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To Our Patrons.

We do not exaggerate when we say that the cordiality with which The Leader has everywhere been received and the substantial encouragement of our friends, white and colored, have gone far beyond our first anticipations. We have faithfully tried to make a newspaper worthy the confidence and support not only of the people of our own race, but of our friends throughout the land. We have pledged our sacred honor, and we will keep our word, to devote our time, our money and the best energies of our lives to this enterprise, to the end that the equality and universal brotherhood of man shall be establishd. As a business enterprise The Leader has thus far been eminently successful. We have paid cash for everything, and The Leader can proudly look the whole world in the face and say she owes not any man. The measure of our success in the future must depend upon the patronage of our friends.

We know that our salvation lies in making a good newspaper and keeping out of debt. To this end we ask our friends to aid us by a liberal patronage and prompt payments. Every colored man in the land, and especially in Indiana, should aid in the permanent establishment of this enterprise as an entering wedge to the business and literary world. Every white friend of our race should aid us in this honest effort for the moral and intellectual elevation of our people. This aid can be effectively extended by sending to The Leader a cash subscription. Only a trifling sacrifice is required, and with many, especially of our white friends, the price of our subscription would be no sacrifice at all, while the combined aid of many would be to The Leader a permanent endowment. If any see this who have not subscribed for The Leader, subscribe at once, and let every subscriber secure another, and then good work will go go forward to a glorious triumph.

The Republican State Convention, of Indiana, has been called to meet in Indianapolis, on the 25th of February, 1880.

Let the people hurry up our petition to the governor, so that Indiana may not much longer be disgraced by the imprisonment of a man for marrying a white woman.

We are glad to note the appointment of Hon. John C. New as chairman of a committee to invite the National Republican convention to assemble in this city. The appointment is an eminently fit one. Mr. New never does things by halves, and mark our words, he'll "fetch" that convention.

William R. Davis, business agent of the "Progressive American," a newspaper published in the interest of the colored people of New York, was refused admittance to the matinee performance at the Grand Opera house in New York City. Mr. Davis is spoken of by the New York Tribune as being a black man, well-dressed, good looking, intelligent and well educated. Civil and criminal proceedings have been instituted in the U. S. Court against the proprietors, who will undoubtedly be made to feel the strong arm of the law.

Hayti.

Frank Leslie's of last week contained a fine picture of General Solomon, the new President of Hayti. Gen. Solomon has just announced his cabinet, which gives general satisfaction. He appears to be a man of excellent sense. His advice to the young men of Hayti could be taken with profit by a good many young men in the United States, the acme of whose ambition is to hold an office.

He says that Hayti is ruined by too much politics—that young men are trying to hold offices who ought to hold the plough. The young men of Hayti, and of our own country as well, should know that there is a thousand fold more happiness in the business and professional vocations of life than in office holding.

A Question for Editors and Newspaper Writers.

We would like to ask the newspaper men of this country, why it is that they write the words Irish, Indian, German, Spanish, Chinese, Hawaian, and the like, with an initial capital letter, and then drop down to a small n when they write the word Negro? Why do you do this? Is there any sensible reason for it? Is it not borrowed from the vocabulary of the slaver, the overseer and the kidnapper? Is it not a part of the systematic effort made in the days of slavery to utterly and completely brutalize the Negro race in this country? You write the words cattle, horse, dog and negro all alike, so far as capitals are concerned. If an immigrant, however is made a watchman, your reporters inform us that an Irish, German, orScandinavian gentleman received an appointment to the police force—you get in the capital every time.

Finally, we would like to ask you if such a method of spelling the word Negro in your papers won't have the tendency to belittle us in the eyes of the ignorant rabble, who are barely able to read. All who go to school only a few years are taught that proper names, such as the names of cities, counties, nations and races begin with capital letters; and when they take up your papers, they find this to be the case until the Negro is reached, when they find him dished up without the use of a capital This naturally begets a feeling of contempt towards our race in the minds of the ignorant. As Editor Harding, of the Herald, is gaining a national reputation as a word critic, we should like to hear his opinion on this matter.

The Exodus.

Last Saturday a car load of immigrants from North Carolina passed through the city en route for Greencastle. A reporter of The Leader visited and interviewed them at the union depot. They are all farmers from the vicinity of Goldsborough. They are a fine looking set of men, of more than average intelligence. They have no desire to locate in the cities, but wish to get into the country where they can find employment with the prospect of being able in a short time to purchase homes. They all tell the same story of the fraud, persecution and brutal treatment to which they are subjected in the South. No candid man who talks with these people and mingles with them, can believe any of the stories of colonization so industriously circulated by Democratic papers and politicians. These people are not the paupers and riff-raff of the Southern cities. They are the industrious farmers and laborers from the country—the very bone and sinew of the land. Many of them have money and property at home. One of the immigrants above mentioned had about two hundred and fifty dollars, and others sums varying from twenty five to a hundred and fifty.

Indiana needs such men to develop her resources, and it is strange that men of pretended intelligence will allow a blind prejudice to put them in opposition to a movement that must tend greatly to the material wealth and prosperity of the State. These people leave the South because they are defrauded and robbed of their honest earnings, denied their political rights, and otherwise brutally used by the semi-barbarous whites of the South. They come to Indiana because they can find employment with honest employers, and human treatment in civilized communities. Let them come, and let all good citizens lend a helping hand to the honest effort these poor people are making to better their condition and make a future for their children.

The New York Sun, a leading Democratic paper, brought down upon its devoted head the anathemas of the Democratic press throughout the land because it truthfully said, after the elections, that the Democratic party appeared to be finished. For the life of us we can not see why they should abuse the Sun so for this remark, unless it is a criminal offense for a Democratic paper to tell the truth. Of course it is not customary for them to do so; but when one of them, overcome by the mortification and chagrin of defeat, lets slip a little gem of truth, we don't like to see it crucified. In fact we will not stand by and see it done without a protest, which we hereby record.

Congress convenes on Monday next, and the yawp of the brigadier will be abroad in the land.

And still The Leader booms. Send in your subscriptions and augment the "boom."

True of Indiana, and Kansas, Too.

The more ignorant negroes were deluded by the most cruel falsehoods. They were told that friends, employment, lands, awaited their arrival in Kansas.—Sentinel.

And they were told the truth. Those who went to Kansas found generous friends, who received them kindly and cared for their wants. They found the employment promised, and many have already secured homes.

In Indiana, laborers are in great demand. We do not need mechanics so much as we do farmers and laborers. In city and country, there is a great demand for women and girls to do house work. This demand is particularly presssng among the farmers in many localities, who find it difficult, and often impossible, to secure sufficient help to do the house work. Our friends in the South, who wish to become citizens of Indiana, need pay no attention to the mad ravings of Democratic papers and politicians.

In another column we publish a report of the permanent organization of an association for the relief of any destitute immigrants who may come to this State. Rev. Wm. C. Trevan is president of the association, and Mr R. B. Bagby chairman of the executive committee. The entire committee is composed of gentlemen who have the confidence of the community in the highest degree; and should they appeal to the public for aid in caring, temporarily, for those poor people who are fleeing from a land of persecutors and assassins, we know their appeal will meet with a liberal response from the good people of Indianapolis.

Apropos of the Nelson Petition.

About a year ago John C. Tinsley, a citizen of Virginia, went to Washington, D. C., and married a white woman Upon his return to Virginia he was arrested for the offense, convicted, and sentenced to the penitentiary. The colored people interested themselves in the matter, and carried the case to the Supreme Court of the United States. On Tuesday last, they were gratified to learn that Chief Justice Waite had granted a writ of error to the Court of Appeals of Virginia.

Indiana Democrats oppose the immigration of industrious colored laborers from the South, and Missouri Democrats are equally hostile to the immigration of white people from New England and other Northern States. The same brutal, unmanly and unpatriotic spirit governs in both cases. Democratic politicians care far less for the material interests of the State, than they do for the supremacy of the worst political organization that ever cursed any land.

The campaign of 1880 was opened at Columbia, South Carolina the other day, by the assination of William Nix, brother of the postmaster at Blackville, who was shot in the back some time ago, by a Blackville Democrat.The Northern Democrats are dededly opposed to such an early opening of the campaign, but Southern blood is hot, and chivalry must have employment.

The conquering hero comes! Remember, that on the 9th of December Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, the patriot, soldier and statesman will be the guest of Indianapolis and the Hoosier State. Let the whole State turn out, and give him the grandest welcome ever recorded!

Another revolution is brewing in Mexico. The bugles of war are being sounded, and in a few days, or weeks at most, the papers will teem with the bloody carnage and rapine desolation, for which the people of that country are noted.

Work that a white man would do for a dollar, the pauper Negro would be required to perform for a quarter of that amount.—Sentinel.

You are mistaken. He left the South on account of such treatment as that.

One of these importations confessed that he had no money.—Sentinel.

He thought you wanted to borrow it.

Thanksgiving was observed yesterday, by services in most of the churches, and entertainments in the evening.

Not a Negro has a dollar to save him from perishing.—Sentinel.

That is a lie.

Colored Soldiers' Reunion.

KOKOMO, Ind., Nov. 17, 1879.

Editor Leader—I heartily concur with your article in last week's paper concerning a reunion of colored soldiers, and would suggest an annual meeting of colored solders at such time and place as an executive committee might direct. I would suggest the calling of a small number of soldiers together at once to form an executive committee, to make arrangements for a grand reunion of colored soldies, to be held at Indianapolis as early in the spring as possible. It should be announced as early as possible, so that everybody will have ample time to make arrangements to come to the Hoosier capital and have a good time. When the committee is formed, it should prepare an interesting programme, assigning each man his duty, so that he may prepare for it. Hoping to hear from others upon the same subject, I remain

Yours, J. A. BRABOY.

Terre Haute News.

Scat, you sk——Q. Cumber!

Israel Price has gone to Nokomis, Ills.

Mrs. Aaron Roberts, of Otter Creek, is quite sick.

The much-talked of "partition" of Turkey occurred Thursday.

Mrs. Lou. Purry, of Vincennes, is visiting relatives in this city.

C. A. Washington addressed the church aid society Monday evening.

Who touches a hair of yon gray head (Non Dum's). dies like a dog! March on!

They call him happy John Lewis now, because he is the father of a beautiful, bouncing girl.

Mrs. Amanda Lore has returned to the city from Troy, O., the home of her father, G. C. Greene, Esq.

My dear country cousin, Q. Cumber, please come over and see me, and I will endeavor to make it warm for you while you stay.

Rev, Mallachi Anderson occupied the pulpit at the Baptist church last Sunday evening, and preached an able and interesting sermon.

Mrs. Maria Price has returned from Indianapolis, and has taken a house on Moffat street, where she and her husband and daughter will reside.

Mrs. Mary Fauver, of Greene county, was in the city last Sunday. She and her husband, Mr. George Fauver, expect to move to Worthington soon.

Miss Carrie Hill, of Indianapolis, and her brother, James Roberts, of Lost Creek, were in the city recently on their return from Chicago. While here they visited the colored school.

The compositor who sets up the word Irish with an initial capital I, and right afterwards puts the word Negro in shape with a small n, ought to have his head shampooed with a capital C(lub).

It's a hydrogen gas works I keep, is it, Mr. Non Dum? Well, now, just wait till I turn it loose on you, old man, and you will think it is a powder magazine or a forty thousand horse power steam engine. Just wait.

I have been scalped so much here of late that I begin to feel a vacancy on top of my head. In order, however, to forestall any and all punsters, I desire to state that there is no vacancy on the inside. The "goneness" is all confined to the outer surface.

Some nights ago as I lay dreaming of "suckers" and how to catch them, the following beautiful and original thought flashed through my mind like a meteor athwart the skies. I give it verbatim et literatim as its spit essence left its impression on my memory: "Lay on, valorous Q Cumber MacDuff! and coward be who next time (clandestinely) cries hold, enough!" Q. C. will discern the point.

There was a very fine entertainment at the methodist church Thanksgiving evening. Speeches were made by J. H. Lott, R. C. Greere and E. R. Bagby. There was also some very fine singing by Mrs. Mezick, Miss Howard, Mrs. Rochell, J. Sims, Esq, and others. There was a festival also at the Baptist church. The M. H. and B ball came off on Thursday evening according to programme, and was a fine affair.

The Saturday Courier, of this city, Jno. O. Hardesty, editor, is one of the best weekly newspapers published in the state. It was started under very discouraging circumstances, but under the able management of Mr. Hardesty it has been successfully placed on a paying basis, and has done a herculean work towards reuniting and rebuilding the Republican party in this county. Long may the Courier banner wave with Hardesty at the helm and the name of U. S. G. at the masthead.

Q. Cumber quotes the assertion of an Irishman that the best way to kill a skunk is not to beat him to death, but let him alone and he will kill himself, and wants to know what I think about it. Well, Q. C., "me darlint," having duly pondered over this all-important matter, I have arrived at the conclusion that the son of Erin was about right. I was just getting my gun and fowling-piece in readiness to go a gunning for you, but since hearing Pat's learned opinion as to the best way of securing your extermination, I have concluded not to do so. I will let you go, and you will die soon enough from superabundant inhalation of your own peculiarly delectible odors.

A learned writer in descanting upon the hygienic qualities of the various articles of food in common use, gives a table of the per centage of nutriment matter in each article. Some range as high as 95 per cent., while others go down very low. But the lowest of all is Q. Cumbers, which contain only about 5 per cent. of nutritive food. This a pretty bad showing for that particular vegetable, but I ask as a special favor to myself that none of your readers apply the 5 per cent. standard to the articles of your Q. Cumber correspondent, in order to determine the amount of nutritive matter they contain. Such a course would be at once both cruel and unjust.

Democratic statesman are not rushing to the front at a break-neck speed as candidates for congress, in this district, to an alarming extent. There is a good deal of method, too, in their madness. They are not blind, and can therefore see the handwriting on the wall. The district is Republican, and no Democrat need apply. It is not a pleasant thing to be beaten when you want to be elected. In a large measure it destroys a man's confidence in things mortal and earthly, and makes him cuss somebody and long for a secluded place in which to get drunk and quietly down and die. Our Democratic statesmen are therefore not to blame for their lukewarmness in coming to the front.

HINDU.

Evansville News.

The Knights of Wise Men met and did some work for the good of their order.

The colored people are doing well here, and have a bright future before them Their motto is, "Work while it is day."

The Leader will be on sale on our streets every Saturday, and will increase in sale each week, as it is the favorite paper among us.

The programme for the next meeting will be: Miss Porter, essay; recitation by Miss Glen; song by Mrs, Sheldon, and address by Mr. Z. M. Anderson.

Our Elder is earnestly interested in the liquidation of the church debt. All that is necessary to make a success of this society, is the full co-operation of the members of the church. Let all lend a hand.

The Organ Association will meet next Tuesday evening, and a good programme and abundant refreshments will be had, under the management of Mrs. M. Findley, president, and Miss L. A. Wilson, Sec.

Literary Society will discuss at next meeting, subject: Resolved, That the colored people are doing more to injure themselves than the whites are doing to injure them. Professor S. Watkins and Mr Z. M. Anderson are leaders in the discussion.

The Sunday School Teachers' Association will meet at the parsonage, on Thursday evening, at 7:30 o'clock. The teachers find these meetings very instructive and strengthening; also socially agreeable. Evansville can well boast of a large corps of good laborers in both Sunday Schools. In co-operation and union there is success.

The young ladies' Church, Aid and Literary Society, met Tuesday evening, Nov. 25. Order of exercises was, as usual, very interesting. W. H. Beecher, president, Mrs. S. C. Anderson, secretary; song by the young ladies of the Church Aid; address by Mr. S. Watkins, subject: "Shooting stars and like phenomena." All were highly pleased with his remarks. A selection was then rendered by the young ladies. Roll call, collection of dues, etc.

The Organ Association met on Tuesday evening of this week, Rev. M. Lewis in the chair, and Miss Lucy Wilson, secretary. After music by the choir and prayer. dues were collected, and the programme read. Professor Nat. Allen delivered an able address. subject, "Deception." He carried us back to the days of Judas Iscariot, and brought us gradually down to the present. showing at each step that we as human beings, of all grades of society, are more or less deceiving or being deceived. Mrs. White and Mr. Curry then sang some of their finest selections. Miss S. F. Moting, one of our teachers and a graduate, read a most excellent essay on the "Power of God as seen in the beauties of Creation," which showed great learning and research. The organ was manipulated by Miss Wilson and Mrs. Findley, who gave us some of their best, and they are good performers.

ALPHA.

Vincennes News.

Q. cumber is in the trapping business this fall, judging from the way he wrote to Terre Haute. On the leeward side, Q!

The best singers in the city are the Misses Maggie Baker and Josephine Lewis. Our orator is in the person of Hon. John S. Clark.

The most popular young lady in the city is Miss Jennette Stewart. Her popularity arises from her ability to perform upon the organ.

Q. Cumber is blooming again, and has a feature of sarcasm placed directly under his left eye. This feature is periodical, and shows itself every two months.

Non Dum visited E. F. H., of Evansville, and found him as usual, very busy. E. F. H's. "Our Age" is a neat little sheet, and bids fair to be a power for good in Indiana and other states.

All Evansville had a word for Non Dum, for as soon as I met Mrs. Green McFarland, she addressed me as never before: "That's Non Dum." This is the thing that Q cumber spoke of.

Miss Georgia Flowers was looking very pleasant and beautiful, as her name indicates. Non Dum met her, and was encouraged by the thought of "blessed is the man that loves Flowers."

Non Dum takes the authority to state the names of the Evansville teachers: Professor Walkins and wife, Prof. J. M. Anderson and wife, Prof. W. H. Beecher and wife, Prof. E. F. Horn and—that's all; Miss Lucy A. Wilson, Miss Hattie Kimbro, Miss Sarah Moting, Miss Ella Glean—or perhaps Mrs. James W. I write merelp from observation. No city in Indiana has a finer corps of teachers than has Evansville.

NON DUM.

Cleveland (O.) News.

The Leader is gaining ground here.

Non Dum must be nearly through with Caesar.

The brass band (colored) of Columbus, Ohio, is progressing finely.

Miss Tillie Wright is thought to be teaching school in or near St. Louis.

Some time ago there appeared in the Voice, of this city, an announcement that Mr. James M. Telley was to be married soon. He is still in the city and not married.

At Galion, O., June 10 '80, the annual reunion of the late officers of the United States infantry, (colored) will be held. This is something like the colored soldiers reunion which the people of Indianapolis are trying to have held there or some other convenient place.