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We know it is a difficult task, but try to be good, honest and happy.

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He who says that the better class of colored people is lynched is a traitor to his race.

"I don't see," says I. B. W-B., as she gives her skirts and dons his trousers, "how I can manage the race without the assistance of Grandpapa Douglass."

If Mrs. Ida Wells-Barnett denies the report of her speech as published in THE HERALD, we can and will secure the statements of those who heard her. There was a stenographer present who took down her entire speech.

Two or three Negro papers are hunting for a Moses to lead the race. When the white people get ready for Negroes to have a Moses, they will select him just as they did Douglass, and Negroes will follow him just as they did Douglass.

The election of T. Thomas Fortune to the position of president of the Afro-American Press association is an excellent one. Mr. Fortune is a man who is abreast of the times, one who has fought for years the battles of the race. THE HERALD congratulates Mr. Fortune and moves that a vote of thanks be given the association for its good choice.

The holding of the Press association as far East as New York will be a mistake. All meetings should be held as near as possible to the great majority of Afro-American editors. The meeting next year should be held in Chicago. If it should be, the attendance would be large. The Eastern editors must realize that there is a West and a South and then vote for central meetings. If this idea is followed the meetings will be large.

"A Race Problem to Solve" will be found in this issue of THE HERALD. The article is taken from the Tacoma Ledger, Tacoma, Wash., and is the broadest, most liberal expression that we have yet seen from the pen of any white editor. But, the West is noted for its free ideas, liberality of thought, and especially for the magnificent chances presented for young Afro-Americans to make ladies and gentlemen of themselves. The time is fast approaching when men will realize that "below the cuticle there is a persistent likeness in human nature," and when it does come, the educated and refined will be given employment. The editor of the Tacoma Ledger should receive words of praise from every Afro-American editor and from every mother and father in the land. The question will naturally arise, after you read the article, What shall we do with our girls?

MISSIONARIES.

THE HERALD is opposed to sending money to Christianize and civilize the heathens of foreign lands because every cent is needed in this country. It will require the combined efforts of all churches and schools for the next half century to get the heathens of this land semi-civilized.

Missionaries should be sent to the cities, to the rural districts, to every nook and corner of this land. The white heathen and the colored heathen both need and should be under the constant care of missionaries. Let the churches cease to fight each other and unite to civilize the barbarians of the United States.

A RACE PROBLEM TO SOLVE.

The question cannot fail to be interesting to the men and women who are interested in the well being of all the people. That a whole race of women should be so obscured by the peculiar sentiments of American life as to suggest an inquiry of this sort ought, to excite some degree of interest in all fair-minded people.

The question, what becomes of colored girls or young women? certainly cannot be answered by searching for them in any of the great places of business where girls and women of other races are so extensively employed. From a recent bulletin of the census bureau showing the occupations of the American people, it appears that within the past few years American women have successfully and extensively invaded all but two of the 221 occupations. In some of these occupations, the increase of female employes has been 26 per cent.

In this great expansion of the opportunities for American women to become self-supporting, it is a startling fact that colored women are the only women not benefited. Indeed, they are the only women in this land of equality for whom virtues and ability count for nothing in seeking employment. The persistence of American prejudice against the American Negro is nowhere better illustrated than in this relentless exclusion of colored women from any of the expanding chances for women to compete with men in earning a living.

What a novelty it would be to see a colored girl acting as saleswoman in any of the stores of Chicago! What a sensation it would be to see colored young women at work in the thousands of factories and other places where now women of foreign tongue and doubtful patriotism enjoy a monopoly of the right to earn a living! Even the powers that fatten on the "sweat shop," I suppose, would draw the color line in horror over the prospect of cleanly American women of African blood asking the privilege of sweating for a penny. Even such kind of work as laundrying and domestic service, for which young colored women were supposed to be peculiarly fitted, now affords but slight employment to women of dark complexions. It cannot be urged that this fanatic sort of discrimination is due to a lack of qualification. Thousands of these young people are trained in the same schools and have the same educational advantages as their more fortunate schoolmates. It has certainly not been proved by experience that colored girls have less aptitude for the various kinds of employment in which other girls find such an abundance and variety of work.

But it is a fact that those who employ labor or skill or intelligence are either afraid of the experiment of "mixing the races," or else they refuse point blank because of their natural antipathy to the Negro race.

A striking instance of this kind occurred recently in Chicago, in the case of a young colored woman who had worked for nearly three years in a composing room, as a compositor, without being known as a colored woman. She was rated high because of her efficiency, and was in every way one of the most desirable of the force. Through the accident of an unfortunate inquiry made by a darker relative of the young woman her identity became known to the manager and she was summarily discharged. This is not an aggravated case. Such being the difficulty of obtaining employment of any kind, the question, what becomes of this class of girls? is all the more interesting.

It is true that in spite of this unfavorable sentiment to their employment, some of these young women succeed by force of good fortune and daring in getting good positions as stenographers, bookkeepers and clerks. Many of them secure positions in the South, and occasionally in the North, as school-teachers. Others follow music, hairdressing, elocution and dress-making. This, of course, does not account for the thousands who are hopelessly shut out from a chance to earn a living.

In following up this question in search of these unemployed young women, some curious facts are developed. In the first place, early marriages seem to be one of the means of escape from enforced idleness. Being less independent than the young women who have and relish the opportunity to support

AS WE GO TO PRESS, IT IS COOLER.

Any man would have been acquitted on the grounds of justifiable homicide this week for having killed anyone who was foolish enough to ask, "Is it hot enough for you?"—If it is hotter down below than it was up here this week, we certainly pity a great many people we know who are thought to be in Heaven.

themselves by money-making, the colored girl has no prospect in life except in matrimony. She, unfortunately, never gets a chance to know the significance of the term, "the new woman." This may seem to be a very satisfactory way to dispose of these dark sisters of the republic, but the results of such marriages are by no means certain. Unfortunately for thousands of intelligent young colored women, they must not only marry earlier than other young women, but they are forced in very many cases to marry men who are not equal to them in intelligence, refinement and culture. The public schools and other institutions of learning have done more for the girlhood than the boyhood of the race. Like the boys of other races, colored boys are compelled to leave school much earlier than the girls, and accept employment that seldom offers any hope of advancement or tendency to a higher development. On account of this uneven condition of things the average intelligence of young colored women is much higher than that of the young men. It is an ordinary thing to see women of decided superiority of mind and heart married to men miserably inferior to them in all important respects. The reverse of all this is generally true with young women who happen to have a white complexion. It is always easy for them to be mated to men strong in the elements of superior-mindedness and nobility of heart.

Below the cuticle there is a persistent likeness in human nature. The refined and cultivated woman of whatever complexion who expects by marriage to elevate an inferior husband to her level of intelligence is more apt to experience bitter heart-breaking than success. The average man, white or black, is altogether too foolishly perverse and proud in his ignorance to brook instruction from his superior wife, even if such instruction or superiority may be asserted in terms of tenderness and love. For these reasons it is to be feared that the inequalities of the enforced early marriages of the educated colored women are not always blissful. As a general rule in all marriages of this sort, the finer sense and superior intellect of the wife are overmastered by the coarser instinct and vulgar weaknesses of the ignorant husband.

There is, to me, something awful in the suggestion of what becomes of the young colored woman who can find neither work nor suitable husband. It is difficult to understand how those who are responsible for the condition of this class of women can feel comfortable and Heavenward. If those who are responsible for the social laws that purposely imperil many to protect the false sentiment of others feel perfectly happy, Heaven preserve their species as a warning to coming generations!

In the meantime we can only hope that the day may speedily come when the gospel love of humanity shall make ridiculous all race antipathies, and the terms strong and weak between people of different tongues and complexions will suggest duties rather than oppressions. These are the only conditions under which men and women of all races can realize the high possibilities of their destiny.

—Tacoma Ledger.

About the most sickening foolishness we have ever read is Grover Cleveland's love letter.

LITTLE LINES.

Only fools see good in everything. Every map wants the credit due him.

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and a great deal that is not due him. Every man is a candidate for money, and he generally runs behind his ticket. Assimilation, pure and simple, is doing away with one's race with a vengeance. Principle is the platform upon which a man stands as long as there is money in sight.

Nearly every man has at some time or another believed he could command the world to stand still.

A man's opinion of love is something he cannot tell a woman without feeling a sense of impropriety steal over him. If a man has tried to do something worthy of praise, but failed, do not criticize him. What have you tried to do?

Many a man who will die for a woman before marriage will not even draw a bucket of water for her after marriage.

Don't imagine that your services are indispensable; there is always someone who can fill your position as satisfactorily as you have filled it.

Every woman is acquainted with some other woman who dresses so outrageously when she comes out that she should be run in by the police.

If you desire a reputation for selfishness, you should let everyone take everything worth having and content yourself with everything no one else will have.

When a woman, who gives a reception, is referred to by her guests as "the charming hostess," it is a sign that they are trying to decoy her into giving another reception.

LAWRENCE NOTES.

LAWRENCE, KAS., July 18. Miss Helen Cline entertained Wednesday evening in honor of Miss Huddleson of Topeka. About twenty young people were present and a pleasant time is reported by all.

The First Baptist Sunday school, North Lawrence, picked Thursday. Friday evening Richardson's Cornet band gave the first of a series of band concerts in South park.

The fire department was called out Thursday evening about 10 o'clock in response to an alarm sent from the North Side. The house and part of the furniture belonging to a man named Johnson were destroyed.

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday were so hot that people were walking about looking for cool places to rest.

Born Saturday to Mr. and Mrs. John Wright, a girl. Later: The infant died Sunday at 1 o'clock p. m.; interment was Monday afternoon.

A Citizens' mass meeting is called for tonight in the interest of John L. Walker.

PERSONAL.

Mr. W. W. Plumb of Topeka was down Thursday and organized the Union Hanks of K. of P.

Mr. F. D. Gled was in the city over Sunday.

Mr. W. M. Hawkins was in Topeka last week.

Mr. A. U. Craig was on the sick list last week.

ATCHISON NEWS.

ATCHISON, KAS., July 18. The Northwestern Baptist convention convened at the Ebenezer Baptist church on the 16th.

The Barnett and Estes company has dissolved partnership.

Miss Mai Lewis has been quite indisposed.

Prof. Spencer has returned from Oklahoma.

Zennie Williams is home from Omaha on a visit.

The First of August Gala Day, inaugurated here by the True Eleven, and under their auspices, promises to be one of enjoyment. The oratorical contest for a prize of \$10 will be the first ever held in Atchison.

Prewitt Simpson was up from Kansas City Sunday.

Mrs. Lotta Beard of Omaha is in the city visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. M. Burger is on the sick list.

The first annual picnic of the Atchison grocers was held at Forest park Wednesday.

The Atchison correspondent for the St. Joseph Mirror needs trimming down. We would not be surprised to hear of his being boycotted on account of a certain item in his last week's issue.

L. B.

WESTON TOPICS.

WESTON, Mo., July 18. There will be a Pot Rock entertainment at the Baptist church Saturday night, July 20.

Mrs. Leota B. Fields is visiting her parents. On her return she brings with

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her two young ladies. There will be a children's feast at the A. M. E. church Sunday for the benefit of the Sunday school. Miss Ellen Fields has returned again. The entertainment at the A. M. E. church Saturday night was quite a success. Mr. William Lewis and sister from Platte City spent Sunday afternoon in Weston. Edna Beatty of Platte City is visiting her sister, Mrs. Washington. There was an ice cream social at the residence of Mrs. E. Jones Sunday evening; it was given by Miss Anna Thacher. Quite a number of young ladies and gentlemen attended and had a grand time.

LEADVILLE ITEMS.

LEADVILLE, COLO., July 15. The young men of the city are coming to the front and those deserving special mention are Messrs. John Williams, Sam Copeland and William Johnson. John Williams has very recently opened and runs the finest tontorial parlor in the West, it having cost him away up in the thousands to fit up. John is a rustler in every sense of the term. Sam Copeland came to this city about a year ago and soon found employment as janitor at the postoffice. He was soon promoted to assistant carrier and mail collector, which trustworthy positions he filled with honor to himself and with credit to his race; he also sold a book entitled "Africa and America" by the Rt. Rev. Alexander Crummell of Washington, D. C., and was very successful in placing the book in the home of every race-loving family. He is now employed by the newly organized company of state militia as all around man and gymnast of the gymnasium department of the armory. William Johnson, commonly known as "Foller," is one of Leadville's old timers. "Foller" is not only an expert ball player and book agent of very high reputation, but he is also a traveler you don't often read about; whenever he takes a notion to go any place, he does not wait for a passenger train, but if there is a hog train passing he mounts it, and if the conductor comes around to take up his ticket, he simply looks at the brass button gentleman and smiles. If urged to pony up or get off at the next station, he politely informs the conductor that he has paid enough for that train's hauling of hogs to have a free ride over the rode, and that he doesn't purpose to pay, so he goes right on through without further trouble.

That handsome young man and his best girl fell out and they pouted at each other for some weeks, and he, thinking that it was all over with him, began paying attention to another girl. This his first girl could not stand, so she sent for him, begged his pardon, they kissed and made up, and now they are sailing upon the sea of congeniality.

The Eastern people who came to the city very recently were made to open their eyes wide July 11; there were four inches of beautiful snow.

The Sunday school annual picnic, which was to have been July 11, was postponed on account of the heavy fall of snow.

A young man, not out of his teens yet, and who is spending his first summer in the mountains, wants to know if it is the custom of the people out here to go to picnics in sleighs.

George Staten came to Sunday school last Sunday.

Mr. J. D. Johnson has been on the sick list.

Miss Fanny A. Washington, teacher in the Blind and Mute asylum of Austin, Tex., who was to have visited our city this month as the guest of Mrs. H. E. Everett, 302 West Sixth street, had to abandon her trip West on account of the illness of her mother, who resides in Cuppos Christy, Tex.

Aunt Julia Caves entertained a few of her friends last Sunday evening, the occasion being her birthday. There were present Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Everett, Miss M. V. McLeod, Messrs. Jesse Epps, Dan Meyers and J. Finley.

The members of Pythagoras lodge, are making great preparations to entertain the Grand Lodge, which will convene August 5.

Pay up your subscription for last year and also this.

J. H. S.

NEAR THE PEAK.

COLORADO SPRINGS, July 12. We are having plenty of rain, but can well account for it; our town is filled with Eastern people.

The Rosebud Circle met with Mrs. H. L. Casey Tuesday, July 9. The usual amount of business was transacted, after which a delightful luncheon was served by the charming hostess. The visitors were Mrs. Chapell and Mrs. Ferguson of Texas and Mrs. O. A. Harris of Leavenworth, Kas. The circle adjourned to meet with Mrs. Caulsberry July 16.

We expect a large number of people on the excursion Saturday; now do your best to make it pleasant for the excursionists.

Mrs. C. Johnson and little Lottie Trusty arrived from Leavenworth Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Priscilla Taylor left Monday for Denver.

Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Baldwin of Kansas City, Kas., are visiting in Denver.

Miss Eliza Albright is visiting Mrs. D. D. Rivers in Denver.

Miss Olive Green is expecting Miss Mamie Hodges from Leadville.

The hop given in Manitou by the Glee club July 10 was well attended. Everyone danced until morning.

Girls, if you must wear bloomers when on your wheels, please wear short skirts, too, for the sake of others.

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