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Let every colored man who loves the
elevation of his race subscribe for the Leader;
and let every white man who believes
that the Negro is equal against humanity
and that it is the duty of the ruling race to
aid the Negro in his struggle for moral, social
and intellectual elevation do likewise.

We are under obligations to our con-
gressman, Hon. Staunton J. Peele, for
valuable public documents.

KNOWING ones say that the present
session of Congress will run into the
dog-days, unless the work of legislation
is dispatched with more than usual ra-
pidity in the future.

It is very generally believed that
Secretary Folger will be appointed to
fill the vacancy on the Supreme Bench
which Judge Hunt's retirement will
make. Judge Folger is eminently fit-
ted for the position.

CONGRESS appropriated \$15,000 for
the immediate relief of Mrs. Lincoln,
and has increased her pension from three
to five thousand per annum. This is
an act of strict justice to the wife of
Abraham Lincoln.

A proposition is before the Virginia
legislature and will undoubtedly become
a law, to erect a colored Normal School
at a cost of a hundred thousand dollars,
and to make an annual appropriation of
fifteen thousand a year for its support.

Senator elect Riddleberger made an
eloquent speech in its favor the other
day. The measure will undoubtedly be-
come a law, as it has received the en-
dorsement of the Readjuster caucus.

THE recent discussion of the Arrears
of Pensions bill has brought out the fact
that the heirs of colored soldiers are
not on the same footing with the heirs of
white soldiers. A measure has been
introduced to remedy the matter. It
should speedily become a law.

Surely no one will attempt to give a
reason why the heirs of deceased colored
soldiers should be discriminated
against in the matter of pensions.

We clip the following from the Sen-
tinel, the Democratic organ of the State:

"There are about 100 colored men in the
United States edited by colored men.
This is worthy of note and creditable to
the race. It demonstrates an inherent
ability in the colored man for rise and
progress which it will be difficult for
the few living Bourbons of the last genera-
tion to realize. The Sentinel ob-
serves and notes the fact of the rapid
elevation and progress of our citizens
of color with pride and pleasure."

Some who claim to know, assert that
the National Democratic party has
made its last campaign. The breaking
up of the solid south takes away the
last remaining vestige of hope of future
success, and the leaders are talking of
disbanding the party. It is not unlikely
that on the recommendation of the Hon.
David Davis, the leaders of the Dem-
ocratic party have adopted this insidious
method of attempting to kill the Repub-
lican party. Let the democratic killing
go on and we'll see about the rest.

Of all the assigned causes of the late
"unpleasantness" the latest and most
unique is that advanced by our esteem-
ed contemporary the Indianapolis Re-
view.

It saddles the entire responsibility on
our valued though much abused fellow
citizen the American hog. The Review's
theory if correct accounts, in a large
measure for the turbulent, dyspeptic
statesmen with whom unhappy South-
land has been cursed for so many years.
The Review says:

"But after all, it [the hog] was only of local or sectional value, and even that is a subject of debate and doubt. First driven to the slaughter houses on the Ohio river, it was prepared, put into barrels and shipped south to exchange for cotton or other products. Now mark the influence. The whites of that country were not an industrious people, or at least they were of sedentary habits, and the eating of this article, which can only be digested by violent out-door exercise, propagated dyspepsia, and dyspepsia begot treason—hence the war of the rebellion."

The signs of the times are ominous of
political changes at the South. A great
political revolution is now in progress
in that section. The splendid success
which has attended the liberal move-
ment in Virginia has encouraged fair-
minded men throughout the South to
hope that its benefits may be extended
to their section. The liberal element
is not only encouraged to hope for these
good results, but, in almost every South-
ern State the work of organization for

a determined contest has already been
commenced. The Carolinas, Georgia,
Maryland and even old dyed-in-the-
wool Kentucky, are moving. The admin-
istration favors the movement and
will give it all support possible.

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it will be successful in all States that
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Let the leaders in these movements
be just in their treatment of the colored
people. The colored people will ex-
pect and demand an equitable share of
the honors and emoluments which be-
long to the victors. They will not be
content simply to transfer the offices
from one set of men to another. They
will furnish in most cases the bulk of
the voters, and they will with good
reason expect to receive honorable official
recognition. These things will
doubtless be carefully looked after by
the leaders. The colored voters are
wiser to-day than ever before. They
have learned much from the trying ex-
periences of the past. They have suf-
fered much from the persecution of en-
emies, and they have suffered not a little
from the treachery of pretended friends.

They will be true to the men who
keep their promises, and they will call
those to a strict account who forget their
pledges.

In the February number of the *North
American Review*, Prof. Geo. P. Fisher
of the Yale Divinity School contributes
an able defense of the Christian Religion
against attacks of modern doubt
and infidelity. Prof. Fisher disclaims
any desire to enter the list as a combat-
ant in the debate which has been waged
by some of the contributors to the *Review*,
but his article is well worthy of the
careful reading of the most skeptical
as well as the most devoutly religious.

The February number of the *Review*
also contains articles on the following
important subjects:

"Do the Spoils belong to the Victor?"
by President Andrew D. White; "A
Remedy for Railway Abuses" by Isaac
L. Rice; "Repudiation in Virginia" by
Senator John W. Johnson; and "The
Lauret and the Law" by Henry Bergh.

Scisor Editorials.

The largest body of colored Presbyterians
in the state is at Springfield, where they
have a church membership of three hundred
strong.—*Gate City Press*.

There are six hundred thousand colored
people in South Carolina and only four
thousand white people, yet there are
six white men in office to one colored man.—
Mobile Gazette.

Two citizens of Toronto were refused
admittance to the skating rink because of their
color. This is just like Canada, however.
It is about as rotten with prejudice as
Dixie.—*Conservator*.

Alex. R. Couts, a colored man, has been
nominated by the Independents of the 7th
ward, Philadelphia, for Common Council,
against Alex. Skilton, the regular Repub-
lican nominee.—*Sentinel, Trenton N. J.*

Several colored gentlemen have bought
the subject of game laws like our
squirrels, rabbits and quails. Let them
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they soon must be—to adopt the habits
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The Detroit Free Press, a religious paper,
says: "In the last 100 years over 4,000 people
have been burned up in theatres, and in
the same time over 6,000 have perished in
church accidents." Where is the good of
publishing such statistics? It seems that
there is everything to shake one's faith.—
Mobile Gazette.

Rev. Dr. Haygood, of Georgia, recently
delivered a lecture in Boston, on "The New
South." He spoke terms very flattering to
the colored population. In Georgia
of this class are owners of farms,
men of 1,000 acres each, all paid for and
well tilled. The tendency in this direction,
he said, is very strong, and is becoming a
great elevating power. The colored people
are not dying out nor lapsing into bar-
barism. They are now estimated at six
million, and are increasing at a rate
of about 100,000 per annum. This is
more than twice as fast as the palmy days of the land of
Goshen.—*Hawkeye*.

Mrs. Catharine Perry, a colored woman,
nearly 70 years old, complained before Justice
Walsh in Brooklyn yesterday that David
H. Showery, a colored Methodist class lead-
er in the Atlantic Avenue Colored Mission,
stole \$50 from her bureau drawer at 921
Atlantic Avenue while she was temporarily
absent. Showery claimed that Mrs. Perry
was 60 years old, he did not want her, as
she offered to loan him \$50, and he gave her
his note. A witness swore to having seen
the note in Mrs. Perry's hands, and another
to having been told by Mrs. Perry that she
was going to marry Showery. Justice
Walsh discharged Showery.—*New York Sun*.

In his sermon in Plymouth church, Brook-
lyn, last Sunday, Mr. Beecher made a marked
sensation by denying the existence of
eternal punishment. He said:

"I believe in a future state of retribution,
but I believe it is remedial. What the end
will be I do not know, for I can't see the
beginning; but that punishment will continue
after it can no longer do good, or that it will
be made everlasting, I do not believe. God
do so to me, and if ever I preach that
or countenance it in any way whatever. For
God's sake, for the sake that everything
that is reasonable, consistent and benevolent
is to be done, I will clear God's name, and
propagate dyspepsia, and dyspepsia begot
treason—hence the war of the rebellion."

Hon. J. T. Rapier, of Alabama, is
in the city on public business.

Hon. Robert Smalls, Congressman
elect but counted out, from South Carolina,
is reported as favoring a fusion
movement in his state.

Mr. W. Allison Sweeney, of Indianapolis,
is spending a few days in the city,
learning how the business is done by our
National Solons. It is truly a pleasure
in this distant land of wicked and un-

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Haytien Affairs—Attempted Rev-
olution—The Indians—Wilde
Oscar—Miscellaneous—
Personal Notes—Etc.,
Etc., Etc.

[From Our Special Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON D. C., Jan. 23, 1882.

Hayti it seems, is again in the throes
of revolution. Risings have occurred in
different parts of the island, and an un-
successful effort has been made to assassi-
nate President Salomon. Thus far it
appears the government has been more
than a match for the malcontents, which
fact may be taken as a sign of the grow-
ing tendency towards stability among
the Latin-American countries, which
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