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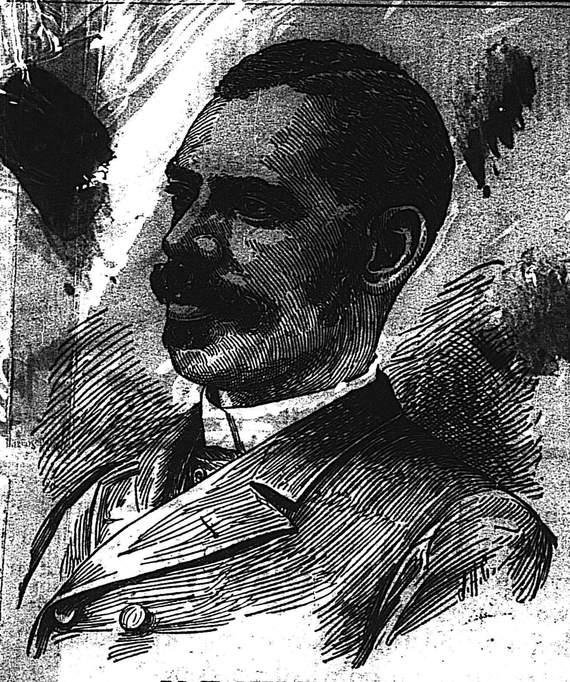

DR. WALTER H. BROOKS.
Candidate for the Chaplaincy of the House of Representatives.

Dr. Walter H. Brooks, pastor of the 19th street Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., was born in Richmond, Va., and educated at Lincoln University. Dr. Brooks is regarded as one of the best of pulpit orators. His address to the Christian Endeavor Society at their anniversary in Boston last summer, brought forth the indorsement of the press as an eloquent orator and scholar. The leading Afro-Americans in every part of the Union are urging Dr. Brooks' candidacy and there is prospect of him winning the prize.

EX-CONSUL WALLER.

OLNEY ON HIS KNEES.

Will seek Waller's release as an act of clemency.

PRINCIPLE ABANDONED.

Mrs. Waller and her counsel, W. T. McGuinn bitterly Protests against the Administration's Programme. Slap for Cleveland.

Washington, Nov. 22.—It is now certain that the State department will sue for Waller's release as an act of clemency. All idea of demanding it as a right has been abandoned, if, indeed, it was ever entertained. The state department from the beginning has devoted itself almost exclusively to hunting after extenuating circumstances to help out the case of France.

Its sole object seems to have not been to see that an American citizen should not be unjustly punished, but to make sure that we should not by undue resistence make ourselves disagreeable to the French authorities. The determination of the State department has not been brought about by any examination of the records, for the very simple reason that it had no records to examine.

CLEVELAND'S FACE SLAPPED.

All reports to the contrary not withstanding, it is a fact that France slapped President Cleveland's face, and through him heaped insults upon American people by refusing point-blank to furnish a copy of the evidence upon which Waller was convicted and sentenced to a living death.

Warner T. McGuinn, of Baltimore, counsel for Waller, today telegraphed his most earnest protest against the proposed action of the state department in admitting Waller's guilt of a political offense by suing for his release as a favor.

Mr. McGuinn holds that Waller's is unjustly deprived of his liberty, and that the United States cannot afford to put itself in the position of permitting any foreign country to imprison Americans at will and then release them as a courtesy without indemnity.

SOMETHING MORE INVOLVED.

He believes that there is more than Waller's freedom involved in the present controversy with France. It is insisted that Waller would not now be in jail had the administration acted with decision and unmistakeable patriotism.

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moment. This is a most extraordinary position for any one retained in Waller's interest to take.

Mr. Kennedy has not seen the evidence upon which Waller was convicted, nor has a copy of that evidence been read by any one connected with the state department.

To plead guilty under such circumstantes is a performance which can be defended upon no other grounds than that it is deemed expedient to sacrifice all questions of financial and National interests for the benefit of [illegible] permitting Waller to crawl home and die with his grief stricken and impoverished family rather than to perish in his cell at Nimes.

Mrs. Waller [illegible] courageously decided to accept the advice of Counsel McGuinn, Senator Baker of Kansas and the entire delegation in the House of Representatives from her state, as against that offered by Mr. Kennedy.

The story that she has been notified by the State department that the court-martial which tried and convicted Waller was fair, is denied. Mrs. Waller has received no such information from any source.

She bitterly protests against the programme of the administration, which proposes to thrust upon her unfortunate husband in his present condition the responsibility of deciding his own fate. If Waller has any rights Mrs. Waller is spirited enough in believing that they should be maintained by his Government.

The "New York Press" has been following up the Waller case with uncompromising zeal and has opened a subscription fund for Mr. Waller. Ambassador Eustis has acknowledged receipt of $187.20 from the Press.

Trinity A. M. E. Church.

The choir of Trinity church gave a grand concert on Sunday evening last. The exercises which were very interesting, consisted of choruses, solos, quartetts, scripture readings, addresses etc. Mr. Howard E. Young delivered an interesting address, subject "Music." Mr. Wm. B. Hamer, a solo entitled, "Home so Blessed," after which there was an intermission and the members and friends gave a very liberal collection, during which Mr. Jas. F. Randall sang the following soul stirring songs: "Jesus Lover of my Soul" and "Ring the Bells at Heaven's door," which seemed to waft all christians present many miles on their journey. After the collection which amounted to nearly $45.00, Mr. Jno. W. Martin delivered an address, subject, "Man, the master of the universe." Among those who took part were: Misses Carrie Posey, Mamie Martin, Lizzie Charge, Madame Ghant, Mrs. Maud Gross, Eliza Thompson, Emma Williams, Fannie Phillips, Henrietta Chambers, Sarah Edwards, Mary [illegible] Wm. T. Bealy, [illegible]

Our New City Governors.

Mayor Hooper pressed by Office Seekers. A bribe of $100. Offered for a Position. Three sinecure Officials lose their Heads. The Clerk's Assistant [illegible] Sheriff Mason's [illegible] and colored Citizens.

Mayor Hooper has spent the [illegible] of his first week in office on [illegible] at the City Hall receiving office-seekers. The applicants have been legions and the positions applied for are the highest appointments under the mayor down to garbage cart driving on the street. All the applicants except one were cordially received and assured that their applications would receive due consideration. The exception was a clerical looking man who had offered some one whom he evidently thought had a pull with the mayor $100, to get his application through. When the briber presented his paper in person the mayor put the question to him, "Did you offer [illegible] hundred dollars to get your position?" The question so excited the applicant that he is reported to have plead guilt and left in haste.

The three officials who lost their heads by a stroke of the mayor's official ax are the superintendent of the City Hall and two assistants. It appears that these officials have been kept on the pay roll at an expense to the city of $3,500 for the last eighteen years or more simply to accomodate agents of the ring, and as the present mayor believes the city is a great business institution he has taken the first opportunity to make good his pledge made during the campaign that he would apply the business rule at the City Hall.

The First and Second branches of the City Council held their second meeting last Monday night and the various committees were appointed. Dr. Cargill of the 11th ward was given a place on several committees, the most important of which is the educational commitee.

The greatest political sensation of the week was the change at the Sheriff's office. Mr. Stephen R. Mason took charge and retained 5 of the ring deputies and appointed 7 republicans. The day previous to the change, Mr. Mason, in an interview with a Sun reporter, stated he would put no colored man in his office. He also denounced a committee of prominent colored men who called on him and urged the appointment of an intelligent colored applicant, as self-constituted leaders. The interview as published in the Sun and the Sheriffs own words to the delegation to the effect that he would not put a colored man in his office has aroused the colored voters in every part of the city and Mr. Mason is being denounced as a traitor to the principles of the Republican party and as unfaithful to his campaign policy. Some colored men who know Mr. Mason best say he has always posed as an Abraham Lincoln Republican and it was his deceit that secured him the office which he now holds and uses to keep down colored men in their efforts to elevate themselves.

In some of the ward clubs, colored men have expressed their indignation and passed resolutions expressing their resentment to Mr. Mason's insult.

A meeting of twenty-five or more leading colored men was held in the law office of George M. Lane, D. D. Dixon, Wm. H. Daniels. This meeting was called by Mr. Lane and those who responded freely denounced Sheriff Masons policy toward colored men. Among the most prominent men at this meeting were

Dr. Geo. W. Bryant, Ex-bailiff Wm. F. Taylor, John W. Martin, Lawyer B. F. Lester, J. J. Callis, Rev. A. R. Callis, Rev. G. R. Waller, Lawyers W. T. McGuinn, Malichia Gibson, Rev. W. M. Alexander and many others.

Other promient Afro-Americans citizens who have been interviewed by the AFRO-AMERICAN reporter and who have denounced the new sheriff's "negro hating" policy are:

Dr. H. J. Brown, Capt. J. D. Oliver, Presiding Elder Collett, John W. Adams, George Hall, J. B. Murphy, Ex-editor of the *Standard*, Hon. H. S. Cummings, Nathaniel Gibson, Rev. L. Reed, Rev. Jones Watkins, Dr. [illegible] Rev. J. H. Reed, J. E. Board, James Rollins, Thomas Lewis, [illegible] and the colored Republican League of Northwest Baltimore of which Mr. T. A. Gaines is president, and also a number of white [illegible]

The demand of Afro-Americans for equal show as a factor of the Republican party and the friends of good government is generally pronounced. The above leaders say they entered the contest on the declaration of Hon. Lloyd Lowndes to which all candidates for office subscribed and they will not be satisfied with anything less than the fulfilment of the pledge.

THE GOVERNOR'S PLEDGE.

"The rights of the colored men, if the Republicans carry the state, will be properly protected, and if they are able to pass a proper examination they will have the same opportunity for appointment as the white have; in other words, in all public matters they will not be regarded as negroes, but as citizens of the commonwealth, and standing on the same footing—no better and no worse than our white brethren."

City Council Dots.

In the City Council last Monday evening Mr. Hoffman from the 7th ward offered an ordinance for a new school building, colored, corner of Bond street and Ashland avenue. The appropriation asked for $30,000.

Mr. Davis of the 15th ward introduced a similar ordinance for a new colored school in South Baltimore. Appropriation asked for, $28,000.

Dr. J. M. Cargill, the Afro-American representative from the 11th ward was put on the following committees: Markets, (chairman) health, education, water commissioners, accounts, and the Gunpowder Water Supply.

The City Council, by resolution, decided to visit the Atlanta Exposition on Maryland Day in a body. It is possible that an Afro-American, the only member of the First Branch city council will be found there. The honors of this occasion is representative in character for the race. Dr. J. Marcus Cargill hopes to be in the number that shall represent this great municipality at the great Southern Exposition.

DR. CARGILL SPEAKS.

Quite a number of the colored voters of the 11th ward and the city in general can be heard asking the question why Dr. Cargill, the colored councilman from the 11th ward, did not make a fight for one of the positions in the First Branch City Council, for a colored man; a report is also circulated that the doctor has endorsed Mr. Gillis, a white democrat, for vaccine physician, to the dissatisfaction of many of the white and colored voters of that ward. The doctor says this report is not true and without foundation. When seen by a representative of the AFRO-AMERICAN the doctor said, in reference to why he did not make a fight for a position for a colored man; "It was out of my power to procure a position for a colored man in the 1st Branch City council for the following reasons:

"It was the expressed wish of of the mayor that there be no change in the clerical force of the 1st branch on the ground of experience necessary to do the work of the new administration. There were sixteen white votes to one colored; thereby making it impossible for me to over go the will of the majority and to make a fight was considered by me as being unwise under the circumstances. The responsibility of not appointing a colored man to one of the positions of that body rests with the party and not on me. The statements from white and colored republicans notwithstanding, are simply to make the people believe, as a colored man, I could do a thing impossible."

The Doctor, when asked if he had recommended Dr. Gillis for vaccine physician, said:

"I have not endorsed any man as yet for the position. At the proper time will find a man for the position who will be satisfactory to the republican voters of the ward. At least I will try to do so. I think it a bad policy to circulate reports which are untrue and before my actions are known."

The doctor says he can in no way be held reponsible for what the white Republicans may do against the proper recognition of the colored Republican voters in the city of Baltimore and 11th ward.

"I propose at the proper time to to bring my influence to bear and that the 20,000 colored voters of the state and the 16,000 of the city shall have their proper recognition as far as I am able to bring about. I have the assurance of the leaders of the party, including the governor and [illegible]

INTERESTING NEWS

GATHERED HERE AND THERE BY OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

CATONSVILLE.

Special Correspondence To the Afro-American.

Catonsville, Nov. 27th 1895.—Catonsville is without doubt the leading suburb of Baltimore, at least as far as the Afro-Americans are concerned. We have only one church here (the A. M. E.) but that is well attended and the pastor is well liked, not only by his members but by the people of this thriving little town. The City & Suburban Electric cars are now running from Baltimore and the fare, (10 cents) being so cheap that the success of the road is assured. We will soon have the Edmonson Avenue line also in full operation. The Catonsville branch of the N. W. F. supply company held its meeting Tuesday evening, 26th and was addressed by Messrs J. R. Cole, general manager; C. H. Richardson, vice president, and W. H. Smith, of Baltimore. Much enthusiasm is being manifested in the company and twenty new members were enrolled. The following are the officers: John Johnson, president; Mrs. L. Grooms, vice president; Mrs. E. A. Waters, secretary; Miss Emma Ryan, assistant secretary; John Scott, treas. Mr. John H. Murphy, our district superintendent visited us last Sunday and addressed the Sunday schools Rev. M. W. Travers, of Hagerstown, has just had finished a new double house which stands next to the house he already own. Rev. Harvey Johnson is also building a handsome house near the church, which he will occupy during the summer months. Members of our race are speculating on the work to be done on the roads when the weather permits, in view of the change at the last election.

KENT COUNTY.

Special to the Afro-American.

Chestertown, Md. Nov 27.—We have read your most excellent paper to some extent and we are favorably impressed. We think it will meet the demand of the times. You are fortunate to have such a man associated with you as our tried and true friend, Mr. John H. Murphy, the bold champion for human rights. Many of the Chestertown people have never seen the AFRO-AMERICAN before. As we hail its coming with much pleasure we hope it has come to stay. We will do all we can to make the paper a grand success and you may send us forty copies to begin with as we have concluded to give it a fair trial. A number of young men held a very interesting entertainment at Janes M. E. church Thursday night, Nov. 21. A handsome sum was netted. The pastor was the recipient. Good for the young men. Prof. T. D. Tharpe, M. D. the celebrated West Indian lecturer, preached at Bethel A. M. E. church, Sunday night last, subject, "Christ's second coming." It was a masterly effort. He gave a grand [illegible] exhibition at Janes M. E. church Tuesday night of this week. One of the latest and best entertainments in Chestertown is the [illegible] Protective Association [illegible] for it a grand success. Our leading men are in the association. Now is your time gentlemen and ladies to join this movement and keep up with the wheel of progress. This incorporated body will work on a purely business basis. It has for its honored president Mr. J. P. Henson, Mr. Abel Crumwell, principal of the day school, is secretary, Mr. Edward Miller is treasurer. The Epworth League and Wayman Literary are moving on smoothly. We are glad to know that a few faithful at least are trying to improve on social and business lines.

PENNSYLVANIA ITEMS.

Special to the Afro-American.

Myersdale, Nov. 26th.—Mrs. R. B. Sheppard, of Salisbury, Pa. is the guest of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Dr. J. R. Sheppard, of this place. Mr. Will Scott is on the sick list.

DR. J. M. CARGILL, COUNCILMAN FROM THE 11TH WAR

people whom he made the subject of an article published in his paper died at West Penn hospital, Pittsburg, last Friday night. The coroner will hold an inquest. Mr. and Mrs. McFee entertained last Tuesday in honor of their guest, Miss Thornton. Among those present were, Misses Nettie Gails, Kate Sheppard, Emma Scott, and Fauny Scott, Mrs. W. Cole, and Mrs. W. Keys, Mr. and Mrs. Branch, Messrs David E. Sheppard, Walter Scott, Charles Frazer, Will Scott and Will Jackson, James Johnson, Isaac Wheeler.

CHESTERTOWN, MD.

The concert and contest given by Mr. J. A. Sterrett at the Grand Army Hall Tuesday night, Nov. 12th was a grand success. The programme was carried out in good style, consisting of solos, duetts, choruses, recitations and presentations. The performers were Mme. Lula Henson, Mrs. Ella Griffin, the Misses Belle Henson, May C. Dudley, Cornelia E. Hughes; messrs Jas. Rigby, Chas. Linsey, Prof. J. H. Bradshaw, musical director. Miss J. E. Chambers, organist. After a very interesting contest the reports showed that miss C. E. Hughes was entitled to the first prize, a handsome tea set composed of fifty-six pieces. Mrs. H. Bradshaw received second prize, two beautiful fruit baskets. Md. Perry Frisby presented the third prize. Mr. Frisby is a ready speaker and very witty. Mr. Sterrett presented the second prize. Mr. Sterrett is in his right element in the drama and he deserves [illegible] for the able manner in which he conducted the entertainment. We also commend the committee for their work, Mrs. [illegible] Richardson, Mrs. H. Bradshaw, Messrs John Sterling, Chas. Johnson. The hall was crowded to its uttermost capacity.

Mr. J. A. Sterrett preached at Janes' M. E. church last Sunday morning. The pastor preached at night.

Quarterly meeting at Bethel A. M. E. church Sunday Nov. 10th. The pastor preached in the morning and Rev. Charles Bourne, P. E. preached at night to a large and appreciative audience. He is much pleased with his work in Chestertown and thinks the pastor is highly favored for having such an excellent choir and good congregation. The presiding elder was accompanied by Mrs. C. Bourne and they were the honored guest of Mrs. S. S. Hughes.

Mrs. P. [illegible], of Cambridge spent two [illegible] with her daughter, Mrs. S. [illegible]

Miss Flore[illegible] Richardson, of Baltimore, is visiting her sister Miss Lula Henson. [illegible] her sojourn among us will be pleasant.

We are sorry to hear that the illness of Mrs. Hattie Carmichael prevented her from reciting at the concert. Mrs. Chas. Lindsy, who lost her eyesight sometime ago, her friends are glad to receive information that it is returning. Divine services at Bethel on Thanksgiving day were held at 10:30 a. m. and Supper at night.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

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NEWS STANDS

Where the Afro-American can be Found.

E. C. Griffin's Barber shop, 236 N. Durham St.
Wm. Johnson's 527 W. Lanvale St.
James Jones, - 1319 Hoffman St.
Clark's, 227 N. Dallas St.
D.H. Murray's News Stand, 912 N. Eutaw St.

St. John's Temple.

Lexington street near Pine, 11 a. m. pastor, special sermon; 7:30 p. m. Holy communion; Sunday school 9:30 a. m. and 2:30 p. m. Christian endeavor 6:30 p. m.
E. J. Waring, Esq. Supt.
Rev. C. P. Robinson, pastor.

Enon Baptist Church.

Sunday, Dec. 1st. Preaching at 11 a. m. by the pastor, a special sermon to Sunday school, at 3 p. m. communion; at 8 p. m. Rev. Wilson of Washington. Sunday school at 9 a. m. and 2 p. m. All are invited. Rev. J. Watkins, pastor.

LOCAL ITEMS.

The union Thanksgiving meeting at Sharon Baptist Church was the best held in the history of the union. [illegible] Blackwell, the son of Rev. [illegible] Blackwell, the well known [illegible] man of the city is attending school in [illegible] and is a very bright scholar in all studies we hope from success in the future.

Rev. and Mrs. Alexander gave a family breakfast Thanksgiving day at 10 a. m. in honor of their 23d marriage anniversary.

Mr. John R. [illegible] says Stonewall Masonic [illegible] Mr. [illegible] manufacturing [illegible] very [illegible] the [illegible] a reliable [illegible]