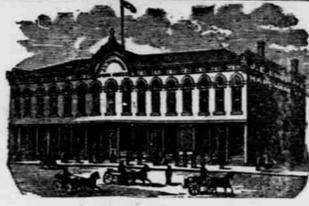


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Mrs. Cleveland's Bug.

The White house bride has not exactly started a curious fashion, but she has revived an old one. Among the many odd trinkets that formed part of her trousseau was a live bug about an inch and a half in length, looking like a bit of light, speckled wood. Around the insect's body is a tiny gold harness to which is attached a fine chain. The lady fastens this chain to her left shoulder and the bug wanders about at its own sweet will. This species of bug is called the "Machette" and is imported from Yucatan. They were a fashionable ornament some twenty or thirty years ago, and now that Mrs. Cleveland wears one they have once more sprung into popularity. Several of our leading jewelers are selling the "Machettes" as fast as they can import them at the rate of six dollars a piece. They are said to be deaf, dumb and blind and subsist on scraps of dead wood. Deaf, dumb and blind! What wonder the Machette is chosen as a chaperon? And lives on dead wood, too; promise of future secrecy.

Set it down that the colored vote will never again be a unit in support of the Republican ticket in Kansas.

"Thank God we are rid of the nigger," is the exulting cry that is coming up among Republicans throughout Kansas. The Republican managers are more elated now over the political situation in Kansas than they are likely to be three months from this date.

Will Gov. Martin, in the face of his records of pardons issued to convicted saloon men, renew his violated pledges of two years ago, on the stump in the coming campaign?

What do Governor Martin's townsmen in Atchison—such men as Mayor Kelsey, John M. Price and Capt. Seaton—think of the prohibition plank, in the Republican platform?

Not a colored man is now living in Kansas who will see one of his race again elevated to an important position, such as is now held by State Auditor McCabe, through the Republican party. The Atchison Globe nominates "Paragon Tyne," a well known colored Democrat of that city, for state auditor, subject to the decision of the Democratic state convention. We rise to second the nomination.—Topeka Democrat.

The Eldorado Republican has already begun the state canvass for 1888, and says:

We guess the fellows are trying to make it practically unanimous on the following state ticket for 1888:

For governor, Capt. J. H. Johnson, of Shawnee.

For lieutenant governor, J. R. Burton, of Dickinson.

For secretary of state, W. W. Walton, of Clay.

For treasurer, J. W. Hamilton, of Sumner.

For auditor, Tim McCarthy, of Pawnee.

For attorney general, James R. Hal-lowell, of Cherokee.

How is that for a strong combination? It is a little bit early, but when the early bird takes the worm as a general thing.

The refusal to confirm Mr. Matthews, the colored Democrat whom President Cleveland nominated for Recorder in the District of Columbia, shows that whatever right is conferred upon the negro by the amended constitution, the right to be a Democrat was not one of them, in the opinion of Republican Senators. No doubt was entertained of Mr. Matthews' honesty or capacity. The color of his skin and his politics defeated him.—Fort Scott Tribune.

How much longer will it take for the colored people to see that the Republicans are no longer their friends? Here in Kansas at the state convention, McCabe was knocked out of the ring, for no other reason than that he was a gentleman of color, and now a Republican Senate refuses to confirm the nomination of Matthews as above stated. If the Republican party is in earnest with its love for the colored people why is it that the Republican press does not condemn the Senate in refusing to confirm the nomination of an able and worthy colored man?

Senator Ingalls, of this state, voted against the confirmation of J. C. Matthews, the colored appointee of President Cleveland as recorder of deeds in the District of Columbia. Mr. Ingalls' sole reason for thus voting is avowed to have been the fact that Mr. Matthews, who was shown by evidence before the committee to be a good man, was a Democrat and that it would be bad politics to put so good a colored Democrat in office.—Ex.

If a colored man is a Republican and wants office, he is kicked out of the ring, and if he is a Democrat he is given the cold shoulder. With this state of affairs how can the Republican party complain of the colored people for leaving the g. o. p. and going to the Democratic party.

A Beautiful Tribute to Woman.

We have seen many beautiful tributes to lovely women, but the following is one of the finest we ever read:

"Place her among the flowers, foster her as a tender plant, and she is a thing of fancy and waywardness—annoyed by a dew drop, fretted by the touch of a butterfly's wing, ready to faint at the sound of a beetle, or the rattle of a window-pane at night, and she is overpowered by the perfume of a rosebud. But let real calamity come, rouse her affections, enkindle the fires of her heart, and mark her then! How strong is her heart? Place her in the heat of battle—give her a child, a bird, or anything to protect—and see her, in a relative instance, lifting her white arms as a shield, as her own blood crimson her forehead, praying for her own life to protect the helpless. Transplant her in the dark places of the earth, call forth her energies to action, and her breath becomes a healing, her presence a blessing. She disputes inch by inch the strides of a stalking pestilence, when man, strong and brave, pale and affrighted, shrinks away. Misfortune haunts her not. She wears away a life of silent endurance, and goes forward with less timidity than to her bridal. In prosperity she is a bud full of odors, waiting but for the winds of adversity to scatter them abroad—pure gold, valuable, but untried in the furnace. In short, woman is a miracle, a mystery, the center from which radiates the charm of existence.

A Call for Republicans opposed to Prohibition issues--Not All Serene.

The following circular was issued from Topeka last Friday, signed by Frank Herald, addressed to the independent Republicans of Kansas:

It has been decided to call a conference meeting of independent Republicans to be held in the city of Atchison August 3. This action has been rendered necessary by the course pursued by the so-called republican state convention recently held at the city of Topeka. All republicans who are dissatisfied with the policy adopted by the party as to prohibition, and who are in favor of constitutional convention, are cordially invited to attend this conference—that party now claiming to be the republican party of Kansas having again declared prohibition as a test of republicanism. On the contrary, we are firmly held to the opposite view. And being sustained by the republican national party, which has failed to endorse this prohibition fallacy, we feel that we cannot consistently with our conscientious belief identify ourselves with the party now asking the enforcement of this idea by the re-election of John A. Martin as governor on the platform adopted by the convention which placed him in nomination and be true to our principles and manhood. The object of the conference is to arrive at some conclusion, and adopt some method in regard to organizing the true and independent republicans of Kansas, and to consider the most effectual way to remove the barriers which now stand in the way of any political temperance legislation. While we wish as many of representative republicans to attend this conference as can do so, it is also desired that we have the benefit of the counsel of those who cannot attend.

The Balky Horse.

It is mighty hard work for a man to drive a balky horse, and be a christian at the same time. I tried it years ago, and gave both up as a bad job. But say, did you ever hear of a man having a horse balk on him in such a way as to make him laugh—to please him all over, and make him right down happy? Well sir, I did, and I was the man. He was a horse that I traded for, and he was an awful balker. There wasn't no use of doing anything with him—there was nothing to do but to sit down and wait for him to come around. It generally took two hours. One day I was driving him along and just as he got onto the railroad track he balked. "Here's a go," says I to myself; what if a train should come along? At first I was afraid a train would come along, then after awhile I didn't care a cuss whether one came or not, and in about seventy minutes I was afraid one wouldn't come. I just ached to have a train come along. I prayed for one. Sure enough, pretty soon I saw one coming. It made me smile. When the engineer whistled for me to get off the track I laughed. And when he got a little closer I climbed out the hind end of the buggy, leaned up against the fence and prepared to enjoy the picnic. Oh, but it was sport! That balky horse had sworn he wouldn't go, but he went that time. He was distributed along the track there for twenty rods. And the old buggy and harness—it looked too comical! Never had such fun since I was a boy!—Chicago Herald.

In regard to the Congressional muddle in this district, if the support of papers amount to anything, Anderson is "way ahead," for he has twenty-three while Wilson has only fourteen.

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I have this day compromised with the Banner City Town Company, and sold them my entire interest and good will in the town of Elmo, including the southwest quarter of section 5 and the southwest quarter of section 8, township 16, range 2. And have taken a certain amount of property in Banner City, and will use every effort to make Banner City the big town of the county.

T. MONINGER.

McInerney's Bulletin.

McInerney, in his double-deck store, is now offering goods for less money than any house in Abilene.

Call and see the double-deck store and get Boots and Shoes cheap.

Hess Bros. fine shoes excel any other line of fine shoes made in America for style and finish. Hand and Machine sewed at McInerney's.

Full stock of Plow Shoes for \$1.00 at McInerney's.

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