

## NEW YEAR'S FEAST.

General Observance of the Birthday of 1892.

## LADIES RECEIVE CALLERS.

Reception at Y. M. C. A. Rooms—Services at the Catholic Churches—The Welsh Festivities.

The time-honored custom of New Year's calling was not widely observed yesterday in Seattle, although not entirely ignored. At the Y. M. C. A. rooms the latch string was out both in the afternoon and evening. A number of young ladies received the guests, and were assisted in entertaining by a committee of gentlemen, members of the association. At 2 o'clock Rev. Clark Davis delivered an address of welcome, and later Rev. S. A. Bright addressed the young men present upon "Battles, Past and Present." Refreshments were served by the ladies during the afternoon, and at intervals excellent music was furnished by the First Regiment orchestra.

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Happy New Year and re-election to office when his present term expires."

The city prisoners dined on regular jail fare—corned beef and cabbage.

## Slavish Imitation of Japanese.

The Japanese residents of the city celebrated New Year's yesterday by entertaining and giving big dinners. The White-chapel Japanese wound up their dinners by drinking and carousing, and all day long they made things very lively. A Japanese, when asked why his people celebrate the American New Year, said: "We have always observed the day in Japan. Why do your people follow our example?"

## NEW YEAR'S AT WHITE HOUSE.

Presidential Reception Attended by All the Notables in Washington City.

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## JOY OVER FREEDOM.

Colored People Celebrate Their Emancipation.

## PROUD OF THEIR PROGRESS.

Able Speeches by Some of Their Leaders on the Blessings of Freedom and Use Made of It.

of them was my nurse and my dearest friend. I grew up in a family of colored people and know something of their habits, customs, hopes and fears, and can speak of them in their domestic and social life.

"The colored people pay taxes now on \$111,000,000 worth of property in nine Southern states, and upward of \$63,000,000 worth in the whole United States—besides owning much church and school property to swell the total to \$100,000,000. I tell you, my friends, I am glad I am a negro. I am glad I belong to a race which comes up through that crust and shows other civilized races are there equals. If the negro has not made himself felt politically, he is placing himself in a position to do so. They have said our women were not equal in chastity with those of the other races. I can say as regards the negroes in this city that in all the homes I have visited they have not a superior among the whites as to culture and refinement. Every race must have ambition, and it must originate around the fire altar. It has been said we were inferior, and never calculated to be the peer of the whites. Some of our race are ashamed they are negroes; they would prefer to be a Chinaman or an Indian. You never heard of an Indian or a Chinaman being able to plead his cause before a congress of the United States. But thousands of negroes have ability to do so, and many of them have done so. Every battle the negroes took part in during the war was successful. The negroes due the call for Ben Butler. But with all this some of us are ashamed of our race. Why? Some negroes quarrel about religion. Religion should not divide us. We are all going to heaven, anyhow."

At the conclusion of the meeting those present adjourned to the hall at the corner of Seventh and Cherry streets and enjoyed themselves dancing.

On January 12 the hall of the lodge of colored Masons will be dedicated, and in the evening a public installation of officers of the lodge will take place. Captain W. D. Matthews, of Leavenworth, Kan., will be present as the speaker of the occasion.

The colored people of Seattle celebrated the anniversary of the emancipation proclamation by holding an enthusiastic meeting last night in the municipal courtroom. Several fine speeches were made by colored men, though Captain W. D. Matthews, of Leavenworth, Kan., who was expected to be present to deliver the speech of the evening, did not arrive, evidently having been snow-bound somewhere. The meeting was called to order by William Gross, and J. A. Coleman acted as master of ceremonies. Rev. L. S. Blakeney led in prayer.

G. H. Gross was introduced as the first speaker. He said:

"I am not going to afflict you with a speech. I am only going to attempt to translate into words a sentiment that I can see mirrored in all your faces—reflected, as I am sure, directly from your hearts. We have assembled here tonight to celebrate that great freedom and national right that was bestowed upon us thirty years ago. And we commemorate it tonight that the rising generations of our race may imbibe and become more enlightened regarding the noble acts of heroism and patriotism showered upon us by our friends and brethren in procuring for us this national legacy."

As a race we owe much to the Federal Union. It is that Union that we are chiefly indebted to for what makes us most proud of our home, country and race.

Out of the chaos and ruin of the rebellion arose this great republic, grand and symmetrical.

Let us behold the gorgeous ensign of the republic, now known and honored throughout the earth, and everywhere spread over in characters of living light, blazing on all its ample folds, as they do over land and sea, proclaiming that sentiment that is dear to every true American heart: "Liberty and Union now and forever, one and inseparable."

So we readily perceive that in our daily walks of life, during the past thirty years, the Afro-Americans have proven themselves loyal citizens to the republic, and as Americans, we expect to share equally the blessings of liberty and ever stand ready to contend for the rights and liberties of mankind. I am proud to see that our race is realizing the power of their rising generation and daily promoting them to such places in their spheres of life as will afford them the opportunity of propounding their opinions to the world and demanding the same rights and privileges extended to all other races. All men hate