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...S AND HIS NEGRO WIFE.

...reat Lawgiver was Ostracised on account of his Marrying an Ethiopian.

...ME OBSERVATIONS RESPECTING RACE PREJUDICE.

These words found in the first verse of the twelfth chapter of the Book of Numbers are very suggestive: "And Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman he had married; for he had married an Ethiopian woman." The spirit of caste or race prejudice is nothing new under the sun. Nearly all of the races of mankind have felt and experienced the inconveniencies caused thereby.

Nor should we [illegible] anybody to throw dust into [illegible] and thereby attempt [illegible] us from a fixed belief in [illegible] ultimate triumph of the idea realized in the person of JESUS CHRIST. It is to be regretted that men, holy men otherwise, are yet in bondage [illegible] slow of heart to see and believe the good purposes of a God Almighty and all-good, and who hatest nothing that He has made.

Strange it may seem that such an honorable and wonderfully phrophetic character as Miriam, and such an eloquent and faithful companion to Moses as was Aaron, the Father of the Aaronic Priesthood, should rise up, as it were, in his own household and speak against Moses, because he was such an outrageous patron of Social Equality as to take for his wife a negro woman! What a great sin this was in their estimation? That he who had communed with the Almighty, face to face, who had lead the Lord's host through all the trying period of the wilderness, who amid clouds and darkness had received on Sinai's rugged peaks the greatest Moral Law ever vouchsafed to mankind, that he who was learned in all the statutes of Egypt, a mighty man, a godly man, the highest of the meek, should so far forget himself as to degrade the Israelitish people by marrying a negro woman! Awful thing, it must have been to them! Ready were they to doubt whether or not the Lord had made him their leader and master. They seemed to have come to the conclusion that Moses, by his outrageous act, had FALLEN FROM GRACE and [illegible] an outcast from God. And [illegible] said, "Hath the Lord indeed spoken only by Moses? Hath he not spoken also by us. And the Lord heard it.

(Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.) And the Lord spake suddenly unto Moses, and unto Aaron and Miriam: Come out ye three unto the Tabernacle of the Congregation. And they three came out. And the Lord came down in the pillar of the cloud, and stood in the door of the Tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam: and they came forth.

And He said hear now my word. If there be a prophet among you, I the Lord will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream.

My servant Moses is not so, who is faithful in all my house, with him will I speak mouth to mouth, even apparently, and not in dark speeches and the similitude of the Lord shall ye behold: Wherefore then were ye not afraid to speak against my servant Moses? And the anger of the Lord was kindled against them, and he departed. And the cloud departed from off the tabernacle, and behold Miriam became leprous, white as snow; and Aaron looked upon Miriam, and behold she was leprous. There was a little "clique" [illegible] up the people [illegible] appealing to the [illegible] and [illegible] inflame [illegible] against one of the meekest of men—simply because he had married a negro woman. And God Almighty saw fit to come down from heaven in a cloud to vindicate his servant and [illegible] would dare to [illegible] grounded neither [illegible] all other [illegible] heart, is [illegible] put it [illegible] upon [illegible] the [illegible] mighty hates "race prejudice" and every injustice which flows from it as much as we should hate the devil. The Blessed Jesus in the very teeth of the people of his day showed his contempt for such man made barriers by ignoring them, even though his action brought upon him the curses and the jeers of the Scribes and Pharisees. And if he were here today walking upon this earth we know too well how he would act. He would say that there is no such thing as a color line—all of you are brethren.

True, we are the victims of this miserable breath of the Devil—color-phobia, but it is often the case that we too, to a certain extent, are guilty of the same sin. Others may dare to draw such a line, but dare we do it.

RIGHT WINS IN THE END. Truth, must win because it is right. Patient we must be—but also courageous and true, and like Moses, while maintaining our meekness, if it be the will of God, place ourselves calmly in his hands and endure heroically and bravely the position in which we seem to be placed, the "butt end" of all creation; to be everywhere spoken against. God moves in mysterious ways his wonders to perform, and while he does not visibly interfere and punish those who would obscure the fact of His Father-hood yet in his own way and time will he vindicate Himself and cast down the mighty from their seats.

The man above all in Holy Scriptures held up as a pattern of meekness and humility of heart, despite his labors and self-abnegation for the Jewish people, had his cross to bear, and it should be a source of much encouragement to us that the cross of Moses, in one very important respect is identical with that we are forced to bear.

A REMARKABLE SLAVE.

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Although an Imbecile He Could Solve Wonderful Mathematical Problems.

Black Lake, La.,—During and after slavery Mr. Thomas, of this place, possessed among his slaves one who was an idiot. His mistress took a great deal of interest in him and finally took him to live with her. He seemed devoted to her, and so much trouble was experienced every night in taking him away to his bed-room that she had a small room added to her own, that he might stay near by. During [illegible] would have laughing [illegible] when one would come [illegible] suddenly jump up [illegible] the house, fall down on [illegible] ground and roll and laugh to his heart's content. Then he would come back in the house looking as solemn as if nothing had happened.

He had a small table upon which he always kept grains of corn and he would sit by the house arranging those grains in different groups. But the most wonderful thing was this: He could tell the sum of any numbers you chose to give him, could tell the interest on any sum for any number of years, months, or days, at any given per cent. He would never hesitate in his answers, but seemed to have them on his tongue's tip. Many times the long and tedious problems given would be worked and he was never known to make a mistake.

A Noble Woman.

The death of Mrs. E. D. Bassett, at Phila., last week, removes from the sphere of human activity and sympathy one of the noblest women who ever devoted herself to assisting her husband to succeed in life and to raise a large family of Christian men and women. She was essentially a home woman, and in the home all the virtues which make a successful wife and mother were possessed by her in a large measure.

"None knew her but to love her. None named her but to praise." She adorned every station to which her husband was exalted. During the eight years that Mr. Bassett was Minister to Hayti her tact and charming manners endeared her to the Haytian people, to the diplomatic corps and to the Naval officers on the West Indian Station.

Mrs. Bassett was a noble woman. She was modest and retiring to the last degree but when once you entered the charmed domestic circle where she was mistress you were at once made to feel that you were at home, that you were as one of the happy family circle. It is not strange that a woman of such antecedents and demeanment should fade out [illegible] as calmly and

DOINGS OF FT. SCOTT, KAN.

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A FLOURISHING CITY. PROFESSIONS WELL REPRESENTED.

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By Members of the Race. Five Colored Churches and Able Divines.

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Ft. Scott is a flourishing city, situated in the picturesque valley of Mill creek in Bourbon county, in the extreme Eastern part of Kansas, and has the best railroad facilities West of Kansas City, Mo. Its population numbers about 15,000; 2,200 of which are colored.

The colored American is getting on fairly well here. The most of them own their own homes and considerable other real and personal property. Among the leading enterprising men of the race can be found Dr. B. A. McLemore, who has been here ever since 1887. The doctor is a member of the "Home Medical Society" and is well met by the white brethren of the profession. He is kept busy as he has an extensive practice among both races. He has served the city as coroner one term and now has the nomination for the second term. The Doctor is unmarried and is constructing an elegant residence at 1403 East Wall St., and is reputed to be worth $12,000. We also take pleasure to mention Mr. F. Johnson, the transfer man. Mr. Johnson runs four transfer wagons and does more transfer business than any other man in Ft. Scott: he also owns a nice home and has several fine blooded horses. W. G. Foster, the confectionary and ice cream "ring," runs a first-class restaurant and ice cream parlor on East Wall street. Mr. Foster came here from Rome, Ga., about eight years ago and worked in a confectionary store until he bought an outfit and sold ice cream by the wholesale around town. He soon saved enough to open up a restaurant and ice cream parlor where he now does a good business. His trade is confined to no particular race. He owns a home. A. W. Wilson is another of Ft. Scott's intelligent and enterprising young men; he is proprietor of the "Gilt edge" shaving parlor and does a good business, and he owns a magnificent home. Mrs. Francis Hayes Chinn is one of Ft. Scott's most refined and cultured young women. She believes strongly in the advancement of the race. She is a teacher in the public schools and a talented musician.

The Young Men's Club room is magnificently fitted up with everything to make it pleasant for visitors. G. W. Ford, from North Carolina, is superintendent of the National Cemetery. Rev. J. L. Dudley, of Salina, Kan., has control of Shiloh Baptist Church on North Ransom street for two weeks.

Ft. Scott has five colored churches, all pastored by able divines. Mr. Chas. Bailer, a young colored man of this city, is mailing clerk of the Missouri Pacific. He owns considerable property.—Freeman.

A COLORED BOY

Appointed to the Maryland School of Art and Design.

Mr. Howard M. Gross, a very prominent young man of 706 W. Cross St., and a student of the Normal School, who has quite a reputation as a scholar, was recently appointed to the Maryland Institute of Art and Design, by Comptroller Davis, of the 18th Ward. Mr. Davis expressed himself as having much interest in Mr. Gross and was glad of the opportunity to appoint a colored person to some position that he may prove to them he is their friend. Mr. Davis thinks that he made no mistake in appointing Mr. Gross. Mr. Gross is a very aggressive young man full of energy and push, and from all indications will prove the right man in the right place. Mr. Gross once thought of reading law, but was impressed with a feeling that he could be more successful in the study of art.

Its the First of its Kind.

An Afro-American Coal Company, known as the Enterprise Coal and Fuel Company, (limited,) wishes to make known to the public that they are now incorporated and have bought a large coal yard on the Reading Railroad, 918, 920 and 922 North Ninth street, with horses, wagons and all the equipments necessary for the delivery of any [illegible]

THE COLORED STORE.

A rousing meeting was held at the Vermont Avenue church last Wednesday evening. Miss Nannie Burroughs presided. The object of the meeting is to arouse the race to the importance of going into business and particularly to encourage and support this one now in contemplation. Speeches were made by Rev. W. H. Brooks, Hons. C. H. J. Taylor, Perry Carson and Lawyer Thomas L. Jones. Doctor Brooks spoke of young men launching out in business and establishing their own places of business.

By so doing they would give our young people employment. He spoke of men who had established dry good stores down South and were doing well. Hon. C. H. J. Taylor was the next speaker. He called the [illegible] the ladies and gentlemen [illegible] encouraged them about enter[illegible] anything and giving up [illegible] they must wade in and wade [illegible] business to become suc[illegible] business men.

Hold fast to confidence in each other. P. H. Carson said he had been fighting the colored people's cause since 1865 and he will continue to do so. He said that some fools say to him he must give up living because he is not educated; away with such foolishness. He was willing to start with them to-day and furnish them with one customer. Lawyer Jones spoke of the difference between the North and the South He said in the South you can't make all the money you want, but you cannot come in the white man's hotel, you must stay among your own people. In the North they will let you spend every cent you have and then kick you out. In order to be a good merchant above all a man must be polite, not given to anger. He must stir late and early; must have good common sense. He must not be too anxious to get rich; very few men ever get rich who have it in their minds to be rich.—Washington, 'Colored American.'

AN ELLICOTT CITY BOY

Makes a Name for Himself Struggling in Washington.

Robert Francis Plummer, the fourth son of Adam Francis and Fanny Saunders Plummer, was born at Ellicott Mills, Howard Co. Md. Sept. 7th, 1861. When three years old he was removed with his [illegible] brothers and sisters to [illegible] Prince George Co. Md. [illegible] farm of Chas. B. Calvert, where his father was then foreman. In 1871 his father bought a farm of B. F. Guy, being the only help his father had then the hope of getting to school seemed forever banished. He embraced religion at the age of 17. The ordinance of baptism was administered by his eldest brother. He continued on the farm with his father until 1890, when he began school at Wayland Seminary, Washington, D. C. attended the same two years, working at Saratoga during the summers as a means of support. Entered the Normal Department of Howard University in 1882, graduated from the Pharmaceutical Department of the same university in the spring 1890. He married Miss Katie C. Cook October 3, 1888 and obtained a position in the Government Printing Office, November 1891. He resigned the same July 1893 for the purpose of pursuing his profession in Meridian, Miss. He left the same on account of race prejudice. Having returned to Washington he worked as relief clerk for Drs. Murry and Dugger, and later was employed as clerk for Dr. L. H. Harris. At present he is proprietor of a neat drug store at 315 F Street, s. w. Washington, D. C.

Built by an Afro-American.

Of the many wonderful inventions to be exhibited at the Atlanta Exposition none will attract more attention than the minature steam boat built by Geo. W. Kelly, a colored man of Norfolk, Va. Mr. Kelly is a genius as is shown in this and other work of his. Although not a draughtsman he has made his own specifications, and by the aid of jack-knife, file and sand paper he has made a model of great beauty and perfection. He has spent most of his life on ships as cook or or valet and knows every part of the vessel well. The ship is made of white pine and red cherry wood, propelled by two eight-day clocks and running a distance of one hundred yards from the shore and reversing without [illegible]

POLITICS AND POLI[illegible]

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Mr. Wm. F. Stone Re-elected.

Plans of the State Central and City Committee.

THE MAYORALITY CONTEST.

The People want Malster. Wm. T. Henderson for Sheriff. 11th Ward Love-Feast. Democrats Catching at Straws.

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At a recent meeting of the city Republican executive committee Mr. Wm. F. Stone was re-elected chairman. Mr. Stone has directed the committee for three or four years and was not anxious to continue, but his associates forced the honor on him and he yie[illegible] their demand. It is rep[illegible] Chairman Stone and Sh[illegible] man Wellington are tru[illegible] lows and that they wi[illegible] stone unturned which w[illegible] ute to the election of the State ticket and a grand Republican victory in Baltimore city. The wards and precincts in Baltimore will be canvassed and the names and [illegible] dences of voters will be booked so as to keep them in line and poll their votes on the 5th of November. The registration of voters by the city will commence very soon and every Republican is urged by the friends of good government to see that his party neighbor gets his name on the books.

The ticket for Baltimore city is still under discussion. It appears that Hon. Wm. T. Malster is the choice of a large majority of the City Convention, but it is thought that Mr. Malster will not accept the nomination unless he is the unanimous choice of the convention. On the other hand Mr. Malster's friends, in this city, who stood by him in the contest for the Governor's chair, say he owes something to them and as he has a majority of the convention they will force his nomination and compel the kickers to fall in line. It is also reported that Hon. Lloyd Lowndes wants Mr. Malster to head the city ticket and that he has so advised the party leaders in this city.

There is some talk of nominating Mr. Wm. T. Henderson, of the 19th ward for sheriff. His friends say he has been fighting the ring for the last twenty years, that to him is largely due the credit for the exposure of the rings crooked methods and that it is nothing more than justice to give him a place on the city ticket in the contest. While Mr. Henderson's friends want their chief rewarded for faithful service there are other Republicans who express the fear that he would be a burden to the ticket because of his ultra-Republicanism and the part he took in the Lily White movement two years ago.

As to Mr. Henderson getting the support of Afro-Americans in case he is nominated, there is little if any need to fear. Some of our strongest politicians who scored Mr Henderson for his Lily White policy are now his best friends, They say that the old veteran was led into temptation, that he has again and again confessed his mistake and that it will be unmanly for colored voters to keep him down and exalt others who gave birth to Lily Whiteism. This sentiment seems to be very general in Afro-American political circles and if Mr. Henderson is nominated it is not very probable that he will be knifed by the colored voters.

The [illegible] love feast held in the 11th [illegible] the various factions is reg[illegible] another victory for Dr. J. [illegible]rgill and increases the ho[illegible] friends that he will be electe[illegible] the First Branch City Council by a good majority. The Doctor evidently has the practical support of the best element of his race in this city and this fact makes him strong with his party leaders.

The Gorman and Rasin combine in their fright are catching at every straw. The most recent appeal to their demoralized and bolting army was made by Mr. Barton, a prominent member of the Baltimore Bar. As usual he painted the ghost of "social equality," Negro domination" and "Misegenation." But every point made by Mr. Barton was negatived by a reply from Lawyer W. Ashbie Hawkins, which was published in The Evening News. The fact is Afro Americans are a unit in the belief that g[illegible] ment is the [illegible]

MR. WATTY AND THE "NEWS."

The "News" of this city in its issue of last Saturday, Aug. 31st, brings the following indictment against Mr. Hiram Watty, who has for many years posed as a "true" Republican. We hope that Mr. Watty may see fit to give the readers of THE AFRO-AMERICAN some light on the subject. We hesitate to express any opinion one way or the other, yet we will state as our belief, that if Mr. Watty is in the employment of the Democratic managers, the Afro-American Republicans of this city should be aware of the fact that henceforth he may be regarded as a Simon pure follower of Gorman, Rasin & Co.

If there is such a condition existing as is intimated by our contemporary, The News, with respect to the conduct of miserable renegade Afro Americans working in disguise in the interest of the Democratic ring [illegible] News will have the grateful appreciation of the decent, honorable and respectable Afro-Americans for a full and complete expose of such wickedness and treachery. Afro-Americans of Baltimore scorn with the greatest contempt a set of slick tongued and [illegible] political hucksters who have [illegible] the darkness of their skin [illegible] means of fleecing and skinning some of our fellow citizens of the other race. Let the News give us more light on the subject.

THE NEWS SAYS:

"We shall answer this much-used and much-abused argument which Mr. Barton has premitted himself to employ in serious argument by asking him the question: "Do you really believe all that you say under this head?" After Mr. Barton has granted the equality in their best men in politics and business of white Democrats and Republicans, and the same human nature in white Democrats and white Republicans, we beg of him not to be worried about the negroes. He may not be aware, but it is nevertheless the fact, that that distinguished negro Republican, Mr. Hiram Watty, is still retained in office by the bosses who have attempted to associate in their family of officials Mr. Hurst himself with Mr. Watty. And does not Mr. Barton know that some of the worst of the negroes of Baltimore are in the paid service of Rasin, doing his worst work for the worst political and personal ends! These offscourings of our negro population will [illegible] found working in November [illegible] Hurst at Rasin's bidding [illegible] Rasin's money, which, [illegible]ever, will not come out of Rasin's [illegible]."

DARNESTOWN, MD.

The farmers of this vicinity are getting uneasy about their corn crop on account of the continued dry weather, and if they do not soon have rain the crop will be a failure.

Quite a number of people were in attendance upon Emory Grove Camp last Sunday.

The whites are having their camp at Washington Grove.

The excursion from Gaithersburg to Harper's Ferry, last Friday, is reported to have been a success.

Mrs. George Tomkins, her son, George and daughter Edith, who have been visiting her mother, Mrs. Martha Ricks, left a few days ago to spend some time with other relatives in Washington, D. C.

Miss Josephine Russell, formerly of Ohio, will soon open a public school in this country. Miss "Joe" (as she is called by her many admirers) has every quality that goes to make up an efficient teacher. She also gives music lessons.

Mrs. Mary E. Bradford, of Providence, R. I., is on a visit to her brother Mr. Wm. Scott, of Emory Grove.

Miss Josephine Thompson, of Washington, D. C., is the guest of Mrs. Martha Johnson.

Rev. Wm. Cook, who was seriously injured at Rockville a few days ago, is convalescent. His back and breast are in such a condition that he can scarcely move his [illegible]

Lexington Savings Bank.

We ca[illegible] our readers attentio[illegible] the fine advertisement of the [illegible]ington S[illegible]ings B[illegible] exin[illegible] pa[illegible] [illegible]

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Satisfaction Guaranteed in all work. Hair Work a Speciality.

...S OF INTEREST.

The Afro-American and what he is doing.

AN INVENTOR.

So far as appears, only one colored woman has applied for and obtained a patent, Miss Miriam Benjamin, a teacher in the public schools of Washington. It is a gong and signal chair for hotels, but she hopes to get it adopted in the United States House of Representatives. The member pushes an electric button on his own chair, and calls the page to him by means of an index, which attracts his attention. The invention will doubtless be popular at hotels, because as a labor saving appliance, it will reduce expenses, by enabling the waiter to wait on twelve or fifteen guests instead of three or four in congress it will do away with the clapping of hands around the speaker's chair.

OFF FOR AFRICA.

A party of a dozen Chicago negroes, headed by "Commodore" Bongee, started from that city the other day for Africa, where they will devote their energies to christianizing the natives and picking up diamonds Bongee claims to be a son of the king of Bongee in the Congo country. Six years ago he came to this country. At that time he was unable to speak a word of any language save his own native tongue, but now, after a course of studies he can speak English and German fluently. When he came there he had a pocketful of diamonds and he says there are more where he came from. The party seems to be well supplied with money. They also carry with them a case of rifles, a large lot of six-shooters, and a thousand rounds of ammunition.

THE WALLER CASE.

New evidence has reached the State department, which seems to implicate the present Consul and Mr. Waller's successor. It appears that Mr. Wetter, the present U. S. Consul at Madagascar, had a grudge against his predecessor and made no effort to defend him when tried by the French court-martial. This evidence is furnished the State department by a Mr. [illegible], who was in Madagascar at the time of the Waller trial.

MRS. WILLIAMS.

Mrs. Jennie Barrier Williams is doing some very high grade work for the Sunday edition of the Chicago Times Herald. Mrs. Williams is also a member of the editorial staff of the Woman's Era of Boston. She is also a lecturer of special ability.

An Old Anti Slavery Man Gone.

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