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THE COST'S THE THING. Not the Man that Was Impressed on One Small Girl. Once upon a time a long while ago when the writer was young and vain-glorious and occasionally expatiated to some of her small companions upon the cost of her wearing apparel or the number of teaspoons her mamma possessed, she was reprimanded severely for these indiscretions. "Little ladies do not boast," she was told sententiously.

After awhile she came firmly to believe this because of its endless repetitions and so she was often surprised when quondam friends confided in her the enormous amount they spent annually in dress or the size of the turkey they had for their Christmas dinner. Times, as the dogmat man so aptly remarked, are changed now, however, and ostentation is the order of the day, says a writer in the Baltimore News. Perhaps this is the fault of the newspapers. Perhaps some hungry reporter searching for available "copy" and finding it in the florist's bills for a big wedding may be primarily to blame, but at all events the marriage of two young people of wealth is nowadays made a ceremony of such ostentation as to amount to vulgarity.

The charms of face or character of the bride, the good qualities of the groom are passed over lightly in order that there may be plenty of space to estimate the cost of the various details. The amount of money that the presents represent, the capital represented by the trousseau, of the carriages, of the flowers and the supper are all set down with great accuracy and added with much precision. When the total reaches into the millions the nuptials are announced to be a success and the young couple are supposed to have entered the matrimonial state under the happiest auspices.

There is no effort made to conceal the fact that money is the most interesting thing about the pair and the occasion. Perhaps these people are to be pitied. Perhaps, as was said before, thieving newspaper men break in and steal information about special trains and or chills and trifles of that sort that the families yearn to keep secret. But however that may be, the writer never reads that Miss So-and-so received twelve ropes of pearls, valued at \$500,000, that she doesn't think of the old maxim of the nursery days, "Little ladies do not boast," and wish that it could be handed on to the feminine young and old of American society.

SON COMMANDS FATHER. Unique Condition of Affairs in a Colorado Volunteer Regiment. A unique position in the United States army service is that occupied by Benjamin Lear, Sr., and his son, former residents of Cripple Creek, who are members of the First Colorado Volunteer Regiment, which has been doing duty in the Philippines. The father is a private in C Company of the regiment and his son is captain of the same company, a condition believed to be without parallel in the Government service. When the First Colorado Regiment was raised Benjamin Lear, Jr., was acting as sergeant in a company and volunteered with his comrades. The father was foreman of the composing-room of a Cripple Creek, Colo., newspaper, but concluded to follow his son to the Philippines and joined the regiment. Arriving at Manila he was transferred to the company of which his son was sergeant. As time passed, the father saw himself still further outranked by his son, who, through meritorious service, won several promotions and reached a captaincy. The father is 50 years old and the son 20.



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An Easy Winner. A minister was one day walking along a road, and to his astonishment he saw a crowd of boys sitting in front of a ring with a small dog in the center. When he came up to them he put the following question: "What are you doing to the dog?" One little boy said: "Whoever tells the biggest lie wins it." "Oh," said the minister, "I am surprised at you little boys, for when I was like you I never told lies." There was silence for a while, until one of the boys shouted: "Hand him up the dog!" -London Labor Dealer.

A Royal Chair. An interesting chair in the newly restored church called the Garrison church, at Berlin, has been ordered by the Kaiser to be placed in his pew there. It is a simple wooden affair, and bears the following inscription: "King Frederick William I. once sat on this chair during divine services." Deafness isn't the affliction to age that it is to youth; a deaf aged person doesn't miss hearing many nice things.

DOINGS OF THE RACE. General Information Concerning the Afro-American.

TAKEN FROM OUR VARIOUS EXCHANGES. Showing the Progress of the Various Lines of Human Endeavor Being Accomplished by the Race.

In a chemical laboratory near Boston, Mass., where various kinds of extracts, such as lemon juice, Jamaica ginger, vanilla, fine soaps and other cosmetics are manufactured for the trade, the head chemist is a Negro; so to, is the chief designer and pattern maker in a leading factory in Monroe county, New York, which makes a specialty of manufacturing tools and agricultural implements. A co-operative store, conducted by colored people, opened at Elizabethtown, Pa., March 2. The time is fast coming when the Negro who preaches that there is nothing to encourage our boys and girls to educate because no avenues for them are open, must be relegated and recorded as a back number. If every town in the country where there is a sufficient number of colored people would do like Elizabethtown, the Negro problem would be solved.

Waco, Tex., March 5.—A colored man has been empaneled on the grand jury here. This is the second Negro who has been on a grand jury here since the period immediately after the war.

An industrial training school for colored boys and girls will be opened in Cincinnati soon. Rev. H. D. Prowd, R. D. Troy, E. S. Thomas, J. A. Jackson and W. P. Dabney, are the incorporators. There are about 100 business establishments among the colored people in St. Louis, among which are eight well doing groceries, two excellent drug stores, three extensive dealers in merchandise, besides a goodly number of paving and mechanical businesses conducted in the most creditable manner. One corporation with a capital stock of \$50,000. We have sixteen dentists who have a flourishing practice and who are rapidly acquiring a competency. These Negro doctors are learned and skilled, so recognized by both races, among which their practice extends. In legal profession twelve lawyers find a lucrative field for their talents. One is a prosecuting attorney for the city, and others have represented celebrated cases before the state and federal courts.

There are thirty-seven carriers and clerks in the federal departments, many of whom by long service and study have acquired an efficiency which none excel. In the various branches of the city government are thirteen colored clerks and deputies, whose salaries range from \$75 to \$150 per month. Besides these are a goodly number of colored men who hold positions to which comfortable salaries are attached.

Arrangements have been made for a race the coming season in Paris, France, on the cycle track in the Parc des Princes, between Taylor, the colored champion cyclist of America and Jacquelin, the French champion. Eatonville, Fla., is a town made up entirely of colored people. Its population numbers 1,500 and its banks and all business establishments are conducted by colored people; in fact there is not a white person in the town.

In a machine shop in Bradford, Pa., a Negro machinist is foreman and passes upon all the work turned out by the half hundred or more white men under him. The ex-slave will hold an important meeting at Frierson, La., Sunday, March 31. Bishop Thomas H. Lomax of the A. M. E. Zion church is said to be worth \$75,000.

Our Foreign Missions. The first foreign missionary sent out by the A. M. E. church was the Rev. Scipio Bean, who was ordained elder by Bishop Allen and sent out to Hayti by him in company with Richard Robertson in 1824. Our missionary work in Africa was begun by Bishop J. M. Brown, who on April 17th, 1878, ordained and appointed the Rev. S. P. Flegler pastor of the first Liebrian Mission church which was organized by Bishop Brown and the Rev. A. T. Carr in Morris Brown A. M. E. Church, Charleston, South Carolina, on Easter Sunday, morning, April 21, 1878, the bark "Azor," sailed for Monrovia, West Coast of Africa, having on board the Rev. S. P. Flegler, Clement Irons and Scott Bailey, who were local preachers, and thirty members. In 1886 Bishop Shorter sent the Rev. J. R. Frederick, to Sierra Leone. In 1884 Bishop J. P. Campbell and Rev. J. M. Townsend visited San Domingo City and organized an annual conference. The first annual conference held by us in Africa was in Liberia, when it was held by Bishop H. M. Turner, November 23, 1891. During this same year Bishop Turner organized the conference at Sierra Leone. In 1898 Bishop Turner went out to South Africa and received into membership of the A. M. E. Church the Ethiopian Church, and organized the conference of South Africa.

There can be no doubt that what has been undertaken by Bishops Brown, Shorter, Campbell and Turner is in strict accord with our duty as a church. The questions before us are: have we the will and the ability to do our duty? The last general conference went further than anyone could have confidently expected, and showed faith that is almost audacious by electing a bishop for the islands, a bishop for West Africa, and a bishop for South Africa. As a church, will we measure up to the glorious task set before us? In his report for 1899, the Mission-



ary secretary reported the total receipts as \$20,797.46. Will we make a return of \$50,000 this year? Bishop L. J. Coppin is now in South Africa, and his success will largely depend upon having sufficient funds to found a college. He carried with him only \$200 from the Missionary department. We can and should put \$10,000 in his hands within two years. Will we do it?

COMING ATTRACTIONS. "A Brass Monkey" at Cordray's. Charles H. Hoyt's most successful comedy, "A Brass Monkey" will be the attraction in this city at Cordray's theater Sunday and all next week. The principals of the company are James K. Wesley, Charles A. Morgan, Marcus Monroe, Ed. E. Brown, Frank Walsh, Eugene Weiner, Harry Talley, Maymie Taylor, Lillie Taylor, Margaret Burnham, Estelle Weaver and the pretty and attractive soubrette Mazie Trumbull, who plays "Baggage." James K. Wesley is the "Jonah" of the piece. Both Miss Trumbull and Mr. Wesley have made great hits in their respective characters. There is a mascot in the play, and the absurdities introduced by the various characters leave no hope for a "hoodoo" idol. The funmaking throughout the play is maintained at a "rapid-fire" rate that leaves theater goers panting with joy.

"Pawn Ticket 210." "Pawn Ticket 210," Lotta's great success under the management of Ed Billings, is the next attraction at the Metropolitan theater. The company is exceptionally strong, and the management has used great pains in securing people adapted to the various parts assigned them. Many clever specialties will be introduced. "Pawn Ticket 210" is unlike many melodramas, as it abounds in clean comedy throughout the entire performance, and at no time has that tiring effect upon the audience which have many of the melodramas of the present day.

Modjeska Next Week. There are probably few productions in store for play goes this season that have a more trenchant interest than the revival of Shakespeare's great but unfamiliar historical tragedy of "King John," which Madame Modjeska will present at the Marquam Grand on Monday night next. While the plot of the play follows history quite closely, the great dramatist has developed some of the characters faithfully or not, as they served his general scheme or poetic fancy. His main object seems to be the other hand to define the character of "King John" as a sample of the royal criminal, weak in his criminality, and, on the other, to present in the person of Constance a study of royal dignity, power and devotion. It is in the fact that the Lady Constance stands alone in the dramatic conflict as the sole champion for the right of her son, Prince Arthur, against a rabble of royal assassins, cheats and rogues, which makes her the dominating influence of the whole play.

Invitation has been received from Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Lawhorn, of Tacoma, to the marriage of their sister, Miss Alberta Bronner, to Louis C. Copeland, both of Tacoma, the ceremony to be solemnized on April 3, at the home of the bride-elect's sister. Miss Bronner is one of the most popular young ladies in the City of destiny, and Mr. Copeland, who was once engaged in business in this city, is a highly esteemed young man of enterprise and worth. The contracting parties have hosts of well-wishers both in Tacoma and Portland.

GREATEST IN THE WORLD. The New Age gratefully acknowledges receipt of the current calendar of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute of Tuskegee, Ala. On it is an excellent reproduction of Hon. Booker T. Washington's photograph—the picture of the principal of the greatest educational and training school on earth for our people and their children. It contains, also, a handsomely colored representation of the extensive grounds and the buildings, and it shows at a glance the wonderful progress being made by the colored race in educational and industrial matters. The features of the calendar, taken as a whole, are strong evidence of Professor Washington's enterprise and indomitable energy in the work of promoting the best interests of his race, every member of which is under profound obligation to him for the good work of his leadership.

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CITY NEWS. C. A. Ritter, Society Editor.

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.

Mrs. M. E. Sykes is quite feeble again. Miss Hazel Bell is suffering with a severe cold. Miss Eliza Day has been indisposed for the last week.

Mr. Charles Gray is confined to his bed with an attack of rheumatism. Rev. C. C. Collins returned from a short trip on the Sound this week.

Mrs. A. Jackson left for San Francisco, Cal., last Sunday evening. She will stop with her youngest son.

Mr. Charles Sykes, for the past seven years with A. Feldenheimer & Bro., has severed his connection with that firm.

Mr. Joseph Lee, lately with Prael, Hoge & Co., has resigned his position there to accept a more lucrative one with Feldenheimer Bros.

Mr. Daniel Drew and wife, of Helena, Ark., are stopping at Mrs. Day's, 87 North Seventh street. They may decide to make Portland their home.

Mrs. M. Jackson, who underwent an operation at St. Vincent's hospital, is not doing as well as was hoped for. She is quite ill at her daughter's residence, Park and Gilsan streets.

Do not forget the concert to be given on the 26th inst. at the A. M. E. Zion church for the benefit of Rev. Swan. The committee have arranged an excellent program for the occasion.

The debates at the meetings of the Paul Lawrence Dunbar literary society are a feature of the evening, being both spirited, instructive and entertaining. The meetings are held every Thursday evening at the A. M. E. Zion church.

Rumor says that the engagement of two prominent young society people will be announced ere long. If it is true it will be a case of "change of name but not of the letter," but then when did youth ever let a little thing like that stand in the way?

The Easter services at the A. M. E. Zion church bid fair to surpass anything ever attempted there before. The services will be chiefly musical, and in addition to the regular choir and the juvenile choir, several of the friends of the church have consented to assist with the music.

Mrs. C. Houser desires to return thanks to her many friends in Tacoma for their many kindnesses shown during her recent visit to that city on the occasion of her sad bereavement in the loss of her daughter; also for the attention and many kindnesses shown to her daughter, Mrs. F. Mitchell, during her illness.

The announcement that a special sermon would be preached to the Afro-American League served to fill the church with lovers of the race. Rev. Swan delivered an excellent address, touching on many points of great interest, showing both the great advancement that had been made as well as pointing out many opportunities that are open to us if we will but take hold of them. During the evening the choir rendered appropriate music.

On Friday, the 15th inst., the many friends of Mrs. W. W. Wheeler were shocked to receive the news that she had passed away at 3 A. M. that day. While Mrs. Wheeler had been ailing for some time, none thought that her condition was serious, but an examination showed the physicians that an operation was necessary as the only hope of prolonging her life, but their efforts were of no avail, as she passed peacefully away at 3 o'clock on the morning of the 15th at Seattle. Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler came to Portland in 1890, and up to a few months ago made this their home. Mr. Wheeler having secured employment in Seattle, they removed to that city last summer. Mrs. Wheeler made the request that if the result of the operation was fatal she be brought to this city for burial, which was done. The funeral took place from the Bethel A. M. E. church Sunday at 2 P. M. In the absence of the regular pastor, Rev. E. J. Swan officiated. The edifice was filled to overflowing, and many followed the sad cortege to the burying ground. Mrs. Wheeler was possessed of one of those sunny dispositions that enabled her to make hosts of friends and few enemies, and there are few persons who will be more missed or more sincerely mourned than she. The bereaved husband, Wm. W. Wheeler, left last Tuesday evening for his home in Seattle.