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A grandson of John C. Calhoun said: "If my grandfather and his associates had known as much about the Negro as I know, and could have had the same faith in his capacity for progress which I have attained from my own experience, there would have been neither slavery nor war."

We cannot better close this article than by quoting the following eloquent paragraph from the article referred to:

"But the clouds in the sky are beginning to clear away. The country is taking on settled habits. The planter has become more industrious and economical; the Negro who emerged from slavery without a dollar and with no experience of providing for himself, has by industry in many instances been able to buy mules, wagons, farming implements, cattle, etc., and thus to surround himself with the comforts of a home. Many others have enough to support themselves for one year. In spite of everything, many have prospered. The fertility of the soil and their own industry have been in their favor. And here permit me to digress far enough to say that I believe if our ancestors could have foreseen the present condition of the Negro, there would have been no war."

**ECOLOGES.**

The Interior Dept. has 1,601 employes, of which 113 are colored.

Peter H. Clark delivered a lecture Sunday at Turner Hall, Cincinnati, on "Tom Paine."

The Washington Item fears that the Republican party is inconsistent will alienate the colored vote.

Clara Louise Kellogg and Hon. E. D. Bassett, formerly minister to Haiti, were classmates, says the People's Advocate.

A scheme is on foot to get 1,500 colored people from Kentucky and Southern Illinois to emigrate to Colorado in the Spring.

Of the 600 convicts in the Arkansas penitentiary, 100 are bloody murderers. Sixty-eight of the whole number are colored.

J. O. Lewis, colored, merchant tailor in Boston, does a \$50,000 business per annum. This is decidedly a better showing than politics or law.

What's the world coming to? Two white men have been arrested; crime, murder of Rev. Marshall Smith, colored, at Clinton, La.

Mrs. Lewis C. Andrews, of Chicago is 103 years old. Born in the West Indies and witnessed the inauguration of George Washington.

The natives of Central Africa speak forty different languages, but all get there one way in eating the good missionary. We starve him to death in this country.

John Shafer, 32 years of age, of Jamestown Dakota Ter., is the owner of a dry good store and barber shop in said town. He is said to be worth \$100,000. He is of Tiffin Ohio.

"We is gitin mo like de white trash every day." The colored Baptist Sunday school, of Springfield, Mo., has an orchestra of four pieces to play during the services.

West Virginia colored people wish to raise \$15,000 to endow the John Brown Fellowship in Store College. The money would do more good if given to John Brown poor, old and suffering widow.

The colored Republicans, South, complain that they are not counted in the distribution of offices. It is over there. In the words of the Conservator, "We deserve ten thousand more offices than we get," and it might be added that "we will get."

Mrs. Coppin, better known as Miss Fannie Jackson, delivered a lecture at Washington, lately, on "The colored man's position in the world." She presented the importance of mechanical and agricultural labor as forming the basis of a nation's progress and power instead of professional pursuits. That kind of argument has the solid ring.

Who is this Cre-tator, Wild-eyed, well-endowed and swinging arms? It is a Colored-orator. Is the Orator mad? It is. Who is the Orator? It is a colored man, one of his people and well-off. Will the wild-eyed Orator get it? No, no, no. Poor Orator.

Mrs. Scott and her three daughters, colored, of Salina Kansas, have been most foully outraged by some prominent (?) white citizens of that place. The family were compelled to leave their homes in order to save their lives. Short work ought to be made of these scoundrels.

A colored lunatic of the Virginia Insane Asylum was the manager of a brain which weighed 70 grains. This is several ounces more than the brain weight of Cuvier, Webster or Cromwell. We can name parties who in their own estimation have brains which weigh a ton, or more.

A bill is now pending before the Kentucky legislature imposing a fine of \$5.00 to \$20.00 upon all parties "who by word of mouth, attempts to deceive his fellow-men." This will be a serious blow to the colored secret and benevolent society sharks who are impoverishing the grossly deluded colored citizens of Kentucky.

Thomas T. Henry, born of slave parents, is the first colored lawyer to pass the local examinations in Philadelphia. He has been a letter-carrier in Richmond and a waiter in a hotel where he meets a wealthy man who puts him in the way of studying law. In Indianapolis has three or four colored lawyers.

The Gate City Press laments that the colored man seeks the professions and politics and other aesthetic avocations to the neglect of business pursuits. The paper says: "We see a colored man in a single-breasted suit, and a business house in our city." These things require wealth and years of business experience; it is not like starting a colored newspaper.

The 14th Continental regiment under Gen'l Humphrey, fought throughout the Revolutionary war, and were colored men. They were at the surrender of Cornwallis, and were mustered out by Gen'l Washington. Commodore Perry in his official correspondence on file at Washington, acknowledging the black sailors' services in the engagements on Lake Erie. There were 200, 000 colored men in the late war.

The colored press is developing the germ of an idea that will soon stand forth as a characteristic of a new era of progress, and the marks of the future coming out to view, are to be regarded as prophetic of that future—many forcibly, some feebly, all earnestly, are trying to do something for the professions and politics, both unprofitable and are directing the thought and energy of our race into business pursuits, the securing land, and the learning of the trades. In some power; politics is a snare. The Jews made themselves necessary to the world of commerce and money, and cultivated politics afterwards.

Slavery exists in Brazil, but will, in a few years be extinct. By the law of 1871, no child can be born a slave. All slaves belonging to the Imperial household were declared free on the passage of the law. All freed persons are provided with work by the government. Children born since 1871 are reared by the government, provided with teachers and priests. A fund is provided to purchase the freedom of slaves of private individuals. The number of emancipated slaves to the present about 60,000 or more, and of children born.

## WASHINGTON LETTER.

**The African Colonization Society—Humburg—President Arthur's Conciliatory Course—Factions Discountenanced.**

**Louisville Distanced—Miscellaneous—Personal—Etc., Etc., Etc.**

[From Our Special Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON D. C., Jan. 30, 1882.

THE sixty-second anniversary of the African Colonization Society, was held in this city a few days ago. This organization seems to be held together now only by the powerful cohesive power of public lying and private plundering, alias begging. Left without any adequate excuse for its further existence, by the emancipation and enfranchisement of the Negro, the members of this gang of sanctimonious wolves still keep up their organization and gain a living for themselves and through allies receiving by paupering to and working on the diseased sympathies and sentiments of a few ancient people of a decayed regime, who think the proper thing for the Negro to do is to return to the "land of his fathers," which of course means that he should go to Africa, and fill a premature grave in an unsuccessful effort to conquer the dreaded acclimating fever of that heated continent.

It appears from the authorized reports of these hypocritical orators that within the past year over one hundred misguided people have been sent to Liberia to meet their untimely fate, and that since the first organization of the society more than fifteen thousand deluded creatures have been consigned to this West African graveyard by these colonization ghouls.

And what has been the result? Sixty-two years is a long time. Has Africa or any considerable portion of it, been reclaimed and permanently civilized by the establishment of the Liberian colony? Far from such a result as this, it is at this very time a debateable question whether the few surviving emigrants and their descendants, with the few civilized natives, will be able to withstand the hostile natives by whom they are surrounded, together with the encroachments of European governments.

The climate of equatorial Africa precludes the vigorous national growth of a transplanted foreign people. The regeneration of this part of the Dark Continent, while it may be assisted and directed from without, must, nevertheless, proceed principally from within—by its own people. They are acclimated to the manor born—and can successfully withstand the ravages of the climate, which foreigners, no matter if they are descended from African lineage cannot do. Give these natives the implements of civilization, tell them what to do and how to do it, and they will eventually solve the problem of their own destiny, and unfold the hidden mysteries which have seemingly enveloped the land of Ethiopia since the dawn of civilization. All other attempts at reclamation are abnormal, and will only result in bringing the continent with feeble colonies dependent upon extraneous powers for life and protection.

It is needless to say that the African Colonization Society is a murderous, swindling humbug. It was conceived brought forth and nurtured into strength and vigor by a most unreasoning and inhuman prejudice, and is only kept alive now because the hypocritical coterie composing it know of no other way to make a dishonest living. It certainly cannot long survive the now expiring life of their agency which brought it into existence.

The fact is beginning to dawn upon the minds of politicians that President Arthur's administration is not to be one of revenges. Many so-called stalwarts were of the opinion that the guillotine would be applied indiscriminately to the heads of all of those who had ever breathed an anti-slavery breath, but the course of the President has not sustained their position. He regards himself as the head of the party and not of a faction, and will give no encouragement to the factional fights within the party any more.

Many politicians, white and colored have come here and gone away dissatisfied, because they thought the royal road to office lay in being intensely stalwart. Not a few, especially from the South, who were intensely anti-Grant at Chicago, have intensely carried off the fat offices in their section by disparaging and belittling the Garfield administration; but they have found that such a course is not a recommendation to appointment.

The indications all point to the fact the President is desirous of harmonizing and strengthening the party by discountenancing all internecine struggles, which speak volumes for his wisdom and sagacity.

I used to think from observing the society announcements in the Louisville papers, that that city could certainly distance all others in the ridiculous absurdity of some of the names used to designate the various so-called secret organizations of the Falls City. However, a recent criminal case in the local courts of this city has brought to light a society name that undoubtedly completely "lays it over" the professional society names in the Kentucky metropolis. The facts were elicited by the arrest and prosecution in the public court for embezzlement of funds of two brother members of the society of "The Independent Order of the Sons and Daughters and the Brothers and Sisters of Moses of the United States and the World at Large." If the Louisville think they can beat that, they must put up or shut up.

A few days ago I had the pleasure of an extended interview with Editor H. C. Atwood of the *Louisianian*, now in the city with a delegation of pilgrims from the Pelican State. Mr. A. is a genial, communicative gentleman, and I listened with interest to his relation of the facts concerning the many complications which underlie and intermingle with the political superstructure of Louisiana. Mr. Atwood is an enthusiastic adherent of Governor Pichback, and thinks that gentleman will soon receive a prominent appointment from the President.

Mr. J. H. Piles, of Springfield, Ohio, is in the city.

Professor R. T. Greener lectures on Benjamin Banneker, the Negro astronomer, this week.

Senator Mahone was recently presented with an elegant gold-headed cane by prominent colored citizens of Virginia.

I am sorry to announce that Hon. W. A. Pledger of Athens, Ga., did not receive the postmastership of his town, for which he was an applicant. Madison Davis, another colored applicant was appointed.

As was expected by all sensible people, the jury trying Guitau made short work of that villainous wretch, and the balance remains now for the officers of the law to do, which they doubtless will do in due course of time.

A number of newspaper men in the city held a meeting at the *Item* office in this city last Saturday evening. After a lengthy consultation, the assembled quill-drivers adjourned to the Philadelphia House, where a sumptuous repast was in readiness. I am sorry to say that an urgent business engagement prevented my attendance, but I am glad to know that all present enjoyed themselves.

Dr. Alexander Crummell, rector of the Colored Episcopal Church in this city, read an interesting paper before the Bethel Literary Society last week, deploring the apparent tendency of young colored men to abandon the industrial trades of their fathers and rush into the professions. Dr. C. thinks, and he is doubtless correct, that many a good carpenter, carpenter, blacksmith, barber, farmer, shoemaker, etc., has been spoiled to make a poor lawyer or doctor.

It is understood here that the Mormons propose to fight fire with fire by exposing the private polygamous proclivities of all members of Congress who join in the fight against them. If the Saints adopt this line of action they can doubtless make it quite lively for scandal-mongers, but whether they can place any of our supposed-to-be-virtuous and monogamous sons *hors du combat*, remains to be seen. E. R. B.

## TABLE GOSSIP.

The aesthetes now speak of hash as "a mosaic."

A Washington correspondent says that Senator Hoar's recent dinner to Justice Gray cost \$1,000. There were thirty persons present.

A New Yorker who has traveled all over Turkey says no Turk ever cares two cents for his wife until he finds that some other man is having a better time.

A hotel on the European plan has Asiatic laundrymen, African waiters, and a North American clerk with a South American diamond in his shirt front.

Silver dollars with holes in them are painfully numerous as holes without any silver dollars around them.

During the months of August, September, October, November and December of last year nearly 1,500 converts to Mormonism have been made in England alone.

Stories first heard at a mother's knee are never forgotten. It is the same with some other things received at a mother's knee, which will readily occur to our readers.

"Oh, Henry," remarked an Oil City woman to her husband, "do you think there is any danger of smallpox?" "There certainly is," replied he, "the disease is spreading." "There is no danger," replied she, "I have had the dread contagion died in Bradford, yesterday." "Well, if it's getting that near home I guess you'd better get vaccinated. I'm sure it would have answered the purpose if vaccinated prevent you from catching it?" "Why, man and wife are one, and I think it would only be a waste of money for both of us to get vaccinated." The husband started for a bucket of coal, remarking something about being smart—Oil City Derrick.

Tewik, the young ruler of Egypt, is partitioning his kingdom into provinces and keeps his Court full of them. He is weak, timid and pious, and inclined to religious mysticism.

Dr. Ripdash's History of the United States is on a new revision. It comes up to the present time and takes in Garfield's Administration up to the time of his death and Arthur's Administration.

Dr. Ripdash exclaimed a Dead-wood editor, as a bullet came through the window and shattered the inkstand. "I knew that new 'Personal' column would be a success," he said, "and now it has killed my inkstand." An Oil City man purchased a small hand-bellows, took it home, and told his wife he had concluded to blow his brains out, whereupon she replied that a smaller-sized bellows would have answered the purpose.

England, alarmed lest foreign superiority should learn the secrets of her naval superiority, is said to have issued orders for the exclusion of all foreign visitors from England's dockyards, unless provided with special letters of credit.

She had caught him coming out of a sample room, and as he wiped his moustache he looked at her with a look of surprise, and replied, "not at all, excepting that my room is a bar—a bar to matrimony, Henry." They now meet as strangers.

Of late years attention has been generally drawn to the rapid increase of suicide among the officers and soldiers of European armies. This mania is especially prevalent in Germany. It is said that disordered finances caused the suicide of a young Chinese theological student at Marrietta, O.

Michael McIntyre, a love affair, having eloped from his wife and eight children, sent her a letter dated at Buffalo, and announcing his intention of killing himself on the 21st of September. At Fishkill Landing Mr. Saunders' old horse drowned himself in the Hudson in shallow water, after having been once brought in when he manifested suicidal intentions.

The Philadelphia Board of Trusts has appropriated \$5,000 from the Girard fund to the project for a mechanical college in connection with the College. The boys will not be taught any particular trade, but instructed in the use of all ordinary tools.

Horace Greeley as a Printer Boy. [Burlington Hawkeye.] Here in Poulney the New York Tribune was founded. Here its founder washed the floor and carried water, and built the fire, and didn't wait out the news room, and didn't carry out the ashes, and forgot what he was sent after, and let the paste sour, and let the letters he was given to mail, and upset the type, and tried the usual experiments with the fancy job type and the finest colored inks in the way of fearful and wonderful visiting cards, in all ways conducted himself even as the devil always does about a print shop. Here Greeley passed some years of his boyhood. I wonder about the village thinking about the good old man, and trying to think of the young printer, dusting out his case with a pair of leaky bellows, or "soldiering" for a big pick of the paper for a mechanical college in the name of his boyhood. I wonder about the village thinking about the good old man, and trying to think of the young printer, dusting out his case with a pair of leaky bellows, or "soldiering" for a big pick of the paper for a mechanical college in the name of his boyhood. I wonder about the village thinking about the good old man, and trying to think of the young printer, dusting out his case with a pair of leaky bellows, or "soldiering" for a big pick of the paper for a mechanical college in the name of his boyhood.

## CAUSES OF SUICIDE.

**Resume of the Curious Cases of Suicide Recorded in 1881.**

Le, Money, Despair or Discontent at the Bottom of Nearly All of Them.

[Toronto Mail.]

glance at the files during the past year discloses many curious cases of suicide worth noting here from the peculiarities of mode or motive. Dr. McCreery, of Louisville, killed himself because he believed that his only hope of escape from liquor was in a suicide. John McPherson, of Toledo, because he had promised his wife on her death-bed not to drink again, and after the day's struggle he found that he must break his vow or die. Rev. James Mulford, of Newville, N. J., because after reforming and laboring successfully for some months a temperance advocate he fell into temptation and lost his Church. Prof. Lewis Walker, a pyrotechnist of St. Louis, put a nitro-glycerine cartridge on his head and blew his head off because he feared the shooting of President Garfield would spoil the Fourth of July business; John E. Jost, of the same city, read an account of a suicide, laid down the paper, drew his pistol and shot himself. A Philadelphia, on being snatched in the face by a white, turned white, Bruce, and after afflicting a moment irresolute, walked into the next room, took down his shotgun, and killed himself. At Stephy, London, England, a girl drowned herself because her grandmother would not let her wear her new clothes, and at the funeral the Spartan anasthesia was mobbed and almost killed. At Manchester a boy of fifteen hanged himself from a gallows at laying in truant, and at Newport, Rhode Island, aged ten, went and did his duty, and was shot by a man named William S. Piner, of Willimantic, Conn., committed suicide on his wedding day from a refusal to receive a promised remittance to defray the expenses of a honeymoon. A young lawyer of Morehead, Ky., eloped with Miss De Harb, a girl of thirteen, whose parents had forbidden her to marry him, and after going a few miles advised her to return, and she refused. William Bennett, of Denton, Ala., was threatened with being disinherited in case marriage services were refused, and he killed himself at Newark, O., a rejected suitor made a final appeal to his obdurate sweetheart as they were driving together. At Melan, he declared she never would consent to marry him, took the check rein from the horse, went into the woods and hanged himself. At Dallas, Texas, Mrs. C. Burke, of Little Rock, having followed and overtaken her eloping husband, put her two little children to sleep and poisoned herself with laudanum. At Louisville, Mrs. Jennie Dorsey, who had been suffering from a long illness, took to drinking and gambling and left her with a board bill of \$25 unpaid, poisoned herself, and died a few minutes before the time when the coroner was protesting his love in earnest terms, and announcing that he was coming to take her away to his home. 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