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We recently referred to the case of Mr. E. E. Cooper, of the Indianapolis World who was acquitted of the charges of dishonesty in Louisville, Ky., and now comes the information that Mr. William Bullitt who was arrested about the same time on a similar charge has also been acquitted.

Before their arrests Mr. Cooper was a chief clerk in the Railway Mail Service having been promoted for merit, and Mr. Bullitt was janitor and assistant stamping clerk in the post office at Louisville, and had passed the civil service examination and stood in line for promotion. Both of these men were arrested and put to considerable trouble and expense, to say nothing of the disgrace heaped upon them, purely on the grounds of color prejudice, as it has been proven they were innocent of the charges brought against them.

They both were discharged from the service, placed in jail and suffered bodily and mental hardships, which can never be offset in any way. But we would like to ask if—since both have been acquitted of the charges brought against them—they should not be re-enstated in their old positions, to serve until their term is some just cause to discharge them? We would not object to their discharge on political grounds, as we believe, "to the victors belong the spoils," but think it very despicable, that such inhuman means should not only cover them with ignominy and disgrace; which a simple acquittal can not wipe away, but should rob them of their positions which both filled with great credit. And all because God chose that they should have a visible admixture of African blood in their composition. They ought to be re-enstated if they are to be vindicated.

James M. Trotter, the new colored Recorder of Deeds at Washington, used to brush coats and shine shoes at the barber-shop of the old Galt House in this city—Courier-Journal.

We don't know why our esteemed contemporary publishes this fact; but we are not sorry, as it stands as a monument of evidence of our possibilities and capabilities. It is no small thing for an individual to rise from the—so considered by some people—low, degraded, menial position of porter in a barber shop, to an office of trust and emolument which was deemed of sufficient importance to be an honor for Frederick Douglass to fill, and is by long odds the best paying position, ever bestowed upon a colored citizen in this grateful (?) Republic.

Let the fact that Mr. Trotter began life in so lowly a position and climbed to the highest held by any colored man, at the present time, in this country, act as an incentive to our young men who are just entering the battle of life and inspire them to aim high.

We represent nearly one seventh of the population in America and are increasing in a wonderful ratio and it is daily becoming more evident that we have claims that can not be ignored.

The conductors on the Pullman sleepers had their salaries increased. Sir George ought to begin a grade over and raise the porters' salaries, so

that passengers will not be called upon to fee them continually. It's a nuisance.—Pioneer Press.

We agree with the Press, porters at \$15 and conductors at \$75 doesn't look fair, and it robs the poor porters of considerable of their manhood to have to stand all sorts of insults from country bores and ill-bred people for fear of losing a "tip." For a corporation which at last accounts had \$10,000,000 over what the law allowed it to pay out in dividends, to refuse to pay the very men who do most toward making the sleeping car system a success, decent wages, is a burning shame. Now if the wages paid to porters and conductors were reversed, the pay in proportion to labor performed would be more equally adjusted.

The New York Sun says the president is after the colored mugwump vote. If the Sun has ever seen a colored mugwump, it should certainly print a good portrait of him in its next issue.—Pioneer Press.

Our neighbor, evidently, does not believe there are any colored mugwumps; in which belief we are a sharer. A few, a very few, of our alleged politicians have been dubbed "Negro-wumps;" whatever that means. They are usually men who vent private spleen and think they are doing yeoman service for their people. They are victims to a combination of Ego and sour grapes, and are more to be pitied than blamed.

If the president is fishing for this class of voters he will not have much trouble to catch the few there are in existence, provided he uses the earth for bait.

The President who is constantly surprising the Democrats, has given them another one by appointing C. H. J. Taylor, of Kansas, minister resident and consul general to Liberia. Taylor is an alleged democrat and is described as fat, unctuous, black, with abundance of self-esteem, some education and ability. We hope he will fill the bill, to the satisfaction of all parties concerned.

The new minister is thirty-two years old, was born in Alabama and studied law at Oberlin, Ohio.

The County Clerk at Chicago has returned the alleged marriage certificate of Nina Van Zandt and the anarchist Spies, to the Justice who claimed to have performed the ceremony by proxy; which, certainly, was the proper thing to do. Though the cranky young woman is not married, she succeeded in carrying out a portion of her desires for notoriety. We hope she will now give us a rest, at least, until she is made a widow by proxy by the hanging of Spies.

Within the last few days, over one thousand of the leading women of Leavenworth, Kan., have registered, and will vote under the recent law granting municipal suffrage to women, and it is safe to bet that the officers elected will be of a better quality than heretofore.

One of the things the APPEAL would like to know the true inwardness of, is; why did our Senators Sabin and Palmer vote against the confirmation of Recorder, Trotter?

Miss Cora Turner, an accomplished young lady of Cincinnati, has entered the journalistic and topographical field, on the staff of the American Catholic Tribune. We cheerfully extend our—Indianapolis World.

She can clip this ¶ with our approval.—Detroit Plaindealer.

This case is without ¶, as no other young colored lady holds a like position on a Catholic newspaper.—Catholic Tribune.

She seems to be a \* of the greatest magnitude, and we would be pleased to have her fotype for our gallery. Can the press stand any more.—Indianapolis World.

A mass meeting of the colored citizens was held at 110 Washington avenue south, Wednesday night, which was quite largely attended. Mr. A. G. Plummer was elected chairman and Mr. J. A. Ross, secretary. Mr. H. W. B. Greer stated the object of the organization, as follows: It is to show the people that the colored citizens are free and independent voters and will favor the party that most honors them. As they are voters they are entitled to some sort of representation either by election or appointment in the municipal government, and for this they propose to strive in the coming campaign. It was proposed to decide on the spot the officers wanted, and those who should fill them, but after a lengthy discussion this was reserved for a meeting to be held in two weeks. A number of speeches were made by gentlemen present, some of which were quite mugwumpish in tone.

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**Matrimonial, Tied with the Tongue but which cannot be Undone with the Teeth.**

**Seekers after Wedded Bliss.**

Mr. Norman Davis and Annie Cousins of Niles, Mich.

Mr. J. Guthrie and Miss Carrie Fitch, of Gallipolis, Ohio.

Mr. Joseph B. Young and Miss Anna Holt, of Newark, N. J.

Mr. John B. Ferrell and Miss Sarah J. Mercer, of New York.

Mrs. Alex. Bundy and Miss Katie Sides, of Baltimore, Md.

Mr. Nelson Blackwell and Lillie Stewart, of Champaign, Ill.

Mr. T. M. Hill, and Miss Maria E. Yeiser, of Frankfort, Ky.

Mr. Robt. Fisher and Miss Mattie Moore, of Richmond, Va.

Mr. Andrew Jackson and Miss Lizzie Smith, of Baltimore, Md.

Mr. Jesse Carter and Miss Ella Anderson, of Wilkesbarre, Pa.

Mr. W. A. Gibbs and Miss Mary L. Thomas, of Baltimore, Md.

Mr. John S. Rogers and Mrs. Lottie M. Briscoe, of Philadelphia.

Mr. Willis W. Wines and Miss Annie E. Turner, of Richmond, Va.

Mr. A. F. Booker and Miss S. E. Roberts, of New Haven, Conn.

Mr. Henry C. James and Miss Martha Glenford, of Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. Robert W. Tyler and Miss Mattie E. Jackson, of Richmond, Va.

Mr. James Berry and Miss Susie Johnson, of Washington, D. C.

Mr. James Morgan and Mrs. Mattie B. Singleton, of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mr. John W. Washington and Miss Sarah Burley, of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mr. John S. Wright and Miss Mary E. Richmond, of Bordintown, N. J.

Rev. B. J. Davis and Miss Nellie Wakefield, of Indianapolis, Ind.

Mr. James W. Johnson and Miss Susie Scott, of Washington, D. C.

Mr. Horace A. B. Johnson and Miss Gertrude U. Ross, of New Haven, Conn.

Mr. W. H. Lilley, of Cleveland, Ohio, and Miss Rebecca Freeman, of Cedar Run, Mich.

Mr. George Hammond, of Terre Haute, and Miss Anna Kirkman, of Indianapolis, Ind.

Miss Lizzie Gaddy, of St. Paul, was in the city Thursday.

Mr. Thomas Howard, of Chicago, is in the city on business.

Messrs. John L. Neal and Will Turner visited St. Paul, Tuesday.

Lawrence Barrett will appear at the Grand all next week in his new play "Rienze."

Tributes to the memory of the late Rev. Henry Ward Beecher were pronounced in most of the churches last Sunday.

The saloons were all closed last Sunday for the first time in years, and the city had the appearance of a respectable place of abode.

Mr. J. C. Cox had a grand opening Friday night and was a success, and the bar receipts ran high. Mr. Cox is formerly from Omaha, and has invested in business and newly refitted Mr. Tom Shaw's old place. We wish him success in his new undertaking.

George went to see his best girl a few nights since, and his face was so wreathed with smiles that Sallie asked, "What is the matter?" He replied, "I went to J. P. Ball's photographic gallery, 221 Nicollet avenue, to-day, and had the finest pictures I ever saw of myself, taken by him. Mr. Ball certainly understands his business, and his prices are as low as the lowest, although he does only first-class work. You must go with me to-morrow and have some taken, will you?" "Will I?" "Well, wont I?" "Yes, George darling, I'll go, and I think you are just too awfully nice to ask me to do so; all the girls are just raving over Ball's artistic pictures, and I do so wish to have him take mine." "We'll go to-morrow sure."

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changes in the number of representation which was fixed on a basis of one delegate to every sixty-seven Republican votes cast for governor last fall.

THE APPOINTMENT.  
The following shows the apportionment as figured:

First Ward—One delegate for each of the six precincts.

Second Ward—First precinct 4; Second 5; Third, 6.

Third Ward—First precinct, 1; Second, 3; Third, 4; Fourth, 4; Fifth, 4; Sixth, 5.

Fourth Ward—First precinct, 2; Second, 5; Third, 4; Fourth 7; Fifth, 12; Sixth, 4; Seventh, 2.

Fifth Ward—First precinct, 4; Second, 8; Third, 5; Fourth, 7; Fifth, 6; Sixth, 5; Seventh, 2.

Sixth Ward—First precinct, 2; Second, 3; Third, 3; Fourth 2; Fifth, 2; Sixth, 2.

Seventh Ward—First precinct, 7; Second, 3; Third, 2.

Eighth Ward—First precinct, 7; Second, 4; Third, 3; Fourth, 4.

Ninth Ward—First precinct, 3; Second, 2; Third, 1; Fourth, 3; Fifth 1.

Tenth Ward—First precinct, 2; Second 3.

Eleventh Ward—First precinct, 4; Second, 4; Third, 4; Fourth, 5; Fifth, 2.

Twelfth Ward—Three for the ward.

Thirteenth Ward—Two for the ward. This gives a convention of 199 delegates, which will be the largest city convention ever called.

NEW WARD COMMITTEES APPOINTED.  
The committee, before adjourning, appointed committee for the new wards as follows:

First Ward—Joseph Ellis, John Mahoney, G. W. Backus.

Third Ward—George Baxter, J. J. Getchell, W. G. Nye.

Ninth Ward—E. F. Comstock, C. W. Lunquist, George Frost.

Tenth Ward—J. J. Duncan, George Wall, Carman N. Smith.

Eleventh Ward—W. K. Hicks, J. D. Muldoon, Andrew Tolleson.

Twelfth Ward—H. B. Cramer, J. P. Nichols, Ira A. Newell.

Thirteenth Ward—Chris Garbey, George Warren, M. L. Kiggins.

The work of the convention will be comparatively light as the terms of the general city officers have been extended by the legislature. Its chief business will be to nominate candidates for the park commissionerships, and for positions on the school board, and to select a city committee for the coming year. After this programme has been carried out the convention will separate into ward caucuses for the nomination of aldermen.

**Louisville, Ky.**

Mr. John Jones, of Chicago, was in our city last week.

Miss Katie Payne, a very popular young lady, left Monday for a long stay in Savannah, Ga.

The Board of Trustees of Public Schools have agreed to abandon the Lafayette-street school and erect a new twelve-room building, in the East end, costing \$15,000.

Lately there has been considerable interest manifested in religious circles, and several have professed religion, among whom are: Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Wilds, Lem Duncan and Lewis Schaffer.

Lent has interfered materially with social enjoyment since a few of the world-beaders have become Episcopalians—for policy—and think obeying church rules will take them to heaven. A class will be confirmed Easter.

Mrs. Bunch, of Grayson street, is quite ill, as also are Mrs. Thomas, of Magazine street, and her daughter, Mrs. Mary Ferguson. The latter is suffering from a complication of diseases among which is alacopia areata, a rare malady and one which has been little heard of in this city.

A reading circle entitled the "Pearl Divers" has been organized and comprises within its membership: Misses Maria Cox, Julia and Lulu Booker, Lou Minor, Gerlie Caldwell, Sarah Evans, Mary Robinson; Messrs. Horace Conrad, John Steele, John and Earnest Martin. They meet Tuesday evenings.

**Evanston, Ill.**

Prof. J. D. Parker was in Chicago, Sunday.

Miss Waring returned home Monday after a short visit.

Mrs. J. H. Jackson was in Chicago last week on business for her husband.

Mr. W. F. Garnett has resumed his former position as head waiter at the Avenue House.

Mrs. M. Criss, with the ample assistance of Miss M. Thomas, is doing a good restaurant business.

Miss Mattie Taylor, of London, Ont., is spending a few weeks here with her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Taylor.

Mr. Ed. Lang's residence is undergoing repairs, under the supervision of our colored carpenter, Mr. J. Blackwell.

Rev. J. S. Woods has returned home from his trip to St. Paul and Minneapolis, and gives a glowing report of the Twin Cities.

Messrs. B. Presley, T. Cannon, B. Johnson and L. Dickson have recently received employment in the factory of Jas. Kirk & Co., Chicago.

Invitations are out for the wedding of Mr. D. F. Clark and Miss Gertie Richardson, at Chicago, March 23rd, 1887. Rev. J. S. Woods, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Snowden, Miss Emma Richardson, Mr. P. Hill and others anticipate attending.

## TOURS.

**Taken for Business and Pleasure by the People one Reads About.**

**Spring Movements.**

Miss Mamie Carter, of Piqua, is visiting Troy, Ohio.

Miss Jessie Joseph, of New York, is visiting Syracuse.

Miss Rebecca Dupes, of Indianapolis, is visiting Chicago.

Mr. Amos Wada, of St. Louis, Mo., is visiting Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. Julia Rice, of Cincinnati, Ohio, is visiting Chicago, Ky.

Miss Gertie Knott, of Boston, is visiting Worcester, Mass.

Rev. Geo. W. Dupee, of Paducah, Ky., is visiting Chicago, Ill.

Miss Allie Tibbs, of Circleville, Ohio, is visiting Stanford, Ky.

Miss Lillie Dixon, of Indianapolis, is visiting Noblesville, Ind.

Miss Addie Jaynes, of Marysville, is visiting Delaware, Ohio.

Miss Emma Philips, of Avondale, is visiting Hamilton, Ohio.

Mr. C. W. Hines, of Louisville, Ky., is visiting Baltimore, Md.

Miss Myra Barney, of Dublin, Ind., is visiting Crawfordsville.

Miss Carrie Datson, of Yellow Springs, is visiting Cincinnati, Ohio.

Miss Mollie Wilkinson, of Indianapolis, Ind., is visiting Chicago.

Miss Mary Graham, of Allegheny City, Pa., is visiting Mt. Pleasant.

Miss Sallie Canady, of Homer, Ill., is visiting Crawfordsville, Ind.

Miss Annie Kirkman, of Indianapolis, Ind., is visiting Terre Haute.

Prof. W. J. Simmons, of Louisville, Ky., is visiting Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Hooker, of New Haven, Conn., are visiting New York.

**Locals.**

MR. CICERO HUNTER, of Indianapolis, Ind., is in the city.

MISS MATTIE WINBORN, of Detroit, Mich., is visiting the city.

MRS. LIZZIE TALBERT has returned from her extended visit to Baltimore, Md.

MR. W. E. HOWARD and Miss Maria Cokelia were joined in matrimony, Wednesday.

MR. AND MRS. M. D. PETTIS took a flying trip to Chicago last week and returned Tuesday.

MESSRS. C. E. MITCHELL and W. W. McCoy, of Omaha, Neb., are expected in the city next week.

The picturesque beauty of the ruins of our ice palace is one of the principal attractions for strangers in our city.

HON. C. D. KERR, was elected president of the city council Tuesday night. The most interesting fact in the case is that he is a Republican.

At a number of the churches throughout the city last Sunday, the ministers paid glowing tributes to the memory of the late eminent divine Rev. H. W. Beecher.

MAYOR SMITH has appointed John Patterson to the police force for duty at the municipal court. He will fill the vacancy occasioned by the promotion of H. W. Clouse.

Gov. MCGILL, Tuesday, made the appointment of William Lewis Kelly as additional judge in Ramsey county and Col. Henry G. Hicks as additional judge for Hennepin county.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY was celebrated in a very pleasant and orderly manner, Thursday. There was a grand street parade during the day and numerous balls and entertainments at night.

WANTED—A good girl, from 13 to 15 years of age, to assist in doing the work for a family of two persons. Apply at once with good recommendation, to Mrs. D. E. Roselle, No. 45 Dale, corner of Holly.

UNDER an act passed by the late legislature women are allowed to become notaries public. Wednesday the first commission to a woman was issued, it being to Mrs. Hicks, wife of the recently appointed Judge Hicks, of Minneapolis.

THE Homeopathic Hospital of St. Paul has been duly organized. The following officers were unanimously elected: President, Hon. William R. Marshall; vice-president, D. D. Merrill, Esq.; secretary Rev. E. C. Mitchell; treasurer, Peter Berkey, Esq.

THE Red and Blue contest at Pilgrim Baptist Church, Thursday night, proved to be a very enjoyable affair, and those who failed to attend missed a treat. The committees who had charge of the entertainment deserve much praise for the admirable manner in which it was conducted.

WHEN any of our readers in this city contemplate having any photographs taken, they will do well to visit the gallery of J. P. Ball, 221 Nicollet avenue, Minneapolis. He is one of the oldest and best photographers in the Northwest, and is the only colored man in the business. His rates are as low as the lowest for strictly first-class work.

BILLY WILSON and Woodson, the Black Diamond, have signed articles of agreement for a fifteen-round hard-glove contest at the Exposition rink, to take place on Monday, March 28, for \$500 a

side. They have each posted \$150 with Harry Harden, and the other \$500 will be put up before the fight. They will use the hardest gloves the law will allow.

The board of directors of the St. Paul Street Railway company held a meeting Thursday, and elected the following officers: Thomas Lowry, president; D. P. Wilson, vice-president, vice Goodrich, resigned; W. R. Merriam, treasurer; J. H. Randall, secretary. Messrs. Lowry, Wilson and D. C. Shepard were appointed a committee to let the contract for the Selby avenue cable line at any time in their discretion.

The Mite Society, an organization composed of ladies and gentlemen has been formed in Pilgrim Baptist Church. The object of the society is to secure money enough to carpet the main auditorium of the church by the time it is completed; and also, for other furnishing and decorating purpose. Any friend of the church can become a member of the society upon proper application. The society meets every Monday night in the basement of the church.

FRIDAY night of last week a reception was given in honor of Mrs. D. McGowan of Chicago, Mrs. G. W. White, of Leadville, Col., and Mrs. M. J. Brown, of Waukesha, Wis., by Rev. C. S. Jacobs and Mrs. F. V. Parker at the residence of the latter. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. D. McGowan, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. White, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hickman, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Lyles, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Clay, Mesdames M. J. Brown, Allen French, Margaret Epps, James Bannister, A. G. Russell, W. H. Parker, M. E. Parker; Misses Ella Smith, Bertha Heathcock, Cora and Florence French, Blanch and Birdie Parker, Lulu and Nellie Griswold; Messrs. George Harrison, L. F. DeLyons, R. C. Beaumont, Chas. James, Davie McGowan and J. Q. Adams. The evening was very pleasantly spent, music, singing, conversation and refreshments forming the program. Mr. and Mrs. McGowan left for their home Saturday.

**Selika Social Club.**

The life of a soldier is a tedious one in time of peace, and it taxes their ingenuity to the utmost to while away the hours that hang heavily on their hands and assuredly, those who had the privilege of attending the inaugural soiree of the Selika Social Club last Tuesday night, have reason to feel grateful to the club for arousing them from their lethargy in so delightful a manner.

The club is composed of members of I company of the 25th U. S. Infantry, stationed at Fort Snelling. The officers of the club are: T. Kellum, president; J. Howard, vice-president; J. Hill, secretary; T. Oden, cor.-secretary; J. Harrison, treasurer; and they proved themselves to be as good officers in the social field as upon the parade ground.

The APPEAL had been honored with an invitation and its representative was among the first to report at the Fort, and with Sergt. Kellum as an escort visited the points of interest within the boundaries of that historical place.

He found everything characterized by the good order and air of cleanliness and neatness which follows the discipline of the army. The hall upon the grounds under the management of the following committee of arrangements: C. T. Dorsey, N. Cotbran, J. Branson, J. Jones and W. Cook, was most tastefully and beautifully decorated with bunting, evergreens, chinese lanterns, etc. The grand march began promptly at nine o'clock, and fifty couples performed most beautiful and intricate evolutions to the music furnished by seven members of the famous "Snelling Band," and certainly the stars in the immense national flags, which were so artistically draped upon the walls, never looked down on a fairer scene.

The "boys in blue" were in "full dress" and their handsome suits and soldierly bearing contrasted most pleasingly with the superbly elegant toilets of the handsome and graceful ladies upon their arms. When the march ended the sweet strains of a Strauss waltz was wafted upon the air, and the merry couples began to tread the light fantastic, and the ball was opened.

The programme of sixteen dances was gone through with, to the satisfaction of all, and then they marched to the spacious dining hall of the company where a long table extending the entire length of the hall was abundantly laden with an elegant repast comprising rare specimens of culinary art and toothsome confections of all kinds. When the guests were seated Messenger George H. Woodson arose and in a short but elegantly worded address welcomed them to the festive board. A general charge was then begun upon the refreshments in which all took an active part there were no skulkers nor deserters and the sortires were made so constantly and with such good effect, that all were soon able to say: "We have met the enemy and we are theirs."