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One of the peculiar things about the whites, as a rule, is, that they seem to think all Colored people are just alike in morals, tastes, dispositions, etc., and they seem to have closed their eyes to the fact that Colored people have had them for patterns and have improved in proportion to their opportunities. Once in a while some of them get among the intelligent portions of their Colored brothers and sisters and they are astounded when they learn how erroneous were their opinions of them. The dedication of Pilgrim Baptist church last Sunday furnishes an example. We noticed with pleasure the surprise depicted in the countenances of several of the many white visitors at the different services, some of whom had, perhaps, never heard such scholarly discourses from Colored divines or, had seen so handsome, genteel or well-behaved Colored audiences as graced that occasion. It would be a sad commentary upon us had we made no improvements in a quarter of a century. The fact is, no race or class of people ever made such rapid strides in material progress as the Colored people of America since the emancipation. "Street Sance" in the Dispatch of Aug. 30th gives the following which proves that should our white friends look around them a little more they would find their Colored brothers and sisters hardly so black as they are painted.

Two elderly strangers were sitting in front of the Merchants, a few days ago, conversing on what they had seen in their travels about the city, when one remarked: "The colored people of St. Paul are a great surprise to me. I have been in nearly every large city in the Union, but I have never seen such a clean, well-dressed, well-behaved or good-looking lot of colored folks as they have here. Of course, the great majority of them are mixed; but as a general thing the mixed race is the hardest to get along with. Indeed, I am at a loss to understand it, unless, as a gentleman said yesterday, it is because they are better treated here, and have more advantages in the way of education. I am told that the social grades are as rigidly maintained here among these people as in any Eastern community among the whites; that several of their churches have large congregations whose standard of morality is higher than that in the majority of white congregations the world over. Certain it is—their appearance bears out the assertion."

The colored man suspected or accused of committing rape on white females. We have frequently asserted, and so have many of our colored contemporaries, that were those men given fair trials, they would frequently be found innocent. A short time ago, a colored man, named Alex Robinson was accused by a white girl, Essie Hoover, of criminal assault, he was arrested and placed in jail. Robinson was a worthy young man, and led an exemplary life, and was the only support of a widowed mother, and he was so overcome with the shame and disgrace thus unjustly heaped upon him that he died. It now transpires that the girl has confessed that Robinson was innocent and that the girl has confessed that Charles Bishop, white, a sewing machine agent, is the guilty party, and who left for parts unknown as soon as he learned

the girl had made a confession. There are to-day, scores of innocent colored men buried in southern soil, who, had they been allowed fair trials would be living. Right wrongs no one and it will be well for Judge Lynch to dissolve his court and let the legally elected officers of the law attend to the administration of justice. Colored men are not always guilty, and these dispensers of justice become murderers in many cases. Lets have no more lynch law.

The Duluth road had a little collision last Wednesday which cost the managers \$5,000 and injured several of their employes. Mr. Frank A. Vance prevented what might have been a much more serious and expensive accident on that road, a few weeks ago but, up to this time, we have not heard that the road rewarded him in any way. Surely the fact that he happens to be Colored has not robbed him of a just recognition of the service rendered to that generous corporation.

The big exposition had an auspicious opening last Wednesday, with the usual program of speeches and music. The attendance was fairly good. The rainstorm in the evening dampened the ardor of thousands and kept them away. The preparations are making for the day of all the days, for us, "Colored People's Day." A large and influential committee has been appointed to conduct affairs on that day, and a grand good time is expected.

A great deal that is said in the papers against cigarette smoking, is considered to be only newspaper talk. But such is not really the case, there is more harm arising from the pernicious habit than many people are inclined to think. Out of twelve young men who competed for a West Point cadetship, ten were rejected by the physician because they had "the tobacco heart," brought on by cigarette smoking.

Mr. W. Calvin Chase, editor of the "Bee" Washington, D. C., was refused accommodations on account of color while on an excursion to Bay Ridge, Md., last week. There is a civil rights suit in consequence and Brother Chase intends to fight to the bitter end.

The name of this month having an R in it, the oyster season began with it, but we have not indulged in the delicious bivalve to an alarming extent yet, ice cream has not lost its hold as the reigning luxury.

Omaha, Neb.

Mr. W. B. Smith, paid Blair a flying visit Sunday for the purpose of seeing his better half.

Mr. W. J. Singleton is in the city and speaks in glowing terms of his pleasant stay in St. Paul.

Miss Jessie Smith, organist at the A. M. E. church, is quite ill at her home on Williams street.

Misses Eliza and Sadie Harrison, of St. Joseph, Mo., were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. W. H. C. Stephenson last week.

The general conference of charities and corrections is holding its 113 session here. The most important question before the body is: "The progress of the Negro and the Indian."

The "Picknicks," colored, and the "C. E. Maynes," white, played a match game of base ball for the championship of the state and \$50. The "Picknicks" was cheated out of the game by the alleged umpire. The club is under the management of Messrs. M. Maker and C. Duncan and is the strongest team in the city barring none. Money talks.

The most recherche affair of the week was a tea given by Mrs. W. H. Butler at her residence, No. 1415 California street Monday evening. Among those present were: Bishop and Mrs. John M. Brown, Washington, D. C.; Rev. P. A. Hubbard and family, Miss Mattie Laura St. Joseph, Mo.; Misses Ida and Luda Bruce, Mrs. Laura Elegant, Mrs. Mary Spencer, San Francisco, Cal.; Mr. E. G. Rozelle and others. The spread was all that good taste could desire, to which all did justice.

The Washington Association had a fine program at its last meeting, and was addressed by Prof. J. H. Felham, of Hannibal, Mo., Messrs. Wheeler of St. Louis, Jones, local editor of the Radical, St. Joseph, Mo., Chinn, of Glasgow, Mo., and several others. Many good things were said by the speakers by which the members were benefited. The essay read by Mr. E. G. Rozelle, subject: "Imitators," was favorably commented upon and brought out a great many new thoughts.

At the Albany, N. Y. penitentiary, John West the colored clerk of the U. S. Land office at Washington, D. C. convicted of an attempted criminal assault, is boss of the chair making establishment and has among his force of workmen Oscar J. Harvey, the noted forger.

CHICAGO.

The Garden City—Done up in Small Parcels.

Doings of a Week.
The masonic convention was called to order again on Wednesday at 9 a. m., by the chairman, M. A. Clark, P. G. M., of Kansas. After the usual opening exercises was gone through with, the subject for discussion was called for, viz: "The status of Negro Masonry in America" which was opened by J. Hugh Johnson. The first impression that Mr. Johnson would naturally create upon the mind, was that he was rather young for the subject that he was assigned to, being one that would naturally carry the mind back through many years of the past, but after a very few introductory remarks, Mr. Johnson launched out on the broad field of thought, covering the ground of Masonry from the time of its infancy among the Colored people of America in 1787, when Prince Hall obtained the first charter after the destruction of the original charter at Bunker Hill, down to its flourishing condition throughout the United States to-day. Carrying it through its existence in the cradle then bringing it out in manhood. Showing how, as the Christian church, it had withstood the many oppressions that had at many times been heaped upon it by its enemies, but through all this it has stood, and to-day flourishes second to none as a society in the world, and embraces within it borders the best, wealthiest and ablest men of our land. Mr. Johnson also clearly explained how it was that the colored masons of this country, while not being fully recognized by the white, were in reality their superior, for while the colored masons were working under the only true and legitimate charter of this country, the white masons for several years after the losing of their charter at Bunker Hill, and not being able to obtain another, groped in darkness and were really only an imaginary body and they were obliged to manufacture a charter of their own under which they work to-day. Want of space only prevents us from giving a verbatim report of Mr. Johnson's address as we feel that it would be read with great interest by members of the craft throughout the country.

The following subjects were then taken up and discussed at considerable length in their respective order:
"Comity among Grand Lodges," opened by Rev. C. C. Russell, G. M., of Tenn.
"A text book or digest of Masonic Laws as a standard authority," opened by Wm. Swartz, P. G. M., of W. Va.
"A better system of exchange of representatives," opened by J. H. Clegggett, P. M., of Iowa.
"The duties of representatives," opened by C. C. Dean, G. M., of Texas.
"A uniformity of work," opened by John H. Lee, G. M., of D. C.
"The standing members of subordinate lodges moving out of their own jurisdiction into that of another," opened by Henry Moore, G. M., of Indiana.
"Concurrent jurisdiction," opened by Wm. H. Stewart, G. M., of Kentucky.
"The relation of capitivity and chivalric to symbolic masonry, if any," opened by John M. Moore of South Carolina.

"The formation of a national body, not as a legislative but as an advisory body with limited authority," opened by J. M. Moore, G. M., of Illinois.
All of these subjects after having been opened by the respective named brothers were fully discussed by the convention, bringing out a great deal of valuable information relative to the craft. Rev. B. F. Watson, G. M., of Kansas, then presented a well prepared paper on the analogy of craft masonry, to the Christian religion, in which he brought the subject down to the fact that the former raised a man to the highest moral standing while the latter raised him to the highest spiritual standing.

On Wednesday evening Samuel W. Clark, P. M., of Iowa, delivered a special lecture at the Bethel A. M. E. church to members of the craft in good standing only, which was very instructive throughout. On Thursday evening a banquet was tendered the visiting delegates at Battery D, at the Armory hall at which nearly 1,500 persons were present. Some very able addresses from prominent members of the Order were delivered during the evening, and a very enjoyable time was passed by all present.

The convention closed its work and adjourned, sine die, on Friday morning, after passing a vote of thanks to the grand lodge of Illinois, the committee of arrangements and the good people of Chicago, who so generously cared for their every want, and requirement, after performing a work that the Order should ever feel proud of.

During its session the convention had occasion to correct an error that appeared in one of the daily papers which stated that the object of the convention was to establish a supreme grand lodge, in correcting the error the convention replied as follows:
"Allow the convention to state that nothing was ever further from our intentions, and be it understood by all concerned, once and forever that all legally constituted grand lodges of colored masons in this country maintain the decorum of Sovereign grand lodge jurisdiction."

As the press was not admitted to the

convention, they had to derive their information from outside gossip, and this was the cause of their error no doubt.
A. A. RUSSELL.

Mr. Nelson Lewis has returned to St. Paul.

All the boys are back from Waukesha springs.

Mr. Shilow W. Gillis has returned from Peoria.

Miss Mary J. Logan returned to Louisville, Monday.

Armstead Smith, of Louisville, Ky., is in the metropolis.

Hurrah for Chicago! We now have six colored policemen.

Mr. Geo. Woods, of St. Louis, is the guest of Mr. Jule Pitts.

Miss Nettie B. Mosby is visiting friends and relatives in Midway, Ky.

Mr. M. C. Cowan spent the last two weeks at Niagara Falls, he is back at his post again.

Miss Maggie F. Goins, after a pleasant visit to Danville, Ill., returned to the city last week.

Miss Flossie C. Thompson, of New Albany, Ind., is expected in the city during the next week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Carey, leave on the 12th to go on the road with the Tennessee Jubilee Singers.

Mr. Robert Patterson who has been West during the past summer, arrived here Monday looking well.

Messrs. A. Malone and Jay Cox intend to give a stag dinner some time this month. Hurry up boys.

Mrs. Wm. Drake, of Nashville, Tenn., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. F. H. Harsh, 81, Twenty-fifth street.

Mr. Geo. Smith leaves next week for Denver, Colorado, to make his future home there. Success George.

The WESTERN APPEAL will always be found on sale at Estella Cafe and Chas. Landre's, 111, E. Harrison street.

Mrs. Maggie Williams gave a very nice entertainment to her friends Wednesday and quite a large crowd was out.

Harsh & Taylor have dissolved partnership, Mr. Harsh taking the place which will be run as heretofore, in first class style.

Miss M. Virginia Robinson, who has spent a month in the Garden City will leave for her home in Louisville, Ky., Saturday.

Miss Julia Morgan passed through the city Monday enroute to her home in Springfield, Ill., she was returning from Buffalo, N. Y.

Mr. Joe Haggerman has sold out his interest in the well known place where he has been for the last month to engage in other business.

Ed. West, the well known jockey, was seriously injured Monday and it was thought he would die, there is some hopes of his recovery.

Miss Mary Maxwell after a week's vacation returned to her sewing machine last week. Miss Maxwell holds a prominent position on Lake street as seamstress.

Miss Fannie Alexander, one of the teachers in the public schools in Louisville, has been visiting the Garden City, for the past month left for her home Saturday.

Mr. J. E. Bowen has partly made arrangements for another European tour to join the Bohee brothers at Pavilion Theatre, London, his wife will accompany him.

Miss Liby Johnson celebrated her birthday last Monday at her residence on School street, a large crowd of ladies and gentlemen were present and the occasion was grand.

Mr. C. A. Jackson gave a grand entertainment on Butterfield street Monday to Misses Bell and Emma Alexander, of Louisville, Ky. Prof. Henderson's orchestra furnished the music and the night was spent tripping the fantastic toe.

Eugene Caldwell, the catcher of the famous Gordon base ball club, was accidentally killed while on his way back from lake Geneva. He was a young man that was well liked by all who knew him, and his brother has the sympathy of all his friends.

Miss Mollie Marshall has been appointed as teacher in the Jones' school which opens Monday. We should all feel proud of her, as we have no other teacher in the schools of this city and it speaks well for her and also repays her for her careful studies while in school.

Mr. Jasper L. Taylor who has for the past four or five years been engaged in business in this city, left for Cincinnati Monday the 28th, and from there he goes West to go into business. Chicago cannot afford to lose many more of her business men, but we cheerfully recommend him any where he may locate.

Big Guns at the State Fair.

The G. A. R. committee in charge of the great sham battle at the Minnesota State Fair has received word from Gen. Lucius Fairchild, Grand Commander of the G. A. R. of the United States, that he will be present and take part in the battle. Gen. Lew. Wallace, of Indiana, will also be present and have command of one of the armies. Over 5,000 old soldiers and state militia will participate in the battle. There will be 14 pieces of artillery and 5,000 small arms used in the engagement, which will be the grandest exhibition of the kind ever seen in this country.

NEWSLETS.

Gathered From All Parts of the Country.

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Baltimore, Md., has four weekly papers published by colored men.

Mr. H. M. Adams, colored, of Kansas City, has been appointed constable.

The Christian Recorder will shortly change from a folio to a quarto form.

The richest man in Olanthe, Kansas, a banker, has a colored wife by whom he has two children.

A sort of riot occurred in Decatur, Ga., last Saturday in which two white men and one colored man were killed.

Mr. William Brown, colored, has been appointed to a position in the city engineer's department at Cincinnati, O.

The proposition to employ colored teachers in the colored schools was recently defeated in the Baltimore council.

C. A. C. Smith, colored, a pugilist of East Saginaw, Mich., has challenged any heavy weight in America to fight to a finish from \$500 up.

The Cuban Giants, New York's famous colored base ball club have won seventy-four games out of a hundred they have played this season.

Mr. Geo. T. Downing, colored, of Newport, R. I. has been appointed by the governor of Rhode Island one of a commission to investigate the penal institution of the state.

John Furlong, a colored farmer, near Palestine, Texas, shot and killed his cousin, Henry Furlong, last week. He was out watching for horse thieves and took his cousin for one.

The building of the new Colored Grammar and High School in Baltimore will be begun this month. The sum of \$14,000 was appropriated for the lot and \$24,000 for the building.

Prof. T. D. S. Tucker, of Pensacola, Fla., has been appointed principal of the Colored Normal School of that state and Mr. Thomas V. Gibbs, of Jacksonville, has been made first assistant.

Jerry Williams, colored, was brought to Birmingham, Ala., last week, by four colored men armed with shotguns. They charge Williams with a criminal assault on Mrs. Jane Miller, a colored widow.

A colored congregation in Warren county, Ky., has sued Forepaugh for "his wanton desecration of their church property," by posting his circus bills on their place work, for which they claim \$100 damages.

The teachers in the "Colored High School" at Louisville, Ky., have appealed to the school board for an increase their salaries sufficient to equalize them with those of the teachers in the white high school.

Henry Graham, a colored horse thief, for whose arrest a reward of \$25 had been offered, was shot and killed at Sidon, Miss., last Saturday, by Charles Edwards, colored, while resisting arrest. Edwards was too anxious to get the \$25.

Mrs. F. E. W. Harper, the popular temperance lecturer, has returned to her home in Philadelphia, after a tour of near fifteen months in the western and southwestern states. She speaks of the great west in terms of the highest praise.

The governor of South Carolina has commuted the sentence of Oxy Cherry the twelve-year-old colored girl from hanging to imprisonment in the penitentiary for five years. She was convicted of killing a little white child by administering concentrated lye.

Japanese Tea Party.

A number of our most prominent society ladies assisted by the stewardess of the St. James church are making elaborate preparations for a novel entertainment which they propose giving to assist the A. M. E. church. The entertainment will be a "Japanese tea party" the ladies in charge of the same will appear in Mikado costumes. The room will be decorated with Japanese articles and lighted with Japanese lanterns in true Oriental style. A handsome cup and saucer will be given to each purchaser of a cup of tea. There will also be other refreshments in abundance. As the St. James church is not ready for occupancy Rev. Wm. Gray and the trustees of Pilgrim Baptist church have kindly tendered the use of the basement of their church for the entertainment. So on Thursday evening Sep. 8, you are invited to be present. The entertainment will be under the management of Mesdames T. H. Lyles, A. G. Russell, F. D. Parker, A. Halston, T. S. Boswell, J. P. Ball, Geo. Duckett, Addie Henry assisted by the stewardess of St. James church. This will be a novel and pleasant entertainment and it is hoped that a large crowd will be in attendance.

Mr. G. A. Gooden returned from his vacation trip Thursday morning in a very happy frame of mind. While in Crookston he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thompson who made his stay very agreeable. A few days ago Mr. Gooden, Mrs. Thompson, Miss Alice Thompson and her brother took a trip to Grand Forks, Dak., and were the guests Mr. and Mrs. B. Russell Durant and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hall who did all that could be done for their enjoyment and made their visit a very pleasant one. Mr. Gooden is more strongly inclined than ever to go West.

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