals feel they have a fair chance of escaping all punishment, whether capital or not they will continue to lift the brakes of passion and cupid.

The General Assembly of Ohio adjourned without the Senate acting upon the Jackson Civil Rights law. The Plaindealer could not see how this law was superior to the old, and from its standpoint is glad that it did not become a law in the shape in which it passed the lower house.

The Plaindealer thinks it a great mistake not to have certain features of the World's Fair open on Sundays. Gambling houses, theaters, etc., in

the city are open in full blast, and will draw a great many people to such places that otherwise would be at the park.

Honor to Whom Honor Is Due.

At the successful termination of the case brought by Mr. M. W. Caldwell against a Southern railroad for compelling his wife and children to ride in a "Jim crow" car, there seemed to be a disposition on the part of a great many people, to award the credit to T. McCants Stewart, one of his attorneys in the case. This disposition is not right. In fighting this battle, primarily for his wife and children, Mr. Caldwell was fighting the battle for all Afro-Americans, and all credit should be given him. He is the one person that bore the full brunt of the suit. He accepted and received no financial aid from any one. His cost of pressing the suit, lawyer's fees, etc., was larger than the judgment he received, and he bore it all without a murmur, and asked no favors from any one. The lawyer's retainer fees, cost of motion all were paid by him on demand. Hence it must be apparent to all that the full credit in this affair of fighting the "Jim crow" car system must be given to Mr. Caldwell. Had Mr. Stewart, out of his interest in the race and in the question itself conducted the suit without fees, with Mr. Caldwell he would have been entitled to credit and respect from all Afro-Americans equivalent to that due Mr. Caldwell. In calling attention to this, the Plaindealer does not desire to detract anything from the services or ability of Mr. Stewart. He is a lawyer of ability and as a member of the Board of Education for the city of Brooklyn, he has shown his loyalty to the race, and the Plaindealer respects and honors him, but it believes in rendering unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's. In the case in point he was only the hired attorney, the agent of his client, bound to do all in his power to serve his client's best interests, as any other lawyer, black or white, interested in his profession and his client's interest would have done.

In the case of Mr. Fortune against Mr. Trainor, the Plaindealer is not so well informed and in this case Mr. Stewart received equal credit with Mr. Fortune, whether it was justly due him or not. Not being as familiar with the facts as it is in Mr. Caldwell's case the Plaindealer can not say.

About two years ago a similar case came up in Michigan, Ferguson vs. Gies, in which, as much if not more honor was given to the hired attorney in the case than to the man and those back of him who pressed the suit to test the constitutionality of the Civil Rights law of the State. The attorney in this case was well paid for his services, in fact paid as much as any white lawyer of equal ability would have charged and received for his services. True his services were valuable, his arguments good, and in the presentation of them, dignity and learning was shown and these qualities the Plaindealer certainly respects, but the people of Michigan owe more to Mr. Ferguson, and the young men who were back of him, than for the services of the attorney, who would not have proceeded with the case without ample pay for all he did. In fact in none of the cases mentioned was there any sacrifice so far as the Plaindealer is aware of, on the part of the lawyers concerned.

In marked contrast is the attitude of Judge Tourgee in fighting the battles for justice. When the Citizens committee of New Orleans commenced its agitation against the Separate Car, law he was one of the people appealed to and Judge Tourgee, out of his love for justice gave his eminent legal ability to the committee, and volunteered to conduct the case gratuitously. Here sacrifice is made, eminent legal talent given, and Judge Tourgee deserves the credit, equal with the Citizens committee in the conduct of the battle against caste. "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's."

The prominent men of the race can learn much from the example set by Judge Tourgee. It is only by sacrifices that any cause prospers, and the people should be quick to honor those who make them, in order that the condition of the people can be ameliorated.

Editor Cormack, of Memphis, Tenn., became so blood thirsty last week that he hired a special engine to take him where he was to fight a duel. This is the same fiend who not long since helped to slaughter three innocent men who were in the custody of the law. Afro-Americans must be scarce around Memphis when Cormack goes down into Mississippi gunning for white editors and hires a special train to find his game. Cormack is a good example of the South's best citizens who lynch men and whip women at midnight hours.

Are you acquainted outside of your town? Yes? Then help us to get acquainted by sending the names of your friends. We want to introduce the Plaindealer in the homes of all the people.

It has not been long since that an Oklahoma editor dilating upon the excellency of that territory, its salubrious climate, and freedom from storms, solicited immigration to the territory. It called attention to the storms that created such damage in Michigan, Missouri, Mississippi, Tennessee, etc. Not two weeks had elapsed before the territory was visited by two of the most severe and destructive storms that the country has witnessed this spring.

The Plaindealer prints this week a communication from Mrs. Webb, whom the chivalrous(?) Southerners of Arkansas have been waging war upon for daring to lecture upon subjects in that state that were calculated to raise the respect of the Afro-Americans of the South. She has been hustled from one place to another during her tour, has not received the attention from these, "I am a gentleman, sah" that her sex demanded, and has been somewhat rudely threatened with imprisonment if she did not leave the state. Not content with this these high born curs stooped to lying and sought to create a false impression throughout the country by means of the Associated Press, stating that she was a white woman lecturing, advocating the equality of races, amalgamation and other ideas whose legitimate exercise seems to strike terror to their hearts, while they revelled in their illegitimate exercise. The Plaindealer does not know what idea of the future these haters of the race have, but the policy they persist in pursuing will all the quicker develop the faculties of the Afro-American, and render the day of reckoning, if it ever comes to that, more terrible.

If the Democratic party in the last campaign urged one doctrine more than another it was the doctrine of States Rights. They protested loud and lusty that the general government could not interfere with the states under any circumstances. It might be remarked in this connection that Mr. Cleveland was in line with his party. He might have known that the dispatch sent Governor Penoyer, of Oregon, would be offensive, not only to the governor, but to Democrats generally. The white that has been made that if Oregon expects to pay for any violence done foreigners that the governors "mind your own business to the president, is all right," is an acknowledgment that the laws are not enforced for humanity's sakes, but for the sake of dollars and cents. When a state allows its citizens to publicly burn or otherwise torture men, the president must hold his peace, there is no pecuniary loss involved, but when this same lawlessness may cost the public treasure the president has power. Strange argument, yet it is made and echoed by a Republican paper. The injustice of this nation in its interpretation and execution of laws when the rights of an Afro-American is involved, has resulted in queer decisions and judicial inconsistencies.

The business enterprises of the race in the South are increasing in number and in importance. Cotton mills, boot and shoe manufactories, banks, etc., all on a small scale, it is true, but it speaks volumes. Now if the mass in the agricultural districts will diversify their crops and raise corn, bacon, etc., the upward stride towards wealth and recognition will be immense. The New York Herald and other great journals of the North think that the progress of the race has been remarkable, and unsurpassed in the history of mankind. In the next decade the progress made will put to shade the achievements of the last twenty-eight years.

President Cleveland has again commenced to issue his pronouncements abounding in polysyllabic words. His last concerning promulgation of rules that failed of operation owing to the persistent agitation and constant application of the candidates, whose frequentation of their claims set him in perturbation, and caused him to set limitations upon the constant application, and advising the deportation of the candidates to their homes was not such as to set them in exuberation over the emanation of the presidential proclamation.

Governor Tillman, of South Carolina, is a rank hypocrite. He professes to respect the law and claims a desire to stamp out lynching and yet less than two weeks ago, he practically gave up an innocent man to a mob to be lynched.

Last Sunday's dispatches contained the report of how two Southern representatives tried to have an Afro-American postmaster discharged because of his color. The proceedings are of intense interest and importance to Afro-Americans as it forecasts the attitude of the present administration toward him. In order that the readers of the Plaindealer may fully understand the attitude of Postmaster General Bissell and President Cleveland, the dispatch is given.

Postmaster General Bissell positively refused to remove the incumbent, saying with emphasis and feeling that he would not remove him unless some specific charges affecting his competency, or showing that he is obnoxious on account of his partisanship were presented and established.

Subsequently Messrs. Grady and Rose called upon the president and repeated what had occurred at the post-office department. The president requested them to submit to him a statement of the facts in the case for his consideration. He said that it was good policy on the part of the Democratic party to encourage the colored men where it could be done safely, but that he realized in the treatment of this matter that the conditions that existed in the North are different from those that obtain in the South, and should be considered from a different standpoint. The gentlemen left the president with the impression that he would not sustain the postmaster general.

The feature of this occurrence is the position of Mr. Cleveland. Just what he means by saying that the Democratic party should encourage colored men when it can be done safely, is a question that needs explanation. From what follows it would appear that this encouragement is to be doled out in the North, where the Afro-American is a factor in politics; no thanks to Mr. Cleveland's party, and withheld in the South because the frauds of Democracy has robbed him of his citizenship. If this is the case, the Afro-American North want none of this half-hearted, two-faced encouragement. The Afro-American don't want to be known, judged, or considered by the locality in which he lives, but by what he is. The Afro-American North is no better than his Southern brother, because he can vote without being molested or made afraid; nor can he rise higher, because of being caajoled for political purposes. And any attempt would be pernicious on the part of those trying it and traitorous on the part of any who would countenance such a bargain.

Rev. Johnson, the projector of the Afro-American Steamship, is about to make his way towards this part of the country. If the people do not entertain his views, they can at least give him a respectful hearing.

The article in the last issue of the Plaindealer relating to A Student Abroad, was taken from the New York Age, and should have been so credited.

CURRENT COMMENT

New York Press:—The sale of a colored boy in Georgia into practical slavery forces Northern people to stop and think if it really is true that "the war is over." There is evidently room for another proclamation of emancipation.

Washington Pilot:—In a few days the Freedom Manufacturing Company will be out with their prospectus setting forth fully their resources and claims to public support. While there is commendable sentiment behind this enterprise there is also such a reliance on business methods with such guarantees as are found in the very strongest and the oldest similar corporations of the country, that there need be no hesitation in any, who believe in the principles and the sentiment subscribing to the capital stock that is to be put on the market.

A VARIETY OF TAINGS

A NOVEL DUEL.
Pineville, Ky., May 6.—Will Jackson, a notorious colored miner, and Rev. Jon Smith, a colored preacher who mines coal on week days, fought a duel with coal picks in a lonely room in one of the mines of the Central Appalachian Coal company. Both are shockingly wounded. Jackson has nine or ten and Smith more than a dozen deep cuts and stabs, and both may die.

WHITE CAP CRAZE.
Brookhaven, Miss., May 6.—There was great excitement here yesterday and last night, caused by rumors that a large body of White Caps were approaching for the purpose of releasing their associates in crime.

A large body of citizens, well armed, remain on guard, and will hold the prisoners at all hazards.

MISAPPROPRIATED FUNDS.
Camden, N. J., May 6.—Rev. James Williams, a colored minister, was to-

day held in jail, charged by the trustees of his church with misappropriating the funds collected to liquidate the church debt. Williams says the church owes him money.

STILL IN JAIL.

White Caps Capture the Town and Run Things.

Jackson, Miss., May 4.—Governor Stone and Adjutant General Henry were called to-night to Brookhaven, the county seat of Lincoln county, on a telegram from Sheriff McNair that "White Caps" had captured the town and broken up court. The Governor took along forty guns and 2,000 rounds of ammunition. Frank Peyton, court stenographer, has just arrived here from Brookhaven and says the scene beggars description. Before noon a party of 100 armed men rode up, surrounded the court house and demanded the release of ten men who were in jail on indictments, charging them with being "White Caps." Judge Chrisman defied the mob, in spite of their threats to kill him, and held them at bay for an hour until a military company arrived from Wesson, a town ten miles North. Seeing troops coming from the station, the mob retreated to the woods near the town, where they were still secreted when Peyton left the place. Business is suspended, all the stores are closed and everybody is armed to resist further attack on the jail. Mr. Peyton does not think the attack will be renewed till Monday, the day set for trial of the "White Caps."

Judge Chrisman is waging relentless war on lawlessness in his district, and is especially troubled with "White Cap" cases. This affair is the most disgraceful of its kind ever reported in Mississippi, and is denounced on all sides. The trouble grew out of the whipping of a Negro

ASSINIBOINE NOTES.

Ft. Assiniboine, Mont., April 28.—The approaching nuptials of Professor E. Ross Dolby, chief instructor of the cavalry department, of the United States Military Training school, at this place and Miss Belle Butler, an accomplished young lady of Pontiac, Mich., has been officially announced to take place in June, and is looked forward to with no small degree of pleasure by their numerous friends. While the announcement may occasion considerable surprise to Miss Butler's Michigan friends, it does not cause us much, since we have been guessing some time. Miss Butler, though being here less than a year, has become the leading factor in society. They will visit the Exposition at Chicago en route to the home of the bride. Mr. Dolby intimates that he will visit his home in Columbus, Ohio, from which he has been absent for ten years, during his leave of absence. Our best wishes will accompany the young couple and our sincere desires are that they may soon return to fill the vacancy that will be caused by their absence.

Miss Lucy Williams leaves soon for an extensive visit through Missouri.

Miss Lena Jones left for Buford, N. D., a few days ago.

Mrs. J. Clay Smith expects to visit her home at Santa Fe, N. M., this summer.

A Calico ball is promised by the estimable ladies of this place soon. We have about three inches of snow and some very cold weather.

Mr. S. G. Spaulding has moved out to his ranch and is now confined to his bed with rheumatism. J. K.

BUSINESS VENTURES.

—Mr. Adam G. Scott is building a large hotel at 2713 Dearborn street, and when completed, will be the largest and finest hotel in that section of the city. Mr. Scott is one of the most wealthy colored men in the state, and is estimated to be worth over a half a million dollars.

—There has recently been organized at Spartanburg, S. C., among the Afro-Americans, a banking institution. It is run under the name of The Colored Banking Association of Spartanburg, S. C. The leading and representative colored men of the town are at the head of the enterprise and success is sure. The secretary of state has granted the Banking Association a charter.

—There are two colored stores owned by Mr. Sam Perient and Mr. T. Grant, in York, Ala., they are patronized by both white and colored.

—William Scott, of Mayville, Ky., who has been running a livery stable in partnership with a white merchant, has bought his partner's interest and runs the stable now in his own name.

—There is a war in Brooklyn, N. Y., among Afro-Americans over Sunday funerals. The ministers are opposed to them, and the secret societies denounce the ministers and have decided to withhold financial support from all churches which refuse to allow funerals on that day.



—An Episcopal priest named H. R. Sargent, in a letter recently written to the New York Sun, mentions a number of interesting facts concerning the dealing of the Episcopal church with the colored people in this country. He says that the first minister to raise his voice against slavery in America was an Episcopal priest, who had charge of a church in Virginia. The first church built in the city of Philadelphia for colored people was erected through efforts of the Episcopal churchmen, and that fully a century before the ordination of the first colored layman, priest, Bishop White, of the diocese of Philadelphia, ordained a colored man to holy orders. This is a good record for the Episcopal church, and is one that justifies its communitants in taking the congratulations which Mr. Sargent offers.

—Omaha, Neb., April 16.—The new Presbyterian hospital was opened here last week with appropriate exercises. This morning the Wesleyan Methodist Episcopal church was dedicated by Bishop Fowler, of Minneapolis, and St. Phillip's chapel was consecrated with impressive ceremonies. The latter is an Episcopal church for colored people and cost \$10,000, of which Mrs. George Worthington, wife of the Bishop of Nebraska, gave \$6,000. The Rev. J. A. Williams, B. D., colored, is the rector in charge. These exercises, together with the organization of the Young Women's Christian Association and of the Women's Club, have given the past week the appearance of religious revivals.

—The Bishops council, will meet at Wilberforce during commencement week.

—The General Board of Educators, will meet during commencement week, at Wilberforce.

—All the bishops of the A. M. E. church have been appointed as vice-presidents of the World's Education Congress.

—Bishop Arnett has presented to the Commissioner of Education the photographs of the professors, students and buildings of Wilberforce, to be placed among the educational exhibits in the government building at the World's Fair.

—There are people who have to take all their gold to the devil, blacksmith shop and have it made into chains with which to bind themselves.

—There are too many people who make a fifteen-minute prayer for missions, and then get up and put a two cent piece in the basket.

—It is easier to walk the tight rope without falling than it is to criticize others without backsliding.

—Don't expect much from the man who is always talking about what great things he would do if he had somebody else's opportunities.

—The man who does right only because he has to would rather work for the devil at the same price.

—In this world men and devils may have their own way for awhile, but in Heaven God will be supreme.—Ran's Horn.

THE NEW TERRITORY.

Guthrie, Okla., April 27.—A devastating cyclone visited sections of country adjacent to this city yesterday, left death and destruction in its wake. Fourteen killed at Norman, a small town East of here; one killed at Langston City, and several injured, and the town almost demolished; great hail and rain in this city, but no material damage done. The funnel shaped cyclone cloud was plainly visible here, and created consternation here. Sad news continues to come in. The weather prophets predict a cyclone will visit Guthrie yet. This city is principally of frame structures, (being only four years old five days ago) and would fair badly in a cyclone.

—News is very meagre at present. The churches are doing fairly well. The Preachers Union, of this city, under Rev. E. M. Argyzie, as president, is doing a grand work. It is hard to tell a Methodist from a Baptist so pleasantly do brethren dwell together. There are two commodious colored churches being erected at present.

—Negroes from the South found a lodgment in the heart of his enemies here.

—The Oklahoma district of the A. M. E. church will take a stand in the front rank of Methodism, with a little more care, which it should have speedily.

E. M. A.

—At Georgetown, Ky., the opera house management in repairing their house made a division for the Afro-American. The Afro-American justly indignant, kept away from the house and it has proven so far a losing move.

—The latest rumor in the political field of gossip is that Rev. George McGonee, of Virginia, is making application for the consulship to Madagascar.

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FRIDAY, MAY 12, '93.



Read the Plaindealer.

Advertise your entertainments in the Plaindealer.

Mrs. William Eddy and Miss Mary May, left Tuesday morning for a week's visit at Buffalo.

Mr. Peter Anderson has removed from 253 Mullett street to 311 Orleans street.

Mr. Noah Anthony, of Beaubien street is making extensive repairs on his property.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Parker, of Watson street, a son.

Last Tuesday Mrs. Evans, of 817 Beaubien street, was very pleasantly surprised by a number of her friends, the occasion being the anniversary of her birthday. The ladies served refreshments and a very enjoyable time was spent socially.

Mr. Shreve and family have removed from 404 Ripelle to 210 Elliot street.

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George Thompson, of Sandusky, Ohio, was in the city, the past week, the guest of Mrs. Mary Lowe, Monroe avenue.

Henry King, of Toronto, Ont., paid a couple of days visit to his many friends here the first of the week.

John Price, of Lansing, Mich., was in the city, last week.

Alfred Thomas, of Toronto, Ont., paid a flying visit to the city.

Arthur Palmer left Sunday for Marquette, Mich., where he has accepted a situation with C. Williams.

Wm. Tomlinson, of Lansing, visited his family the past week.

Mrs. Nettie Thompson has returned home from her visit to Sandusky.

A new program will be given at the concert to be given at Fraternity hall by the Porter-Cole Chorus, May 16th.

Mrs. Mary Simmons, of Dresden, visited her daughter, Mrs. Benjamin Moulton, the past week.

Mrs. Wade Wallace and family paid a visit to her sister, Mrs. J. Wells last week.

The Porter-Cole chorus will sing the Gloria from Mozart's 21th mass next Tuesday, at Fraternity hall.

Jas. Wright, of Wilberforce college, Xenia, Ohio, spent a day in the city, visiting Mr. James Hayes.

Mr. Edward Campbell has returned to his old position with Mabley and company, in their shoe department.

Several students of the Detroit Art school spent Tuesday and Wednesday at Sandwich, Canada, sketching.

Those who failed to hear the Porter Cole chorus at their last concert should certainly attend the concert given by the Chorus for St. Matthew's church, May 16th. The general admission has been placed at 50 cents, with 50 cents for reserved seats.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pelham, Jr., have returned after a delightful visit to the World's Fair. They were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jackson while in Chicago.

Mr. James Johnson and family of Windsor, Ont., have moved to Madison avenue.

Go and hear "Inflammatus" from Rossini's Stabat Mater at the concert given for St. Matthew's church, at Fraternity hall, next Thursday.

The Detroit City Band gave a dance Wednesday evening to raise funds to help defray the expenses of their new uniforms.

Little Madeline Hunton is confined to her home with scarlet fever.

Mr. Lloyd Johnson left for the "World's Fair city," last Friday.

Miss Christina Binga is quite ill at her home, 105 Brewster street.

Trinity lodge, No. 1, K. of P., were escorted from their hall to the Second Baptist church last Sunday to have their first annual service preached. Beside the regular sermon by Rev. N. F. McBayne, a very nice program was prepared for the occasion by the committee. Sir Geo. McKenny, J. A. Johnson and F. C. Everett, consisting of the following numbers: Procession march, Miss A. Webb; opening address, W. G. Berry, C. C. Invention, T. W. Everset; prelude; selection choir; Gospel lesson, Rev. N. F. McBayne; bass solo, Mr. Ellwood Bishop; sermon, Rev. N. F. McBayne; Knighthood, Rev. T. F. Scott; benediction. In spite of the bad weather the church was crowded with well wishers of the organization.

Keep your business before the public by advertising in the Plaindealer.

Dr. Wm. Maaterson, a recent graduate of the Detroit Medical college, left Wednesday morning for Ypsilanti, to visit friends.

The concert to be given for St. Matthew's church by the Porter-Cole Chorus will be given at Fraternity hall, Tuesday evening, May 16.

A large number of the young friends of Dr. Albert Johnson, gathered at the residence of Mrs. Shewcraft, Thursday evening and proceeded to surprise the young doctor at his home. The evening was delightfully spent in a volunteer program, dancing and refreshments.

OBITUARY.

Lambert—Entered into eternal rest, at the family residence, 497 Larned street, East, Saturday, April 29, at ten minutes past two o'clock a. m. Julia, relict of the late Wm. Lambert in the 68th year of her age. After a painful illness of nearly four months the dear one passed away to the home she loved and longed for. Her health had for a long time been failing and her friends sadly remember how she has been quietly letting go the things of life and drawing away more closely to herself, even before being confined to her room very recently before her illness. She had called every member of the families, composing her immediate home circle of children and grandchildren to a breakfast on one beautiful Sunday morning, preparing for their reception in her most generous and charming manner. How happy the dearly loved one seemed as she smilingly passed from one to another in her gentle, motherly way. At the close of the day she said to one of them: "I'm glad we had such a happy time, I felt that I wanted to have you all a day with me once more. If we never get together again." Loving and beloved—there seems that some one has gone out of our lives whose place can never more be filled. By the side of the sick and the suffering and the dying she has ever been found in her place to relieve and to help bear their burdens. In all her relations and affairs of life she was the quiet, loving, guiding spirit whom all delighted to honor. In three years of her lonely widowhood, she has sadly missed the dear hand that had been her stay through life and she has seemed among us, but not of us. The dear eyes have ever borne the look and longing for the dear one gone before, and thus her constant breathing was in her most intense pain. "Oh, I long to go to my home and be at rest" and the father of all love has given her answer. Friday all day the angel of death hovered over the patient sufferer, each hour bringing keener pain and suffering; evening came with its shadows, and we could only look and suffer with her, midnight—and the dear form was well nigh racked with suffering, and we could only pray in our hearts that she be spared further pain. The early morning hours passed by, but ere the dawn had broken she had heard her summons, and passed to the rest of Paradise. Oh, blest mother what shall be our lives without thee! Monday afternoon they laid her away to her rest. Her funeral was held in the little church of her tenderest love for whose interest and growth the dear hands were never too tired to labor. The service was conducted by the Rev. M. Collins, of St. Stephen's church, whose kind ministrations during her illness had so much strengthened her and from whose hands she had received the holy communion. The services conducted at the grave, the requiem, "Asleep in Jesus," was sweetly sung, by the vested choir of boys. The household of Ruth attended in a body and held short service at the grave, ending with the sweet hymn, "Shall we gather at the River." The sun was sinking to rest in a halo of glory as we turned away leaving our loved one awaiting the dawn of the glorious day when the bodies of those who sleep in Him shall be changed and made like unto His own glorious body.

Asleep in Jesus! blessed sleep.
From which none ever wakes to weep;
A calm and undisturbed repose
Unbroken by the last of foes.

MOTHER.

Here at thy grave in the twilight dim
At the close of our Lord's own holy day,
We kneel in submission low to Him,
Who has called from our hearts the loved away;
Oh, mother blest, on that sunless shore
Canst thou see how the burning tears will come?
Canst know how we'll miss thee evermore,
Canst know how we long for thy blessed home.
So calm and peaceful and holy thy rest;
Not a pain or a sorrow can reach thee here;
The sweet flowerets in beauty above thy breast,
From loving hands of thy friendships dear,
Like thy gentle self in life so fair,
Now droop at the close of their beautiful day;
And thou? ah not here! but evermore there
In that fold from whose shelter no loved one can stray.
Best, dearest, beloved, in the peace of thy God,
And yet, oh, farewell, we must breathe thee again,
And we rise, and we falter, and pass under the sod,
And back to the life with fond memory's refrain;
Oh, blest be the boon that our Father has given,
Of hope and of joy, that again we shall meet,
Somewhere, sometime, in His own blest Heaven.
When all life's lessons have been learned at His feet,
When the tears are all shed, and the storms are all past,
And our glad cries are ringing,
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A RARE TREAT.

Last Sunday afternoon, April 25, at St. Matthew's Mission Home, the junior auxiliary was delightfully surprised at their weekly meeting, by Dr. L. H. Johnson who gave them a rare treat, after their hour's work was completed. After addressing them on their work and progress in the league, He offered as a special inducement, a watch and chain to the girl or boy whose deportment and general interest merited it. Then stepping to the door he led in a body of seven musicians who played for the children to their great delight, some charming selections. After this he treated them all, old and young to cream and cake. A vote of thanks was tendered him by the children and associates and the doctor was warmly complimented for his kind interest in them. Such recognition and encouragement to those engaged in trying to help children on to good man and womanhood, cannot be too highly appreciated.

The seniors of the junior auxiliary feeling highly encouraged over good success at their recent entertainment, are preparing at once for a second, that promises to eclipse the first. A genuine apron sale for the latter part of this month, with a lovely silk and velvet quilt, made and embroidered by the members of both branches, will be put up for sale in the same manner as before. The second evening a farce, "The Romance of an Apron," will be given.

PASSING EVENTS.

Adrian, Mich., May 2.—This has been truly a month of April showers. After so many days of cloudy skies and wet walks we are glad to welcome the sweet month of flowers. We hope with these days will come a smile of the gods and we may have the beautiful sunshine and warmer days. Truly if May is no fairer than April, our Mayville maiden cannot be even so fortunate a "Carolina" in the days of Herrick who did not seek the sweet scented trailing arbutus, the ferns or mosses from the woodland, but that she might bathe her face in May dews before sunrise, that being traditionally regarded as a sovereign beautifier of the complexion. We hail the first day of May with song and with gladness, and trust our queen can hold her court on the greenward amid a balmy breeze and blossoming boughs without the imminent risk of a bad cold for a sequel. How many of our readers have paused to think the pleasant pages in history these last April days and this first of May furnish our dear country. Our president's trip from Washington to New York, the gathering together of the grandest war ships from ten different nations, the finest and grandest naval array, but one ever witnessed in waters, the president's flight to Chicago, his elegant reception there, and behind him in New York city the grand parade of high officers, naval commanders and jolly tars on land. Last of this group of memories, the dedication of the Columbian Fair buildings, what a coming together of high executive nobles and great men of rank and wealth, to witness and participate in this grand review once in a lifetime event. The arrival in our land of Don Christoval Colon, Duke of Veragua and family the only living descendant of our brave Columbus. The arrival of Lord and Lady Aberdeen and Mrs. Sullivan, the greatest harpist in the world. Let guns awake the distant echo and bells ring joyously their loud acclaims in honor of Columbus, let each one of us just for a moment bow in silence and reverence his dear name.

Miss Emma Taylor, after suffering a hemorrhage in Toledo, has returned home to stay.

Mr. Horace Craig is home from Washington, his politics not suiting Uncle Sam's present administration.

Miss Maud Gree has returned from a long stay at Battle Creek.

Mrs. Emma Washington is convalescent.

Mr. Will Reid has suffered a relapse and is now very sick.

T. W. Adrian, Mich., May 7.—The social and entertainment given at the Baptist church last Friday evening, was a success.

Miss Eva Cox, of Toledo, is visiting in the city.

The D. J., social club will hold their next meeting on Friday evening, at the home of Miss Mildred McCoy, and will elect officers for the ensuing term.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pelham, Jr., of Detroit, are visiting at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Lewis.

Miss L. Jacobs leaves our city soon, for Chicago.

Miss Dora Greyson, of Tecumseh, spent Saturday in the city, the guest of Mrs. Geo. Lewis.

Rev. J. W. Brown, of Ypsilanti, delivered excellent sermons at the Baptist church, Sunday; also made some most appropriate remarks at the A. M. E. Sunday school, in the afternoon.

Mr. Wm. Reid is dangerously ill, but his many friends hope for his early recovery.

The A. M. E. Sunday school board met and elected Miss Mildred McCoy as delegate to the Sunday school convention to be held, June 29, at Grand Rapids, Mich.

Miss Bessie Cox who has been spending a week at her home in Toledo, has returned.

Sixty-five Africans who are to show the "dark phases" of African life at the World's Fair, were steaming passengers on the French steamship La Bretagne, last week. They were taken to Ellis Island, where after being registered, they started for their destination in the West. There were twenty women and four children in the party. Most of the human exhibit comes from Dahomey.

J. W. Tucker, a guard in the Missouri penitentiary, at Jefferson City, was stabbed to death by Jim Smith, an Afro-American.

WINDSOR LOCALS.

Windsor, Ont., May 10.—Mr. H. Thornton is home again.

Mr. and Mrs. George Miller are rejoicing over a bouncing baby boy.

Miss Alida Lee has returned home to the Falls after a pleasant visit in our city.

Mrs. Steward is well and around again.

Mr. Doston and family are nicely settled in their new Ouellette Ave. home. We gladly welcome them to our city and wish them success. Our white friends feel strange with their colored neighbor and would like to give him a few hundred more dollars to locate elsewhere, but friend Doston has decided to stay and would like to buy more on the Avenue. That is what we need; lots of men like Mr. Doston.

Mrs. Chas. Piper, of Chicago, is visiting her mother Mrs. Dunn.

Mrs. Lucas is again well.

Rev. H. J. Perkins preached for the last Sunday and returned home Tuesday morning.

A SUDDEN DEATH.

Windsor, Ont., May 3.—Mrs. Caroline Hayes, of Goyeau street, died very suddenly last Friday. She had just been home about ten minutes from down town before her death. The funeral took place at 10 o'clock Sunday morning from her residence. She was 62 years old. Rev. Brown conducted the services.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Miller are rejoicing over a bouncing baby boy.

Miss A. Lee, of Niagara Falls, who has been visiting friends in our city for the past three months, has returned home.

Miss Sarah Long, Mrs. Peter Barnes and Mrs. Izabelle Lucas, are on the sick list.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Smith, who died the last of March, was one year and three months old.

Miss Fannie Stewart is very ill with rheumatism.

The A. M. E. quarterly meeting will be held the third Sunday of this month.

Rev. Brown expects to go to Fort Wayne, Ind., to be gone ten days.

Mrs. E. Vincent expects to be out of the city for a short time.

Bishop Hawkins spent a few days in our city, this week.

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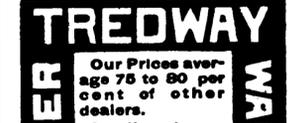
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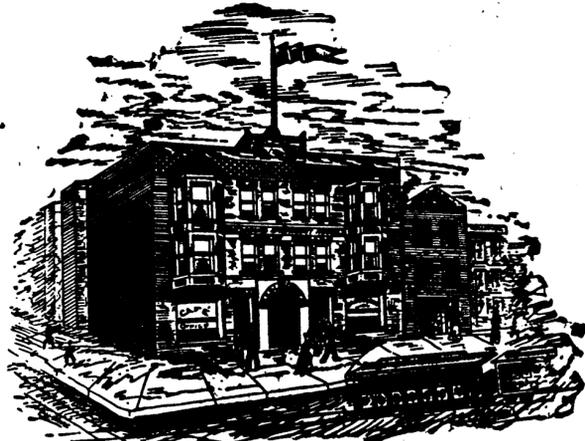


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Be brief, on time, and do not say "So and so" is sick when he only has the finger ache!

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YPSILANTI, MICH.

Ypsilanti, Mich., May 1.—Mrs. Posey, of Adam street, who has been quite ill for the past two months, is better at this writing.

The long looked for baby show is over at last. The babies were all out and looked very pretty; it was said that they were the finest babies in Washtenaw county.

The West End club are making extensive preparations for their first boat excursion, which occurs on the 29th of this month.

The principal event of interest this week was the river much damage was done. The highest point reached was 31.4 feet.

One of the enterprising citizens of St. Louis, is Mr. Henry Reed, of 724 N. 16th street.

The young ladies of the coterie met with Miss Estella Embrose, last Friday evening.

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Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Blackburn and Mrs. Freeman, of Ann Arbor, were the guests of Mrs. S. Bow, last Thursday.

BAY CITY NOTES.

Bay City, Mich., May 3.—Mr. J. S. Carter left last Monday for Nashville, Tenn., where he has accepted a position in the Methodist Episcopal Publication Association.

Miss Mattie Childers made a flying visit to her sister, Mrs. Sebastian, last week.

Miss Francis Christopher left for Detroit, last Tuesday.

Mr. Geo. Smith, of Detroit, made a business trip to Bay City, last Monday.

Mr. W. N. Hanson has a tumor in his side.

The A. M. E. Sunday school has organized a literary society in the South end.

Rev. J. Lyons, of South Bay City, attended the funeral of Mrs. Smith, of Saginaw, last Monday.

W. H. Tolbert made a flying trip to Saginaw, last Monday.

Invitations have been distributed through the city for the May party to take place in East Saginaw, next Tuesday evening.

A family by the name of Schadd, have moved in South Bay City, from Canada.

LANSING LOCALS.

Lansing, Mich., May 8, 1893.—The Rev. Mr. Hill, of Battle Creek, exchanged pulpits with our pastor yesterday.

The egg social last Wednesday, netted quite a purse.

Mrs. Wm. Simpson who has been quite sick is reported better. So also is Miss C. Fowler and Mrs. H. Mesco.

left Monday on the Mineral Rock, of which he is part owner and engineer.

AN ENTERPRISING CITIZEN.

St. Louis, Mo., May 2.—Mr. Albert Burk, who has been absent in Oklahoma for several weeks, has returned to the city.

The classes of Summer high school, with one or two exceptions, were photographed at the school during the early part of last week.

The Elite Lyceum club held a business meeting this week, preparatory to giving an outing party.

The location of Summer high school has become so inappropriate for school purposes that the school board has decided to sell the building.

Mr. Wm. Avery and wife, of N. High street, will move into more commodious quarters on 13th street.

Miss Rena Graham, of Paducah, Ky., is in the city and will remain a month, the guest of her relatives, the Graham's, 1618 1-2 Morgan street.

Mr. James A. Wright, the Pine street tonsorial artist, has fitted up a handsome little barber shop at the race track and placed two competent men in charge.

On the 28th, ult., Mr. John H. Harris' ice cream parlor was thrown open to the public, and during the day, until eight at night cream and leers were served free.

St. Paul's chapel has been holding the World's Fair this week, at least that is what the circulars say, that are being scattered through the city.

Virginia Taylor, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ode Taylor, of Morgan street, who has been spending the winter with relatives at Denver, Colo., will return home during May.

Mr. John H. Rodgers, of the Lindel hotel corps, is suffering with a severe cold, and will take a week's rest from work.

A number of the ladies of St. Elizabeth's Parish, are making arrangements for an entertainment, which is to occur soon.

The Pastime club, a literary and social organization, met last Monday evening and elected officers, and before leaving for home, were served by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cortendon at an elegant luncheon.

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CHATHAM CULLINGS.

Chatham, Ont., May 2.—The town was full of people last Saturday. Circus you know. Why is it that people who can't find a few cents for a good paper, or for any good cause, can find plenty for a circus, a minstrel show, or whiskey?

Mr. Wm. Doston, of Lansing, Mich., was in town Saturday. He has located in Windsor. We would like to see a few men like this gentleman settle here.

Mrs. Olive Green has returned to Chicago.

Mrs. Walter Perry has gone to the Windy city for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson, of Detroit, were the guests of Mrs. Lizzie Morris, of Center street, last week.

Mr. Wm. Weaver, has so far recovered as to be able to resume his usual work. He left for Detroit, and Chicago, Tuesday.

Civil Rights League meets for the last time this season, unless called specially, this Friday evening. This society, says Dr. Fleming, is a back alley cirk, led by Mr. Cooper, or words to that effect. Well! Dr. you know now that it has a sting, for you felt it.

Miss Sadie Montgomery is visiting in New York city.

Mrs. S. Griffin, the paralytic, is very low.

Buy the Plaindealer and thus encourage race enterprise.

Miss Bertha Hall leads the meeting in connection with the Epworth League tonight. Miss Brook led it last week.

Mr. J. W. Montgomery is president of the Baptist Y. P. Endeavor society. They gave a successful concert last Tuesday evening.

Rev. W. Hawkins addressed the pupils of the public school last week.

Dr. S. D. Radley and Miss Brook were buried last week. The former was a man of very peculiar character. He was an opponent of co-education of the races as long as he was in the school board (20 years) and yet few men would do you a kindness quicker than he.

Although some of his actions were disagreeable to us as a race, we respected him as a man, who was fearless in his opinion, which were expressed openly. He never left the board, to shirk the responsibility of dealing with the colored school question.

Miss Fannie Braxton is visiting in Detroit, this week.

Mr. Eli Taylor left for Michigan, to seek work, last week.

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MANSFIELD NOTES.

Mansfield, Ohio, May 2.—That old time chestnut has reached Mansfield again. The "Cake Walk," the members, of the A. M. E. church and their friends participating at the residence of Mrs. Ben. Dunmore, Friday night last.

The successful competitors were Mr. Henry Wilson and Miss Lillian Beaumont, the last couple to obtain the flag. A lack of consideration or originality seems to prevail.

Mr. Ben. Dunmore surprised his friends and relatives by dropping in on them last Tuesday morning, and his friends returned the surprise by rendering him a party at the residence of his brother, Mr. B. Dunmore on the evening of the 2nd.

Mr. Henry Williams, of Chicago, was the guest of Miss Maud Fleming, on Sunday last.

Mr. Frank Davis, of East First street is sick.

Mrs. John Green expects to leave soon for Muncie, Ind., her future home.

The New Celery Culture.

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This new method, which does away with the "banking up" for bleaching, is described in detail by Robert Nevin and other practical men who have tested it in a little manual issued by the Rural Publishing company, New York.

The main features of this method, briefly stated, are: Enrichment of the soil, usually with chemical fertilizers, and careful preparation of the same, which must be made level and fine. It is then marked off in rows seven inches apart, and the plants set seven inches apart straight in the rows.

These plants, planted seven inches apart each way, are cultivated as long as possible with the wheel hoe and hand tools.

The more fertilizer used the larger the growth of the plants and the more water required to make the fertilizer available; hence irrigating is an all important work, as the rainfall cannot be depended on to give sufficient moisture.

The growth is rapid; consequently the crop is tender, solid and brittle. It has been estimated that, set as described, one acre contains 126,000 plants that blanch as they grow, and with proper treatment turn out at least 100,000 good plants suitable for commercial uses.

The plant for green manuring. The plant to be grown exclusively for green manuring is one that we can use as a stolen crop on land that has already produced a crop for the season or is growing one. It is doubtless hard to find in connection with the ordinary crops of the farm or usual rotations.

A New Jersey farmer writing in this connection to The Country Gentleman says: I am inclined to think that crimson clover fills the bill. It fits in with my system of partial soiling, sown after early potatoes on my first crop of soiling corn, and is harvested the ensuing season in time for a second planting of corn or a crop of Hungarian grass. We sow it the last of August. Experience with it in two years of drought indicates that it may be sown safely with us on Sept. 1, if not as late as the middle of that month. It is a more vigorous grower than ordinary clover. I have scarcely had experience enough to fix its time of maturity further than to say it would give a big crop for plowing under about June 1.

A Hint to Theater Goss. Men become bald. Why? Because they wear close hats and caps. Women are never bald except by disease, and they do not wear close headgear. Men never lose a hair below where the hat touches the head, not if they have been bald 20 years. The close hat holds the heat and perspiration; thereby the hair glands become weak, and the hair falls out. This should serve as a slight inducement to the woman who indulges in the exasperating theater hat to remove it during the play.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Norway's Foremost Woman. Mme. Camille Collett, the well known advocate of the emancipation of women in Norway, recently celebrated the eightieth anniversary of her birth. A festival was given in Christiania in honor of the day and was attended by Ibsen and many other famous writers. Professor Loremy-Diedrichsen made the address. Mme. Collett is the author of "The Official's Daughter" and other books. She still enjoys splendid health despite her great age.

Young Women Active in Minneapolis. The Young Women's Christian association of Minneapolis has arranged for a number of sermons by pastors of the several denominations, with the purpose of drawing attention to the advisability of making provision for the welfare of young women similar to the provision made for young men in the Y. M. C. A.

A Ring For Each Month. To have a case of 12 different rings is the fashionable girl's present ambition. Each ring must be set with the stone particularly significant of the respective month and is worn individually for luck. The idea is old, not so old as the hills nor even as the valleys between them, but only so old as Elizabeth's time.

The colored champions, the Cuban Giants, are stronger this season than ever before. They have yet to meet their first defeat, and they would be worthy opponents of teams that are classed much higher.

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DOMESTIC SCIENCE.

A Department of Women's Progress to Be Seen at the World's Fair.

Domestic science is a subject of great and growing interest to the community. It seems to me that one of the most delightful features of woman's advance in all lines is the compelling of better methods in the home, for with broader views and better opportunities women are beginning to see that "the old way" is not always the best way; that the conditions of life for women have changed, thanks to the noble women who many years ago ventured into new ways, holding the ground won so bravely till women should recognize the newer, better way, till today women are awake, and at Chicago, under the leadership of Mrs. Potter Palmer and her staff of women, Lucy Stone, Mary A. Livermore, Julia Ward Howe, Ednah D. Cheney, Susan B. Anthony, Mrs. Stanton and their comrades, will see as never before the power of women manifested in public work.

Domestic science will be illustrated in the department of liberal arts in Chicago by an exhibit of the New England kitchen work. This work, which is scientific and economical in character, was developed by Mrs. Mary Hinman Abel of Michigan and Mrs. Ellen H. Richards of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Cooking is done by gas and the Aladdin oven.

In the Women's building at Chicago there will be a model kitchen, where cooking school methods will be shown, and modern kitchen fittings will prove how really artistic a practical kitchen can be.

Domestic science, which covers the sanitary, hygienic and chemical departments of life, is most fully represented by the work of Mrs. Abel, Mrs. Richards, and Miss Marion Talbot of Chicago university, a professor devoted to the teaching of this work to classes of men and women. Miss Talbot, a daughter of Dr. I. T. Talbot of Boston, conducted the domestic science work at Wellesley college before her call to Chicago in the spring of 1892. Schools and colleges are adding this work to their course of study very rapidly, a fact which promises much for the future housekeeper. Girls cannot graduate from the public schools of Boston unless they have taken the course in cooking.

Through the generosity of Mrs. Mary Hemenway the first public school kitchen in the United States was opened in the Starr King schoolhouse in Boston during the vacation school term of 1885. This work was in charge of Miss Amy Homans, now principal of the normal school of cookery at 9 Appleton street. The public school kitchens of the city of Boston are under the direct charge of Miss Annabel Hope, a charming little English woman, a niece of Rev. Brooke Hereford.

The Boston cooking school founded by Mrs. Samuel T. Hooper, well known in charitable work, is a center of good influence at 174 Tremont street, under the direction of Mrs. Dearborn, while the department of domestic science of the Boston Young Women's Christian association, 40 Berkeley street, under the supervision of Miss Anna Barrows, is broad in scope, practical and successful.

The Cooking Teachers' club of Boston was organized in 1892 under the presidency of Mrs. Mary J. Lincoln. The members must be graduates of cooking schools. There is an honorary membership of those invited to join on account of their connection with domestic interests.

The Columbian Association of Housekeepers, whose president is Mrs. John Wilkinson of La Salle avenue, Chicago, are doing grand work which will materialize at the World's fair. Mrs. Wilkinson is a New England woman, a daughter of picturesque and historic Deerfield. This housekeepers' association possesses practical value for all women, and as the membership covers all parts of the country it proves a powerful lever in raising the tone of domestic problems.

Miss Juliet Corson will have charge of New York's exhibit of cooking schools at the World's fair. This exhibit is to be in the New York state building and is under the direction of the New York state board of woman managers of the Columbian exposition. Miss Corson spent the early years of her life in Boston, in the charming district of Mount Pleasant, and her New England training has developed into grand practical work.—Marion A. McBride in Boston Woman's Journal.

Mrs. Wilcox's "Artist and Man."

Some one said to Ella Wheeler Wilcox at one of her Sundays at home: "I want to thank you personally for the good one of your sonnets has done to me. I mean that beginning 'Make thy life better than thy work.' I have had the line, 'The man should not be shadowed by the artisan,' engraved upon a window in my studio." Womanly tears of gratification gathered in the poet's eyes. "This is a great compliment," she said, "greater than that paid me when I heard one of my poems quoted from the pulpit of old Trinity. But," here she began to laugh, "I fear it is rather disillusionizing to tell the genesis of the sonnet. It was written when I was a young girl as a rap upon the knuckles of a certain older woman who was undertaking to patronize and mold me. She was a devotee of Emerson and a great stickler for culture and for breadth of thought. Yet she was full of malice and meanness, and I intended to read her a needed lesson by publishing 'Artist and Man.'"

Ribbons For Muffs.

It is by the thousand and one extravagant little toilet trifles that the ultra fashionable girl attains distinction in dress. There is a new mode in the wearing of muffs, even later than that of suspending the muff by a gold or silver chain set with pearls, and more genteel because less conspicuous. A regular muff ribbon, with slides and clasps of solid silver to regulate its length, now takes the place of the chain and is of dark brown satin or black to match the color of the fur. A bunch of fresh violets nestles in the fur of the muff, or one or two deep crimson roses may be worn.—Chicago Tribune.

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EAST SAGINAW MATTERS.

East Saginaw, Mich., May 9.—Rev. T. W. Brown will hold his quarterly meeting, Sunday, May 16. Rev. Alexander is expected to be present.

The young ladies of the Sunday school are preparing to give a concert in June, to defray the delegates expenses to the Sabbath school convention.

The ladies of the Zion Baptist will give a musical and literary entertainment Thursday evening of next week.

Mrs. Bars, the daughter of Mr. Charles Peterson, is in the city.

Mr. J. Harris of Detroit is here. Miss Maria Harris is convalescent. Jerry Meyers is very ill with consumption.

Next Sabbath, is we are sorry to say the last Sunday we will have Mr. Hammond with us.

Mr. B. Wright is expected in the city soon and the barber shop now occupied by Messrs A. L. Hammond and Bundy, will run in the future by Messrs Bundy and Wright.

The Plaindealer publishes news from all parts of the States and Canada.

THE UPPER PENINSULA.

Hancock, Mich., May 2.—Mr. Jas. Rickman has purchased a shaving parlor in Marquette. He was up to Hancock and Houghton last Monday on a flying visit.

Miss Jessie Williams returned home Friday, after six weeks visit with her sister, Mrs. J. S. Day, of Red Jacket.

Mr. William J. Black, of Hancock, was out to Red Jacket last Wednesday to see the inland town people.

Mr. G. R. Johnson took a trip in company with others to the Ripply Falls, last Sunday, as it required labor to get to the top, he returned without seeing all that was to be seen.

Mr. A. Richey was attending Circuit court all last week as a juror in Houghton.

W. H. Warren has bought out Mrs. Cora Jones' shop in Houghton, and will continue running the same under the express office.

Mr. Charley Warren, of Grand Rapids, is employed in Mr. J. S. Day's shop at Red Jacket.

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A BONE OF CONTENTION.

Continued from page one.

Much of the controversy over this play, however, is due to a lack of proper information as to the period when the incidents to the tragedy took place. But even this doubt is disappearing under the sunlight of history.

The recorded fact that Cyprus formed a part of the Venetian domain, and was not, during the sixteenth century, assaulted by the Turks till 1570, make that date the time at which the actions of Shakespeare's Othello took place. It was to dispel the Turkish army from Cyprus that Othello with his young wife went; and thither as is well known did they hasten after their trial in the council chambers at Venice.

Now the supposition of critics is that at this early age the Negro had not been distinguished in any way, and that he could not, therefore, have possessed the heroic qualities of Othello. He had not, as yet, held, appeared in the field as a soldier, leader, or a man of great deeds, and, of course, could not have the one whom Desdemona "loved for the danger he had passed."

But this notion about the Negro's backwardness is an assumption pure and simple, for it is not true that the Negro was not pre-eminent in any way in the sixteenth century. Indeed, quite the reverse is true of him.

In the year 1570, the very time, at which the incidents of the tragedy of Othello are supposed to have transpired, there was fighting in the army of the Spanish Duke of Alva, a very brave Negro soldier, who was conspicuous both in Alva's Spanish and Netherland campaigns. This soldier is known to Spanish writers by the name of "Black Vallant," and he was complimented by Alva more than once for his bravery. Besides, there is a tragedy in Spanish, of which "Black Vallant" is the hero, and it is founded on the incidents of his life in war, and his subsequent connubial relations.

There is also another strange incident in Spanish history, which is worthy of mention here. We refer to the career of the famous "Latin John." John was a pure Negro, who was carried from Africa to Granada, in Spain, and was reared by the Duke of Sessa. This Spanish Duke was very scholarly, and gave much time to the study of the classics. Latin John was wont to carry books to and fro from the library for the Duke; and soon evinced such eagerness for learning that he was given the advantage of a classical training. And thus he became in time one of the most learned men in Spain.

John became professor of Latin and Greek in a school connected with the Cathedral of Granada, where he taught for many years. John was not only teacher, but was a poet. He wrote in Latin as was the custom of the time, and published a volume of Latin poems in 1573. This volume, which is said to be the rarest book in the world may be found in the "Boston Public Library." It contains elegies, epigrams and an epic poem on Don John of Austria; all of them in the best of Latin.

Besides the volume of poems there has come down to us a Latin grammar from the same scholarly Negro; it is also well written and preserved.

Among the complimentary notices of him by contemporaries is one indirectly from Cervantes who in dedicating his Don Quixote to a friend warns him of trying to rival John. The English of Cervantes lines runs thus: "Since heaven will both keep thee back from turning out a classic Don, like Juan Latino, be the black, leave thou infinity alone." But the incident of Latin John's life which interests us most is his almost romantic marriage.

The fame of John's learning had gone abroad, and people of all classes sought his society. Among his many admirers was a beautiful young lady who was the "Idol of Granada." Her name was "Donna Ana de Carvajal," and her ancestors were among the most aristocratic in Spain. Latin John was first engaged as her teacher. They soon contracted a love for each other. The beautiful girl, like Desdemona, "saw his visage in his mind." And so they were married and lived happily together there in old Granada till John's death in 1576.

Yet no one there was disturbed by the incident. It was left for the nineteenth century prejudice to be astounded at.

Since then these two cases are historical, did actually take place, and that, too, at a time coeval with the incidents in the "tragedy of Othello," it seems that we are justified in taking the description of Othello as given by Shakespeare, rather than the conjectures of critics, we must therefore say with North, "we swear Othello was a Negro."

GREENFIELD NEWS.

Greenfield, Ohio, May 1.—Electric lights illumined this place on the evening of April 28.

Miss Daisy Jewette paid a brief visit to Hillsboro, Ohio.

Mr. Leonard Smith is expected home on a visit at an early date. Miss Cora E. Bowles was agreeably surprised Thursday evening, by a party of her friends.

Several from this place attended the baptizing in Frankfort, on the 16th ult.

Miss Minnie L. Bowles spent two days in Washington, C. H., last week. Rev. Johnson, the presiding elder, preached at the A. M. E. church Friday evening.

Miss Lula Gillman was home from her school to spend Saturday. Mrs. Henderson is on the sick list. Rev. C. W. Stribling passed through here on his way to Chillicothe, the latter part of the week.

The funeral service of Miss Mary Taylor, were held at Shiloh Baptist church, April 30, Rev. H. Hill, officiating.

Two things are certain—You want the news and we want to publish it. You can help us by sending us the names of your friends in different parts of the country so we may induce them to send us the news from their section of the country.

Mr. J. Breckenridge was entertained by a party of his friends on the 29th ult.

GREENFIELD, OHIO.

Greenfield, Ohio, May 7.—The marriage of Mr. J. W. E. Johnson and Mrs. Julia Childs, both residents of Greenfield, Ohio, took place Thursday evening, at the residence of Mr. Willis Hackley, the ceremony being performed by Rev. W. J. Cosby. After which the guests, which consisted of the immediate relatives of the bride and groom fared sumptuously. Mr. Johnson and wife will remove from this place to take charge of a farm in Ross county, Ohio.

Mr. L. Smith was with us from Monday until Thursday, returning to Wilmington, Ohio, at the expiration of that time.

Mrs. Henderson is convalescent. Mr. C. W. Stribling was in the city, Friday.

Rev. W. Cosby was at his post Sunday. Miss Daisy Jewett is spending a part of her time in the country.

YOUNGSTOWN NOTES.

Youngstown, Ohio, May 2.—Rev. B. H. Lee returned Monday from a week's visit to his family in Cadiz, Ohio.

The Literary at the Union Baptist church, gave their last concert and festival Monday evening, which was a success. They realized nearly \$30, which was turned over to the church. The society will be called to order early in the fall. The social given at the residence of Rev. Shief, for his benefit Thursday, was a success.

A birthday surprise was given Mr. Hansome Clark, Tuesday evening, April 28, by his daughter and about 80 couple of his friends. The Odd Fellow lodge which he is a member furnished the supper in their new hall, which was very fine. The Harmonic band played a few of their fine selections. His friends outside of the lodge presented him with a fine walnut book-case. The evening was a very enjoyable one. The Young Men's social club, is making preparations to give their first annual benefit May 23.

Mrs. A. Franklin returned Tuesday, after five months visit with relatives in the South.

Thomas Jefferson is not able to be out yet.

James Vactor spent Thursday in Pittsburg.

The pocket-book that was stolen from Miss Lizzie Vactor, as stated in last week's issue, was found and identified by her sister, Hattie Saturday morning for the above named who left for Buffalo, N. Y., Thursday.

Mr. Ervin Johnson is able to be out.

Mr. William Coe and family of Warren, are now located in the city. Quarterly meeting at the A. M. E. church next Sunday. The pastor, Rev. B. H. Lee, will be ably assisted by P. E. W. H. Coleman, and Rev. W. T. Artls, of East Loverspool, Ohio.

W. H. Miller, of Warren, was in the city Sunday.

The foot race between Miner and French, was run Wednesday, the latter winning the race.

BADLY INJURED.

Youngstown, O., May 9.—The Third Baptist will open their fair Monday, May 15, and continue it through the week. The tickets are 25 cents for the week or ten cents for a single admission.

About 35 couples are expected to attend the May ball given by the Young Men's Pleasure club, Tuesday, May 16.

Henry Lucas was badly injured by the falling of a wash rack, Monday. Communion services were held at the A. M. E. Church Sunday. Sermons were preached by the Rev. Lee and the Rev. Artls, of Wellsview, Ohio, offering \$48.31.

The mock trial held at the Literary Thursday was very interesting. The audience was the largest of the season. Among the visitors were Misses Mame and Kate Milton, Mrs. Clark and daughter, W. H. Miller and Dan Maske, of Warren, Ohio.

LONDON LOCALS.

London, Ohio, May 9.—The baptizing at the A. M. E. church has been postponed until the third Sunday in June. A number of persons will be baptized. Rev. Coleman will be assisted by Rev. Johnson, of Jackson, Ohio. The same service took place at the Baptist church last Sunday. Eleven candidates received the rite of baptism. A large number of visitors from abroad were in attendance. Rev. Randolph is held in very high esteem by the citizens of London.

Miss Belle Singleton and sister, of Springfield, Ohio, were the guests of Mrs. D. Milton, this week.

A social will be held at the A. M. E. church, Friday night.

Miss Clara Mitchell, of Delaware, Ohio, who has been visiting Mrs. Carrie Holoway, returned home Tuesday morning.

Miss Booker, of Irvin, Ohio, was the guest of Miss Grace Tyre, the fore part of this week.

Mrs. Randolph, of Columbus, and sister, Miss Octavia Ogilvie, of Chillicothe, were the guests of friends Sunday.

Mr. T. W. Champ and friend A. Jackson, of Columbus, Ohio, were the guests of Miss Blanche E. Lewis. There seems to be quite an attraction for Mr. Champ here.

Octavius.

—Mr. P. C. Masterson, of Chattanooga, Tenn., the celebrated horse trainer, owns one of the finest blooded stallions ever in that city. The stallion will be exhibited at the colored driving park, May 3.



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Diamond Lodge, No. 4, Springfield, meets every Monday evening. O. C. Underwood, C. C.; F. A. Guinea, K. of R. and S.

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Garnet Lodge, No. 8, Cincinnati, meets first and third Tuesday nights of each month. S. H. Bush, C. C.; A. H. Henderson, K. of R. and S.

Royal Lodge, No. 9, Portsmouth, meets second and fourth Monday nights of each month. John W. Evans, C. C.; J. H. Scott, K. of R. and S.

Silver Leaf Lodge, No. 10, Lebanon, meets first and third Tuesday nights of each month. Charles Biggs, C. C.; Stephen H. Waters, K. of R. and S.

Herculean Lodge, No. 11, Ironton, meets second and fourth Thursday nights of each month. W. L. Cornute, C. C.; A. G. Moore, K. of R. and S.

Crispus Attucks Lodge, No. 12, Rendville, meets every Friday night. W. E. Clark, C. C.; Charles E. Jones, K. of R. and S.

Scioto Lodge, No. 13, Chillicothe, meets first and third Tuesday nights of each month. W. E. Viney, C. C.; J. H. Gatlin, K. of R. and S.

Pickaway Lodge, No. 14, Circleville, meets the first and third Monday nights of each month. George E. Henderson, C. C.; Lincoln Weaver, K. of R. and S.

Border City Lodge, No. 16, Piqua, meets first and third Monday nights of each month. W. N. Johnson, C. C.; Geo. O. Reese, K. of R. and S.

Edwin Cowles Lodge, No. 17, Cleveland, meets second and fourth Thursday nights of each month. Edwin Turner, C. C.; P. Johnson Tarrer, K. of R. and S.

Twin City Lodge, No. 18, Wellsville, meets second and fourth Monday nights of each month. Paul J. Blackburn, C. C.; Frank Spire, K. of R. and S.

Beacon Light Lodge, No. 19, Middleport, meets first and third Tuesday nights of each month. Thomas James, C. C.; William Woods, K. of R. and S.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT.

Samuel B. Hill, Esq. Grand Chancellor. Dear Sir and Brother:—

I beg leave to submit my semi-annual report for money received from the several lodges of Ohio, in payment of the semi-annual tax due the Grand lodge of Ohio. Below is attached an accurate statement of receipts for the past six months, ending January 25, '93, and the receipts in full turned over to the Grand M. of E. Prospects are bright for the increased membership of 1,000 members before our next annual convention at Cleveland, June 20, 21 and 22, '93.

Polar Star lodge, No. 1, Cincinnati, 80 members \$20, tax; Gem City Palace lodge, No. 2, Dayton, 57 members, \$14.25 tax; Damon lodge, No. 3, Xenia, 52 members, \$13 tax; Diamond lodge, No. 4, Springfield, 49 members, \$12.25 tax; Pride of the West, No. 5, Columbus, 53 members, \$13.25 tax; Rising Star lodge, No. 6, Gloucester, 22 members, 5.50 tax; Garnet lodge, No. 8, Cincinnati, 100 members, \$25 tax; Royal lodge, No. 9, Portsmouth, 32 members, \$8 tax; Silver Leaf lodge, No. 10, Lebanon, no report; Herculean lodge, No. 11, Ironton, 32 members, \$8 tax; Crispus Attucks, No. 12 Rendville, 48 members, \$12 tax; Scioto lodge, No. 13, Chillicothe, 42 members, \$10.50 tax; Pickaway lodge, No. 14, Circleville, 27 members, \$5.75 tax; Border City lodge, No. 16, Piqua, 44 members,

\$11 tax; Edwin Cowles lodge, No. 17, Cleveland, 30 members, \$7.50 tax; Twin City lodge, No. 18, Wellsville, 26 members, \$6.50 tax; Beacon lodge, No. 19, Middleport, 28 members, \$2.80; total members 722, amount received \$176.05.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and B. G. W. Hartwell, Grand K. of R. and S.

INTERESTING MATTER FOR THE LONE STAR STATE.

Helena, Texas, May 4.—One of the first teachers who came here close in the wake of the late war, was Professor Robert Whitfield, probably from Ohio. In the course of his first term he married Miss Ellen Johnson, of this place unto whom a daughter was born. The family went from here to Houston, Tex., where Professor Whitfield died. Mrs. Whitfield with her daughter removed to San Antonio, thence to New Mexico, and thence again to Monterey, Mexico, where she has resided for upward of five years. The daughter, Miss Lulu, has grown to be a charming and interesting woman, will return to Monterey next is now here upon a brief visit to her aunt, Mrs. Alfred Perryman, and her cousin, Miss Carrie Perryman, will return to Monterey next Saturday, going via San Antonio, and Laredo, Texas, at each of which a brief halt of a day or two will be indulged in.

Tuesday evening last, the very popular Mrs. Jennie Ward tendered the Misses Whitfield and Perryman a select reception at the residence of her father, Rev. Mitchell Thompson, pastor of the Congregational church. The affair was one of the pleasantest of the season and many were truly sorry when the hour for handshaking came. There were present: Mesdames A. Perryman, Sarah Fields, Olive Deans and Emily Green; Misses M. Moore, Jessie Allen, Mary D. Allen, Coloma Chambers, I. B. Hayes, C. Wada, T. Perryman, J. C. Jones, Miss Lulu Whitfield and Miss Carrie Perryman, in whose honor the reception was given. The following is a partial list of the gentlemen who assisted: Dock and Lewis Eckford, John and Willie Moore, J. P. and Lawler, Smith, Dudley and James Ward, John Dorse, B. Perryman, L. Perryman, Geo. Sykes, Thos. H. Allen, John Ward, Homer Lott and Mr. Alexander Dale. Besides other amusements, Miss Whitfield sang and recited very sweetly. The ice cream, cake, lemonade and other refreshments were capital, and abundant as the Plaindealer scribe cheerfully avouches from test and experience. During the evening, Miss Whitfield told the Plaindealer's young man many interesting things about the land of the Montezumas; as a general thing there is no such thing as race caste prejudice in Mexico, there are no separate schools, or churches; our men quickly take unto themselves Mexican better-halves, but our women are not hasty as Miss Whitfield thinks. First class butter brings 75 cents a pound in Monterey, while spring chickens vary at from 10 to 20 cents a piece of our money. Room and board in Monterey ranges from \$5 to \$15 per week. Gambling and dancing constitute the chief amusements. Miss Whitfield has experienced no inconvenience from religious bigotry and prejudice, and indeed she is rather inclined to favor the church of the country. She likes, she says, to come to the States for an occasional rollicking good time, but aside from that she thinks Mexico just the place for our people.

Hon. Ed. Young who was once the district and county clerk of Wharton county, this state, is now in the boiler making business at Victoria, Mexico, and he, and his family, it is said, have no notion of ever returning to the States. It is enough to make one blush for his country and its flag, to think that one of his blood and bone is thus driven into exile simply because of his superior culture and manhood.

Mr. Felix Thompson who is well known at Corpus Christi, and some other Texas points, has charge of a sleeper between San Antonio, Tex., and Monterey, Mexico, and of course is carrying his end up all right.

Professor Lewis Meadows, the efficient band leader of Yorktown, Tex., gave successful concerts the past week at this place, and also at Riddleville. The professor is incidentally working to get Helena, Rouge, Riddleville and Yorktown to unite in a grand celebration of Texas "Emancipation day, June 19. Abundant rains give promise of good crops in this section and that of course means better times.

H. C. G.

CANTATA OF QUEEN ESTHER.

Zanesville, Ohio, May 2.—The cantata given under the auspices of the "Malvoilla Club," April 27th, at Memorial hall, was well attended and elicited well merited applause. Many of the parts were well taken. Miss Ella Gur, as Queen Esther, presented a lovely appearance in her rich costume. Her voice, while not strong, has a sweet cadence that captivates her audience. Mr. W. R. Smallwood, as Mordecai, acquitted himself grandly. Miss Mamie Tate, who led the chorus was the subject of much favorable comment, as her rich soprano voice could be distinctly heard in all parts of the large hall. Mr. J. E. Brown, as King Ahasuerus by the ease and grace with which he performed his part displayed much knowledge of the art dramatic, while Mr. Ben. Moore, as Haman was unexceptionably fine. Space will not allow us further comment, only to say that the cantata of Queen Esther was the finest musical drama ever given by our people, and each member of the Malvoilla has just cause to feel proud of the effort.

The debate on last Monday night before the Y. S. M. J., was won by Mr. J. S. Carter.

Mr. W. R. Smallwood returned to Cleveland last Monday.

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Woman's WORK AND WAYS.

Mrs. W. E. Matthews and Miss M. R. Lyons, have conjointly written a drama, entitled the "Fateful Initials," that was recently presented at Brooklyn by the Brooklyn Literary Union.

The Salvation Army, of Keokuk, Iowa, has made the raise of two very pretty looking colored ladies who seem to be very much interested in the work.

Another laurel has been captured by an Afro-American, this time by Miss Genevieve Green, of Newton, Ia., who has won a class honor and will be salutatorian at the commencement. This mark of distinction is appreciated, as there is only one Afro-American in the class. Slow but sure the Afro-American is coming to the front. This is the first time in Newton that class honors have been bestowed upon an Afro-American.

Miss Nannie Lee, of class of '91 of the Normal department of Howard university, who for a short time, taught school in Raleigh, N. C., is now teaching successfully a second grade class in one of the public schools in Goldsborough, N. C. Miss Lee is both artist and poet.

Springfield Republican.—Pluck, intelligence and philanthropy of a high order appear in the story of a Negro woman of less than 30 years, who is going as a missionary to Liberia. She was born a slave in Tennessee in 1864. The youngest child of a widow who supported her family by washing, this girl soon learnt what toil meant. She went into the fields to work, and held the plow before her shoulders were as high as the handles. Until she was 17, she worked on the farm, attending school a few weeks in each year after her ninth, only 26 months in all. In 1882 she entered Central Tennessee college and divided her time, a few months of work to earn her living, for several years. Most of the years she taught district schools—colored schools—for the pittance paid for this work. In 1887 she had fitted herself to take the full Normal course, which she finished in 1890 her ambition was not satisfied and she began to study medicine, and has just taken her doctor's degree. Now this woman—whose name is Georgia E. L. Patten—is going to Liberia as an assistant to missionaries. She will teach and practice medicine for two years, and then hopes to come home to take a post-graduate course in medicine. It is too bad that this woman is going to Liberia. Her own people need her here. She could do vastly more good inspiring them with her own pluck and teaching them her virtues than by attempting to convert Liberia.

Mrs. James Field, of Pittsburg, has entered suit against the Pittsburg Traction company for \$25,000 damages for the loss of her husband who was killed by a car belonging to said company.

The World's Convention of women will meet at Chicago on May 19. Papers will be read by Mesdames Williams, of Chicago; F. J. Coppin, of Philadelphia; A. J. Cooper, of Washington; S. J. W. Early, of Nashville, and Miss Hallie Q. Brown of Tuskegee.

An Afro-American woman was arrested at Plainfield, N. J., for wearing male attire.

She told the sheriff that the reason she wore men's clothes was because she could obtain employment more readily when making application for work as a man. She said she was born in Petersburg, Va., and formerly lived in Elizabeth. The young woman was informed that she would not be set free until she consented to wear skirts. She insisted that she had a much right to wear a high hat and a frock coat, as Dr. Mary Walker. She said she believed in civil rights.

The girl who must be content with the "written word," from her fiancé may judge quite accurately the depth of his love for her, by the tone and frequency of his letters. It is not necessary that he should gush through manifold pages of foolscap to assure her of his affection; his letters may be short, but they will be frequent. He may tell her of his business and other proxy interests because he feels that what is of moment to him will be important to her also, but he will never send her a blank page. He will always have enough to say to fill his sheet and the sentences fresh from his heart will not come halting, but with a spontaneity which will carry conviction with them. He will not wait either until she has formally answered his last letter, but will probably write a dozen to her one. If he does not she may as well look the matter squarely in the face, he is not in love with her, though he may have poured volumes of honeyed words in her ears, really with her.

To have a really chic gown, you must have it made with a full, stiffened skirt, large sleeves and a wide cape or ruffle.

It is just the thing now to get a tiny square or bolero jacket of velvet to match almost all of your gowns. If you are of a very economical turn of mind, you can get one of very handsome black, seal

brown, or dark green velvet and have it elaborately embroidered in bronze or gold; then you can wear it with any suit.

Don't if you are very thin, or very stout be persuaded into having an Empire gown. It is a style which suits one woman out of ten, and the other nine had better choose some other cut, unless they wish to act as foils to their more fortunate sister.

Don't make the mistake of thinking a short shoe will make your foot look smaller, an additional half size in length will give your foot a more slender and better shape. It is said that the crucial test of a woman's attractiveness is the way she is shod. Nine men out of ten look first at a woman's face and then at her foot. If like the peacock her smartness falls short there, the care bestowed on other details of her toilet has been wasted.

At an afternoon tea the hostess and those invited to receive with her are the only ones who wear tea-gowns, or fancy frocks of any kind. The guests come in street costume, or modified reception dress. It is not necessary to send an acceptance, but if you do not go, it is polite to call afterward and leave a card.

Don't make the mistake of thinking that women are the only devotees to fashion. The agony endured by the male mind over a mistake in the cut of his coat, quite equal the ecstasy of his sister over a "love of a bonnet." One who has not witnessed the struggles of a man over the fit of a cravat, or the shape of his collar would never believe the distressing servitude of the ordinary man to the edict of fashion.

There is not a man in the world, who would brave the scorn of his fellows, by openly violating the canons of dress. And as for the utility of their fashions, of what earthly use are the button holes on fasten nothing, or the two button which mark the waist line at the back of a frock coat? And yet any man who received his garments from the tailor minus either, would have a fit of apoplexy, at the thought of wearing them until the omission was repaired.

A crusty old bachelor suggests that the next fad the society girl should adopt is to talk less and better. The inference is that some sensible girl has been saying "no" to him.

Don't be afraid to wear yellow whether you are blonde, brunette, or medium. There is surely one shade of that color which will suit you and bring out all the pink in your skin; if you are sallow it will make you look white.

Don't wear a purple veil or any other veil of decided color. Very few colored veils are to be trusted as being becoming, while black and white are always in good form. This last don't should be emphasized. Don't copy the last thing because it is the fashion, consider your figure and choose something that will give you an individuality of your own. A fashion may suit the lovely lady in the fashion plate and look hideous on you.

Widows no longer swathe themselves in crape for six months. The crape veil is worn over the face for only a few days; then it is thrown back and a smaller mask veil of black net covers the face. The correct period for a widow's mourning is two years. After the first twelve months she may lighten her mourning, but it is considered the worst possible taste to appear at a public entertainment till the full period of formal mourning is over.

If you have been disappointed in finding grape fruit sour and bitter instead of the delicious dish which its name seems to indicate its because you have not treated it right. It should be cut open in the middle and filled with powdered sugar, ice and maraschino cordial. Prepared this way it is the most dainty of appetizers and is generally served as a first course at dinner.

Among the other disagreeable smelling herbs which are said to be a sure protection to furs is tansy. Garments well packed in this odoriferous herb ought to be safe, not alone from moths, and other insects, but from thieves and burglars.

A FOOLISH GIRL. Sidney, Ohio, May 2.—M. Heaston, a white girl, attempted suicide here to-day by drinking a bottle of iodine. For some time past Paul Love, an Afro-American, has been paying her attention. Her mother prohibited his coming, when the girl declared she would rather die than be separated from her obnoxious lover, and going into the adjoining room, drank a bottle of iodine. An antidote was administered and it is thought she may recover.

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Albert Douglass

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LESSON VIII, SECOND QUARTER, INTERNATIONAL SERIES, MAY 21.

Text of the Lesson, Prov. xliii, 29-35. Memory Verses, 29-32—Golden Text, Prov. xx, 1.—Commentary by the Rev. D. M. Stearns.

29. "Who hath woe? Who hath sorrow? Who hath contentions? Who hath babbling? Who hath wounds without cause? Who hath redness of eyes? The Golden Text tells us that "wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." Yet there are fools without number who seem to prefer the woe and sorrow and contention. At least they prefer the wine and strong drink, even though it bring these things. The woes of Scripture against those who have to do with wine are not few. "Woe to them that rise up early in the morning that they may follow strong drink; that continue until night till wine inflame them." "Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink." "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth his bottle to him, and maketh him drunken also" (Isa. v, 11, 22; Hab. ii, 15). Then it is plainly written that drunkards shall not inherit the kingdom of God (I Cor. vi, 10), so for this life and the life to come it is naught but woe for those who are slaves of strong drink. But thank God for deliverance, even for those who are bound with vile people of Corinth had, many of them, experienced the power of the grace of God and become washed, sanctified and justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God (I Cor. vi, 11).

30. They that tarry long at the wine, they that go to seek mixed wine." This is the answer to the previous verse. Drunkenness is invariably associated with trouble. In verse 21 it is said that "the drunkard shall come to poverty." The story of drunken Nabal, and of Elah, who was slain while he was drunken, are among the sad records of the Bible (I Sam. xvi, 36, 38; I Kings xvi, 8-10). But perhaps more sad is the story of righteous Noah, who forgot himself and his high calling and became drunken, thus bringing great humiliation to himself and one of his sons and giving great occasion to the enemy to blaspheme (Gen. ix, 20-25). Worse still is the story of David making Uriah drunk (II Sam. xi, 13). Surely every man at his best estate is altogether vain, but what can be said of a drunken man except that he has descended lower than the brutes?

31. "Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright." The R. V. has for the last clause, "When it goeth down smoothly." Wine has its attractions and its pleasures, but they are wholly on the side of self and sensuality when carried to excess. There is no manner of use in making a joke of Paul's advice to Timothy to use a little wine for his stomach's sake (I Tim. v, 23), nor in saying that the wine of the New Testament was wholly unfermented, for how could unfermented wine burst winekins? But there is use in lusting the word of God stand, and in all humility and teachableness take it to mean what it says in its plain, literal sense, unless it is clearly a figure or a symbol. Happy are those whose stomachs need no wine, happy those who prefer to let even meat alone, if need be, rather than be a stumbling block; happy the church that prefers to use an unfermented wine at the communion rather than put temptation before any weak one. Happiest of all those who can truly say, "Not I, but Christ, who liveth in me."

32. "At the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." It is on the principle of "he that soweth to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption" (Gal. vi, 8). "For the mind of the flesh is death" (Rom. viii, 6, R. V.). The flesh will manifest itself in greater or less degree in some or all of the works named in Gal. v, 19-21, and the record is "that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." If a man is simply a natural man, a man after the flesh, never born from above, he cannot see the kingdom of God, but must in due time experience the second death, which is the lake of fire (Rev. xix, 15, 14). Then shall he indeed know by his eternal sorrow the serpent's bite and adder's sting. Foretastes of hell are in mercy given even in this life (let any drunkard testify) if perchance men may repent and so escape the lake of fire.

33. "Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things." Woman in Scripture is the type of the very best and the very worst. The church is spoken of as a chaste virgin, espoused to Christ, and as a bride adorned for her husband (II Cor. xi, 2; Rev. xxi, 9), while all that is vile and false is described as a woman seated upon a scarlet colored beast, full of names of blasphemy (Rev. xvii, 8). The strange woman is described in verses 27, 28, of this chapter, and more fully in chapters v, 3-5; vi, 24-26. The way to be saved from such destruction is to give heed to verse 26, "My son, give me thine heart and let thine heart observe my ways." Not only do we need to be kept from uttering perverse things, but we need to be kept from foolish thoughts, for the thought of foolishness is sin (chapter xxv, 9). And since we are not sufficient to think anything as of ourselves, how utterly helpless is our condition, but our sufficiency is of God (II Cor. iii, 5).

34. "Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast." Dangerous positions surely. Such a one might say, indeed, what David thought was true of himself, "There is but a step between me and death" (I Sam. xx, 8). When we know that death shall usher us into the presence of the King, that to die is gain and to depart is to be with Christ, then indeed one has no cause to fear the enemy. But if one's sorrows have already begun through wine and women, on the edge of what a fearful precipice does such a one stand! But the figure is that of one asleep in danger. This is more fearful still, for if one is only awake there is some hope of escape, but what hope can there be for Samson asleep in the lap of Delilah?

35. "They have stricken me, shall thou say, and I was not sick; they have beaten me, and I felt it not. When shall I awake? I will seek it yet again." Refusing to face conviction, they make their faces harder than rock and refuse to return (Jer. v, 8). They say come and we will fill ourselves with strong drink, and tomorrow shall be as this day and much more abundant (Isa. lvi, 12). Of such it will doubtless become true, "He that, being often reproved, hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy" (Prov. xxix, 1). And yet God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. He has no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but cries imploringly, Turn ye, turn ye: why will ye die (II Kings xiv, 26; Ezek. i, 11)? How deceitful and desperately wicked is the human heart!

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