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### Delinquents. Attention!

We have sent notices to those of our subscribers whose terms of subscription have expired, and to those to whom we have been sending the paper through courtesy; for the purpose of having them send us the money due if they wish the paper continued. We wish to keep every name we have on our subscription list, and to get as many more as possible, but we wish PAY for the paper. Those to whom this refers will do us a great favor by forwarding the amount due AT ONCE.

It is very unjust to us, and shows a great lack of honest interest in the work in which we are mutually interested, to continue to receive the paper and not pay for it. PLEASE PAY UP RIGHT NOW.

The President is still obstinate and has nominated another colored man out side of the District of Columbia for Recorder of Deeds. Mr. James M. Trotter is in every way qualified to fill the position and as he was a good Republican for eighteen years he cannot be very much of a Democrat. We will not kick if he is confirmed, nor will we kick if he is not. We do not care to have any special places made and reserved for colored men, but in view of the fact that it seems to be the general feeling that a colored man should hold that office, we hope one will get it—we have so few holding respectable, paying positions. Yet, we would rather see some man from the District appointed, we would then have the Senate place itself on record as to whether or not the color of the appointees is the main objection to confirmation. Some of us are suspicious enough to believe color is the greatest objection in the minds of a majority of the senators. We'll see!

The action of the city council in passing an ordinance through which it was hoped, by the liquor men, to escape paying the \$1,000 license next July; has been promptly nipped in the bud by the passing and signing by the governor, of the act to enforce the high license law. It is a burning shame, that the beautiful city of St. Paul, is virtually in the control of a set of men, who are in league with the liquor men so closely, that they lend them all the aid in their power toward furthering the schemes of these emissaries of the devil in their work of entangling crime and misery upon our citizens by the liquor traffic. Whatever else the legislature may or may not have done, the good citizens, all over the state, have cause to feel grateful to its members, who so heroically grappled with the hydra-headed monster, Intemperance, and though they did not destroy him, at least hindered his progress so materially.

The young Republicans of the State met in this city Tuesday night, and formed the Young Men's Republican Club of Minnesota. The object of the club is to keep alive the principles of

republicanism in the hearts of the young men throughout the State, and each member is pledged to support the nominees of the party from President down to county officers. Several mugwumpish propositions were offered by weak-kneed Republicans, but were promptly voted down. The club is to be stalwart, and so much the better, for, but for the milk-and-waterish Republicans throughout the country Cleveland would not now be warming the Presidential chair. The Young Men's Republican Club of this city was a prime factor in the recent victory in this State, and now that a State Club is formed greater and better work will surely be done.

The Tennessee Legislature has passed a bill, pensioning all ex-Confederate and ex-Federal soldiers belonging to the State who have lost limbs and have not yet received pensions from the federal government. This is plainly a very slightly disguised scheme to reward treason. The "last ditch" has not as yet been reached and the rebels are still fighting.

Gentle spring paid us a visit this week and as she was wretched hither on balmy breezes we were very much inclined to sing: "The flowers that bloom in the Spring tra la," but for the fact that it is a hoary-headed chestnut.

The Congress of the United States and our dear little Legislature adjourned simultaneously Thursday night, may the good which each has done like the light from an extinguished star be seen for ages.

The Richmond Planet is still wrestling with the bane of colored society in the South—immorality among the women. How to the line, let the chips fall where they may!

Since the danger of an extra session of Congress seems to be bridged over, we don't know whether to be thankful or not.

### Editing with the Scissors.

The above remark is frequently made in connection with newspapers, and is too frequently meant as a slur. On the contrary, under proper circumstances, it should be regarded as a compliment of a high character. The same paper may be ably edited with the pen and miserably edited with the scissors. A mistaken idea prevails that the work of the letter is mere child's play, a sort of hit-or-miss venture, requiring hardly any brains and still less judgment; that the promiscuous and voluminous clippings are sent in batches to the foreman, and with that the editor's duty ends and that of the foreman begins. Instead of this, the work requires much care and attention, with a keen comprehension of the fact that each day's paper has its own needs. The exchange editor is a pains-taking, conscientious, methodical man, always on the alert, quick in appreciation, retentive in memory, shrewd in discernment. He reads closely, curls carefully, omits and amends, discards and digests, never ignoring the fact that variety is a great essential. There are sentences to recast, words to soften, redundancies to prune, errors to correct, headings to be made, credits to be given, seasons to be considered, affinities to be preserved, consistencies to be respected. He knows whether the matter is fresh or stale, whether it is appropriate, and whether he has used it before; he remembers that he is catering for many tastes; he makes raids in every direction; he lays the whole newspaper field under contribution; he persistently "boils down," which with him is not a process of rewriting, but a happy faculty of expunging without destroying sense or continuity. His genius is exhibited in the department, the items of which are similar and cohesive—in the suggestive heads and sub-heads, in the sparkle that is visible, in the sense of gratification which the reader derives. No paper can be exclusively original; it would die of ponderosity. Life is too short, and hence an embargo must be laid upon the genius of its rivals. A bright-clipped article is infinitely better than a stupid contributed article. The most successful paper is the paper that is intelligently and consistently edited in all its departments, whether by pen or scissors.

### The New North.

When Mr. Grady heard the New England Society cheering his allusions to the Cavalier, and to the beaten but not crushed or disheartened Confederate soldier who turned his charger into a plow-horse and went to work to create a prosperity more firm and desirable than that which was based upon human slavery, and when he heard from Delmonico's gallery "the familiar and inspiring strains of 'Dixie,'" his surprise at the New North may have been quite as great as that of any of his audience at the New South pictured in his own fervent and patriotic oratory.—The Century for March.

## HITHER AND THITHER.

### A Record of the Travels of the Birds of Passage in all Parts of the Union.

### Winter Wanderings.

Miss Mary Gray, of Paris, Ill., is visiting Cincinnati.  
Miss Lulu Tripp, of Forsyth, is visiting Macon, Ga.  
Dr. J. T. Whitson, of Cincinnati, is visiting Chicago.  
Miss Ida Bruce, of Louisiana, Mo., is visiting Mason, Ill.  
Mrs. Alice Dugged Carey, of Atlanta, is visiting Athens, Ga.  
Miss Callie Alexander, of Detroit, Mich., is visiting Chicago.  
Miss Mary E. Ligon, of Natchez, Miss., is visiting New Orleans, La.  
Mr. R. R. Church, of Memphis, Tenn., is visiting New Orleans, La.  
Miss Cora C. Calhoun, of Atlanta, Ga., is visiting Birmingham, Ala.  
Miss Lizzie B. Simms, of Little Rock, Ark., is visiting Bastrop, La.  
Miss Willetta Johnson, of Boston, Mass., is visiting Richmond, Va.  
Miss Katie S. Morris, of Cleveland, Ohio, is visiting Kansas City, Mo.  
Miss Rosa Phillips, of Federalburg, Md., is visiting South Chester, Pa.  
Miss Julia Johnson, of Lawrence, Kan., is visiting Kansas City, Mo.  
Mrs. Silvia Robinson, of Santa Fe, N. M., is visiting Wyandotte, Kan.  
Miss Minerva Turnbull, of Baton Rouge, is visiting New Orleans, La.  
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Deplessis, of Cincinnati, are visiting Louisville, Ky.  
Mrs. David Molton and daughter, Miss Linnie, of Cincinnati are visiting St. Louis, Mo.

### Race Pride.

When pride of race is the theme, one must be able to point with pride to resources developed, victories won, conquests recorded or the achievements of the race in question, in letters, arts and sciences.  
The torch of civilization was lighted on the shores of our fatherland ages ago; but in the darkness that has since enveloped Africa for centuries, the world has almost forgotten the deeds of which she was once so proud; just as England, "the mistress of the seas," has forgotten that at that time she was in as degraded and ignorant a condition as Africa now is.

As a race, of what have we to be proud? What have we, as our peculiar inheritance, to rejoice in? Our color? The Negro is not proud enough for that; he heeds much every day that makes him think his color a disgrace. Our enslavement? Hardly, for slavery is that badge of inferiority and the fact that our ancestors captured and sold each other, makes the thought execrable, and it is said no other race would so tamely have submitted to years of servitude and waited permission to strike for their freedom. Nor can we be proud of our remaining peculiarity—the distinction that has characterized us from beginning and is our bane to this day; for without the aid of the coast tribes, who warred against the weaker ones, the slave ships would never have captured and enslaved so many Africans.  
These are the race peculiarities and in none of them is there much material for pride. I mean the race, every son and daughter of Ham taken as a whole—not the few; for it is the trend of the mass that is typical of race pride or dishonor. There have been instances of heroism, of revolt, of bravery, as grand as any in history, but with the exception of San Domingo, history does not furnish an instance of united race action; nor can we point to any other time we have originated and acted with the unity and purpose of one man.  
No, we have nothing of which to be proud, as other races have; we are a disorganized, divided mass of power and intellect. But we can be proud of our opportunity to make the most glorious success, the most rapid advancement in all things of any nation under the sun. Because one's ancestry have done nothing to which he can refer with pride, is the more reason he should labor to be proud of himself. A proper self-respect is expected of races as of individuals. We need more race love; the tie of racehood should bind us as the tie of brotherhood, beget a tenderness and helpfulness for the weaknesses and failings, and a more hearty appreciation of each other. United we could withstand any foe, break down any prejudice; as neither Byron's withered foot nor Milton's blindness prevented them becoming two of the world's greatest poets, neither will our color prevent us rising to as great heights as have been attained by any.

Unity among ourselves is desired but not isolation from those around us. We are Negroes but we are also Americans. In numbers, wealth and intelligence is the strength necessary to a concession of our rights. Get wealth among ourselves by dealing with each other, and prove our race by supporting and patronizing them. Backed by the support of each other we can demand what we will.  
The unity existing among the Jews, Irish and Germans in a community, is the secret of their wonderful success, in establishing themselves as American

citizens. They have their own houses of worship and social circles yet, those of worship and social circles yet, those three factors, numbers, wealth and intelligence have opened all the avenues of trade, politics, civil and social equality to them, and in making up the teachers of our public schools all these nationalities are represented.

In this town we have an Irishman and a Jew as editors of two of our dailies; also an Italian is representing America in the State Legislature. The wealth, united effort, and intelligence of these different peoples—together with their own brains placed them at the head of American institutions, as such American as any native,—Iola, in American Baptist.

### Helena, M. T.

Rev. H. H. Lucas preached here last Sabbath to quite a congregation.  
E. G. Cole's string band furnished the music for the social hop last Tuesday night.  
There has been very few trains through here on account of the snow blockade.

Those on the sick list are: Miss Emma Crump, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Wm. Bradley and Miss Alpha Scott.  
John Allen, while going to his work, picked up a roll containing \$70.00, no owner has been found as yet.

A. E. Smith furnished the supper for the grand ball given by the Knights of Labor, which was the finest supper given this winter.

The snow is very deep and the loss of cattle is very great, they are dying from three to five hundred a night and the snow is so deep that it is impossible to get them assistance.

We are holding Sabbath school and church in the court house, which took fire, or some one set it on fire last Friday night. The fire was extinguished before it had gained much headway.

The Central Beer Hall and Lodging Rooms took fire last Saturday night by a defective fuse, and had gained quite a start before discovered. One man suffocated in the smoke, and two were burned quite severely.

### Milwaukee, Wis.

MR. EDITOR:  
I thought I would send you a few lines to inform your readers of our church work here.

I came here last August and found the people worshipping in an old dilapidated building, and at once set to work to build a new church. God favored me and now we have a nice two story brick building almost completed. We have raised about \$1,500 and the work is moving on nicely.

The ladies of the church gave a fair recently and netted \$145.00. They also gave an entertainment a week or two ago which cleared \$50. They also gave me two pound parties for which they have my grateful thanks. The dear people here are very kind to us and make every thing as pleasant as can be for which we are very grateful.

Yours,  
W. R. ALEXANDER.

### That's What the Matter.

The United States are making more fuss about the cod fish than they ever have made over the murdering of colored men, women and children on their own soil, by their own white Southern citizens. Uncle Sam, are not the human lives of your own citizens worth more to you than English or American fish. It seems that 8,000 colored citizens, and over that number, have been killed in various ways in the sight of your so-called law, and not one of your white citizens punished for it. Uncle Sam should straighten up things at home before he launches into war with other countries. Our own house is divided against itself and will be as long as the law allows the continuation of the murdering of our colored citizens.—C. W. Hines in New York Freeman.

### A \$200.00 BIBLICAL REWARD.

The publishers of Rutledge's Monthly offer twelve valuable rewards in their Monthly for February, among which is the following:  
We will give \$200.00 to the person telling us which is the middle verse in the New Testament Scriptures, (not the revised edition), by March 10th, 1887. Should two or more correct answers be received, the reward will be divided. The money will be forwarded to the winner March 15th, 1887. Persons trying for the reward must send 20 cents in silver or postal notes, (no postage stamps taken) with their answer, for which they will receive the monthly for April in which the name and address of the winner of the reward and the correct answer will be published, and in which several more valuable rewards will be offered. Address, Rutledge Publishing Company, Easton, Penna.

### Notice.

Mr. Jas. A. Ross has been duly authorized to act as agent for the WESTERN APPEAL in Minneapolis. News, subscriptions or advertisements forwarded to him at No. 224, Hennipin avenue, will receive prompt attention.

Mr. Charles Winter Wood, the rising young colored tragedian of Chicago had the honor of reading at a banquet given to Madame Jannschek, at the Sherman House recently. He also read for Mrs. Langtry who requested his photograph as a token of remembrance.

## MARITAL MATINGS.

### Twains made one by Law and Legal Linking.

### Pause, Peruse, Ponder.

Mr. Peter Chapel and Miss Cora Long, of Macon, Ga.  
Mr. Henry Lee and Miss Mary J. Hall, of Baltimore.  
Mr. John R. Banks and Miss Julia Curtis, of St. Louis, Mo.  
Mr. Chas. W. Hobbs and Miss Sadie D. Williams, of Chicago.  
Mr. R. A. Hall and Miss Emma Jackson, of New Orleans, La.  
Mr. Benjamin Smith and Miss Ella Pearce, of Camden, N. J.  
Mr. Harvey Houston and Mrs. E. J. Hopson, of St. Louis, Mo.  
Mr. Henry Weaver and Miss Angeline Frazier, of Louisville, Ky.  
Mr. Richard Owens and Miss Rachel Dorsey, of Baltimore, Md.  
Mr. Chester S. Williams and Miss Lila A. Wright, of Memphis, Tenn.

### Minneapolis.

There were 229 arrests by the police during February.  
It has been decided by the committee on fire department to erect three new engine houses.

Clerk Dunn, of the municipal court, shows by his monthly statement receipts as follows: From criminal business, \$604.50; from civil business, \$412.05.

Chief Stetson reports eighteen fire alarms during February, and places the loss on buildings at \$12,239, and on contents, \$9,620; insurance on buildings, \$65,050, and on contents, \$31,800.

The real estate transfers for the month of February show a gratifying increase in that department of trade. The number of transfers was 1,087, as against 883 the previous year and 540 in February, 1885. The total considerations for transfers of the past month were \$2,280,332, as against \$1,808,998 for February, 1886, and \$1,598,059 for Feb. 1885.

### E. L. S. C.

The Twin Cities are among the wonders of the Nineteenth Century and when they do any thing they always endeavor—to use a Bostonian version of a slang phrase—"to remove the dilapidated linen from the shrubbery." Minneapolis did herself proud last Tuesday evening on the occasion of the inaugural soiree of the Excelsior Literary and Social Club at Northwest College Hall.

The officers of the club are: H. W. B. Greer, president; A. G. Plummer, vice-president; M. W. Lewis, secretary; H. M. Weaver, ass't-secretary; L. F. Bonner, treasurer.

The entertainment Tuesday evening began with the following:

### LITERARY PROGRAM.

Instrumental selection—Miss Lulu Griswold.  
Address of Welcome—H. W. B. Greer.  
Solo—"Cricket on the hearth," Miss Maggie Fogg.  
Basso Solo—J. H. Adams.  
Soprano Solo—"Sweet Alpine Roses," Miss Lizzie Gaddy.  
Instrumental Selection—Mme. Alice Mink Cooley.  
Essay—"The World Moves," A. G. Plummer.  
Contralto Solo—"Jamie Dear," Miss Bertha Heathcock.  
Duet—"The Water Fall," Misses Lulu and Nellie Griswold.  
Basso Solo—David C. Cotton.  
Remarks were also made by Revs. W. H. Coston and L. H. Reynolds.  
This portion of the program was listened to by a highly delighted audience which completely filled the hall, and testified their appreciation of the rare excellence of the same by rounds of rapturous applause. The address by the president, the essay by Mr. Plummer and the remarks by Rev. Coston were particularly notable for excellence.  
Elegant refreshments were then served to all present after which the hall was cleared and given up to the terpsichorean devotees whose souls—and heels—were in arms, and eager for the fray; having been inspired by the entrancing strains of Prof. Danz' orchestra.  
A program of twelve dances was gone through with most delightfully every one seemingly enjoying himself better than any body else. At 2 o'clock "Home sweet Home," set all to hunting up wraps, etc., and all retired to their homes voting the entertainment the most delightful Minneapolis has enjoyed this season, and fairly entitling the club to the title of Excelsior.

That the beauty and chivalry of the Twin Cities were well represented the following list, of those present and the costumes of the ladies will testify:  
MINNEAPOLIS.  
Mrs. H. W. B. Greer, black silk, jet trimmings, natural flowers, diamonds.  
Mrs. W. H. Wundus, ashes of roses silk, lace and flowers, garnets.  
Mrs. C. L. Britton, sapphire blue silk, white lace overdress.  
Mrs. H. Turner, blue nuns veiling and satin, natural flowers.  
Mrs. C. L. Hunt, cream albatros, pink satin, gold, flowers.  
Mrs. Katie Mason, light blue nuns-veiling and satin, natural flowers, diamonds.

Mrs. M. W. Lewis, cardinal and blue brocade satin, natural flowers, diamonds.  
Mrs. Georgie McCullough, pink satin decollete, oriental lace, feathers, flowers.  
Mrs. T. Rice, black satin and lace, feather trimmings, flowers.  
Mrs. Sarah Cannon, black velvet and lace.  
Mrs. A. Hopson, blue satin, swans down, flowers, pearls.  
Mrs. Fannie Cunningham, black silk, gold.  
Mrs. Julia Cromwell, dregs of wine silk, flowers.  
Mrs. Carrie Weaver, old gold satin, cream lace, diamonds.  
Mrs. Chas. Lucas, maroon velvet, Honriette skirt, flowers.  
Mrs. S. P. Chancellor, dregs of wine brocade silk, black Spanish lace, jet, flowers.  
Mrs. C. H. Gatewood, blue silk, velvet, lace, diamonds.  
Mrs. Elizabeth Richardson, black satin, canary ribbon trimmings, flowers.  
Mrs. Emma Morgan, striped ladies cloth, (tailor made), brocade velvet, trimmings, flowers.  
Mrs. J. Morgan, black cashmere, flowers.  
Mrs. E. T. Watson, black silk, jet, flowers.  
Mrs. Maria Liverpool, black silk, lace, cameo.  
Miss Carrie Young, lavender cashmere, swans down, natural flowers.  
Miss Belle Culbreath, pink satin bodice, cream cashmere skirt, Spanish lace, diamonds.  
Miss Hattie Moore, black silk, natural flowers, diamonds.  
Miss Addie Brooks, blue nuns-veiling, lace, flowers.  
Miss Jessie Brooks, blue satin, lace, flowers.  
Miss Lullie Cannon, brown plaid, flowers.  
Miss Florence Johnson, cream cashmere, lace.  
Miss Ella Duncan, blue striped satin, lace.  
Miss Jessie Smith, black cashmere and satin.  
Miss Mamie Samuels, blue satin, lace overdress.  
Miss Fannie Johnson, blue satin, lace, diamonds.  
Miss Mamie Myrick, garnet silk and velvet.  
Miss Lina Duncan, blue satin waist, tan silk, lace, flowers.  
Miss Rosa Robinson, peacock blue brocade silk, snuff flake silk skirt, brocade.  
Miss Alida Smith, tan silk lace, changeable silk skirt, diamonds.  
Messrs. A. G. Plummer, Chas. Britton, S. P. Chancellor, M. E. Singleton, W. M. Helm, Will Price, T. Rice, A. Hopson, Wm. Jordan, Fred. E. Wilson, J. P. Ball, Chas. Lucas, Elmore Vinegar, W. Smith, G. McCoy, M. Weaver, Henry Vinegar, Chas. Johnson, Abram Myrick, Willie M. Smith, Lewis Hurd, T. J. Jennings, L. V. Purcell, C. J. Liverpool, Levi Spencer, Will Turner, R. Jackson, H. Jackson, H. M. Hurst, S. Light, C. Standsul, M. W. Lewis, L. F. Bonner, H. W. B. Greer, Jas. A. Ross.

ST. PAUL.  
Mrs. R. C. Howard, lavender silk, hand embroidered and fringed crepe over dress, ostrich tips, pearls.  
Mrs. Ella Berry, black satin, black lace overdress, pink and white ostrich tips, cameo.  
Mrs. William Gardner, black satin, lace and jet, trimmings, diamonds.  
Mrs. J. H. Waldren, black silk, cashmere, overdress, flowers.  
Madame Alice Mink Cooley, black brocade satin, guimp trimmings, natural flowers, diamonds.  
Mrs. M. D. Pettis, black silk, cut jet trimmings, natural flowers, diamonds.  
Mrs. Cora Jeffers, checked ladies cloth, (tailor made), natural flowers.  
Mrs. J. K. Hilyard, black silk, lace, jet, natural flowers, diamonds.  
Miss Maggie Fogg, Turquoise blue silk, oriental lace, natural flowers.  
Miss Rosa Hill, wine satin, cream nuns veiling, flowers.  
Miss Bertha Heathcock, pink satin, oriental lace overdress, flowers, diamonds.  
Miss Alice Thompson, white mull, white lace drapery, flowers.  
Miss Mary Godett, cream albatros, Spanish lace, natural flowers, diamonds.  
Miss Blanch Parker, lavender silk, cream nuns veiling and lace overdress, natural flowers.  
Miss Nellie Griswold, blue satin, lace overdress, gold.  
Miss Lizzie Gaddy, white nuns veiling, swans down, natural flowers.  
Miss Courtney Dover, pink cashmere, lace overdress, pearls.  
Miss Ida Mink, pink satin, draped in Spanish lace, natural flowers, diamonds.  
Miss Lulu Griswold, navy blue silk, Spanish lace, natural flowers.  
Miss Ella Smith, cream sarab, V necked, Spanish lace drapery, diamonds.  
Miss Leona Landre, blue silk bodice, cream cashmere skirt, natural flowers, corals.

Messrs. William Gardner, R. C. Howard, H. C. Covington, C. Wilkins, J. D. Underwood, C. W. Mason, Chas. Bloom, John Talbert, D. C. Cotton, T. H. Taylor, W. M. Turner, F. L. DeLyons, Thos. Griswold, C. H. Bush, R. C. Beaman, C. D. Matthews, J. K. Hilyard, L. Wilson, O. D. Howard, J. Q. Adams.  
The gentlemen as a rule were in full dress; low-necked vests, high-necked collars, patent leather, etc., etc., and were as gallant looking as any set ever gathered to pay homage to so large a concourse of beautiful ladies as the Excelsior Club entertained last Tuesday night.

## NEWS NUGGETS.

Extracted from the Mine of Miscellaneous Matters, on our Claim, and Assayed for our Delvers after Knowledge.

### Notice the Output.

Ohio has 221 colored school teachers. Morgan City, La., has a female lodge of colored Knights of Labor.

Mrs. Sylvia Scott, the oldest colored person in Indianapolis, Ind., died a few days since, aged 105 years.  
A colored boy in Rome, Ga., was bitten by a vicious stallion a few days ago from the effects of which he died last week.

Mr. John Franklin, a porter in a mercantile house in Louisville, Ky., found an old army canteen in the cellar last week in which he found \$3,625.

Mr. W. D. Kelley, the colored man who was recently defeated for Auditor on the Democratic ticket in Kansas has been appointed to a clerkship in the railway postal service.

Mr. Alex. Garner, colored, nine years ago bought 60 acres of land three miles west of Wyandotte, Kan., paying for the same \$800. A few days ago he refused \$1,000 an acre or \$60,000 for the same land.

The executors of the estate of the late Nathan Bloom, an Israelite, of Louisville, Ky., have given \$200 of an amount willed to five Orphan's Home without regard to creed, to the Colored Orphan's Home of that city.

Among the jury men for the February term of the United States Court at Louisville, Ky., are the following named colored men: Thos. Crutfield, D. T. Coates, Chas. H. Johnson, G. L. Moore, Chas. Magruder and Henry Frazier.

In the criminal court of Washington, D. C., John L. West, ex-convict in the general land office, was sentenced to six years in the Albany Penitentiary for entering the house of a white widow Mrs. Irene Page in November last, and, as alleged by her, attempting to assault her—and principally for being a colored man.

Cynthia Hesdra died several years ago in Nyack, N. Y., and left her estate, valued at \$150,000, to her husband. No will was found when he died, three years ago, and litigation ensued. Lawyer John V. Onderdonk died a few days ago, and just before his death he gave his son his private papers. Tied up in a package with his life insurance policies was Mr. Hesdra's will. The Hesdras were colored people.

### St. Louis, Mo.

The class-room to graduate from the Summer High School have selected their subjects, and as June approaches, begin to feel that in the near future they must bid farewell to school life. There are seven to graduate.

The No. 1. School, is arranging to have a "Parents Day," Monday. The children, under the supervision of Hale G. Parker, the principal, have been in constant practice for a week or more and much fun is anticipated.

The No. 1. Evening School will close the yearly session next Friday evening, with a literary and musical entertainment. The school has been very prosperous under the efficient management of the principal, A. D. Langston.

The Oblate Sisters of Providence are preparing the drama "The First American Nun." These great workers are laboring now, in the interest (financially) of the Negro priest Father Tolton. The following appear in the cast; Misses C. V. Wilkinson, S. R. Buckner, Minnie A. Crosswhite, Bella C. Thomas, Edith V. Mordecai.

Mr. James A. Johnson, the proprietor of one of the leading barber shops here, and an influential citizen, dropped dead at his place of business, Tuesday. He leaves a prosperous trade for his wife and daughter, who are prostrate with grief at their terrible loss. Mr. Johnson belonged to our celebrated Home Club, being its secretary at the time of his death and formerly its president. He was also a prominent mason.

### Recorder of Deeds.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 28.—James M. Trotter, who was to-day nominated by the President to succeed Mr. Matthews, of Albany, whose nomination for recorder of deeds at Washington was twice rejected by the Senate, is a colored man of Boston. Mr. Trotter, who is 48 years old, was born in Ohio, but has resided in Massachusetts for the past 25 years. He enlisted as a private in the 55th Massachusetts Colored Regiment, and came out of the service at the close of the war a lieutenant, having been promoted for bravery on the field. Eighteen years he filled the position of assistant superintendent of the registered letter department in the Boston postoffice, from which position he was retired in 1884 on account of supporting Mr. Cleveland for the presidency. He was strongly recommended by the citizens and press of Hyde Park, Mass., where he resides, for the position of postmaster of that place. Mr. Trotter is generally regarded by those who know him as a man of high character and marked ability. He is the author of a volume entitled, "Music and Musical People of the Colored Race."