

**"Anthony's Candidacy."**

To the FORUM—

Under the above caption in your last issue, some adherent of Otis Duncan undertook the task of showing why Mark Anthony's candidacy was ill-advised, etc. It certainly is. To the minds of many it seems as but yesterday since he was conspicuous in a monster demonstration given for one David Hill. There were spectacular banners unfurled to the gentle breezes, and one especially, attracted marked attention, being inscribed with "Our Second Emancipation." Behind this elaborate banner with ill-timed inscription, Negro democracy kept step to the tune of music. This is vividly remembered. For these reasons his candidacy is ill-timed.

There was much cause for elation when Mr. Anthony returned to the threshold of Republicanism, and well there should have been, for he possesses excellent political sagacity and excellent things could have been his portion, but he is now doomed to defeat by his younger opponent. Another reason why Mr. Anthony's candidacy is ill-timed.

To pollute the church with political schemery, is a thing to be deplored.

While adhering to the principles of democracy, for which he so persistently fought, not once in all those years did he ask anything at the hands of that party. His work, evidently, was for the extolling of others, coupled with a labor of love and devotion. Thus the inadvisability of his candidacy.

Mr. Anthony should withdraw for by so doing he would save himself from irretrievable defeat. To be defeated is so humiliating.

Otis Duncan has been the center of attraction since reaching his majority in that ward for his almost sacred loyalty to Republican principles. He has, with genuine courage, so characteristic of his nature, been manly in his political dealings. If loyalty to party principles, unadulterated truthfulness to friends, ability gained by extensive experience, past service to a party, count for anything, then Duncan should have even Anthony's support.

Yes, Anthony's candidacy is ill-advised.—A Voter, (1st precinct ward).

**Should the Miners Strike.**

One of the largest organizations in this country, is the United Mine Workers of America. This vast aggregation of workmen are now proposing to quit work on the first of April because their employers refuse to raise their wages. It is not a settled fact that they shall strike, but a strike is imminent. While we believe that the miners should be accorded their rights; we believe also that the operators should have a square deal. The miners, we are prone to believe, are too hasty in their deliberations in many things and too easily angered. They fail to study the problem from an economic stand-

point. There can be nothing gained by a strike at this time and we believe that all things considered, they should not precipitate a strike, causing great suffering, not among the operators, but among themselves.

In making demands for a more enlightened ministry it must not be presumed that the faithful services of the loyal fathers are forgotten. They have wrought well in their day and modern disciples are building on the foundations which they have laid. Young men who are entering the ministry now should be required to make some intellectual advancement. It is all folly to expect a man to preach effectively who is not prepared to use the English language with any degree of accuracy.—N. B. Union Nashville, Tenn.

The point is well taken.

**THE ROAD TO FAME.**

BY E. L. R.

If I'd known this road to fame  
Is but so short as 'tis,  
I expect I'd never undertook  
To cross the fathomless brooks.

But now the race has been begun  
The sweet song of birds  
[from hill-tops sung;  
And must I be so purile  
As to let the siren song of thee  
[beguile  
My fame?

But how, when and where,  
Am I to venture or to dare?  
The least mistake, mishap  
[or blunder,  
The world at me would wonder,  
But I'll journey on.

But, ah, my greatest fame  
[shall be,  
The allegiance of that lassie,  
Whose low thatched cottage is  
[by a tree  
Where the mocking birds in  
[the honeysuckles and the bees  
Doth make their habitat.

**A Marked Improvement.**

Mr. H. Tucker has moved the Palace barber shop to 108 S. 8th St., and will move his restaurant in the room where the shop was. This adjunct has been greatly needed and we predict unstinted patronage for the two businesses. The restaurant will be run on up-to-date plans. Regular meals will be served and especial attention given to short orders.

James Y. Kelly.

James Y. Kelly announces his candidacy for Police Magistrate in this issue. The election is to be held, Tuesday, March 6 and it is a special election. Mr. Kelly is young Republican lawyer, with a good disposition and asks the aid of his constituents. The calling of this election will cost the city considerable money, and Republicans feel that the party in power did the people an injustice by calling the special election, whereas the regular election will soon be held, however, let every one who is for Mr. Kelly, get busy.

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