

**FIDELITY OF THE NEGROES.**

We have had so many denunciations of the negro that it is a pleasure to record something to his credit. A Nashville paper recently said:

"Bob Fippin, a veteran negro porter in the employ of the freight office of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis railway, dropped dead on the street last week. He had held his position for twenty-five years, and in that time had handled all the receipts of the office, one of his duties being to carry the office's deposits to the bank. It is estimated that not less than \$25,000,000 belonging to the road had been handled by the negro during his service. Not a penny was ever missed."

Alluding to this instance of fidelity, the Memphis Commercial-Appeal says:

"To a well-informed Southerner this will not be startling information. We are used to such. While our fathers were in the army during the Civil War our slaves remained at home, and many a negro overseer managed the plantation for missus' and turned over every dollar that he made. Since the bloody conflict ended the negro has continued to act as a treated servant to his former master. Banks and commercial houses all over the Southland allow him to handle large sums of money, and we have never heard of one of them running away with large or small amounts. This is indeed very remarkable, when it is considered that the negro as a race has very little regard for moral obligations. They do not think it a sin to pilfer, but put one in a place of responsibility and he is pretty apt to make good and give general satisfaction."

Every now and then some circumstance comes to light which discloses the true relations existing between the races in the South more surely than long-winded novels or brilliant orations. These things happen day after day under our own eyes, but we are so used to them that not infrequently they occasion no remark. When one of them gets into print we say to ourselves, "That is so," and thinking by association recall half a hundred similar incidents which had failed to impress us at the time of the occurrence.

The exceptional cases of outrage should not and do not cause the Southern people to doubt the general fidelity of the negro race. The only disturbing influence in the South has been politics, and now that the question of suffrage is settled there is every reason to believe that the old confidential relations of the races will be restored.

**ANCHORING OF SAND DUNES**

They Were Covered with Vegetation to Prevent Them from Engulfing Arable Land.

So much attention has been directed to the work that is being done in reclaiming the arid and semi-arid lands of the west that the reclamation work along the Atlantic coast is almost entirely overlooked. The familiar sand dunes, characteristic of the coast from Cape Cod to Cape Fear, while perhaps artistic, constitute a menace to adjacent cultivated lands and are useless in themselves, Massachusetts, at considerable expense, has been endeavoring to reclaim the sand dunes that form so large a part of the "Province Lands" on Cape Cod.

It has been found that sand is readily bound together by grass roots, and that if sturdy varieties of grass, suitable for sandy soils, are planted and cared for while obtaining a foothold and maturing, they will gradually cover large areas, transforming them from shifting worthless lands into veritable fertile cultivable fields. Many years of forestry work in Europe have shown that after the grasses have made a start, trees can be successfully raised on these erstwhile sand piles, which may thus be made to yield a revenue. Some of the most extensive and mobile sand dunes in the United States, however, are found in the west, and it is the ambition of the bureau of forestry to cover these with permanent forest growths. Along the Columbia river in Washington the sand is very light owing to the large proportion of mica it contains, and consequently is easily blown about by the winds.

In a part of the lower Columbia river valley great orchards have been actually engulfed with the shifting sands, and the railroads have experienced great difficulty in maintaining their tracks in this district in passable condition. In order to make a practical test as to the best method of treating these dunes, a strip of land on the Columbia river, between Willow creek and the John Day river, has been set aside by the government for extensive experiments based on the work done in Massachusetts referred to above. In the east, tree planting plans for owners of sandy tracts are being prepared, this extending the scope of the practical cooperation begun by the bureau of forestry.—Philadelphia Record.



Mrs. Elizabeth H. Thompson, of Lillydale, N.Y., Grand Worthy Wise Templar, and Member of W.C.T.U., tells how she recovered by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I am one of the many of your grateful friends who have been cured through the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and who can to-day thank you for the fine health I enjoy. When I was thirty-five years old, I suffered severe backache and frequent bearing-down pains; in fact, I had womb trouble. I was very anxious to get well, and reading of the cures your Compound had made, I decided to try it. I took only six bottles, but it built me up and cured me entirely of my troubles."

"My family and relatives were naturally as gratified as I was. My niece had heart trouble and nervous prostration, and was considered incurable. She took your Vegetable Compound and it cured her in a short time, and she became well and strong, and her home to her great joy and her husband's delight was blessed with a baby. I know of a number of others who have been cured of different kinds of female trouble, and am satisfied that your Compound is the best medicine for sick women."—MRS. ELIZABETH H. THOMPSON, Box 105, Lillydale, N.Y.—\$5.00 per bottle if ordered by letter proving genuineness cannot be produced.

The wheel of life is merciless. Stephanie, Baroness di Gallotti di Napoli, daughter of Signor Ghillardi of Milan, Italy, and second cousin of the late Queen Victoria, of England, died on the 23rd inst. at Leadville, Colorado. The Baroness was born in Milan, in 1840. When fourteen years old she was married to Baron di Gallotti. In 1855 the Baron was exiled for political reasons from Italy, and a few years later the couple came to America. The Baroness toured the country with the leading Italian grand opera companies in the early sixties. The Baron died in Denver in 1874. In 1879 the Baroness married Charles H. Tanner, who was then an attorney in Denver. As age overtook them they found it more difficult to acquire funds for living expenses and frequently suffered from want.

**SPECIAL RATES ON M. & O. R. R.**

Account of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition and World's Fair to be held at St. Louis, Missouri, from April 30th to December 1st 1904, the Mobile and Ohio railroad Co., will sell tickets to St. Louis, and return as authorized below.

\$19.35 Season Excursion Tickets \$19.35 Will be sold daily, commencing April 25, 1904 and continuing during the entire period of the Exposition, final return limit sixty days from date of sale, but not later than December 15, 1904.

\$16.20 60 Days Excursion Ticket \$16.20 Will be sold daily commencing Monday, April 25th, 1904, and continuing during the period of the Exposition, with final return limit sixty days from date of sale, but not later than December 15, 1904.

\$14.20 15 Day Excursion Tickets \$14.20 Will be sold daily, commencing Monday, April 25th, 1904, continuing during the period of the Exposition, with final return limit fifteen days from date of sale. Special Coach Excursions will be run from time to time as will be announced in subsequent issues. Joint validating Agencies for the execution of tickets (return portion) will be located at the following places in St. Louis: Union Station, World's Fair Ground (Transportation Building), World's Fair Grounds (Opposite Main Entrance), No. 4129 Olive Street, No. 13 North 7th street (between Chestnut and Market). For further information apply to

J. F. HARBELL, Agent, C. M. SHEPPARD, G. P. A. Mobile, Alabama.

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**NON-RESIDENT NOTICE.**  
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,  
Chickasaw County,  
2nd District.  
To Sam Riley, Belle McIntosh, Harriet Elliott, Jake Bush, and the British & American Mortgage Co., Ltd.

YOU are commanded to appear before the Chancery Court of the Second District of the county of Chickasaw in said state on the third Monday of May, 1904, to defend the suit in said court of William Jordan, Sr. et al., wherein you are defendants.

By G. W. BRAN, D. C. T. W. HAMILTON, Clerk. This 26th day of April, 1904.  
J. E. BRIDGEMAN, CLAYTON & CLAYTON, Sols' for Compl'ts.

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**NON-RESIDENT NOTICE.**  
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,  
Chickasaw County,  
2nd District.  
To Hannah Origer, Defendant.

YOU are commanded to appear before the Chancery Court of the Second District of Chickasaw county, in said state, on the third Monday of May, 1904, to defend the suit in said court of Camp Origer, wherein you are a defendant.

By G. W. BRAN, D. C. T. W. HAMILTON, Clerk. This 12th day of April, 1904.

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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,  
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2nd District.  
To the unknown heirs of Peter Brown deceased, Defendant.

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Our charge to locate each person is \$3.00, \$2.00 of which is retained by the bureau and \$1.00 is to be applied on the first day or first week's room hire.

Our Bureau is in close communication with the reputable hotels, rooming and boarding houses in the city, and all vacancies are reported to us several times each day.

Headquarters one block from Union Station. Uniformed messengers will conduct the guests from there to their hotels, etc.

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To William Vaughan, Defendant.

YOU are commanded to appear before the Chancery Court of Second District of Chickasaw county, in said state, on the third Monday of May, 1904, to defend the suit in said court of Ella Vaughan, wherein you are a defendant.

By G. W. BRAN, D. C. T. W. HAMILTON, Clerk. This 12th day of April, 1904.

LYON & LYON, Attorneys.

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