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"BILLY SMITH'S" TALKS.

HE LIKENS PROF. WASHINGTON UNTO A SKILLFUL SURGEON

And is Going to Discuss the Question of the "Colored Ministry" With Impartiality. —How the Case Stands.

ARTICLE NO. 1.

To the Editor of THE PLAINDEALER.

Sir:—Men shrink from criticism as from the surgeon's knife, yet one is as helpful as the other when properly used. When the surgeon takes off a limb, it is wiser to give attention to the healing of the wound than to indulge bad temper toward the surgeon. Prof. Washington is the surgeon who skillfully lopped off a great big wart of conceit which had grown upon the neck of the colored clergy. The patient should attend the sore and not bother trying to get revenge upon the best friend that has showed up lately.

I have read the Washington articles and most of the replies. The fury of the ministry is now about spent and they are in about the proper receptive condition for some medicine.

From now on, let Mr. Washington drop out of the discussion and let the subject be considered. Every preacher and bishop who, in discussing the question, has vented wrath upon the person and evaded the real issue has demonstrated his lack of scholastic training.

The case stands this way: 1—Is the colored ministry corrupt and illiterate? 2—If so, to what extent? 3—If so, what is the remedy?

Under these heads I shall discuss the question, and shall do so with exact impartiality. That no personalities may enter in, these articles will appear under an assumed name. No one will know whether the writer is a bishop, an elder, a local preacher, or an outsider. Whether he lives in Florida or New York will not be known, your entire attention is directed to the matter under discussion and away from the person.

First, is the colored ministry corrupt and illiterate? What is it to be corrupt? David said in Psalm XIV, "They are corrupt, they have done abominable works." This sets forth the doctrine that works are a sure indication of character for abominable works are pointed out as a proof of corruptness.

It is fair, then, to infer the character of the ministry from their works. (The writer is a Methodist so far as his church interests are concerned.)

What seems to be the chief human purpose to which the labors of the Methodist ministry are directed? The minister who saves the most souls during a year is ranked the highest at the Methodist conferences. That shows the spirit of the conferences. Soul saving is the highest possible motive, hence the Methodist ministry as a whole has not fallen below the Divine standard. Next in honor, comes the minister who has built the best church edifice or paid off the largest debt. Saving souls and providing churches are the two greatest possible motives which could inspire men to labor and that the conferences so hold is manifested by the honor that is paid those who excel in these two things. Over 1,000,000 souls are now in the Methodist communion and nearly \$10,000,000 worth of property have been acquired.

The colored ministry began its work with no churches and was forced to create. It was for this reason the aggressive missionary and the energetic church builder were peculiarly needed. There is a third class now greatly needed. The rapid extension of colored churches and the strong society now established have made a demand for real pastors. "Character Builders" are now needed more than ever before.

How are the colored ministers succeeding as character builders? Do they do abominable works?

It is here that the first defects of glaring nature appear. To conduct revivals successfully and to build churches are tasks which may be efficiently carried out by persons who are wholly unfit to afterwards act as shepherds over the saved or to officiate as pastors.

The pastor must be a man who can enter into the life of the people as to enter their entire conduct. He must be able to say "follow me as I follow Christ." He must be apt to teach both by precept and example. As a scholar he must have so profound and accurate a knowledge and understanding of the bible as will enable him to correctly and clearly set forth its doctrines. He should be able to study the bible as an ambassador would study his letter of instructions. He can find much help in studying it through the media of human expositions such as the Writings of the Fathers, the Decrees of Councils, Synodical Conventions, Confessions of Faith, Articles of Religion, Systems of Theology, Commentaries, Compendes, Digests etc., but all of this is not enough for as an ambassador of Heaven, he must be able to deliver his special message, and must be able to learn it under the direction of the Holy Spirit from the bible itself and for himself. He must, therefore, be specially trained, specially gifted, and specially called. His training must include Biblical Philology, Criticism, Exegesis, Analysis, Archaeology, Ethnography, History, Chronology and Geography. As a preparation for the successful mastery of these branches he must understand

the sciences, physical and meta physical, Profane History and the History of the Great Religions.

This much preparation must a pastor have before he can lay any claims to speak authoritatively as the Divinely commissioned interpreter of the world. More still, he must be holy and possess the Holy Spirit in rich unction.

That much is required before he can lay claims to understanding how to preach the Word, but to preach it effectively, he must have special power and fitness as an orator. He must understand men, he must know them in general, as classes, and as individuals. To be thus qualified, he must himself be a man, and that is he must be intensely human. He must know the keys that open men's hearts.

Are the colored ministers prepared? Prof. Price said as quoted by the Boston Evening Transcript: "There are 10,000 Negro preachers in the South, but not more than two thousand ever had any preparation."

—BILLY SMITH.

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

He Figured to Catch the Mule.

Health officer Duffield is responsible for the following: "The best story ever illustrating the effects of a morphia injection was told to me today. A doctor was driving along a country road when he came upon an aged colored man, who was endeavoring to persuade a bulky mule to proceed on its journey with a wagon load of wood. The old man appealed to the physician to prescribe something that would start the obstinate quadruped. The doctor leaped from his buggy with a small syringe to his hand, plunged it into the mule's side and injected a quantity of morphia. The long-eared animal gave a prolonged bray, threw its heels in the air and started down the road with the speed of a cyclone. The Negro's eyes protruded as he gazed after the flying mule.

"How much ob dat stuff yo' put in him, boss?" he asked.

"Oh," replied the doctor, laughing, "about ten cents' worth."

"Wall, den, put twenty cents' worth into me right quick. Yere's yer money. I's got ter ketch dat mule."

Organizing in Washington.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 29.—A convention was held at Tacoma on the 24th for the purpose of organizing a state association. Delegates attended from different parts of the state, Spokane sending one. As perfected it is to be known as the Washington Protective Association. A part of the constitution of the National Afro-American League is embodied in the organization. Declares itself independent of the National order, (purpose not known by correspondent) and non-political. In its meeting the proposition of joining the National body for the purpose of representation at Tenn., in February was defeated.

The Christmas trees and dinners given by the Methodist and Baptist churches were well attended and patronized. Preparations are being made under the direction of Mrs. Clay for a grand concert New Year's eve. J. A. W.

God's Church.

New York Press: That widely charitable institution, the Little Church Around the Corner, looks uncommonly well in its garb of snow. An evergreen Christmas tree stands on either side of the main doorway, and throughout the holiday season the services are even more varied and numerous than usual. The half dozen charities that make their home beneath the odd little structure's many gables are stirred to special activity during the holidays, and all sorts of poor folks, black, white, and part-colored, are constantly going in and out of the Gothic doorways.

Where Does the Laugh Come In?

James Emmons, a young man, while calling on the young daughter of Hampton Sparks of Bennett's Mills, New Jersey, was called out by a number of young white fellows from neighboring villages and tarred and feathered. When they had completed the job they left laughing at what they termed an excellent joke. Young Emmons remained indoors until he had rid himself of his uncomfortable coat and then had his persecutors arrested. They claim it was all a joke but there is a difference of opinion now as to where the laugh comes in.

Two Merry Little Monarchs

"Jess and John," the two little boys mentioned before as attendants of Wilton's Merry Monarch company, have cause to be glad when Christmas comes. Every member of the company played the role of Santa Claus for them and their dressing room at the Chestnut Street theatre in Philadelphia was filled with steam engines, woolly dogs, dominoes, musical boxes, games and other toys, while each proudly displayed a gold watch and a purse of money given them by Mr. Bemish, the master carpenter and Mr. Wilson.

To Enforce the Laws.

An organization to be called the "Colored Loyal Legion of American Liberty" is to be formed in Boston for the purpose of enforcing the 15th amendment. A society of ladies has been formed as a branch of the organization to be known as the Committee of One Hundred. They have pledged themselves to devote their energies to the end that justice shall be meted out to the race all over the country.

Alexander Bond of Centerville, Md., will receive \$3,780 pension money.

WASHINGTON FARMERS READY

And Willing to Furnish Products for the World's Fair.

To the Editor of THE PLAINDEALER.

Sir:—The last and most important act dispelling all possible doubt of the World's Columbian Exposition being held in the city of Chicago, has been qualified. It was the approval and signing of the document relative thereto by President Harrison on the 24th. The question concerning the colored man should now be disposed of. The understanding of some prominent men of whom the opinions of a few appeared in THE PLAINDEALER, seems to be that the fact of his being overlooked and not placed upon the commission excuses him as an exhibitor. A copy of the bill passed by Congress has never come under our notice, but it is plain, concise, emphatic and conclusive upon the point, irrespective of nationality, residence, citizenship or any limiting qualifications, it says: I do hereby invite all the nations of the earth to take part in the commemoration of the event etc., and bears the president's signature. We cannot see how it could be more declaratory and think it gives no chance for a question. For the general understanding to those of whom it may concern a special acknowledgment might be well.

I believe that our farmers in this state, who by their knowledge of tilling this great soil favored by an equable climate, shall be able to present specimens of products cultivated by them which will compare favorably and possibly excel any which may there be presented. Michigan will take great pride in having its inventor of the world's renowned self-feeding oil cup, (Mr. McCoy) as an exhibitor, I might make innumerable illustrations.

We do not believe in the agitation of separate space for his exhibits or that he has helped to achieve or accomplish in aiding the progression of this great nation to be bunched together. But indiscriminately let his be classified as all others, as an artist his paintings in the art gallery, as a farmer his products in the department of agriculture etc. Neither do we believe in the appointment of a colored man as commissioner over the exhibitors of his race. If necessary let him have representation upon the commission, but not in a single or such individual capacity. We do not know but ask THE PLAINDEALER if a doubt remains as to the representation. Should it not be the duty of the leading and foremost men to petition for the acknowledgment of the president? Is it necessary that they be urged to act upon the question, which if a question is indeed a great one? J. A. WILLIAMS.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 27. [Discussed and endorsed by the S. L. society, John B. Chew president.]

The Strength of a Giant.

Albert Hart of Courtland, Miss., must be a direct descendant of Samson. The other day while feeding a cotton gin, a few notes and locks of cotton fell on the mule board and instead of using a stick placed there for the purpose of brushing them off, he tried to remove them with his hand. His fingers were caught in the rapidly revolving saws, and in an instant more his arm would have been torn into shreds. Desperation added strength to his muscular frame, and propping himself with one foot against the gin, he gave a powerful pull. The force with which he exerted himself reversed the saws, which had already begun the work of cutting off his hand, threw the belt off the gin and broke the mule board, which fell and held him a prisoner until a blacksmith had been called and the top pieces of the gin removed so that his arm could be pulled out. Had it not been for the man's herculean strength, his arm would have been drawn into the gin and cut to pieces. As it was, he lost one finger.

By the Signal Light.

Railroad men of Baltimore have an organization called the "American Leaders of Progress." Last month they gave their annual ball which was attended by 500 guests from that and neighboring cities. The feature of the evening was the grand promenade. Every member of the society in line carried a railroad signal lantern of blue, red and white, and during the march the promenaders went through the signal code of the road. Later in the evening the station call quadrille was given, when every male dancer carried his lantern. The ball room was darkened, and at a given signal the lights were flashed in a certain direction. The affair was decidedly unique and entertaining.

To Legalize Slave Marriages.

A bill will be introduced in the Illinois Legislature this Winter having for its object the legalizing of slave marriages. A similar attempt was made two years ago but so late that it proved ineffectual. Several cases involving the inheritance of children of slave parents, on which even judges are not clear as to the proper ruling has made such legislation necessary.

A Friend's Work.

Ellas Mickel of St Paul stabbed and killed his stepdaughter, shot his wife and then killed himself. Domestic troubles caused the triple ill-fated taking.

Archbishop Ireland delivered the oration at St Paul for the celebration which was held there Jan. 1.

LIVING IN A DEAD BODY.

THE STRANGE LIFE OF THE OSSIFIED AFRO-AMERICAN.

He is Incased in Bone and Has Been for Twenty-Seven Years.—How He Lives.

L. M. Monroe, the ossified Afro-American was the great attraction at Wonderland last week. Thousands saw him and marveled at his condition.

He lies upon a couch, rigidly as a pillar. He stood upon his feet as if he were an iron column. There is not a joint in his body. His arms hang suspended, as immovable as if they were iron rods. His whole body is virtually one huge piece of bone, fashioned into the shape of a human body. He was born 43 years ago in Virginia. The process of ossification began when he was 8 years and continued until 1870.

He is a man of considerable reading and more than ordinary intelligence. His name is L. M. Monroe, and as he lays there upon his pallet, unable to stir, he is a veritable prisoner in his own body. Monroe is living in a casket of solid bone. There is nothing about him that seems to live except his face. For 27 years this strange, inexplicable disease has been slowly but surely fastening its chains upon him. At first it took his right limb, then his left, then it took possession of his arms and his neck. Gradually his sense of feeling is disappearing from his limbs. He still has a dim sense of arms and legs but even that is dying out.

Monroe was born on an old plantation near Manassas Junction, in Virginia. He was born a slave and his mistress, whose name is Sarah Elizabeth Cockerell and who, as he says, "is one of the best women in the world," cared for him until the end of the war, when he was emancipated. Then he went to live with his mother. After that people carried him around the country and he delivered lectures.

On the day of the battle of "Bull Run" they carried him out into the yard, and from the eminence on which the old house stood he could look over the tops of the trees to the blue ridges of hills beneath the shadow of the mountains, where the famous battle was fought.

His mistress taught Monroe to read, and he is now an exceedingly well read man in the lines in which he has made his favorite book is the bible, and after that histories and theological works.

A year ago last June Monroe met Jonathan Bass, the original ossified man, in Austin and Stone's museum, in New York. Monroe was going out as Bass came in, and the two men spent Sunday together. Monroe says it was a great pleasure to both of them to meet and they had a long conversation in the museum.

"That was the first and the last time I ever saw Jonathan Bass. He is in a worse condition than I am. He is partially blind."

"Do you enjoy this sort of life?" "Oh! yes. I am very comfortable here. People come and I talk to them. They ask me strange questions sometimes but it's a good deal better than being left alone, and then I travel about, am well cared for and I like the movement and the stir."

"Do you read a great deal?" "I usually read all morning. My bed is on the floor, you know, and they place the book just where I can see it. If it's new paper they pin that to the bed. But I don't read the papers very much."

"After the bible, what books do you like the best?" "The history of George Washington, I think."

And so the unfortunate man rambled on from one circumstance to another. But it all sounded very strange because it was the voice of a live man living in a dead body that spoke.

A ROMANTIC STORY.

A Former Slave Finds His One-Time Master in Want and Helps Him.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—A bit of romance in real life is being discussed here. Among the residents of this city is Rufus Cheatam, a respected Afro-American. With him live his mother, sister and two brothers. Cheatam was born at Patrick Courthouse, Va., and both he and A. S. Nowlin, a son of his master, nursed at the breast of Rufus' mother. They grew up together, one as master, the other as slave. When the war broke out Nowlin enlisted in that famous regiment, the Patrick Grays, of Pickett's division, Longstreet's corps. Cheatam went out with his master as his servant, and saw the war through.

In 1866 Nowlin went to Montana and prospered fairly until a few months ago, when a cyclone swept the section in which he resided destroyed his house and did so much other damage that he was practically ruined. He scraped together enough money to reach this city with his family on Christmas day. Rufus saw his former master on the street and recognized him. The meeting was a most joyful one. He took Nowlin to his home and rented Mozart hall, where the two families held a reunion, Rufus paying all bills as Nowlin was practically penniless. Friday Nowlin and his family were sent back to their old Virginia home, and the Cheatams, who are comparatively rich, will furnish the money with which their former master will again attempt to get a foothold in the world.

A Novel Supplement accompanies this issue of The Plaindealer and every paid up subscriber is entitled to the same free. If you fail to receive one send a postal card notifying us at once.

THE EVENT OF THE SEASON.

Chicago Elite in Fancy Dress.—A Successful Entertainment.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—The event of the holiday season in this city was the Calico Fancy Dress Ball given by the Lotus Social club Tuesday evening Dec. 30. The club which was organized Feb 18 gives four entertainments and a picnic each year, its object is to furnish amusement for its members and their guests. At their last entertainment they ably sustained their reputation for giving entertainments of a high class.

At 9:30 the grand march was formed with Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Wheeler as leaders and guests to the number of 150 fell in line presenting a beautiful picture of fair women and brave men. The dining hall under the supervision of Messrs. J. B. French and Shaw with its fine collection of cut flowers, beautiful lamps and a profusion of dainties and substantial viands in attraction with the rooms for reception the appointments of each being unexceptionable. The costumes worn by both ladies and gentlemen were in keeping with the rest of the entertainment many of the ladies appearing more charming than when attired in the orthodox evening costume. The guests were most of them prominent society people and the Lotus club are once more felicitating themselves on having scored a pronounced success.

The following ladies and gentlemen were noticed in costume, Mrs. Isabella Jones, Mme. Recamier; Mrs. Albert Taylor, gypsy; Mrs. Oliver Taylor, French peasant girl; Mrs. Geo. W. Washington, Chicago; Mrs. Hattie Whitten, Swiss maiden; Mrs. J. M. Brennan, princess; Miss Della Fletcher, gondolier; Miss Theo Lee, Empress of Japan; Miss Daisy Robinson, Japanese page; Miss Jennie White, milk maid; Mr. Monroe Roberts, Adonis; Mr. Chas. R. Webster, D. G. G. Cavalier; Mr. John G. Wheeler, Mikado and Mr. O. F. Taylor, cowboy.

The private dress party given by H. C. Taylor, C. T. Cuteney, E. P. Watkins, S. A. Manloz, M. Hagew, W. M. Franklin and O. Berry at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wheatley of Armour avenue Tuesday night was a grand affair and well attended. The collation was served at 12 o'clock.

Miss Jennie Nichols of the firm of Booth and Nichols of Marion, Ind., is visiting friends in Chicago.

Mrs. Rebecca Snell is very ill with heart disease. Her husband died from the same disease a few months ago.

The entertainment and ball given by Crispus Attucks Division No. 1, at Central hall was well attended and a marked improvement was noted in the drill.

The young people of the Irwin social club had a merry time at the ball given by the club at Washington hall Monday Dec. 31.

Mrs. E. H. Wortham of Minneapolis is the guest of Mrs. H. E. Naul of Carol ave.

Mrs. J. T. Steward gave a party in honor of Miss Bond of Council Bluffs, who is visiting friends in the city.

GAINS \$240,000.

A Decision that May Cause Other Sales.

RICHMOND, Va.—Judge Leake in the chancery court has handed down a lengthy decision in the celebrated case of Belle Thomas Lewis, the Afro-American lady who claimed the estate of her white father, W. A. Thomas, deceased, valued at \$240,000. The court held that she was entitled to the property. The case will be taken to the supreme court, of course. The decision is one that will make many southern whites now living in luxury, a little bit anxious as to their rights to the property, they now enjoy.

Indicted for Conspiracy.

The lottery vendors, Heston and Duncan, of Indianapolis, Indiana, were brought into the Federal Court Wednesday and fined \$30 and costs. The prosecution grew out of a lot of letters captured in a police raid, showing that numbers turned out of a wheel were forwarded there by one Sam Brown, of Cincinnati. All of these parties have been indicted for violating the postal law and for conspiracy, and the Federal agents are hunting Brown.

The Old Home Has No Charm.

Andre Jeffries a convict at the South Carolina penitentiary while working on the roads made his escape but finding that things were not as they used to be at his old home returned to the prison and begged for admission. The two days holiday has been added to his original sentence but he probably does not care for that as liberty has lost its charm for him.

READ THE PLAINDEALER

To Correspondents: Don't Be Late.

We cannot insure the publication of correspondence which reaches us later than Tuesday. A number of our correspondents should pay attention to the hints below. Don't blame us if your letters are not published.—[Editor.]

All matter for publication must reach us by Tuesday noon to insure insertion in the following issue.

Write your notes on one side of paper only and on separate paper from letters on business.

Personal jokes are not wanted.

Do not write matter for publication and business orders upon the same sheet of paper.

Want of space will not permit of extended notices of entertainments, parties, receptions, etc. Send us the NEWS. Make your letters short and readable.

Make your letters and communications as short as possible.

Sign your FULL NAME, not for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith. No matter if you have been corresponding for years, always SIGN YOUR OWN NAME.

Be brief, on time, and do not say Mr. "S" and "So" is sick when he only has the finger-ache!

Correspondents will please remember that advertisements, lists of wedding presents, lengthy obituary notices, speeches, resolutions, poetry and inquiries for relatives must be paid for. Our advertising rates will be sent you on application.

Agents, Attention!

Our agents are required to make returns and remittances for the papers of the preceding month not later than the tenth of each month—a day no papers will be sent to any agent who fails to comply with the above.

No papers will be sold on credit unless the agent chooses to pay for them and run the risk of collection.

Excuses and promises do not pay our expenses, etc. PLAINDEALER CO. Sept. 1, 90.

Every purchaser of a copy of this issue of the Plaindealer is entitled to a copy of the Novel Supplement.

Took the Prize.

ANN ARBOR, Dec. 29.—Ann Arbor has lost in the death of Mrs. Aurilla Sweeney, one of its pioneers. She died last Monday in Chicago at the residence of her daughter Mrs. Sarah Ross. She leaves four children and a large number of relatives. She was over 70 years old. Her funeral occurred on Wednesday in Chicago.

Mrs. Francis Henderson and daughter, Mrs. Hattie Duval, from Minneapolis, are home from Chicago. They attended Mrs. Sweeney's funeral.

Hattie Gibbons, of Port Wayne Ind., is visiting Mrs. E. Cooper.

Mr. Charles Leatherman of Jackson visited the city Thursday the guest of Miss May Green.

Miss Estlah Johnson got home Thursday night from Chicago, where she has been for the past four months. Her health is much better.

Last Tuesday night the ladies of the 2nd Baptist church had a sewing festival. The gentlemen were to sew, and the one doing the nicest sewing was awarded a prize. Mr. Crawford got the "booby." Some of the men must be complimented on their good work.

On Wednesday evening Bethel church had their Christmas tree. The exercises by the little folks were good.

On Thursday night the 2nd Baptist church had their tree. It was heavily laden. Elder Scroggs was nicely remembered by Santa Claus.

On Friday night there was an entertainment, given at Bethel church, under the management of Mrs. Mary Jewett. It was very good. Miss Jones was unable to be present on account of illness.

Mr. and Mrs. William Graves spent Christmas in Albion, with the latter's brother David Williamson.

There was a grand ball in Ypsilanti on Christmas night, a great many from here went down and report a fine time.

A gloom has been thrown over the city on account of the deaths by drowning of the two students, a gentleman and lady, on Wednesday afternoon. The bodies were recovered on Thursday. This is an off year for the University.

Mrs. Pope and little granddaughter of Battle Creek, are visiting Mrs. Lizzie Lucas.

Mrs. John Davis had a few of her friends to dinner on Christmas.

Instead of George, it was Daniel Turner that was married.

LOTTIE.

Grand New Year's Ball.

KALAMAZOO, Jan. 5.—The grandest ball ever given in Kalamazoo was given New Year's eve under the management of F. E. Evans, Burr Shepard, Will Byrd, Will Coats and Wilbur Burton, who compose the Ne Plus Ultra club.

Miss Lillie Winborn of Niles attended the ball given here New Year's eve.

Protracted meetings are being held at the A. M. E. church.

Mr. Thomas Stewart has been visiting his parents here.

Mr. George Brown is visiting in Bloomington.

Mr. and Mrs. Young leave for their new home in Columbus O. this week. Mr. Young will start a business for himself.

The congregations at the A. M. E. church are larger now than ever known before and considerable interest in church work is displayed.

Where were our converts New Year's eve?

Mr. Enos Roberts visited his parents and friends in Lawrence New Year's day.

Miss Gerie Hill has returned from a short visit to Almira.

The brother of Mrs. Jarvis who has been to the Rocky Mountains spent a couple of days with her last week.

Our band is progressing finely.

Mr. Miller of Lansing is stopping at the Kalamazoo house.

Mr. Frank Wilson is thinking of taking a troop on the road.

Mr. Erin Bates is recovering.

Several young men of the city will leave soon for the West.

Mr. Mitt Nolan has returned from Lansing.

Holiday Guests Returning.

FR WAYNE IND., Jan. 5.—Miss Annie Winslow has received from Canada the sad intelligence of the death of her sister.

Mr. Ferny Turner has left the Wahab road where he has been employed nine years for a position on the Pennsylvania road.

Mrs. Mary Keys left last Tuesday for Chicago.

Miss Octavia Collins has returned to her home in Memphis Tenn.

Miss Laura E. Jones accompanied by Mrs. Drake has returned to her home in Toledo.

Mrs. Tabitha Allen, Master Joseph Allen, Mrs. Josie Calloway and Miss Daisy Allen who have been spending the holidays with Mrs. Melissa Dickerson have returned to South Bend.

Mrs. Thomas Adams who has been visiting her parents at Bellefontaine O., is home again.

Mr. Joseph Bundy of the Wayne hotel spent a week with friends in Columbus and Dayton O.

Mrs. Beady Mosley and Mrs. Dorothy A. Bassett of Kokomo Ind., spent the holidays with their sister Mrs. James Smith. Mrs. Thomas Williams returned with them for a visit to Kokomo.

The A. M. E. church and Sunday School is prospering finely, never in its history have the offerings been larger or the people more attentive. Elder Jeffries is enjoying a very successful year. At the election of officers for the Sunday School the following were elected. Supr., Alonzo Taylor; Asst. sup., Mrs. Hannah B. Pender; sec., Miss Mary Martin; asst. sec., E. Jones; treas., Miss Mary Lacklin; organist, Melissa Dickerson; assistant organist, Miss Minnie Adams; librarians, John Black, Hattie Gibbons. J. H. R.

Festivities of the New Year.

YPSILANTI, Jan. 6.—The A. M. E. Sabbath school entertainment of Christmas eve was quite pleasing. Friends were remembered beautifully.

The Second Baptist S. S. was also very successful in their Christmas entertainment.

The M. M. B. A. gave a Christmas dinner at their hall. A pleasant time was enjoyed by all present. Owing to enormous expenses they cleared but \$30.

Mr. Isaac Collins and lady of Montreal Can. paid Ypsilanti relatives and friends a visit this week.

Miss Lillian Russell of Detroit was the guest of Miss Charabel Thompson during the holidays.

Mr. Simon Preston Jr. died from the effects of consumption, Jan. 1st at the residence of his mother. The funeral services were held from A. M. E. church Sunday Rev. R. H. Fulton assisted by Rev. W. H. Johnson officiating. Mr. Preston was 18 years of age. He leaves a host of friends in Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor.

The Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor street railway is now in operation and will be of great benefit to both cities. The Electric road of Ann Arbor joins it at the city limits and conveys its passengers down into town.

The good Samaritans gave an anniversary entertainment on Dec. 30, and 31st and Jan. 1, at their hall. A separate program was presented each evening with grand success.

Messrs. Lows and Johnson of Detroit were guests of Mrs. Allen Pierce and family Jan. 1, 90. F. J. J.

Election of Officers.

SAGINAW, Jan. 5.—Despite the unpleasantness of the weather on Sunday the services all day were largely attended and were conducted as usual by the Rev. C. H. Hill whose sermon in the evening was very interesting.

At the election of the Sunday school board Mrs. Day was elected teacher of the young men's class. We wish her success as she is undoubtedly capable. We are glad she has accepted the position.

The Rev. Cotman of Ann Arbor paid Saginaw a flying visit last week.

Mr. Thomas Johnson of Oscoda and John Johnson of Orchard Lake spent the holidays in the city with their brother Joseph.

Miss Mattie Field and Miss Miranda Poston of Flint are visiting friends in the city.

Mr. Thomas Henson of Orchard Lake spent the holidays with his wife and daughter. Mrs. Henson has been very sick but is improving.

Mrs. John Bowles is still on the sick list.

Miss Eliza Freeman will give a party on Monday evening in honor of the Misses Fields and Poston.

A number of our young people attended the banquet at Bay City on New Year's night. They report a good time.

Mrs. Spencer has gone to Ann Arbor to visit her parents. HENRIETTA.

At the annual meeting of the Second Baptist church the election resulted as follows: Trustees, George McKinney and W. R. Smith, both elected for a term of three years; treasurer, John Miner; clerk, H. T. Thompson; assistant clerk, Wm. Randolph; sexton, J. I. Martin. The annual reports of the clerk and treasurer being incomplete it was decided to postpone action on them until Jan. 16. The church is in a prosperous condition, the present membership being 231 an increase of nine during the year. The meetings are well attended and marks of growth and progress are evident.

WINGED MISSILES.

The report is that canes are going out of fashion, but the fashion will not last long. The cane is one of the things that has come to stay.

If the man with the pen is made of the right sort of stuff there will always be an affinity between him and the man of the hoe and plow.

The former estate of James Madison, at Orange Court House, Va., is owned by William Bradley, of Boston, and Louis F. Detrick, of Baltimore.

An old cathedral is still standing about seven miles from Tucson, where it was erected by the first missionaries over three and a half centuries ago.

It is reported that the eight-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Johnson, of Telfair county, Ga., can walk and talk and weighs fifty-three pounds.

In his new story, "A Group of Noble Dames," Thomas Hardy says: "For every summer there is a winter and sometimes a winter and a half."

A very close watch has been kept over the moon for many years. At Greenwich the moon has been observed with scarcely an intermission for 150 years.

Reading cars, fitted out with the most popular periodicals and books, will be attached to the passenger trains of the St. Petersburg & Warsaw railroad.

The consumption of poultry and eggs by the people of the United States is \$10,000,000 per annum, which is greater in amount than the wheat or cotton crop.

John D. Rockefeller's income is reported to be increasing at the rate of 6 millions a year. There is not a coal oil can in the land but helps to add to his enormous fortune.

A Three Rivers, Mich., girl has a beau who is a Lake St. ore fireman. Every day she ties a bouquet to a stick and hands it to her lover as he flies by her home in his cab.

Congressman Phil Thompson of Kentucky has a daughter, Miss Mattie, who is the belle of the Blue grass region. She is represented as a woman of exceptional beauty.

In the German tests of the Maxim gun, 31,000 rounds were fired from a single barrel, and the rifling was not materially injured until after 20,000 steel bullets had been discharged.

Indian wars have cost the country over 700 million. The red people are an expensive race, but at one time they owned this country. Seven hundred million was not too much to pay for it.

Miss Caroline Phelps Stokes of Ansonia, Conn., is a wealthy young lady who loves her own town and believes in doing it some good. She will build a public library and present it to the town.

Royalty is not now all that it used to be, wherefore the people may be glad. The crown princess of Brazil and her husband are now the tenants of a small villa in Clagny park, near Versailles.

Miss Grace King, the popular Louisiana novelist, is a young lady of 27, with brown hair and eyes, a stately figure and attractive, but rather striking features. In the way of story writing the south is getting to the front. Besides Miss King, there are Page, Cable and Johnson.

The Scientific American says that, making allowances for the increase of population, in less than 100 years American cemeteries will contain a larger amount of gold than now exists in France. The decaying American teeth absorb the precious metal to the value of \$450,000 annually.

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THE *Free Press* spoke of the new Democratic state officers as a sturdy column taking possession. Had it said a patriarchal procession it would have come nearer the truth, for all the sisters, cousins and aunts have been provided for. In stead of a Democratic triumph it seems to be a family success. After all the hungry faithful cannot kick very hard against a man providing bountifully for his family.

THE question of a separate department at the World's Fair in Chicago need not longer be seriously discussed. The matter is settled irrevocably and President PALMER states that what remains to be done is to have a fair quota of clerks appointed. The matter of a separate department was discussed by the commission and but one, the member from Alabama, favored it. He was so lonesome that he did not urge his views.

NOT a few writers believe that the discussion of the Afro American ministry will react. However this is no sound basis for such reasoning as long as the discussion is truthful and the combatants do not stoop to mean personalities toward each other. On the other hand it is the best evidence of a new and higher order of living. There was a condition of affairs that was deplorable, the matter could not long rest without some one calling attention to it. The wonder is that it has not challenged public discussion before. The only unfortunate circumstance in the whole matter was the over-stating of a potent truth.

IN THE varied discussions of the Afro-American much of the buncombe and dogmatic ignorance that characterized the treatment of this subject has been eliminated. There were a class of men writing who did not care for facts as long as they could be heard and another class who knew the truth, yet maliciously and purposely misstated it. Now there are few of either of these classes who essay to speak advisedly on the much discussed "Negro Problem." Many Anglo-Saxon writers are now seeing the disadvantages and hindrances to our race progress in the very factors that have been set forth by our leading men and journals for several years. Rev. A. D. MAYO in the *Forum*, points out very concisely one of these hurtful drawbacks. He sees in the opposition of organized labor in the North to Afro-American workmen, a serious hindrance to the latter's advancement. His conclusions are true in this regard for there are few employers courageous enough to stand against the prejudices of their employes. As a result with us the training in business that comes from contact with business men and business methods is wanting. This partly explains the few co-operative business firms established among Afro-Americans in which the Rev. MAYO discovers a weakness which he attributes to want of confidence in one another. Trusted clerks and agents make the future men of business.

SOUTH CAROLINA has just placed herself in the front rank of the Southern states in the matter of justice and humanity to all men. The legislature has just defeated the "Jim Crow car" measure by a decided majority. All honor to those broad and conscientious enough to put their disapproval upon such an infamous proposition, one which makes cattle of our refined and intelligent women, degrades our whole people and is a shame in the sight of Heaven. Bitherto the South has been busy passing laws to degrade our manhood while their National representatives are busy pointing to the degradation as something of our own doing. A new era has been inaugurated in South Carolina, we trust which will leaven the whole section. Just watch how quick the Afro-Americans of that state will respond in kind to this substantial evidence of good will on the part of their white neighbors.

The evidences also point to a new era in the stopping of promiscuous lynchings and political outrages. A sheriff telegraphed Gov. TILLMAN that an Afro-American prisoner was in danger of being lynched and asked for instructions. The Governor immediately answered, "do what you think best under the circumstances, but there must be no lynching." South Carolina has a larger relative majority of Afro-Americans than any other state in the Union, yet there will not in a few years with such a course of justice pursued, be even a talk of "black supremacy."

The Single Tax.

THE PLAINDEALER has never regarded the single tax idea as a source by which the struggling masses could throw off the burdens that oppress them, much less has it thought of it as a medium by which the race problem could be solved. That the present tax system is unjust and that the greatest burden falls upon the poor can not be doubted, neither can it be doubted that the "single tax" idea has not in it some good elements.

Since HENRY GEORGE first became prominent by the enunciation of this idea through his books and on the rostrum it has slowly but surely gained ground. From being made a subject of ridicule at first it is now being seriously discussed by the great engine of modern thought—the press. It has found its way into the platforms of labor organizations, and in the platforms of some of the major political parties.

The *Arena* for January contains an article by HAMLIN GARLAND, entitled, "A New Declaration of Rights," in which the ethics of the "single-tax idea" is pretty well developed. Mr. GARLAND is a forcible writer and carries the reader along with him almost without an effort. That he is thoroughly in earnest and believes what he has written can not be doubted. Starting with a review of that mockery but famous Declaration of Rights issued by the Fathers of the Republic, he proceeds to what he calls the new Continental Congress of single-tax men and women that met in New York Sept. 1, 1890, and rewrote the famous Declaration so that it read, "All men are born free and equal in opportunity, to live, to labor upon the earth, and to enjoy the fruits of their industry. Says Mr. GARLAND: "This is the reading which we, as single-tax men put in this latest Continental Congress, upon that immortal and hollow sounding instrument. We draw no line of color, creed, or sex. We mean all men.

Then he follows with an exposition of the idea, the effect it would have, and an attack upon the present system of taxation. A comparison between it and Nationalism shows that while Nationalism, which is a system of socialism, borders on paternalism, the "single-tax idea" increases individualism, and gives greater liberty to the individual—perfect freedom of action so long as the equal rights of others are maintained. The growth of the idea and its adoption if it could have the effect the single tax men anticipate would revolutionize the world and bring about an Utopia equal, and for preferable to that pictured by BELLAMY in "Looking Backward." It means "to mount through free trade, free production, free land, free men, to the highest conception of truth and right.

Evolution is of slow growth, human nature so contradictory, and so grasping that a century or more, unless some great revolution intervene, would be required to bring the single tax idea to perfection. In the meantime we must take the world as we find it and adopt the best practicable means to bring about the greatest amount of liberty, and the most material prosperity.

The limits of an editorial article will not permit of such an extensive comment as the article in question deserves, so THE PLAINDEALER will proceed directly to the effect the advocates of the sole land tax claim the adoption of the single tax would have upon the race problem. Mr. GARLAND writes as follows.

"The single-tax will solve the black man's problem by opening the store house of Mother Earth to him, without the necessity of a tribute to some private individual. His slavery admittedly is still abject, and his suffering greater than before. I don't mean to belittle what has been done, but it seems to me to stand at present between a dire half slavery and freedom. He is freed from his master, but is enslaved like his white brother to the "boss" and the landowner. As an individualist I do not assert that the black is equal in virtue to the white. I do not assert that he should be equal in political power, or equal socially, or equal in wealth. I simply assert his equality with every other man as regard his heritage in the gifts of air, sun and land. We say give him equality of opportunity. Let him see industry untaxed, and idle speculation abolished; give him freedom and incentive to be industrious, sober and honest, then he will see that his failure lies with himself. The South will yet see that a completer freedom will solve the Negro problem."

Here is a system devoted towards securing equal opportunities for all to live, to labor, and to secure the product of his industry. A great organization. The Farmer's Alliance say "we believe that all men, regardless of race or color, in political, industrial and commercial life competency considered, should have equal opportunities. Nationalism, with its paternalism trying to bring all men to an equal condition with the Government over all. The Afro-American himself loudly demanding equal opportunity and organizing to obtain it are all indices which point to the ultimate surrender of prejudice against race and color to justice and equality, and while all these forces for the elevation of the mass are moving on, it benefits the Afro-American to stir himself to help along such ideas, so far as his own peculiar principles of right and justice will

permit, and so hasten the time when the Declaration of Rights which ushered in our Republic, may not be such a meaningless and hollow sounding platitude, but that throughout this great Republic all men will be free and equal, and possessed of certain inalienable rights among which are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

THE Republican Senate is furnishing the Democratic party excellent campaign material to use among Afro-Americans. Their folly is equivalent to that of one who furnishes his enemy with the ammunition to blow his own head off.

THE TRUSTEES ENDORSED

Resolutions in Their Favor Passed by the Church Membership.

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 5.—At a meeting of the members of St. Marks church a resolution was offered by Mrs. R. H. Anderson supporting the trustees in their effort to pay the just debts of the church. The resolution was approved by all present even by Mr. James Stewart, one of the complainants who started the case in the circuit court to have the mortgage on the church set aside. The following names were signed to the complaint: Chas. Bland, Henry Bland, P. C. Clark, James Stewart, James Johnson and Banks.

It is claimed that some of these names were used without the consent of their owners and as Messrs. P. C. Clark, Jas. Johnson and Banks voted with the members to support the action of the trustees it looks as though there was justice in the claim.

The banquet which was to be given by the League on the 18th has been postponed until about the 25th. The exact date will be decided at the next regular meeting which will be held next Tuesday evening. The election of officers will also take place.

Mr. W. F. Green who held an appointment in the law department at Madison under Gov. Hoard and at the same time took a law course, says that he will remain whether he is discontinued from the appointment under this administration or not. He has determined to make the law his profession and will pursue his studies until he has accomplished his aim.

Mr. J. H. Thompson left Monday to witness the Democratic demonstration at the Capitol city. As it has been seventeen years since they have been in power, of course their success causes them great joy.

Mrs. Littleton Jones, of Chicago, spent the holidays in the Cream City, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Miles. She left Monday well pleased with her visit.

Mr. John Hutchinson was the guest of Mrs. S. A. Mathews Christmas.

The Christmas tree at St. Marks church was a delightful entertainment. Among those who were pleasantly remembered by Santa Claus were Miss Daisy Gordon who received a beautiful watch and a ring. Mr. L. H. Palmer received a very fine pin and Miss E. H. Bell a nice work-box. The Rev. R. H. Williamson received an envelope containing \$27.

Mr. D. Royal, of Cheboygan, Wis., paid his many friends a visit during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Burgett gave a delightful Christmas party in honor of their little son Vincent. The following little ones were present: Birdie Johnson, Edna and Emma Taylor, Edna Lincoln, Sadie Wilson, Naomi Hooper, Frank Wilson, Harry Bland, Eddie Dyer, Tommy Taylor, Willie Colman and James Poindexter. The little ones enjoyed themselves with riddles, recitations and blind man's buff until the beautiful tree was lighted. After this they sat down to a bountifully spread table to which they did ample justice. Each received a well filled Christmas bag and returned home delighted with their little host's party.

SPORTING NOTES.

Issac Murphy, the celebrated jockey, is seriously ill in Louisville. The doctors fear that his disease will develop into pneumonia and express little hope of his recovery.

The California Athletic club have decided to match Jim Corbett and Peter Jackson for a fight to a finish before the club next May. The purse is to be for \$10,000 of which the winner gets \$8500.

The Afro American boxing championships of America which will be contested for at Oakland Park, Jersey City Heights under the auspices of the Salvador Amateur Athletic club, on Tuesday evening January 20, are creating a furore among lovers of the manly art.

Lyman Smothers, the "colored wonder" of Brownsville, Pa., has challenged Joe Priddy to run a foot race of 100 yards for a suit of clothes or a fine hat with a bet of \$150 that he can beat him. The race is to be run in Monongahela City inside of two weeks after the articles are signed.

Mr. Fred Brown, the young Afro-American light-weight pugilist, who defeated Andy Travis, (white) in a 23-round contest last Friday night in a barn near Jefferson avenue, in the suburbs of the city, is matched to fight Louis La May, a local pugilist for \$500 a side. The fight comes off some time during the latter part of this month.

Jack Quinn a pugilist of Camden N. J., is completely prostrated with nervousness from having seen, as he supposes the ghost of his dead grandfater who warned him to fight no more battles. Others claim to have seen the old gentleman beside Quinn, and the dear departed's visit promises to be sufficiently effective to keep Quinn from ever entering the ring again.

She Deserves Encouragement.

Mrs. Carrie Steele of Georgia who has been mentioned before in THE PLAINDEALER as the founder of a "colored orphan asylum" where destitute children may be cared for and taught trades, has applied for state aid by means of which her venture may be enlarged and it is probable she will get it.

HONORED AT HOME.

Good Bye to Our Divinity Student, Mr. John A. Williams.

The ladies of St. Matthew's gave Mr. John A. Williams a delightful reception New Year's eve. at the residence of Mrs. Alex Walker. He was assisted in receiving by the Misses Family Harper, Ada Joiner, Edith Mirault and Mesdames Walker, Annie Cary and Carrie Langston, and Messrs. Will Langston, Mr. C. Mirault and Mr. C. Lambert. The Rev. Mr. Warne Wilson assisted in the earlier part of the evening and Rev. Paul Zeigler later on. As the old year was dying out a pause was made in the social feature and appropriate remarks by the Hon. D. A. Straker reviewing the life and efforts of our young guest was most attentively listened to by the large number of ladies and gentlemen who had assembled to do him honor. There was no more modest and unassuming listener in the large throng than the young recipient of all this honor. The Rev. Mr. Zeigler made a happy address and ended with tender reference to the dying year, Mr. Williams then joined him in service and prayer was made, as the New Year came gliding in. It was a beautiful picture and one long to be remembered. After the New Year's greeting the brilliant company dispersed. On the next evening of New Year's day Mr. Fred Pelham, another one of our noble blessed boys in whom we have an everlasting pride, and their lives are closely connected, did honor to his boyhood's friend. A small but excellent company with brilliant repartee, and mirth and laughter was most intensely enjoyed. The Rev. John Henderson and Mrs. M. Henderson, the Messrs. Anderson, Sowers, T. Lambert and the Pelham brothers, with the Misses Meta Pelham, Julia Owen, Mrs. Ollie Wells and Mrs. Will Ferguson assisted "our Fred" in the honors of his beautiful home. And now Mr. Williams has gone from us, it seems almost forevermore. He leaves behind him a host of friends with hearts large in bounteous love and good wishes for his success and prosperity in life. Before him is the untrod future. God in His mercy make it bright and surround him with His everlasting arms. May all the words of his mouth and every meditation of his dear heart be always, at all times acceptable to Him, His Strength and Redeemer.
M. E. LAMBERT.

Election of Supreme Officers.

The Supreme Council of the Independent Order of United Brothers and Sisters of Jerusalem held their 5th annual session Thursday, Jan. 1st. There was a large attendance of delegates from other cities. The meeting was called to order by the Right Worthy Supreme Councilor, H. C. Clark, who made the annual address as follows:

Brothers and sisters I have served you as councilor four years and believe the order now to be in a prosperous condition. I find the widows and orphans beneficial fund department is in better financial condition today than ever before. You have today more cash money in the bank than any other order of the kind in the state, your finances have been well conducted this year. Now, may God bless you and give you all success.

After hearing the annual report of the Supreme Secretary the annual election of supreme officers resulted as follows:

C. H. C. Clark, Detroit; Asst., Annie Clark Detroit; V. C., Turner Byrd Lansing; asst., Rosa A. Harris Detroit; asst. sec'y., Frances A. Trent Lansing; Treas., David Corneal Detroit; asst., Agnes Vinnes Detroit; chap., Rev. Thomas F. Scott Detroit; asst. Laura Gray Detroit; guide, Wm. Fitzhew Detroit; asst., Sarah Anderson Lansing; I. G., James Cromwell, asst., Gertrude Franklin Detroit; O. G., Benj. Franklin Detroit; asst., Irene Byrd Lansing; D. of V. C., George R. Henderson Lansing; asst., Elizabeth Johnson; marshal, Harrison Trent Lansing; asst., May Jackson Detroit; deputy marshal, Middleton Hill Detroit; asst., Mary Peters Detroit; past councilor, Stephen Long Detroit; asst., Hannah Hill Detroit.

SECRET ORDER NOTES.

A new commandery of Knights Templar has been organized at Leavenworth, Kan., which will be known by the name of Pastore Cross U. D.

A camp of the Patriotic Order Sons of America composed of some of the most influential Afro American citizens of Philadelphia was instituted week before last at State Camp Headquarters by State Secretary Wm. Wead. The night after the organization of this one, another was instituted at Mt. Pleasant in the same state. The amendment to the constitution at the last National convention making none but white persons eligible to membership went into effect Jan. 1, hence an effort was made to organize as many Afro-American camps before hand as possible. The discrimination is extremely distasteful to the Pennsylvania camps who will fight for reconsideration at the next convention.

After the Spoils.

The siege has commenced at Lansing. Hungry Democratic hordes swarm the streets and curses loud and long are heard from such of the faithful as have failed to obtain the peculiar quantity of "influence" necessary to wrest from Chancy a fat "sit" Among the Afro Americans of the state who are helping to swell the population of the Capitol pending a final disposition of the spoils are Will Hackey of Howell, G. G. Curtis of Niles, George Owen, George Hill, Humphrey Reynolds and James Soupspaugh who being at home at Lansing claims to have a "clutch" on every thing in sight. It is needless to say that services of the two Afro-American clerks Mr. Dan'l Cole and Mr. C. F. Williams who held positions under the Republican administration has been dispersed with.

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A VARIETY OF THINGS.

The Hon. Frederick Douglass said, in his answer to Senator Ingersoll that had there been someone in the Senate to have answered him he would never have said many things he did in his famous "Inherent antipathy" speech. A circumstance recently occurred in the Senate that will make other bourbon Senators a little more careful of their language. Senator MORGAN took occasion to refer to Mr. DOUGLASS by referring to his white wife as "a bride of the North." At the same time sarcastically attacking Northern opinions that allow such unions. Senator BLAINE effectually rebuked him in the following well chosen words: "Whether there be anything peculiarly honorable in the association which led to his existence and to his capacity and reflected honor generally upon all the races that have inhabited the earth, I am not here to state; but the relation between Frederick Douglass and the bride of the North I think in the judgment of mankind is as honorable to that section and to his race and to all races, as the earlier relation between that white father and the dark maiden who was the mother of Douglass."

THE PLAINDEALER has received from the Michigan Stove Company, a handsome and unique holiday souvenir in the form of a pocket match box. It is made of the newly discovered metal which is lighter than hard wood yet stronger than steel. The Michigan Stove Company, makers of the Garland stoves is the only manufacturer of stoves now using aluminum in the manufacture of their stoves and ranges. Mixed with the best grades of iron it makes smooth castings, adds strength and prevents cracking, and the retail dealers are ever singing the praises of Garland stoves.

Abe Parsons of Williamston, Mass., though at one time a slave and subject to the ills and vicissitudes of slave life, has reached the good old age of 101 years, but that is not his only claim to distinction. He has such a peculiarly shaped head that doctors and medical men are constantly asking for his head when he dies. On the top of his skull is a bump about the size of an egg which seems to be a solid bone. He is known as "Abe the bunter." Several years ago when a block of buildings in Williamston were burning his wife saw the bump on his head burst in a heavy door. He has a great reputation for killing horses and cows. One blow of his head is as effective as a blow from an ax. He has killed probably twenty old horses in this manner. He worked all last season at planting, haying and manure harvesting and can do a day's work that many a younger man would not find easy.

A plan is on foot with a number of ministers and laymen of the African Methodist Episcopal church for establishing a Summer Educational Institute under the name of Park University similar to Chautauque near the resort known as Interlaken, N. J. The Rev. Justin C. Ayler, a graduate of Rutgers college has been elected president. The land has been purchased and building lots will be sold under certain restrictions.

The divorce suit between James Wray and Sarah Wray has been discontinued. Wray is a white man and domestic troubles caused him to apply for a divorce from his wife but friends have poured oil on the troubled waters and they will try it together once more.

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MERE MENTION.

Mr. Robert Gorman of Benton street is very ill.

James Madison Bell returned home Tuesday.

Miss Bertie Bibbins spent Sunday in Ypsilanti.

Mr. Chas. Webb has returned from a pleasant trip to Chicago.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Barnes has been quite ill.

Mr. John McArthur of Toledo, was in the city Sunday visiting friends.

Mr. John Williams has returned to Seabury Hall to resume his studies.

Masters Willie and Eddie Price are spending a few days with friends in Gesto, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. Josie Howard of Watson street are happy over a fine little daughter.

Rev. W. A. Meredith, pastor of Shiloh Baptist church, resides at 104 Larned street east.

Mr. Daniel Cole of Lansing was in the city Tuesday. He is enroute for New York.

Prof. and Mrs. D. A. Straker entertained Mr. James Madison Bell at tea Monday evening.

Mrs. William Johnson of 272 Alfred street, is recovering from the effects of a severe cold.

Mr. Richard Bush accompanied Judge Brown to Washington last Friday, and returned Monday.

The seven month's old child of Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers of 168 Calhoun street, died last Monday morning.

The entertainment held in the parlors of Ebenezer church Monday evening was well attended and quite successful.

Mrs. Joseph Wells of Brewster street, who has been confined indoors with rheumatism is able to be out again.

James H. Johnson and a white companion were arrested last week charged with the theft of a caddy of plug tobacco.

Mr. Wm. N. Pinckney of Grand Rapids, formerly of this city, is said to have drawn ten thousand dollars in a lottery.

Mr. Preston S. Jones has been appointed to a clerkship, in the office of Register of Deeds at a salary of \$10.00 per year.

Mrs. George Bell of Antoine street entertained friends at tea Friday evening in honor of Mrs. E. E. Gregory of Cass county.

Mr. Wm. Harris formerly a resident of this city, who is now traveling with Dr. Smith is at the home of Mrs. Postal Smith of Antoine street.

Mr. and Mrs. Collins of Montreal, who have been visiting in Ypsilanti and Detroit paid a pleasant visit to the office of THE PLAINDEALER last Tuesday.

Mrs. James Hays of 431 Hastings street, who has been confined to her bed for the past two weeks with a severe attack of bilious fever is slowly recovering.

Mr. John Price and Miss Lulu Owen visited Toledo Sunday and returned home Monday morning. Miss Owen was the guest of Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Randall.

Miss Minnie Henderson who has been visiting her brother, the Rev. John M. Henderson during the past three months, returned to her home in Chicago last Friday.

Mr. Fred. B. Pelham entertained Mr. John Williams at Seabury Divinity school, the Rev. John M. Henderson and Miss Minnie Henderson and other friends New Years night.

The bell donated to Ebenezer church by Mr. Robert Crosby and others was received Saturday and put in place in the belfry Monday. Its peals will echo forth for the first time Sunday.

Henry Brown had some words with Mike Kehoe in Connor's hotel on Cadillac square and while the patrolmen was carrying them to the Central station Brown attempted to cut him with a knife.

The ladies of John Brown post hold their first regular January meeting next Wednesday evening at Good Samaritan hall, corner of Woodward avenue and Larned street, at which time the newly elected officers will be installed.

Mr. Wilmot Johnson in his remarks before the audience at the Second Baptist church last Monday evening was in error when he stated that the readings of J. Madison Bell were advertised in THE PLAINDEALER and if any such advertising was sent it never reached the office.

Mr. John A. Loomis of this city is to be married January 18th to Miss Evangelina Aray of Duxton, this state. The wedding will be quiet on account of the recent death of Miss Aray's grandmother, Mrs. Eliza Hardy. They will be at home to friends January 22nd at 218 Watson street.

The first of the series of sermons to be given by the classes of Bethel church was given in the church parlors Monday night by Mr. Wm. Johnson and his class. Many availed themselves of the opportunity to meet thus socially and the movement promises to gain in popularity as its object is more thoroughly understood.

Glances here and There.

DID you remember in your appropriations for the holidays to lay aside a gift for your new-boy? New Year's day is the day he takes a "benefit" and he deserves well of the public. With him there is positively no postponement on account of the weather. With his heavy bag across his shoulders, his bull's eye lamp in hand and his mind charged with new "leaves" and "stubs," in rain or shine, cold or heat he trudges over his route, while most of us are snugly stowed away between sheets. In spite of the merry whistle which is the perpetual accompaniment of his sturdy tramp, he has woes which to him are grievous. The wind sometimes plays him a scurvy trick and blows the paper away. The dog tears it up, the tramp new-boy steals it or the irascible sub-ciber who always wants his paper five minutes earlier complains at the office and he is "docked." But the harvest he reaps from his New Year's addresses heals all these woes and he is a churlish fellow who begrudges on New Year's day a "tip" for his "carrier."

BY THE way skating is epidemic this winter. All classes and conditions of men have got it and the "ancient land mark" of an unimpeachable number of White's risks bringing his bald head in contact with the frozen surface of the Park like with the same recklessness of the giddy school-boy. Parties of both sexes take the bracing walk across the bridge to the park, unmindful of the cutting lake breeze and the prospect of stiff and painful joints the next day. In spite of these aching heads which at the owners involuntary study of astronomy all the world goes skating now and if you do not indulge in the bracing exercise, decidedly, "you are not in it."

"NOW you've taken the nice sliding place I made for myself," exclaimed a little girl to her companion, as she thought to maintain possession of a patch of ice she had cleared on the edge of one of our unpaved streets. Before street paving was so universal these declivities on our streets furnished "daisy sliding places" and were the delight of the school boys and girls who could not afford the luxury of skates. When it rained the ditches were filled with water which changed the amusement from sliding to wading and the older folk no doubt welcome the change that has brought flat street surfaces and left no room for "nice sliding places." But the little girl's exclamation shows that in spite of the general use of skates the children still enjoy a good old fashioned slide.

IF THE sun had shown his face at all on New Year's day his rays would have fallen on a group of very disconsolate youngsters. Santa Claus had left skates and they had planned to spend the day on the island enjoying their gifts. But, "old Prob." regards the plans of the small boy with the same indifference as he does those of children of larger growth. So New Year's day was better adapted to swimming than skating, to the complete discomfort of these "little men." In vain a sympathetic friend told of coming blizzards and future chances to enjoy their favorite sport, a disappointment on New Year's day to their superstitious souls presaged a whole year of plans miscarried, and they mourned as those without hope.

The Odd Fellow's Masquerade. The masquerade ball at Fraternity hall New Year's night given by the ladies of the Household of Ruth and Zach Chandler lodge was a very interesting affair, it being the first masquerade of the season. Owing to the frequent heavy showers of rain which prevailed during the day the hall was not crowded but a goodly number was present. The costumes worn were unique and grotesque and the wearers occasioned considerable mirth by their many comical pranks. Prof. Finney's orchestra furnished the music. Among those prettily costumed were Miss Katie Price, Miss L. Watson, Miss Bryant, Miss G. Franklin and Miss Brown.

Almost Completed. The repairs on Ebenezer church are nearly completed, the contractors having finished their work Monday. The board of trustees will resume the work undone in order that the interior of the church may be finished by Sunday. The auditorium will be repapered and new seats put in. Next Sunday quarterly meeting services will be held in the church at which time the presiding elder, James M. Henderson is expected to be present. The dedication services will be postponed until Spring.

Miss Mary Ward of Larned street is quite ill of pneumonia.

Miss Susie Stewart of the Ypsilanti High school spent last week in the city visiting friends.

Mrs. C. Martin of London, Ont., was the guest of Mrs. P. Anderson during the holidays.

Mr. Wm. Burns of Bergen, New York, has been spending a few days with his cousin Mr. George A. Barrier.

The infant daughter of Mr. Almancher Hischer was buried from the family residence on Hastings street Tuesday afternoon.

The Rev. John M. Henderson left Tuesday for Chicago to bring his wife and family who have been visiting relatives there to this city.

Mr. James Madison Bell gave another recital at the Second Baptist church last Monday evening to a small but appreciative audience. The Rev. James M. Henderson introduced the poet to the audience in a few but pertinent remarks. The program was interspersed with singing and instrumental selections. Mr. Richard Harrison, who is now studying under Prof. Wetzel recited "Fra Graciano," by Robt. Buchanan in a pleasing manner. Prof. Straker also made a few brief remarks in the way of an address. Refreshments were served at the close of the entertainment.

Mr. George Alling has removed from his old place of business into the Griswold house block.

A Feet's Readings. The literary and musical entertainment at the Second Baptist church New Year's eve was fairly well attended considering the inclement weather. Recitations, vocal and instrumental solos made up the evening program, which was creditably carried out.

James Madison Bell, Esq. of Toledo, O., who has won considerable fame as a poet, recited "Creation Light," a masonic ode; "The Future of America, in the Unity of the Race," dedicated to the Lyceum of the Second Baptist church, and "Retribution," all poems of his own composition, which were highly appreciated by the audience.

Mr. Bell is a poetical genius and his productions, though profound, possess that beauty of thought and simplicity of style which place them in the first rank of literary excellence.

Concluding the entertainment the audience was gratuitously served with refreshments.

At 11:30 o'clock watch meeting services, conducted by the pastor, Rev. E. H. McDonald, were begun and continued until the dawn of the New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burch of Pontiac, spent New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Hamilton of this city.

STATE OF MICHIGAN-COUNTY OF WAYNE. At a session of the Probate Court for the County of Wayne, held at the Probate Office in the City of Detroit, on the sixth day of December in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety. Present, Edgar O. Durfee, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of Oliver H. Peters, deceased. On reading and filing the petition of Mary Ann Peters praying that administration of said estate may be granted to her or some other suitable person. It is ordered that the twenty seventh day of January next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Court be appointed for hearing said petition. And it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in THE PLAINDEALER, a newspaper printed and circulating in said County of Wayne. EDGAR O. DURFEE, Judge of Probate.

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RESOURCES.						
DATE.	Loans and Discounts.	U.S. and other Bonds and Premiums.	Due from Banks and U.S. Treasurer.	Taxes Paid, Furniture and Fixtures.	Coin, Currency and Exchanges.	TOTALS.
Dec 7, 1887.	\$1,146,125 94	\$65,073 12	\$292,229 05	\$2,500 00	\$152,818 98	\$1,658,747 08
" 12, 1888.	2,055,629 42	63,000 00	344,209 23	7,100 00	294,289 31	2,764,236 96
" 11, 1889.	2,739,122 25	64,175 00	412,210 80	3,500 00	342,284 21	3,560,292 26
" 19, 1890.	2,715,260 84	60,147 50	628,193 07	.....	222,417 15	3,706,028 56

LIABILITIES.						
DATE.	Capital.	Surplus.	Undivided Profits.	Circulating Notes.	Deposits.	TOTALS.
Dec 7, 1887.	\$ 600,000 00	.....	\$16,990 37	\$45,000 00	\$ 988,788 62	\$1,658,747 08
" 12, 1888.	850,491 00	.....	62,122 05	45,000 00	1,787,397 87	2,764,236 96
" 11, 1889.	1,400,000 00	20,000 00	81,732 05	45,000 00	2,404,114 81	3,560,292 26
" 19, 1890.	1,000,000 00	40,000 00	54,099 74	45,000 00	2,505,298 45	3,728,398 19

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Capotes for Golden-Haired Girls.
The newest black capotes affected by girls with fair and golden hair are ornamented on the front with two velvet horns stuffed with cotton wool to keep them in position, the whole idea being copied from pictures of Bacchus accompanied by a group of dryads, and the effect, when one recovers from the breathlessness of the surprise, is piquant and pleasing. Another odd little fad is the employment of a group of excessively light feathers, with no midrib to them, of the exact color of the wearer's hair. The little bunch is placed under the extreme front of the capote and above it in such a manner that it waves about, or would if atmospheric influence did not destroy its curl.

Black Is Not Good Form.
For some years an entire black evening costume has been allowable for unmarried women. This innovation has always been frowned upon by the conservative. And by their quiet opposition black is again considered bad form for young girls. To certain complexions it is wonderfully becoming, but these fair maidens will have to confine themselves to light shades for their evening gowns if they desire to be considered fashionable. And who is the woman who does not prefer to be stylishly dressed to being becomingly dressed?

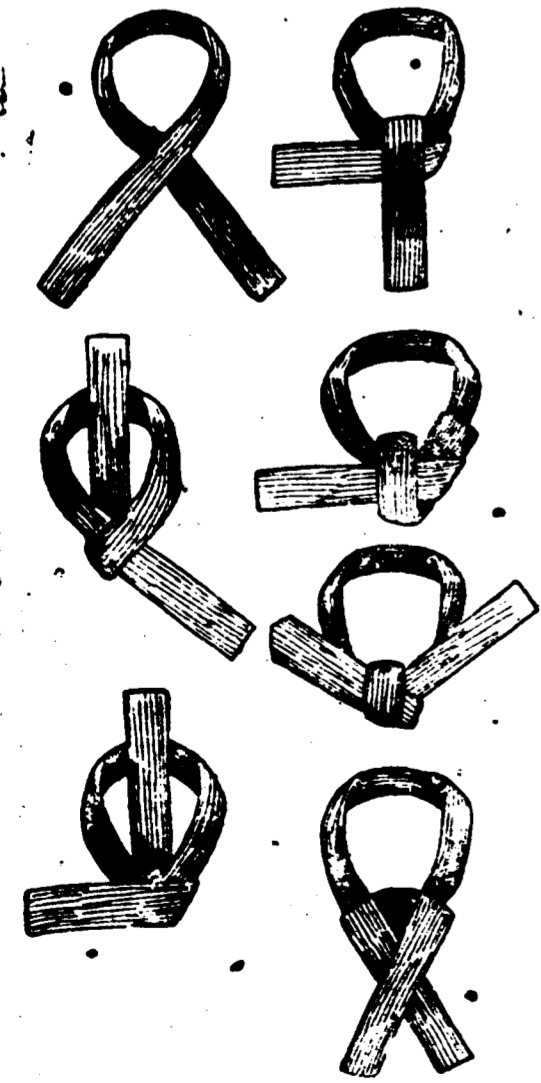
Fashion Notes.
Medici collars of curled feathers or embroidered velvet are made separate from the gown and the same collar can be added to different bodices or cloaks if desired.

Velvet and rich corded silk are the favorite materials for gowns worn at weddings by the elder married ladies. These dresses are all in positive colors—ruby, Orleans blue and emerald.

The fashionable pocketbook is small and nearly square, of smooth French morocco and is ornamented with a little painted miniature framed about with a showy rococo gilt border.

Honors are about evenly divided between feathers and fur as a garniture. Some of the most elegant robes de chambre are trimmed with bands of fur and a fur box. Others have feather boas with feather bands.

How to Tie It.



Up and Down.
Here is a crown, and should you wear modern donkeys' time, when

A Blank Prospect.
Husband—My dear, we will have to begin to economize right off.
Wife—Dear me! What has happened?
Husband—Cigars have gone up.

A great furor for bands of blue beads as a decoration for light and dainty dresses prevails among the Parisian women.

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The new captain of the Amherst College's football team is W. V. Lewis, of Portsmouth Va. In both brain and muscle the Afro-American is leading.

PERSONAL GOSSIP.

Dr. Parker is the first Democratic Mayor ever elected in Dover, N. H.

The late Surgeon-General Baxter studied law as well as medicine and was a member of the bar of the supreme court.

It is stated that Mr. H. J. Moon of Medford, Mass., now in his 62d year, is the original of Longfellow's "Village Blacksmith."

The rule of the Sultan of Turkey is said to be most humane. Only one execution has taken place in the empire for several years.

In the London Spectator it is stated that Mr. E. T. Chapin by hypnotizing a laying hen induced her to sit on a number of eggs until chickens were hatched.

John Baneroff, who went to Portland, Oregon, eight years ago, died lately and left a very comfortable fortune to a woman who once gave him some good advice and a breakfast.

Capt. William Parrish, who was pilot of the private Merrimac at the time of the battle with the Monitor and the private Cumberland and Congress in Hampton roads, died the other day in Richmond, Va.

Senator Palmer has sixty fine Percheron horses on his farm near Detroit, where his \$1,000 log cabin is located. He owns a great deal of real estate in Detroit and his farm is only four miles from town.

Of Cyrus Field, Dr. Henry M. Field, one of his distinguished brothers, says: "I never thought Cyrus would amount to much, as he was puny and weak, and we thought him sickly as a boy." The unpromising child is occasionally father of the able man.

A recent description of John Sherman, the Ohio Senator, pictures him as an extremely tall man, with long legs and arms, broad, square shoulders and a frame that has but little superfluous flesh upon it. He has a strong face, with a kind blue eye and a firm mouth.

This is one of Lady Bulwer's stories of the society lady: "Who is this Dean Swift they are talking about?" she whispered to Lady Bulwer during a pause in the conversation. "I should like to invite him to one of my receptions." "Alas, madam, the dean has done something that has shut him out of society." "Dear me, what was that?" "Well, about a hundred years ago he died."

There are some good Indians who are not dead, and Red Cloud is one of the best of them. He is chief of the Pine Ridge band and twenty five years ago was ferocious enough. But now he wears the dress of civilization and is friendly toward the whites. He is a typical Sioux in face, for and expression, with the deep, harsh voice of his nation. He lives in a respectable log hut a short distance from the agency.

August Belmont said not long before his death: "I have now been in business over fifty-three years, for I began before I was 21 years old, and during all that time never have I bought bond or stock on a margin. I have made investments, yes, and I have changed them from time to time, but always have I paid cash outright for my bonds or stocks. And, mark my words, when I die my estate will not turn out to be as much by one-half as people think."

PARAGRAPHS FOR THE LADIES

Mrs. H. McK. Twombly of New York is said to own the finest furs of any belle in that city. She has one mantle of Russian sable that cost \$10,000.

Princess Beatrice, it is reported, will exhibit a picture in the next season, the subject of which is the Champs Elysees, Biarritz, at sunset; and possibly a painting of orchids also.

The wife of the late August Belmont was not, as has been stated, the daughter of Commodore Perry, the hero of the battle of Lake Erie, but of Commodore M. C. Perry, who organized the expedition to Japan in 1853.

The Marchioness of Bute has decided to present the town of Aberdare with a commodious cottage hospital. Owing to the absence of such accommodation there has of late been no means of providing for cases of accident in this large colliery district.

Mrs. Ormiston Chant, speaking on the subject of parliamentary representation for women at a meeting held at Lambeth Baths, England, said "people talked about the weight of women's brains, but the question was not the weight of brains, but the use they made of them."

"Mrs. Langtry as Cleopatra," says Labouchere, "reminds me of a pretty woman dressed up for a fancy ball. She was bound to go as something, and so she goes as Cleopatra, because she likes the dresses, and because it is the one character in all history and romance to which she, in face, form, physique and temperament, is ill-suited. They always do this at fancy balls—women and men alike."

The Princess Frederick Charles of Prussia, widow of the King Prince and aunt of the German emperor, has clandestinely married her first lord of the bedchamber, Baron von Sekkendorf.

Miss Mary Abell of Baltimore, a daughter of the late Arunah S. Abell, owner of the Baltimore Sun, is in a convent, and will probably take the veil next spring. She has a fortune of over \$2,000,000, which, it is expected, she will give to the Roman Catholic church.

Mrs. Elizabeth B. Custer, whose new book, "Following the Girdon," promises to be her most successful venture, is in appearance a slender little woman, delicate to frailty, who looks as if she could not have endured for a day the life of privation and hardship which she chose to share with her gallant husband for years. Her face is full of expression and her manners have a Southern warmth and softness. She dresses with much elegance, though always in black.

The Afro-American postmaster at Catherine Station, Ala., has been forced a riot to leave the place.

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I hear her every day sing a sweet little lay,
In her parlor.

Just over the way,
I wonder if I should look in,
If one of her smiles I'd win?
Would she think it a very great sin?
A neighbor

From over the way?
But I'm tempted to fear that, alas!
She looks better when seen under glass,
For the glimpse that I get when we pass
Proves she's prettier

Over the way,
To End It Days,
It is well to be satisfied with one's
abiding place, if one has to live in it,
even if it is not very attractive.

A gentleman who was travelling
through one of the most insubrious
districts of India found living there an
Irishman of very contented appearance.

"I don't see how you can live in a
place," said the traveller, "where
people die so thick and fast."
"Tell me the place, sir," said the
man, "where people never die; tell me
the place, and I'll go there myself to
end me days."

Educational Item.
First Yale Student—Have you telegraphed to the old man for money?
Second Yale Student—Yes.
"Got an answer?"
"Yes, I telegraphed the old man,
"Where is that money I wrote for?" and
his answer reads: "In my inside
pocket."

The Magician Exposed.



"You notice, ladies and gentlemen,
that I have no paraphernalia about my
person to aid me in my great illusion
called 'Barnum and his pea.' I per-
form the great e-e-r-r-r!"



"Ker-teshew!" (and the sneeze
was fatal.)

They Were All Right.
Mother—When the new minister
calls, Tommy, you mustn't make any re-
marks about his clothes.
Tommy (after the minister is seated)
—Ma told me not to say anything about
your clothes. I don't see anything the
matter with them.

Diagnose 'em.
Proctor (determined to be severe)—
What? Do you mean to deny that you
have been playing poker? Here are the
chips, three colors, and there is the
basket to hold them. What do you
claim to be playing?
'94 (in chorus)—"Fiddly Winks."

Tested at Once.
"No, I never carry my watch when I
go out," she said artlessly. "I am so
careless that it wouldn't be safe. Why,
a person could steal anything right from
under my nose and I wouldn't miss it."
Then the young man stole a kiss
right from under her nose, and she
didn't seem to miss it.

What They Can Never Become.
"Can women be the heads of busi-
ness firms in this country?"
"Yes, but there's one position they
can never assume, if married."
"The senior member."
"No, the silent partner."

He Was Quite Certain.
"Do you think, young man, that you
could give my daughter all she asks
for?" questioned papa, grimly.
"I—aw—think so, sir," murmured
the lover bashfully. "She says she
wants only me."
A Great Problem Solved.
He—Why do you women persist in
picking up these beggarly foreign
Princes, instead of marrying true-
hearted, self-made American gen-
tlemen? She—I suppose it is because
the Princes are so much easier
to find.

She Spoke by the Card.
Bessie—What did you tell Charley
when he offered his heart?
Jessie—I told him I could play in
nothing but a diamond suit.

THE ARMIES OF EUROPE.

The uniforms of the German marines
will be altered shortly, so that the
neck and chest, which have heretofore
remained bare, will be covered, as is
the case with other navies. The ob-
ject of the change is to prevent illness
among the recruits, whose lungs are
not strong enough to bear the custom-
ary exposure.

The order of the French minister of
war that no French soldier should fre-
quent saloons, restaurants, or hotels
kept by foreigners has been so gen-
erally violated by officers and privates
alike that he has felt obliged to repeat
it, with the added threat that offend-
ers against it will from now on be pun-
ished with the extreme penalty of the
law.

The German government has sus-
pended the manufacture of the repeat-
ing rifle with which the first five army
corps and the guards were furnished.
It turns out that it is a splinter with
the new powder, which the barrel is
unable to stand, and that it is danger-
ous to the man who uses it. Many
think the bad gun barrel is a good
peace preserver.

The German corps of mounted cour-
tiers celebrated its 150th birthday two
weeks ago under the direction of
Field Marshal Blumenthal, its present
commander. Next to the Potsdam
grenadiers the courier corps is the
most chivalrous body of men in the
German army. It was organized at
the beginning of the Silesian war by
Frederick the Great and consisted origi-
nally of twelve mounted foresters or
hunters of special education and expe-
rience.

The German Association of Old
Soldiers, with 550,000 members, has pe-
titioned the government to greatly in-
crease the pensions of privates and
lower officers who have petty positions
in the civil service. The salaries of
the positions in question are so small,
it is said, that they do not compensate
the incumbents for the loss of pension
money incurred in taking them. This
is felt with especial severity now, in
consequence of the rise in prices,
which has been especially marked in
Berlin and in cities of its class, the
necessary place of residence for gov-
ernment officials.

The French corps of infantry officers
for 1901 will number 13,278 men.
There are 1,000 colonels, 1,000 lieutenants,
1,047 majors, 4,000 captains,
3,611 lieutenants, and 4,021 second lieutenants.
There are five foreigners
among the captains, 14 among the lieutenants,
and 27 among the second lieutenants.
The 17 second lieutenants
are men who have distinguished them-
selves in regiments abroad and have
been rewarded, after having enjoyed
their rank two years, by being pro-
moted to a corresponding rank in the
reserves. The French army has the
largest corps of infantry officers of all
the armies in the world.

ALL SORTS OF PARAGRAPHS.

The success of Mr. Stead's Review of
Reviews has encouraged some one else
in London to establish a Religious Re-
view of Reviews, Magazines and News-
papers. The title will of itself consti-
tute a heavy load for the promoters of
the enterprise to carry.

An electric cane has been invented
which will be found very useful by peo-
ple who are obliged to be out late at
night in the dangerous districts of cit-
ies. By merely touching an assailant
it will be possible to give him a shock
which will be of great value as a mea-
sure of self-defense.

Valentine's bronze statue of Stone-
wall Jackson has been completed and
will be unveiled at Lexington, Va., the
21st of next July. Jackson's grave is
in the little cemetery near Lexington,
where it is marked by a plain marble
headstone three feet high. The mound
is frequently covered with bunches of
flowers.

Sardou's "Cleopatra" is described "as
all Sarah, with a group of supernumer-
aries thrown in." One peculiarity of
the play is that the heroine performs
the greater part of her role in a recum-
bent position. This arrangement is
supposed to have been designed by Sar-
dou to spare Mme Bernhardt as much
fatigue as possible.

A marriage peculiar in the length
and brevity of the high contracting
parties was celebrated in Parkersburg,
W. Va., recently. M. V. Collins, 40 years
old, 6 feet and 7 inches in height, was
wedded to Miss Martha Farnsworth.
The bride is 3 feet 1 inch in height—
tall enough when standing on a chair
to reach to her liege lord's shoulder.

The influenza epidemic has re-
appeared with great virulence in Hun-
gary. At Funkskirchen, in the district
of Baranya, 1,000 cases have occurred
among 14,000 inhabitants, and a medi-
cal conference has assembled to dis-
cuss preventive measures. In some
cases the symptoms resemble those of
typhoid. Severe chills of the influenza
type also prevail in Vienna.

Lovers of Rhine wines will be sorry
to hear that the well-known "Lieb-
frauenmilch" threatens to become very
scarce. The vines which produce this
precious wine occupy a comparatively
small area adjoining the Liebfrauen
church, at Worms, and the vineyard is
in the way of the new port shortly to
be constructed. So more than half the
ground must be given up to the gov-
ernment and part of the vines uprooted.

THIS AND THAT.

A man may be a pioneer settler and
yet never have paid a bill.

It would take a freight train contain-
ing thirty-five cars to transport \$1,000,
000 in pennies.

Many Vermont farmers have decided
to plant nut orchards, as few nuts are
now grown in the State.

It is estimated that \$70,000 worth
of potatoes were grown in the vicinity
of Easton, Me., last season.

A Wickford (R. I.) man recently
killed eleven out of thirteen quail at a
single discharge of his fowling piece.

A minister in England made \$50,000 by in-
venting an odd toy that danced by winding
it with a string.

There are now 200 regularly ordained
woman preachers in the United States,
where 40 years ago there was only one.

Mrs. H. McKay Twombly, of New York,
is said to own the finest furs of any belle in
that city. She has one mantle of Russian
sable which cost \$10,000.

The Empress Eugenie is reported to be a
heavy loser by the recent fluctuation in
South American securities, as she had in-
vested very largely in them.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, for Chil-
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The Chinese do not permit their women to
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A leading actress remarked to a reporter,
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A child's definition of snowflakes—"pop
raindrops."

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is worth, or you." But it is not likely that
he cares much for such things.



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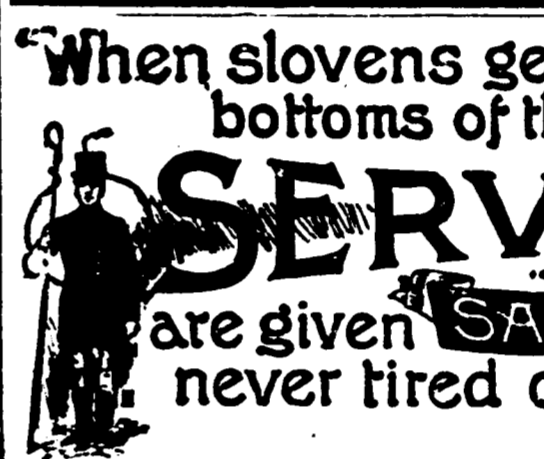
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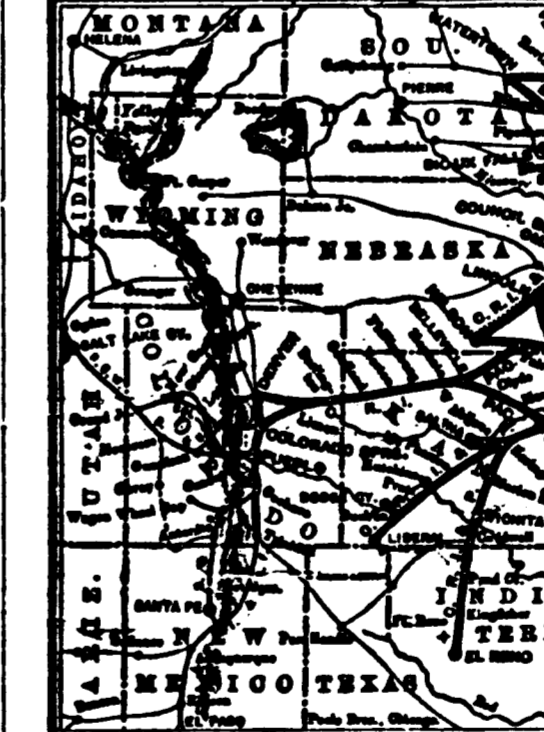


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Two servants in two neighboring houses dwelt,
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Always at work, and yet 'twas never done.
The other walked out nightly with her beau,
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Bethel A. M. E.—Corner of Hastings and Napoleon streets. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School, 2:30 p. m.—Rev. John M. Henderson, pastor.

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St. Matthew's Episcopal.—Corner Antoine and Elizabeth streets. Sunday services: Holy Communion, 7:00 a. m. Morning Prayer and Sermon, 10:30 a. m. Sunday School, 2:30 p. m. Evening Prayer and Sermon, 4 p. m. C. H. Thompson, D. D., rector.

Bethel Baptist.—Columbia street, near Rivard Street. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School immediately after morning service.—Rev. W. A. Meredith, pastor.

(Brief items of news will be welcome from other pastors or laymen.)

A new A. M. E. church was dedicated at Crawfordville, Ind., Sunday Dec. 28. The building cost \$2000.

The Rev. Joseph Chester, of Cincinnati, who was local agent for Lincoln University, Oxford, Pa., has resigned on account of ill health.

The Rev. Wm. H. Heard, pastor of the Bethel A. M. E. church, Philadelphia has announced himself as a candidate for the Common Council from the Thirteenth ward in that city.

Messrs S. B. Jeter and Cornell, two young men of Boston, Mass., have organized a Presbyterian Association and propose to begin work by opening a Sunday School in the Odd Fellow's building in that city.

The Rev. J. B. Lafton, pastor of St. Phillip's church, Savannah, Ga., has, during the past fiscal year received into the church 800 members and collected \$770 dollar money, which is the largest amount ever raised from one church in the A. M. E. connection.

The members of the New Bethlehem Baptist church, Germantown Tenn., have just finished paying for their church property which comprises thirteen acres of ground and will soon replace their old frame building by a new house of worship 50x70 feet costing \$10000.

Mr. Morton Deane, clerk of the Second Baptist church, Richmond, Va., presents a report of the financial condition of the church to the Richmond Planet which shows a steady growth covering a period of seven years, that for the year 1884 being \$1,941.58 and for 1893, \$3,136.98.

St. Thomas Protestant Episcopal church Philadelphia, whose handsome new stone edifice occupies the site of the residence of the late Attorney General Brewster, have been offered a sum largely in excess of what they paid for the property and for the building, but so far they have refused to sell.

A Christmas festival held at a church near Oxmoor, Ala., Dec. 24, broke up in a riot. Half a dozen men got into a fight and fifty shots were fired. Lights were blown out and there was a panic among the spectators. One man named Benjamin Butler was killed and two others were fatally wounded.

It is stated that in the schools for Afro-Americans of Indiana, under the Home Mission Society of the Baptist denomination during the last seven years nearly 2000 students have made a profession of faith in Christ. Dr. Owen of Roger Williams University in writing of the religious work in that school says: "The meetings have been as calm and orderly and free from noise and excitement as if held among a thoughtful and earnest white congregation."

The managers of the Christian Recorder are desirous of increasing the circulation of that journal and of placing the Book Concern of the A. M. E. church on a solid financial basis, and are making preparation for a great rally to be held in all the churches on the next anniversary of the birth of the revered founder, Rev. Richard Allen, Feb. 14th. Programs are to be sent to all the churches for use on that day when the sum of \$6000 is expected to be raised.

Bethesda Baptist church, Minneapolis of which the Rev. J. W. Dungee is pastor, starts into the New Year under the most auspicious circumstances. A number of wealthy men of that city have promised to pay for a site for a new church and over \$1500 has already been pledged. When the lot is paid for, Hon. G. H. Pillsbury, and others in conjunction with the Baptist Union will superintend the erection of a fine edifice at a cost of \$6500 half of its value or \$3000 only to be paid by the church.

The Rev. D. W. Vassar, one of the professors in Richmond Theological Seminary has this to say in the Home Mission News column of the Christian Herald of the Afro-American ministry: "The people want educated preachers who have had some school advantages, and in many places none others need apply. The graduates from the seminary have no trouble in getting good churches to call them. The work that the Home Mission society is doing is lasting and a God sent blessing to the colored people."

Similar to Children's Day among Christian denominations, the Mormon's it is said have an Old Folk's Day. On this occasion all the young people vie with each other in looking after the happiness of the hoary heads in their community. The custom might be copied by Afro-Americans with profit for there are old people in every church whose declining years would be brighter for the pleasure such a day would bring to them. In the great A. M. E. church where special days are added additional one more could not make much difference.

Exodusters to Oklahoma.

The Rev. B. F. Foster of Kansas is at the head of a large exodus of Afro-Americans from the southern states to Oklahoma. Twenty families from Kemper country Miss. have already gone to Henney Oklahoma many other in Mississippi have returned to enter into new labor contracts and those that have property are disposing of it.

S. S. LESSON—JAN. 11

STUDIES CONCERNING THE KINGDOM OF ISRAEL.

First Quarter, Lesson II.—Idolatry in Israel—1 Kings 12, 25-33.

GOLDEN TEXT—"Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image."—Exod. 20, 4. Commit to memory verses 28-30.

AUTHORIZED VERSION.

25 Then Jeroboam built Shechem in Mount Ephraim, and dwelt therein; and went out from thence and built Penael.

26 And Jeroboam said in his heart, Now shall the kingdom return to the house of David.

27 If this people go up to do sacrifice in the house of the Lord at Jerusalem, then shall the heart of this people turn again unto their lord, even unto Rehoboam king of Judah, and they shall kill me, and go again to Rehoboam king of Judah.

28 Whereupon the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold, and said unto them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem; behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

29 And he set the one in Bethel, and the other put he in Dan.

30 And this thing became a sin: for the people went to worship before the one, even unto Dan.

31 And he made a house of high places, and made priests of the sons of Levi.

32 And Jeroboam ordained a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like unto the feast that is in Judah, and he ordered upon the altar. So did he in Bethel, sacrificing unto the calves that he had made; and he placed in Bethel the priests of the high places which he had made.

33 So he offered upon the altar which he had made in Bethel the fifteenth day of the eighth month even in the month which he had devised of his own heart; and ordained a feast unto the children of Israel; and he offered upon the altar, and burnt incense.

PLACES—1, Shechem, in central Palestine; 2, Penael, on the brook Jabok, in eastern Palestine; 3, Dan, at the source of the Jordan; 4, Bethel, in the tribe of Benjamin.

RULERS—1, Jeroboam, son of Nebat, king of Israel; 2, Rehoboam, son of Solomon, king of Judah.

CONNECTING LINKS—Rehoboam did not at once realize the serious character of Jeroboam's rebellion; but when one of his chief officers who had charge of the "tribute" had been stoned to death the king hastily fled to Jerusalem. As soon as he arrived in his capital city safely he mustered an army of one hundred and eighty thousand men to bring back the rebel provinces; but he was forbidden to make war against Israel by the prophet Shemaiah.

Home Readings.

M.—Idolatry in Israel, 1 Kings 12, 25-33.
Tu.—The pun shment, 1 Kings 13, 1-10.
W.—Former experience, Exod. 32, 1-10.
Th.—Words of warning, Deut. 4, 1-24.
F.—Abraham's warning, 2 Chron. 13, 4-12.
S.—Punishment accomplished, 2 Chron. 13, 13-20.
S.—Trust in the Lord, Psa. 115, 1-11.

Practical Teachings.

Where does this lesson teach:
1. That the most dangerous temptations are the most plausible?
2. That one sin leads directly to another?
3. That sin is always a blunder?
4. That thorough-going energy wins temporal success?

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION—God a Spirit.

LESSON HELPS.

25 "Built Shechem"—Beautified and fortified it. "It had in early days been a strong town with gates."—Lumby. "Mount Ephraim"—The hill-country of Ephraim. "Dwelt therein"—Made it one of the royal residences. Tirzah was another (1 Kings 14, 17). "Went out from thence"—Made Shechem the base of operations in the building and fortifying of other cities.—Terry. "Penael"—An outpost of eastern Palestine. Here Jacob had wrestled with the angel (Gen. 32, 30). It was on the caravan road to Damascus and Palmyra, and Jeroboam displayed military acumen in selecting it as a frontier fortress. Jeroboam constantly shows a forethought, decision and promptitude that are worthy of imitation. But his mistake was that he did not seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. (1) "The strongest of fortifications is God's care."

26 "Said in his heart"—Deeply considered. He approached the problem of his kingdom as a worldly-wise statesman, but left God out of the question. He felt that the worship of Jehovah was immeasurably better for his people than heathen idolatry; therefore he decided to worship Jehovah, but to do it in a style that suited his own political plans. "Now shall the kingdom return"—(2) Honors bring cares. "Uneasy lies the head that wears the crown." "The house of David"—It is wonderful what power the name of David exercised over the people for centuries. Like Elijah, he was the "chariots of Israel and the horsemen thereof." Like the old Scotch chief, "one blast upon his bugle horn was worth a thousand men." From this we may learn two lessons: that (3) Character is the strongest of earthly forces, and that (4) Early impressions are the most enduring; for the foundation of Jeroboam's fear that his people would become again loyal to David was that in their infancy they had been taught to be so.

27 "Go up"—Every year the people flocked to the feast at Jerusalem. Jeroboam was afraid of the great political advantage this would give his rival. "The heart of this people turn"—He had good reason to fear this. Revolutions in the east are sudden and bloody, and the glory of Solomon's splendid capital, and especially of the temple, would be great attractions. "Their lord"—Even yet thousands might regard the son of Solomon as their rightful monarch. "Kill me"—The assassination of their leader would be the first incident of such a reaction of feeling. (5) Nothing shifts so quickly as popular opinion.

28 "Took counsel"—He first turned the full strength of his intellect to this great problem, and then took the wisest advice he could get. "Two calves"—Young bulls, a familiar symbol of creative power. It occurred repeatedly in the architecture of Solomon's temple. "Of gold"—Overlaid with that costly metal. "Too much . . . to go up"—You have gone up long enough. "Jeroboam's argument was, You have chosen a new king, choose also new places for worship."—Cambridge Bible. "This was not the last time that religion was made a state engine to serve political purposes."—Clarke.

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