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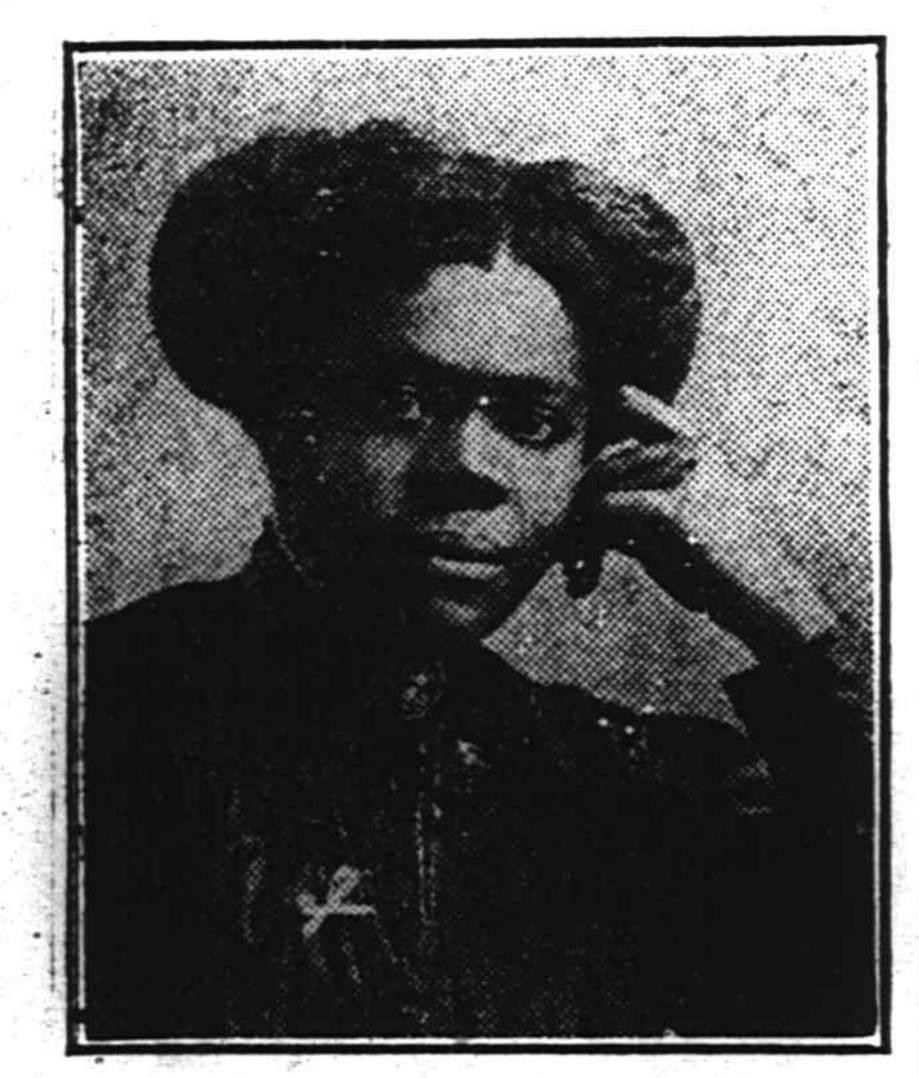
Daytona, Fla.-Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, principal and founder of the Daytona Normal and Industrial School For Girls, in this city, is one of the most notable characters of the race and a woman of unusual gifts for leadership. Her whole life has been one 2, Minneapolis, Minn., after bidding nection. He has had a varied career, the bubbling of gas or vapors underactuated by service to her race and fel- Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Herndon, his sis. Which has given him a large experi- ground. low women. She tells a thrilling story | ter, goodby and bon voyage aboard the | ence. Dr. Rankin has served in many of her efforts to build up her school | Carpathia, took ship for Havana to see | departments of the church, in each of and how she went to the black belt of Cuba during the rainy season, with R. which he has reflected credit upon him-Florida with \$1.50 in her pocket and M. R. Nelson of Lista, Havana, Cuba. self and the denomination. started a school which will come near He arrived June 10 and left Havana His service in the A. M. E. church making the name Bethune immortal. Her story is one of the brave heroine at work and one that would have planter and investor than any colored meant defeat to a person having less courage and pluck.

Mrs. Bethune was born in Mayesville, S. C. She was educated in the public schools of her native city and later attended Scotia seminary, an institution for the higher education of colored girls in Raleigh, N. C.

She graduated from Scotia in 1894. In further preparation for her life's work as teacher and missionary she took a course in Bible study and religious work at the Moody school in Chi-

Mrs. Bethune began her career as teacher in Kendall institute in Sumter, S. C., later going to Palatka, Fla., where she taught in the Presbyterian mission school for five years. It was while teaching at Palatka that Mrs. Bethune got the inspiration for the larger work which she was about to

enter. She saw in certain sections of the state young women sadly in need of education and other things necessary



MRS. MABY M'LEOD BETHUNE,

to make their lives ennobling. She at once set about to better their condition as speedily as possible. She went to Daytona, Fla., to begin her life work in 1894. Her ambition was to estabaim the higher and industrial education for girls and young women.

\$1.50 was the problem which confront- Aug. 4. This will be the principal nection. As presiding elder he was ed Mrs. Bethune. But this condition event for the month among the busi-These rooms were furnished with ma- ments to care for a large number of terial for beds and cooking utensils delegates and visitors. from friends in the neighborhood, who gave liberally after seeing Mrs. Beth- gether for mutual interchange nne's determination to succeed. The views, ideas and methods of world school began with five students.

time and winning the confidence of the see to what extent progress has been the general conference he was presidcommunity the school soon began to made along the various lines of indus- ing elder of Coranicani district in grow. Today it is one of the largest try that the officers of the company are Texas, where he was residing. In his and most flourishing institutions in the urging a large attendance at the com- home city he wields much influence south. The school has a student body | ing meeting. of 600 girls, 100 being boarding stu- The question of patronizing our busidents who come from various sections ness and professional concerns will re of the south. There are three splendid | ceive considerable attention from those buildings situated on twelve acres of who will read papers and take part in town. Dr. Rankin attributes a great land, which make an ideal campus. the discussions at the various sessions, The property valuation is about \$30,- | The promoters of the association be devotion of his wife, who manifests 000. From one teacher the school has lieve that to show the real effort and keen interest in his welfare. now a faculty of eight teachers, repre- achievements of the race in business, senting Fisk, Wilberforce, Hampton intelligence and worth to be a stronger ary secretary of the A. M. E. church and Pratt.

It has done much for the moral and lengthy resolutions which cannot be ops of the connection, who regard him intellectual improvement of the com- made effective. munity. In connection with her work as principal of the school Mrs. Bethune gives much time to the welfare of confidence and respect of the people. and home missionary work of the conthe women and children of the com- They are: President, T. L. Ballou nection. He is well posted on the munity. She has organized a wom- A. B. D. D.; vice president, Rev. F. work and in a statement recently said en's council, which has for its aim the Fielding; secretary. S. P. Savage; as that it would be his aim to further dediscussion of problems affecting home

Mrs. Bethune is spending the summer in the north, where she is soliciting funds with which to erect a girls' trades building and an infirmary. The

two buildings will cost about \$20,000. Mrs. Bethune states that it takes about \$9,000 a year to run the school. Thirty dollars will pay the expenses of a student for a year.

Tuskegee Institute Summer School. The summer school for teachers at the Tuskegee (Ala.) institute up to July 20 had an enrollment of 275 teachers. representing tifteen states. The special course for the Jeans fund workers proves to he a popular feature.

THE SITUATION IN CUBA.

Relation Between the Races Said Not to Be Serious.

Lista, Havana, Cuba.-There is no marked outward appearance of an estrangement between the races here. The majority of white Cubans have African blood in their veins, and President Gomez is one of them. Everybody who knows Cuban history knows that all who have eyes can see that the ery of white supremacy does Interesting Story of the Achieve- not amount to much. Estinoz had New Head Of Important Depart- an hour. They at first resemble a low more ignorant Jamaicans and Haitians among his followers in the recent uprising than Cubans.

White men are investing in Cuban land as though Santiago province did not exist. They know the value of the Platt amendment to Cuba's constitution, and the power of your Uncle Special to the Afro-American Ledger. Samuel's government. Cuba is destined to become an American protectorate if it is not actually annexed. The Latins cannot govern in the advanced modern way until they have been thoroughly untaught the misgoverning

methods of the Spaniard. W. E. Gillespie, Sta. F, R. F. D. No. days in Cuba seeking knowledge as a lunerant minister traveling through man from the United States.

From his report it is predicted that when Mr. Herndon, who is president of the Atlantic Mutual Insurance commany, Atlanta, Ga., returns from his three months' European tour in September, there will be formed by himself, Mr. Gillespie and several other well to do Negroes a company to take up some of the large tracts Mr. Nelson showed in Pinar del Rio.

Mr. Gillespie said if the married Negroes who are treated as brutes in the south would visit Cuba they could see enough if they looked to convince them that Cuba is teeming with opportunities which will enrich the investor and the husbandman.

THRIFTY BUSINESS TOWN.

What Afro-Americans Are Doing In New Rochelle, N. Y.

Always progressive and enterprising, the colored people of New Rochelle, N. Y., have forged ahead along many lines of industry within the past ten years. There has been recently opened fine summer gardens on Brook street, adjoining League hall.

The gardens are equipped with all the latest devices such as are used in up to date amusement parks. There is also an open air theater, where refined vaudeville shows are given by professional talent.

The liberal patronage which these enterprises are receiving from our people indicates growth in unity and race pride among us. Let business men consingle to the interests of their patrons as well as profit to themselves, and there will be fewer failures for want of proper support.

EDUCATORS AND BUSINESS MEN TO HOLD CHAUTAUQUA

Central Kentucky Organization Meets In Georgetown Aug. 4.

lish a school that would have for its | Georgetown, Ky.-The second annual meeting of the Central Kentucky and Industrial Institute of Mississippi, Chautauqua company will be held here which has since become one of the How to begin the work with only for one week, beginning on Sunday, strongest schools of the A. M. E. conwas not sufficient to discourage her, ness and professional people of this siding elder of the Houston district he for she soon succeeded in renting an community. The local committee on old abandoned house of five rooms. | entertainment has completed arrange-

The meeting is designed to bring tothose members of the race engaged in assisted in their development. When After struggling along for a long business and the professions. It is to be was elected to his present office at

The company is officered by persons C. Finsley, M. D.

Potent Factor In Community Life. The New York Historical and Literary society of St. James' Presbyterian church in New York, Rev. William R. Lawton, D. D., pastor, has had a most successful year. Speakers and lecturers of national repute have served on the program of the meetings

Lyon Leonard.

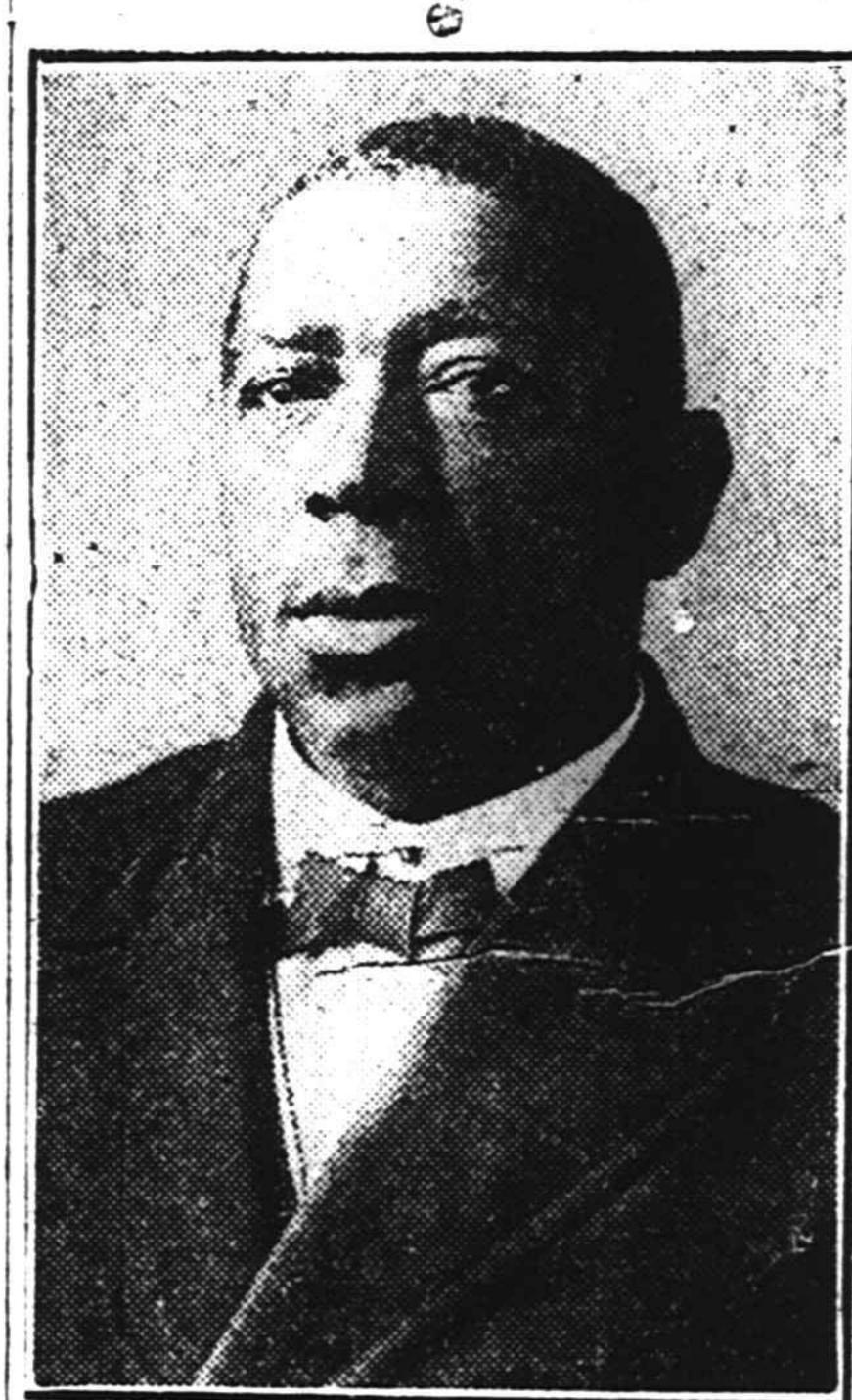
from month to month. The spirit of unlift has been felt throughout the community. Assistant Attorney Gen-

PRESIDING **ELDER** SECRETARY OF MISSIONS

ment Of A. M. E. Church-His Career as an Educator And Man of Affairs.

(Special to the Afro-American Ledger)

By CLEVELAND G. ALLEN. New York.-Rev. Dr. J. W. Rankin, who was elected missionary secretary of the A. M. E. church at the recent general conference, is one of the most widely known churchmen of the con-



REV. DR. J. W. RANKIN.

the rural districts of Mississippi. Dr. Rankin was born a slave in Demopolis, Miss. He was educated in the public schools of Clark county, Miss., where he had gone at an early age with his parents. He later attended Lemoine institute, after which he taught school in connection with his itinerant preach-

As a young man he worked also in the postoffice of Brookhaven, Miss., unduct their establishments with an eye der Percy Blackman, who was at that time the only colored postmaster in that section. He was ordained elder in 1879 by Bishop J. B. Campbell of Philadelphia. His first charge was crowned with much success, as he was especially effective as a revivalist. He then pastored successfully in Granada and Gravesport, Miss. He was made presiding elder in 1883 for the Mississippi district and developed the district to the extent that it necessitated making two districts.

He was the first principal and among the early founders of the Delhi Normal transferred to Houston, Tex. As premet with the same success that had crowned his efforts elsewhere. He remodeled the church at Wassex Station, Tex., which was dedicated by the late Bishop Grant in 1898.

Dr. Rankin as presiding elder gave much study to the small missions and and is regarded as one of the most substantial citizens of the community.

He owns considerable property located in the best section of his home deal of his success to the interest and

The election of Dr. Rankin as missionargument in favor of full manhood has been considered a wise one, and Since the establishment of the school | rights than mere oratory or adopting | especially commends itself to the bishas an able churchman.

As missionary secretary Dr. Rankin of known ability and who have the will have charge of both the foreign sistant, Miss M. Carter; correspondent, velop the department and to maintain Rev. W. C. Oster, A. M.; treasurer, H. its usual high standard. He is a man of much force and suggests the able hal. churchman and business man.

He takes a keen interest in all matters pertaining to the progress of the race. He is high up in lodge circles. The headquarters of the missionary department of the A. M. E. connection is at 61 Bible House, New York. The de- Record. partment is one of the strongest of the church and employs a force of three clerks. The missionary department of the church does an annual business of \$30,000 and has under its direction eral William H. Lewis was the prin- forty missionaries. Dr. Rankin succipal speaker at the June meeting of ceeds Rev. Dr. W. W. Beckett, who the organization. The musical program has been elected to the presidency of was conducted by Mme. Emma De Allen university.

A Curious Phenomenon.

A singular phenomenon occurs on the borders of the Red sea at a place called Nakous, where intermittent un-Internal derground sounds have been heard for an unknown number of centuries.' It is situated at about half a mile distant MADE feet. This reach is about eighty feet. wide and resembles an amphitheater. being walled by low rocks. The sounds coming up from the ground at | South 422 or South 396-Y. this place recur at intervals of about | Mount Vernon 5138 murmur, but ere long there is heard loud knocking somewhat like the strong as to agitate the sand. The explanation of this curious phenomenon given by the Arabs is that there is a convent under the ground here and that these sounds are those of the bell they call it Nakous, which means a bell. The Arabs affirm that the noise so frightens their camels when they hear it as to render them furious. Philosophers attribute the sound to suppressed volcanic action, probably to

Seventeenth Century Wagons. in England about the middle of the 106 E. Mulberry St. seventeenth century led to many July 7, after having traveled more dates back to 1878, when he was an abuses. In London they were known as "hell carts" on account of the hot time they gave the unfortunates inside. Their drivers were said to be "seldom sober, never civil and always late," and their size-copied by other vehicleswas such that when they broke down all traffic behind "was necessitated to stand stock still on most beastly deep, wet ways till it pleased them to jog on." During the reign of Charles II. parliament passed an act concerning the size of carts and wagons, with extremely heavy penalties for infringements, but when the act came to be applied it was discovered that the model prescribed by it was impracticable to such an extent that the judges gave directions not to enforce the act.

Prince Napoleon's Prophecy.

Prince Napoleon in 1870 was something of a prophet. When he heard of the emperor's declaration of war he hurried to St. Cloud and had a stormy interview with the emperor. He didn't hesitate to say, "It is the emperor who has brought this upon us." and the emperor, while offended at his frankness, admitted that "your presentiments perhaps correspond with mine." Then the prince fired his last shot and showed that, though he might go astray in many things, he knew of the weakness of France and the strength of Germany. He turned on his heel and, with that bitterness which he didn't hesitate to exhibit when occasion required, said: "So be it; so be it. Let us, however, make haste to pack our possessions, for we are already beaten." And so the result proved.

Old Beer Drinking Bouts. Whitsun week was once devoted to beer drinking bouts. During March malt or the money to purchase it was collected by the churchwardens, who brewed very strong ale, called "Whitsun ale." which was sold sometimes in the parish church, sometimes in the tithe barn or other convenient edifice. The proceeds were applied to the purposes afterward served by church rates and poor rates. Deddington, a charming little Oxfordshire town on the Cherwell, still preserves the memory of those bad old times. It is libelously styled "Drunken Deddington" by envious neighboring villages, from a foolish fable that the parishioners formerly sold their church bells to provide funds for "Whitsun ale."-Westminster Gazette.

Declining a Present. Sir Henry Irving made it a rule never to accept presents from strangers. and he was often hard pressed for sufficient excuses for declining. During the Russo-Japanese war a wealthy admirer of the great actor approached

"Pardon me, Sir Henry, but I wish to give you a present."

"What is it?" asked the actor.

"A Russian wolfhound." "Awfully sorry I can't accept it." replied Sir Henry, "but I'm a lover of peace, and I have a Japanese valet."

Horseless Carriages In 1645. In one of the letters of Grui Patin. written in 1645, the learned bibliophile says: "It is true that there is here an Englishman, the son of a French man, who proposes to make carriages that will roll from Paris to Fontainebleau without horses in a day. The new machine is preparing in the Temple.

If it should succeed there will be a great saving of bay and oats, which are at present extremely costly." Different From the Stage. "Why has the average production so

"The tired business man does not eare for intricate plays." "Sure about that? He seems to like 'em in baseball."-Kansas City Jour-

Not Rapid Enough. Wigg-You seldom hear of a woman who thinks before she speaks. Wagg-No: she would have to be a lightning

Both Ways. "It is a good idea, is it not, to invest in real estate?"

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calculator to do that.-Philadelphia

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