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SOME AFRO-AMERICAN INVENTORS.

PATENTS THAT HAVE BEEN TAKEN OUT BY COLORED MEN.

Several years ago a Southern paper in one of its perodical attacks on the colored people of the United States made a statement to the effect that the colored people had no mechanical ingenuity, and offered as a proof of it that on the records of the patent office there were no colored inventors. The newspaper article having been called to the attention of the commissioner of patents, says the New York Sun, an investigation was made of the files of the patent office. Many colored men have obtained patents, but it was a difficult matter to trace them, for there was nothing to go by but the names of the inventors and the recollection of the different examiners of patents before who the inventors had appeared in prosecuting their claims. A systematic search, however, made at the time and made again recently at the request of ex-Congressman Washington Murray, of South Carolina, to the end that a list has been made which comprises most of the more important inventions by colored men since 1867. Prior to 1867, it appears that but one invention had been patented by a colored man This was a patent gridiron by Joseph Hawkins, since 1867, however and more particularly within the last fifteen years, many patents have been granted to colored men, some of which have proved valuable and are in general use in some parts of the United States.

Mr. Murray has had this list of inventions made as complete as possible, and a description of the best known of the inventions, together with a number of models, has been sent to the Atlanta Exposition with the other colored people's exhibits. The patent office detailed a special agent for the especial duty of having these models presented in the proper way, and collection consists of about twenty-five models of the most remarkable and most useful inventions by colored men.

The H. H. Reynolds ventilator on the Pullman cars is perhaps the invention most widely used of those exhibited at Atlanta. Reynolds was a porter on one of the Pullman cars. Opening and shutting the windows as he did so often for his passengers, he devised a screen to keep the cinders out. Pullman heard of it and Reynolds was sent for. He explained his invention to the car magnate, and the interview resulted shortly afterward in the adoption of this ventilator on all the Pullman cars. Reynolds claimed the invention, but Pullman did not recognize the claim. He got out of the service of the Pullmans, sued them, and got a verdict for ten thousand dollars.

Granville T. Woods, a colored man in the employ of an electric company in Cincinnati, recently transferred his patents on some electrical appliances to the American Bell Telephone company of Boston for ten thousand dollars. W. A. Lavalette invented some printing press appliances which are in use in the government printing office. Moses Payne, a jockey on the Latonia race track, invented a springy horseshoe intended to better the time in running and trotting races.

Congressman Murray has made a good deal of money out of his patents, of which there are eight on file. These are all agricultural implments; most of them are devoted to cotton planting. These different agricultural appliances will form an important part of the Atlanta exhibit of the colored men.

Elijah McCoy, of Detroit, has a number of inventions relating to railroad car [illegible] receives a hand[illegible] and a [illegible] responsible for the picture [illegible] and moulding in general use. [illegible] Leonard C. Bailey, an [illegible] Washington colored man, [illegible] prosperous barber [illegible] residence there, [illegible] which has been [illegible] medical board [illegible] service. [illegible] for by the [illegible]

A. F. Hilyer, a clerk in the treasury department, has enjoyed an extensive sale for appliances of his, and has a good income from it. This consists of a water evaporator for hot air registers, and has a sanitary value.

Only one colored woman has obtained a patent. She is Miss Miriam Benjamin, a teacher in the public schools here. She calls her invention "a gong and a signal chair for hotels." Through the intercession of Mr. Murray she hopes to have this appliance adopted for use in the United States house of representatives. Instead of the waste of Congressional energy at present involved in the clapping of hands for the pages around the speakers chair, the member, by pushing an electric button on his own chair, can call the page to him by means of an index which attracts his attention. The object of the invention is mainly, however, to reduce expenses by decreasing the number of attendants usually required for the convenience of guests at hotels. Where now a waiter attends the wants of three or four guests, it is claimed that he can by the new appliance wait on twelve or fifteen.

HOW AFRO-AMERICANS ARE TREATED

At the Atlanta Exposition.

There have been so many willful falsehoods told about the negro and his treatment at this great Exposition. I have to transmit to you a copy of a letter received on this subject from our General manager.

Dear Sir:

"As there seems to be an impression that the colored people are not expected to visit the other exhibit buildings of the exposition company and the Midway attractions, except such as are advertised for them especially, I hereby authorize you to post in prominent places in your building placards to the effect that the colored people are welcome to visit all the exhibit buildings." Colored people can visit Midway attractions as long as their money will hold out and their quarter or dime is as good as any body else. There are no obnoxious signs posted on nor in the exhibit buildings and it is an outrage and libel for anybody to make such a statement. Designing men of our race could not prevent a good exhibit here and they are now attempting by falsehood of the deepest dye to prevent an attendance. The "Constitution" of the [illegible] formally said: "It is to [illegible] that a few sensation[illegible] have attempted to cr[illegible] that the negro [illegible] against, and th[illegible] not want ed in some o[illegible]ings. This is a big mis[illegible] intentional falsehood. [illegible] negro visitors can enter any building that is open to the white, and their is no limit to the enjoyment of the exhibits and the side shows." Let the ball keep rolling and come everybody to see the greatest exhibition of race progress ever made, a stunner to the ignorant, a source of pride and gratification to the negro and his friends, North and South. Let the race get ready to come to our congresses from November 12th to 21 and let the press gang prepare for an ovation. Yours Faithfully,

I. GARLAND PENN,
Chief of the Negro Dept.

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A[illegible]

The Baptis[illegible] which held [illegible] meeting in this city Sept. [illegible] was one of spiritual interest and from a business stand point, it has reached the acme.

We were glad to note the lack of show, of egotism, and of office seeking among the brethren. "we see that we have deserved the welcome commendation, "well done good and faithful servant."

As we go forth into the master's vineyard to do another years work for him who taught us to say "Our Father," we want to impress one important fact upon every member of the Baptist cause, and reiterate what has so often been said, that no good can be achieved satisfactory results can not be attained unless we work together. We desire, and earnestly seek for the cooperation of baptist man and woman The work is ours. We must work while it is day, we must do better work this year than we have even done in the past, then we can expect greater results. The harvest is great. The reapers are few. Good seed must be sown, so that the harvest will be an abundant, and a successful one. If we sow sparingly, we will also reap sparingly, but if we sow bountifully, we will also reap bountifully. "For whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he reap." We take pleasure in announcing that during the sitting of the National convention a women's convention was organized subservient to the general convention, with the following officers: Mrs. A. A. Bowe, of Ala., president; Mrs. V. C. Broughton, of Tenn. recording secretary, Mrs. C. J. Robinson, of Ark. corresponding secretary. For every state a vice president was elected. The education board is now located at Washington, D. C., the Home Mission board at Little Rock, Ark; the foreign mission board at Louisville, K. The three boards have been consolidated into one general convention with one set of officers. So far, we, as a Foreign Mission board are very much encouraged in our work. The out-look is bright and flattering. The brethren have [illegible] more earnestly for missions. We make an earnest appeal for more pledges. Anything from $1.00 to $500.00. Rev. M. Vann, of Chattanooga has pledged $50.00 for his church notwithstanding they are $7,000 in debt. Rev. [illegible] has announced to his congregation that he will not preach another sermon in his church on Sunday morning until a penny collection is taken up for missions. Since the announcement the church has reported. This pla[illegible] mind, dable. I now [illegible] others will follow suit and report results. send reports and pledges to Rev. L. M. Luke, corresponding secretary, Louisville, Ky. send cash money to Rev. Dr. Gaddeir, treasurer, Louisville, Ky. since adjournment of convention we received *161.50. Yours, for the redemption of Africa,

L. M. LUKE,
corresponding secretary.

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NO COLOR LINE.

Two Colored S[illegible]ents enter the Catholic U[illegible]versity.

The [illegible]ntly made by the Ri[illegible] Keane, rector of the [illegible] University, that color [illegible] to the admission of [illegible] to the University was [illegible] the registration of [illegible] as students recently.

The [illegible] was J. H. Love, a [illegible] the Colored High School [illegible] Washington, who was educated at Oberlin College. He will take a course in law under Prof. Robinson. The second was William [illegible] Sherman Jack[illegible] in the Colo[illegible]

B. Y. P. U.

On Wednesday evening the Young peoples' Union of the Union Bapt church, held its third annual meeting. After the usual form of opening, the president stated that it would be a Purpose meeting. As the roll was called each member was to state his purpose regarding the Union. Present, What am I doing for the Union? Past, What have I done? Future, What I shall endeavor to do.

The responses were to the point and were made in a christianlike spirit and if they will be loyal to their purposes the Union will be a power in the church. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Pres. Miss M. C. Neal; first vice pres. Mr. M. A. Hawkins, 2d vice, Mrs. M. A. Williams; Recording Sec. Miss Mamie Lynch; corresponding sec. Miss N. A. Tompkins; Treas. Mr. H. Y. Johnson. A very interesting paper on "Unity" was read by Miss Eugenia Brisby, of Richmond. The exercises were interspersed with inspiring music. After a generous collection, benediction was pronounced by Rev. Leason Davis.

General News.

When you stamp your ticket in the Republican column be sure the ink is dry before folding, otherwise your vote is liable to be thrown out. Blotters will be found in the booth.

If you are going to the great Cotton States Exposition, go by way of the Southern R. R

Dr. McConnell in a speech at the Maryland Union, last Wednesday, said: "At the close of the war the negro went along quietly and organized their churches in sheds and carriage houses and built Sunday schools and established a ministry that is an astonishment to me every day. When I hear one of these colored ministers preach a better sermon than I can, I feel like going out and kicking myself"

The Doctor also paid a glowing compliment to the colored christian people of the south for their integrity and liberal support to the cause of christianity.

Last Sunday morning an attempt was made by lynchers to take a prisoner from the jail at Tiffin, O. for the purpose of lynching him. The crime the prisoner was charged with was killing a policeman. As the mob entered the jail the guard ordered them to vacate and on refusal to obey, the guards fired and killed two of the mob. On being informed of the lawlessness, Governor McKinley ordered the militia to the scene to protect the guard on duty.

At Tyler, Texas, a colored man charged with murdering a white woman was captured October 29th, and burned alive in the presence of thousands of men, women and children in the public square of the town.

Mr. John Scott, son of Rev. J. Scott, of Waverly, died at home in Plain View, on the 22d inst. Mr. Scott was highly respected in the community and the loss of him will be much felt by those who knew him.

Rev. O. D. Robinson returned last week from Washington, where he has been on a visit. The reverend was present at the installation of Dr. Talmage as co-pastor of the the First Presbyterian Church of Washington. The church has already three pastors and it is reported that the pastors' salaries are $25,000 per year.

The colored Y. M. C. A. held its monthly rally at Bethel A. M. E. church last Sunday night. A large and appreciative audience was present. Addresses were made by Dr. J. W. Beckett, Mr. W. A. Hunton, International Secretary of C. Y. M. C. A. Mr. Hunton made a strong plea for the work and gave facts to illustrate the good the organization is doing throughout the country. An address was also made by Mrs. Fannie E. W. Harper. Her subject was "Our Boys," which was forcefully presented. Music was furnished by the male chorus.

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HON. GUSTAVUS A. DOBLER

Republican Candidate for State Senator, from the First Legislative District of Baltimore city.

A business man of the first rank, rising from the lowest rank by his own fruga ity and honesty. A Republican, but always opposed to ring influence wherever Expressed or asserted.

It has been the evident desire of the Republican organizations and conventions throughout the State to nominate the best possible men for every office to be filled. The Republican party in making nominations was taxed to bring forward its best material, business men of undoubted integrity were appealed to and for the sake of general prosperity of the State, have consented to forsake their great interests to serve the people against the ring. Nowhere is this more exemplified than in the nomination of the Hon Gustavus A. Dobler, by the Republican convention for State Senator for the 1st Legislative District of Baltimore city. Mr. Dobler is the senior member of the well-known firm of Dobler, Mudge & co., paper manufacturers and agents. With this firm Mr. Dobler began his commercial career as a trusted employee of the firm of Wheelwright, Mudge company, and by a strict application to duties small and great, he has won the senior proprietorship of the leading firm in its line South of New York. Mr. Dobler altho a republican is not a partisan, scrupolous and jealous of his reputation, he approaches all public duties. As Senator he will serve the entire people, yielding to no demand save their redemption from the over-burden of Ring Rule.

THE NEXT MAYOR

The Republican Nominating Convention was fortunate in being able to meet its duty in the solution of the very difficult problem it had before it that of avoiding a factional nomination and making one calculated at once to unite all elements of the party and suited to the expectations of all citizens opposed to the [illegible] of Ring Rule in the [illegible] affairs of the municipal government Mr. Hooper is an ideal citizen, a successful business man and he will make a successful mayor. He believes that this great city is a great corporation and that each citizen has an interest in its management and be to be successfuly managed, [illegible] pure-[illegible] as the he[illegible] of great concerns having his money invested would conduct the affairs of the concern, strictly actuated by a desire for the best and the most honorable business results, that each citizen having a common interest has a right to expect the fairest opportunity to know all about the management of its affairs. Mr. Hooper will be elected and the city will [illegible] at once a great advance in the commercial world.

Mr. Percy C. Hennighausen was a member of the City Council last year, and on account of his good services was renominated by acclaimation [illegible] who pushed through [illegible] Ordinance granting [illegible] ers $500,000., in [illegible] more may be cred[illegible] ted at her Centenial [illegible]

Vote for Hon. Lloyd Lowndes and the whole Republican Ticket Tuesday. Don't let Democratic roughs provoke you into a row. Vote yourself and then see that your neighbor votes. Spot repeaters and see that they are put behind the bars. Do your duty and Maryland will go 12,000 to 15,000 majority for Lowndes and good government.

NEWS STANDS

Where the Afro-American can be found.

E. C. G[illegible] Barber Shop, 230 [illegible] Durham St.

Wm. Johns[illegible] [illegible] Lanvale St.

James [illegible] Hoffman St.

[illegible] Dallas St.

[illegible] News Stand, 112 N. Eutaw St.

Republican Ticket.

FOR GOVERNOR,
Hon. Lloyd Lowndes,

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL,
Harry M. Clabaugh.

FOR COMPTROLER,
R. P. Graham.

Alcaeus Hooper,
FOR MAYOR.

Stephen R Mason,
FOR SHERIFF.

Henry Duffy,
FOR STATES ATTORNEY.

Rob't Ogle,
Clerk of Superior Court.

Alf. J. Schultz,
Clerk of Superior Court No. 2

Frank. Sloan,
City Surveyor.

Judges Orphans' cts.
Sylvester Stockridge, J. Henry Naas, Chas. F. Riche.

J. W. Minifie,
20TH WARD.
First Branch City Council.

Dr J. M. Cargill,
First Branch City Council.
11TH WARD.

W. C. Clay,
19TH WARD.
First Branch City Council.

Alfred J. Schultz.
REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE FOR
Clerk of Circuit Court, No. 2.

Gustavus A. Dobler,
First Legislative District
For State Senate.

Henry N. Bankard,
FOR HOUSE OF DELEGATES,
3d Legislative District of Balto. City.

F. S. Strobridge,
3RD DISTRICT.
STATE SENATE.

B. Dietz,
1st & 2nd Branches City Council
5TH & 6TH WARD.

P. C. Hennighausen,
1st Branch City Council.
12TH WARD.

HENRY N. BANKARD

Henry N. Bankard was born on December 2[illegible] 1834, [illegible] now in the 61st year of [illegible] Henry N. Bankard, one of the best known men of the city, son of Nicholas D. Bankard, the master builder, early in life worked with his father as builder and acquired a thorough knowledge of mechanics and a complete knowlege of the value of real estate in every part of the city or county. He has been in the real estate business nearly forty years and is now generally regarded as an authority in his line of business. Mr. Bankard has managed and settled a large number of estates, as guardian, executor and trustee, and is often called in as an adjuster and arbitrator in settlement of disputes to property. He served [illegible] cessive terms as a member of the First Branch of the City Council and received the endorsement of every journal published in Baltimore. Many practical measures of direct benefit to all the people of Baltimore have enlisted his sympathy and his active and [illegible] effort among them, his long successful effort to stop the [illegible] tion of perpetual debts, commonly called irredeemable ground rents, the consolidation of the Water Registrar's Department with the Tax Department, which received the endorsement of every organization and association in Baltimore that considered it, and more than five thousand persons signed a petition to council asking it to be [illegible]

Mr. Bankard was one [illegible] founders of the West Ba[illegible] Improvement Association, and first vice president. He was one of the founders of the Real Estate Exchange of Baltimore city and one of its directors for several years. He was also president of Taxpayers Association of Baltimore city, and for several years one of its directors. He was also one of the charter members of Chesapeake Council of the Royal Arcanum, its first treasurer, and one of its trustees and regents; a member of Alpha Council No. 1 Order of the Golden Chain, and the first Regent of Ivanhoe Council American Legion of Honor. Mr. Bankard has filled with great credit many positions of honor and trust. He [illegible] Newington Building Association, from its origin to its successful close of business. For ten years a Director and Secretary of the Newington Land and Loan Company, and received and distributed among its members over a million dollars, to the entire satisfaction of its members and all concerned. As a member of the Council he always acted and voted for the general interest of the whole city. He brought about a reduction of the water rates, and the exemption of all bath tubs from direct water tax and now the owners of every house in the city, twelve feet front, says annually three dollars, and the occupants of all houses enjoy the luxury of a bath tub, free of any direct tax. Mr. Bankard labored fearlessly and faithfully in a manly independent and straight forward course for the reduction of municipal expenditures, and opposed every measure of doubtful expediency. Meetings of citizens endorsed him, and the press, without distinction of party, commended his cour[illegible] Bankard has taken an [illegible] general work of [illegible] and works [illegible] charity, and [illegible] friend [illegible] and fac[illegible] the admired [illegible] of brilliant, cogent and statistical articles on an infinite variety of public questions of the day.

CUMBERLAND, MD.

October 28, 1895.—Dear Sir: Believing you to be a man of [illegible] form in the administration of State affairs [illegible] of [illegible] eminently good [illegible] quality and fair and [illegible] and [illegible] ing convin[illegible] issues paramount [illegible] political [illegible] in which we [illegible] ask for you [illegible]