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 tion of all the other
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Sirs:
 In response to your inquiry, I beg to
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The Rising Son is the only paper
 published by Colored people in Kansas
 City, Mo., that is entered at the post
 office as second class mail.

We protest that all the vices are not
 centered in the Negro race and deny
 most emphatically that all the virtues
 are the divine heritage of the white
 race.

A race that has at all times been
 patriotic and loyal to their country,
 that has never been accused of treason
 and has always obeyed the call to arms
 can't be wholly bad.

What with the trusts' investigations,
 hoodie investigations and investiga-
 tions of mobbing and lynchings, evil
 doers of high and low degree will alike
 be compelled to recognize the fact that
 laws are made to be respected and
 not broken.

It is said that Mayor Reed has per-
 mitted the splendid accumulating of
 holes in the asphalt streets to con-
 tinue uninterruptedly in order to dem-
 onstrate to the rock-ribbed brethren
 from the rock-ribbed counties who
 may chance to attend Carnival how lit-
 tle his honor's rusticity has been af-
 fected by having twice been elected
 mayor of this growing metropolis.

President Roosevelt believes in mer-
 it, denounces lynch law in the most
 emphatic terms, defends equality
 among government employes and po-
 sitely intimates to the labor unions
 that he is president of all the people
 of the United States. The president's
 policy, when carefully weighed, is
 found to be very just and his admin-
 istration has been conducted in a
 manner wherein mistakes have not been
 allowed to creep in. In handling great
 and important matters affecting the
 nation, much care and forethought
 have been exercised and the result is
 that he is admired and esteemed by
 the American people regardless of po-
 litical faith.

Senator Morgan of Alabama, says
 that he favors the incorporation of an
 Anti-Negro plank in the next Demo-
 cratic platform and this let the world
 know that the party is opposed to the
 negro in any way exercising govern-
 ment affairs. While it may be truth-
 fully said that the world has never
 had need to doubt the hostility of the
 Democratic party toward the black
 man, yet it may serve a good purpose
 after all in that it may undeceive those
 poor deluded mortals of the present
 generation known as Negro Democ-
 rats and who have been laboring un-
 der the hallucination that it was not
 the Republican party that freed us.

When a leisure call at the New
 Century Pool Hall and Boot Black
 parlor, I also carry the leading brand
 of cigars and tobaccos. Furnished
 rooms upstairs, Tom Newrod, Prop.
 554 Grand.

Can you eat grapes without thinking
 of appendicitis?

POOR SHOWING FOR THE NEGRO SCHOOLS OF KANSAS CITY.

A great deal of concern regarding the
 development of the Negro schools of
 Kansas City is being exercised by the
 good citizens and patrons, both white
 and colored, of this community.

The advancement of the Negro
 schools seems to have been kept at a
 minimum for a number of years,
 which condition remains the same at
 the present time. It appears to be
 hope against hope and encouragement
 is on the lull.

There must be a leakage somewhere
 and to say the least it is about time
 that some indication of the advance-
 ment of the Negro schools be made.
 The matter should be agitated until
 the fault is discovered and the cause
 removed. Among other things, one of
 the most important to be observed is
 the selection of teachers, in fact, it is
 assumed by many of the patrons that
 very little care has been directed in
 this essential feature of prevention to-
 ward the proper development of the
 Negro schools.

In this respect the board of educa-
 tion could help matters by requiring
 rigid and strong credentials as to the
 character, worth and ability of those
 offering their services in the school-
 room. It is said that in many cases
 where the question of employing Negro
 teachers or retaining some of the
 old ones came up, the school board
 would allow its selection to be guided
 by the circumstances surrounding the
 applicant—and the appointment made
 upon the basis of sympathy.

The exercise of such a policy is not
 helpful to our schools, on the other
 hand, it is very harmful and if such
 were continued, ten years hence would
 find the Negro schools in the same
 condition they have been for ten years
 past and are at this time. A careful
 weeding out of incompetents would
 help matters, while the exercise of
 rigid inquiry into the character of
 some of our teachers, followed by a
 prompt removal of those found to be
 wanting, would inject an air of purity
 in the Negro school-room. All teach-
 ers should keep themselves in a po-
 sition to refute any reports damaging to
 their character, for where there is
 much smoke, a careful investigation
 will reveal the fire. The public would
 be glad to have the Board of Educa-
 tion consider this matter.

There seems to be a prevailing dis-
 position on the part of the business
 interests regardless of politics to think
 that placing bonds in the hands of the
 present Democratic City Administra-
 tion would be much the same as pour-
 ing water into the proverbial rat hole.

A good name, a disposition and will
 to work and to save, plenty of good
 common sense, added to what learning
 in books one is able to acquire, will
 discount a thousand theories on "How
 to Solve the Negro Problem." In view
 of the above facts, the homely injunc-
 tion, "Lay dead and saw wood," could
 never be more advantageously em-
 ployed.

It will be interesting to know just
 what argument our colored brethren
 who have heretofore supported the
 Democratic party in general and May-
 or Reed in particular will use to show
 why the latter should be elected gov-
 ernor.

The best and wisest thing for Amer-
 ican Negroes to do today is to keep to
 himself from a laborer's standpoint,
 make friends with the intelligent and
 better class of white people, trust the
 God that brought him out of the south-
 ern bondage, and last, but not least,
 by preparation with his face toward the
 enemy, standing like a brave man and
 die only in the last ditch in defence of
 right.

LET THE COURTS PUNISH NEGRO CRIMINALS.

J. B. Gibbs who was on trial in the
 Criminal Court for murder in the
 first degree, was sentenced to two
 years in the penitentiary. Gibbs was
 tried for the killing of Edward Moore
 several months ago by shooting him
 in the back. The verdict was a sur-
 prise to everyone in the testimony of
 the witnesses, indicated that the shoot-
 ing of this man was avoidable, and
 the fact that the democracy of this
 community refuses to punish negroes
 for crime, is a very dangerous con-
 dition of affairs so far as the Negro
 race is concerned. Judge Wofford's
 words of advice, given when sentencing
 Gibbs were appropriate and if the
 courts were to punish negroes who
 commit crimes and who run hell joints
 the operation of which is calculated
 to make criminals of the worst type,
 Judge Wofford would not have oc-
 casion to lecture the Negro race every
 time he sentences a negro. Gibbs was
 identified with a "social" club, the
 kind that is a curse and injury to the
 Negroes of this community. The
 "clubs" have rolled up handsome ma-
 jorities for the Democracy—and this
 fact explains the action of the courts
 in dealing justice (?) to negro crim-
 inals.

A Sunshiny Woman.

She always seems so pleasant that
 I often wonder what good fairy,
 By magic of some wand's fiat,
 Deceer'd her moods and manners airy;
 And smiles—I marvel much thereat
 When care's great cross is hers to
 carry.

Yet, be dull grief or gladness present,
 She has the art of seeming pleasant.
 To beauty slight would be her claim,
 Likewise to grace and lofty station,
 And, though she bears an honored name,
 Her heart's never felt that quick pulsa-
 tion.

That comes with picking fruits of fame
 And earning critics' sweet oblation,
 Her placid life hath known no wimple,
 Yet smiles keep o'er her cheeks a-dimple.
 I think the fates or fairies must
 Have, when with graces they endowed
 her,
 Bestow'd how beauty flies like dust,
 And fame doth tumble into powder,
 While smiles live on, and being just,
 This greater boon than all allowed her—
 A grace most sweet in queen or peasant,
 The one of always being pleasant.
 —Roy Farrell Greene in the June House-
 keeper.

"Nell."

By Lura V. Smith.

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"It was just ten years ago this
 summer—I wasn't on the road then.
 Tod Rogers and I worked for Was-
 cutt & Wassam at M—. He and some
 of the other fellows used to go out
 on a Saturday night, to Hawk Lake,
 to fish, flirt, and take it easy."

The speaker was one of several trav-
 eling men who occupied the rear end
 of the smoking car. The others had
 told their stories; now it was Bur-
 nett's turn. He looked hard at the
 window casing and drew a deep sigh,
 re-lighted his cigar and resumed:
 "Boys, they say traveling men have
 no hearts; here is one who has. I
 don't often relate personal affairs, but
 some way I think I will tell you this.
 You are all my friends. Well, it isn't
 so much after all—but, of course, it
 is a great deal to me."

"I wasn't married then. I often
 heard Tod and the others speak of
 'Nell'—heard the details of more
 than one pleasant evening or Sunday
 spent at the Lake with beautiful Nell.
 I learned that there wasn't a man in
 the office who wasn't interested in
 her.

"When my curiosity got the better
 of me, I began to ask about her.
 They invited me out for over Sunday
 —that is, Tod did. Now until that
 time, I can honestly say that I never
 was, nor even thought I was, in love.
 The boys weren't afraid of me; I had
 not the means to keep a wife, and I
 wasn't looking for one! however, I
 did want to see Nell.

"Her parents had died when she
 was very young, and ever since, she
 had lived with an old couple at Cres-
 cent, the little village on Hawk Lake.
 They had thought a great deal of her
 father and mother, and had brought
 her up. Well, it was decided that I
 should go out on this particular Sat-
 urday with Tod; he was an old friend
 of the Fraziers, where Nell lived. I
 knew the warm spot in his heart for
 her.

"As we stepped from the train he
 pulled my coat sleeve and spoke in a
 low tone: 'There she is with Mrs.
 Frazier; they always come to the train
 to meet me!' I was so struck with
 her appearance that I had to be re-
 minded that the carriage was waiting.
 Perhaps the bystanders took me for
 an idiot or a dummy, for though I had
 a picture of Nell in my mind, I had not
 seen her. I will not attempt to de-
 scribe her eyes. Her hair was of a
 light golden brown—well, about the
 color of a blond, but with those dark
 eyes, and her figure—I never saw a
 more perfect form. Oh, well, hang it!
 What's the use? I can't describe her;
 I won't try!"

Several of the listening men smiled
 and coughed a little, but Burnett
 raised his hand with a gesture that
 silenced them, saying:
 "Don't, boys! You wouldn't if you
 knew! O, the glory of that Sunday
 at the lake with her!"

"On a certain Monday morning,
 about three weeks later, Tod was cross
 and sullen. At noon he came to me
 with a black look on his face. 'Paul,'
 he said, 'I overheard you and Mr. Fra-
 zier in conversation over Nell yester-
 day. What do you mean? Aren't you
 rather hasty? Then I, too, got into a
 temper and replied that I knew what
 I was about; I also told him that I
 had gained the consent of the old
 folks and Nell was mine—or soon
 would be.

"They were poor, and although Nell
 was dear to them, still she was one
 more mouth to feed. They hated to
 lose her, but they were glad I cared
 for her, and she, too, had grown fond
 of me, in the many visits I had made
 to their home. They had always ex-
 pected it would be Tod, but, poor boy,

he couldn't save enough to rent three
 rooms on the alley; much less could
 he afford to keep Nell as I could, and
 I couldn't do much.

"On one particular morning I in-
 formed Tod that I was taking a two
 weeks' vacation, and was going out
 this very evening to claim my pre-
 cious prize. He and I had some hot
 words; I saw anger and regret writ-
 ten on his face as he turned on his
 heel and walked away. I couldn't
 really afford this step. I was taking,
 but I had a little money saved as a
 starter. Besides my desire for Nell,
 there was an old quarrel of seven
 years' standing between Tod and me,
 and I determined to get even if I had
 to wait till my dying day, though out-
 wardly we were friendly.

"We didn't have a big wedding—"
 Burnett wiped the corner of his eye.
 "She had been mine—all mine—for
 one whole week! Boys—remember—I
 was young—and happy.
 "It was on the seventh day; Tod
 had gone home at noon; no one knew
 why, and no one especially cared.
 When I went home at night—Nell was



I 'phoned to Tod.

gone! absolutely gone! I called, went
 to the neighbors, 'phoned everywhere;
 she was simply gone. I 'phoned to
 Tod; his brother answered. Tod had
 taken the fourth-train, eastbound,
 for Canada. When I asked if he was
 alone and what he went for, Jack
 hung up the 'phone.

"My head was in a whirl. No, I
 wouldn't openly accuse him, but I
 must think! I hired detectives; I
 nearly went crazy!
 "Two days went by, and no results.
 I had advertised in all the papers, but
 mentioned no name in connection
 with her.

"On the third day, toward evening,
 I left the house by the back door to
 go across lots; this was a short cut
 through a vacant lot, overgrown with
 all sorts of brush and matted with
 grapevine and woodbine. I had done
 all in my power, and was now on my
 way to my friend and private detec-
 tive. I was pushing on, when I stub-
 bled over something. I stooped down,
 frantically tearing away the brush,
 and—Oh heavens!—boys—spare me
 the rest! There lay my poor lost Nell
 —dead!"

Burnett paused; there was not a
 dry eye among the group of listeners,
 but they were all silent, waiting for
 him to continue.

Burnett burst into a roar of laugh-
 ter. A thrill of horror shook every
 man. Had he gone mad?
 "Yes, boys; the horse-doctor said
 she died of colic. She had broken her
 halter and crawled off there to die.
 Poor thing! and I had spent my last
 dollar to buy her!"

WOULD NEED TIME TO ANSWER.

Why Friend Feared for Result of Ac- tor's Prayer.

Luke Martin is not a praying man,
 but he has, nevertheless, a touch of
 religious sentiment, and now and then,
 and particularly when he is in trouble,
 he looks for the guidance and the sup-
 port of a higher power.

This occurred when Mr. Martin ac-
 cepted his engagement with "Robert
 Emmet." He had absolutely no hope
 of "eating up" the part, for the very
 good reason that he hadn't digested it
 at all thoroughly at rehearsals, and
 he was greatly perturbed as to the re-
 sult of his performance. Consequen-
 tly when one of his fellow players good-
 naturedly slapped him upon the back
 before the curtain went up the first
 night and inquired as to his state of
 being, Martin replied somewhat earnestly:
 "Well, I don't know, old man, how
 I'm ever coming through, but I have
 prayed earnestly for success."
 "You have done what?" demanded
 the surprised interrogator.

"I have prayed for success," declared
 Martin, not at all pleased at the doubt-
 ful tone of his friend. "Don't you be-
 lieve you get things you pray for?"
 "I do," promptly answered the other;
 "faith, and I do, Luke. But it's so
 darned seldom that you trouble them
 in heaven with your prayers I'm think-
 ing they will be too surprised to an-
 swer you without two weeks' notice."
 —Chicago Inter Ocean.

Had Quit Preaching.
 Congressman Bellamy of North Car-
 olina tells of a colored preacher in
 his state who left preaching to engage
 in more remunerative work. Meeting
 him one day the congressman asked
 him if he was still preaching in the
 little cabin on the hill.

"No, sah," was the reply, "I am
 engaged in the textile industry; it's
 more lucrative than pastorizin', sah."
 "You've gone to work in the cotton
 mill at Charlotte, I take it," said the
 congressman.

"No, sah," replied the ex-minister;
 "Ise sellin' a book of texts for minis-
 ters, with helps for their elushida-
 tion."—Philadelphia Ledger.

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RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$5,981,708.96
U. S. Bonds, at par	\$ 528,000.00
Municipal Bonds at par	327,441.14
Cash and Sigt Exchange	4,180,685.29
	5,081,126.48
Total	\$11,012,924.79
LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock	\$ 600,000.00
Surplus Funds	800,000.00
Undivided profits	78,771.60
Unearned interest	84,938.00
National Bank Notes Outstanding	428,000.00
Deposits	9,516,170.17
	\$11,012,924.79

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