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There is no national evil to the overcoming of which the leaders among us should give more earnest and honest attention than to that of lynching. Negroes are the chief victims of the mob, and the crime of which these victims are accused by their murderers is one that is charged up against the entire race as a moral defect.

The friends of the race refute these false charges by pointing to such great negro organizations as the A. M. E. church and inviting the most rabid negro-hater to deny that this great church has produced men, from its bishops down, whose teachings and lives fail to set before the people the purest morals in precept and example.

Mr. S. Coleridge Taylor, of London, the semi-African musical prodigy, stands alone in his class as the foremost operatic writer of the age.

William Clarence Hueston, of Lexington, recently received a communication from Chicago University, inviting him to be present at the annual banquet of his class to be held there in May and make a speech, responding to the toast, "The South." Mr. Hueston will be the only colored participant.

R. J. Reynolds, the well-known tobacco manufacturer of Durham, N. C., has subscribed \$5000, one-half of the sum needed, for the construction and operation of a hospital for Afro-Americans. The hospital will be located at Winston-Salem, N. C. The Afro-Americans of North Carolina have raised the other \$5000 among themselves.

The principal speaker in the debate between Yale and Harvard last week was Roscoe Conkling Bruce, son of the late Senator B. K. Bruce, of Mississippi, whose widow is now in charge of the woman's department at the Tuskegee Industrial School in Alabama.

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CITY NEWS

We shall know no favorites, and shall be absolutely impartial. To insure publication, all local news must reach us not later than Thursday morning of each week.

This is the time to form new resolutions. Mrs. M. Kingsbury has greatly improved in health.

Mr. Charlie Mitchell is at St. Vincent's hospital, still very low. Mrs. Lulu Easton has recovered from a severe attack of rheumatism.

Mrs. Annie Yates left this week for San Francisco, where she will reside with her daughter.

Mr. Houser, of 91 East Tenth street, removed this week to 347 Flanders street, West Side.

The Mount Olivet Baptist church is rehearsing for an entertainment to be given in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Houser, formerly of 91 East Tenth street, have moved to Flanders street, West Side.

Mr. Jno. Sample's condition has not improved. The physicians at the asylum hold out no hopes of his ultimate recovery.

Mrs. T. Russell, of 330 Oak street, entertained on last Tuesday, at luncheon, Mr. and Mrs. Bragg and Mr. Bradshaw, of Kansas City.

Among those who entertained on Christmas day we mention Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lee, Mr. and Mrs. William Bolden, Mr. and Mrs. H. Kingsbury and Mrs. Elliott.

The last meeting of the Paul Laurence Dunbar Literary Society was well attended, but the debate to have taken place had to be postponed on account of the absence of some of the principals.

Kriss Kringle has promised to visit the A. M. E. Zion church, Thirteenth and Main streets, on next Monday evening, on which occasion he will be glad to meet all of his young friends and his old ones as well.

The Paul Laurence Dunbar Literary Society held another very interesting meeting on last Thursday evening, on which occasion a very interesting debate was conducted on the subject: "Resolved, That public opinion has nullified the fourteenth amendment to the constitution."

Early in 1901 one of our old pioneers, who after traveling many years on the matrimonial sea had the misfortune to be left alone, will again take unto himself a helpmeet. It is his intention to spend the honeymoon in the genial climate of California.

The Christmas season has been very generally observed between the entertainments at the different churches and the installation of officers by Enterprise lodge, No. 47, A. F. & A. M.

The Christmas exercises at the A. M. E. Zion church consisted of an entertainment by the Sunday school scholars on Christmas eve, on which occasion Kriss Kringle visited the scene and remembered all present in a very substantial way.

The old-fashioned quilting bee at Mount Olivet Baptist church was well attended, and called back pleasant memories to those of mature years who were members a view of how their mothers and fathers enjoyed themselves.

On Friday evening the Bethel A. M. E. church opened their fair. A bountiful array of useful as well as ornamental articles was displayed in a manner calculated to tempt the rash mortals that ventured near to empty their pockets.

At Odd Fellows' hall, Second and Salmon streets, Enterprise lodge, No. 47, A. F. & A. M., installed on December 27, St. John's day, the following officers: W. M., F. D. Thomas; S. W., W. L. B. Plummer; J. W., A. A. Foster; secretary, Jno. C. Logan; treasurer, Thomas M. Johnson; Tyler, A. H. Logan; chaplain, Howard Sproull.

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One of the most touching instances of self-sacrifice in the matter of giving Christmas gifts came to our notice the other day. A little girl, 11 years old, the daughter of a widow who was compelled to be away all day at service, left 5 cents a day for the little one to get a quart of milk, to answer with a loaf of bread for her lunch and dinner.

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25 1/2 Second street, corner of Salmon, first and third Tuesday of each month. All Odd Fellows in good standing are cordially invited. F. D. THOMAS, E. WATSON, P. S. N. G.

came she bought a handsome handkerchief, and telling her mother that it was not much, but all she had, presented her with it.

The United States transport Thyra, which returned to this port after an absence of about three months on a trip to Manila, brought back three of our citizens who had been engaged in official capacity, viz., Mr. Benj. Gayles, steward; Mr. Harry Miller and Mr. Green, first and second cooks.

They report a very pleasant voyage on the whole, although they saw some few days of rough weather. The ship will return to Manila in about a week, when we understand that the same parties expect to return with her.

In regard to the natives of the Philippines, they report that they consider that they have not been treated as they should have been by the Americans, as the natives that they saw appeared to be tractable and intelligent, and some of them said that they wanted the Americans to be friends of theirs, but were not willing to give up their country and all rights to foreigners.

They also stated that in the main they had far more liberty under the Spanish rule than they have enjoyed since the occupancy of the islands by the United States.

The white Americans in Manila treat the natives as the Southern treats the negro in the South, seemingly being of the belief that the natives have no right that a white man needs to respect.

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Mr. Banks was a pioneer and a highly respected citizen, and while he had not been a well man for several years, still his death came as a shock to many who did not think him seriously ill.

For several years he had suffered from rheumatism, but several months ago he accepted a position as cook for one of the surveying parties in the employ of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, and while engaged in that occupation he was taken sick and came to Portland.

On reaching here, having a permit from the railroad company to go to the hospital and receive medical treatment without any additional expense, he failed to notify any of the members of Odd Fellows' Society, of which order he was a member, of his condition or of his return to the city.

On the same day that he entered the hospital he died, and the parties in charge, not knowing that he was identified with any order, or, in fact, being ignorant that he resided in the city, as the permit was made out from the surveying camp, notified the railroad company, who gave orders to have him buried at their expense as one of their employes, which was done by Mr. Holman, the undertaker, and not one of the members of the Odd Fellows' lodge was aware of the sickness or death of their brother until after his burial.

Mr. Banks was always a quiet, unobtrusive man, who would never give any one any unnecessary trouble. He was not a "society man," preferring solitude or the companionship of a few congenial souls—a man who, while he had a large circle of acquaintances, had no enemies, and a few staunch and true friends who will sincerely mourn his absence and the lack of an opportunity to pay a tribute to his memory.

While Mr. Banks was a pioneer, having come to this coast in the early '50s, he was too generous and free-hearted to lay up any wealth, so he died a poor man, but honored and respected as a man of strict integrity by all that knew him.

"A Stranger in a Strange Land." Cordray's theater, commencing Sunday night, with matinee New Year's and Saturday, will doubtless be crowded to witness the inauguration of "A Stranger in a Strange Land" in this city.

This is the same play that last season scored a great success at the Manhattan theater, New York. The play is the product of Sidney Wilmer and Walter Vincent. The cast includes William Friend, Charles Drake, E. J. Black, Charles Deland, Frank Gorman, Charles Lum, Joseph Cusack, May Anderson, Beatrice Norman, Estelle Wilmott, Ottilie DeLano and others.

The scene of the play is laid in England, the plot telling of a young man, sent to America with the hope of his relatives that a little bit of "roughing it" will settle him in his habits. He pretends to have purchased a cattle ranch near Buffalo, and in order to verify his story, when he returns home, induces a young friend to impersonate an Indian. His uncle discovers the deception, and desiring to aid the nephew, obtains a simon-pure Indian from a patent medicine fakir, and when the counterfeit article and the genuine meet, the complications begin.

The play is said to be one great laugh from beginning to end.

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She, wanting to give her mother a Christmas present, and having no other way to get any money, would get a pint of milk and a ticket, thus managing to save 5 cents every other day, so that when Christmas



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