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A COMMUNITY'S RIGHT.

Has the president of the United States a right to force a federal official upon a community against the unanimous protest of its inhabitants?

That, in essence, is the question involved in the appointment of colored postmasters in the south. It is not a question of color at all. It is a question of a community's right to have its officials acceptable to its citizens.

If the president has legal right to use the military power of the United States to force a repugnant official upon a southern community he has the same right to force a repugnant official upon a northern community, or any other.

In other words, no community could be entitled to any voice in the selection of its federal officials.

The equal eligibility of colored and white to hold office, other things being equal, is not involved in the question, except remotely.

People who have no racial prejudice at all in such matters might oppose a particular man's appointment because of unfitness or for other reason, regardless of his color. When such opposition is overwhelmingly in majority it is entitled to consideration, south or north.

In the notorious Indianapolis case, the president might have avoided trouble by appointing another colored postmaster in the place of the obnoxious Mrs. Cox, resigned. His right to hold in office by force an official who has resigned is far from clear. His right to deprive a community of postal facilities the cost of which it helps to defray is more doubtful still.

There is a clearly perceptible indication that the real, though unavowed, motive of the attempt to discipline the people of Indianapolis is not so much a diplomatic defense of the right of colored people in the south as an appeal to the colored voters in the north.

The right of any community to protest against obnoxious federal officials is a sacred one. The attempt to weaken and obscure it by confounding it with a question of racial equality can not succeed.

Colored men's eligibility to office is the same as that of white men—no more.

The right of protest against an obnoxious white man ought to be preserved. And with it should be preserved the right of protest against an obnoxious colored man.

A LIGHT IN THE WINDOW.

In the pauper's graveyard at Coffeyville, Kan., lies the body of the man who wrote the song, "There's a Light in the Window for Thee."

Rev. Edward Dunbar wrote other popular songs well known 20 years ago but the one mentioned is strongly associated with his career.

It was an erratic career.

Dunbar served three years in the Minnesota penitentiary for bigamy and afterwards became a wanderer and a vagabond. He turned up at Coffeyville about three years ago and applied at the city jail for food and lodging.

The night was stormy and so doubtless was the soul of Dunbar, for it was his last night. Did his spirit as it beat its wings upon the battered cage of a worn-out body, see a light in the window? At any rate Dunbar died that night.

Letters upon his body identified him. He was buried in the potter's field and his friends were notified. Now the body is to be taken back to the home of his childhood.

Factory boy, sailor, minister, convict, tramp. That was Edward Dunbar's crescendo and diminuendo.

When he was a lad working in a factory late at night his mother always kept a light in the window for him. Then he went to sea on a three years' cruise. Still the mother kept a lamp burning in the window, and when she died before he returned, her last words were:

"Tell my boy Edward I will keep a light burning in heaven for him."

And thus the song.

Dunbar became a brilliant minister, an evangelist of unusual power and a song writer who possessed a touching pathos everywhere recognized. But there was always a bad streak in him. He was sent to the penitentiary for promiscuous marrying. Afterwards he was a sort of troubadour tramp.

There are some who say that genius is aberration.

Anyway, this is true—man is a double.

In him is both beast and angel.

And it is only the angel that sees the light in the window.

THE SUN, M. D.

- "Bloodless surgery."
- "The surgery of light."

What will the next be?

In McClure's magazine Cleveland Moffet and Jacob A. Riis tell of the remarkable cures of Dr. Niels Finsen of Copenhagen. Alfred Harmsworth, editor of the London Daily Mail, and Dr. George G. Hopkins, a well known American physician, endorse what they say of the cure.

It seems there was something besides a fad in "blue light" craze of General Pleasanton 30 years ago.

Afterwards came the X ray

And now Finsen's Light Institute is curing lupus and certain epithelial outgrowths in a scientific way, using sunlight and electric light as a therapeutic agent. The apparatus is simple. It utilizes certain rays—differing in different diseases—and concentrates them.

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ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY IS OBSERVED THROUGHOUT THE LAND.

NEW YORK'S MEMORIAL.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—The Chicago Society of New York holds its second dinner in honor of the memory of Abraham Lincoln at Delmonico's to-night. The invited guests include many prominent persons who were acquainted with Mr. Lincoln.

Among these are Senator Cullom of Illinois, A. B. Chandler, president of the Postal Telegraph and Cable company, who was a telegraph operator in the White House during the civil war; A. J. Conant, the artist who painted the portrait of Lincoln now in the capitol at Washington; Lafayette Young of Des Moines, and ex-Governor Boutwell of Massachusetts.

DEMOCRATS OBSERVE DAY.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 12.—The annual banquet of the Jefferson-Jackson-Lincoln league, to be given at the Park hotel tonight, has attracted prominent democratic leaders from many sections of the country.

William J. Bryan heads the list of distinguished visitors, having accepted an invitation from ex-Congressman John J. Lentz. Mr. Bryan is to have distinguished associates on the speaker's list, for the galaxy of orators who have promised to be present embraces Mayor Tom L. Johnson of Cleveland and Clarence Darrow of Chicago. The attorney for the miners in the hearing before the anthracite strike commission.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 12.—The Indiana Lincoln league, which corresponds to the leagues of Republican clubs in other states, is holding forth here today in annual convention. A brief business session was held to-night with R. Harry Miller of Fairmount, president of the league, in the chair.

Tonight the annual banquet takes place at the Denison hotel and will be attended by the state officials and republican members of the legislature. The speakers will all be Indiana men.

DAY IN PHILADELPHIA.

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LINCOLN DAY AT CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—Memorial exercises in honor of Abraham Lincoln were held here today on a scale surpassing those of any previous local celebration of the anniversary of his birth.

Appropriate ceremonies were held in the schools, and the public buildings were closed. Nor was any business transacted at the banks, board of trade, or stock exchange. At the anniversary banquet of the Lincoln club, to be held at the Auditorium tonight, Archbishop Ireland of St. Paul is to be the chief speaker.

CELEBRATE IN SPRINGFIELD.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 12.—Springfield, the home of Abraham Lincoln, appropriately observed the ninety-fourth anniversary of his birth today.

The state and city offices were closed and commemorative exercises were held in the public schools. Many wreaths and other floral offerings were deposited at the Lincoln monument.

AT LOCAL THEATRES.

Dan Sully is one of the school of Irish actors who never change. He is always the same, always Dan Sully, whether presenting "The Corner Grocery," "The Parish Priest" or "The Old Mill Stream." He has a clientele similar to that which Joseph Murphy formerly drew to every theater in which he played "The Kerry Gow."

It is no wonder then that Mr. Sully drew a good sized audience to the Spokane theater last night to see his new play.

There is nothing novel or startling in the plot of "The Old Mill Stream."

tim to the wives of Zoan and wrecks his mission. In the end Corianton returns to his home and receives his father's forgiveness.

The scenes are laid in America and the time is 75 B. C. The story is said to be highly interesting and gives opportunity for lavish spectacular effects. The cast is large and contains a number of people of well known reputation.

David Belasco's war play, "The Heart of Maryland," comes to the Spokane theater tomorrow and Saturday evenings and Saturday afternoon. The play was originally produced several years ago with Mrs. Leslie Carter as Maryland Calvert, and since

WEDS SON OF FORMER SENATOR.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 12.—Prominent society people of New York, Washington, Baltimore and other cities attended the wedding today of Miss Angelica Schuyler Crosby, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. J. Schuyler Crosby of New York, and John B. Henderson, Jr., son of former Senator John B. Henderson of Missouri. The ceremony was performed this afternoon at the country home of the bride's parents.

The bride of today made her debut about three seasons ago, and is related to many leading families of New York. Colonel Crosby served on General Sheridan's staff during the civil war and was United States consul to Florence for several years.

Mr. Henderson, the bridegroom, is well known in New York and Washington.

Realty Transactions.

The following sales have been made through the real estate agency of Herkelrath & Smillie:

John Anderson to Thomas Leavell, 40-acre fruit ranch on Pleasant prairie, purchase price, \$1500.

W. J. Beales to Herkelrath & Smillie, house and lot on Mallon avenue near Monroe street, \$3500.

To Mrs. Nellie Schom, four lots in Union Park, \$525.

To E. J. Thew, six lots in East Sprague addition, \$200.

To O. Kinyon of Rockford, blocks 24 and 25 in East Sprague addition, \$700.

William Robinson sold 80 acres of land to J. H. Foster, the purchase price being \$735.

ANOTHER DOROTHY.

The Miss Tennant with Robert Edson is a Cousin of Dorothy Tennant Stanley of London.

Dorothy Tennant, the beautiful and fascinating young actress with Robert Edson's company, is a cousin to that other Dorothy Tennant who became the wife of Henry M. Stanley.



THE GREAT BELFRY SCENE FROM THE "HEART OF MARYLAND."

It is a story of village life in which the action moves along about as peacefully and sleepily as in the village itself. It is one of those kind of plays in which John waits until the third act to sell the family cow in order to lift the mortgage off the old farm.

There is plenty of quaint humor in Mr. Sully's play and he is thoroughly entertaining in the role of the country grocerman. The supporting company is capable.

The play will be repeated tonight.

Orestes Bean's romantic drama, "Corianton," will open a three nights and matinee engagement at the Auditorium. The play was originally produced in Salt Lake a year or so ago and has excited considerable comment because of the novelty of its theme.

The story is not based upon historical fact. It relates the experience of Corianton, the wayward son of a Nephtite high priest. The young man goes on an expedition to reclaim the Zoramites, who have forsaken their ancient faith, but falls a vic-

tim to the wives of Zoan and wrecks his mission. In the end Corianton returns to his home and receives his father's forgiveness.

The company which will be seen here is said to be in keeping with the production.

"Belshazzar," the sacred opera which was repeated by local talent last night at the Auditorium, has netted about \$400 for the organ fund of the Westminster Congregational church. There was an increased attendance last night. The total receipts were \$500.

One of the most pleasing numbers last night was "A Dream of Paradise," under the direction of Charles F. Orr. Other strong features were the violin playing of Miss French, Mrs. Harvey's harp solo and the Elks' Glee club. Mrs. Horace Kimball's whistling was the occasion for an encore.

The participants included the archbishop of York, the bishop of Durham, the bishop of London and other high prelates of the established church.

with all the pomp and circumstance which that tradition and custom have invested it.

The ceremony took place in Canterbury cathedral and was conducted

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New Primate of England Enthroned

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