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LOCAL NOTES

Notice to Our Patrons in Helena.

Mrs. White, from Anaconda, is visiting Mrs. Lucas this week.

Ms. C. F. Alexander of Dillon was in the city two days last week.

Mr. C. M. Watts was up from Anaconda to attend the funeral of Mrs. White.

Mrs. Robert Lawrence is somewhat indisposed since the dance. Dr. Fletcher pronounced the case not serious.

Mrs. Owen, of Helena, who came over to attend the ball, will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence for a week.

Mr. William Lawrence, of St. Paul, was in the city last Wednesday to attend the ball given by the Cresenda club.

Mrs. Adams, one of the Helena party that attended the dance, will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Willis for a week.

Mrs. Jordan Curd returned home on Friday from a seven-weeks visit in Dillon. She is looking hale and hearty and seems greatly benefited by the change.

Next week's New Age will contain an article entitled "Wee Dumpling Dan," by Miss Nora E. Huldings Siegel, the talented and able writer, who has contributed several articles heretofore for the New Age.

Mr and Mrs. J. S. Sharp, of Denver, Colorado, was in the city a few days this week. They left Thursday evening for Helena. They are touring the north in the interest of their paper, which is published in Denver under the name of the Times Speaker, a semi-weekly, published in the interest of the Afro-American.

The New Age can be obtained through our agent, Miss Constance Ross, of 16 North Erving street. Any advertising write ups or notes of interest will receive prompt attention. Miss Jessie Woodcock of 418, Eighth avenue, is our correspondent, and will look after items each week for the Age and receive subscriptions.

The baby show at Bethel Baptist church comes off next Tuesday night under the management of Mrs. J. W. Wilson. There will be prizes for the most perfect baby in the contest. First prize will be a silver mug; second prize, a beautiful painted china plate; also a raffle on an oil painting, at 10 cents a chance. Come early with your baby.

Rev. C. C. X. Laws will preach at Bethel Baptist church on Sunday morning. All are invited. The services will commence at 11 a. m. The subject will be "The Death of Christ," who appeared in glory and spoke of his decease, which he should accomplish at Jerusalem. At 7 p. m. young people's meeting and at 8 p. m., subject, "An Unfaithful Church in danger of Extinction."

According to the southern colored press the treatment of the Negroes in the south is so bad that many Negroes are actually emigrating and the majority of those who remain only do so because they are unable to get away. Besides the denial of civil political rights and privileges and the lynchings those with families growing up view with alarm the reduction of the school term to four months and the taking away entirely of the higher learning. Yet young R. C. Bruce told the white people of Boston that the south was spending vast and increased sums for Negro education. Not only so, but while the whites are thus degrading the Negroes they give Mr. Booker T. Washington an ovation wherever he goes in the south. The reason is plain and the Negro people can't be fooled all the time.—Times Speaker.

Mrs. Annie White died, after weeks of painful suffering. She finally succumbed to the grim monster. She passed quietly away last Saturday evening just as the city clock was striking the hour of ten, with the members of the family present. Mrs. White was well known in Butte, having for many years conducted the affairs of the Four Acks club, until a few months ago. Her health began to fail and she was compelled to resign from active service. The only surviving members of the family is her daughter, Mrs. Belle Miller, and little granddaughter, Miss Lizzie. The funeral was conducted from the Methodist church last Tuesday, of which she was a member. Sad and impressive was the ceremony, which was conducted by Rev. Jordan Allen, who told of the history of the deceased from early childhood up until the end. Beautiful floral tributes were given by her many friends. The New Age extends sympathy to the family in this, their sad hour of bereavement.

Shaeffer's A. M. E. church—Preaching at 11 a. m., and 8 p. m., by Rev. A. Wagner, general missionary. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m., Mrs. S. Austin, superintendent; Mrs. L. Reeves, secretary. On the third Sunday in this month, the 17th, there will be a competitive rally between the ladies. One side will be led by Queen Captain Lucas, and the men on the other side, led by Brave Captain James Yancy. So we may look for a hard fought battle. The captains are getting their forces together now. The battle will open at 11 a. m. and close at 9:30 p. m. Everybody is invited to see it. The dedication of the new church will take place on the 31st of this month. Bishop C. T. Shaffer will officiate. All are invited to the services. The new church when finished will be a pleasant place to go to. Rev. Jordan Allen, pastor.

Great Emancipation Celebration at Basin on the Fourth.

Last Monday morning about two hundred met at the Great Northern station and boarded the train for Basin. It was a merry crowd, and all seemed enthused and bent on having a good time. The day was spent in merriment, and the promoters are to be given great credit for the manner in which the affairs were conducted. The features of the day were dancing, racing, fishing, ball playing. The following is the list of sports:

Sack race, children, won by Roy Parsons; prize, ball bat, time, 49. Ladies' race, won by Mrs. George Willis; prize, camera; time, 31 1-2. Fat man's race, won by George Lee; prize, silk umbrella; time, 2:05. Free for all ages men's race; won by Geo. Simington; prize, one box cigars; time, 1:37 1-2.

The ball game between the fat and lean men was 8 to 1, in favor of the lean men. An address was delivered by Rev. Jordan Allen on emancipation. We know of no gathering in the history of the colored people of this state that was as full of life and "enjoyed by the whole party as this was on last Monday. The committee exerted every available effort to carry out the programme to the letter, and we know of no instance wherein they came short and there was no room for amendments. The officers consisted of Messrs. M. W. Rhodes, Samuel Jones, S. Reeves, Geo. E. Willis and John F. Davies.

Not one bad feature or discord could be noted to detract from the day of sport, and an all around good time was had by everybody who attended. Liberal portions of honor should be given to Mr. Rhodes, the principal promoter and leader of the enterprise, who labored incessantly to make the event a success. We congratulate the committee upon their success and the manner in which everything was conducted.

Fine Fruit from California.

Rev. C. C. X. Laws, pastor of Shiloh church, Sacramento, and Second Baptist of Woodland, received from one of his members a fine box of fruit as a present, which, if it had been bought here, would have cost \$4.00. This is more than the people here have done.

Three boxes of plums, one of peaches, one of nectarines. This shows much appreciation for the past and a bright prospect for the future. It made me think of loving where I can get something to eat. Mrs. Mamy Gather, who lives at Esparto, a member of the Second Baptist church, Woodland, sent the box. Sinners must hear the word and take heed, or they will feel the fire.

RESOLUTION.

Presented by J. S. C. Sharp at N. A. A. C., Held at St. Paul, July 8-11.

Whereas, The republican party in congress no longer insists upon the manhood rights of the Afro-American, as is shown by the perfunctory plank in the national platform of 1900, in relation to the nullification of the af-

teenth amendment, and in the failure of that party, although having control of the executive branch of the government, and of both houses of congress, to pass any proposed legislation having in view an inquiry into the conditions of the Afro-Americans in the nation, or a correction of the public and political inequalities by which they are opposed; therefore, be it

Resolved, That for the reasons heretofore given, the solid support of the Afro-Americans toward the republican party no longer exists, and Afro-Americans, as other Americans, are hereafter free to support parties and policies as their interests, conscience and judgment dictate.

Denver Ed. Wins.

The contest between Bob Armstrong and Denver Ed Martin, the American pugilists, for the colored championship of the world, took place the other night in London, Martin being declared an easy winner on points at the close of the fifteenth round.

It is announced that Martin will challenge Jeffries.

Al Weinig Matched.

Young Peter Jackson and Al Weinig, of Buffalo, have been matched by the Pastime club, of Portland, for a twenty-round contest to take place the latter part of August, the date not having been decided upon. Articles have been sent to the two men to be signed and as soon as that is accomplished preparations will be made for the fight.

THE CATFISH ZONE.

And the Origin of the Philadelphia Habit of Catfish and Waffles.

While pessimists have been denouncing the extension of the pie belt through the United States and the enlargement of the saleratus biscuit district, they have been entirely oblivious of the extraordinary development of the catfish zone. This mischievous dweller of the pool is known to the small boy and the rustic angler under many names—in one place as a sucker, in another a bullhead, in a third a wolf fish and, most outrageous of all, in northern Mississippi as a shad. But its own only genuine title is catfish. The name is derived from the fact that when the creature is raised from the water it emits a grunting protest which poetical fishermen have pronounced like the purring of a family cat.

Philadelphia produced the catfish habit. For two centuries the animal was looked at as something which might be eaten to prevent starvation until one fine day a thrifty Quaker found that the catfish would eat boiled cornmeal and that this simple food not only fattened the eater, but changed the color of its belly from white to yellow. He perceived the pecuniary value of the discovery and established a catfish farm in which he fattened the fishes which he caught elsewhere and in due season sold them to the Philadelphia markets.

A Quakeress soon after that discovered that the old fashioned waffle, slightly salted and covered with melted butter, made an irresistible accessory to the fish when well fried. This started the catfish and waffles, for which the City of Brotherly Love has ever since been famous. The habit spread like an epidemic, and, like the star of empire, its way was westward. So far as is known the United States government has no record of catfish and waffles east of the Delaware river, but starting at Philadelphia a distinct catfish zone runs westward, terminating at Denver, reaching as far north as Minneapolis and St. Paul and as far south as Mobile and New Orleans. The catfish is said to possess medicinal virtue. It is mildly anesthetic, soporific and antispasmodic.—New York Post.

The Women of Damascus. The women of Damascus—that is, the Moslem women—are more closely veiled than those of Constantinople and other eastern cities because the people here are more tenacious in the observance of the ancient customs of their race and the requirements of their religion. The veils are thicker, also, and cover the entire face. Some of them are figured so that the concealment is even more complete.

Greeks, Jews and Armenians do not wear veils, and some of them are very handsome, particularly the Jewish women. Their eyes, complexion and hair are superb. The types of orientals love-lines remind you of Solomon's Song.

No women are employed about the hotels or restaurants. All the "domestic" work is done by men. In the shops and manufactories of Damascus thousands of women and girls are employed, but they are exclusively Greeks and Jews. No Moslem would permit his wife, daughter or sister to appear in a shop or any other place where men are employed.—Chicago Record-Herald.

If You Have to Fight a Boa.

If any reader of this article should ever be so unfortunate as to experience the embrace of a boa constrictor, it is recommended that he try to release himself by taking hold of the creature's tail and unwinding it from that end. It can be easily unwound in that way, but otherwise it is not possible. The way to kill a snake is not to attempt to crush its head, the bones of which are very hard, but to strike the tail, where the spinal cord is but thinly covered by bone and suffers readily from injury. It is the same with an eel. Hit the tail two or three times against any hard substance, and the eel quickly dies.

The boas are not venomous, but their fangs are sufficiently powerful to inflict serious wounds.

MAIL CARRIER HELD UP.

Indefinite Statements Cause Doubt of His Truthfulness.

St. Louis, Mo.—John W. Russell, of Easton and Garrison avenues, a colored mail carrier, reported yesterday to Postmaster Baumhoff that he had been robbed early yesterday morning near Page and Union avenues, of \$17 of his own money. There seemed to be some doubt as to the truth of the story told by the mail carrier, and Post Office Inspector ice began an investigation yesterday afternoon.

According to the story of the negro, he was driving along near Page and Union avenues early yesterday morning, collecting the mail, as usual, from the boxes in that vicinity. While driving between boxes two men climbed on the rear of his wagon and, without any other warning, ordered him to turn over his money. The mail collector turned around and looked down the shimmering barrel of a revolver, he said.

He readily handed over all the money he had with him without a protest, the silent argument of the weapon convincing him that such action would be for his own good. No letters were taken or any other property of the government in the mail collector's possession. Post Office Inspector Dice had Russell make a report of the robbery to the police and they worked on the case yesterday. Russell could not tell whether the highwaymen were in white or black, and he was indefinite in giving other details. This caused the postoffice authorities to doubt his story, though Postmaster Baumhoff said yesterday there was really no other reason for doubting his statement than that he had not been very definite in describing the robbery. No arrests have been made in connection with the case.

INAUGURAL BALL.

The grand inaugural ball given by the Crisenda club at the Auditorium last Wednesday night excelled and far exceeded anything of its kind given in Butte in the annals of the colored society.

There is nothing new under the sun. Thus wrote Solomon thousands of years ago. Should he be permitted to awake from his quiet repose of centuries and could have witnessed the beautiful scene displayed at the Auditorium last Wednesday night, he would have laid down his pen, went away back and sat down, and the above words would not have been written.

Fully forty couple of the gayest dancers that could be brought together anywhere in the state were present, and they danced until the newsboys with their morning's papers were on the streets. Everyone was more or less played out and retired at a late hour, without any desire of being rocked to sleep. The hall was elegantly decorated and "old glory" floated amidst the strains of music, and the word "Welcome" entwined about her folds. There were thirteen visitors from Helena, and it must be admitted that this delegation brought the profound success of the ball. Anaconda sent over three of her best dancers, who seemed elated with having met such a gleeful crowd.

Those present from Helena consisted of Messrs. Arthur Palmer, Fields, G. Mason, W. Mason, Chas. Reid, Bush, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Howard, Mrs. Owens Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Lena Williams, Miss Constance Ross and Mrs. Adams.

Those present from Anaconda were Mr. and Mrs. Polk and Mrs. Wallace. Most of the Helena delegates returned the next morning and the remainder but two returned the next evening. After having visited the races they were escorted to the Great Northern depot by their many Butte friends, and were cheered until the conductor hallowed "all aboard" The Helena boys set a pace that our young men could not quite come up with and won with ease. The Butte boys showed great speed but the distance was just a little too long. But they finished a good second, with Anaconda third. The music was furnished by Prof. Ross's orchestra, Mrs. R. Jackson at the piano, Prof. Lee, cornet, and Prof. Ross, violin. The officers of the club are T. J. Williams, president; J. T. Fletcher, secretary; R. Lawrence, treasurer. Executive committee, W. H. Spriggs, F. Golien. The New Age, in the interest of the public, gives three cheers for the Crisenda club.

The thirty-second annual colored fair of Danville, Ky., will be held in that city August 14, 15 and 16. These fairs are fixed features in the life of the colored people of that community. In fact, the State of Kentucky is noted for its colored fairs. The Danville fair has the reputation of being one of the very best ones in the country. Stock raised by colored men is shown and also the result of the various industries throughout the state. It draws on the whole state for patronage as well as the adjacent states, thus insuring a financial success. Wm. M. Duncan is president, James P. Combs, secretary.

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