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at their own sweet will every industry which contributes to the greatness and glory of the Republic, by going on strike, and that the great captains of industry, whose capital is invested in the countless enterprises which make this country the great commercial center of the Western world are compelled to stand and deliver to these highwaymen who rob the Negro of the right to work—go broke, go out of business, or go to Europe.

The Albany strike will have a deteriorating effect upon the business and commercial future of this city. It will throw it back a dozen years or more and will be a warning to men with money to invest in business and manufacturing enterprises to steer clear of a city in which an irresponsible mob may at any moment, for real or imaginary causes, assert its right to dictate terms to employers of labor, and to interfere with the orderly discharge of business involving the loss of thousands of dollars daily to the country and State and to the men who are necessary to their existence. Most of these strikers come from countries in Europe, where starvation wages are paid and would remain in those countries if they could do half as well as they do in America in the matter of wages. Employing capital will ultimately combine against this restless element, and this will precipitate the fiercest and bloodiest and bitterest revolution that this country has even witnessed. All signs point to it and nothing is more surely written in the book of fate than that the irrepressible conflict of the future will be that between capital and labor, and that the Negro, the "stone that the builders rejected" will become the head of the corner—the bulwark of the Republic. "God's purposes are ripening fast," etc.

The fair given under the joint auspices of Philomathian Lodge, G. U. O. of O. F., and the Household of Ruth in the lodge room, 613 Broadway, beginning May 13, was brought to a successful termination on the 17th instant, a neat sum being realized therefrom. The following named persons are the winners of prizes: Mrs. C. E. Lewis, barrel of flour; Mrs. Nunelly, sofa pillow; Miss Emma Johnson, rocker (no contest); Mrs. J. W. Price, center table; Mrs. Carrie Mitchell, parlor lamp; Miss Virginia Lewis, Japanese tea set; Mrs. A. C. Gordon, bureau cover; Miss Bertha Young, manicure set; Mrs. Burwell, pair of shoes; Miss Virginia Lewis, sofa pillow.

The committees in charge are well pleased with the result of their work and with the generous patronage of the public and may at no distant day give their friends another opportunity to show their appreciation of their efforts to please. The music for the five nights was furnished by Prof. C. M. Van Buren, and many availed themselves of the privilege of dancing. The American representative was Punched a number of times by "Colonel" Brent and "Elder" J. W. Price and Dr. Nunelly, and took it all good-naturedly without the aid of a funnel. It was a very enjoyable season of pleasure, which these good ladies and gentlemen provided for their friends and a happy augury for the future success of the second fair of Philomathian Lodge and the Household of Ruth whenever it occurs. It is only fair to state (ahem) that but for the Household it would have been a signal failure—the ladies—God bless 'em—know no such word as fail.

Notes.—Edward B. Irving Esq., has undergone a successful surgical operation and much to the joy of his friends is able to be out again.

Mr. F. W. Taylor is nursing a dose of rheumatism—his old enemy—and his many friends are solicitous about him. It is to be hoped that he will soon be himself again.

The United States Government must have known that the Constitutional Convention, recently assembled in Cuba, could have no authority to act upon the Platt resolution, which is just now disturbing the peace and quietude of the more observant and sensible Cubans, who seem to be able to see the snake's head in the proposition urged by this Government, that the Cuban Constitutional Convention shall ratify

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[Gonzalo De Quesada, Secretary of the Cuban Legation in Washington.]

Senor Quesada, Secretary of the Cuban Legation in Washington, is an orator born. In an article in *The Outlook* for July, 1899, by George Kennan, who heard Quesada speak at the Esteban Theatre, Matanzas, Cuba, he said: "I have seen many audiences under the spell of eloquent speech and in the grip of strong emotional excitement, but I have rarely witnessed such a scene as at the close of Quesada's eulogy upon the dead patriot, Marti." In a letter to *The Peruna Medicine Company*, written from Washington, D. C., Senor Quesada says:

"Peruna I can recommend as a very good medicine. It is an excellent strengthening tonic, and it is also an efficacious cure for the almost universal complaint of catarrh."

Peruna does not operate upon the system as the usual remedy does. It is not a local treatment. It operates as a systemic remedy. It gives tone to the

weakened nerve centers, and thus gives tone to the mucous membranes that line the various organs of the body.

Catarrh is always located in some mucous membrane. Catarrh is a flabby condition of the blood vessels of these membranes. Peruna gives tone to these vessels and restores them to their natural elasticity.

Miss Martha Wittkopp writes from Greenville, Mich., the following: "When I began your treatment I had catarrh of the head, nose, throat, stomach and pelvic organs. I was troubled with hawking and spitting, caught cold very easily, had almost constant headache. My stomach was all out of order, I did not sleep well, and was more tired in the morning than when I retired. I had backache and was very nervous, in fact, the catarrh had permeated my entire system, and I almost despaired of getting well."

"I wrote you for advice and you advised Peruna. I began to gain right along, and am now well. My parents praise Peruna very much. As for myself, I can't speak well enough of it. I am well and happy and enjoy my life as I never have before. I cannot remember when I have felt as well as I do now."

Congressman J. H. Bankhead, of Alabama, one of the most influential members of the House of Representatives, in a letter written

from Washington, D. C., gives his endorsement to the great catarrh remedy, Peruna, in the following words: "Your Peruna is one of the best medicines I ever tried, and no family should be without your remarkable remedy. As a tonic and a catarrh cure I know of nothing better."



Congressman Bankhead, of Alabama.

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the Platt resolution. If this convention does anything of the kind it will have transcended the powers usually vested in a constitutional convention.

Constitutional conventions have no authority to act for the people in these circumstances. This particular constitutional convention, as we understand its object, is to formulate a constitution for the government of the Island of Cuba, and until that constitution is drafted and ratified by the people of Cuba, no government exists in those islands, other than the military government established by the United States, which is a sort of protectorate, and nobody can speak for the people of Cuba except their duly elected representatives in Congress, for which the proposed constitution of those islands will undoubtedly provide. To attempt, therefore, to secure the endorsement or ratification of the Platt resolution by the Cuban people before they have established a constitutional government is to forestall the wishes of the people of that island, who may not subscribe to the provisions of that piece of American legislation.

We do not charge that the United States is attempting to take snap judgment upon these people of Cuba, but we are strongly inclined to the opinion that its hasty action in forcing the issue in the absence of a regularly constituted government in those islands to meet it, is, to say the least, unfair to the Cubans and an insult to their intelligence.

Constitutional conventions have no power to make treaties, grant concessions of land for coaling stations, or to consider any propositions of the character of those embodied in the Platt

resolution. If they do act, their work may be undone by the government which they create. We think the Cubans were foolish in sending a committee from that convention to Washington to confer with the Administration. The Administration could not honorably or legally treat with them, because they were not the duly accredited representatives of an established government. It may be that the Administration fears Negro domination in Cuba and that the Platt joker was intended to nip the movement in the bud.

BRUCE GRIT.

Prof. Council will address Roger Williams University May 15, speak at the Hampton Conference in June, deliver three lectures at the Iowa Chautauquas in August, and will be the principal orator on Negro Day at the Texas State Fair in October. He has declined more than a dozen invitations and has cancelled some engagements in order to give proper attention to Normal.

Some of the best lecturers have been secured for the summer. The course of study laid down for the summer school is quite thorough and letters are daily received from various persons who expect to take advantage of the course. The school opens immediately after our commencement, May 31.

Mr. Paul Laurence Dunbar left the city last Monday for an extended trip West. He will give recitals of his poems in points in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. He is in great demand as a writer and a speaker.

Miss Moten's Good Work.

Miss Lucy Moten is always in evidence when any good can be done for the race. Last week she was actively engaged in collecting funds to aid the sufferers from the Jacksonville, Florida, fire. Among the families receiving substantial assistance through her efforts was that of Rev. J. Milton Waldron, editor of the Florida Evangelist, who loss his entire printing plant. Miss Moten is also at the head of a committee authorized by the Second Baptist Lyceum to take steps to place a corps of instructors in the Maryland field to teach Negro voters how to correctly mark their ballots under the new election law. Miss Moten is a vital force in this community, and Washington owes here a debt that it will not be able to repay in adequate measure. As principal of the Normal School, she has given the institution a national and international reputation, as several educational Journals here and in England will testify.

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