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Presbyterian Church, corner Seventh and College Sts. Services at 3 p. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday-school at 10 a. m. Rev. R. P. WYCHE, pastor.

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LOCAL.

A. W. CALVIN, Local Editor.

[I am personally responsible for all I may write under my signature.]

The blind singers are here and are giving concerts in all the churches.

A revival is going on at the Zion Church and much good is being accomplished.

The Winona had a delightful time at the residence of H. Evans, Esq., last Friday night.

The Knights of Labor here is one of the most splendid organizations ever gotten up for the benefit of the laboring men.

We learn that Miss Annie Walker, of Chester, S. C., and a former teacher in the graded school here, is lying very sick at her home.

We would suggest to the Legislature to be on the lookout for John W. Wilson, Esq., as he has a petition to present to that body three miles long.

It may not be generally known, but Mr. James Foster is training his magnificent voice to a high C tenor, and will soon be the leading singer in this section.

Rev. J. Horton is very sick and is confined to his bed. As everybody knows Rev. Horton, and everybody likes him, he has the earnest hopes of all for his speedy recovery.

A man who will accept a position under a Democratic government is a Democrat, and a colored man who seeks government position under Democratic rule needs watching.

Col. H. B. Kennedy, of this city, as a member of the mail service, has a fine record. He is one of our solid citizens, has traveled extensively, held a great many positions of trust and honor and is the owner of valuable city and suburban property.

Charlotte is certainly blessed with social societies among colored people. They are the Winona, Oriole, Young Mens' Pleasure Club, Young Ladies' Pleasure Club, Young Ladies' Independent Club, and Married Ladies' Social Tea. They are all in a prosperous condition.

At last the negro has no representatives at Washington. Smalls got swindled out of his election in South Carolina; O'Hara got bitten by his own dog in North Carolina; Bruce has gone to lecturing; Langston is in Petersburg, Va., and Fred Douglas, with his white wife, is in Europe. Alas, we feel that the colored dude is the only thing that the Democratic air of Washington does not stifle.

The accommodations at the places of amusement for colored people in this city are such that many of our best colored citizens never attend. It is very poor comfort for a colored man to take his wife or sweetheart to an opera-house, take a seat in the peanut roost and be hemmed in between women of questionable character and a lot of howling ruffians. Colored people are fond of amusement, and the managers would find it to pay them to furnish good accommodations for respectable colored people.

We do not advocate color-line, church line, or any other line, but we notice that when election time comes to vote for aldermen, the voters of wards 1 and 4, who have a large white majority, never nominate Mr. Nigger. Wards 2 and 3 have large colored majorities and they should have colored aldermen or none. If we can't elect enough to do some good we had better let it alone. One or two colored men on the Board of Aldermen is as useless as a broken jug in a "dry" town. We want the whole hog or none.

The Chain Gang.

The recent shooting of two colored convicts at the stockade here has been talked about considerably, and strange to say not a man can say anything about it only as hearsay. Now, the proper way to have done would be to have had a number of our best colored citizens to investigate the case, and if the case warranted it present the grand jury or the solicitor, and prosecute him. But I am informed that not a colored man appeared, either before the grand jury or the solicitor, to say a word against the man who did the shooting.

These men on the chain gang are human, and should be treated as such, and while they may deserve punishment for their crimes, they deserve fair treatment, and if the guards overstep the law in inflicting injury on them, they themselves should be prosecuted and punished.

It shows a weak spot in a man to say what legal steps should be taken and never show himself before the grand jury. The solicitor informs me that not a single colored man has made any complaint to him whatever regarding this shooting.

Wants the Facts Known.

Mr. Editor—I and my neighbors have been led so many times into buying different things for the liver, kidneys and blood, that have done us more harm than good, I feel it due your readers to advise them when an honest and good medicine like Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic can be had.

Yours, truly,
AN OLD SUBSCRIBER.

The Happy Farmer.

We have often noticed that a certain class of newspaper men assert that the farmer is the most independent man on earth, and that he has nothing to do but enjoy life. That when winter comes and the blizzard is on the wing, he toasts his feet in the oven and reads the local paper, that the only thing that disturbs him is a call three times a day to banquet on mince pie and other luxuries. It is a large mistake. The industrious farmer begins working long before the sun thinks of getting up. With his soul shrouded in gloom he proceeds to build a fire and soften his boots with the hammer. He then takes a lantern and shovels his way to the barn and feeds his hogs. It is then time to feed the newly-arrived calf, which seems to delight in bunting a pail of milk all over the tiller of the soil, until he only needs to be stamped to pass for a package of oleomargarine. He crawls through a barbed wire fence and digs his hay out of the snow; feeds his stock, milks the cows, cleans out the stable, gathers up the frozen chickens, chases a stray pig worth 25 cents for four miles, doctors a sick horse, freezes his fingers, gets kicked by a one-eyed mule, and when gloaming comes and quietness broods over the earth he has a simple half hour to meditate and wonder how in the d—l he will make next payment on that machine note.

Organize.

On every page of history stands out in blood-red letters the motto: "Might is right." At the head of every decree issued by a potentate, and of every law enacted by a class parliament, those who can see read: "Might is right."

Every class in turn must win its rights, and the poor, who are many, come last, because Might resides less in numbers than in organized intelligence.

Therefore, Right extends as Liberty expands. But he who wants Right must have Might, in which alone his freedom is safe. For what he cannot take he shall not obtain; what he cannot defend he shall not preserve.

Workingmen you know your wrongs. No one but you can right them. Let no question divide you. What to do and how to do it is of little moment while you can do nothing. First, be your own masters. Intelligence you have, and hearts, and knowledge enough to then make the world what it should be. Come together; be one for all and all for one. Assert your power by organization. Take the ship of State! Hold it! Govern! That is today the only question.—*Daily Leader.*

Charlotte has about 1,000 Knights of Labor.

Charlotte will have another assembly K. of L. in a few weeks.

The biggest strike now before the country is that of the Boston street car drivers.

Gaston county has ten assemblies Knights of Labor, with a total membership of about 1,500.

Wheel moulders of the St. Charles, Mo., car works struck for an increase of five cents per wheel.

The strike is still on in the Walker county, Ala., coal mines, and miners are warned to stay away.

Mountain Island Assembly, in Gaston county, N. C., is making arrangements to erect a fine hall.

The weavers of Alamance county want better wages. They are now paid 20 cents per "cut" of 48 yards.

Hudson (Wis.) Knights made every poor widow in that city a present of a sack of flour during the holidays.

The masons and plasterers of Indianapolis, Ind., will continue the nine-hour system during the coming season.

The strikers in Hoboken, N. J., have been told by their landlords that they need pay no rent until the strike ends.

A bill requiring all employers to pay wages weekly after July 1, has been introduced in the Ohio Legislature.

Wm. Kraft, a clothing manufacturer in New York, reduced wages a short time ago and now 150 of his employes are out on a strike.

The lathers in Flynn's shoe factory, Lynn, Mass., are on strike against the firm's demand that they pay ten cents each per week for gas light.

The convention of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, comprising 340 lodges of 17,000 members, was held in Scranton, Pa., last week.

The boiler makers of San Francisco, Cal., have passed a resolution to fine any of their members \$20 if they ride on either the Geary or Sutton street cars.

The carpenters of Camden, N. J., have passed a resolution that after the 1st of April no member of the union shall be allowed to work with non-union men.

The coopers of Chicago all struck recently against a reduction of wages. Four firms have withdrawn the demand and their men resumed work. About 100 are still out.

There are many girls in Belgium who work in the coal mines from 5 a. m. to 9 p. m., and sometimes to 11 p. m. They each load from 60 to 70 coal cars daily and they earn 40 cents a day.

The school children at the St. Louis graded schools struck a few days ago for longer play hours. The strike only lasted for a short time, as their parents and the professors soon brought them to terms.

The Wyandotte (Kan.) co-operative association has passed the first \$1,000 limit, having 201 shares subscribed for. They expect to open a first-class store for the sale of general merchandise about the first week in April.

Between 300 and 400 hands are on strike in the Edison electric light works at Harrison, N. J. The cause of trouble was the discharge of the boys who it was discovered had broken about 200 of the glass lamps stored in the building.

The Knights who were discharged two years ago in a large wood working establishment in Rushville, Ind., because they were Knights, started a co-operative concern in opposition and are doing a large and profitable business and greatly injuring the business of the men who discharged them. Of course they should be indicted for conspiracy.

Comes Out Just the Same.

"There must be somebody backing that paper, for I ordered my paper stopped, and I know three or four more who got mad and stopped theirs, but the blamed paper seems to come out just the same." Foolish man, don't think that because you get on your ear and stop your paper it will make any perceptible difference with the run of the office. The same article that you got mad at tickled half a dozen other men and they came and subscribed. Always remember that a paper is not run for the benefit of one person, but for all. Go and take a drink out of Lake Superior and then look along the shore and see how much you have lowered the water. When you have ascertained the exact figures, you can put it down as representing pretty accurately how much you amount to individually, toward the success or failure of the average newspaper.

Father—"Tommy, you should try and be a better boy. You are our only child and we expect you to be good." Tommy—"It ain't my fault that I am your only child. It is tough on me to be good for a lot of brothers and sisters I have not got."

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