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JOURNALISTIC.

The Concord *S-* has suspended. The Raleigh *Banner* has suspended for a few weeks to give the editor time to fix up the premium award list of the Industrial Fair.

We are pleased to place on our exchange list, after a long time, the *Africo Presbyterian*, the most prosperous paper in the State published by colored men.

FRANK I. OSBORNE, ESQ.

Mr. Osborne, our new Solicitor, received a handsome majority in this county as well as the district. He ran about 400 ahead of some of the candidates on his side. We cannot say anything new of him, our readers know him, but it is a well known fact that he received the votes of a great many colored men throughout the county. It is useless for leaders of our party to attempt to spring a stranger upon us to be voted for against such a man as Mr. Osborne. He is the colored man's friend. We opposed him in the start, and that opposition gave us opportunity to learn his strength. Colored men love party, but men and principles often outweigh party fealty. Let Republicans, when they cannot put a man to cope with the opposition, let the place go by default. We have in Frank I. Osborne an able Solicitor.

CORRECTED FIGURES.

We are gratified to learn that in later returns from our own State, the result of the late election is quite different from first reports. As the Democrats had swept New York, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania, and had made such heavy gains in this locality, we thought the claim of the State by ten thousand by the Democrats, and eight of the nine Congressmen, very modest. But we find it different as fuller reports come in. Walter F. Pool, the Republican nominee in the first district, is elected to Congress. James E. O'Hara, colored Republican in the second district, is elected, and Dr. Tyre York, Coalition candidate in the seventh district, is also elected. Instead of ten thousand Democratic majority they now claim only 200. The Coalitionists have made gains in the Legislature, but the Bourbons have a good working majority. Virginia goes Coalition and elects six of her ten Congressmen from the Coalition ticket. South Carolina, though Democratic as usual, elects Mr. McKey, Republican, to Congress. Florida elects Bisbee, Republican, Louisiana elects Kellogg, Mississippi elects Chalmers, Coalitionist. Kansas elected Mr. E. B. McCabe, colored, State Auditor. We have gained two Congressmen in this State, and have effectually broken the solid South. 'Tis not so bad after all.

WHY WAS IT THUS?

It is passing strange to many, why this terrible cyclone as many are pleased to call it. We believe the press generally agree that it was a general uprising of the people against Bossism. Take New York, it will be remembered that Mr. Arthur left his chair and went to New York and fixed up a ticket to suit himself with Mr. Folger, his secretary of the Treasury, at the head. Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, the ablest and most influential divine in the country, spoke and preached against the Republican party, for which he had been working ever since its organization. He certainly did it more harm than any other one could have done. Rev. T. McCants Stewart, one of the ablest colored ministers of New York city, turned his church against Folger. The *Globe*, the ablest and most influential organ published by colored men, opposed him, and the *Herald* and the *Times*; hence we see it seems that with common consent everybody voted the Democratic ticket in New York at the last election. New York had its influence in other States. Beecher has his followers throughout the country. The *Globe* has also. It has a circulation of nearly two thousand in Boston alone. The result would have been much more disastrous with us in the central and western counties extended in the eastern counties. In the eastern counties of this State straight Republican nominations were made generally. Young and inexperienced men in many instances were made do heavy work in the west by appointment and promises of office. These bosses may thank their God they got along so well this time. Had they allowed the people to put out a Republican ticket, we would have been rejoicing to-day over one of the grandest victories of the age. Down with bossism, now and forever.

OUR TRIP TO COLUMBIA.

Being a newspaper man we now have business all over the country and like to return to particular localities as often as our business requires. This last trip of ours to Columbia gave us a bit of experience. This being the week of the State Fair at Columbia there were a great many passengers going down. There were four coaches, but on leaving Charlotte none of them were anything like full. There was only one second class car on and that was used as a smoker and drinking resort. Of course we took a seat in a first class car and anticipated and encountered no trouble on the way. We noticed there were only two other colored persons in the coach with us, one a young man in a forward corner, the other a nurse. An old gentleman, apparently very clever, occupied a seat just in front of us. He was from California and talked much and asked many questions.

Just in our rear after we passed Chester, sat what we suppose were two full fledged South Carolina Bourbons. Here the cars were all pretty well crowded, as a great many passengers got on. We soon discovered that we were the subject under discussion by these two Bourbons. One said to the other, "I don't like this, and he has a whole seat to himself." The other said, "No, I don't like to see it, and we have a legislature now which I think will put a stop to all such. They can regulate that as well as the freights." Then they went on talking of the election, the way the negroes voted with them in Chester, &c. We frequently heard men around us speak of "that nigger over there," but not a one spoke to us till we got to Winnsboro, when an old gentleman came in and asked for a seat with us. He seemed to be well known by many and very

popular. The seat in our rear had been taken by ladies and our presence seemed less objectionable. Heartless and unwise remarks from men on board caused us to think there is more truth in the reports of brutal treatment to colored people in the South than many have wanted to give credit to. We are disposed to be charitable and think these are exceptional cases. We believe the general feeling between the races is better, that the better class of whites are disposed to treat us kindly and regard us as human beings with souls. There was one Charlotte lady in the car with us who seemed to be well posted on politics and she hoped that Gov. Thompson would make good use of his opportunity to win the colored people by kind treatment, as many of them had been persuaded to vote for him. We do not doubt that many of these people thought us out of our place, but as we are quietly disposed and cannot endure the smell of whiskey or tobacco we would have rather walked than gone in that noisy, drunken crowd in the second class car—moreover we were a first class passenger and they were all excursionists.

When all classes of whites learn that the better class of colored passengers are as good to ride with as their servants, they will find Negroes much less objectionable. We are charitable, and do not judge the whites by their worst class, and hope they will not take our lowest to judge us by. We contend the feeling is getting better every day. Our train was an hour late leaving Charlotte, and by the time it reached Columbia it had lost an other hour, reaching that city about 9 o'clock. We made our way to Mrs. Gilbert's where we were welcomed and furnished supper. After a good sleep we awoke Wednesday morning and struck out to see the sights. After strolling the streets a while we visited the Howard School. Here we met the principal, Prof. Dart, busily engaged with a class in book-keeping. He teaches in this school, ancient history, book-keeping, algebra, physiology, &c. This is one of the largest and most advanced graded schools in the South. All the assistant teachers are young ladies. There are many commendable features about this school which space forbids mention.

On Wednesday evening the young ladies gave a

RECEPTION TO THE MESSENGER.

Here we met too many of the young folks to mention, and it is useless for us to attempt to describe the affair. It was grand. Among the pretty girls present we will be pardoned for the mention of a few only. Miss Dora Flemming was one we had not seen before. Well, they were all the prettiest. Miss Denie Stove sang beautifully several solos which added much to the entertainment. Fruits and all kinds of confections, wine and lemonade were served and after a late hour all left having had a "huge time." Our little Miss Josie Eady was with us. Several young men from the colleges and neighboring towns were with us.

Merit Recognized.

To those who are not fully convinced that the colored people are rising rapidly, we mention the following facts: Mr. Chas. B. Leek, a resident of Ashtabula, Ohio, a town of from 8,000 to 10,000 inhabitants, is the principal telegraph operator at the L. S. and M. S. R. R. depot, he having three operators under him. Mr. Leek is also the leader of the Ashtabula brass band, a white band containing about fifteen pieces; and director of the Ashtabula Opera House orchestra, also white. Mr. Leek is a colored gentleman of marked ability, unassuming in his demeanor and a perfect musician. He has made many mu-

sical contributions, some of which are of rare excellence among which is one, entitled "Good-bye dearest mother," a piece pronounced by our best local critic to be superb.—*Mobile Gazette.*

Murder by Missionaries.

The trial of the two ex-employees of the Church Missionary Society, William F. John and John Williams, together with their wives, on the charge of wilful murder of a young native girl in the year 1877, at Onitsha, on the Niger, concluded at Sierra Leone on the 18th ult., after a twelve days' hearing. The prisoners were convicted of manslaughter, and were sentenced as follows: Williams and his wife to twenty years' penal servitude, John to eighteen and a half years' penal servitude, and Mrs. John to two years' imprisonment, with hard labor. The sentence upon John would have been the same as that upon Williams but for the fact that he had been in prison awaiting trial for about eighteen months. According to the evidence elicited at the trial the deceased girl, together with a companion, ran away from the service of the prisoner John. On being brought back the two girls were tied together, back to back, and whipped with barbarous cruelty, not only by the prisoners themselves, but by others at their instigation. The victims were left lying on the ground in the broiling sun throughout the day, and their agonies were increased by the application of pepper to their wounds. One of the girls succumbed to the injuries she sustained, but the other survived. The affair has created an immense sensation throughout the colony, and the sentence is generally warmly approved. The fact that the circumstances occurred so long ago as 1877, while the trial of the prisoners has only now taken place, has naturally excited surprise. The explanation given for the delay is that although the death of the girl was the occasion of suspicion and inquiry among the British subjects, mostly natives of Sierra Leone, at Onitsha, in 1877, every attempt to find out the truth of the case met with the greatest difficulties, many people who were in a position to give evidence being themselves more or less implicated in the affair. But for the determination of a Mr. Haastrop the matter would not have seen the light at all.

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