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RIGHT-DOING is right-living.

THE best way to make friends is to be friendly.

THE Mayor of Alexandria, Va. should be impeached.

So long as we are ostracized as a race we must insist upon recognition for the same reason.

THE southern white man will yet be our staunchest advocate Let us continue to study how to handle him.

COLORED men have race-pride Plead the cause of your oppressed people. Do right and fear not.

DARK days have come to us and we endure them by thinking of those fraught with sunshine.

WE ask no special favors of the white people of this country Our plea is to be given a chance.

CAN any one tell us why Rev. W. W BROWNE wanted to reach his persimmon pole over in our Lack yard?

MONEY is scarce. Some folks seemed to have thought that the government would issue it out after Mr McKINLEY took his seat.

THE Mayor of Alexandria should be exhibited as a curiosity. Perjury is a light offense with him. Cowardice is an abiding quality.

IT is nearing the time when a man's friendship for us as race cannot be guaged by either his politics or his religion. It is well to remember this.

IT is a pity that "secret" meetings are held with the windows open, doors open, and the speaker talking so as to be heard a block away.

PARENTS, teach your children good-manners. It is the polish that will distinguish a race and help it to win its way in the battle of life.

IT will not do for us to be insulting to white people because they are white. They cannot help their color and we must act gentlemanly and lady like under all circumstances

THE love for mankind as a whole is better exercised after you have looked after the interests of that portion of it located between your front steps and your back gate.

THE Portland, Ore, NEW AGE complains of discrimination there on account of color so far as the Democratic officials are concerned. It should continue to rod them and spare not.

THE Atlanta, Ga., SOUTHERN AGE is making a bold fight for recognition so far as the citizen of color is concerned. It is right in its contention, and should continue to "cry aloud and spare not"

BROTHER BROWNE'S coat-tails were "cutting a pigeon's wing" on the rostrum at the True Reformers Hall, Friday night. Another suit would no doubt make him step from bench to bench,

LET us be for the Negro first, last and all the time to the end that he may be educated religiously, industrially, morally, financially, socially, and thus be fitted to take his place among the best people of the earth.

COLORED men, should see to it that their people are defended. With proper organization at Alexandria, the life of Joseph McCOY could have been saved, and the honor of the city of Alexandria upheld

BOURBON Negro-haters are being rapidly planted on the hill-side. Men of liberal ideas are in our midst. Let us pray for our white friends, and do what we can to have them realize that we appreciate favors vouchsafed us.

The talk about colored men organizing for the purpose of lynching LACEY at Alexandria was a serious hoax. Our people are law-abiding to such an extent at times that they are inactive when they should have been forward in upholding the law.

WHENEVER we ask that a colored man be appointed to office, it is drawing the color line. Whenever the offices are filled and only white men are appointed it is drawing some other kind of a line Such is the reasoning of the critic.

No man is the True Reformers has been more tireless and faithful in defending Rev BROWNE in any position which he chose to assume, than Hon JOHN H. SMYTH. That he should publicly castigate him now is in keeping with his past record JOHNSON, MONROE, BURRELL, BANKS, PHILIPS, GRAHAM, MITCHELL, GERST and a host of others have been similarly treated and those around him are submitting to a condition as galling as slavery, and well-nigh as unbearable. When will the end come?

THE Greeks have been worsted in their encounters with the Turks. A few more such defeats as that experienced at Larissa, and the way will be open for the occupation of Athens and the dictation of peace upon the steps of her forum. Greece disregarded the advice of the Powers and invited war As the case now stands, the very nations she ignored can alone save her from complete subjugation and virtual annihilation.

THE dedication of the mausoleum to the distinguished hero, patriot and statesman ULYSSES S. GRANT, caused all eyes to turn to Riverside Park, New York.

As a soldier, he was one of the greatest the world has ever seen His record is made, and a nation hastens to do honor to the man who made it possible that the government might live.

None but the prejudiced will deny to him that praise to which he is justly entitled. His name is enshrined in the hearts of the people and generations yet unborn will rise up and call him blessed.

Beside the placid Hudson, he will sleep on until the end of time. Humanity mourned his death and the world pays homage at his tomb.

MR. CLEVELAND'S UTTERANCES.

THE speech of ex-President CLEVELAND delivered at the dinner of the Reform Club of New York, Saturday, April 24th, was a ringing cause to the divided hosts of Democracy, and intended as a severe rebuke to the Republican plan for the relief of the government.

Guaged by its tone, one would conclude, that in Mr CLEVELAND alone was combined the hope of his party for the future and that the possibility of his being its standard bearer in 1900 is not at all remote.

Mr. CLEVELAND is bitterly opposed to an increase of the tariff duties How then are we to raise sufficient revenue for the support of the government? He would have us tinker with the financial question, but that seems to have adjusted itself, inasmuch as the gold reserve remains above the limit set by the government.

Mr. CLEVELAND should recognize the change for the better and give the friends of sound finance and good government a chance. Mr. McKINLEY and a Republican Congress will redeem the pledges made to the people.

THE LYNCHING AT ALEXANDRIA.

Almost within the shadow of the capitol at Washington, within a few minutes ride of the official residence of the President of the United States and the halls of Congress, with Virginia militia as spectators, and the United States troops a few steps away, a murderous mob, composed of men who knew better on Friday, April 23, 1897, took from the station-house at Alexandria, Va., the crouching, trembling form of JOSEPH McCOY and hanged him to a lamp-post.

This act was in violation of the laws of Virginia and the statutes of the United States. It was murder pure and simple and as it was premeditated, executed with precision, it was murder in the first degree.

Every citizen, white or black, young or old who took part in this disgraceful proceedings is as guilty of as heinous a crime as the one with which McCOY stood charged.

It lessens his responsibility, even if proven to be true in as much as it goes to show that the murdered youth was a product of the community in which he lived, the majority of which stood ready to commit any crime including murder.

The damage to the city of Alexandria is incalculable, in that it places that community before the world as a city of lawlessness, where officials disregard their oaths of office and without warrant or excuse suspend the law.

What must be thought of a people who would elect such material to office? It shows that the city government is rotten to the core.

The crime with which McCOY stood charged forms no part of the contention. No law-abiding citizen would hesitate in the performance of the duty to see the laws executed. If the prisoner were guilty, there were men in Alexandria to see that he was legally punished.

It was thought that the colored youth had violated one of the statutes; it is known that certain persons have been guilty of the same crime.

The Mayor of the city bid the guilty go free. The militia was not called upon and the officers of the commonwealth defied.

The state which objected to Federal interference and refused to call upon the President for United States troops now finds within its confines a city which is pursuing the same policy,

Gov. O'FERRALL deprecates the outrage. He is sworn to "take care that the laws are faithfully executed." The Mayor of Alexandria has disregarded his sworn obligations The lawless elements have trampled upon the statutes of the commonwealth, His Excellency knows of these facts What steps will he take in the premises? What investigation of the circumstances will he institute? Will a reward be offered for the murderers? Will the guilty parties be arraigned before a court of law, where the stigma placed upon them by the better class of citizens can rest, and the guilty ones pointed out?

The eyes of the world are upon our Governor. The proximity of the outrage to Washington has attracted national attention, What will be done about it? Our Governor is courageous, He is fearless in the performance of a duty. The way is plain What will the answer be?

Alexandria's Mistake

[Richmond, Va, Daily Times.]

The people of Alexandria had great provocation, but it was a serious mistake to bring reproach upon their city by resorting to mob violence. Mob violence is always demoralizing, and Alexandria might have had such a horror as Roanoke had under similar circumstances a few years ago, had the military made a firm stand against the mob The Negro who had been arrested and imprisoned for the outrageous crime, had made a full confession, and it was a simple matter for him to have been tried and condemned in court and executed according to law. We can see no good end whatever that has been accomplished by the lynching of this Negro that would not have been better accomplished by letting the law take its course. The Negro was hung. The mob could have done no more than take his life. The law would have done no less, and had he been executed by law, the warning would have been more seriously impressed on the community.

Rev. J. W. Pickett Outraged.

(Nashville, Tenn, Citizen)

Last Monday evening's Banner announced that Dr J. W Pickett, pastor of St. John's A. M. E Church, had gone on a tour in the interest of the Centennial, working up exhibitions and excursions; the railroads would derive benefits also. But Dr. Pickett was so outraged by railroad men before the train pulled out that he not only did not go, but severed his connection with the Centennial. The outrage was on this wise: Dr. Pickett was directed to the end of the jim-crow, used exclusively as a smoker for the whites The conductor ordered him out, and on his refusal to go, called two policemen, who dragged him out. He stepped on the platform and was enjoying a cigar, when he was ordered to get on the other end next to the engine. This he refused to do; the train was in motion, the cord was pulled as the train slowed up, and the policemen were on the scene again. Dr Pickett then left the train and refused to go.

Colored people have no place to smoke on the trains. This is the first fruit of the Centennial as to Ham; and still there is more to follow on these roads.

FROM HARTFORD

Personals and Notes in General.

HARTFORD CONN., April 26, '97.

Miss M. Ida Hawley, who has been spending the winter in North Carolina, has returned.

Mr. E. D. Wilson and Mr. Robert Jones, who have been at Tampa Bay, Florida, the past winter have returned.

Prof. Marshall L. Carr is suffering with tonsillitus and has been confined to his bed for several days.

Mr. Thomas Taylor had a conjective chill last Wednesday and is in a very critical condition

Miss Bessie Taylor spent a few days at Florence, Mass., last week.

Celestial Lodge, number 2093, Grand United Order of Odd Fellows will have their annual Thanksgiving sermon preached by the Rev J. W. Anderson at the Union Baptist Church, Wooster street. All members are requested meet in the vestry of the Church at 7:15 p m

Mrs. L. Holmes, of 25 Walcott street was removed to the hospital last Friday, where she will have an operation for oppendatures.

Mr Clarence Daniels, of Walcott street has purchased a bicycle.

The furniture etc., belonging to the ex-Second Seprate Company, which the state disbanded last year is stored away in the state arsenal, and if the members of the company don't get together and decide what to do with it, it may be sold for storage.

The Ladies Sewing Circle of the A M E. Zion Church held a very successful Apron Bazaar three nights last week.

Mr. Thomas Brooks, who was on the sick list last week is able to be about but is quite weak.

Mr E. S. Cambridge was out in the front yard of his residence last Sunday for the first time in three months. His father, Capt, Cambridge says he expects to take him out for a drive next Sunday, if it is pleasant.

Mrs Horace Holden, of Winsor, was in the city Sunday.

Mrs. B. Christian is feeling much better.

Mr. William Herb, who is at the hospital is no better.

Boldens drum corp will meet next Wednesday, May 5th, at 7:45 p m to practice for their trip to Boston May 31st.

Celestial Lodge, Odd Fellows, meets next Tuesday night.

The Cuban Giants were defeated by the Hartfords last Saturday. Score,

All notes for this column will be published if left at the office of the Richmond "Planet," 209 Pearl street, not later than Sunday 6 p m.

The Ladies Auxiliary Sumner Club, number 1, had their annual sermon preached at the A. M. E Zion Church last Sunday by Rev L H Taylor. The Auxiliary club is the largest club in the state and is progressing very rapidly under the leadership of Mrs I. Murphy Jackson, their affable president. The Rev L. H Taylor was at his best and did justice to the auxiliary and himself.

The officers of this noble society are as follows:—Mrs. D Murphy Jackson, president; Mrs. James Jackson, vice-president; Mrs. William Fuller, secretary; Mrs. Joseph Robinson, treasurer.

Mr Robert McCombs and his charming bride arrived Saturday from Charleston, South Carolina, via New York city. Mrs. McCombs is a very affable young lady, and was welcomed to the capitol city by a large delegation of Mr. McCombs' friends. We wish the bridge and groom a long and successful life.

A grand concert will be given at Shiloh Baptist Church Thursday evening May 31st. Mr. George Debaptist, Mr J. J Williams, of New Britain, and Mrs. E. L Peters, of New Bedford and others are to appear.

The manager of the Hartford baseball team kept back $32 00 of the Cuban Giants money from last Saturdays game, because they failed to be in town on Friday to play a game of baseball The Cubans were delayed at Albany and could not make connections They telegraphed the manager of the Hartford team that they could not reach here in time to play and he had his team to play a game at Springfield, but kept their money because they could not get here. Is this justice?

Mr. Levi Harder is out again.

Miss Dimple Edwards is improving very rapidly.

Rev L H. Taylor leaves this city May the 3d for the Conference.

The Baptist Conference will convene in this city in June.

Mr Samuel Johnson, who has been suffering with blood poison is able to use his troubled hand

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