

**PLATFORM.**

**Basic Question.**  
In the unity of the human race has been divided into a number of classes, by climate, by color, by race, by military cause.  
That each class, for itself, is as good as the other should not necessarily be admitted into the social order, but to the contrary, that the social order should be a relief for being relieved of the burden of associating with the badge of ignorance which afflicts them.  
That possession of land, and culture will do more for the class than turbulent politics. This does not mean that we must fall to do his business, but it does not mean that we shall hold political

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We have read the message of President Harrison. It is labored and routine. As a message writer he is lengthy and plain without being brilliant or eloquent.

We have no confidence in the movement to have the Supreme court of the United States pass on the "Separate car law" of the South. However we shall not oppose those who think that this court of last resort will abolish the system. We have a remedy for the evil which we will give the country in a few days.

We have just returned from Texas. We only entered the gate of the state at Denison. The treatment we received has determined us to spend January travelling over the great "Lone Star."

Times are getting fearful when a man will walk into your office and demand a million dollars and upon your refusal to hand over that insignificant (?) amount throw a "bomb" at you filled with force enough to kill an army of men or destroy a block of buildings. The heathens have no such civilization as ours. Which is better for the protection of life and property the rule of the heathens or the greed of Christian America?

The Kansas City Evening Times is no more.

Mayor Hannon, put the electric light election ordinance one thousand miles beneath the sea.

Who will get the ten dollar silver cup next Wednesday night? Who will draw the twenty five dollar ring? Rain or shine, you must come out. You cannot afford to miss the AMERICAN CITIZEN benefit entertainment. Get your tickets.

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purple or fine linen. A man who tips his chapeau to true virtue does that of which he may well feel proud.

**OUR RAILROADS.**

The man who lifts his voice to help in the senseless agitation against the railroads of this country gives evidence of softening of the brain. The Alliance Army, often called, and with more truth, the office-seeking crowd started this howl, against men who by industry and economy have managed to save enough money to build railroads and develop the country, in order to get into good paying positions. These howlers the most of them, are not only incompetent but they are lazy and dishonest as well. Too lazy to work and save their money, they are dishonest enough to try to rob those who would do something worth remembering. Who was it that gave the farmer a close market, where he could sell his products? The railroadmen. Who was it that enabled New York City in less than a week to shake hands with San Francisco? The railroad builders. Who was it that made of the once great Western desert a fertile oasis, laughing with grain and all that go to enrich us? The men who risked their money in felling timbers, grading our country and constructing railroads. We are opposed to this everlasting howl against the railroads. They have been and are now of incalculable benefit to the people. It may be true that now and then a railroad company becomes too grasping but as a rule the men who build the railroads are as honest and as fairminded as any other class of persons, associated together for business. Extreme positions should always be avoided. The middle ground is the safest to occupy. This idea of government ownership of railroads is not only nonsensical but really in every way opposed to the spirit of that rule which says "that which ye would that men should do unto you do ye even so unto them."

We declare now, and challenge contradiction, that at least the new citizens, the colored people of the United States, can ill afford to go off after these crazy Alliance men, for they are as mad as a March hare on money and railroad questions: We are publishing the largest and best Negro paper in this country and this is conceded, by all unbiased persons who are acquainted with us. Hence it is our duty from time to time to warn our race of dangerous political combinations. The men who compose the Farmers Alliance and People's Party are the poor white people of this country, especially is this true in the Southern States. A majority of the men who belong to the People's Party are the shabby, shiftless from hand to mouth white brigade, who are in an impoverished condition, most of them on account of indolence and drunkenness. Colored

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THE AMERICAN CITIZEN—Miss Dalay Carter.  
All of the above K. C. Mo. Merchants will be fully represented. The following Kansas City Mo., merchants are also our friends. H. H. Cassidy, manufacturer of candles; Geo. Eysell, druggist, Turkish Candy Store 911 Main street Kansas City Safe Deposit and Savings Bank.  
Louvre Glove Co.  
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claims as imperative, nor conceding thing in theory to the objections of the Mailed Hand, but Congress with what is the nearest approach to humility possible for relieve him of the difficulties of action by authorizing him or the Court with its Republican majority appoint a commission to relieve his Mailed Hand policy until a more favorable season. With some dexterity leads up to this by taking the direct electoral vote of Michigan under law of that State as a text for a legislation on gerrymanders—a subject which the uniform practices of have given him every opportunity the acquisition of abundant information. He is convinced by the prospect Democratic electoral votes in that a constitutional amendment ed that the State may thereby exercise their present power to regulate ing of their electoral vote as they a power which he cannot ob Being unable to do so, he endeav involve its exercise with the abuse redistricting power in Congress to tion; and to make it appear tional gerrymanders are in so an incident of the absolute p each State to determine the me casting its own electoral vote.

**Is the Colored Vote in Kansas Safe?**  
The Leavenworth Times, in a retrospective, has this to say of the negro of this state:

"When the campaign opened Waller was requested to address the blacks of this state. He came up and notified the committee there was a mortgage of \$200 on This he must have paid or we will make a speech. This was paid, repaying all expenses, John rounded the colored population."

And when all was over he was further rewarded by receiving an appointment, and this appears to have been the purchased price, bargain and delivered. Well, if true, 'twas cheap. The American Citizen says Waller as a state pauper. Mr Taylor speaks the truth in this case. We are afraid to pass upon the case that we might be biased in our favor of Taylor, so we'll let here.—Langston Herald.

**What Does it Mean.**  
A reporter of the AMERICAN CITIZEN heard about a sensation created last Sunday morning, by R. G. Whitman during the delivery of his sermon. He is reported to have used remarks commending the slugging in their services, not severe but highly insulting. Some of the choir felt that the pastor's remarks of the new pastor of A. M. E. church in this city, that refused to sing while the "colored" was being received. This was so unusual and created so much interest that our reporter called on a prominent Eight street lady and a member of the choir to know what was said by pastor Whitman. She said, "I could not quote his exact language, but it was enough out of place and full as to cause them to sing during the day."

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#### DENNISON TEXAS.

We are, thankful to the following gentlemen for courtesies extended to us, while in Denison, Texas: Hon. H. Tearn, mayor of the city; Mr. W. S. Pearson, the able correspondent of the Dallas News; Col. B. C. Murray, of the Gazeteer; Col. Goodwin, editor of the Herald; and editor Crooks, controller of the Gate City Guide. These gentlemen invited their citizens to give us the keys of the city. The editor of the Dispatch, Mr. Sholls formerly of Carrollton, Mo., deserves a mention. Our visit it was indeed a pleasant one. We were the guest of Mr. Jesse Coleman. He owns the best property of any colored man in Denison, and is a perfect gentleman in every respect. This gentleman, Mr. Dave William and Henry Gillion are the men who helped in our entertainment.

#### Merry Marriage Bells.

Prof. G. L. Harrison will lead Miss Ella Crabb to the altar loved by Hymen on the 24th, of December. We congratulate her on her Christmas present. We also congratulate the professor. Mr. Harrison, is the excellent principal of our public school and Miss Ella, is one of our most accomplished teachers.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Captain I. H. Bradburry, clerk in the city treasurer's office of Kansas City, Mo., to Miss Maude C. Olden, an accomplished young lady of Pleasant Hill, Mo., on Christmas evening. We shall have more to say of these excellent people next week.

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Mrs. Lease, of Kansas, who scalped Ingalls, is in the city, but she is not looking for scalps, now her mission is a peaceable one. The river convention now in session invited her to address their meeting, and her old style of oratory was left at home, and her remarks were dignified and to the point.

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1. Opening Chorus.—Pupils of Garrison school.
2. Address 10 minutes—Prof. J. W. Daniels.
3. Free Gymnastics—Pupils of Garrison school.
4. Address, 10 minutes—Judge I. F. Bradley.
5. Polo Drill—Pupils of Garrison school.
6. Quartet—Anonymous
7. Waad Drill—Garrison school.
8. Address 10 minutes—Prof. W. W. Yates.
9. Fancy Marching and Fancy Drill—Pupils of Garrison school.
10. Address 10 minutes—Rev. R. G. Whitman.

There will be music to enliven the occasion and make the feet move gracefully. After the program above has been carried out, comes the introduction of the Firm and the giving away of the silver cup and the gold ring. Next week we will publish in full the splendid time we enjoyed. Rain or shine this affair will take place. Secure your tickets, grown people 25c, children 10c. Children, will stand no show to get the cup or ring. Nobody connected with the paper will get it. Nor will we give a number to any person admitted complimentary. These presents are given away, not sold or raffled.

Mrs. C. H. J. Taylor will represent the State of Kansas.

Mrs. M. E. Nero will represent Missouri. Will you be there?!!!

The prospects for the National Democratic Convention coming to Kansas City, grow rosier and rosier daily—Omaha is out of it. St. Louis doesn't stand a ghost of a show but the Sainly City will give us a tough "rassell" for the plum.

At last the house has been sent for the Custom House site and that ends all controversy as to the location.

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#### The New Preacher.

Rev. H. M. McMillan was born in the top Country Miss., March 27, 1837, was reared in Poko County, early in life he did such work as mon to the youths of that state, which time he attended the public at Rome, Ga., Prof. A. Scott p where he received a common scholastication from Rome, he went to the Seminary at Atlanta, Ga., where he received his course of training in school theology. While attending college he received his first call pastorate of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Ariston, Ala. There he built a worship at a cost of \$3,000, and a hundred souls were Baptised during his six years of labor place and about the same added. He then was appointed district ery for one year, during which organized seven churches, Baptised three hundred converts. In 1888 he accepted a position in Forest City as principal of the public school. He accepted the pastorate of the Baptist church at Fort Smith, Arkansas where he did a work that is a credit to the denomination, here he added two hundred souls to the church and improved the church both spiritually and financially.

In 1890 he changed to Macon, Ga. through the state of Macon Mo., impressed with Miss Estella Taylor Leabson, and married her June 1890. He then received a call at Macon, Mo., where he remained 11 months.