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CITY NEWS.

Mr. S. Boles has accepted a position at the Imperial.

Read The New Age if you want the news.

Mr. John Sample has accepted a position at Gray's Harbor.

Mrs. J. D. Starling, of Seattle, is the guest of Mrs. M. Meredith.

Mrs. T. D. Thomas has recovered from a short, but severe, illness.

Mrs. H. C. Thompson has gone east to visit her friends and relatives.

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Master Willie Easton has been pronounced out of danger by his attending physician.

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Who is the young lady who will leave this city soon to live at Vancouver, Wash. See the next issue of this paper and you will know the rest.

Mrs. R. Barnard, after a somewhat serious illness, was, on the advice of her physician, removed last week to the hospital. Her many friends confidently hope for her speedy recovery.

Mr. H. H. Hunter has taken charge of the dining-room of the Washington hotel. As he is perfectly competent, we predict that he will succeed in building up a lucrative business in a short time.

The Sewing Circle at the Bethel A. M. E. church, which meets every Friday evening, is well attended and the variety of ornamental and useful things that are being made assures us that when they get ready to give a bazaar it must necessarily be a success.

Rev. E. E. Makell, after a two years' stay at Union Springs, Ala., has been appointed to a charge in Georgia.

Several of our citizens visited Vancouver on New Year's day, and were so royally entertained that some of them missed the last boat and had to stay all night.

Wedding bells are ringing. We are not at liberty to be specific, but hear it whispered on the winds that some time this month there is to be a wedding in our midst. We will try to give particulars later.

Instead of asking "How are you?" when you meet a friend, the proper salutation now is, "Have your registered?" It is a duty that every colored voter wants to attend to, and it would be well to see about it early, as later there is apt to be such a rush that a busy man cannot spare the time necessary to stand in line.

The preacher who thinks that his church is the only one in town, that his congregation is the best and most pious, and that it is impossible for the church to get along without him has not sense enough to make a cockroach a square meal, and the sooner the good Lord sends the sheriff of heaven to arrest him the better it will be for the community.

The William Lawrence Dunbar Literary Society still draws full houses at its meetings every other Thursday evening, at A. M. E. Zion church. The debate on December 21, on whether it was advisable for the colored voters to stand as a unit or divide amongst the different political parties, called out several stirring and interesting speeches, and has been the topic of conversation among our people on several occasions since. January 4 the subject was "Is Novel Reading Demoralizing?"

New Year's day, although the custom of making New Year's calls and of keeping "open house" has somewhat fallen into disuse, several of our ladies prepared themselves to entertain their gentlemen callers on that day. It is a very pretty custom, and one that we are sorry to see being neglected, as the pleasure of renewing acquaintances on the first of the year causes many pleasant memories to arise during the busy days that follow. A great many good resolutions have been made, and we fear a few have already been broken.

Everybody's Magazine for January. The conductors of Everybody's Magazine are evidently endeavoring to give their readers a bountiful 10 cents' worth. The contents for the January number include seven complete short stories, eight special articles on subjects of current interest or profitable instruction, a little poetry, a little fun, a curiosity-page in photographs, some book-buying hints and 132 illustrations. The first story, "The Twenty-seventh Letter of the Alphabet," is a breezy tale by Lucy Cleveland. It has a mystery—what is the twenty-seventh letter of the alphabet? The story is left unfinished, and the editor offers you \$100 for a final paragraph that shall complete it and explain the problem.

An interesting account of the new East river bridge, now building, is given in "The Greatest Bridge on Earth." Those who lived through the Civil war (and many who have been born since it was over) will be inter-

ested in the account, from an officer of the secret service, on "How the Northwest Was Saved." The stories are all of the interesting, bright, vigorous sort, that grip your attention instantly and hold it to the end—such stories as Everybody's Magazine is making a specialty of.

Not the least interesting page in the book is that in the advertising section, whereon the editor tells us what Everybody's Magazine is to contain during 1900. If he gives us all he says he will, it will be a big dollar's worth.

Porters and waiters will give Mr. Fred Lent, proprietor of the Railroad Men's Cigar Store, their trade when they want anything in the line of cigars and tobacco.

1899. New York Age.

We have no way to judge the future except by the past. This is often an unsatisfactory guide, but it is the best we have. Judged by this standard, the future of the Afro-American race is full of promise. There are dark clouds, but it is true in fact as in fiction that every cloud has a silver lining.

During the year 1899 the republic has passed through one of the most trying and important periods in its history.

The events have been of such transcendent moment that we shall not be able to estimate their true importance for many years to come. The Spanish war brought with it the question of territorial expansion and race absorption to such an extent as was not dreamed of in the philosophy of our wisest statesmen. We waged war with Spain for the purpose of freeing Cuba; this we shall ultimately do, but we have a large accession of territory and of population besides. What the outcome of it all will be remains to be seen.

All the indications are that the republic is stronger and richer as the result of the developments of the year 1899 than it ever was before. We believe that the race is stronger today than it was a year ago. We say this in the face of the fact of the unfortunate legislation which has been placed upon the statute books of many of the states and a manifest tendency to multiply such legislation, and of the outbreaks of mob fury which have disgraced too many of the states during the year.

In spite of the mob spirit, which is undoubtedly abroad in the land, we believe that the condition and the prospects of the race are better than they were a year ago; and this is due more to the inherent strength of the race character and the fortunate condition of its residence in the United States than to anything else. We are borne along in the grand rush of national growth and prosperity, just as the average citizen is and as our foreign citizens are in particular. But the fact is that we do not always stop to measure the advantages we enjoy and the progress we are making in all directions. This is natural, but much of the inspiration that would come to us by reason of it is lost upon us. People who are oppressed, people who have a problem—people like ourselves and like the Irish in Ireland and the Jews in Europe—are more given to introspection than to retrospection, the looking within than without, to complaining about what they have not got rather than rejoicing over what they have got.

During the past year we have had steady growth and strengthening in our spiritual life. Our churches were never stronger and better; our ministers, and they are an army of large size, were never more capable and earnest and having better results in their work. Millions of adults in the church and millions of children in the Sunday school—surely they who are arrayed on the Lord's side, as the Afro-American people are, cannot fail of the best and most desired results in life. They who are strong in the spirit are strong in the flesh.

In a material sense they who know the facts are convinced that the race has made wonderful progress in land-getting and money-saving, and this against the greatest odds. But they usually win most who have most to overcome. Without friction there is no fire; without resistance there is no accomplishment. Our farmers are growing strong in their work, and we feel confident that in the skilled occupations we are regaining the ground we lost from 1868 to 1878. In business ventures of all sorts we are branching out more and more in all sections of the country. In this vital matter we are ceasing to despise the day of small things. We are beginning to learn that big oaks from little acorns grow.

From the political point we also have cause to congratulate ourselves. We hold high and honorable positions in the federal, state and municipal service of the country, and we believe that we shall continue to do so and in a larger measure than in the past. And the barriers to our appointment and promotion in the army have been broken down, and we do not believe that they will ever be put up again.

The year of 1899 was a great year, full of hard fighting for the race and full of big victories, and we enjoyed the fighting and are enjoying the victories.

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