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Whenever you hear a man talking a white man's goverment he goverment by Democrats. g more nothing less.

Of course one of the planks in the Democratic platform has to do with the Negro. A Democratic platform with the Negro left out would be an ananomly.

It is so singular the white and colored men can work together in perfect friendliness when it comes to contractural work, but when it comes to work where the city pays for it, white men and white men alone can do the work whether it is upon the streets, digging gutters or in the City hall keeping books. And yet colored men pay taxes just as well as white men.

Every department of the state goverment from governor down to constable is now and always has been in the hands of the white man, whether the control has been in the hands of the Republicans or Democrats, and yet we are constantly having dinned into our ears a "White Man's Goverment." How could it be more of a white man's government than it is?

NEGRO ORATOR WANTED.

What has become of all the great Negro orators? During slavery days, when it was worth almost a man's life, white or black, to speak against, there were a number of Negroes who took up the cause of the Negro, and in this country and England could be heard their voices in stentorion tone advocating the rights of the Negro. where are all our orators in these days when such men as John Temple Graves and Ben Tillman are scouring the country advocating their side of the Negro question and poisoning the ears and hearts of those who otherwise be friendly with us. We need an advocate of our own race and hue, who will follow in the footsteps of these men and present our side of the question. The some people who listen to the tirades of Temple and Tillman will also listen to a colored man when he presents his case in a manly and dignified way. We do not want ranters of men who will go on the platform and abuse the southern white man, but we do need strong men who will present our side of the case in such a way as will carry conviction with it. It will not do for us to sit down and wait for any man to take up our cause, it must be presented from our own point of view, for "he who would be free must first himself strike the blow." The Negro is not in a position to take up arms and measure up with the white man in a battle of Winchesters, but he is able and strong enough to measure with him on the rostrum and on the platform. Let the Negroe's side of the question be heard.

COLORED MEN FOR THE LEGISLATURE.

"Complete liberty and exact equality in the enjoyment of all civil, political and public rights should be established and effectually maintained through out the Union by efficient approvial state and federal legislature. Neither the law nor its administration should admit any discrimination in respect to citizens by reason of race, creed, color or previous condition of servitude."

The above constituted a plank in the platform of the National Republican party in 1872. It is just as good Republican doctrine today as then, even though Stone and McComas refuse to indorse it. There is no flunkeyism in the above. It has the gennine ring. What interests were the Afro-American voter in the approaching campaign? Certainly there ought to be something more than merely to elect Mr. Williams Govenor of Maryland, and to elect a legislature that will return McComas to the U. S. Senate McComas may not be any worse than the general run of white republicans in this state. even that is not saying very much for them. We do not possess, even in this state, the fullness of civil rights, and no effort is being made in that direction on our behalf by the republican organization of this state. They make no effort because they know that they can control our votes without such effort. They seem to realize that the more they kick us the more we delight to support the hand that smites. Our effort in this campaign should be to force them to honor good Abraham Lincoln republican doctrine. And we should do this, in part, by compelling them to place on the legislature ticket some such men as Harry Commings, Cornelius Fitzgerald; Ashbie Hawkins and other staunch republicans like them. Absolutely no objection can be raised against the above, and others like them, save that are a little darker in complexion than McComas, and Stone, or any of that crowd. If decent men like those we have mentioned, who have trains property, character, industry and civic virtue are not good enough to run on a republican ticket, in all seriousness how can it be expected for the twenty thousand colored republicans to walk up to the polls and vote for a number of white men confessedly inferior in every particular to the gentlemen whose names we have mentioned? We send men, or ought to send to the legislature, with wisdom and senee to legislate on behalf of the people. Here are nearly one hundred thousand people, contribution to the industries, of the community, producers of wealth, and amendable to the laws of the commonwealth. From among them are men of moderation, intelligence and capability who would not only make good legislator, but who, by their very election and presence among the state legislators, would contribute largely towards improving and developing good citizenship of this state, and inspire them to rise out of vice, vagrancy and inanity to the full exercise of all their powers and resources. We are taxed but not represented, and we are to be blamed ourselves for this deplorable state of affairs. What we need to do, and we ought to do it by all means, single out the very best men among us, who in all round qualifications will absolutely measure up to those of the dominent race, and then stick by them and have them nominated. There are at least some of us who are sick and tired of voting for inferior white men, when we known well, in many instances, that we have far better material among ourselves. It is simply mockery for us to be complaining of being indorsed when we systematically inquire ourselves. We contend that there are colored men who can measure up to every requirement, as legislators, that be imposed by the dominant race themselves, and such being the case, if we fail to urge the same we thereby convict ourselves of discrimination against our ourselves, and that too, when, in many instances, we are confessedly more capable than the very men we support with our suffrage. Let us act firmly and resolutely on principle or else cease our whining about being denied our rights. We have the right to put forward the best that we have in our shop. Will we exercise that right?

NOT DENOMINATIONAL.

A correspondent, in another column, suggests because the editor of this paper is a member of a certain denomination that his communication ought not to go into the waste basket. We would suggest to the correspondent that we are not in the habit of sending real news to the waste basket, we would much rather print it. The fact that we belong to a certain denomination would not save the matter if we did not consider it worth printing. The editor may or may not belong to a certain particular church and denomination, but the policy of the Afro-American Ledger, is now and always has been to give the news irrespective of creed or denomination. If the news has merit, in it goes, and if it has no merit, in it goes to the waste basket, whether it is written by an Afro-American Methodist or a Baptist or a Roman Catholic. Our object is to publish a newspaper and not a denominational paper. We are sorry to learn that our authorized agent and correspondent does not pay attention to any worthy object that ought to be noticed. It is his business to look after the news whether it is furnished by African Methodists or Methodists or any body else. We are not narrow and do not desire that our correspondents should be.

THE FORUM.

ENGLISH NEWSPAPERS ILLUSTRATE LYNCHINGS.

Show Their Readers How It Is Done In The United States.—A Letter From The Continent To The Afro-American Ledger.

Bath, England Sept. 3.—

Dear Editor, In picking up and looking through an English illustrated newspaper this afternoon. I saw an illustration of another lynching in the South, without the formality of judge or jury, and I must say it brought back vividly to my recollection the things and incidents that used to catch my eye while living in the states, and my heart went out to my brotherly downtrodden race. The majority of people on this die of the water, that I have met are up and against such proceedings and their sympathy stands out in bold relief against it. I have traveled extensively through Ireland, Scotland and Wales and my advice to my friends in the states is that if those people located below Mason's and Dxion's line want to get away from the yoke, and are mechanics or men of trades of any kind, there is no bar on this side of the Atlantic. The American bugaboo, the "Race Problem" is unknown here. Booker T. Washington, and the grand and noble army of men who are working in the interest of the race are well known here and the work of Taskegee is especially well known.

I am a Baltimore boy and one of the first subscribers to the Afro-American, and my mother, who lives at 530 W. Preston street, is still on the roll of its subscribers. I was in Baltimore last November, but for some time previous to that I have made my headquarters in Philadelphia and New York. When I last saw the grand old Afro-American it had made such great improvement that I hardly knew it. I like to see our home enterprises going to the front. I am now touring England with what is known as the "Dahomian Cake Walk Champions" and we are doing well since we left the States last April. After this week we go to London and then to Buston-on-Trent, and thinking a bit of news from this part of the world would be of interest to your readers, I drop you a line. We generally write to the Indianapolis paper, which is called by the colored professionals the "Colored Clipper," but I hope to see the day when my old favorite paper, the Afro-American right along side of it in publishing theatrical news, and any bit of news that I can pick up will be forwarded to you.

I am as ever yours,

GEORGE E. PEKRINS,

With Bohemian Cake Walk Champions, Theatre Royal, Bath, Eng.

A PLEASANT OCCASION.—One of the most pleasant occasions of the season was that of the presentation of a Doctor of Divinity,s Hood to Rev. Dr. George Bragg, Jr., at Waters A. M. E. Church, on Friday evening of last week. Several gentlemen formed themselves into a committee several weeks ago, when they were informed that the degree had been conferred upon Dr. Bragg, and assisted by the Doctor's many friends, purchased a hood on the occasion above mentioned. There was no admission fee, the hood having been paid for by subscriptions. The speakers who took part in the exercises were: Bishop James A. Handy, D.D.; Rev. Dr. John Hurst, pastor of Waters A. M. E. Church; former City councilman, Harry S. Cummings; Rev. Dr. J. Albert Johnson, D.D., pastor of St. John A. M. E. Church; Rev. McHenry J. Naylor, pastor of Asbury M. E. Church and Dr. Winfield Winsey. Dr. J. T. Jenifer, secretary of the Connectional Preachers' Aid Association, and the oldest alumnus of Wilberforce University, presented the Hood on the part of the doctors, in a most eloquent speech. The committee in charge of the presentation were: Rev. Dr. John Hurst and John H. Murphy, editor of the Afro-American Ledger.

Read the Afro-American Ledger. It contains the news.

CHIPS FROM THE QUARRIES.

Supreme Council To Meet in Richmond—Shriners To Meet There Also—Shriners Will Elect Offi- Activity Among Local Lodges.

There is considerable activity just now among the members of the Craft, and as the session for the annual election looms in view, Lodges, Chapters, and Commanderies find little trouble to muster a quorum for the transaction of business. Several of the Chapters have already elected their officers and the Lodges will follow suit shortly. The Commanderies will elect next month and after comes the election of Blue Lodge officers. There will, no doubt be many changes this fall, both in the higher as well as the lower orders. On last Tuesday night Masonic Temple was crowded to an extent that the memory of the venerable janitor Brother John Moore, runneth not to the contrary. The occasion was the "Raising" of a class of nine brethren to the Master Mason's degree. Six of the brethren raised are soon to be set apart as a new Lodge in Catonsville. The visitors crowded the hall to such a degree that working room was barely to be had. The team that had charge of the work was past master George H. Burt as Master, Brother John T. Wilson, senior warden and Brother Howard Green, junior warden. Brother Abraham White, the senior deacon, fully measured up to the standard of his position, and seldom has his part of the work been done better. Past Masters John A. Hopewell, James W Nichols, A. T. Waller and J. H. Murphy were the floor team, and it is said that "Square Work" was done all around. Among the notable visitors were Brother A. L. Gaines, past master of Rising Sun Lodge, of Norfolk, Va., pastor of Bethel A. M. E. church; Past Master C. C. Calhoun, of Sedalia Lodge, of St. Louis, Mo. Brother Calhoun could not resist the tempation to take a hand in the work and he proved himself an adept at "knocking down" things. At the conclusion of the ceremonies the brethren adjourned to the large banquet hall and the way the good things of life disappeared from the well laden table proved that they were also adepts in the art of eating as well as in the art of working. The refreshment department was under the direction of Brother past master Burt assisted by Brother Abel Monroe Burgess, who proved himself, whilt quite a young man as far as the fraternity is concerned, is surely "able" to look after the inner man. The whole affair was voted a magnificent success, and Enterprise Lodge has added another star to her already brilliant crown. Among the noted locals present were: Grand Master William E. Tilghman, past grand master Walker W. Lewis, grand secretary, J. L. H. Smith, grand lecturer, Thomas H. Smith, and grand inspector, J. H. Murphy.

Ill. Thornton A. Jackson, sovereign grand commander of the Scottish Rite Masons was in the city Sunday. Also Ill. James A. Bampfield, secretary general H. E., was in the city Saturday.

Illustrious Potentate, Hiram Watty still keeps quite sick, and it is hardly to be supposed that he will go with the caravan to Richmond next month. It is hoped however that he will be able to make the trip as his presence would be sadly missed

Illustrious past potentate, Isaac Holland, of Philadelphia, was in the city last week, enroute to his home in Philadelphia. Illustrious Holland says that the Shriners from Philadelphia will traverse the hot sand in large numbers in October to the mecca at Richmond. There will be some thing doing when they get there. Well the Baltimore caravan will be there and if any body thinks that they do not know how to ride a camel they will find differently when they see their red caps appearing above the horizon. The Baltimore boys promise to see that the sands are kept hot, even if they get burnt themselves in keeping them hot.

The United Snpreme Council of the Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the Thirty-third and last Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United States of America, having its See at Washington, D. C., will meet in annual session in the city of Richmond, Va., on the 19th day of October, 1903, at the Clay Street Masonic Temple. Very much important business will come before this body and it is hoped that a large number of the members will be present. Ill. John H. Murphy, of the Supreme Council is arranging for the transportation of the local bodies to Richmond over the York River Line, and it would be well for all who contemplate going to make it known in time so that ample accommodation may be provided. So far as we know up to the present the fare will be three dollars for the round trip, by boat and train. The boat leaves Baltimore at five o'clock P. M, arriving in Richmond the next morning.

The Imperial Council of Council of the A. A. E. Order of the Mystic Shrine will meet at the same place on the conclusion of the meeting of the Supreme Council and as most of the memmers of one are members of the other a large turn out of both Orders is expected.

NO SYMPATHY FOR OUTRAGERS

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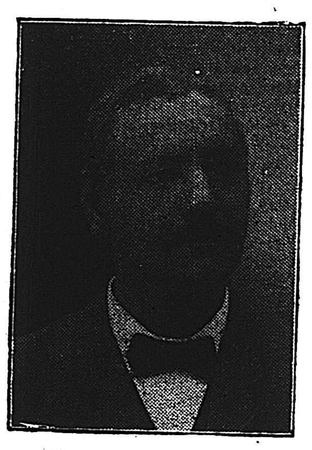
ed to members of our race; and no matter if the persons against whom those charges are made do come from the lowest element of the race, there is room to consider whether or not we have made sufficient effort to restrain that element tnat is bringing disgrace to the race and shame upon the country. I am sure there is no sympathy in the breast of any true man for the wretch who has fallen so low as to commit an outrage against any woman. It should be the verdict of all true men that every woman shall be safe from the attack of any brute, black or white, no matter whether she be in her quiet home in town or city or walking along a country road. Every man everywhere should be made to know that to commit an assault upon the innocent womanhood of the country means that the strong arm of the law is to be exercised upon him without reserve. I say law, for I am unalterably opposed to mob violence, and consider mobs more dangerous to good, potent government than any other form of government. . . . .

"The negro ministers of the country have perhaps succeeded as no other class of men. We may trace, without prejudice, most of the success which has come in our race enterprises directly to the almost unlimited influence of the negro preacher. Nearly all the school of prominence, church and other Christian institutions were built by their leadership. Nearly every other enterprise has had their aid.



REV. J. C. JACKSON.

"It is said, 'The race is to be what it makes itself,' and in the regeneration process to take place in uplifting the masses the ministers are to be the most potent factors. . . The minister is to lead them to get homes, farms, railroads, bank stocks, and to enter as rapidly as possible into all the commercial interests of the country, thereby laying anew the foundation for future generations. . . . Do not lose hope of the ultimate exultation of the race. True we are passing through the fires of persecution, but these may be of divine ordering for aught we know, that we may be brought nearer to Him who rules in the destiny of nations."

Dr. Morris then reviewed the success of the colored home and foreign missions.

In conslusion, the well-known Baptist minister said: "I believe that in the providence of God there will be worked out through our race in this country a far more exceeding weight of glory than has hitherto been attained, and not only shall the deeds of Africa's sons illumine and beautify the pages of history, but these sons will, by their spirit of endurance and good carry around the world the unfaltering truth that God is our Father and man our brother."

MRS. M. A. HOLMAN.

The convention will last one week and the sessions wil be held daily, from 10 A. M. to 1 P. M. and from 2.30 to 5 P. M. This afternoon's sessions will be taken up by the reports of the various Committees, while to-morrow, Friday and Monday and Tuesday of next week will be devoted to discussions on foreign and home missions, educational work, Baptist Young People's Union, and publication works. It is expected that next Saturday will be taken up by sightseeing and the delegates may make a visit to Atlantic City. In the evening a big concert will be rendered in the auditorium by a chorus of 500 voices, under the direction of John B. Whittington. The proceeds will be used to defray the expenses of the visiting delegates, which will amount to $7,000. On Sunday, September 20, from 9 to 11 A. M. Sunday-school services will be held. At least 5,000 persons are expected to be present. A special sermon will be preached at 11 A. M. A great foreign mission rally will occur at 3 P. M. at which six African delegates will be present, and preaching will take place at 7.30 o'clock in the evening. On the Wednesday following the annual election of officers will take place in the morning and afternoon. The convention will close with a big dinner, after which an informal reception of the delegates and their friends will take place. Special efforts are being made to have this function a memorable one for all the participants.

After the address the attention of the meeting was turned to missionary work in foreign fields and reports from the missionary societies were read by the Rev. L. G. Jordan, D. D. corresponding secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, and others, among whom were six African delegates.

Every delegate is a graduate of

REV. C. H. PARRISH, D.D.

some one of the eighty schools founded by Northern philanthropists for colored people, or schools started by the colored graduates themselves, and which are the outgrowth of the educational movement among negroes. The convention represents five-eighths of the ten millions of colored worshippers in this country. Delegates will arrive from Africa, the West Indies, and various points in South America.

While the older body began its labors, the Ladies' Auxiliary also began its session this morning, and was presided over by Mrs. S. W. Layton. Their object is to devise ways and means of raising money to carry out the workings of the national body.

In the evening, after a song service in which a chorus of 500 mixed voices took a conspicuous part, the annual sermon was delivered by Rev. Joseph A. Booker, of Little Rock, Ark. His subject was "Material and Spiritual Aim in Our Mission Work." Foreign missions will again engage the attention of the convention this morning, and this afternoon and evening home missions will be considered.

Hundreds of women delegates convened in another part of the Exposition building for the sessions of the Woman's Auxiliary, which has to do with the raising of funds to aid the work of the larger convention. A business session was held in the afternoon, with Mrs. A. E. Wilson, of Kansas City, in the chair, and in the evening the annual sermon was delivered by Rev. C. H. Parrish, president of Eckstein Norton University, of Louisville.

The following delegates were present from South Africa: The Rev. F. Solani, Port Shepstone, Natal; the Rev. P. Muggibisa, Zumbu, East Guqualand, Cape Colony, and the Rev. F. B. Mdodana, Cape Town. Other foreign delegates included the Rev. Dr. Agbebi, Lagos, West Africa; Mr. John Drake and Mr. Hoadler, of Barbadoes, British West Indies.

Under suspension of rules Rev. E. C. Morris was re-elected president of the convention.

REV. J. J. CAMPBELL.

NEGRO EDITOR SUED.—The Editor of the Austin Herald, a Negro journal, has been sued by the Southern Pacific Railroad for the sum of $10,000 damages, on account of divertion of trafic from that road to another road to the Baptist Convention, by an advertisement in his paper.

NOTICE.—At the Y. W. C. A, special program Sunday Sept. 20th, at 5 P. M., under the auspices of the Willing Worker's department, Miss Harriet Swann President. Mrs. Delia Washington will render a solo. All are invited.

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