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We are having all kinds of weather just now, and the weather man is not receiving any boquets these days exercise of the suffrage on the idenfor the many varieties of weather he is giving us.

The holidays are over and folks are getting back to the regular hum drum of existence. We hope all our friends have had a pleasant time and a fine outlook for the coming year.

Ports of assaults on women by white men recently, it would seem that is about time our white friends had let up about Negroes being the only people who are guilty of these it samous crimes. Not less than three aggrivated cases were reported last week, and every one of them by sitions. As he sees it, only the intelwhite men.

A colored man is supposed to have been lynched in Alabama a week or so ago on suspicion of having killed a white man whose body had been found some time ago in the race," out of its magnanimity may woods dead. There was absolutely nothing to connect the death of the white man with any action, however remote with the colored man. The dead man was anything else but a peaceable citizen but on the contrary the colored man was and was mistaken, but they, undoubtedly, are as valuable as ever. also well liked by the neighbors gen- have ground for their view of the erally. Now what excuse was there for lynching this man? Will our Southern friends please walk up and explain.

January bids fair to make up for evasion leave him with an impression lica through patronage of the race- ing always bring together a large was spin. any shortcomings on the part of equivalent to the same. The barber track, Following this comes an concourse of members of the Craft, Miss Gertrude Hamilton of Free- our local dailies expresses the follow November and December. Several who shaves a white Democrat gives account of timely interest in view of generally running up into the hun mont avenue, gave a reception to a ing very sensible thoughts: "How have been reported since the new him, in conversation, the best rea- the impending fall of Port Arthur. dred. A parade will be one of the number of her friends on Thursday many men there are who wish the year came in. Two colored men in sons why every Negro should vote Richard Maury has written a grapic features of the session. Masonary evening. The evening was spent in had followed such advice. In the rest Arkansas were lynched for attempt- the Democratic ticket. The same account of the seige of Sevastopol, means something to the sellows down ing to assault a white man. Mind barber when he shaves a Republican which in many respects resembles in Florida. It is understood that hour refreshments were served. you, they did not commit an assault is us equally enthusiastic with res- that of Port Arthur, and the text is quite a large class will be carried up only attempted one. Highly civilized pect to the chances of that party. I fully illustrated from contemporary to the Thirty-second degree, A. A. those American people are. No na- Hence, the same Negro has given an prints. But of still greater moment Scottish Rite. Taken altogether the now worshiping in Nazarite Hall, to escape. They go eagerly away, no tion an earth can compare with entirely different impression to each is a description of the battle of Liaothem. And the more civilized they one, who, in turn, congratulates him yang, last August, by a Japanese become the cheaper human life. There as the most sensible Negro he has officer who was in the thick of the is no country in the world where ever met, He gave to each, not the fight. No report received from the human life is cheaper than in this truth, but the arricle each one was seat of war has been so stirring as country. Great is American civiliza- looking for.

"RETRIBUTIVE JUSTICE."

up over a column of space in an edi- lawyers, publishers, educators and other features of the magazine intorial on "Retributive Justice" as it | the like, who have studied the same | clude an attractively illustrated arregards the Russians and Port Ar- books on moral philosophy and ticle on "Parisan Pedlars and their thur. It is a high sounding and in ethics, as the leaders among the Musical Cries," "A Memory of Dion every way a splendid article and can dominant race, are far from being Boucicault," by Clara Morris: "Our be read with a great deal of pleas- like the little Irish girl who said. Consuls," by John Alfreth Watkins. certain Baptist preacher of this city, Miss Roberta Sheridan, superin enure. But has the Constitution any 'Faith is that faculty by which we Fiction by Cyrus Townsend Brady who preaches in a very strenuous tendent infant department; Miss L... idea that retributive justice will ever can be leve a thing to be true when Ralph Henry Barbour, Cosmo Ham- fashion, was setting forth the beau- vinia Clash, assistant; T. A. Luca, overtake the South on account of its we know that it is not true," infamous treatment of the Negro? These do not know how to agree | Wilson Dodd and Lollie Bell ous and vivid language on last Sun- retary; Miss Amelia Brown, assist- does not make haste to return and

P ssibly not. that Russia has not selt that there the presence of the truth, they em- series is continued with "The Manu-

attributes the whole matter to the and artful dodgers? Have we no! CHIPS FROM THE fortunes of war. Persons, as a rule, faith in the ultimate triumph of

it will, and the best way to avoid it (hood. .. One Dollar. is not to get in the way of it.

FOR THE TRUTH. The Columbia, S. C. State, among other questions, in discussing the Negro problem, asks the question says a contemporary: "Is it not of Entered at the Baltimore Post Office greater profit to him (the Negro) to have a big stomach than a swell

We take issue with what is insinuated by such an utterance. The question of what is right and just is one entirely different from the question of a "full dinner pail." It is infinitely of greater profit for the Ne-We are nor at all unmind!ul of the fact that in the South, many of the dominant race identify the educated, moral and industrious Negro as a case of "swell head" while on the other hand they regard as a model and high class Negro, he who seemingly agrees with them in their es-Advertising rates made known timate of things generally. Now as a matter of fact all the Negroes of the South, of every class, worthy of any respect whatever are practically agreed, and are as one voice with respect to certain fundamental

1. Every Negro is entitled to the BALTIMORE, JANUARY 7, 1905, enjoyment of all the civil rights pertain to every man, whatever may be his race or color.

2. Every Negro is entitled to the tical conditions as apply to others who exercise the same. 3. Every Negro is entitled to get !

all the education he can use to advantage just in the same way as applied to all other men. Now we maintain that there is

hardly a respectable Negro in the South, outside of the Lunatic Asylum' who does, not, from his heart, be-Judging from the many newspaper lieve in and accept every one of the above propositions.

a Southern white man, there is a persons throughout the South wholk do not assent to the above propowhile the great body of colored Rafford Pyke. The illustrated artime. people, cheerfully accept the doctrine ticles include ore on Pearls by S. that they make up an 'inferior race' Hazen Bond, "The Story of Dresden that must always enjoy as much of the above privileges as the "superior | ... see fit to bestow upon their "inferior" brethren.

situation? How are we to reconcile these contradictory positions?

and that is, whatever may be their all, has done a real service to the is expected to deliver an address. real convictions with respect to con- to the country by printing Mr. The meeting of the Grand Lodge and and Mr. Taylor. troverted questions, always avoid a David Graham Phillips' article "The of Florida is an event in whatever

class of Negroes, those who are the ner entirely novel to American readnatural leaders of the race, or a large ers, since it is permeated with the The Atlanta Constitution takes section of them, such as doctors, fatalistic attitude towards life. The

to everything spoken either by a Burtz, and a full page illustrat- hay night, that one of his listeners ant secretary; Mrs. Hattie washing- remedy his mistake. The time will Up to the very present moment Southern of Northern. Their natu- ed poem by Uliver Herferd. "The became so enraptured that he ran ton, librarian loss of Port Arthur, of which she conflict. What shall we do? Shall Frederick S. Hall. The whole num- the strength of three ablebodied men entirely by the members of the Sunrollbed Japan a sew years ago, and all of us become a race of hypocrites ber is extensively illustrated.

who are engaged in robbing others, truth? If we are to serve as leaders whether that robbery consists of of an oppressed people, we must do cheating a people out of their God- our utmost to emancipate them given rights or stealing fortresses or from lying, deceit, hypocrisy and shipful United Grand Lodge, F. & A. any other kind of theivery, are not finnkeyism. If there be among us Masons will assemble in Grace Pres- corner Dolphin and Etting street,

the ones who are looking for or ex- those who believe that we are an in- byterian church, Dolphin and Etting pecting retributive justice, and when ferior creation and God has ordained street and listen to a sermon to be it does come look not upon it in that our eternal subordination to the preached to them by the Venerable white man, then we ought to encour- Bishop, Brother James Anderson We are glad, however, that the age them to speak forth with bold- Handy, D. D. Constitution recognizes that there is ness their convictions, and not whissuch a thing as retributive justice, per it in the ears of the white man | Craft has had the pleasure of listenwhich after all only means that in at the kitchen door, or secretly dis ing to this distinguished divine and due time every one will come into credit their own brethren who are venerable brother of the Crast, and that which is their just right, wheth- honest and outspoken in their con- there is sure to be a big turn out on er it means reward or punishment. victions with respect to that hereti-this occasion. The day of retribution may come cal notion that degrades and dissoon or it may come late, but come honors the whole universal brother semble in the lecture room of the airing the winter. The pastors were

have both love and great respect for ance. the southern people. They are a part of the Brotherhood. But they are Chapter work seem to be booming aware of the stubbornness of such purpose rogative and right possessed by or the same.

### E LITERARY NOTES.

"The Twentieth Century Home" continues to be the sole magazine decome prominent through their own Chapters. efforts. The January issue has a well illustrated article describing the

very near to every woman. They are Commandery, No. 3, paid a flying And yet, from the point of view of "Some Women We Could Do With visit to this city and were enter China," by Maude Mason Austin; 'Amid Northern Spruce and Sea-Girt Rocks," one of Herbert K. Job's delightful nature articles with which magazine readers have recently be-How are we to account for such a come familiar. Fiction is contributed by Tom Masson, Florence Teignmouth Shore and L. Josephine Our white friends of the South are Bridgart. The various department

this, with its realistic picture of the On the contrary, the minority horrors of war described in a man-

Sunday afternoon the Most Wor-

It has been quite a time since the

The members of the Craft will aschurch at 2-30 o'clock p. m, and the In the perilous times in which we services will commence promptly at live we ask the question in good 3 o'clock. It is the wish of Grand SHALL WE CEASE TO CONTEND faith, "Shall we continue to coutend Master Tilghman that the members for the truth?" There can be but of the Grand Lodge and subordinate one answer to such a query. We Lodges be prompt in their attend-

> not the whole thing. Our rule in although the cold weather affects alall things, is to do unto them as we most every branch et the Order at would that they should do unto us. this time. A special meeting of Zer. We love them as we love ourselves. rubabel Chapter was held on New Curing conversions. We have great patience with their Year's day and a team was taken prejudices. We trust that they will from the fourth up. A special dispenexercise the same with us. Ve are sation having been procured for that

prejudice and how it must necessar- ' Celestial Chapter and Zion Chapily pass away. But God forbid in ter have a movement on foot to seour love for peace, and in our stren- cure the necessary paraphernalia to uous effort to get along together, properly costume all of their officers. hold that by Divine right, every pre- Chapters make the move it will not charge of the services. De long before the others will fall in them pertain equally to the whole line. As a rule these two Chapters brotherhood of which we are a part. take the lead in improvements, but Until truth is victorious we shall the others never allow them to get tion in this section of the county. his services on Sunday next. ions when this is done.

Companion Walker has instruc- Sunday. voted to the interests of women who tions to make some needed improvehave really a serious purpose in his ments will be made at the expense -whether it be motherhood, busi- of the Grand Chapter and will add gin next Sunday morning a series of ness, the arts or professions. Con- much to the comfort as well as the sermons on the prophets. They will siderable space is given each month pleasure of the officers, as well as no doubt prove interesting, as the to accounts of women who have be- facilitating the work of the several Dr. is one of the best pulpit orators

There is a strong bond of feliowtert Englishwomen play in their ship between the Sir Knights of this The Willing Workers' Christian corntry's politics, and in profession- jurisdiction and the Sir Knights of Association, an organization of allie there are sketches of Charlotte the jurisdiction of Delaware. So young women connected with Palineber-Ditzler, the illustrator, and much so that whenever the oppor- ist Baptist charch, Parrish street, cost \$15,000,000 have been sold for Die othy Doanelly, of Candida same. tunity affords they are to be found gave an interesting literary and \$386,000, and, strange to say, no one women of timely interest dis- the one visiting the other. On Mon- musical entertainment recently. Miss was hurt in the bargain rush, either used are Mrs. Charles Warren day last a number of the Sirs of Del- Maud Baskerville is president of the Chase French-who, judging from Fairbanks and Countess Grey. There aware, among whom were Sir Association. are a number of essays in this issue. Knights E. D. Spencer, B. L. Tomon or more of whose subject are linson and James Davis of St. James Calvert Hall; "The Growth of Self-Bland, Wilson Gross and C. A. Mur-

of Florida will open its annual ses- were given to the contestants among sion in the city of Ocala, on Tuesday the adults of the church, while a next. During the time of the session number of children received doll a monument which has been erected babies. Thirteen thousand tickets to the memory of the late Grand were gotten out for the occasion and Master Coleman will be unveiled. some of the contestants sold six and The oration will be delivered by Rev. seven hundred of them. Brother S. Timothy tice, of New York. Dr. Tice is a Floridian by birth, and was associated with evening by Miss Alice Jackson, of W. timesaver, being, in fact, the best so Grand Master Coleman for a num- Hoffman street, in the honor of Mr. cial and business lubricant in the matter. By far the large class of The January "Cosmopolitan" ap- her of yeaes. Most Worshipful and Mrs. George A. Bramaugh, of world. New York, pause a moment in Negroes in the South are pears in a new dress of type which is Grand Master E. W. Lampton, of Washington. Those invited were: your buffola-like career, and consider actuated with one dominant policy very attractive. Thislissue, first of Mississippi, will also be present, and Mr. and Mrs. Daly, Mr. and Mrs. the matter!

are a healthy set of chaps.

joyable events of the season was a services. reception given by Mrs. John Foote, to a sew friends, at her residence, 1124 Rutter street. Those invited were: Mesdames Luvenia Purvey, Margaret Wilson, Jane Slow, and Ida Hall. Misses Helen Puryey, Emma Taylor, and M. J. E. Adams. Messrs Alex. Gibson, Wm. Royster and Henry Diggs.

ilton, John Brisben Walker, Lee tus of Christianity in such vociter- treasurer; Mrs. Martha Wilson, sec- one is yet young that the wanders. to break his hold.

### AMONG THE CHURCHES.

Watch Meetings were held in neared. Sharp Street Memorial Church, Church. was crowced, persons waiting for the doors to be opened long before they were. The services were such' las are usual on such occasions. Even the staid Presbyterians held Watch Present. Night services, and they were also well attended.

Sunday, was a record breaker in the attendance on the services at the several churches, many of the congregations being the largest present all highly gratified to see so many of their members present. The new vear has surely started off well as far as the churches are concerned.

In nearly all the of the Methodist because they have brains, but because as well as some of the Baptist! churches revival services commenced! tews. with watch night services. These will continue for some time to come. Most of them will largely depend upon the success they meet with in se-

A mission sor deal-mutes has been started in the Whatcoat Epworth! Memorial church, corner Franklin and Pine streets Services will be held on Sunday evenings at 7.301 c'clock and also on Friday evenings at the same hour. Rev. D. E. Movthat we should sacrifice truth. We We are pretty such that if these two lan, a deaf mute minister, will have

Rev. D. Lycurgis Donnell, a gradu- ild. ate of Lincoln University, has been engaged to supply the pulpit of the contend earnestly and vigorously very far before they are in line with Madison Street Presbyterian church them. It will be quite an innova- for the next six months. He begins

We are pretty sure that it will add Rev. S. H. Brown, D. D., pastor of the Newport News Press. much to the interest of the Compan- John Wesley M. E. church, began a series of sermons to young men last,

> Rev. Dr. J. Albert Johnson, will bein this city.

A one cent encertainment was recently given by one of the combinaout," by Elizabeth M. Gilmer: "Navy tained by the following members of tions of Allen A. M. E. church, West general. tremendously large class of colored Women," by Anna Rogers; "How to the Pilgrimage Association: Sirs Lexington street, of which Mr. Geo. be a Successful Old Maid," by Eliza | Theodore Boone, Durias Giles, James D. Brent, was chairman. This entertainment netted \$65 for the York Times says: Politeness is suc! Restraint in Childhood, by M. V. phy. They left on the midnight church. One of the features of the a charming hing-why don't we praclectual classes assent thereto, O'Shea; "Talk and Conversion," by train having spent a most enjoyable entertainment was the giving away tice it more? Is there any one in this of ten and fourteen pound turkeys. community who has not had an experi The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge Nearly a dozen and a half turkeys ence with some polite, painstaking of

> A tea was given on last Sunday Washington, Mrs. Carter, Mr. Grant!

Not a single lynching was report- collision or conflict with the white! Delusion of the Race-Track," in city it meets. Each of the depart- Mrs. Charles Griffin gave a recept when the longing of youth will be ed during the month of November man. If he says the moon is made which he gives a very real and the tion at her residence, 1525 Ment- toward the farm rather than from it throughout the country. A splen- of green caese, either agree with ful picture of the corruption and evil election of officers takes place at the rose street, on Thursday evening of says Up-to-Da'e Farming. Speaking did record, truly, but the month of him out and out, or by a convenient resulting to the young men of Amer- same time. Consequently the meet- last week. An enjoyable evening of the advice so tersely given in the

various diversions, and at a late lessness of their youth and their ignor

Union Baptist church, which is confined, and as a thing from which Masons of the "Land of Flowers" will have prayer meetings at the necessarily to sorrow and death, to b houses of members of the church, sure, for many attain wealth am The meetings will be held on nights, same, but whether they miss or gair RECEPTION—One of the most en on which there are no regular church prizes in the big outside world the

day School of St. John's A. M. E. life there and has visions of even ye Church on last Wednesday evening, becoming the possessor of a few acre re-elected the following officers: J.H, and of getting back to the soil. If h Murphy, superintendent; Dr. L. H.; is rich he buys a farm and equips i Fenderson, assistant superintendent to suit his taste and his purse, derit Mrs. Rosa Richardson, Primary st- ing what pleasure he may from hi perentendent; Miss Mamie Wilson, occasional visits there. Perhaps n STRENUOUS PREACHING. - A assistant primary superintendent;

there is just the slightest probability al inquiry is? What is the truth? In Great Industries of the United State's out of the church and was found on The annual report of the secretahe corner hugging the lamp post ry and treasurer showed collections. the any retributive justice in the brace it any cost. Hence the present facture of Musical Instruments," by with such tenacity that it required amounting to \$356.62 contributed

Miss Amelia Augustus bas been elected pianist of Christ's Instilution, Ensor street, near Monument. sall the churches last Saturday Miss Augustus is a prominent memnight and as usual were well attend- ber of Sharp Street Memorial M. E.

> The Misses Gaskins of 1373 Calhoun street, gave a reception on Wednesday evening of last week, at which a number of their friends were

> Mr. E. L. W. Scott, the efficient chorister of Ames M. E. Churca, has been appointed chorister of the Epworth League of St. Paul's M. E!

> > NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Paderewski is coming over again to show us the latest style in scrambled hair, says the Washington Post.

thers haven't, says the Birmingham

A good many men make money not

hose make up their minds who don't now what they want, the Atchisonllobe avers. Secretary Morton says the Amerian navy has the finest enlisted men

of any in the world. Some of the offiers are pretty good, too, the Wasn ngton Evening Star rightly states. The new style of tight trousers will oring our local charros into fashion

igain. Also the creased trouser will

lave a rest, remarks the Mexican Her An English specialist announces hat he has discovered a remedy for lefective sight that will obviate the necessity for wearing glasses. Call it Anti-paine-in-the-face. Doctor, advises

A St. Louis man was struck by two trains before he could collect his houghts, and if he does not collect lamages he doesn't deserve to have

Naval demonstrations must be a ter rible bore to the Sublime Porte, thinks the New York Evening Sun. Hardly & month passes but it has to receive visi: from some squadron. Austria is the latest nation threatening to show the Sultan what the can do.

St. Louis World's Fair buildings that his name, might be of either Prussiar or English descent—has left a be quest of \$90,000 to buy medals for Bos ton public school graduates. Possibly he thought it wise to have them thus tagged as a warning to the world ir

A writer to the Editor of The Nev ficial or man of business? Let nin contract his feelings after this experi ence with those which filled his boson after an encounter with some rude, in different Jack in office. Seeing that we all appreciate good manners, it is really most extraordinary that so fev of us make an effort to acquire them Perhaps, being so busy a people, We think it takes times to be polite. Bu on the contrary politeness is a great

We believe sincerely there are

bright days for the farm life-day! heading of this article, and in an arti cle bearing the same head, one o ance of the world they look upon life on the farm as 'cribbed, cabined and time comes when they look yearning ly back to the farm where boyhoo days were spent. The one who is poo OFFICERS ELECTED-The Sun- regrets the lost independence of the one appreciates rural life as much a one who left it, and it may be the absence is needed to prove its advar tages and its charms. But it is a pit that when the lesson is learned while yet arrive when farming will be recog nized as an art and will be followed as. a profession. The things that the young find irksome will be fewer that now. The restless boy will make his journey while his years are few and will return satisfied to his home."