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## OUR WEEKLY REVIEW.

THE COLORED PRESS REVIEWED. PAPERS EDITED BY NEGROES. LEGITIMATE AND ILLEGITIMATE JOURNALISM. WHO THE REPRESENTATIVES ARE. NEWS PAPER SHARKS, BLACK MAILERS, & HOW SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES ARE SWINDED. NEGRO AND WHITE EDITORS COMPARED.

The subject of this week's review is Negro journalism. It has been a question of grave consideration among the more fortunate of the American people, whether Negroes are capable of editing newspapers. Having followed this business for the last 10 years, we shall make a review of a few papers, edited by Negro men and compare them with those edited by white men. We shall first consider the

NEW YORK FREEMAN edited by Mr. T. Thomas Fortune. This paper is conducted upon a high basis, and the editor shows tact and ability, but lacks one thing and that is a line of policy. The mistake of the *Freeman* was at the beginning when the editor declared his independence, which meant to criticize both parties but soon was found in the republican camp. An independent journal is sworn to no party. Take for instance the *Evening Star* of this city, which is a good comparison of independent journalism. Mr. Fortune is a brilliant writer and his only fault is a line of policy. The

CLEVELAND GLOBE edited by Mr. Pulies, can be placed among the most successful editors of the race. His paper contains less "nigger" trash than any edited by colored men. The editor is fearless, but refined in resenting wrongs against the race. This paper can be classed among the legitimate journalism. The correspondents are unlike many who write for colored papers. There is a difference between an editorial correspondent and a newspaper correspondent. Some Negroes will not write, unless they are classed as editorial correspondents. Of all our exchanges we have failed to notice and editorial correspondent, but many assume the title. The

NEW YORK ENTERPRISE, Baltimore Record, Louisiana Standard and Western Appeal are what we call apologies for legitimate journalism. These papers are after the spoils and cheap notoriety. *Martinet of the Standard*, is well known in the political ruts of Louisiana; the Record editor wants a place under the democrats, a pretended colored democrat. The Enterprise man displays the same ignorance on the stage as he does in his paper. He is not to be compared with Fortune who edits the *Freeman* in the same state. The

AMERICAN BAPTIST is edited by Prof. W. J. Simmons of Louisville, Ky. It is the relig-

ious journal connected with the Press association and a paper which the race respect. Prof. Simmons is an educated man and possesses a thorough knowledge of journalism. The Christian Recorder of Philadelphia is next in order, but it still hangs to fogymism by the introduction of uninteresting matter from Bro. Jones and sister Sarah. The

MEMPHIS WATCHMAN is a representative Southern journal. It is not so much after the spoils, but looking more after the interests of the race. The

ATHENS BLADE, edited by Hon. W. A. Pledger, is perhaps, the most fearlessly edited paper in the South. Pledger is a politician of the first water and while he is for the Negro, all the time he is for Pledger. The

CLEVELAND GAZETTE, edited by H. C. Smith, is a well conducted paper, but he displays too much personal feeling against his contemporaries. It is about to fall into a degenerated rut. The man who was the Washington correspondent is well known in this city. His correspondence is full of abuse and tends more to blackmail reputable people. The editors' criticism against its contemporary the *Globe* is illegitimate and full of jealous spleen. The *Globe* is superior in its make up and subject matter. The

GATE CITY PRESS is far from being a newspaper. It is a personal organ to keep the editor and managers of the paper in the public schools of Kansas City, Mo. The

CHICAGO CONSERVATOR is conducted upon the principle of the *Cleveland Globe*. The editor, A. Clark, is a dignified and logical writer. He is an honorable journalist and is an honor to colored journalism. The *Chicago Observer* published in the same state, has no fixed principles. A few months ago, the editor of that paper, A. F. Brady was a republican, and was converted from republicanism to conservatism after the democratic party got possession of the government. Such editors are dangerous to the race to which they claim identification. An editor for self aggrandizement, or with a hope of obtaining an office, changes his politics, is looked upon with suspicion. In our criticism, let it be understood that we mean no personal reflection on the editors. We believe that the editor of the

LITTLE ROCK SUN is conscientious in what he does, but there are grounds to look up on him with suspicion. We are led to conclude that he has a grievance against the republican party or some republican who has failed to give him recognition. It is not every man who declares for his race, that is sincere. While the *Sun* is well edited, we believe the editor is afflicted with that dreadful monster, jealousy and vain ambition.

THE DETROIT PLAINDEALER is an advance in colored journalism. It also diverts at times to petty arguments, especially when its opponent gets the better of it. This is not a fault which cannot be remedied. It is a reliable and well edited paper as we have said. Negro journals, as a rule differ materially from journals edited by white men, with but few exceptions. Negro editors can always see the wrongs done the race by men of color, but seldom condemn the wrongs done the race by their white oppressors. We often see the majority of our papers silent, when they should speak; they are often controlled by official power. Mr. Fortune of the *Freeman* is far above such. He strikes whenever duty and necessity demand it. He is a success as a journalist. He handles men and measures as they should be, and all that is deficient is a line of policy. If he is an independent he should not be allied to any party, but to the people. We admire Fortune, he is superior to those who have endeavored to traduce him. The colored press has not reached the degree of perfection in journalism. Colored

editors as a rule get jealous, if another of their race starts a paper in the same town or city. White men don't manifest such a spirit.

We are determined in a few years, to make the *Bee* reach that perfection in journalism. We have received more encouragement than from the colored. It is said that the Anglo Saxons are opposed to colored journals, this is not true. We believe when Negro journalism in this country shall have reached a standard of respectability and independence, the white race will be the first to aid them. We have a population in this country of 7,000,000 and it is folly to assert that 100 papers edited by Negroes cannot be supported by so many people.

There are certain correspondents in this city connected with Negro papers, who defraud members of congress and senators. They make all kinds of representations to them to obtain a donation for the paper they claim to represent. So obnoxious have these newspaper sharks been, that they are watched and not allowed to be around the Capitol. Not long since one of these blackleg correspondents blackmailed Hon. Fred. Douglass, because that gentleman refused to introduce him to President Hayes. This same correspondent attempted to blackmail Ex register Bruce, because that gentleman refused to endorse a note for him; but judge Tarbell, who is a kind hearted man and a republican, after listening to the appeals of this shark and ex-penitentiary convict endorsed the note. What was the result? The note went to protest, thus defrauding this gentleman out of his money. We advise our editors to be careful who they select as their correspondents. There are men in this city who are a disgrace to colored journalism. Members of Congress and senators have almost lost faith in some of our newspapers on account of such men. In our next we shall give a more explicit review of our Negro editors, their prejudices and discriminations.

## FRENCH FUN.

A French lady who was unfortunately a little deaf, but a good hand at a bargain, enters a shop "How much is that?" "Seven francs." "Sixteen francs? I'll give you fifteen." "Seven francs, madame," insisted the honest clerk. "Oh! seven! then I'll give you five!"

In a police court. *Magistrate:* You say you were an eyewitness of the assault? *Witness:* An eye-witness? I should say so. Just look at my left "peeper."

An English actor, Charles Matthews, being one evening in the front of the house, and seeing a gentleman putting on his coat preparatory to leaving, exclaimed, "I beg pardon, sir, but there is still another act."

"Which is precisely the reason," replied the other, "why I'm going."

Two old misers, one seventy and the other eighty years of age, fell into a dispute as to which was the more economical.

"The proof," said the former, "that you have no idea of saving is, that during the half hour we have been arguing, a fly in your suga bowl has been having a feast and you have not taken the trouble to drive it away."

"And the proof that I am far more saving than you, and that nothing escapes me," retorted his aged opponent, "is that I leave that insect in my suga-bowl on purpose. He acts as my spy. Whenever I come home and find the fly gone I am perfectly sure that the cook has been stealing sugar."

A gentleman entered a telegraph office— "I beg pardon, but as I was coming along this afternoon I saw myriads of flies settled on your wires. Can you suggest any explana-

tion of the phenomenon?" "About what time was it, sir?" "About four o'clock." "Ah! that accounts for it, that's the time I send the quotation for sugar and honey."

A conversation between two ladies at a funeral.

"You have no idea, dear Madame B, how much I sympathize with you. The loss of a husband like yours, so intelligent, so good, so devoted to his family—"

"Ah! yes! poor Ernest. He was indeed a model husband. And then such a calamity is always a heavy one, for, however amiable No. 1 may have been, you know, we are powerless to predict how No. 2 is going to turn out."—*Tid Bit.*

## FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

### WE AGREE.

The Republican party will never change its principles, and we would not have it to do so. But for the Lord's sake change the so-called leaders, who change things at their own option, if you would have the party to succeed.—*Memphis Watchman.*

### JUST THE THING.

The Convention should wipe out all of its impurities and correct all of its wrongs. We know but little about the workings of the Convention, as we never have had the pleasure of attending one. The able editors on the question of labor should frame resolutions that will prove a benefit to the Negro.—*Lynchburgh Laborer.*

### NO USE.

The Democratic monster is still crowding about Cleveland's victory over Blaine, but the Republican baroncles are still making their monthly raids on the Treasury. They can keep us out of the offices, but they can't silence our game cocks, thank heaven.—*Free Press, (Dem.)*

### CAN'T DO BETTER.

The going on between Douglass, Langston and Downing puts us in mind of a lot of garrulous old women. The first has a "key note," the second has a "congressional bee" in his bonnet and the other strikes like a "blind rattlesnake." Our big men should unite against a common enemy and not "chaw" each other's ear.—*American Baptist.*

### DON'T BACK WATER.

We are warned by the whites of Okolona, Miss., not to take up each other's cause in the South, if we would escape the fate the Carrollton blacks. We are glad to see the battle for the right go on, although being at the front, "our dead and wounded myriads;" and our moral and financial status is greatly maligned by our oppressors. Our folks express great appreciation for the *GLOBE*, and admire its stalwart sentiments. Long may it live as the exponent of the Negro's rights.—Private correspondence to the editor of the *GLOBE*.—*Cleveland Globe.*

### GIVE THEM A CHANCE.

Three colored Democrats of this city are demanding recognition on the Democratic ticket—Messrs. Turner, Mahoney (of convention fame) and Robbins. Turner bases his claim to the nomination because of his influence with the "boodle element." Mahoney asks it because of his long service in the cause of Democracy and because of his wonderful gift in calling "conventions." "Why," he exclaims, "I was a Democrat when it was dangerous for a colored man to be a Democrat." Dr. Robbins, who "went over" when victory had perched itself on the Democratic banner, wants it because of the glory and money in it, and, like the other two, because he thinks he could be elected.—*Indianapolis World.*