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Miss Ida B. Wells is in Denver and is being greeted by large audiences.

Let no man be called a leader who does not do right, no matter what his profession or calling.

The New Orleans and the Denver riots are condemned by all men who believe in the supremacy of the law.

Henry Vanness, a Negro, has been conductor on the Rockville, Conn., branch of the New York and New England railroad for seventeen years.

Let every one do all they can for the amelioration of the condition of unfortunate people of all races. There is no need of asking the question "who are our leaders?"

There are no separate schools in that city. She is competent and there can be no opposition to her being made a permanent teacher in the schools except that of color.

Thornton Parker, a Negro, was tried at Winchester, Va., on the 15th inst. A squad of militia was placed around the prisoner in the court room.

The trial lasted five hours and the jury found him guilty of "attempted" rape in forty minutes and the judge at once sentenced him to be hanged April 9.

George Die, a bachelor, died in Egbert county, Georgia, two years ago, leaving an estate of \$125,000 to seven illegitimate Negro children.

A big contest followed, and the trial of the case ended in a decision in favor of the Negro legatees.

There could be many more suits instituted on the same ground with reasonable show of success.

The grand jury in session at New Orleans have found indictments against thirty-five of the participants in the disgraceful riot which occurred in that city last week.

We hope that every guilty man will be punished. The mayor and the governor should not be forgotten for their crime of omission to perform the duties which they took oath to perform.

Some members of the A. P. A. in Michigan have been exposed in their attempts to "work candidates for all there was in it."

Their "florence" was for sale. It will be well for the Negroes of Iowa to see that the self-styled leaders do not injure them by such methods.

The Negroes of Ottumwa are to be commended for the bold stand they took in repulsing an adventurer.

Geo. E. Taylor is using the columns of his paper to push his candidacy for city clerk of Oskaloosa.

He had not one word to say last fall in favor of the six Negro candidates for offices in Mahaska county until after election, and when they had been elected by handsome majorities without his assistance.

He is for Taylor first and last and all the time, and Taylor only.

An exchange says: There are two colored Roman Catholic priests in the United States. They are Rev. Augustus Tolton, pastor of St. Monica's church, Chicago, and Rev. Charles R. Uncles, professor of Epiphany College, Baltimore.

There are twenty-eight priests in the United States, engaged exclusively in work for colored people. It is said there are 200,000 colored Catholics in the United States.

The Roman Catholics are making strenuous efforts to convert colored people.

A Negro Methodist Conference in session at Richmond, Va., refused to pass a resolution to hold a memorial service in honor of Frederick Douglass.

It is to be regretted that this conference is composed of such small and narrow minded men. The public and private life of Frederick Douglass was above reproach which cannot be said truthful of all ministers and his whole life is an example that they could follow with profit.

His life was one of deeds, not words alone and the small amount of money he acquired during a long life was not extorted from the hand of the old and feeble, nor those who had all they could do to support themselves and their dependents.

A bishop is very seldom a poor man when he dies. That conference, like any other, would have honored itself by holding a memorial meeting for Frederick Douglass.

Harriet Talley, a Negro woman, was lynched in Tennessee near Petersburg, on "suspicion of being guilty of incendiarism."

The next case we will probably hear of will read that a Negro has been lynched "on suspicion that he was thinking of committing incendiarism or rape."

The American people will find sooner or later that they have dallied with this growing evil too long. It is spreading into every state in the Union.

It effects all laws and brings them into contempt. The Nation dallied and compromised the question of slavery. We all know at what enormous cost the evil was finally crushed.

We believe it is better to reconstruct than to reconstruct. Do what is right at the beginning and the occupation of the reformer will be gone. Justice may cry in a feeble voice, but it will never die, and will cry in tones of thunder some day if her appeals are not answered.

The all-absorbing question in the State of South Carolina is "how can we disfranchise the Negro?"

The registration law does not fill the bill. Educational qualification leave the white and black vote of the state about equal and this plan has been dropped as not feasible.

There will soon be held a constitutional convention in that state for the sole and only purpose of disfranchising the Negroes.

The leading speakers talking it before large meetings and the newspapers publish it to the world. White men of all classes are to be allowed to vote and the Negroes must be suppressed.

The Federal court. White supremacy in the South depends on keeping the Negro in ignorance.

The Terre Haute (Ind.) literary club has been started by a paper from the Rev. Dr. Hickman, pastor of the First Methodist Church, who presented a long array of arguments in favor of solving the Negro problem in the south by amalgamation of the two races, the abrogation of laws prohibiting miscegenation and the intermarriage of the two races.

Dr. Hickman stated that he presented the argument for what it was worth. Born a Virginian, and himself a slaveholder at the breaking out of the war, the idea was naturally repulsive to him, but he expressed the conviction that, despite our prejudices, the problem is destined to be solved in just this way, and he contended that mixed races have in the past produced the strongest people.

He laid down, as a fundamental principle, this: "A mixed race in competition with a pure race, other conditions being equal, will be the intellectual and physical superiors."

There is no natural repulsion between the races. White and colored children play together with perfect freedom.

The repulsion, he thinks, comes later by education and surroundings. It is due, he contends, largely to former conditions of servitude of the Negro and, he thinks, is not found in Europe. The Negro has many traits which in amalgamation improves the white man.

We are in receipt of a copy of the New Orleans Times and suppose we are indebted to A. O. Smith for the favor. It gives the full details of the riot and condemns the inactivity of the mayor and the governor.

In an editorial it directly charges the governor and mayor with failure to do their sworn duty. The mayor was in full sympathy with the rioters and has but recently escaped from an impeachment trial.

It takes more courage to speak as in the Times has in this matter than it does to say the little the northern papers in general have said.

The Danish steamer Hora left Savannah, Ga., on the 19th inst., with 997 immigrants bound for Liberia.

They are the best equipped of any immigrants who have left for that country from the United States. They have agricultural implements, seeds, etc.

They have three ministers and one doctor with them. They should have taken a dozen school teachers with them at all hazards.

School teachers are a necessity. The immigrants will endeavor to secure 3,000 acres of land and organize a town government of their own.

The Negroes have had a daily Republican paper in New Orleans for the past year or more. It advocates pure and unadulterated Republicanism.

It is said there will be a white man's Republican daily started there to redeem the state. If the Republican party had done its plain duty to the white and black Republicans in Louisiana in 1876, there would now be no necessity for redeeming the state.

The Republican party must learn to protect its own members just the same as the Democrats if they would succeed.

The spirit of Americanism should invade our affairs at home as well as abroad. The injury of an American should call the attention of the government at Washington in as loud a voice as that of the injury of an Englishman.

The way to create patriots is to protect them at home as well as abroad.

Calvin Fairbank, a noted abolitionist, lives in retired life at Angelica, N. Y. He spent seventeen years in the Ohio penitentiary before the war for a violation of the fugitive slave act.

He was pardoned before the expiration of his sentence by President Lincoln.

What is the governor of Iowa going to do in regard to the Negro who was taken from Iowa's soil without requisition papers? He was taken into the state of Missouri and shot without trial, judge or jury.

It occurred several weeks ago. The duty in the case seems plain.

The name of "Boniface," as applied to hotel-keepers, is derived from a good, devout, and hospitable man whom St. Augustine created a saint.

Subsequently he became the patron-saint of Germany, and it was in that country, according to some writers, that hotel or tavern keepers, as well as those private citizens who at times "kept open house," as the saying is, were dubbed Bonifaces.

Dante refers to Boniface; so likewise do Shakespeare, Bacon and Lamb.

A Great Fair. "The biggest thing in fairs" may now be seen in the great Russian fair of Nijni Novgorod.

Some idea of the business transacted at it may be formed when it is stated that the total value of goods brought for sale last year amounted to about twenty-four millions sterling, nearly the whole of which changed hands.

The fair lasts for six weeks, and has been held regularly for the last two centuries.

The Mean Thing. Girl—I told Jack we must be strangers henceforth.

Another Girl—Did he fall on his knees and implore forgiveness? Girl—Not he. He said "very well," and then tried to flirt with me.—Detroit Tribune.

OUR FRIENDS WRITE LETTERS

OTTUMWA NEWS. Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander.

Mrs. W. H. Mason went to Albia last week to see her daughter who was very ill. She returned home Monday. She reports her daughter much improved.

The grab-sack social at the Second Baptist church Tuesday evening given by the juveniles was fairly attended and a very good time was enjoyed.

Mr. Harry Owens is reported on the sick list this week.

Charles Mason, of Albia, was in the city last week the guest of his sister, Stella Mason. He returned home Saturday.

George Wagner is on the sick list this week.

Rev. W. F. Watts attended the executive board meeting of the Baptist Association which met at Colfax last week, returned home Saturday.

The Stewardess of the A. M. E. church gave a very interesting social Tuesday evening, which was well attended. All had a good time.

Little Lloyd Young has been on the sick list for several days, but at this writing is much improved.

The Douglas memorial services have been postponed for an indefinite date as it could not get a hearing last Friday night. However, it will be held before long.

Mrs. Frank Alexander, who has been sick for some time is convalescing and is expected to be able to get on from work this week on account of the grip.

Columbus Good met with quite a misfortune last week while working at the packing house. He jumped onto a plank which was across on the vat, it broke with him and let him down into the vat which was but a moment before full of boiling water and grease.

One of his feet was badly burned. Had it not happened that it was just emptied he would have been scalded to death. He is much improved at this writing.

Robert E. Crump, of Hedrick, was in the city Sunday, the guest of Miss Eva Harris.

While the state of Iowa does not seem to endorse lynching and mobbing, African Americans, it has suffered. Miss sound to come in and lynch and take them away and kill them as in the case of Al Todd, who was taken away from this city two weeks ago by Wm. Clark without the proper papers and taken to Unionville, Mo., and shot down like a dog without trial, judge or jury.

The law is plain in this case and we hope the state will do its duty to bring his murderers to justice.

The I. B. W. O. C. met at the pleasant home of Mrs. Wells Fowler, in which Mrs. Fowler presided, on the past week; also the grand-child of Mrs. Millie Simmons.

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J. Bell closed his shop in Colfax and by the urgent request of his friends at Fremont, Neb., his former place of business, started for that place Monday.

Mr. Bell's kind and merry disposition has won the esteem of all in our city and his departure is deeply regretted.

The concert given by Miss Emma Mays was a grand success. The concert was largely attended. The zeal and talent displayed by the little people placed many honors upon their names.

An interesting feature of the concert was the choice and well rendered songs by the quartet.

Mr. and Mrs. John Miller gave a dinner Friday in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Bell. The guests invited were: Mr. and Mrs. Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Waldon.

Miss Lettie Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Bell spent a social evening at the home of Mrs. Moore last week.

Mr. C. T. Lucas and daughter, Lena, went to Grinnell Friday to visit her brother, J. B. Lucas.

BURLINGTON BUDGET. Special Correspondence to Iowa State Bystander.

Mr. Morris, one of our well known citizens, had quite a bad streak of luck last Saturday. His house caught fire about 3 p. m., but as luck would have it, they saved (as it is reported) everything but the parlor carpet and a few pic and ornaments.

Rev. Alexander left for Iowa City Monday, to preach the funeral services of the pastor's wife of that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross are on the sick list this week.

It was quite astonishing, but while Mrs. Rebecca Brooks and Rev. J. W. Brown were talking of olden times this week, they discovered they were kindred, Mrs. Brooks being his aunt.

Gracie Johnson is slightly improving. Rev. Washington returned to his home Tuesday, being so sick he was unable to preach.

Mr. Harvey Earley's son, Raymond, has been suffering with a bad cold the past week; also the grand-child of Mrs. Millie Simmons.

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B. Walker of Muchakinoak, was a Sunday visitor.

Mrs. George Jones, who has been quite ill, is improving.

The A. M. E. Ladies Sewing Circle met last week at the home of Mrs. C. G. Lee. After the regular business was over an excellent lunch was served.

The Circle then adjourned to meet with Mrs. Marshall next Thursday afternoon.

The A. M. E. church will hold their quarterly meeting Sunday March 31st. The masquerade festival at Seewers' hall Tuesday evening was fairly attended, and a very good time was had.

CHARACTER AND REPUTATION. "Character is what God and angels know of us, and reputation is what men and women think of us."

A person may have a good character and a bad reputation, or a good reputation and a bad character.

The reason of this is, that we form our opinion of people from what they appear to be, and not what they really are. Some people appear to be much better than they are, while others are better than they appear to be.

Most people are more anxious about their reputation than they are about their character. This is not the right kind of a motive to have; while every person endeavors to maintain a good reputation, he should especially labor to possess a good character.

Our happiness depends not so much on what is thought of us, as what we really are within ourselves.

Persons of good character are generally persons of good reputation, but this is not always the case, as the motives and actions of people are often misrepresented. But it is very important, above all things, that is to be right and do right, for right's sake if nothing else, whether our motives or actions are properly appreciated or not.

The influences which operate in the formation of character are numerous. The most powerful forces in nature are those which operate silently and imperceptibly. This is true of those moral forces which exert the greatest influence on our minds.

We are very apt to imitate our daily associates and form their habits, by repetition, they acquire strength and become rooted in the mind. There are few people who can avoid imitating those with whom they associate.

The models which are placed before us every day, tend to form our character and shape our life.

Habit results from the repetition of this same act, until we become so accustomed to it that it requires no mental effort and perhaps never attracts our attention.

Character is everything. It is not the money that you earn that makes you rich, but what you save, and not what you do that makes people love and respect you, but just what you really are.

CLARA A. SMITH

BERLIN A SLUMLESS CITY. Streets Asphalted and Kept Clean Even in the Poorest Quarters.

A foreigner coming to Berlin will be impressed almost at once by the excellent streets, and further on the excellent manner in which they are taken care of.

Almost everywhere they are asphalted, even where they are narrow, and not only in the middle of the city, but far out into the suburbs. This work has been done in the most substantial manner.

This department of city affairs is entrusted to skillful officers, who perform their duty according to the latest scientific principles. In the center of the city a large tract of street is now being torn up for new horsecar tracks, and it is an instructive sight to see the fine scale upon which the work is done.

The foundation is at least a foot in depth of the hardest possible mixture of small stones and cement. Upon this, by means of monstrous rollers and other machinery, is placed the asphalt, which is not more than half an inch in thickness, but which, on account of the strong subwork, wears like the everlasting rock.

It seldom needs repair, says the Philadelphia Telegraph, it does not run away in hot weather, and does not rut under the heaviest kind of traffic. This adds materially, of course, to the beauty of Berlin, and facilitates the work of cleansing the streets.

Another department of municipal administration which is attended to in the most effective manner. Cleaners in uniform are constantly at work in all parts of the city, who with broom and brush heap up the refuse before the curbs, to be hauled off to the city farms during the night.

At intervals each day water carts are driven over the streets, and boys follow after with squeegees, which they propel by long handles, washing every particle of filth away.

The excellent condition of the streets of Berlin is one of the reasons why the city has none of those districts which have come to be called "slums." While London and Paris, not to mention the Italian and Spanish cities and some cases nearer home, suffer in a notable manner from the congestion of the poor at these points, where they live crowded together under the most unhealthy surroundings, this is not to any extent true of Berlin.

There are districts in the east and north where the poor live together, but in nothing like the misery and squalor which one will find elsewhere. The streets, as already remarked, are asphalted and they are clean. They are nearly everywhere wide. There are none of those little dark alleys which exist in other cities. The houses are well built and sound. One could pass through these districts time and again and did he not see the children on the sidewalk and the women with their heads out of the windows it might scarcely occur to him that he was among the poor people. The fronts of the houses are of very handsome masonry, harmonious in architecture and in no important respect different from the houses in many wealthier sections of the city.

COLLEGE FOOT BALL.

Harvard May Not Be Represented Next Year.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., March 21.—The Harvard faculty has again taken a firm stand against inter-collegiate foot ball contests, and it looks doubtful if the crimson will be represented by an eleven on the gridiron next fall.

The motion adopted is worded as follows: "The faculty, having received and considered a communication from the committee on the regulation of athletic sports, remain of the opinion that no students under their charge should be permitted to take part in inter-collegiate foot-ball contests."

Another meeting of the faculty will be held August 3, when final and decisive action on the question is anticipated. The students emphatically condemn this action.

DYNAMITE EXPLOSION.

Much Loss of Life and Property in Germany.

COLOGNE, March 23.—At Salmouth, in the district of Dusseldorf, the cargo of the ship Elizabeth, consisting of 20,000 kilos of dynamite, while being unloaded, exploded, killing thirteen people and doing a terrible amount of damage.

The force of the explosion was felt for miles, and at first was believed to be an earthquake. Several houses collapsed at Kecken and other villages, and doors and windows were shattered within a large area.

POLICE CORRUPTION.

Large Number of Arrests on the New York Force.