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RESUME OF THE WEEK'S NEWS.

CONGRESSIONAL AND WASHINGTON NEWS.

Congress reassembled on the 6th, and both Houses adjourned early as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Senator Houston. The full report of the Hot Springs commission was presented to the Senate. Mr. Scales' resolution to investigate the origin of the Ute outbreak was adopted by the House. A leading Democratic senator in Washington says that Senator Cameron is managing General Grant's nomination and that Secretary Sherman's acquiescence thereto has been secured.

A letter is before the secretary of the interior charging the Hot Springs commission with attempted bribery. Much fault is being found with the report. The citizens claim that it is a part of the established land law that every town on public lands shall be entitled to its town site at the minimum rate of $1 25 per acre. The commission fixed a higher valuation, which must be paid, or the land forfeited.

In the Senate on Wednesday, Mr. Bayard presented petitions from citizens of Delaware praying for the passage of his legal-tender bill, and Mr. Pendleton gave notice that he would propose an amendment to Mr. Bayard's bill to provide that United States notes, if deprived of their legal-tender quality, shall not be available as a National bank reserve. Mr. Windom introduced a resolution to consider the expediency of establishing a department of agriculture and commerce, and Mr. Davis, of West Virginia, introduced a bill for the establishment of such a department. In the House a large number of miscellaneous bills were introduced. Mr. Cox reported in the House his bill to regulate immigration, and it was referred to the committee of the whole. The correspondence concerning the Ute Indians was laid before the Senate. It is said that Secretary Evarts is considering the removal of Consul Mosby for allowing one of the latter's letters on the Hong Kong frauds to be published. The case of Mc Cabe vs. Orth was argued before House committee on elections on Wednesday. The Senate committee on privileges and elections on Thursday resumed consideration of the Ingalls case, and obtained the desired telegrams from the Western Union Telegraph company's agent at Topeka.

In the House on Friday Mr. Ryan, of Kansas, introduced a bill to provide for admitting, duty free, clothing intended for the relief of the colored people who have emigrated. Mr. Ferando Wood has completed the revision of his refunding bill. The question of appointing a new governor for Utah was discussed in the cabnet meeting on Friday. The only two ordnance foundries in the United States have given notice that they must permanently close unless the Government gives them more work. The board of Indian commissioners recommended to the president that the religious societies be allowed to select the Indian agents. The National Greenback conference in Washington adjourned sine die on Friday after adopting a call for the National Greenback convention to be held in Chicago June 9

On Saturday the Senate committee decided to report favorably upon all the pending army nominations except promotions of lieutenants, which were laid aside. On Monday various bills were introduced and referred to proper committees.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS.

Prince Bismarck is reported dangerously ill.

There are rumors of approaching revolution in Mexico.

GARIBALDI hopes to get away from his wife about the 1st of February.

LONGFELLOW, the poet, is 73 years old, one year older than Jeff Davis.

The steamship City of New York, which arrived at New York City Saturday, brought $155,000 in gold bars.

Stephen Longfellow, nephew of the poet, has been arrested for forging the latter's name to a $1,000 check.

A CERTAIN cloven-footed autocrat is hauling in Prince Bismarck with an alcohol attachment.

ASTOR has 3,400 houses in the city of New York, at an average rent of $1,000 each, but he is not happy.

BISMARCK is full of remorse. It is killing him. His "iron and blood" chickens are coming home to roost.

R. R. Bishop was on Wednesday elected president of the Massachusetts Senate, and C. T. Noyes speaker of the House.

James Stewart & Co., doing an annual lumber business of $6,000,000 at Detroit, Mich., failed on Wednesday last.

Governor Long was inaugurated as governor of Massachusetts on Thursday. Public debt of the State $33,020,464.

General Garfield has been nominated for the United States Senate by the Republican members of the Ohio Legislature.

Benjamin C. Bogert, for 18 years treasurer of the New York Produce Exchange, defaulted and suicided in New York last week.

Frank Leslie, the well-known publisher, died, on Saturday afternoon, at his residence in New York, after a protracted illness.

Deadwood escaped a second burning down on Thursday. A fire was well under way, but stopped by the almost superhuman exertions of the people.

The Wabash, White and other rivers of the State have been on a "boom" all week, doing considerable damage in washing away bridges and mill dams.

THE czar employes Yankee detectives. They are probably instructed to inform his majesty what the politics of the schoolmasters are, a la Dudley.

The governor, of Alabama, has appointed Luke Prior United States senator from that State, to fill out the unexpired term of Senator Houston, recently deceased.

There is a grain blockade at Chicago. The elevators are filled to their capacity of 16,000,000 bushels, and about 12,500,000 bushels stored in the various warehouses.

Krupp, the gun manufacturer at Essen, Germany, has orders that will test the capacity of his establishment until 1881. Russia and Chili are giving large orders.

William Kufflic, a young German of Fort Wayne, was drowned in the St. Joe river on Wednesday. He was looking into the water rolling over Reedsville dam, lost his balance, fell over, with above result.

Forgeries on the Grocers' bank of New York to the amount of $100,000 have been discovered, and J. L. Haigh, a prominent merchant of New York, arrested, charged with uttering them. The bank is used up.

George Bell, a music teacher, was arrested in St. Paul, Ind., last Wednesday night, for attempting to drive a chisel into Charles Arnold's head. He is charged with intent to rob and murder.

Trouble is threatened in the mining regions of the Kanawha Valley. The miners have been on a strike for six weeks, and now threaten vengeance against the "black sheep" who are taking their places. The State militia has been ordered to be prepared to march to Hawk's Nest at a moment's notice.

The sub-treasurer at New York received proposals to sell bonds to the Government, in response to the secretary of the treasury's circular of December 31, 1879, stating he would purchase $5,000,000 worth. The total offerings were $7,148,000, and were mostly from New York bankers. The secretary of the treasury has accepted 3,055,000 sixes of 1881 at from 104 20 to 104 25, and 1,945,000 fives of 1887 at 103 35 to 103.37½.

Seven persons were burned to death at a fire at a public hall in New York on Wednesday night. On Thursday they were buried. Six coffins, almost covered with flowers, were ranged side by side, and on their plates were the names of the dead. Vice President Kuhn, of the Turnverein, read the funeral address. About 60 lodges and societies were present. There was a large funeral procession, and fully 10,000 spectators crowded around the hall and in the neighboring streets. The funeral of the seventh victim of the fire took place earlier in the day.

GENERAL NOTES.

JOHN WESLEY'S red cornelian seal is now the property of a collector in England.

MARTIN LUTHER'S betrothal ring has come into the possession of a Dusseldorf jeweler.

THERE will be 754 delegates to the Republican National convention at Chicago in June

THE rich Dublin brewer, Sir Arthur Guinness, has sold his business interests for $5,000,000.

A FARMER at Crooke county, Texas, reports $830 profits from 20 acres planted in corn and cotton.

FLOOD, the bonanza king, distributed $6,000 in Christmas presents among the San Francisco charities.

OVER 7,000 grape baskets were made by one firm in Naples, N. Y., during the latest grape season.

BALTIMORE, Md., with its packing trade consumes in boxes and cases over 50,000,000 feet of lumber per annum.

GEESE raising is carried on to a large extent in Texas. One goose will yield about a pound and a half of feathers. One ranch already has 3,000 geese.

MR. HORACE WHITE, the famous Chicago Tribune editor, is a lucky man. He has just made $200,000 by the rise in Kansas Pacific railroad stock.

IN the present Federal Senate, out of 76 members, 59 are lawyers. Out of 219 members of the House of Representatives, 219 are lawyers.

GENERAL ROGER A. PRYOR has received from a friend in Virginia, a relic of the war, consisting of two bullets which met and were welded together over a battle field.

WASHINGTON passed through the upper part of South Carolina in a private carriage during 1797. Since then no ex-president has visited the region until General Grant's present trip South.

IN the list of Georgia lawyers who have received big fees the Atlanta (Ga.) Constitution puts Senator Ben Hill first. He received in one case a fee of $140,000, of which $50,000 was paid in cash.

EX-UNITED STATES SENATOR TRUMAN SMITH was one of the three persons who last Sunday united with the Presbyterian church at Stamford, Conn., on profession of faith. He is 88 years old.

IN Queensland, Australia, the splendid wheat crop has had, in many cases, to be cut for fodder, by reason of the rains. The colonies are thus distressingly sympathetic with the mother country.

EX-SENATOR DORSEY, of Arkansas, is using the $1,000,000 he made in mining operations to carry on sheep raising on a grand scale in New Mexico. He was nearly bankrupt when he left the Senate.

THE wife of Governor Van Zandt, of Rhode Island, who barely escaped the Russian mission, is a daughter of Albert G. Greene, whose name is widely known as the author of "Old Grimes is Dead."

To give an idea of the ravages of diphtheria in Southern Russia, it may be mentioned that in the one province of Pultava about 7,000 persons have died of the disease in each of the last three years.

THE National Republican says: "The next Republican National convention will be held in Chicago on Wednesday, June 25, 1880, and not the 3d of that month, as many journals have announced."

A RETIRED Spanish soldier, Lopez, is 112 years old. He recently sent to his son, at Columbus, Ga., a letter, saying that after 40 years of army service he has been retired on $1,500 a year. The son who received the letter is only 79 years old.

AT Bishop Haven's funeral on Tuesday it is stated that nearly every minister of the Methodist denomination in New England was present. One of the bishop's sons is preparing to be a clergyman. The bishop's mother is still living, at the age of 91.

SENATOR ELECT GORMAN, of Maryland, began life as a page in the United States Senate by appointment of Stephen A. Douglas, and rose to be postmaster of that body. During the war he was a Republican, but went out of that party under Andrew Johnson.

MRS. F. GRANT has appeared in Washington in some quaint Eastern attire, presented to her by her mother in-law—a dress of some wonderful Oriental fabric, and a number of Hindostanee ornaments, including bangles which almost concealed her arms from wrist to elbows.

"WE feel" says the editor of the Ringgold Record, a Western newspaper, "the utmost regret at having omitted the marriage of Ella Sconce last week. But we hasten to say that she was one of the best catches in our city, a girl of modest, unassuming manners, but as pretty as a picture."

MR. RAMSEY, the new secretary of war, is described by the Times, of Chicago, as tall and very heavy, with gray hair and short side-whiskers, large blue eyes, and broad, good-humored face. He has a bluff and kindly way of talking, and receives the callers at his new office as if he were to glad to see them.

WHEN Rev. D. Jacobs Ide was ordained pastor of a church at Medway, Mass., 63 years ago, his health was so bad that it was supposed he would die within a few months; but he survived until last Monday, attaining the age of 95. Of the 800 members of his original congregation, he conducted the funeral services of all except one.

THE Churchman gives this story as absolutely true: "A zealous clergyman in a large Western city had the happiness of presenting 40 persons to his bishop for the holy rite of confirmation. Immediately after the service a vestryman approached his rector and said to him: 'That was a large class—a very large class. But there was no money in it.'"

THE population of our globe, estimated at 1,300,000,000, is ruled by 12 emperors, 25 kings, 47 princes, 17 sultans, 12 khans, 6 grand dukes, 6 dukes, 1 vice king, 1 nizam, 1 radia, 1 imam, 1 bey, and 28 presidents, besides a large number of chiefs of wild tribes. Of the republics, 19 are found on American soil, leaving only 9 for the rest of the world.

A LITTLE more than 40 years ago, all the table cutlery used in the United States came from England. At present, out of an annual consumption of nearly $3,000,000 worth, England supplies but 8 per cent., and this country not only manufactures nearly all that is needed at home, but ships large quantities to South America, Australia and Europe.

MR. LIGHTER, a young blacksmith of Findlay, O., went to Batavia, in that State, the other day, met Miss Lucy Roberts, a handsome brunette with some reputation as a musician, became enamored at first sight, sought her acquaintance, proposed, and was accepted, and married her instanter. The whole proceedings did not occupy more than three hours.

NEVER heard of the baby plant, did you? It is a Japanese exotic, it is a kind of lily, and blossoms twice a year. The flower is shaped like a star, having four brown-and-yellow petals. In the center is a tiny figure, which bears an exact resemblance to a nude baby. Its little arms and legs outstretched, and the eyes distinctly marked. A San Francisco lady paid $300 for this rare and elegant plant, of which there is no duplicate in this country.

THE EXODUS.

An Explanation that Hits the Bull's Eye at Every Shot.

A Letter from Col. A. D. Streight that Does Honor to Its Author, and Strikes Home for the Oppressed.

Hon. Chas. Kahlo, My Esteemed Friend:

You have my thanks for sending the Pharos of the 18th inst. It is surprising to see how a very ordinary transaction in our private business affairs can be construed by blind political partisans into a matter of great public concern. The truth is that I sent two colored men, and their families, consisting of some twelve women and children, from this city to my farm in Newton county, where I am needing some farm laborers. These people had just arrived here from North Carolina. These are the people referred to by the editor of the Pharos, when he says "Tell it to the laboring white men of Indianapolis that Col. Streight is stocking his farm in Newton county with North Carolina Negroes." Certainly, tell it to men of Indianapolis, both white and black, that I sent these people to work on my farm. Why not tell them? I have repeatedly advertised for farm laborers to go to my Newton county farm, and have sent numbers of them there, gave them remunerative employment, and I still want more, and, so far as I know, there are no idle farm hands in Newton county. Yes, tell it to the people that I sent two colored men, with their families, to my Newton county farm; and I will add that they are poor and destitute, but I believe honest and industrious. Now, friend Kahlo, while I am writing I will add that I have a very kindly feeling for these poor, destitute, persecuted people, who are endeavoring to escape from a condition worse than slavery. It will soon be sixteen years (in February next) since I was making my way from the same country. That class of people that are now persecuting the colored people was then called rebels; and those rebels had orders from the commander of the prison from which I had escaped to capture me, but to not bring me back. My life was at stake, but human endurance has a limit even when life is at stake, and this limit was reached when I was on the south bank of the Rappahannock river, near Tappahannock, after a terrible day of crossing difficult streams, marching and hiding from the enemy. My feet were sore; I was worn out for loss of sleep and starving for want of food. Escape seemed impossible. On the north was the Rappahannock river (near three miles wide); on the east was a deep, impassable creek; on the west was another stream of water too wide and deep to cross without a boat, and on the south side the rebels had established a strong picket line. It was known by the rebels that I was somwhere within the space of country above described, which was not more than two miles wide and three or four miles long. A cavalry regiment, together with the people, both black and white, with their dogs, had turned out to hunt all day for my place of concealment. It seems almost Providential that I was able to elude their vigilance through that terrible day. But darkness put an end to the search, and I was left to consider the situation. Up to this time my policy had been to avoid trusting anybody, and to endeavor to get through the country undiscovered. This must now be changed, for I was in great need of immediate, friendly assistance, and as I had no confidence in the white men of that section of the country, the black men were my only choice. I started in the dark, through a drenching rain, and soon found the negro quarters of a plantation, and on entering one of the cabins I was welcomed by a good, honest Union man, and a friend though a slave, who had been out all day with his master hunting for me. This man, at the risk of his life, took me into his cabin, procured and cooked a bountiful supply of food, and permitted me to rest while he joined his master the next day in a vigorous hunt for my place of concealment. Night came again, and the negroes returned to tell of what had been done, and of the fact that a certain boat, by chance, might be captured, which would enable me to cross the Rhappahannock, and thus escape from my pursuers. The negroes of this plantation, at the risk of their lives, joined me in capturing the boat, and piloted me through a difficult stream to the river, and returned to their houses to join in the search for my whereabouts on the morrow. By their assistance I made my way out of the reach of the enemy, and my life was spared. The colored people now fleeing from Southern persecution, are trying to escape from the same evil spirit that plunged our country into war; that starved and tortured to death over 30,000 Union soldiers; that hunted escaping Union prisoners of war with blood hounds; that since the close of the war has murdered tens of thousands of men and women for entertaining political opinions favorable to the Union; that has organized rifle clubs and Ku Klux bands to whip, scourge and murder Union people. I say that it is from this evil spirit that these poor people are trying to escape; and it was from the same demon that I made my escape. And now, remembering the fact, if any man supposes that I have no sympathy for the refugees, he is not acquainted with my disposition, for I do not intend to be guilty of ingratitude. Hoping that the time will soon come when our National government will protect the constitutional rights of our citizens throughout the length and breadth of the land, I remain most truly yours,

A. D. STREIGHT.

UNCLAIMED BOUNTY OF COLORED SOLDIERS.

An Open Letter to Hon. John A. Logan.

LYNCHBURG, Va., Dec. 13, 1879.

My Dear General—I learn from the public press, that the Hon. John Goode, M. C. from this State, has introduced a bill into the House of Representatives, having for its object the getting from the United States Treasury the money there now, and known as the "unclaimed bounty" of colored soldiers, and to turn it over to certain institutions for the education of the colored people, etc, etc.

I respectfully ask you that when this bill shall reach the Senate, you and other friends, especially General Burnside, will ask that it lie over, in order that the Senate may learn what are the views of the colored soldiers in regard to what disposition, if any, should be made of this money.

The National soldiers' and sailors' convention, at Philadelphia, January, 1867, adopted and presented to the 39th Congress an address protesting against the injustice of a law that a preceding Congress had ratified, allowing loyal slaveholders, or former owners, a ransom or bounty for their slaves enlisted in the army and navy. Congress listened to our prayer; and the lamented Hon. Edwin M. Stanton, Secretary of War, refused to pay a dollar more out of the fund under the terms of the bill. We contended that if there was a bounty to be paid it should go to the soldier or sailor, if living; if dead, to his heirs. I understand from the Secretary of the Treasury that the residue of that fund is in the treasury; and I respectfully beg a hearing for the survivors of the "Black Regiments" in regard to the bill that I speak of as introduced by Mr. Goode.

I do not know the views of comrades, and have no authority to fix the "living feer," but I do not believe there lives today a single one who will not protest against a dollar of this money being put into the hands of the managers of any institution where the Negro is made to feel the power and effect of discrimination against him on account of his color, race and previous condition of servitude.

I have taken steps to ascertain the views of colored soldiers and sailors on the subject, and as soon as possible I will transmit the same to the Senate.

I am, sir, very respectfully,
your obedient servant,
GEO. M. ARNOLD,
Sec'y Soldiers' and Sailors' National League, Lynchburg, Va.

Papers favorable to the above will confer a favor on soldiers and sailors by publishing

Correspondence crowded out last week.

Cleveland (O.) News.

Literary stock is falling.

Another colored band has been lately organized. The one of Oberlin.

The Young Men's Social club will have another of their pleasing balls on the 20th.

What young gentlemen, on making New Year's calls, stopped every time he passed a house?

It now turns out that Senator Voorhees, who is so much disturbed about the influx of a few colored men in Indiana, is a carpet bagger himself; having been "originally born" in Ohio, emigrated to Minnesota in his youth, and finally struck his stake for keeps on the shady banks of the murmuring Wabash. As Dan is not indigenous to the sacred soil of the Hoosier State, it doesn't become him to attempt to exclude others as decent and well behaved as himself, though a shade darker in color, from peacefully attempting to get their proper share of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness in the same commonwealth. NON NOLO.

Logansport News.

Week of prayer at the A. M. E church.

Rev. J. McSmith delivered an able sermon on last Sabbath.

The Mission Society met last Sabbath. They are preparing to give an entertainment on the 14th of next month (St. Valentine's day,)

The young gentleman all got left last Sabbath evening. They were waiting for the young ladies to ask them for company They should go home alone rather than ask for company,

How New Year's was observed: The young ladies formed themselves into a Leap year club and elected their officers: President, Miss Minnie Blodgett; secretary, Miss Ida Gilchrist; and they appointed a committee of arrangements, as follows: Misses Ophelia Carter, Lydia Turner, Mary F. Hill. The place for the entertainment was at the residence of Mr C. H. Gray. At the appointed time the carriages were ordered and the ladies made their calls after their company and then went to the place of entertainment, and when they all were together there were about 125 couples. They enjoyed themselves until the small hours of night had come. At 1 o'clock supper was announced and all the delicacies of the season were furnished, all by our young ladies. The supper was gotten up in the very best style. The visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap, Mrs. Eva Moss, Miss Jennie Moss, Mr. Jas Hull of Peru, Mrs. Mamie Sims of Goodland.

Peru News.

Mr. Moses Payton "carved dat possum" at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis on the 1st inst.

The Misses Lydia and Sarah of Marion, are in this city the guests of their mother Mrs. Bennett.

Rev. David Smith of Wabash, occupied the Methodist pulpit with grace and dignity last Sabbath.

Mr. William Brown is organizing a glee club. He proposes giving a concert for the benefit of Non Dum.

Mrs. Mattie Daggard, of Logansport was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander during the holidays.

The Hon. Mr. Hance and Voltaire would like to cross swords with Joseph Braboy of Kokomo, from any subject that may be derived from the annals of English literature.

Miss Eva Moss nee Shultz, Mrs. W. K. Dunlay and Miss Mollie Johnson took the 6 p. m. train this evening for Wabash where they will attend a brilliant reception at the home of Milton Roberts.

The report is current that our fellow-townsman James Jordon will ford the "brook" just below Great Bend that takes its cognomen from the broth of Turkey. The epithalamium will be rendered by Browns glee club.

Mr. Jefferson Sizemore of Marion was in this city Monday. We handed him a copy of the Leader, and his watchful eye fell upon that important article writen expressly for the benefit of the colored voters of Grant county. The shoe fit the gentleman precisely, and this tension upon the lower extremities caused him to unbosom himself and he gave his reasons for joining the Bourbons. Mr. Sizemore emphatically declares that if it was not for the colored vote of Grant county it would be an utter impossibility to elect a republican. But that for eight years or more, the white republicans have enjoyed the emoluments of the fat offices at the hands of the Negro voters; and not even the petty office of constable was ever conferred upon a colored man during all that period. He says further, that the present sheriff who is a democrat, promised the colored voters a full representation if they would support him, and that he has kept his pledge by appointing Negro deputies, jurors, bailiffs and the like, for which reason he, and a few others, are now full-fledged Bourbons. Eugene Lee, a colored refugee recently from North Carolina, gave Mr. Sizemore a vivid description of the many outrages committed by the democrats of State upon the Negroes, and then asked him if he would offer this isolated case in Grant county as a rebutal to the over whelming proof democratic malfeasance all over this country. VOLTAIRE.

Greencastle News.

Rube H—— wants to go to Plainfield.

Robert Horney is visiting friends in Plainfield.

John W. C—— what was the difficulty the other night.

Addie and Francis say the two D's are the finest boys on earth.

Messrs. Bryant and Harrison have gone to Brazil to work in the mines.

John T. Jones visited Clayton last week. Better pop the question and save traveling expenses.

The New Year's tree and party given at the residence of Robert Nathans was an enjoyable affair.

Tom Ecton why do you not give us the pleasure of looking upon your smiling countenance oftener?

Messrs. John T. Jones and Reuben Horney carried off the prizes at the Literary society last week.

There was a Christmas tree and a festival at Bethel church December 24, 25, and 26. It was a success in every particular.

Mr. E. Shipley, our popular jeweler has placed an elegant railing around his counter, so that he can display his mammoth stock to a good advantage.

Z Roberts and D Stewart of Lost Creek settlement were in the city last Thursday week, attending the wedding of Wm. H. Jones and Miss Nannie E. Roberts.

The colored people who have settled in our midst seem to be well pleased with their new home. They breathe the air of freedom for the first time in their lives.

We are informed by an employe of the office that Banner has the largest circulation of any paper published in Putnam county. Good for the Banner, that waves for all.

William H Jones and Nannie Roberts were married by Rev. J. H. Clay at Bethel chapel on Thursday evening, December 18, 1879. The bride and groom presented a fine appearance. The bride was adorned in a beautiful bridal robe trimmed with the usual preliminaries, and the groom in regulation black. It is the writer's wish is that but few "squalls" may disburb them during the voyage they have undertaken and that they may anchor safely on the other shore.

The private soldiers of different parts of the State are bringing forward Thomas Hanna for lieutenant governor on the Republican ticket. At the conclusion of his service in the army, Mr. Hanna entered Asbury University; where he graduated. For 10 years he has been a successful attorney. He served two terms as city prosecutor, and one term as chairman of the Republican Central committee, and in both positions he proved himself to be capable and efficient. Mr. Hanna is a stannch friend of the colored race. He is just the right sort of a man to put on the ticket, and we trust he will be nominated. More anon. ROVER.

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READ THE FOLLOWING

Letter from the Hon Geo. W. Williams, the Colored Member of the Ohio Legislature.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 22, 1879.

Editor Leader—Dear Friend:—Permit me to thank you for the friendly notice you made of my election and speech on the night of the 14th of October. My only apology for this tardy reply is, that I was called to New York city immediately after my election, to aid in the canvass there; and since my return to Ohio, I have been exceedingly busy.

I want to say that The Leader is, without doubt, the liveliest and cleanest newspaper printed by colored men in the United States. I say this, remembering that I was once the owner and editor of two papers—one published at Washington City, with such men as Wm. Lloyd Garrison, Wendell Phillips, Fred'k Douglass, Dr. Alex. Crummell, John M. Langston, Richard T. Greener, and other able men of both races, as contributors; and the other published in Cincinnati, O., gathering news from five States.

The Leader deserves success, and must be sustained. Let the leading colored men of the Southwest and Northwest use their influence to secure paying subscribers. Put me down on your list for a copy for one year, and send me your bill.

Colored journals are needed to send light and information into the homes of our people, and to use a keen pen in reforming the private and public morals and conduct of a people who, though physically free, are slaves to many pernicious and obsolete habits incident to a life of bondage. Go on in your noble effort to fashion a people into a race that will live for generations under the best forms of Caucassian civilization. Fraternally,

GEO. W. WILLIAMS