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## The Right Ring.

A Manly and Vigorous Appeal to Southern Negroes

It is perfectly safe to say that more than the above amount is spent each week by the Colored People of Baltimore. With a colored population, 80,000, the estimate is certainly a fair one.

### MERCHANTS

who are not Negro haters, and who desire the patronage of their colored friends, ought also to show their friendly and kindly interest in the welfare of the race, by giving the colored newspaper enterprise a share of their advertising patronage. If they are not ashamed to receive the patronage of colored people, they ought not to be ashamed to solicit the same through a race newspaper. Try an "ad" in THE LEDGER.

**GRAHAM & CO.,**  
223 St. Paul St.  
10 nice colored families  
buy 10 nice houses, on  
St. Paul St., near Greenmount Avenue.  
Bay window fronts.  
Baths, range and stoves.  
2 rent only \$36. Taxes small.  
Price \$800 cost \$1,200.  
Rents \$3.50 PER WEEK.  
which we will pay ground and  
water rent and taxes.  
Also 2 nice houses  
on Ashland Avenue,  
on same terms.  
Call to see us.

**Maryland School for the**  
**deaf Blind and Deaf,**  
open Tuesday, Sept. 13, 1898.  
A free, non-sectarian school for  
education of the blind or deaf col-  
ored of Maryland, and the  
District of Columbia. Par-  
tially blind or deaf children are receive  
ing they have not sufficient sight  
to attend the public schools.  
For admission and information to  
the SUPERINTENDENT,  
649 W. Saratoga St.  
Baltimore, Md.

**The Normal School,**  
Baltimore Normal School for ed-  
ucation of colored Teachers will re-open  
on September 15th. The Principal will be  
at school on September 13th and 14th.  
20 M.

**AND, Balt. Northampton Hotel**  
**Training School**  
more Kindergarten Association.  
Senior and Graduate Courses.  
Course for Directors of Normal  
Address Miss C. M. C. HAWK.

**ASBURY GROVE CAMP**  
will be a great day at the  
Rev. J. W. Dansbury will lead  
service-meeting at 9:30. At 11  
Dr. L. L. Thomas of Washin-  
gton will preach; at 3 p. m. Rev.  
J. S. Caldwell, of Zion Church  
Philadelphia, will preach. Four singing  
bands will participate.  
Messrs. George Tolson, William  
W. Adams and John Gibson,  
leave for the Camp at 9:30 a.  
p. m. (special), and 2:35 p. m.  
leave the Grove, 5:05, 9:45  
and 8 p. m.

**onsville Camp Meeting:**  
A. M. E. Church with her or-  
dinary pastor opened a grand camp  
meeting in Adams Grove, Winter's  
this month. If you want to  
spend a pleasant time in the woods,  
at the Catonsville Camp,  
beginning 11 a. m. and 8 p. m., every  
through the week.  
John F. Wagoner, Pastor,  
Johnson, Secretary.

## "HELP THESE WOMEN."

Naturally the most interesting subject to me is woman's work for God, and while much has been said, much can still be said. I think Christ had a much broader meaning than some conceive when He said to Martha, "Mary has chosen the good part." Martha spoke the prevailing sentiment in Oriental countries. Woman was looked upon as being man's inferior, and only fitted for domestic occupations. Perhaps they did not realize that Christ was opening a prison door for future generations of women. The Lord knew it. He knew the time would come when woman would be fitted by circumstances and education to take part in all the affairs of the church. Never in all his ministry did he turn women aside. Rather he rebuked those who would have had him do so. I always wonder at a minister of Christ trying in any way to discourage a woman doing any work for God. Christ encouraged it. It is folly to quote St. Paul. He was giving an individual opinion. He says I suffer not a woman to do certain things. He did not say it should not be done. When he found woman doing a good work he said "Help these women." Thank God there are comparatively few men in the Christian Church today opposed to women as church workers. Still we meet them some times. Lay aside your prejudice dear brethren. Use your eyes and ears and see what women are doing for suffering humanity. Say here's my heart and here's my hand. God made woman to help man. The gospel story loses none of its sweetness when told by a woman. Christ told a woman to tell the marvelous story of his resurrection. Why should we not tell it? If woman was the means of bringing sin into the world it is the duty of her descendants to do all possible to lessen the evil sin has brought.

### MAURY R. BURKETT, Reisterstown, Md.

### FIGHTING WHITE BOSSISM IN THE SOUTH.

The white Republicans of Virginia, who have control of the party machine, have been so hoggyish in the control of party affairs and in the distribution of party patronage that the Afro-American Republicans are in open revolt and it looks as though they will set up shop on their own account. They have already made nominations in several Congressional districts.  
Down in Louisiana the white men also have control of the party machine, and up to date they have received most of the offices. There are rumblings underneath the machine and something may drop. The white Republicans of Texas also control the party machine and have taken all the offices, so the Afro-Americans are moving on the Fort Worth convention with blood in their eyes. "Remember Wright Cuney!" is the rallying cry, and we shall be surprised if John Grant and Congressman Hawley and the other white leaders who have played the hog do not have a rocky time of it.  
A like condition of affairs prevails in Alabama and Florida, where the white leaders have scooped in most of the offices. In Florida only three of the most important offices have been given to Afro-Americans. Georgia is the only State in the South where our men have received anything like a square deal.  
You can't eat your pie and have it. If the black republicans of the Southern States who compose 90 per cent. of the party strength insist upon making white men chairmen of the State Committees and National Committees and leaders of the delegations to the National convention, the 10 per cent. of white men will continue to scoop in 99 per cent. of the patronage. It has been so in the past and it will be so in the future. We are down on the whole arrangement. If we can't boss our own machine, if we must have white men to lead us, then we had better get out of politics and remain

### COMMUNICATED.

Mr. Editor:—Permit me to extend the thanks of a "Layman" for your admirable editorial "Don't Blame McKinley," in which was said many things very pertinent and timely, particularly so at this time, when an appeal will be made to some of "The Ineulted" for their votes by some of the Representatives who will have to see to the repair of their fences, and by others who will endeavor to build new ones, and in examining the wood pile they will find many colored men who will have to be reckoned with, one of whom has not forgotten the agreement entered with some of the leaders and which has not been kept. The other element small but firm and vigorous organized for the purpose of resenting the tendency of entirely ignoring the colored voter. There are some so-called republicans who refuse to have communication with him, "NOT EVEN OVER THE TELEPHONE," when the Negro contributes two-thirds of the votes to the election of Republican candidates. Think of it voters!  
Respectfully,  
LAYMAN.

The old thing is worn out and should be cast out. The good things in politics have gone to the white minority of the party in the South, as a free gift, long enough.  
—N. Y. Age.

### HAGERSTOWN.

Rev. P. E. Hill will hold the second quarterly conference Sept. 2d, quarterly meeting Sunday the 4th. He will spend the entire day in this city (Sunday.) The Stewards collection Sunday 14th was a success.  
The new choir of Ebenezer A. M. E. church did itself credit Sunday.  
Mrs. Butler of Baltimore called upon Mrs. Bourne being old friends.  
The Mite Missionary Society was re-organized last Sunday night with Mrs. Bourne, president; Miss Cora Mackey, secretary; Miss Matilda Cole, treasurer.  
Mr. Robert H. Clark of Druid Hill-avenue is visiting here with his wife and children the guests of Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Simms. Mrs. Caroline Barnum of Williamsport, is visiting her daughter Mrs. Simpson. Mr. Simpson is janitor of the court house of this place.  
Mrs. Sophia Claggett of the Home on Biddle street, is enjoying excellent health. She is house-keeping for Mrs. George T. Gambrell. Mrs. Gambrell treats her help more as her family than as servants.  
Miss L. B. Murphy left Saturday morning for Atlantic city. She is much pleased with her visit to Hagerstown and other places of interest in this vicinity.  
Rev. John Newman of the Baptist church will soon begin the erection of the new church, the brick is being brought to the spot.  
The District Conference and Sunday school of the M. E. church is to meet in Hagerstown in the fall. Rev. G. W. W. Jenkins, P. E., Rev. T. O. Carroll, pastor.

### ASBURY GROVE CAMP.

Asbury Grove Camp opened on last Sunday. Elaborate preparations having been made, the promoters of the enterprise expect large patronage. The early morning prayer service was conducted by Presiding Elder, Rev. G. W. W. Jenkins. Mr. Thos. Lane led the 9 o'clock experience meeting. At 11 a. m. the Rev. J. T. Moten president of the camp, delivered the opening sermon, Rev. J. W. Dansbury preached at 3 p. m. and the Rev. Mr. Jones of Reisterstown at the 8 o'clock service. Wednesday next will be "Layman's Day." Mr. J. L. Young will speak on "Pastor's Relation to Public Matters;" Mr. William Powell, "The Ideal Layman;" Mr. Joseph Norris, "The Ideal Class Leader."

### Local Items.

#### DOINGS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO OUR MANY BALTIMORE CITY READERS.

Mrs. Sadie R. Jones, of Philadelphia, who has been on a visit to her brother Mr. Daniel O. Stean on N. Spring street, after a delightful stay has returned home.  
Mrs. Carrie Bouldin and Mrs. Ida Diggs are spending a few days at Chestertown the guests of Mrs. Lula Henderson.  
Mr. Zachariah Jones of Courtland street, has been appointed register of the second precinct of the old Ninth ward.  
Mrs. Mary Williams has been quite sick at her home on Calhoun street, during the week.  
Mr. James Thompson who has been ill at Atlantic City has returned home.  
Mr. George T. Simpson, so well and favorably known in this city for his rare ability in vocal music, has been elected a professor in Wilberforce University Ohio, to teach that most important study.  
Rev. and Mrs. John Hurst and son are spending some time at Annapolis, the guests of Rev. and Mrs. Timothy Tice.  
Miss Mary E. Giles has returned to the city after a very delightful pleasant stay at Atlantic City.  
Rev. Dr. Wm. H. Weaver, D.D., left the city this week to spend a few days in Frederick county.  
Absent teachers and others who have been sojourning away from Baltimore during the summer are beginning to return to the city.  
The funeral of the late Mrs. Elizabeth J. Grooms, of East Fayette street, took place Friday morning from St. Francis Church.  
Miss Lula Hamer, one of Washington's noted singers, is visiting the city the guest of Mr. and Mrs. William B. Hamer, 513 W. Mosher street.  
Mr. Thomas L. Berry, the uncle of Misses Bessie D. and Florence Berry, is in the city looking up relatives and friends. He has traveled extensively through Europe being there eight years, and also spent many years in the west. He has a son that has recently been promoted to a lieutenancy, having been in the army for some time. Mr. Berry is the guest of Mrs. James H. Spears, 921 Myrtle Avenue.  
An "ad" in the Ledger will bring you trade

#### School for the Colored Blind and Deaf.

The Maryland School for the Colored Blind and Deaf, 649 west Saratoga street, this city, is supported by the State, and ample provision has been made here for the proper education of every deaf and dumb and blind colored child in the State free of expense to the parents, except for clothing. Parents are expected to clothe their children. This is a school and is not in any sense an asylum or home. The school sessions commence on the 15th of September and close on the 20th of June. All colored children between 6 and 16 years of age, whose sight or hearing is so defective that they are unable to attend the public schools and who have sufficient mental and physical capacity to receive instruction, may be admitted to this institution.  
The Board of Directors feel that the advantages of this School have not been properly appreciated by the colored people of our State, which is no doubt owing to their lack of knowledge in regard to it. They are desirous of obtaining the name, age and address of every blind or deaf colored child in the State under 16 years of age. Surely the colored citizens of Maryland will only be too glad to circulate the information, and direct all such persons to this institution, so that they may avail themselves of the benefits there offered. The school advertisement will be found elsewhere.

### FREDERICK FINDING

The primaries of the Republican party were held here Saturday of last week, in the city hall. The affair was quite interesting to who had never seen a primary election conducted in such a manner.  
Bev. W. H. Thomas, editor and owner of the Signal, publisher of Cumberland, spent a few days in the city this week the guest of J. E. Board. Sunday morning he preached an excellent sermon at the First Baptist church and on Tuesday evening delivered a very profitable and interesting lecture on "Curious Queer Things among Negroes." The lecture was heartily enjoyed.  
Misses Gracie Lane and Marie Brighton left on Tuesday for a two weeks visit to Rev. Mrs. S. Johnson at Cumberland. Bicycle riding is very fashionable among our young ladies.  
Miss Nannie Hawkins of this week for home in Baltimore. The colored school No. 12, which Prof. Day is principal, very near being destroyed by last week. Some miscreant had it on fire with oil and shavings but the trick refused to work and the white man has been arrested with the crime.  
Miss Pate of this city, spending a few days visiting and Mrs. Crockett at Cumberland. Miss Pate is spending a few days visiting and Mrs. Crockett at Cumberland. Miss Pate is spending a few days visiting and Mrs. Crockett at Cumberland.  
We are enjoying the mountain peach, in abundance in the city. Gracious and are prices.  
Rev. Mr. Collins, of the \$1,500 parsonage at Buckley. The public schools open here in September. There are 1481 colored voters in Frederick county, and 742 are illiterate. There are 2465 white voters in Frederick district, and 7 per cent. of them are illiterate. We only 221 foreign born vote the entire county. These were furnished your correspondent by the supervisor of the county in which there is no colored voter. The formerly had 22 districts, now has 14 districts.  
We will soon have a new electric railway from various running into this city.  
The Key Monument still continues to draw a large number of visitors to the city. Rev. Thomas while here put a good work for his paper.  
**PATRONISE THE ADVERTISER**  
paper for they are friendly to towards business enterprises conducted by Colored men.  
**Kindergarten Work**  
The Baltimore Kindergarten Association was organized for the purpose of spreading knowledge of Froebel's plan in the community, of encouraging the training of Kindergarten and of promoting the establishment of Kindergartens. The members of the Board of Directors are such well known persons as Mrs. Chas. J. Board, Dr. Howard A. Kelly, Mr. J. Miller, Mr. George K. Jr., and many others. Our young women now have an opportunity which we believe will not be slow in appreciating. The association is desirous of extending the benefits to members of our race, and particulars may be had by consulting with Miss C. M. C. Northampton Hotel, city advertisement will be found where in this paper.  
If a paper is worth buying ought to be worth publishing. Don't borrow from your pocket twenty-five cents will buy your door each week. In ten months, we mean the







