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PEACE!  
PROSPERITY!!  
UNION!!!

### Harmony and Energy.

The natural trend of events in the great Northwest if our people are to prosper, they must work together as a unit, on all questions affecting the prosperity of the country. Incidents of a trivial nature should be laid aside and all should shoulder to shoulder together, shoulder to shoulder, for higher citizenship along all lines. We want HARMONY to prevail to the utmost. With our people working together along all lines that go to make good citizenship, our destiny in this particular section is assured and we shall be in position to command the respect and commendation of our more favored friends of the opposite dominant race, who when they see a united people struggling to do their part in the development of this resourceful country, will at all times lend support and encouragement.

With harmony reigning supreme we must have energy and thrift. There is no time to lose with the less. We need the combined energies of the energetic and thrifty to the end that every stroke of the uplift of the race will count. We should encourage more of our best citizenship to this country. There are openings along all lines for them to obtain a livelihood. Every day in our rounds we are asked can we secure good men and women who are reliable, for different occupations. The employers want people to work for them whom they can depend upon and who are sober and industrious.

The sooner we as a people can harmonize on the vital principles of race progress and prosperity, and use real energy in promoting business enterprises, the sooner will we be recognized to the fullest as a factor in the development of the inexhaustible resources of this great Northwest and gather the credit that accrues thereto.

### Why The Negro Is Disliked.

(Washington Bee.)  
Pulpit orators, colored philosophers, and all kinds of other advocates of Negro equality of citizenship have wondered and conjectured why the colored man is disliked. The advocates of negro equality of citizenship have argued all around this great question, and are only inclined to give the bright side of the question and leave the mistakes hidden. The enemies of the colored man outnumber his friends and those who are friendly to him are often embarrassed for what the ungovernable and lawless colored man does. If our good white heads will only discriminate between the ignorant and uncultured and refined and educated colored man they would be convinced that the latter class will compare as favorably with them, as far as social culture is concerned. The colored people, that is those who obey the law, are not responsible for the acts of the lawless element. Their actions are just as disgusting to them as they are to the cultured class of white people. We know why the

colored people are disliked by certain white people. The entire race is condemned for the acts of one member of the race, which is unfair. Because one colored man commits an offense against the law of the land, is that any reason the entire race should be condemned? Because one rude colored person enters a car and seats himself upon the lap of another, white or black, should a "Jim Crow" car law be passed, to effect the entire race?

The Williams and Walker "musical oddity" at Convention Hall this week, fully demonstrated the fact that the cultured white man and the cultured colored man, the white woman and the colored woman can sit with dignity with one another. The refined white man and woman were seated with the refined colored man and colored woman. The occasion was most gorgeous. It was a scene that would have made Ben Tillman blush; Vardaman would have fled because the company was too cultured for him, and John Sharp Williams would have looked with amazement and said to himself that all colored people are not alike.

The pulpit has a duty to perform. The Sunday schools should teach children good manners. There should be less of singing in the churches and Sunday schools and more sound talk on good manners and good morals. There is too much grafting in the church.

Williams and Walker are demonstrating Negro possibilities. They are showing to the world that there is something in the colored man. Those who witnessed "Abyssinia" this week and heard the musical composition of Mr. Will Marion Cook, the world's greatest composer, must have felt very proud of the genius and ability exhibited. What did this show demonstrate? These two artists, as well as the author of the play, Mr. Shipp, compared the American Negro with Abyssinians. Where upon the American stage is there another such play of this character? The people who saw and heard white and black shows will say that the colored comedian is doing much to eliminate social prejudice. Players of this character are commendable and helpful to the colored race and the people of this city showed their gratitude by giving this new production the greatest ovation in the history of dramatic art.

When Mr. Cook left this city and went to New York his talent, his genius and his industry were appreciated, and when he returned to the city of his nativity, where he first saw sun-light and received no applause for his musical genius, it showed the narrowness and lack of pride and appreciation for a young man who has reached the zenith of his ambition. Not a flower was presented to Mr. Cook, not one applause was given the man who is responsible for making the music in "Abyssinia" great.

The white press was either jealous of "Abyssinia" or too mean and bigoted to give a just comparison between this and the former productions of Williams and Walker. And again this show takes the lead in everything. The participants are men and women of high moral character. No female or no male is allowed in this show unless he or she is of good character and live moral lives.

The comments of the white press were not such that can be appreciated by the Bee. These two musical geniuses deserve all that can be said of them. The Bee feels keenly the stupidity of the Washington people who failed to appreciate the life work of one of their own. It demonstrates the fact that they are not appreciative of anything that redounds to their credit.

These are a few of the reasons that the white people dislike the colored people, or some of them. If they have no respect for themselves and each other, many of the whites conclude they have no respect for them.

### The Negro in Society.

(Gertrude M. Elam, in The W. U. Uplift.)  
There is not a more interesting nor a more difficult problem confronting the people, than is the one of to-day. "The position of the Negro in Society," is being discussed widely by men and women interested in the welfare of all beings.

First, what position does the Negro hold in society? The answer would be not any. Is it because he is not educated or refined or is it simply because he is a Negro? Negroes are like all others in heart and brain although they have to surmount more obstacles. Take for instance the Negro girl, the daughter of misfortune, she has to endure more hardships and suffer more insults than any other girl.

Why is it? Because of prejudice. The men of her own race knowing that the elevation of the race can come only through the elevation of its women, take part in saying that all Negro girls are alike. Of course we were all created equal, but the character of one girl may be as different from that of another as day is from night. Hence, character is the most important part after all. So when you see a girl of good character, consider her a precious jewel in the uplifting of the race.

Why was it that Alice Roosevelt, the President's daughter, had

not by color or fine clothes, nor a high-headed, haughty education, but by true womanhood, pure life, prudence, modesty and adapting herself to all conditions and service, in the hospital, in the home, in the office, in the school-room, at the church, in the lodge, wherever she may be—always and everywhere a true lady, a ministering angel of love and usefulness. She will find the world bowing on the footstool at her shrine and all men will rise up to call her blessed.

Young girls, do not think because one girl performs on the piano, another manipulates on the type writer or dresses finer than you, that she is above you, for all these things without character are of no value to her. Even though you toil in the laundry or cook in the kitchen the former girl should not be encouraged any more than the latter. Say that economy and character and honest labor are the three main stones in the uplifting of the race.

Young men, when you see a young girl possessed of these three necessary things for success in life, throw around her that chivalry of honor and protection which shall cause the recognition and respect of all the world.

Young men and women be true, upright and honest, not only with yourselves but with every one else, and in doing so be protected from

### Race News.

After years of unrequited toil and suffering under an unjust verdict of an unfriendly courts-martial—that of dismissal from the army—Lieut. Flipper has been restored to the regular army by the reviewing board at Washington, D. C.

Prof. W. T. Vernon taken the recent Republican convention off of its feet, such was his splendid and eloquent appeal for fair play and justice to all mankind. It was such a scene as was witnessed at the republican convento in '88 when that finished orator and states man, Frederick Douglass, caused that great body to cry, and men embraced each other under the spell of his mighty eloquence.

The Western Negro Press Association will meet this year at Colorado Springs, Col., in August.

The grand jury investigating the Springfield mob has brought in a report severely criticising the sheriff, police and county attorney and many indictments are looked for.

The A. M. E. church throughout its connection is raising funds for the San Francisco sufferers.

Topeka, Kansas, May, 2.—At the Republican state convention the following resolution was passed: "That the Republicans of Kansas recognize in Prof. W. T. Vernon a type of all that is best in his race. He is honest, clean and cultured and we earnestly request that the Senate of the United States confirm his appointment as register of the treasury."

The precious enemies of Prof. W. T. Vernon of Kansas received a solar plexus blow when the republican convention at Topeka passed the above resolution and no doubt the U. S. Senate will now lose no time in confirming him.

The first colored man in the U. S. to receive the 33rd degree was H. H. Gilbert of Philadelphia. He received the same in 1842 from Jos. W. B. Smith the founder of the New York Supreme council.

The only objection the colored Christian may have to the Catholic church is a restriction that the church may place upon his shouting proclivities. The colored Protestant Christian likes to shout. If he enters the Catholic church this privilege will be taken from him. If, however, the church offers protection to his body, it would seem that he would be willing to let shouting alone and pray in silence and conform to the rules governing that church. What the colored man wants today is not only religious freedom and protection, but civil and political freedom and protection. The white Baptists, the white Methodists and the white Presbyterians don't care to associate with their religious sisters and brothers. Just what kind of religion this is, The Bee is unable to state. It is not so much of association as it is to allow the colored brother to sing and pray with them.

The white Baptist doesn't care to pray with his colored brother and sister and so it is with the white Methodist and Presbyterian. The white Catholics are very charitable toward their colored Catholics and they treat them as human beings and not as cattle. There should be no discrimination in religious worship. Why should there be? The colored churchman should think for himself. He should worship with those who are Christians in deed and in fact.—BEE.

### POLITICAL SNAPSHOTS.

The kissing bee, Gov. Hoch, was renominated for a second term in Kansas.

The pluggers and fixers evidently had their calculations verified when the appointments of Mayor Lindsay were made public.

Really now, just how much does the average elector have to do with the results of an election, and is there any hope of reward for party loyalty.

Col J. H. Rice our genial state treasurer is one of the staunch republicans who does not hesitate to encourage enterprise and thrift among the colored contingent.

After all what is it that makes the colored vote mugwumpish if it is not because it is continually shown there is no reward for party loyalty. There is none who can question his right to at times go off the reservation.

Hon. M. A. Witmer who began another term in the city council is one of the stalwart republicans of this section, of whom the best the party can give is not too good.

If all the party workers of Montana were of the calibre of Dr. O. M. Lanstrum, whose work for republicanism needs no comment in these columns, there would be no question of continued republican supremacy in this county and state.

Mayor Lindsay's administration starts out under the most favorable auspices. He is broadgauged and up with the times. His inaugural address was a concise, business document which if carried out will not only redound to the credit of the city, but Mr. Lindsay as well.

We believe that he should have the hearty support of the council in upholding his policy as Mr. Lindsay is undoubtedly the right man in the right place.

### The Plaindealer Would Like To Know WHY

It was that the contemplated party that was scheduled to be given last week was declared off.

There are so many able bodied men in town, who when offered work refuse it.

Those who were most profuse in their promised support of a race journal before it started, do not patronize one now.

The Helena Giants do not play the Fort Harrison Team.

The gentleman with the best trotter lost a bottle of wine last Wednesday.

There are not more of our young men qualifying themselves to take the civil service examination.

Spencer Smith is so elated this week.

Some one does not open a first class restaurant and ice cream parlor on Main street.

There is not an organization in Helena to promote and provide intellectual entertainment for our people.

The PLAINDEALER though it is sent does not reach some of our subscribers.

A prominent lady is so inquisitive as to other people's affairs.

More of our people do not keep posted the current events of the day.

Clever Billy Young never gets old.

Maharra's famous base ball team failed to meet the Giants.

Nick Chiles has become reconciled to Gov. Hoch of Kansas.

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## A GREATER MONTANA.

*Our people should do their utmost for the Development of a Greater Montana.*

*Encourage Thrift, Education and Industry along all lines, to the end that in the Great March of Progress and Prosperity with which this section is about to witness we shall take our part in this Mighty Procession.*

*Encourage the coming of our best Citizenship to this Great Eldorado of the Northwest to assist in building up and developing our inexhaustible resources, both in mine and soil. If we do this we shall be doing our part in the solution of the problems which confront us.*

*Let it be known that there is no room for the idle, shiftless and floating population, but a hearty welcome for Sober, Industrious, Intelligent and Thrifty Men and Women.*

so much prominence given to her in her marriage to Nicholas Longworth, so much that she has been the recipient of showers of gifts of the greatest governments? It was her character—her pure life, her sweet disposition. Her lady-like dignity and graceful independence won over in kindest friend the Empress of China, a thing never before heard of. What did it? Wealth nor beauty, nor color did it. Education alone nor fine clothes did it. But the Character of a remarkable daughter of a remarkable father was the secret. Do you think that Rockefeller's or Carnegie's daughter backed up by their vast wealth could win the esteem of the American people and the tokens of friendship from the royalty of other nations as did this ordinary looking young lady? No, a thousand times, no!

The colored girl has a great opportunity in this nation. Just as Alice Roosevelt has captured the hearts of nations by means of her character and inward noble accomplishments, in a like manner the ideal of the American Negro girl should be to win the hearts of the world; not by wealth or beauty,

the the insults of men. When we reach that point, then and only then shall the Negro have a position in society.

Not to be outdone by their white brethren, five colored men filed articles of incorporation for the Afro-American Mining company yesterday and will develop and operate eight claims northwest of Butte near the Big Bonanza mine. Charles F. Jones, president of the company is well known in this city and Butte, where he has been engaged in mining for a number of years. Mr. Jones is an excellent speaker, and when Pres. Roosevelt last visited Butte, Mr. Jones made a speech in behalf of the colored people and presented the president with a souvenir made from Montana gold and copper.

This company owns several good mines in Madison county from which ore is being shipped. The directors are Chas. F. Jones, Andrew J. Henson, Wm. H. Jones, J. W. Duncan and Dr. T. S. P. Miller. The incorporators are all residents of Butte, with the exception of Dr. Miller, who is a physician of New York city.

The company is capitalized for \$200,000 in shares of 15 each.