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BALTIMORE, DECEMBER 10. '04 CHRISTMAS AND THE CHURCHES.

The Press of the South, and int many cases, the North as well, is hard at work endeavoring to convince President Roosevelt that it is cludes an offering of our money, as far better for him and Congress to have as little to say about the dis- duty so evidently plain that it is! franchisement of Negroes in the hoped all will gladly perform the South as possible. Some of the Washington correspondents have gone so far as to say that the bills ! recently introduced in Congress by Senator Platt and others were only introduced as buncome and not for any real purpose. That the best neighbor as thyself." He illustrated i mering to do is to let the South take. care of this matter as best suits it. They know better than any one else what to do with the Negro, and he can be safely left to hisbest irunils! [1] White supremacy must be maintained, and the South knows how to do ; it. So the President and Congress i needs to keep their hands of.

THE SHAME OF IT.

pardoning power has been used to soul are more favorable than while The World. The Flesh. The Devil liberate persons who have been con- the man is hungry. It is a very great victed of crime and serving out terms | mistake to conclude that the concern of sentences both in Federal and of our churches should be exerted State institutions. In very sew in- only along strictly spiritual lines. stances is the pardoning power call. The Blessed Master, now the Savior. ed in question, for the very simple but later the Judge. has distinctly reason that those pardoned or re- enunciated that the basis of the final, prieved have been able to bring judgment shall be with respect to strong influence to bear upon the bodily acts rather than spiritual. He powers that be. But as a rule, the speaks of being hungry, naked, sick weak and habitual criminal have and in prison. He passes judgment! very little show for mercy, and con- with respect to the meeting of these sequently must serve out their sen- necessities, or the failing to meet; tences, whatever they be long or them. Clearly, then, it is the indis-

United States was called on to use necessities of its poor members. his influence in having the sentence | c n not disregard this duty, or leave; of death on a colored man in Can-lits performance to the Charity Orada, commuted to imprisonment for | ganziation | Society, the Salvation life. It is said that it was done at the | Society or philanthropic citizens. It instance of his father who is a Bap. may not be altogether improper for tist preacher. For showing this act various organizations in local conof mercy to one of the despised race gregations to band together to raise he is called in question by a former money for organs, church improve-United States Ambassader to Ger- ment, a new suit of clothes for the many, Hon. Andrew D, White. who pastor, and the like, but it is abso-! thinks because the crime of murder lutely incispensione that they should is more prevalent in this country consult for the proper care of their than any other save Sicily, that the poorer brethen who are praying to President erred in using his influence God for relief. The Almighty is lookfor this particular Negro, and it is ing to the local congregations to because he was a Negro, that Mr. answer such prayers. "Whoso hath White thinks he ought to Lave paid this world's goods, and seeth his b: other in need, and shutteth up his the penalty of his act.

Several cases of this kind have re- compassion from him how dwelleth cently occured in this city, where the love of God in him?" the presiding judge has selt called upon to give a Negro prisoner a very giving to a few poor persons does severe sentence, forsooth, because not meet the requirment. this particular crime must be broken up, and the penalty fell most severe-ation and organization to system-Iy on the Negro, not because he is the atically do this work laid upon the only one who commits these crimes, church. The Psalmist does not say per. but Negroes must be taught that if "Blessed is the man that giveth to they will commit crimes like white the poor and needy" but "blesseth people, they must not expect any is the man that considereth' etc. A Jeniency from either judge or jury. man may give just to get rid of a We are in sympathy with every person, but he who considers, looks) move to lessen crime, but in these into and examines the subject, will i cases like all others, let all criminals not only give, but by the fixed habit suffer in the same proportion. If will soon realize in himself that "It any particular crime becomes too is more blessed to give than to re-

prevalent, then let every man who ceive.', commits this crime suffer the extreme!

aside in order to see the color of a | ful investment. As God has comcriminal before deciding as to what manded it, He will surely bless all shall be his penalty.

THE SOUTHERN PROBLEM.

It has been the contention of the best class of colored people for many years that the solving of the race address themselves to this work, and question lay not so much with the persons hitherto indifferent towards Negro as with the white man. And religion will be brought into closer while it has been a fact well known and vital touch with the Master, beto every observer, who would for cause when they were hungry, and one single moment allow his own naked, and sick, God's children minsober judgement to have full sway, istered unto their necessities. The that social equality has not been at love of Christ, whose birthday we all one-sided. The Negro has not are about to celebrate, ought to con-stances has made strong and persis- vindicate the fact that they

And now comes Judge George An-Postage Prepaid by Publishers. | derson, of the Circuit Court of Mississippi and lays the whole thing JUDGE SPEER AND COOPERATION My sister Alinda wants the same I clase bring me a drum, horn, gun bare. Not only does he call public attention to the facts as they exist but condemns them in unmeasured terms. It is a great pleasure to note, however, that he gives the race credit Speer. George for his bold and All articles sent to this office for | for their efforts to raise themselves | courageous words in the interests of | Dear Santa Claus: to a higher standard of morality,

and urges help in that direction. proposition is becoming more serious | ever. we desire to say, suggested to resulting from this condition of alin the office by Weduesday to insure fairs. There can be no question as to this matter, for right here in this a calamity that public opinion at the city it is a hard matter, in many in- South will not tolerate colored men. stances for a respectable colored gir! however well qualified, on the police to maintain her respectability in and detective force. When the mass- February but I am a big boy. THE AFRO-AMERICAN LEDGER, 307 St. this kind have come under the notice as a rule, judge, jury, court officers, of these who are engaged in the and police are all of the dominant morality among the young women

> of our race. The things Judge Anderson calls attention to are well worth considering by the better element of both.

Of course, everybody should cele-1 Christmas by going to church and worshipping, and worshipping inwell as ourselves, to God. This is a

But, at present, we are concerned a with another phase of the matter. The feast of Christmasis an objective 'illustration of the second Commandment of Christ "Thou shalt love thy how by giving himself for the saving of the world. But, participation in this saving by all people is only rendered possible by the loving obedra ence to those who are saved carry up the disorderly element among! Please bring me some nuts for ing the light to their sellow man. i. Man is composed of body as well a: of soul. The body has needs as well! as the soul. The salvation of Christ HAD FOUR ENEMIES has to do with the body as well as with the soul. When one has put bread into a hungry man's stomach i In any number of instances the then the chances of reaching his

pensible duty of each individual con-Recently the President of the gregation to look after the bodily

A dinner on Christmas cr Thanks-

What is needed is distinct consider-

Justice has, in these days, a very gation to act as we have indicated. peculiar way of slipping her bandage | How? Obedience is always a fruit-I those, in this world, as well as the next, who think it worth while to put forth an honest endeavor to do as he has commanded them. If our churches desire prosperity both material as well as spiritual, let them

OF THE RACES.

cause they love the brethren.

The whole Negro race ought to, feel most greatful to Judge Emory justice and fair play. Flsewhere we publish a clipping of the Judges ad- 1 live on the old Frederick Road, near and a skate too. The Judge thinks that the sevant dress. There is just on thing how-

lus after reading the address. We regard it as nothing short of

difference upon the part of many Don't forget nuts and candy. worthy colored men in cooperating with those operating the law. Upon the assumption that the best white people of the South are intensely in Dear Santa Claus: parnest in securing justice to ail o: whatever color they may be, it gum boots, some candy, a bycicle shoes. I am six years old. would seem manifestly just as well as proper, that they should interest themselves in seeing that decent, cempetent, honest and honorable colored citizens are appointed on the Treat Santa Claus. police and detective force in communicies where the colored popula- some candy. tion is enormously large. Such an act would be a genuine guarantee of equal and exact justice and would certainly enlist the heartiest cooper. My Dear Santa Claus: policy would be to the best interest Please don't forget, of the community, since colored men themselves, clothed with the insignia of the law could, and would better than any others, detect and break, Dear 2001 Santa Claus.

TO CONTEND WITH.

their own people.

And The Democrats -- Notwithstanding All These Much Im-

provement Is Noted Along All Lines of Religious Worship.

We have just closed up the third of shoes. round on the Washington District. The work has advanced in some parts of the district, we had, four crimes to contend with this quarter, namely-the world, the flesh, the Devil, and the Democrats, but you know what happended on November 8 President Roosevelt and Mr. Mudd live in our district.

We dedicated a ..ew church in N. E. Washington in September, Rev. C C. Brown, pastor. We dedicated a new church in N. W. Washington, December 4. Rev. S. H. Norwood, pastor, Bishop Cranston was present. Sandy Springs has been blest with a glorious revival 26 conversons, Rev. R. F. Lawson, pastor. A new congregation has been organized at Burnt Mills, Montgomery Co, a lot has been purchated, and a corner stone laid for a new church, Rev. Samuel Cole, pastor. Shiloh has been blest with a good revival, and 'the benevolent collections raised, Rev

Daniel Wheeler, pastor. St. Mary's charge has been blest with a good revival, 34 conversions many of which were from the Roman Catholi: Church, Rev. B. B. Boyce pastor. The Sunday School and Epworth League are advancing, and the health of the people is good. Many of our members and friends own their homes, and read your pa-Yours in Christ,

A. YOUNG, P. E. 1100 Druid Hill Ave., Balto., Md.

Reward for Inventive Mind. The inventive mind of William ceived the idea of improvising a bag to carry chestnuts in. He tied cord about the ankles of his trousers, filled his apparel and managed to waddle home with twenty-seven quarts of fine

Received In The Afro-American Mail Bag-What Some et the Little Readers Of The Afro-American Want.

Our mail bag was greatly swelled this week by letters from our young readers to Santa Claus We are glad to see the interest manisested, and while all the letters may not appear this week all of them will surely appear next week in time for Santa Clause to receive them. It is to be hoped that if he forgets any one he will not forget the little readers of this paper.

Catonsville, Dec. 13 | to school.

Dear Santa: Please seud me a Macintosh coat, an umbrella, a pair of kid gloves, Dear Santa: things. We also want some story soldier cap, a pair of gum boots and books. From your little girl, Bernice W. Rich

Catonsville, Dec. 18. Dear Santa Claus:

Rolling Road, Catonsville. I am Papa s man and want a box of tools a smoke car, and a set of new harness for my goat. My goat runs Dear Santa Claus: John W. Rich. Jr.

SOMETIMES HE FORGETS. moue them with the idea that they I try to be good but sometimes I I want a pair of boots, a sled, justly by the law. Hence, great in- desk, horse stable and steam boat. a drum. ALLEN JONES, 337 St. Paul street.

and an express wagon. SAMUEL TILGHMAN 2108 Division St.

Please bring me some nuts and please. I am 6 years old.

STERLING EDWARDS, 1524 Wilson St.

CLARENCE COLBERT. 1824 Patterson Ave.

Christmas, and a sled. WILLIAM EDWARDS. 1524 Wilmer alley.

Dear Santa Claus: drum and a little soldier.

LEON FAULKNER. 2440 Etting Street

Dear Santa: Please bring me a doll.please bring me a carriage, piease bring me a blackboard, please bring me a pair Dear Santa I am six years old. QUEEN E. PAYNE.

Dear Santa Claus: I am six years old, and won't you teacher said I was too small. please bring me a doll baby and car- FLORINA HENRIETTA KELSON, ringe and a set of dishes

MABEL BUTLER.

Dear Uid Santa Please bring me a fire engine, an years old and live 1368 Woodyear express wagon and a sled. That's street. Good bye, all! I am six years old.

WALTER YOUNG. 616 Cellett St. Dear Santo Claus: I live at 1 Merrymans lane and I

hox agun and a sled. ROBERT MATTHEWS. Dear Santa: Please bring me a horn, a wagon, a soldier cap, a suit of clothes, a

a big rocking horse. JOHN MATTHEWS 114 Merrymans lane.

hook and ladder, a drum, a sled and

I am a little girl twelve years old, and I need a few things, also I hope I will get them. They are a pair of stocking holder, corset body and two pair of stockings and that will

Dear Santa Claus:

JEANNETTE ROGERS, 1216 Etting street.

Crust, of Greenfield, 12 years old, con- My dear and very dear Santa Claus: as I am only twelve years old and the only little girl my mother has, well-I might as well say I am the only child, I'think Mr. Santa Claus when you are distributing your gifts work.

vou will please leave me a coat, a penalty, and not some poor Ne- from even a selfish standpoint, it will Letters to Santa Claus pair of boots, a pair of shoes, and greatly pay each and every congrewith. I remain yours,

LILLIAN ECKELS, 1214 Etting street.

My Dear Santa Clause: I am a little hoy-nine rears old only want a coat, a suit and a sled. I am vours,

HOWARD JONES, 1214 Etting street.

Dear Santa Claus: I am six years old and live at 1404 lowed to work it. Riggs avenue. Please bring me a sled, a wagon and some nuts and a

hook and ladder.

OSWALD HAMMOND.

Dear Santa: a fire engine with two horses, a pair ript. of ice skates, and some cakes, nuts and candy. I am 5 years old and go NELSON RINGGOLD, 1616 Riggs avenue.

ROYAL EVANS, a foot ball.

Please bring me a sled, a gun and My name is John W. Rich, jr., and a wagon and a slate and a drum! fields.

> WALTER WILLIAMS. 2204 Fulton Terrace.

522 Jefferson street.

away with me but I can hold him. I Please bring me a suit of clothes. number more than 59,000 cannot read also want some building blocks. I a pair of boots, a pair of shoes, a wont be three years old until next gun, hook and ladder, a druw and a horn. I am 6 years old.

JOSEPH CONAWAY, 4 Merrymans Ave.

Dear Santa Claus:

will be treated absolutely fairly and forget. Please bring me a velocipede, some nuts, a nice wagon, a horn, and JAMES COSTLEY. 606 Collett St.

> Dear Old Santa: I live at 3252 Barclay street, and I want you to bring me a bady dol! l'lease bring me a sled, a pair oi bed, a sled and a little pair of doll

> > MARY MORRIS.

Dear Santa Claus. Please bring me a sled, a wagon, a drum, hook and Jadder-boys's

LOUIS HARRISON. 5 Reese street,

My Dear Santa Please bring me a drum, a doll, a ation of all worthy colored citizens. Won't you please bring me a sled baby's bed, a horn, a carriage: a There can be no doubt that such a and some nuts and a wagon too. little pieno, a pair of gum boots, a grown up on the west side of the Atpair of girl's leggings, a big rocking horse, music box, organ and black-. board. I am 7 years old.

ELLA BOYKIN, 1400 Earclay street.

Dear Santa Clause:

bring me a pair boots, a pair of French, Spanish, and German were gloves, a doll's head, a nice blue or far ahead of English in the number red macintosh and a sled for Christ- of persons who used them as a vehi-I would like to have a play horse mas presents. I am a little girl 11 cle of speech. But in the lapse of and a cart. I want some note and a years old. I would like very much time English has passed all of them to have these things, and I know that you are very busy getting your than is any other civilized tongue. little girls and boys ready for Christmas. I remain yours

> JEANNETTE JOHNSON. 1234 Etting street.

Please bring me a doll baby and from a central plant and motors for carriage and some candy. Please threshing grain, grinding of flour, 11 Merrymans lane, bring my dear little brother George | pumping of water, etc., are rented to a high chair. I am five years old proprietors, who find that the work and I wanted to go to school but

1370 Carey street

3212 Barclay street. Dear Canta Claus: Will you please bring me a horse and wagon and a horn, I am three

MILTON MAKALL.

Highest-Salaried Rabbl. Rabbi J. Leonard Levy of the Congremon Rodolph Shalom, Pittsburg, am seven years old. Please bring has been reengaged for a period of me a drum, a suit of clothes, a music five years at an annual salary of \$12, 000. His present contract has eight teen months yet to run before the five-year engagement is begun. The salary is the largest ever paid a He brew rabbi on a limited contract in the history of the world. Rabbi Levy went to Pittsburg three years ago from Philadelphia at a salary of \$7. 00). A year later this was increased to \$8,000, and last year to \$10,500. He is prominent in charitable and reform work of all kinds.

Child Hero Saved Brother.

The story of a child's heroism comes from Blackburn, England. house occupied by a papermaker named Neil was gutted by fire the other two children in the yard, the elder of whom, a tiny lad of five, named James, said, that awaking and finding thebed in flames, he ran down stairs but hearing his little brother Harry. aged two, crying, he returned and car ried him out of the house. The baby however, was severely burned. Both father and mother were away at their

NOTES AND COMMENTS:

By common consent the new battleship. New Jersey will be assigned to the mosquito fleet, the Chicago Tribune declares.

assertion that pumpkin pies are filled with microbes. We'l, it shows that the microbes have good taste.

A genius has invented a safety shaving brush. It is said to work beautifully if only the barber is al-

A riter in the Brooklyn Eagle calls Lake Chelan in the State of. Washington the most beautiful sheet of water on the continent; yet how many people east of the Rockies ever Please bring me an express wagon, heard of it? asks the Boston Trans-

> It is true, though, that in the United States divorce has grown so prevalent in the last generation as almost to constitute a condition of !imited marriage for those who want it, sales Harper's Weekly.

> Pipelines are to be laid by the Sundard Oil Company from Red Fork, I. T., to the oil fields near Florence and Boulder, Colo. If the plan works with success, extensions will be made from Denver to the Wyoming oil

> A student of the population of the anthracite region of Pennsylvania reports that there are 630,000 people, inhabiting that section, of whom 430,-000 are foreign-born. Of this latter

Copper mining once flourished in Ireland. The Ballymurtagh mine, in Wicklow County, averaged 6,000 tous of copper pyrite per annum between 1840 and 1843. Desultory prospecting is going on at the present day in

After three months' trial of the results of blacking out the betting news from the newspapers in Ermondsey (London) public library, it has been decided to continue the practice, on the ground that it excludes an unde-

The American Rhodes scholars are winning honers in athletics at Oxford. It is to be hoped, says the New York Tribune, they will do equally well in the chief thing for which Oxford stands, which may be embodied in the Horatian maxim—"Respice, aspice, prospice"--Look back on the days that have passed, look on the aspect of the present day, and look also into the future.

lantic which has done, and is doing, more than the parent country to give the tongue a world vogue, says the Chicago Tribune. Two-thirds of the people who speak English live in the United States. The industrial and commercial conquests which this country is gaining tell in favor of its I write to you to ask you to please! people's tongue. A century ago and is spoken by more people today

> The application of electricity to general agriculture has been successfully made in southern France and has been followed in Germany on an even greater scale, states the Cleveland Leader. Power is provided can be more quickly and cheaply done than by the use of horses. The application of electricity to growing seeds has been found exceedingly advantageous, such use of the subtle agent having been first made by the experiment station at Amherst, Mass.

There has existed, and still exists to some extent, a false sentiment that labor is degrading or belittling, observes the Cincinnati Enquirer. The contrary is true. An ideal condition of society can come only when every member of it recognizes that he is bound to exercise whatever skill or strength or faculty he possesses to its full capacity, not selfishly or for the sake of gain merely, but for his own happiness and development and for the benefit of all. And there should be no restriction on any one, either legal or social or through association, in regard to his labor or its fruits. If by patient application for natural endowment a man possesses more skill than his fellow or if he chooses to be more industrious he is entitled to the full benefit of it.

In a sensible comment upon Mr. George Meredith's recent remarkable opinion advocating a limited term for marriages. Harper's Weekly sates 4,316 decrees of divorce were gralied the fact that in the State of O during the six months ending Jul 1904, leaving 11,368 applications pe ing. That, remarks the Weekly, most constitutes a condition of line. ed marriage for those who want "The great defence of permanent m rlage," concludes the writer, "lies n in the law, nor even in the churche but in the enormous inconvenience d changing partners, and in the fact that permanent marriages are so much the best"