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COLORED CITIZEN PUB. CO.,

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Editor and Manager.

The COLORED CITIZEN, a paper devoted to the social, moral and industrial interests of the colored American of this state, is a new venture. It is an enterprise that should receive such hearty support from all classes irrespective of race, politics or creed that its assured success should be guaranteed from the outset.

Before we lie some interesting memoranda, at least to us. The sunshine and shadow of our efforts to start this paper are therein unfolded. What a variety of types compose the human family! They differ in size—(no reference to avoidupols). They differ in temperament, self-importance and general contour. Some have received us with a hearty handshake, encouraging words, valuable advice and substantial aid. Others turned loose on us a cold shower bath as soon as we were ushered into their frigid presence.

It matters not to the average citizen whether the tariff bill became law with or without the president's signature. What is wanted is a cessation of tariff tinkering so the business interests of the country may revive.

Republicans are feeling very comfortable. Sec?

Congress adjourned on Tuesday. Thanks.

A VIGOROUS CAMPAIGN.

Popular Tide Fast Flowing Helensward Under the Able Management of the Capital Committee.

A great deal of quiet and effective work in the interest of Helena for the permanent capital has been systematically and thoroughly prosecuted in every section of the state during the past few weeks by our able capital committee, the presiding genius of which is that thorough and energetic organizer Hon. J. P. Woolman, ably assisted by the ubiquitous Hon. Wm. Muth, its genial and affable secretary.

SUNSHINE AND SHADOW.

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POLITICAL RECOGNITION.

We note with pleasure that the republicans at the recent city primaries elected four delegates and five alternate delegates from our colored citizens, who shall represent the interests of the three hundred colored voters of this city in the coming county convention.

thither. Is it strange that the former is commencing to take the cue and do like wise?

Gentlemen of the republican party, of which we are proudly a member, allow your attention to be called to the necessity of courting and properly treating the colored vote just as considerably as are other integral factors of the party of progress and reform.

HON. T. C. POWER HOME.

Senator Power has received a hearty welcome by his hosts of friends from all parts of the State, who were pleased to grasp his hand and congratulate him on his excellent appearance, notwithstanding his arduous duties, incident to a long, active and tiresome session of Congress.

NOMINATE ONLY THE BEST LEGISLATIVE MATERIAL.

A Solid Republican Delegation Can be Elected Rule all Scrubs Off the Track.

On general principles political slate making is objectionable, but sometimes it becomes necessary and expedient. It is a matter of record that the Republicans of this county in recent years have for cause been unable to elect a solid legislative delegation.

It is high time that the leaders should get together and remove this cause. It is useless to presume upon the loyalty of the Republicans of this county. They will enthusiastically support and elect good legislative nominees but they will weed out and knife names that fall below the high standard demanded.

WHY WE WANT A PAPER.

It has been asked why do we wish to draw the color line and issue a paper devoted to the interests of the colored citizen? The question answers itself. Why do the Germans, Scandinavians and other nationalities have their own organs?

Every people have modes peculiar to themselves and the Afro-American is not an exception to the rule. Then we have a race pride that has clung to us from generation to generation, that time can not eliminate.

The political pot should be skimmed. So much harmony is unAmerican for these parts.

There are about 500 colored people in this city.

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"To the manor born, always thoroughly American, patriotic, industrious and reliable, the colored citizen deserves favorable public opinion." Be it said to the shame of a large majority of the people of this country that there is a strong disposition to "count out" the colored citizen. As long as he confines himself to the groove of a menial disposition remains quiescent; by general consent it is agreed that this narrow sphere should circumscribe his aspiration.

"THE PRINCIPLE IS THERE."

Only the Core Left.

The new tariff bill has become a law by the failure of the President to veto it. And now the magnates of the Democratic party are condoling with themselves and the disgusted public. After sifting the matter and analyzing the results Mr. Wilson, who as the unwilling sponsor of the abortion, probably knows more about the almost unrecognizable corpse than anyone else among the Democratic jury of inquest now seeking to establish the identity of the shapeless affair, after careful examination, repeated verifications and much mental effort has finally consented to make public as the result of his researches concerning the status of what was once known as the "Wilson" bill that "the principle is there."

TO OUR MERCHANTS AND BUSINESS MEN.

Owing to the press of business incident to getting out our first issue we have been unable to make the rounds of our merchants and business men to solicit advertisements. We rest assured, however, that when the rounds are made that a goodly number of ads. will be secured.

AN ANALYSIS OF CANDIDATES.

An analysis of those who are offering themselves as sacrifices on the political altar leads us to the conclusion that they are composed of several distinct types though all have an eye single to the same goal. The candidates who profess to believe and strenuously endeavor to impress upon enforced auditors that they are especially made to order for the place sought and possess rare ability therefor are probably the most numerous.

High Tariff—High Wages.

Senator Mills—and he is an authority on the matter—in a recent speech before the senate, the pending question being the recently enacted tariff bill, said: "The whole history of tariff legislation demonstrated that reduction of duties resulted in increased importation and increased revenue."

Reduced Duties—Reduced Wages.

What intolerable bosh! Mills, who is a representative exponent of democratic tariff reform, declares in explicit terms that INCREASED IMPORTATION will result from reduction of duties. What do increased importations mean for the American wage earner? It simply means that there will be a reduced demand to buy his labor, or if bought at all it must be had at a reduced rate.

The capital fight is warming up and our people are mixing up fireworks, hurrahs, brass bands and the like as side dishes to the cold and stubborn facts why Helena should be the permanent capital.

REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION.

Congressman Hartman to be Renominated By Acclamation.

The state convention to meet here on the 6th will no doubt be composed of many of the most distinguished citizens of the state. The indications point to a large, harmonious and enthusiastic gathering. The proceedings will partake largely of a love feast. It is conceded on all sides that the splendid and brilliant record of Congressman Hartman deserves special recognition by his party, and that he should be renominated by acclamation, which will undoubtedly be done with such genuine enthusiasm that our distinguished representative will have a practical reminder of the high esteem in which he is held by his fellow citizens.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY CONVENTION.

Many Are Called But Few Will Be Chosen!

The republicans of this county will convene on Tuesday, the 4th, for the purpose of nominating members of the legislature and county officers, and also to select delegates to the state convention. Judging from the list of delegates it will be composed of a larger number of distinguished gentlemen than have ever assembled in the county on a like occasion. It will undoubtedly be such an enthusiastic and harmonious gathering of leaders that the party will enter the campaign cemented as a unit.

THE STATE FAIR.

Big Crowds, Fine Races, Excellent Exhibits.

Under the able management of its efficient directors the Twenty-fifth Annual Exhibition of the Montana State Fair, has been the most successful yet. The grounds, exhibits and general aspect of things gave evidence of careful and skillful preparation, reflecting great credit on all parties concerned.

SEND IN THEIR NAMES.

The Names of All Colored Citizens in the State Wanted.

We desire to obtain a complete list of colored citizens residing within the state. We therefore kindly ask that friends in the cities and towns throughout the state send us the names and postoffice address of the heads, male or female, of as many colored families as can be conveniently obtained.

AFRO-AMERICAN CLUB.

A large and enthusiastic meeting of this club was held last Wednesday night. Prof. Cole's excellent band enlivened the proceedings with patriotic airs. President J. P. Ball, Sr., delivered his inaugural address, which was an able paper full of wise and sound advice to the members of the club, as well as to the colored voters throughout the state.

We regret that want of space prevents us from producing it in full. Interesting addresses were also made by vice-president Jas. Crump, B. F. Hooper, W. P. Hough, Mr. Wheaton of Livingston and others. The club will meet again Wednesday night.

The Seattle Republican is one of the brightest, best edited and newest colored papers published. Mr. H. R. Cayton, its editor, is a gentleman of very considerable newspaper experience, having climbed the rounds from editor and proprietor of a crossroads hand bill in Kansas to local reporter of one of the leading dailies of Seattle, Wash. He is made of just the kind of stuff that constitutes a typical journalist. He is an energetic rustler and don't down at every blow though aimed with a strong arm. We predict for him long and continued success.