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"ABOUT FACE" SHOULD BE THE COMMAND.

From the New South, Beaufort, S. C.
"We too often go abroad in search of the real enemies of our people and imagine that they are to be found in the ranks of the opposite race only. It is a very grave error to be sure, and one that is doing us infinite harm, for our very first efforts in conquering enemies should be to ascertain who and what they really are. So long as they exist in the imagination only their power for evil will be undisturbed, and they will continue to commit all manner of predatory depredations upon the race and hold back its onward march indefinitely, perhaps. When they are known they may be met in open combat.

No, the real enemies of the Negro race are not without, they are within our own homes, at our very firesides and around our hearthstones, and while our attention is deeply absorbed by the imaginary ones without they are doing their insidious work to our great detriment and serious injury. Failing to make due allowance for actual conditions, we too often assume that this person or that one is an enemy to our race simply because he differs from us in his views of what is best to be done for the good of all. We misjudge his motive because we can not agree with his method in dealing with the questions at issue, and he may be right.

And what is most deeply to be regretted is the fact that it too often happens that many of the worse efforts against the race are apparently made in its highest interest. While magnifying the evils without, we allow greater ones to spring up in our very homes, that sap the life-blood of our people and retard their material advancement for years. Much of the strength of the very best efforts put forth by the real friends of the race for the betterment of our condition has been neutralized by the work of this class of enemies and made of no avail whatever.

The ancient Jews came out of slavery under the immediate guidance of the Almighty himself, besides spending forty years in the wilderness before assuming the responsibilities of maintaining civil government. But the Negro was thrust into freedom and on into all the graver responsibilities involved in the exercise of complete citizenship in this free republic, per saltum, as it were. We hadn't even opportunity to reflect upon the nature and extent of the very grave responsibilities which we were forced to assume through an unavoidable political necessity. The successive steps from slavery to freedom were so radical and rapid that the two conditions of slavery and freedom were necessarily confounded by the majority of our people.

It behooves the thoughtful among us, therefore, to study these conditions closely and carefully and when the proper remedies are discovered, that should be applied, when we are sure of our ground, exercise the necessary courage and persistence and insist that they be applied however unpopular they may be or distasteful to our pride and false notions of the real necessities of the race. Every obligation of race and patriotic interest admonish us to cease our present remissness in this respect and to do our whole duty to our race and country. Continued neglect on this line has wrought serious detriment in the past but will work infinitely more destruction in the future unless we awake to duty."

THE GAZETTE.

Just how we have managed to make THE GAZETTE one of the most powerful and influential newspapers has been a subject of comment among the sham Republicans of this State, but it is a fact that THE GAZETTE is a power in this State and is the accepted organ of the colored people, and is taken in a great measure as a guide in all matters pertaining to their welfare. In the outset, we were beset by the postoffice officials here, for they even went so far as to try to suppress THE GAZETTE by refusing to allow us to pass the paper through the mails at the regular rates allowed by law. This was all instigated by Postmaster Shaffer, but THE GAZETTE is here to stay, and don't you forget it! It is no organ—it is a newspaper. Although Republican in its tenets, it is not blind enough to give unqualified support to every man because he claims to be a Republican.

While we are friends to President Harrison, and shall do all we can to secure his re-election, and election, it must not be taken for granted that we favor all of his appointees in this State; not at all. Mr. Harrison has appointed some men to important positions, by their unpopularity and unworthiness, and we have done more to weaken his administration than if he had appointed Democrats. All of those we opposed, and we shall continue to do so. Furthermore, we shall, when the proper time comes, ask the President to remove these men. They are not for him at heart, and if they could do him no good, but be a hindrance to the country, which will always prove to be the case, it would be a relief to the Administration to remove them.

all such men as Shaffer and John Nichols from office the party in this State would unite and move on to victory—it is in the air already, and all that is necessary to make success doubly sure is to put men on guard who have done something for Republican principles and all will be well. We shall continue to battle on this line if it takes all winter. But, remember, THE GAZETTE shall not ask our enemies for any soap, either. THE GAZETTE is the paper of the people, and we believe the people will sustain it in the future as in the past.

RECOGNITION OF NEGRO WOMAN HOOD IN THE WORLD'S FAIR.

Extract from proceedings of the meeting of Lady Managers of the World's Fair.

A number of ladies spoke most enthusiastically in favor of the recognition of the colored race, and among them were Mrs. Logan and Mrs. Cantrill; the latter especially expressed her deep interest in the race and her desire to use all her powers in their elevation and advancement, and seemed to feel that her long and intimate acquaintance with them gave her peculiar opportunities for helpfulness.

In April, 1891, at the first meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Lady Managers, in conformity with the wishes expressed by the colored women in the report of the committee appointed to confer with them in November, Mrs. Mary Cecil Cantrill, of Kentucky, was appointed to represent the colored people on that committee.

At the second meeting of the Board of Lady Managers, there was a deep interest taken in the colored women. Two decided opinions were held by the ladies; one class held the opinion that they should be treated separately and their exhibit placed by itself; the other, and much larger class, were in favor of no unjust discrimination in color, but favored placing the colored women on the same footing with white women, giving them the same latitude and opportunity. At this meeting affairs were complicated by dissensions among the colored people—two factions had increased to four, and all were clamoring for a national representative. It was impossible to unite them, and but for this a national representative would already have been appointed. In view of these complications, Mrs. Paul, of Virginia, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the work of arousing interest in each of the several States and territories and the District of Columbia, among the colored people, and the best methods to be adopted and pursued therein, be and the same are expressly referred to the lady managers and their alternates in each State and territory, and the District of Columbia, who shall, after consultation with the World's Fair Board thereof, be invested with full power to act, and shall make reports from time to time, of the progress of their work to the president of the Board of Lady Managers.

The evident purport of this decision is clear and unmistakable and shows that each State prefers to look after the interests of her own people without distinction of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

The National Commission have given the Board of Lady Managers the charge of all the interests of women, regardless of color or nationality. They are intensely interested in everything that will tend to promote the interests of women all over the world. They are especially interested in everything that will elevate, ennoble and advance the interests of all women of their own country, and make no discrimination on account of color. The same opportunities that are given white women to show their advancement in all avenues of growth are open to our colored women also. No color line is drawn, consequently there is no suggestion of superiority; they are placed upon a basis of equality. A lady manager has been specially designated to look after their interests. The colored women of every State are urged to organize and lend their valuable aid in bringing out the exhibits of their States, working in harmony with their State Boards. The president of the Board of Lady Managers will see to it that in every State where the lady managers are represented on the State Boards, the colored people shall have every encouragement and most considerate attention. All applications or questions addressed to these ladies will meet with a prompt response.

The Board of Lady Managers would most earnestly urge the leaders of the various factions to sacrifice all ambition for personal advancement and work together for the good of the whole, thus seizing this great opportunity to show the world what marvellous growth and advancement have been made by the colored race and what a magnificent future is before them.

Very truly yours,
SUSAN G. COOKE,
Secretary.

The great Negro convention convenes in this city Wednesday, November 4th. From present indications it will be the largest and most respectable body of Negro men ever gotten together. Their deliberations we hope will be characterized by wisdom and good sense throughout. There is much to be done in the interest of the race that if done rightly, will prove of lasting benefit. Read the many letters from leading men through out the State. Last week we published a long list of names of prominent men endorsing the call for a convention, and this week we publish another large number of letters and cards from our readers.

The convention will be called to order at half past ten o'clock a.m. Wednesday, November 4th. We would suggest that as fast as delegates

are chosen in the different counties their names be immediately sent to the editors of THE GAZETTE so that a carefully prepared roll of delegates can be made out for the benefit of delegates themselves.

EXPOSITION NOTES.

As one passes through the lower floor beneath the grand stand at the Exposition grounds, they at once see one of the most magnificent displays of Negro art and skill that was ever seen in the State.

You will see Secretary Williamson as sprightly as a cat, and jovial to a remarkably degree for him, but is ever watchful and attentive to strangers and all visitors to the great Exposition.

The ladies who have charge of the different departments are ever at their post explaining and giving all attention possible to the many visitors in attendance at the great fair. These are, Mrs. M. Watts, Mrs. Dr. Scruggs, Misses Annie Groves, Fanny Birney, Sallie Tupperman, Annie Hawkins, Mary Hiler, Hannah Collins and Lovie Sanford. The Secretary's office is looked after by Mrs. C. E. Alston and H. S. Christmas. Norfeet Jeffreys is a sort of generalissimo of the whole.

South Carolina is presided over by Miss Prealeau, of that state. Georgia is supervised by Miss Annie Cotton. Florida receives the attentions of Jas. E. Homlin, supervisor, while Master Shepard rattles away on his machine sending out letters in the same way.

The exhibits by the colored people are said to be by everybody superior to that of the whites. Secretary Williamson says that by November 1st the entire hall will be filled with exhibits of every description.

The great parade that is outlined by Secretary Williamson will be one of the most brilliant and imposing demonstrations ever seen in this city. Of course this all depends upon the state of the weather. The parade will take place Thursday, and will leave the city at eleven o'clock sharp that day, November 5th. I shall continue to write as I find time.

NEWS BOX.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

To succeed we must toil. Labor is the secret of all success. Nothing worthy of the doing can be accomplished without it. It is the one great law of progression. He who seeks the attainment of honorable ambition by any other way may as well stop before he begins. This is true in its relation to individuals, and is equally true in respect to races and nations. The great men of the world are those who gave themselves to earnest, persevering, systematic work. The great nations of the earth are those that have worked the hardest. Let us learn this lesson thoroughly well.

We call attention to the communication of the Lady Managers of the World's Fair published in another column. It is the same old fact of the Negro's inability to utilize grand opportunities, by reason of petty personal jealousies and factional divisions. It was ever thus.

The crowded condition of our colored schools would seem to indicate considerable awakening in educational matters. We rejoice in this, and hope to see the interest on the part of the people well sustained. Our teachers, however, are overburdened with work and need relief. It is simply impossible for one teacher to properly care for more than forty pupils. Good work may be done with fifty, or sixty, or eighty, or as some of our teachers have, but this only goes to show how much more efficient the work would be with a reasonable number.

The great Ecumenical Council of Methodism, which has just closed in Washington, was a notable gathering of the leading spirits of every branch of the Methodist family. The natural tendency of such a gathering is in the direction of closer fellowship, more intimate fraternity and organic union. Already the two colored bodies—the A. M. E. church and the Colored M. E. church—have agreed upon plans of organic union. This is as it should be. Let our church folks learn the philosophy of scattered forces and organized powers.

The war on the Farmer's Alliance still continues. The Democratic party has turned its big guns upon the struggling manhood of the country and is determined to destroy their organization if possible. The farmers are making a bold fight, and will not be whistled down. What the issue will be, as yet, problematical.

The display of Negro skill, as presented at the Exposition grounds, need not be taken as representative of the accomplishments of the race in the South. In this we refer to quantity and not to quality. Many of the articles exhibited are of a high order of excellence, and would do credit to any people. The hall, however, should have been crowded with such productions. Just why such is not the case we cannot say.

At the present writing, it is reasonably certain that the Republicans will gain great victories in New York, Ohio and Massachusetts in the coming election. In each State they have put forward their best and most brilliant leaders, and they have called forth an enthusiasm which is a most pleasant suggestion of the final result.

The temperance white people have issued a call, numerously signed, for a great State Convention, to assemble in Raleigh November 19th. Just what the plan of action is to be we know not. We have always been a strict prohibitionist and are willing to fight on that line to-day. We have but little faith in any other treatment of the question. Our ballots must go with our prayers.

THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS.

This fall elections will come off in several northern and western states, and there is almost as much excitement over the result thereof as in a presidential year. The principle States where the heaviest fighting is going on, is in New York, Ohio and Iowa, with chances in all of them favoring Republican success. But of this we await the returns.

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