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The ministers of Christ should exercise more faith in Christ's teachings and stop fighting other church denominations not of their sect and faith. Such a course has a tendency to make the doubting Thomas more skeptical as to the efficacy of Christian churches to lift the human race from its fallen state. Denominations end at the grave. If your heart is not purified here on earth your doctrinal preaching will no carry one through the pearly gates.

In no stage of the game is the Negro wanted in the councils of the white man, except when there is a political contest on hand; then his influence is sought and inducements held out to capture Negro votes for party candidates. After the votes have been cast and counted the Negro is not needed until the next political contest rolls around. The Negro as a political force should unite and select their candidates, as do the white voters.

Yes, the Observer is for Judge C. E. Burnham at this stage of the political game in preference to P. S. Brown, because Mr. Burnham is not handicapped by such a barnacle as Street Superintendent Sloan, and has done more for the Negro than any one of the city hall clique. Mr. Burnham has made no pre-election pledges to any one, and is under no personal obligation to any political ward heeler or the Jones' gang of office leeches, but comes before the people on his record as a progressive citizen and police judge, not as a chronic office-seeker or as the candidate of the city hall clique, as he is not made of the stuff that is so pliable in the hands of a designing cabal such as the city hall 'chair warmers.' The editor of the Observer had a personal misunderstanding with Judge Burnham, and got the best end of the law, but the editor does not allow his personal grievances to dwarf the Observer's duty as the organ of the Negro race in Kansas City to prevent him from advising the colored voter to chose the least of two evils—between an officer who has executed the law according to the statutes and a professional politician weighted down with personal obligations to his political "rooters."

When the Times or any person connected therewith says the editor of the Observer murdered the King's English in his remarks at the Tenth ward meeting the other night, as ungrammatical reported by that paper Monday morning, is guilty of an unmitigated falsehood. We doubt if any one connected with the Times staff can write an article with fewer grammatical errors and with clearer meaning than the editor of the Observer. The purported report of our speech made by the reporter shows the prejudice which underlies mossback Democratic papers. They show that petty envy of the Negro journalist who commands the educational ability to make his paper felt in political life that is too contemptible to be considered by intelligent readers. The editor of the Observer is well known by the business public who pronounce the Times' reflection upon our use of the English language a barefaced lie.

Prejudice against the Negro seems to be prevalent among the white people of America, more so than in any other country of the world. It should not be so. The color of a man's skin or the length of his hair only goes with him to the grave. If the holy oracles of the Deity are true, and all men believe in them to some extent who have been brought up to serve the Lord by Christian parentage, that all men were created free and equal if that man dies he shall live again. The Oracle does not say black man or white man—no distinction was made by the Creator, but against the teachings of an Almighty himself has the white man assumed to draw the discrimination between himself and his colored brother. When a man gives up the ghost he is at sea whether the mournful throng that surround his last earthly resting place is white or black, but he will know when Gabriel blows his horn, and the innumerable caravan will shake off the habiliments of the grave and appear before their God in His likeness—whiter than the snow.

Hon. W. W. Morgan is favorably mentioned as a candidate for member of the upper house, and should he come before the people in that capacity should receive the solid support of every loyal voter in this progressive metropolis without regard to past party affiliations. Mr. Morgan is the champion of organized labor in the business walks of life and has the sand to "speak out in meetin'" showing where his heart and hand is. The "grand old man" is a true friend of the Negro man from principle, and has all his life been his champion for freedom and independence from the yoke of servitude. Mr. Morgan has spoken for the betterment of the black man's condition in Kansas City before every large commercial representative gathering held in this city since he has been one of its honored citizens. Negro voters, show your appreciation for favors extended to your race by urging his nomination by the convention or working for his nomination at the primaries.

The Observer has been requested to ask the Rising Son, a puerile Negro publication, whose editor and manager is a hanger-on at the city hall pie counter, why it is for P. S. Brown, Jr., for the mayorality and William Sloan for superintendent of streets, when a few months ago it swore vengeance against the last named gentleman. The Observer calls to mind editorials in the Rising Son urging that Mr. Sloan be turned down; but such small matters were beneath the dignity of the Observer to exploit, well knowing that there was "a nigger in the wood pile," and he would reveal his identity when the city hall "push" named its standard bearer. The posing editor is incapable of writing an intelligent article defining his position on any issue, and his business manager is too ignorant to be considered worthy of notice.

The Observer requests the merchants and business men of Kansas City to extend to its advertising columns the support its position as the organ of the Negro population of the city honestly entitles it to and justly should have from business houses who desire the Negro's trade. The Negro spends the larger part of his earnings in the stores of this city, and it shows a lack of appreciation on the part of the business managers in not extending to the Observer, the weekly visitor to the homes of their colored patrons, the small consideration it demands and should have from firms who recognize reciprocity in business relations.

Hon. J. L. Jewell, member of the lower house of the common council from the Third ward, has given the citizens of the ward he so ably represents a business term of office, as improvements have been inaugurated during his incumbency than under any of his predecessors. He is a friend of the laboring man, for every measure he has championed has been in their behalf. The Negro never had a better friend than Mr. Jewell. The party managers should stand by him and work to renominate him for the position he now so ably fills, by doing they will unite the voting forces the party will be successful at the polls in April. Most of the young men of the opposing parties, black and white, are favorably disposed toward the present incumbent from the Third ward and will vote for his detention, regardless of party lines. Those who perchance may be delegates to the nominating convention—if that mode is adopted—should bear in mind that in the nomination of Hon. John E. Lach, and will use its influence to secure his election at the polls.

HON. H. M. GERHART.

Mr. Gerhart, member of the upper house of the council from the First ward, has been active, judicious and painstaking in all his public duties, guarding the interest of the taxpayers and citizens of the First ward with an eye single to the best interests of his constituents. Mr. Gerhart is a man of the common people, and looks after the welfare of the laboring man with the same zealous care that he has guarded the financial interest of the taxpayers, for it was by his untiring efforts in the council chamber that a weekly pay-day was made possible whereby street laborers and garbage haulers and the waterworks helpers are paid once a week, which relieves them from the necessity of paying a part of their scanty wages to the time buyer who lived on the fat of the land at their expense. The streets and alleys have been improved under the persistent efforts of Mr. Gerhart. Most of the young men of the opposing parties, black and white, are favorably disposed toward the present incumbent from the Third ward and will vote for his detention, regardless of party lines. Those who perchance may be delegates to the nominating convention—if that mode is adopted—should bear in mind that in the nomination of Hon. John E. Lach, and will use its influence to secure his election at the polls.

AT THE THEATERS.

AUDITORIUM—Woodward & Burgess, managers. Phone 570. Kansas City home company. Next week, comincing Sunday matinee, with "The Great Diamond Robbery."

OUR CITY LOCALS.

Hon. H. C. Yancy paid a visit to our sanctum this week.

Miss M. E. Powell is back from Baxter Springs, where spent the day, and is stopping at Eighteenth and Flora.

Mrs. Myrtle Johnson called at our sanctum this week. The lady resides in Independence.

The Brown meeting in the Ninth ward Tuesday night was a farce, the rooters broke up in a wrangle among themselves.

N. C. Crews is sincere in his support of C. E. Burnham for mayor.

J. Silas Harris, the teacher at the Page school, is mixing a little in politics.

We wish that R. E. L. Bailey would turn over to us the money he collected under fraudulent pretenses for the paper.

The Journal is the best morning paper west of the Mississippi.

C. C. Whitman, the leading house raiser and mover in Kansas City, located at 1307 Highland avenue, is a candidate for member of the lower house of the council. Mr. Whitman is o.k.

There are a host of candidates for police judge, prominent among whom are Burnett, Kimbrell, King and Marley. May the best man knock the perimmon.

We invite all candidates to call and see us. We have "something up our sleeve" that may be of interest to you.

Where does Colonel A. A. Joens roost in the political barnyard?

Negroes, don't fail out with each other about the white man's politics but his bad politics.

F. M. DeBord, 1104 Walnut, sells paints, oils and wall paper.

Go to 806 East Twelfth street for fine torsorial work; first-class workmanship.

Where is Colonel A. A. Jones roosting in the municipal barnyard?

C. G. McCampbell is taking an active part in this campaign.

THE NEGRO AT PARIS IN 1900.

The United States Commission to the Paris Exposition of 1900 has assigned space in the Social Economy building to be used for an exhibit of the present condition and progress of the Afro-American, showing, first, the moral, intellectual and material progress of the race; secondly, to show that they are prosperous, progressive and valuable citizens; and thirdly, to demonstrate to the statesmen of Europe the true solution of the "Negro Problem," which is destined to be a disturbing factor in European politics and statecraft, which can only be accomplished by the evidence of what has been done by the only government that has given the descendants of the

African race an equal chance, without regard to "color, race or previous condition," as shown by their education, homes, farms, skilled trades, organized labor, domestic service, business enterprises, professions, military life, churches, books and papers, music and art, and the work of colored women—as exemplified by essays, photographs, charts, handicraft, etc. A full exhibit is desired by the government, as it will redound to the advancement of the Negro in the battle of life.

HON. JOHN E. LACH.

Mr. John E. Lach, member of the upper house in the council from the Eighth ward, is a man of the common people, in close touch with the voters who earn their living by labor and has always worked in the council chamber for their common welfare and in the interest of the taxpayers, and should succeed himself in the spring election. He is a staunch friend of the laboring man, and the Negro has a true friend in Mr. Lach. This gentleman can always rely on the taxpayers and the labor element for support in any measure he fathers. Mr. Lach is not a professional office-seeker, but a plain, every-day business man, which is to his credit and profit of his constituency. The friends of economical government should leave no stone unturned in their efforts to secure his re-nomination and the voters will surely re-elect a tried and faithful public servant.

At an ancient church at Valsbol, in Russia, it has been customary for the congregation to turn to a blank wall and bow reverently before leaving the church. Why they did this nobody knew, except that their forefathers had done so, and had handed down the custom. In making some repairs recently the origin of the custom was discovered, for beneath many layers of whitewash and paint a picture was found of the Virgin Mary, which must have stood out brilliantly on this wall five or six centuries ago.

The imagination of the modern inventor is boundless. A cycling enthusiast has just come all the way from the Isle of Man to London in order to exhibit what he terms the latest development in the modern cycle. Certainly it is a development, which in hot weather should appeal to thirsty riders, for the invention is nothing more or less than a bicycle heavily charged with whisky in one tube and brandy in another. These spirits may be drawn off by means of taps screwed into the extremity of each of the two tubes.

### ODDS AND ENDS.

Lovers of sardines will be glad to hear that the output this year is far above the average and sardines will be plentiful.

A Chinaman always takes spirits, usually rice whisky, with his meal, but he drinks moderately and never apart from meals.

Human beings have six muscles to each eye, that they may move it on either side, but horses, cows, sheep, and other quadrupeds, which habitually incline their heads to the earth in search of food, have a muscle by which their eyelids are suspended and supported and which we do not need.

The cost of huge armadas is commensurate with their size. Russia leads the way with £30,000,000 spent annually upon her army, Germany coming second with £27,000,000, and France third with £26,000,000. Austria spends £17,300,000, Italy £10,690,000, and Great Britain £18,000,000, making a total for the land forces of the six great European powers of £130,000,000 per year.

A famous brigand was lately shot in public execution at Belgrave, Servia, but the firing party and the spectators were horrified when the smoke lifted to see a second body beside the brigand's. "Mon Dieu! there are two of them!" exclaimed the Black Mousquetaire. The second man proved to be a newspaper correspondent who had approached too near in order to obtain a realistic account for his paper. He was successful in increasing its circulation.

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FACTS OF REAL INTEREST.

A single bee collects only a teaspoonful of honey during a season.

The entire collection of coins and medals in the British museum consists of nearly 250,000 specimens.

The smallest salary paid to the head of a civilized government is \$15 a year to the president of the Republic of Andorra, in the Pyrenees.

The largest sundial in the universe is Hayou Horoo, a large promontory extending 3,000 feet above the Aegean sea. In the course of each day the sun throws the shadow of this mountain on one after another of a circle of islands, which act as hour marks as surely as the figures on an ordinary dial.

SCOTT'S MAGIC HAIR STRAIGHTENER AND GROWER.

It's the toughest kind of luck to strike water when boring for oil.

The man who thinks the world owes him a living wants it a loaf at a time.

When a man has a wheel in his head the tire is furnished by his associates.

It's easier to get people to take your advice than it is to get them to use it.

Most of the happiness in the world is due to the fact that ignorance is bliss.

Love at first sight often causes the victims to wish they had consulted an occultist.

A man who is able to speak six languages may be unable to think of anything worth saying.

The trouble with too many children is that the education of their parents has been sadly neglected.

About the time a man begins to have good common sense old age makes him childish and he can't use it.

When a man once thoroughly understands the ins and outs of a wheat corner he invariably stays out.

TOLD BY FIGURES.

No fewer than 1,173 persons have been buried in Westminster abbey.

Russia is said to own 3,000,000 horses—nearly one-half of the whole number in existence.

More than 500,000 sewing machines are made in this country annually, which is 90 per cent of the production of the world.

Taking the average depth of the ocean to be three miles, there would be a layer of salt 230 feet deep if the water should evaporate.

Artificial legs and arms were in use in Egypt as early as B. C. 700. They were made by the priests, who were the physicians of that early time.

The oldest university in the world is El Ayhar at Cairo. It is the greatest Mohammedan university, having clear records dating back nearly a thousand years.

DEVIOUS DEFINITIONS.

Overpaid—The man who gets as large a salary as he thinks he deserves.

Snobocracy—A class of people who think you think they are the whole show.

Proof—Something that a man is always anxious to furnish when it isn't required.

Headache—Something that frequently precedes a man's sober second thoughts.

Ambition—A nightmare preceded by disturbed slumber and followed by a rude awakening.—Chicago News.

"Frisco has girl bootblacks."

### OF INTEREST TO WOMEN.

Probably owing to the fact that the duchess of York's wedding jewels were largely composed of turquoise—her favorite stone—the turquoise has been coming more and more into fashion. One of the latest developments is to engrave heads and initials on them.

It has become quite the fashion now for bridesmaids to carry baskets of flowers instead of bouquets. Special baskets are made, generally of white chip, with tall, slight handles. A bow of ribbon can be added at the top and the flowers are securely fastened in position by means of needle and thread.

American ladies, says an English writer, have a new fad. They carry about with them a living "mascot," or charm, in the shape of a black kitten, the idea being that it will avert catastrophe to friends or relatives taking part in the war. The kitten is sometimes carried in a bag. It is absolutely necessary that the animal should be black. How the idea originated we are not at present informed.

The duchess of Portland is very keenly interested in temperance and has done some good work to the cause, though, no doubt, her natural reserve would make her shrink from the publicity it involves. In spite of this, she is, however, well calculated to shine as a society hostess, for she has a great charm of manner and a stately sort of beauty. She is tall and graceful, with dark hair and a lily and rose complexion. Her maiden name was Miss Dallas York, and she is the daughter of a Yorkshire squire. It is said that the duke of Portland first saw her at a railway station, and was then and there captivated with her dignified beauty and her charming manner. Afterward, meeting her by chance in a London drawing-room, he began that acquaintance with her which led to marriage.

OF EXTRA SIZE.

The largest existing library is the national library of Paris. It contains four miles of shelves, holding 1,400,000 books.

The largest cave in the world is the Mammoth cave of Kentucky. Its length is ten miles, though to explore its avenues, grottoes, galleries, domes, rivers and cataracts would entail a journey of 150 miles.

The largest room in the world, under one roof and unbroken by pillars, is at St. Petersburg. It is 620 feet long and 150 feet wide. Its roof is a single arch of iron. The room is used for military displays and a whole battalion can maneuver in it.

The largest city in the world is London, which has a population equaling the combined populations of Paris, Berlin, St. Petersburg and Rome. Its streets, placed in a row, would reach around the world, leaving a bit over long enough to reach from London to San Francisco.