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August 1st

The colored people of Platte City celebrated August 1st. with a grand picnic August the 1st is the anniversary of the emancipation of the negroes in the West India islands and our colored contingent determined to do honor to the accasion. The Platte City colored band was out and a large crowd of the colored people assembled. Several skirmishes took place but nothing of a serious nature. The respectable people held the toughs in pretty fair control and we understand the day was a pleasant one.

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