



At last the law-abiding citizens of these United States are beginning to realize that lynching the Negro has a reflex action, and that it is doing more harm to its white citizens engaged in such lawlessness than the poor Negroes they murder so inhumanly. Think of thousands of white citizens turning out *en masse* to see a poor Negro burned or hacked to pieces! What must be the moral condition of such a community that would take pleasure in such a sight? The influential journals of both parties are now condemning it. *Puck* and *Judge* are caricaturing the southern mob; the *Nation* says some pretty hard things of the south, but they are true, and so the good work goes on. Public sentiment so long deaf, dumb and blind to this one subject is at last beginning to rouse itself, and when it has become thoroughly awake the Negro may indeed hope for better things.

"The language work of the colored children in Kansas City in no instance approximates that of the white children."—*Journal of Education*. Such a criticism coming so soon after last spring's failure in the same work leads us to the query as to what is being done in the language work in the colored schools. The same course of study is laid out for all the schools; that being the case, why is it we fall so far short of the standard? It is claimed that we have every advantage, every help, all the supervision that the whites have; if so, and we are inclined to believe so, where is the weak place? Our children should be able to hold their own with the children of the same grade from any school in the city. There should be no apologies offered or accepted for the colored children of Kansas City. The effect is pernicious upon our boys and girls to apologize for their failures, as has been shown by recent event. They expect all through life to shield their failures behind the flimsy excuse that they did not have a white man's chance. That the Negro child can

ing a visit to the White City this month.

Mrs. R. T. Coles was quite ill last week, but she now is much better.

Wedding bells are heard in the distance.

Miss Lidia Williams returned home last Saturday after spending two weeks sightseeing in the great White City.

Mr. Allen Shaffer spent a few days in our city this week.

Dr. Derrick of New York City and Rev. John Turner of Lawrence, Kas., are among the distinguished visitors in the city.

Mrs. Rachel Anderson of Platte City was in the city this week, the guest of Mrs. John Herndon.

Mesdames Maria Granger and Lizzie Perry, have returned from a pleasant visit to St. Louis and Chicago. They express themselves as being well pleased with their trip.

C. C. Crawley, a prominent gentleman from Pensacola, Fla., is in our midst and is stopping at 414 E. Eighteenth street. Mr. Crawley will make Kansas City his future home. THE AMERICAN CITIZEN extends him a welcome.

Miss Etta Diggs of St. Louis, who has been visiting Mrs. Tom Scott, left for her home Wednesday. Miss Diggs made many friends while in the city, who will always have for her a hearty welcome.

Principal Holden of the Warrensburg public school and Miss Thornton, one of his accomplished assistant teachers, spent Wednesday evening in the city viewing the very gorgeous floats which glided through our streets.

Napoleon Hale of Hugginsville, who has been visiting relatives in Rockport during the past few weeks, is in the city, the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Lizzie Perry.

Mrs. Maria Granger entertained a number of friends this week from

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