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...STING NEWS

THE ... OR-RESPONDENTS.

TAPPAHANNOCK, VA.

[Special to the Afro-American.]

TAPPAHANNOCK, Va., December 12—Thanksgiving exercises at the First Baptist Church were a success. The programme consisted of duets, essays and recitations, etc. The performers were: Misses Mattie E. Holmes, Mamie Dyke, Emma D. Page, M. W. Lee, Mrs. ... Dyke, Revs. F. C. Diggs, D. ... Bindy, W. H. ... Dangerfield, H. C. ... Wm. Lewis, musical director ... Miss Alice M. Holmes, organist.

The pastor, Rev. F. C. Diggs, preached a special sermon Sunday morning at the First Baptist Church from I. Samuel xvi., 7.

Miss Jennie Lindsay of Dunsville is visiting Miss Emma D. Page;

Mrs Clara D. Morris, of Kings and Queens, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Bayton, in this place.

A handsome new school building has been erected here for the Colored Graded School, under the efficient management of Rev. D. C. Winston as principal, with Miss Mattie E. Holmes assistant.

Miss Hurley Beale and Mr. W. S. Manning were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by Rev. Willis Roberson of Fredericksburg at the residence of Mr. L. H. Kidd of Queen street. The bride was attired in white satin costume, with real lace, and the groom wore a conventional suit of black.

WESTMINSTER.

[Special to the Afro-American.]

WESTMINSTER, Md., Dec. 9.—The AFRO-AMERICAN grows better each issue, and should be more largely patronized than it is.

The death of Bishop Wayman was a shock to the people of this community. We tender our sympathy to his bereaved family.

The Westminster Progressive Literary Association met in the Union Street School house last Friday evening, J. Edward Dotson presiding, Harry C. Harps, secretary; W. Sumner Brown, critic.

Miss Eliza Franze recited "Busting a Temperance Man."

Cornet solo, "Flee as a Bird," by W. Sumner Brown.

Topic for discussion, "Whether the dispenser of alcoholic liquors has as much right to be respected as other merchants," was opened by Reuben Walker and participated in by Messrs. George Cook, Thomas Massey, Levi Jones, Harry Harps, J. Edward Dotson, Joseph Squirrel, Rev. Ed. Moore, Prof. Brown.

A very fine programme has been prepared for Christmas.

Our motto is progression.

Rev. Edward Moore has about recovered from his recent illness, and his familiar form was seen in the pulpit of the Union Street M. E. Church last Sabbath evening.

The first snow of any consequence fell here last Sunday. It began falling about 3 o'clock in the afternoon and continued falling till 8 o'clock at night.

When your correspondent was returning home from church he saw the portly form of Daniel Warfield making a straight cut for his front door; the lank form of Mr. Wilcox, flying down Union street, umbrella in one hand, overcoat in the other; the dignified form of George A. Sumner making an undignified curve around the church; the fat form of Richard Brown waddling toward his protecting door, and last, but not least, the short form of George Snowden going through space at the rate of a mile a minute. A party of our most popular young ladies was the cause of all this commotion. They were treating the above named gentlemen to their first snow wash of the season.

The various churches are making preparations for Christmas entertainments, etc.

Cards are out for the approaching marriage of Miss M. Grace Henderson to Mr. David Brown, to be solemnized Christmas Day, Dec. 25.

Mr. George A. Summers will give a concert and oyster supper at his residence, the Clarendon House, on Dec. 25. Music will be furnished by the East End Glee Club. Cards of admission, 25 cents.

A colored minstrel troupe has been organized in Westminster, known as the Frisby and Edwards Brothers Refined Minstrels. It is one of the finest organized in this county. Among the group may be mentioned Wm. L. Edwards, stage manager; Frank S. Frisby, musical director; R. H. B. Edwards, foreman; Wm. Hill, tenor, Joseph Wilson, guitar soloist; Miss Gracella Blanche Edwards the favorite soloist of Westminster.

There will be a humorous lecture on "Human Verbs" delivered at the Union A. M. E. Church on Wednesday, Dec. 18, '95, by the Hon. John H. ..., LL.D.

MEYERSDALE, PA.

[Special to the Afro-American.]

MEYERSDALE, Pa., Dec. 9.—One of the most unpretentious, though, doubtless, one of the prettiest and most enjoyable weddings in the history of ... was celebrated at the ... on Wednesday evening, when Miss Clara Mount was united to Mr. James ... Rev. ... of the A. M. E. Church officiated. After the ceremony the guests repaired to the dining room, where they seated themselves around a table fit for a king.

It would be next to an impossibility for one to enter into a detailed description of what the table contained and do it justice, so we will not attempt it here, suffice it to say, however, that the table was spread, decorated with roses and carnations, and furnished under the direct supervision of ... Scott, which is a sample of ... that things were done ... displayed by him ... line. In fact, everything ... could be seen, was in every respect perfect. Not one detail apparently was left unlooked after or unprovided for to make it what it truly was—a noble, enjoyable wedding occasion.

The bride is one of Meyerdale's most popular young ladies, much thought of and possessing hosts of intimate friends. To her, too, so far as can be ascertained, belongs the honor of having been the first child born of colored parents and the first wedding in the confines of Meyersdale or Summit Township.

The groom is a highly respected citizen of the State capital.

The happy couple departed on the New York express for Harrisburg, where they will make their future home. We wish them much joy, happiness and prosperity in their new life on account of the extreme worthiness of their past careers.

They were the recipients of some handsome and valuable pieces of silver and other gifts of value too numerous to mention.

The people here are delighted with the AFRO-AMERICAN.

Will Miller of McKeesport, who has been visiting his numerous friends at this place, has returned home.

Mrs. Keyes is on the sick list.

Mr. Charles Ford, who has been visiting relatives and friends in Martinsburg, W. Va., returned home last week. He reports an enjoyable time.

Presiding Elder Lewis conducted services at this place last Sunday.

GOLTS, MD.

The rally held at St. Paul's A. M. E. Church, Rev. Jos. Bundick pastor, under the auspices of Sister Minnie Dorman was a grand success.

IRVINGTON, VA.

[Special to the Afro-American.]

IRVINGTON, Va., Dec. 5.—It is with much sorrow that we announce the death of Miss Mary Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neals Jones, of Whitestone, Va., aged 15 years. The death, which occurred a short time since, was a great blow to the family, as well as the many friends which she had made during such a short life in this world, and we can only say, as a consolation to her parents, that God doeth all things for the best to those who love and serve him. They have our deepest sympathy.

The funeral services were conducted at Mount Vernon by Rev. W. H. Griffin, and this poetry comes to us in language:

A precious one from us has gone,
A voice we loved is stilled,
A place is vacant in our home
Which never can be filled.
God in his wisdom has recalled
The boon His love has given,
And though the body slumbers here,
The soul is safe in heaven.

SPARROW'S POINT, MD.

[Special to the Afro-American.]

SPARROW'S POINT, Md., Dec. 11.—We are glad the North Western Supply Company has sent their wagon to our town, and we shall do all in our power to make it a success. We also want to make an arrangement at an early date for the President to come down and explain the matter to our people.

The question at issue is not a denominational question, but a national one, and should concern the race at large, especially when we consider that they were in Africa for one thousand years as barbarians and two hundred and fifty years in America as slaves.

If we consider right here we can see the great necessity of supporting enterprises that have been established by our own race. I ask the people of Sparrow's Point to consider these questions, and let us help make this company what it should be by patronizing this wagon when it comes to our town, and by taking stock in the company.

A great deal more could be said, but we do not want to intrude on the editor's space. Therefore we will conclude. Continued in the next issue if allowed space by the editor.

The Florida School Law.

It is remembered that before the opening of the Orange Park, Fla., Institute, the State superintendent threatened not to allow it to be opened if the rule of educating white and colored students was adhered to. The school authorities paid no attention to this bombastic threat, but continued in their even tenor of way in conducting the school. It is now being said that the superintendent will confer with the Attorney General, to determine the steps to pursue. It seems from the length of the time the threat was made that every possible thing should have been done to make a move on their part. We are very anxious for the superintendent to attempt to make good this threat, for if he does, he will find that it is more than talk to win in such a case, and that the law is against him. Let the contest come.—*Advocate, Tallahassee.*

Trouble in Washington.

The Rev. Paul Griffith and the L'Ouverture Catholic Lyceum Disagree.

The L'Ouverture Catholic Lyceum has forwarded the following communication to the Rev. Paul Griffith, the pastor of St. Augustine's Catholic Church, in answer to his remarks made Sunday, November 24, in regard to the policy of the Lyceum:

WASHINGTON, D.C., Nov. 30, '95.

To the Rev. Father Griffith, pastor of St. Augustine's Church, Washington, D. C.:

REVEREND DEAR SIR.—At a meeting of the L'Ouverture Catholic Lyceum, held Monday, November 25, 1895, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to present to the pastor of St. Augustine's Church a formal presentation in writing, which shall set forth the protests of this Lyceum against the charges publicly made against it by the pastor of said church on Sunday, Nov. 24, '95.

On the date above named you and your two assistants, at all the services, did in strong and uncomplimentary language, denounce this Lyceum as an organization no longer worthy of the fealty of the congregation of St. Augustine's Church; the chief reason given therefor being that we had selected an evening for our annual reception that the church had previously selected for an entertainment.

We contend that the true situation is, that the Church unfortunately selected an evening long since set apart by the Lyceum for its reception. But further damaging charges were made by you, based upon information which you had received from malicious persons bent on destroying the character of the male members of the congregation—persons who are jealous of their reputation.

When at the solicitation of those in charge of the parish of St. Augustine's it was suggested some three years ago to create and perpetuate this society for the literary improvement of the male members of the congregation, little did we think, who were asked to organize it, that in this year of grace of 1895 the members of this Lyceum should be denounced from the pulpit of our parish church as an organized body for evil purposes. As members of the Catholic Church we regret the forced position you compel us to assume, but we are in duty bound, as self-respecting individuals, that since you and your assistants gave first to the public a statement based upon information devoid of truth and erroneous in the extreme, that in justice to ourselves we must speak to you through the only channel we have, which is the public press.

We recognize your authority to withdraw your sanction to the existence of any society, literary or otherwise, in your parish for good and sufficient reasons, but we claim that no such cause exists in regard to this body at the present time. Then, again, the disinterestedness of our spiritual director, Rev. Father Dougherty, and also your repeated refusal to assist this struggling organization in the past, leads us to believe that other reasons than those indicated herein, underlie your opposition to the further existence of this Lyceum. The blow is indeed felt very keenly by us as colored men, especially when we think of two white Catholic organizations flourishing here in the District of Columbia, whose aims, purposes and objects are exactly similar to those of the L'Ouverture Catholic Lyceum, and further, they are all white and colored members of the Young Men's Catholic National Union, incorporated under the approbation of the friendly of the Roman Catholic church in America, and good people of all creeds, that we are informed that you delivered a sermon to the members of your congregation in 1894 "If you find differences you should state them and seek redress."

Rt. Rev. WESLEY J. GAINES, D. D.,
Bishop of the 2nd Episcopal District, including
Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina.

Now, as colored men, a sense of common decency compels us to protest against the unfair accusations hurled at the door of this organization. As old as Christianity is the maxim, "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's." We feel that at one time it was asserted that our race in this country had no rights yours was bound to respect; but the Americans who believe it nowadays are becoming scarce and scarcer. Besides, our Holy Mother, the Church, thank God, has always taught the eternal brotherhood of man; whilst the Constitution of our free country makes every citizen of the United States equal before the law; and whether believed or disbelieved by other persons, we, as colored men, suffering, perhaps, more from the effects of caste prejudice than any other class of people in this country, can do no better than to sanction its rightfulness.

As men, then, you seem not to regard us, but as Catholics you demand our absolute obedience. In such an attitude, therefore, we are forced to appeal to your superiors—to the very highest authority in the Church, if need be. We do so in the hope that once for all this question of manhood rights, in contradistinction to our title of Catholic, shall be for time settled, and settled satisfactorily to every one concerned, including the Irish, the German, the Italian, and every other class of people forming a part of the Catholic Church in the United States.

We shall ever pray for and demand, firstly, fair treatment as men; and whenever necessary, chastisement and reprimand as Catholics; secondly, the Roman Catholic Church accords it, and we demand the same at the hands of its parish priests now and in the future.

Respectfully,
L'OUVERTURE CATHOLIC LYCEUM,
1218 17th St., N. W.

MILLENBECK, VA.

MILLENBECK, Va., Dec. 6.—There was a quiet marriage solemnized at the residence of Mrs Priscilla Waddy on Dec. 4, 1895. The contracting parties were Miss Laura Waddy and Mr. James Ball, both of Millenbeck.

The bride was handsomely dressed in sky-blue satin, the groom in the usual costume.

The marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev. D. Fields. After the reception the happy couple retired to their future residence at Slabtown, Va.

That their lifemay be happy and prosperous is the wish of their many friends.

Rich Afro-Americans In Chicago.

THEY ARE WORTH TWO MILLION DOLLARS BUT THE ...

... years ago William Lincoln issued the emancipation proclamation, a colored man who was worth 1,000 dollars was a ... Now the colored people ... on millions of property ...

... Colombia remembers these words, but the course taken by you in publicly proclaiming the incorporated society to be outside the domain of your fatherly conference practically closes the door of address so usual in controversies of a nature between priests and people in a common parish.

It should also be borne in mind that whilst we are Catholics, we are colored men; and whether we desire it or not there does exist a difference between these two conditions.

We ask you then, first, as Catholics: Has this organization or its officers ever failed to comply with the demands made by any of the pastors of St. Augustine's Church, yourself included, and if so, when? Also, if this association has not aided in season and out, in fostering a closer relationship between the male members of your congregation. Why, then, this unfair denunciation? It is said that "Order is Heaven's first law—disorder the contrary."

girl, and is one of the most popular singers among her people in Chicago.

Mrs. Jones keeps a coachman and a servant girl. Her household consists of her daughter, grand-daughter and herself.

A young white woman recently got a verdict of $22,500 against Mrs. Jones for injuries sustained in the elevator at 119 Dearborn street. When asked what action would she take about the verdict Mrs. Lee replied: "O, the money will be paid if the courts so orders, I guess."

C. H. Conley, the colored caterer, is probably the possessor of $600,000 in cash and real estate. Ten years ago he came from Philadelphia with not a dollar in his pocket. For a time he worked for Kinsley, but soon he opened up a place for himself.

When his place was furnished he had just fifty cents left. He was not long in building up a fine business. Now he is generally regarded as one of the leading caterers in the country. His ball room at 76 Twenty second Street is one of the finest in the city.

He employs over a hundred men, is charitable, and wears the same sized hat as he wore when he first came to Chicago.

Daniel and Andrew Scott, brothers are among the wealthy colored people of Chicago. Daniel is perhaps the better off, he is easily worth $100,000. He owns several saloons and restaurants and a great deal of choice real estate in Chicago, besides a splendid stock farm in Michigan.

Mr. Scott has lived in Chicago a great many years, and is familiarly known as "Uncle Dan" among his acquaintances.

Andrew Scott has upward of $80,000. He owns a new apartment house on Dearborn street, valued at $[illegible],000. He also owns other Chicago property and his brother, has a big farm in Michigan. Both of the brothers are widowers.

Ex-State Representative [illegible] Thomas, the colored lawyer, who resided at [illegible] Indiana, [illegible] taxes on $[illegible],000 worth of real estate, and a [illegible] like the Scott brothers he [illegible] farm in Southern Michigan.

Mr. Thomas [illegible] forty-eight years ago [illegible] Ohio. [illegible] Chicago [illegible] is probably the wealthiest colored person in Chicago. He is worth nearly $500,000. He owns the large four story brick building in which he lives and his name is carved in a gray stone centerpiece over the door.

Bates has another house just like it on Plymouth place. Both are within a stone throw of Polk street Depot, and including the lots on which they stand, are each valued at $75,000. But this is only a small portion of Mr. Bates' possession.

On Vernon Park place, near thirty-sixth, he has completed a seven story and basement pressed brick terra cotta apartment house, worth $100,000, which he rents entirely to white tenants. Besides, he is said to be interested in several commercial schemes and to carry a large bank-book in his inside pocket.

Bates is a peculiar character. There is a touch of pathos and a romance in the story of his life. Born a slave in North Carolina, he was sold away from his parents when a babe. After being sold into nearly every state in the South, he was finally purchased by a trader who brought him to St. Louis, where he was again sold in a miscellaneous lot of slaves.

Next in wealth among the colored citizens of Chicago comes Mrs. John Jones, widow of commissioner John Jones, who was a life-long friend of the late Frederick Douglass. Mrs. Jones is worth $300,000 and owns a four-story brick building at 119 Dearborn street, has property in various parts of the city, and resides in her own tastily fashioned home, amid the most refined environments, at 43 Ray street.

Mrs. Jones is a good-looking, motherly old lady. Her fortune was left her by her husband, with whom thirty years ago she came to Chicago, she is progressive and refined, a leader among colored women, and is interested in everything pertaining to her race. Her grand-daughter, Miss Theodora Lee is an accomplished

NEW BISHOPS

OF THE A. M. E. CHURCH

Their Qualifications Aptly Article by Rev. ... Henderson.

Our Bishops should be able to take their place in the walk of life as possible. They should be seen in the best hotels, on the finest steamers, in the greatest gatherings, and they should be made able to do this. They should be able to visit the poorest mission and win the undying affection of the people by giving them something. They should be music free from the cares of worldly struggles and advocations and become the peers of the greatest men of the land. They are the living exponents of the Negro's idea of himself. For this office representative men should be selected and then they should be honored. If they are uncouth and vulgar, if they are ignorant and of low tastes, they degrade us. "Business is business," and it is business for us to seek the respect of the world by letting them see us through fit representatives. How much to us is a representative worth who does not know how to conduct himself in polite society, who, on coming to a community, seeks as a stopping place, the hovel, who perpetually dodges the refined and cultured, who denounces improved music, elevating amusements for the young, who as a back number, beats the "amen corner saint?"

We must have cultured, progressive, representative men to represent us. We do not need Bishops to go around and "lift collections," the stewards and trustees can do that. Consider the great advance of our people, think of our splendid churches and refined congregations, such as are to be found in towns and all through the South, the West and the East. ... other denominations that ... with us our place at the ... the times in which we live, and can say, if you dare, that we do not need to give more attention to the business of developing our church. The discordant notes from such misguided men as the Rev. Mr. Chappelle of South Carolina but show the need of decided action. It is such men who have rendered the Negro odious in that State. Truly cultured, wide-awake, manly men will be respected anywhere. It is the unfit statesmen of reconstruction days and the unfit leaders of to-day who are responsible for the contempt that many feel for us. To many, these words will not be pleasant, to many they will not seem true, but they are. This is a plain, straightforward, business talk.—*The Freeman.*

South Baltimore Notes.

While we are discussing the question of improving our schools, we may well consider our Colored High School. There is an urgent need of instruments for the proper instruction in the physical sciences, physics and physiology. These sciences cannot properly be taught without experiments, and no experiments can be made without appliances. We cannot deny the facts the school (High School) has been productive of much good to us, and may be the means of greater good and more advantageous if these and other abuses are corrected. We think that a broader spirit of independence, self-reliance and original research might be stimulated and fostered among the scholars for the mutual benefit of both teachers and scholars.

There is a demand in this section that the young men be represented in the appointments to offices.

We congratulate our Councilman, Samuel Davis, on his interest in our welfare manifested in the appointment of Mr. Howard Gross to the Art School and in securing for Mr. Wesley watchman of court house.

Your humble servant was approached by a party of citizens in this section and asked to be an applicant for some position under the incoming administration. I desire publicly to thank my friends for the interest manifested in me, and sincerely hope that I may be worthy of confidence reposed by them.

Mr. Fitzherbert, one of our artists, has an excellent piece of crayon work on exhibition in Mr. Glenn's Hotel in South Baltimore. It is a crayon of Mr. J. C. Nicholson, who is justly regarded as one of the most popular young men in South Baltimore.

Mr. Thomas Glenn deserves much credit for his successful management of his hotel. He has established a pool room in connection, which, as we may expect, has been very successful. Such young men as Mr. Glenn in business enterprises are a success and an honor in any community.

Rumor has it that Lawyer C. C. Fitzgerald will shortly wed. We extend congratulations. - P. P. PETER

... was three times elected to the State legislature, being the first colored man to enjoy the distinction in Illinois and in the whole North West. Thomas was one of the 103 members to the General Assembly that elected John A. Logan to the United States Senate when Logan won by a majority of one, that one being Mr. Thomas. He is the father of the civil rights bill in Illinois, his wife writing at his dictation.

In 1881 Mr. Thomas held a clerical position in the auditor's office at Washington, and in 1887 was elected southdown c... in this city as a Republican. Mr. Thomas' family consists of a wife, four children, two boys and ... He has been married three times, and was only married when he took his first bride to the altar. He is a tall and splendidly built man, with a massive head and impressive features and would stand out in a crowd as ...

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Charleston Colored People.

A correspondent, in making ... rant, in making ... has the following ... a tour of ... colored people ... to say ... South.

There are ... of Charleston ... doing their own ... with immense ... in slaughter houses ... samplers, ... churches, ... the colored ... not in consequence ... but in spite of ... presence of white ...

This day I ... them ... tute, presided ... visited ... Holmes and ... over by ... three colored ... assisted by five ... studies are ... teachers ... of our school ... arranged ... trolled by the ... Society, and ... Americaning. By the way, the ... is self-sustainable feature I noticed ... most of ... the white teachers ... annexed building ... these teachers lived as an ... over and above ... colored teachers ... even fair to ... who are ... support.

One mark... here is the ... whites toward the colored ... fined in appearance. ... ing you on the street ... cordial. Stranger still, in this city, as in most others in the South, are the restrictions placed on the degraded and refined alike. The colored population are excluded entirely from the use of the Public Library and admitted in any part of the theatre. The color line between ... mulattoes is ... yet these ... puts ... cities in the ... Mr. Richard ... Mr. Stoken and ... strong men of the ... others are equally ... ways.

CANTON NOTES.

Sunday, Dec. 8th, 1895, ... grand Baptist meeting held ... publican hall. It was ... day, but the meeting ... tended. There was preaching ... o'clock a.m.; Rev. R. ... a noble sermon from ... The sermon was ... 1.30 they all adjourned ... Goode's ... the hall, where ... to a grand dinner, ... were also down ... over they returned to ... p. m. Brother Henry ... a grand discourse, and ... ley preached at 8 p. m.

Canton has a grand, noble ... Christian people. At this ... ceived a grand collection. The people are laboring to build a Baptist church in the vicinity. The Baptists desire return many thanks to the Republican Club of Norton for the use of the hall, which they were so kind to let us have free of charge.

Morgan College.

Never before has such ... of interested friends been ... Social Hall, where the meeting of Ciceronian Literary Association was held.

The reason is quite apparent ... students are giving the public a good programme.

The programme ... was excellent.

Rev. C. R. Yates, A. M., made an eloquent and ... address on "Literature." The piano solo by Mr. Jacob H. ... was highly entertaining.

Mr. Alonzo A. Hawkins, class '96, read a well-written paper for discussion, subject, "Does war tend to promote civilization?" The discussion was lively, ... views of the question were ... by the various students ... in the debate.

On the 20th inst. a "Mock Congress" will be held, in which a number of students will take part.

Messrs. W. ... Ross and ...