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Mr. J. W. Cromwell has charge of the editorial department of the Washington Advocate. While we are glad to hear of Mr. Cromwell's return to his former vocation, we regret very much that his leaving it did not affect his standing in the department, under the so-called Civil Service Rules.

The Dispatch of July 14 in reporting the appointment of the new patrolmen said "there was to be two more appointments made, and it is whispered by the birds (black birds) that one of them is to be a colored man." We did not know that the mayor had such a rare curiosity about his office as a blackbird, to whom he could communicate his intentions as to future appointments. We think that if the Dispatch would send its reporters out to cage all the birds, (black birds) they speak of, it would make more money by keeping a museum, than by running a paper.

As the authorities have begun the good work among our people, it is hoped that they will not cease until every hovel and gambling hell is shut up, for if we have no respect for ourselves as a race, how can you expect white men to respect you so long as you carry on business that is not only a disgrace to you as men, and to your race, but to the community in which they are carried on. We say, continue to wipe them out and clean the city of the slum that is congregating here from every quarter of the country, for the moral standard of our people is everything else but good, and until we as a race, cultivate principles of self respect, and encourage a race pride, what can you expect of any party or people who come in contact with you. Let us purify ourselves, respect ourselves, respect our race, and you can demand respect and protection from others.

From under the shadows of the dome of the Capitol of the nation is sounded, as it were, the key-note as to the future political policy of the negroes of America, by the Advocate in its editorial on the new regime. We hope that every mouth-piece of the race will take up the cry and call upon the masses to stand firmly and truly by each other in all coming contests, as much depends upon a concerted action on the part of the race, whether in a local or national contest. The republican press can always set up the howl of ingratitude, but that cry has been sounded so long that it has lost its force, and the party of 1860, which truly was a grand old party, is no more. For the party of 1865 is one that every honest man is afraid to trust. The democrats of '60 are not the same to-day, instead of favoring slavery in all its worst forms, it is willing, or so expresses itself, to aid and assist the down trodden race in all ways where merit should be rewarded, and it is for us to wait and see, for if they really do as they profess the time has come when the solid negro vote will be indeed divided, but not with the democratic party unless it changes some of its principles, but with an independent movement that will be brought forward to take the place of the now defunct g. o. p. that was, and is no more. We echo the sentiments of the Advocate, and "calmly await the prospects of the new regime."

Masonic.

The annual session of the African Grand Lodge, A. F. and A. M. of Iowa and Minnesota, was held Tuesday July 14. The meetings were held at the lodge room of Pioneer Lodge, No. 12. The Grand Officers were, Grand Master A. A. Bland; J. K. Hilyard, Sr., D. G. M. S. H. McCracken, G. S. W.; W. H. Coleson, G. J. W.; Orange Fields, G. Treas.; G. H. Claggett, G. Sec'y; E. W. Vaughn, G. Lecturer. Sessions were held afternoon and evening, and reports from the Iowa Jurisdiction of the order showed things in a very prosperous condition, and constantly increasing in membership. The business included the election of officers which resulted as follows: Grand Master, A. A. Bland, Keokuk. Deputy Grand Master, J. K. Hilyard Sr., St. Paul.

Senior Grand Warden, W. F. Ewing, Des Moines. Junior Grand Warden, J. G. Sterritt, Minneapolis. Grand Treasurer, H. H. Lewis, Des Moines. Grand Secretary, G. H. Cleggett, Des Moines.

Grand Lecturer, C. W. Newton, Minneapolis.

The appointive officers were announced on Thursday morning. There was a parade on Thursday afternoon, about 150 men being in line, making a very imposing appearance. The Mayor welcomed them in his happiest manner, and Grand Lecturer C. W. Newton fitfully responded. In the evening the public installation was held Music Hall and was witnessed by a large audience, after which many present indulged in the festivities of the evening. During the morning session of Thursday the Lodge adjourned to meet at Keokuk July 14, 1886.

Many of the members of the Grand Lodge were accompanied by their wives, and the citizens generally did all in their power to make it pleasant for them, for between the picnics to White Bear and Lake Minnetonka, and the reception at Mr. T. H. Lyles, they had but little leisure time and go home feeling very much gratified over the treatment received. The effect of the meeting of the Lodge here at this time, will result in a great benefit to the race in this section, and be the means of stirring up an interest not felt before.

OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

Kansas City, July 9, 1885:

Prof Page of Lincoln Institute was in the city Monday.

Mrs. Geo. Teeters leaves for Chicago next week.

Miss Willa Rhodes and Miss Lulu Jones on last Thursday night entertained the Young People's Society at the home of Miss Willa Rhodes. The premises were illuminated, and an early hour carriage began to arrive, and soon the house and grounds were filled with a gay and happy company of young people. The musical and literary programme presented was an interesting one, and consisted of songs by Miss Laura Lanson and Mr. Martin; Piano instrumentals by Miss Rhodes, Miss Lulu Adams and Mr. Samuel Jordan; Select reading by Miss Lulu Jones. Following this, Miss Rhodes and her aids served the company with some very choice and cooling refreshments. Upwards of thirty were present, and the evening proved to all a most delightful one.

The ladies of Kansas City would like to see Mr. J. J. Lawrence in the city again. Where is he?

A certain young lady of Kansas City wishes to know Mr. Howard Green's whereabouts.

MINNEAPOLIS.

The illness of your correspondent last week prevented a report of the doings among us, nevertheless your many readers were anxious to see the APPEAL.

The mysterious reaper, Death, visited our community and robbed us of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Pullin, and Mr. Robert Patterson, an old man of some 75 years of age, who was a janitor and general jobber. He died of the heart disease. He was a queer old man only known to us by sight; upon his mind there appeared to be a heavy burden, one too full for utterance. Never was he seen in the company of any one, nor is it known of him relating his tale, the result is, he was friendless, homeless, and penniless. The coroner took charge of his remains and he was buried last Saturday, with no one to shed a tear or offer a prayer for him in the needful hour, he was laid away in the silent city of the dead to await the action of Him who doth all things well.

Rev. Newton preached an eloquent sermon Sunday eve, on "Life, its cares, and its duties." As is usual, the house was crowded, and all joined in praise of the elder's well chosen words.

Mr. Marshall, who is the proprietor of the best known lunch counter in the

city, is an earnest and devout worker in our Mission Sabbath School. Through him and a few others we had a prosperous literary society last fall and winter, which will be revived when weather permits.

One of our leading wholesale and retail fruit dealers has engaged the services of one of our young men to straighten up his books.

The Heathcock sisters, of jubilee fame, who have been the guests of Mrs. Georgie McCullough the past week, took their departure for Cincinnati, Wednesday evening.

Our railroad boys are loud in praising the well kept boarding and eating house of Mrs. Peterson, opposite the Chamber of Commerce. She is a widow, and one who deserves the encouragement she is laboring so hard to gain.

At the session of the Grand Lodge, our J. K. Hilyard Lodge, named in honor of your beloved townsmen, will be represented by Rev. Newton and P. M. J. G. Sterritt, one of our brightest and best members of the craft. By unanimous consent he was delegated, and no lodge in our jurisdiction will be more ably represented.

Mr. J. H. Finley of Dayton, Ohio, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Lewis. He contemplates locating here and entering into the carpet and furnishing business, having amassed quite a neat sum at his home. Ill health of his wife causes him to change climates. We will gladly welcome him.

The Hotel Lafayette dining room is this year in charge of Mr. Al. Plummer, a Boston boy, who assumed control some three weeks ago, assisted by an able corps of young students from various colleges in the south and east. Mr. Plummer is well known throughout the country by all, and as a caterer he stands second to none in this part of our commonwealth. He is a gentleman and a scholar in its broadest sense, and an honor to the profession and race he represents.

Mr. and Mrs. William Morgan will soon move in their elegant new home, on the St. Mary Place, which they purchased and refitted some time ago. Mr. Morgan was formerly a Wisconsin man, and one who, by a steady application to business and by his good wife's assistance, has enabled him to have to-day the finest residence in the city. When moved, they expect to open their house by a splendid party for their many friends, whose best wishes they have.

We do not favor the celebrating of the First of August as a general holiday, but would prefer the 22nd of September or the 1st of January, as these days are marked by the greatest events in the history of the American negro, the one, proclamation day, the other the Emancipation day. Let us celebrate one or both, let us show our patriotism and love of freedom by demonstration, on these, among the greatest days in the history of the United States. LEO.

The Excelsior Literary Society met on Tuesday evening at the Pilgrim Baptist church. The temporary chairman, Mr. J. T. Burgett, called the meeting to order, after the minutes had been read, on the adoption to appoint a committee of two to escort the President elect to the chair. The committee thus appointed having performed its duty, and the president, Rev. Bird Wilkins, being duly sworn in according to the constitution, he delivered a great speech of some length, setting forth what he intended to do, &c., &c., which was listened to with marked appreciation by the large number present, after which the remaining officers were duly installed. On motion, a musical director and an organist was appointed, the president appointing Mr. F. D. Parker and Miss Lulu Griswold. Mr. Parker asked the society to give him time to consider the matter and arrange his business before accepting it. The roll was opened for new members, and a number presented their names.

On motion, a sergeant-at-arms was appointed. The motion called forth considerable discussion, but was finally carried, and Mr. I. W. Evans was appointed to that honorable position.

The order of exercises for the next meeting was announced:

Essay by Miss Lulu Landon.

Oration by J. P. Anderson.

Discussion: "Did Columbus, for the discovery of America, or Washington, for defending it, merit the most honor?"

Mr. J. T. Burgett, Mr. Curtis, Mr. Geo. C. Allen, Mr. Gromes.

The meeting adjourned to meet on next Tuesday evening at eight o'clock, at Pilgrim Baptist church.

It is rumored in town that one of the colored ladies who left here last Sunday for Buffalo, Wyoming, was drowned in crossing the Big Horn River. (Billings Gazette.)

We regret to chronicle the fact that the rumor above reported was true, and the unfortunate victim was Mrs. Mary Jane Edwards, wife of our esteemed fellow citizen Samuel Edwards, and daughter of Mrs. Julia Turner. We extend to them our sympathy in their sudden and unexpected bereavement.



James Kidd Hilyard was born in Lancaster Pa. June 17, 1830. At an early age he attended school for a short time and acquired what education he could. In 45 he went to Philadelphia to live with Mr. Samuel Miller, who kept the Chestnut street house on Chestnut below Fourth street, where he remained until 1852, after having risen from bell-boy to head waiter and head porter in the hotel, he left and went into the clothes renovating business and catering in the Arcade building. In 1855 he started for the west and on arriving at Cincinnati he was engaged as porter on the steamer Niagara, this was his first steamboating and was quite a novelty to him. He soon tired of the south and in 1856 came to Galena and went porter on the old Granite State, the boat running between Galena and St. Paul. In the fall of '56 he started back to Philadelphia but only got as far as Cleveland, and here he met some old friends who prevailed on him sending for his family which he did, and he has made his home west ever since. The names of these friends are, J. A. D. Mitchell, at present the leader of a very fine brass and string band, John M. Bush, the unrivalled bass performer and music tea cher, and the other was John E. Bel who was porter on the old Sultania, and was lost when she was blown up on the Mississippi river. Mr. Hilyard after living in Cleveland until 1859, went to New Albany, Ind. to live, and followed steamboating again until the breaking out of the war. He went out with the 38th regiment as clerk in the sutler's department. After travelling through Kentucky, Tennessee and other southern states, he returned home and went steward on the steamer Duke, which was in the government service. He returned to St. Paul in '66 to remain, and engaged in the clothes renovating business, and also, the Hilyard Quadrille Band of which he is director. He married Sabia Anna Halforn of Oberlin, Ohio, June 19, 1873. By a former marriage he has three sons, Henry T. James K. and William A. who are all in business, married and doing well. Mr. Hilyard by strict integrity to business, and honest purposes, has made for himself a name and a reputation. He to-day is worth considerable real and personal estate, and is what might be truly termed a self-made man.

In 1850 on the 17th of June he joined the Masonic order. Father David Leary one of the ablest masons, white or black, in this country, assisted by Dr. J. Davis, the great masonic journalist, Enoch Hall, P. N. G. M. of America, Wm. C. Gibson, P. G. M. of the state of Pa., Jonathan Miller, an old and able lawyer in masonry, Jas. Robinson and other tried and true masons, performed the initiation, all of whom except Gibson and Robinson have gone to rest. Bro. Hilyard helped Bro. David Leary to reorganize Prudence No. 4, of which David Leary was W. M., was elected sec'y and was given two other degrees. The next year he was elected S. W., and the next W. M., which position he held for two years. In 1852 he helped organize Prudence Royal Aarh Chapter, and was elected King, and the next year High Priest, also the same year was elected Treasurer of the Grand Chapter of Pa. In 1852 he assisted in reorganizing St. George Commandery, and was elected Generalissimo; In 1853 he assisted in organizing St. Andrews consistory and on the 21st, Day of September 1851, he received the 33rd and last degree of masonry and was elected a Deputy to represent the United Supreme Council 33rd, for the state of Minnesota and Northwestern Jurisdiction. Bro. Hilyard's affiliation with masonry in the west has been very extended. In 1897 he received his demit from Prudence No. 5, in Philadelphia Pa, and joins

Pioneer No. 5, in St. Paul. In 1868 he was appointed D. D. G. M. which position he held until 1879. In 1869 he assisted P. G. M. Alex. Clark to organize a Lodge in Minneapolis and it was called J. K. Hilyard No. 38, working under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Mo. It discontinued to meet in 1879, and in 1882 they surrendered their warrant to Mo. and taken a warrant under the A. G. Lodge of Iowa, in November, 1881 Bro. Hilyard received his demit from Pioneer Lodge and joined the J. K. Hilyard Lodge of Minneapolis of which he is at present a member. In 1884 he was a delegate to the Grand Lodge which met at Ottumwa, Iowa, where he was elected Deputy Grand Master, but positively declined being a candidate as a hard, earnest, and true Mason. We have but few men of our race that equal Bro. Hilyard, as a Good Templar, and earnest temperance man, the order has no one that takes more interest, and put forth more labor than he. In 1877 he joined Lincoln Lodge of Good Templars in St. Paul, and when the Lodge ceased to meet he has kept up the organization ever since by paying the regular assessments, in hopes that it would resuscitate sometime, and it is to be hoped it will. In 1882 he was elected a delegate to R. W. G. Lodge of the world which met in Chicago, and again in June 1885 he was elected delegate to the R. W. G. L. which meets in Richmond Virginia in May 1886 to represent in part the lodge of Good Templars of white and colored in Minnesota. As a churchman he is an Episcopalian and a member of the church of the Good Sheppard in St. Paul, Minn., From the steward he has made in business, and the labor and interest he has taken to promote the race to a proper standard in this section of the country, it has made him indeed one of the foremost of our race in the northwest.

BISHOP IRELAND SAYS:—"America needs brave citizens. Go forth, then, determined to enforce and have enacted just laws against the evils of the liquor traffic. There are Catholics of course implicated in these evils. We know it; they have our name but they have not our spirit and we repudiate them. I wish to heaven the Catholic name was not used by them in such a business.—To-day, what America needs is law-abiding, law-enforcing, brave citizens. Let her Catholic citizens spring to the front, ready to vote, ready to work, ready to die for law, order, religion and the country." (Washington Record.)

It would be well if other denominations than the Catholic were to take the advice of the Bishop, and spring to the front with vote, labor and courage ready to battle with the great adversary of right and truth.

The New Postal Law.

Let all remember that the new postal law went into effect July 1. The changes that are made by it are: FIRST, A letter weighing AN OUNCE, can be sent to any part of the United States or Canada, for the regular postage,—TWO CENTS. SECONDLY, Newspapers can be sent from the offices of publication and from agencies, at the rate of a pound for ONE CENT. THIRDLY, When you wish to send a letter, and have it delivered immediately on its arrival, ask the postmaster for a SPECIAL DELIVERY STAMP (it cost ten cents), put it on your envelope, and that will insure its instant delivery from the office in any city of 4,000 inhabitants and upwards.

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The Mayor's Address.

Gentlemen of the African Grand Lodge of Iowa;

The occasion of your holding Masonic meetings in St. Paul is gratifying to me and to our citizens without exception, and in their name I cordially welcome you. Your order is so widely spread in all countries where civilization exists, embracing most notable people of all languages, races and creeds, that those of us who know anything of its history and purposes, are not surprised that Free Mason's lodges of colored citizens should be established in this and adjoining states, and in fact throughout the universe: indeed, Free Masonry held sway in Africa in the ninth century, and from there extended and established lodges in Spain, and it is claimed that to the Free Masons belongs the honor of erecting Solomon's Temple. However that may be, their order has exercised great influence for good, both in ancient and modern times, and has done much to disseminate useful knowledge and to promote civilization, as well as civil intercourse and mutual assistance among its members, and there are I think no people on this continent for whom it can do more, than for the colored citizens of African descent, and I sincerely hope that they will derive all the benefits from the order that it is capable of affording them. Like yours, all kindred associations prove benefactions to their members and to the families of members, nor can there be any danger that the principles of these societies, or of yours will ever be perverted to bad uses.

I take pleasure in renewing to you the assurance that you are heartily welcome to the freedom of our city and to the hospitality of its citizens, and that you will carry away with you the good will and best wishes of all.

COMMENTS OF THE PRESS.

The first number of the WESTERN APPEAL, came to us in a beautiful dress. It is a six column folio, edited by Messrs. Parker, Burgett, and Hardy. Mr. Frederick Douglass Parker, is an Ohio man born in Cleveland. To the gentleman editors we wish them all the success their enterprise richly deserves, "come early and stay late." (Cleveland Globe.)

The first number of the WESTERN APPEAL was received this week, with its patriotic sentiments. (Washington Bee.)

The WESTERN APPEAL is the latest venture in the newspaper world. It is published at St. Paul, Minn., and starts out under fair circumstances—Silver and gold have we none, but such as we have we cheerfully extend our best wishes for a long life and prosperity. (American Baptist.)

The WESTERN APPEAL, published at St. Paul, Minn. by F. D. Parker, J. T. Burgett and S. E. Hardy, is the latest addition to colored journalism. (New York Freeman.)

WESTERN APPEAL comes to us from St. Paul, Minn., and is a bright, clean, six column folio, and a credit to its publishers Messrs. Parker, Burgett and Hardy.—(Detroit Plaindealer.)

We cordially welcome the second issue of the WESTERN APPEAL to the field of journalism. It comes with spice vigor and aggressiveness, remarkable for one so young. (Philadelphia Tribune.)

The WESTERN APPEAL, the new St. Paul organ of the colored population, is ably conducted by F. D. Parker and J. T. Burgett as editors, and S. E. Hardy as business manager. (Farmer's Advocate.)

From all parts of the country we hear the glad tidings of the birth of colored journalistic enterprises. This time we are glad to hail the advent of the "WESTERN APPEAL," published at St. Paul, Minnesota, and edited by Messrs. F. D. Parker and J. T. Burgett. We extend the right hand of fellowship to our youthful contemporary, and wish it a hearty "God speed."

The "WESTERN APPEAL" is a good name and chimes in well with the Advocate. May they walk hand and hand to the betterment of our race and the credit of Negro Journalism. (Washington Advocate.)

We have received the Farmer's Advocate, which is edited by Captain H. A. Castle formerly of the Dispatch, and if the Captain puts as much energy in the advocacy of the cause of the farmer in this particular as he has always shown in the past, we predict for the Advocate a well merited success.

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