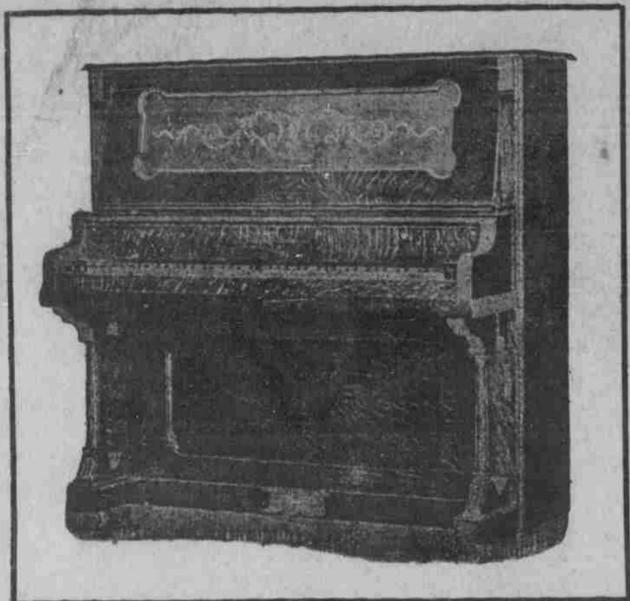


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JUBILEE SINGERS IN PHILADELPHIA.

The recent death of Mrs. John H. Thrift, in London, England (formerly Miss Mattie Lawrence, of Washington, D. C.), serves to recall the early days of the famous Fisk Jubilee Singers. The campaign of endowment, started in 1870, to add to the funds of Fisk University, was aided the country over, and they talent singers, who had enlisted their energy and time for this work, were known by reputation everywhere. The newspapers of other places had endorsed the work and the skill of the singers to such an extent that wherever they appeared there was well nigh an ovation. In Philadelphia their interests were cared for by such widely-known and potential men like George H. Stuart, William H. Whilden, John Wanamaker and others. When they reached this city, in 1871, they found a positive spirit of philanthropic support, and at each concert the Academy of Music could have been twice its size and yet unable to meet the demands of those who desired to hear this little group of men and women dignify slave songs by artistic interpretation. Through the promoters the singers were guests of the Continental Hotel. That surely was an innovation, and although startling to some, there was a marked cordiality in their greeting. The guests in the hotel at the time got their cue from the many prominent callers, and even vied with them in the warmth of greeting. The Fisk contingent was self-possessed and refined and acted as though they had always been used to such things. Altogether it proved an awakening. They were entertained at the homes of our best citizens of both races, and it is remembered how hospitably they were received in the homes of William Still, Levi Cromwell, Thomas J. Bowers and Miss Annie Mills. The first group of singers comprised Misses Jackson, Shepperd, Porter, Malone and Tate, Messrs. Rutling and Holmes were the men of that group. Later on the entertainers were increased, and among them Frederick J. Lindin. Miss Mattie Lawrence afterward joined the company, and the trips all over the United States and Canada proved so very remunerative that several were made to Europe. Miss Lawrence was not only a cultivated singer, but had a personality which won an audience wherever she appeared. Of course, we all know the value of Mr. Lindin's work, and his advent put them onto a plane higher than ever before attained. While abroad they were entertained by royalty, the nobility and great of every country. In fact, they were house guests of men and women whose favor but few Americans had secured. After hundreds of thousands of dollars had been secured to Fisk University, Fred J. Lindin organized another troupe on his own account and made prolonged concerts in America, Europe, Asia and Africa and the far insular places in the Western ocean. The scheme was not only unique, but its magnitude was just as great, and is without parallel in the annals of amusement undertakings anywhere. Indeed, the part played by Lindin (a rare singer, indeed) stamps him as a Napoleon in the amusement field. Philadelphia was a prime factor from beginning to end in the matter of the Fisk Jubilee Singers.—Philadelphia Tribune.

NEW FURNITURE PURCHASED.

The Railway Protective Association through the untiring effort of Mr. Humphrey Bowling, Vice President, have recently purchased some fine furniture for the Association in the way of chairs, mirrors, swings, book cases and many other articles, which will make the Association rooms attractive. It is the intention of the Association to make it pleasant for all who wish to visit the place from time to time. Pains and expenses will not prevent this from being a place where none will be ashamed nor afraid to enter, as the best order, at all times, is kept. A welcome is extended to the public.

SPRUCE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

Dr. T. J. Townsend made a flying trip to Chattanooga last week on business and to see relatives.

Hon. E. A. Best, ex-State Senator and prominent lawyer from Franklin County, was one of our audience Sunday night. He is a staunch friend of the pastor.

The R. W. U. entertainment on the 29th was a grand success.

The ladies of the "Be Quick Club" will give a rousing 7-cent entertainment Monday night, May 6. Come, everybody.

Dr. Townsend is preaching a series of sermons on "The Wedding Ring" each Thursday night. Subject May 2nd, "Choice of a Husband."

The Juvenile Club Choral Class are making themselves felt in our circles. Encourage them.

The "Triumvirate" from Memphis, Searcy, McMichael and Fuller, will be in Nashville Sunday, May 20, to the pastor's installation.

MISS BROOKS VICTIM OF PAINFUL ACCIDENT.

Miss Laura Brooks, of 504 Fourteenth avenue, North, was the victim of a painful accident last Saturday afternoon between three and four o'clock. Miss Brooks is employed by the Clarion Printing Company, at 601 Second avenue, North, where she has worked for about two years as a compositor and press feeder. Last Saturday she was feeding one of the job presses, when one of the sheets fell through on the floor, and in reaching to pick it up her sleeve was caught in the cogs of the wheels. Before she could stop the press or call any one to her aid the sleeve had wrapped around the wheel which forced her arm into the cogs. The arm was badly lacerated. As quick as it was known what had happened one of the young men sprang to her aid. The press was stopped instantly and Miss Brooks' arm was extricated. She was suffering great pain. The muscles of her left arm were torn to shreds, and the blood was streaming from the wound. The expression on the unfortunate girl's face showed that she was suffering great agony. She was assisted to a chair and a physician was called. Harris, a white doctor, was the nearest at hand and he came and did the best he could. He did not have the necessary material to render first-class service, but what he did relieved the suffering temporarily. Dr. R. F. Boyd was soon on the scene, but Miss Brooks was so weak he would not attempt to dress her arm at that time. A hack was called and the young lady was taken to her home on Fourteenth avenue, North.

As soon as Miss Brooks had sufficiently regained her strength, Dr. Boyd made an examination and discovered that it would be necessary to remove all the stitches. This he did and dressed the arm. He also discovered that a bone had been fractured, but not such as would cause the limb to be stiff after healing. Miss Brooks is resting quietly at her home, and is doing as well as could be expected under the circumstances.

CONSTITUTION.

Florida is now a running mate for South Carolina. The latter passed the first ordinance of secession and the former has recently passed the first law of defiance to the Constitution of the United States. The state, through its legislature, embodies in the form of a law the declaration that the Fourteenth and Fifteenth amendments of the national constitution are inoperative and therefore null and void. This is folly with a vengeance; this is extremism; this is anarchism of the rankest sort; it is the puny attempt of one of the states to blow the ashes from the smoldering embers of a question long since settled—the question of State Sovereignty or the right of a state to put at naught the great organic instrument—the constitution.

It is very unfortunate for one of the states to so far forget itself as to go to such an extremity. It forgets that its very existence is predicated upon those amendments as a part of the foundation upon which rests the entire North American Republic.

Before Florida could be re-erected into a state government, her people in convention assembled had to draft and formulate a constitution which would not conflict with the Constitution of the United States and the acceptance of these amendments was one of the specific conditions required of every seceded state before its readmission into the Union. Each seceded state had to so express itself in its constitution in clear, plain, unequivocal language which would not admit of any other construction that it accepted the Constitution of the United States with its amendments as the national law. Florida was no exception to the others which had to declare their allegiance to these amendments ere they were rehabilitated. Her recent act places her in a contradictory light to her re-admission declaration, which declaration is to-day a part of her own constitution. If it is not in her fundamental law she is neither state nor territory, but an unorganized lay of land. There is no going back of the fact that every state constitution must be in consonance with the national constitution.

To allow the states to continue to make encroachments upon the national document by lopping off a piece here and there to effect their policy toward the Negro, is nursing a danger. Finally the Thirteenth Amendment will be swept away by this lopping process and what has occurred—ten million people re-enslaved?

What is the matter with Florida? Nothing but the ghosts of its old Spanish cruelty and oppression of slavery re-incarnated. Only this and nothing more. She wants to see slaves once more in her orange groves. Poor old Florida, the unhappy land of flowers!

Miss Queenie Arnold is a substitute teacher this week at Meigs School.

Mr. P. H. Benson, of 1615 Hamilton street, who for the past eight months has been principal of the school at Hampton station, about seven miles from Clarksville, arrived in town last Sunday night, and will spend his vacation in Nashville and vicinity.

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