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ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE STATE. SNOW HILL.

The pulpit of Ebenezer M. E. Church was filled by the new Presiding Elder Rev. Joseph Waters in the morning and the Rev. Satchels (?) in the evening.

Mrs. Lottie Wright gave a social in honor of her daughters Mrs. Blake and Miss A. J. Burbage. Quite a number attended.

Mr. Clarence Wilson of Baltimore is home on a visit to his family on Hill St. Mr. Wm. Fassett and Mr. Fisher of Berlin were visitors at the home of Mr. Chas. R. Hack, last week.

Capt. Henry S. Punnett and family the sympathy of their many friends in the loss of their little daughter "Conseolo."

Miss Emma Corbin has returned to her home in Philadelphia. Mr. William Berry is sick. Mrs. Horace Tingle, Jr., is improving. Miss Mary Punnett has gone to the Maryland General Hospital for treatment.

BERLIN NOTES. Rev. W. E. Hilton of Bethel church and Mr. Wm. T. Punnett of St. John's M. E. Church attended the District Stewards meeting at Harrington, Del., last Tuesday.

The ladies of Bethel Church are preparing for their "May Queen Exercises." Rev. Caleb Robins who is now principal of a school at Curtis place, preached at St. Paul's M. E. Church last Sunday night.

FREDERICK. The readers of the Ledger will each week hereafter be furnished with full doings of our people from the mountain city. The people of Frederick are exhibiting an unusual amount of race pride in buying and reading their own race literature; this is beautiful and as it ought to be.

Messrs. E. Holland and G. Nichols enlisted last week in the U. S. Army. They were immediately assigned to Utah for which place they left Saturday leaving behind many anxious friends and relatives.

Asbury's S. S., Mr. Jas. N. Davis, Superintendent, celebrated its 60th anniversary last Thursday with a large audience. Mr. Jas. N. Davis was the orator of the evening delivering a very instructive address.

The First Baptist Church for two weeks has had "a great awakening" quite a number heads of families being converted. Rev. S. B. Crockett their former pastor preached for them Monday night enroute from Cumberland to Richmond.

Rev. G. D. Pinkney, Asbury's new minister is a wide-awake gentleman. Mr. Charles Steward the great Negro newspaper correspondent, better known as "F. G. Midnight" paid Frederick a visit Monday and lectured to the people on "Bright Side of Negro Life in the South."

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ONLY A NEGRO.

THE BURNING OF A POOR NEGRO BY MEMBERS OF THE ANGLO-SAXON RACE.

Last Sunday A Great Day of Frolic for Georgians.

Below we give from the telegraphic despatches an account of the roasting of a colored man by nearly three thousand white men.

This event took place on last Sunday at a place called Newnan, not in Cuba or Phillipina Island but in the Christian community commonly called the State of Georgia.

It was a real hot time for those who took part. If the devil himself, that grand old rascal, the enemy of the world, had to be punished by a Georgian community, his punishment could hardly in utter horribleness, surpass that meted out to Samuel Hose.

NEWNAN, GA., April 23.—In the presence of nearly 2,000 people, who sent aloft yells of defiance and shouts of joy, Samuel Hose, a negro, was buried at the stake in a public road, one and-half miles from here, this afternoon, for the murder of Alfred Crawford and an alleged assault on his victim's widow.

Before the torch was applied to the pyre the negro was deprived of his ears, fingers and other portions of his anatomy. The negro pleaded for his life while the mutilation was going on, but stood the ordeal of fire with fortitude.

The body was cut to pieces before it was cool. The bones were crushed into small bits and even the tree upon which the negro met his fate was torn into pieces and disposed of as souvenirs. The negro's heart was cut into several pieces, as was also his liver.

Those unable to obtain the ghastly relics direct, paid their more fortunate possessors extravagant sums for them. Small pieces of bone went for 25 cents, and a bit of liver crisply burned sold for 10 cents.

Hardly had he been deprived of his organs of hearing than his fingers, one by one, were cut from his hands and passed among the members of the yelling crowd. The shrieking negro was quickly deprived of other portions of his anatomy and the words "Come on with the oil" brought a huge can of coal oil to the foot of the tree where the negro, his body covered with blood from head to foot, was striving and tugging at the enveloping chains.

The oil can was lifted over the negro's head by three or four men and its contents poured over him. By this time a good supply of brush, pieces of fence rail and other firewood had been placed about the negro's feet. This pyre was thoroughly saturated with oil and a match applied.

A flame shot upward and spread quickly over one pile of wood. As it licked the negro's legs he shrieked once and began tugging at his chains.

When the flames crept higher and the smoke entered his eyes and mouth Hose put the stumps of his hands to the tree back of him and with a terrific plunge forward of his body severed the upper portion of the chains which bound him to the tree. His body, held to the tree only as far as the thighs, lunged forward, thus escaping the flames which roared and crackled about his feet.

One of the men nearest the burning negro quickly ran up, pushed him back, said: "Get back into the fire there," and quickly coupled the disjointed links of the chain.

Ghastly souvenirs of Burning. The road for a distance of half a mile on each side of the burning negro was black with conveyances and was impassable. The crowd surrounded the stake on all sides, but none of those further than 100 feet from the centre were able to see what was going on. Yell after yell went up and the progress of the flames was commented on by those in the rear by shouts from the eye witnesses.

The torch was applied about half past 2 in the afternoon and at 3 o'clock the body of Hose was limp and lifeless, his head hanging to one side. The body was not put down. It was cut to pieces. Members of the crowd fought for places about the smouldering tree, and with knives secured such pieces of the half-charred body as did not fall to fragments. The chain was severed with hammers, the tree chopped down and sections of it, with such pieces of the firewood as had not burned, was carried away as souvenirs. Thus the mob dispersed.

Palmetto, Ga., April 24.—The body of Lige Strickland, the negro implicated by same Hose in the killing of Alfred Crawford, was found swinging to a limb of a tree, about one mile from this town this morning.

The ears and fingers were cut off and on the body was pinned a placard bearing these words: WE MUST PROTECT OUR SOUTHERN WOMEN.

Strickland was a negro minister 60 years of age. Sam Hose, just as the torch was about to be applied to the pile of wood under him near Newnan yesterday, admitted killing Alfred Crawford, but said that Strickland had given him \$12 to do the deed.

Atlanta, Ga., April 25th.—A telephone message from Palmetto at 10 o'clock says the mob which lynched Strickland captured Albert Sowell, a negro who had declared that the death of every negro should be avenged, and put him to death.

The mob is said to be still on the hunt for negroes, and that probably two more will be lynched before the work has been finished.

A Successful Entertainment. On Thursday evening of last week at Poca St. Hall took place a very novel and interesting entertainment. It was given under the auspices of Evening Star Lodge No. 5 of G. U. O. of Knights and Daughters of Samaria. The crowd was simply immense, there being at least 500 persons present, and many were turned away because of insufficiency of room. Mr. Chas. F. Mitchell was the manager of the affair. Music was most pleasantly discoursed by Prof. Fairfax and his band. At ten o'clock amid the soothing strains of the excellent band in attendance the grand "walk for the cake" took place. Mr. Jas. Mack, and Miss Maggie Scott won the prize. At 12 o'clock the second grand promenade and "walk" began and Mr. Frank Clark and Miss Dora Scott captured this prize, a beautiful watch. On next Wednesday evening May 3rd, a presentation to the Order of regalia and an elegant wardrobe will take place.

The Northwestern Literary. The Northwestern Literary met last Sunday at Salem Baptist Church, and rendered an excellent program. The last week's paper was read and was ably discussed by Messrs. D. Jones, Edw. Hinegan, Joshua Davis, W. T. Lampson, G. M. Downton, Revs. J. A. Carter, G. F. L. Coates and others. Solo, D. Jones; Duets, Miss S. Rice and B. Hill; Recitations, Sylvester Rice, A. Wells, M. Harris, Benj. Weston, J. Gray, and Miss Eva Jones; the Rev. W. B. Reeves, the General Manager of the True Reformers in Maryland was present and addressed the meeting with many encouraging words. He expects to be with them again shortly.

The Y. M. C. A. LADIES DAY.—At the Y. M. C. A., next Sunday, Rev. M. J. Naylor and Dr. W. E. Harris, will speak at the meeting from 5 to 6 P. M. All ladies and gentlemen are invited to attend this service.

Asbury M. E. Church. 11 a. m., a sermon by Rev. J. F. Wagner, D. D.; 3 p. m. sermon by Rev. J. Holmes, 3 p. m. Preaching by the Pastor to P. W. W. C.; 8 P. M. 8:30 a. m. and 7 p. m.

Local Items.

DOINGS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO OUR MANY BALTIMORE CITY READERS. Rev. B. T. Perkins of Annapolis, was in the city this week.

Miss Bertie Giles is quite sick at her home, 1001 Ensor street.

Mr. Singleton, assistant clerk of the National Bank of Commerce, of Minneapolis, Minn., was in the city for a few days last week.

Mr. P. D. Blackwell the Richmond St. cigar merchant and newsdealer left the city this week for New York City, where he will be engaged for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Giles of Glenville, Harford Co. have been in the city visiting relatives the guests of Mr. C. H. Giles and family of 1001 Ensor St.

A special service for the inspection of Sharp St. Memorial church, by the M. E. Clergy of the city was held on last Monday evening in the above church.

Mr. Michael Hess of 201 N. Eutaw St. has opened a beautiful shoe store at that place. For good goods and kind treatment our people will find this establishment peculiarly inviting. Go and inspect his stock, and tell him you saw his "ad" in the Ledger.

Miss Nannie V. Grooms has been elected Principal of No. 2 Primary School.

The Veretian Debating Club of Baltimore will have charge of the programme at the League at Asbury M. E. Church, West Street, Annapolis Sunday, May 14th, at 4:30 P. M.

Mr. Chas. Stewart (J. O. Midnight) the newspaper writer spoke to a large number of people at the Y. M. C. A., last Sunday.

The 72nd anniversary of Asbury S. S. took place last Sunday. The church was beautifully decorated and a most excellent program was rendered. The pastor, Rev. A. Young preached a special sermon to the scholars at night.

The Young People's League of Waters Chapel will hold a very interesting meeting this Friday evening, April 28th. A paper will be read by Mr. Geo. Owens, solos will be given by Messrs. William Bivens and Robert Waters, and Recitations delivered by Misses Daisy Webb, Florina Kerr, and Kessie Locke.

The Colored Baptist Church Union held their regular monthly meeting at Perkins Square Baptist Church last Sunday at 3 p. m. The large church room was crowded. Rev. A. B. Callis preached and a collection of \$65. was lifted. The Union meets monthly on the 4th. Sunday with the churches which compose the Union. The next meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church. As usual an after collection was taken up for the benefit of the Baptist Orphanage.

COMING ON BICYCLES.—The students of Lincoln University, Pa., have established a bicycle club, known as the L. U. B. C. The officers are Messrs. G. H. Newton, president; Clarence H. Chandler, vice president; S. E. Davenport, captain; George A. Wright, secretary; and J. H. Martin, treasurer. The club contemplates riding to Baltimore, on May 5th, in order to hear the debate between Howard and Lincoln Universities.

Mr. and Mrs. John O. Johnson, of Atlantic City, were tendered a reception at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Jones, 1436 Ashland avenue, on Friday evening of last week. Those present were Mrs. Susie Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Galamison, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Jones, Jr., Mrs. Nichols, Misses Ella Harris, Edith Mayfield, Bertha Myers, Mammie and Tillie Johnson; Messrs. J. Charles Jackson, J. Wesley Bond, J. Edward Harris, William Jackson, Richard L. Cooper, John Greene, and W. Peters Allen. After which Mr. and Mrs. Johnson left for Philadelphia and Mr. Allen for Washington.

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NEGRO MERCHANTS.

A Great Conference of Colored Business Men to be held in Atlanta, Georgia. The Atlanta conference, founded, four years ago and designed to study each year, singular phases of the Negro problem. The first conference in 1894 studied over a thousand homes in different cities. The results were of great interest, and were published by the United States government. All the work of collecting was done by Negroes. Last year the efforts of the Negroes toward their own social betterment was studied. 236 different institutions doing various sorts of benevolent work were reported. Among these were several efforts in co-operation business—4 banks, building associations, 2 stores, mill, etc. This led to the subject for this year—The Negro in Business.

Much has been said in the past as to the advisability of the Negro entering mercantile pursuits. It has always been assumed in such discussions that we have few or no Negro merchants. The Conference therefore determined to study this matter thoroughly. Hundreds of letters were sent all over the country asking for information as to Negro business men—their names, addresses, kinds of business pursued, capital invested, etc. In all reports from 1,500 Negro merchants have been received so far and these are not half of the number. This shows that we already have a small start in business and that with perseverance and intelligent co-operation we may look for a wide development of mercantile pursuits in the during the twentieth century.

Reports of Negro merchants have come in from the following states: New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, South Carolina, Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Indian Territory, Colorado and California. No reports have been received yet from other states and many large cities like Cincinnati and Detroit are still to be heard from. It is earnestly wished that all persons known to Merchants of importance in the states not reported or in places which might be overlooked would drop a card to Atlanta University.

The chief business representatives are Grocery, undertaking, contracting, restaurants, drug stores, meat shops, etc. Only the large barber shops were reported, which represent considerable capital.

The conference will meet at Atlanta University May 30-31, 1898, for three or more sessions. In the department of business a prominent business man has been selected to read a paper and a general discussion will ensue. The governor of Georgia will make the opening address. Large and interesting meetings are expected and certainly the opportunity of meeting Negro merchants will be unique, this being the first general conference ever held. In many places merchants are meeting and arranging to send a delegate to the whole country to represent and let the Negro people know what they are doing to help themselves.

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The Advice of Mr. Charles J. Bonaparte.

The Baltimore News in commenting upon the most excellent letter of Mr. Charles J. Bonaparte, says: "Mr. Bonaparte gives good advice to the colored men of Baltimore in urging them to vote as free men should vote and not as a herd of cattle. So long as the Republican politicians in Baltimore can count on a solid negro vote for their ticket, no matter how bad that ticket may be, colored men are going to find that they are looked upon as being practically unfit to exercise the right of suffrage. As Mr. Bonaparte points out, they are as much concerned in good government as anybody else, and until they show an intelligent appreciation of this fact, they must bear much of the blame for the race prejudice and bad feeling which is aroused at every election."

Mr. Bonaparte among other things, in his advice to colored men, says: "Whatever hope the managers of Mr. Malster's canvass may yet have is based entirely upon the colored vote; and I expect to get your votes, notwithstanding your Mr. Malster's former has been, will be a good Mayor—they couldn't do that but by telling you your civil and political rights are endangered, and that you have been duped by some democrats."

In the first place we must thank Mr. Bonaparte for his letter. We are in thorough agreement with him in all that he says, and would be sincerely glad if the present conditions justified a respectable number of colored men in voting for the nominees on the democratic ticket. But in all candor, we cannot see, however eager we are for a division of the colored vote, how that such action would inure to the best interests of colored men.

With all due respect to Republican politicians, we are nevertheless convinced that the men on the Democratic ticket are of the highest honor and integrity and we would not hesitate to trust them, in their individual capacity, to do honestly and fairly by all. But whatever may be the one issue with the white citizens of Baltimore, the one issue with colored citizens, not of their own choosing but deliberately outlined by the spokesmen of the Democratic party, is the "subordination of the negro" as a race of people, irrespective of character or merit. And the gentlemen who have thus proclaimed this issue in the name of the democratic party are not obscure citizens but men of the highest prominence and social standing in the city. Reinforced they are by the "Baltimore Sun," which ever since the Wilmington episode has with prominent headlines set before the reading public in Baltimore City the Negro in the colors, with the evident purpose of influencing popular sentiment in the direction, sooner or later, of curtailing his use of the ballot. The doings of Southern States along this line have been fully reported before the readers of the Baltimore Sun. Notwithstanding what has been said in the "Baltimore Sun" emphasizing "Negro" as the shortcoming of the members of the Democratic party, however, have not the members of the Democratic party called upon the colored citizens of Baltimore to vote for the nominees on the Democratic ticket?

Mr. William Jennings Bryan, the Democratic Free Silver candidate for the Presidency is catching it from the Southern bourgeoisie from way-back because he was at a dinner, recently, where several colored men were guests. Free Silverism and the various sections of Democracy include a hard lot of American citizens.

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ingly there is a stolid indifference upon the part of prominent democrats with respect to making the burden easy for that class of Negroes who are wrestling with the monumental ignorance, stupidity and criminality of the rump end of their own people, and who on the other hand are effectually cut off from any practical sympathy with the best citizens of the white race. We are thus perforce driven to resist to the utmost the seeming tendencies, by way of Democratic success, pointing towards the disfranchisement of the Negro race, in Maryland.

Mr. Bonaparte regards such a disfranchisement as a thing entirely out of the question. But Mr. Bonaparte is a republican and not a democrat. Mr. Isaac Lobe Straus is a democrat, and so is Mr. Alex. H. Robertson. Surely the views of Mr. Bonaparte are not the views of these reputable gentlemen! Congressman Denny is a splendid man, and whether he believes it or not, it is nevertheless a fact, that enough colored men voted for him last fall to have turned it the other way if they had minded. This was purely voluntary upon their part, and yet in this campaign we have failed to hear the voice of Col. Denny pleading for exactly the same treatment of the Negro as is accorded the members of the race from which the Hon. Isador Rayner hails.

It is a fact, whether Mr. Bonaparte believes it or not, there is universal fear among the colored voters that their "civil and political rights" will certainly be in danger of curtailment should the Democratic party succeed this spring and fall, and this more than any one thing else will account for the almost unbroken phalanx of the Negro vote, next Tuesday for WILLIAM T. MALSTER.

Just the mere suggestion of disfranchisement instantaneously awakens in the breast of every negro the precious memories of the past. And before the minds-eye pass in review such noble heroes as Lovejoy, Phillips, Douglas, Thaddeus Stevens, Sumner and that grand old abolitionist, William Lloyd Garrison, who exclaimed: "I am in earnest; I will not equivocate; I will not excuse; I will not retreat a single inch; and I will be heard!" As long, therefore, as the question of suffrage is forced upon us as the issue we must "hang together" or else "hang separately."

In the language of that eminently distinguished Irish patriot and ever faithful and true friend of the Negro, Daniel O'Connell, we would say, "No man is ever converted from his opinions by persecution or abuse. Let all those subjects be forever banished from among us, and let us set the glorious example of preaching and practicing the doctrines of Christianity which is founded in fraternal affection and best evidenced by fraternal charity."

"The New Era."

The New Era is the name of one of the latest ventures in journalism. It is published weekly at Wilmington, Del., and is the only newspaper in the State of Delaware devoted to the interests of the colored race. Mr. C. M. Dorsey, formerly of this city, a compositor on the Afro-American is its editor. The New Era has a wide field in the State of Delaware, and we sincerely trust that it will succeed. Friend Dorsey has the very best wishes of the Ledger for a successful journalistic career.

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Our Poor White Brethren of the South.

Shall we, whose souls are lighted With wisdom from on high; Shall we to men benighted The lamp of life deny?

In our earnest endeavors to hasten our removal from the conditions which environed us following emancipation, and while contemplating the auspicious progress which has blessed the many efforts in that direction, we have, unintentionally, been unkindful of the needs of our poorer brethren of the white race, the successors of the over-seer class of ante-bellum days. Our forgetfulness in this particular has entailed upon us much suffering and inconvenience. It is not so much a debt we owe these people for past favors or generous affection manifested towards us, but rather it is their most pitiable state which earnestly appeals to us for amelioration. The same Lord died for these semi-savages, and by the love we sustain to him are we compelled, for his dear sake to contribute our prayers and means to recover them from the snare of the evil one. If therefore we have not been entirely convinced that a very large number of these people are "possessed of the devil" and are very far gone from the beautiful state of Christian grace, the ghastly and horrible spectacle which evidenced their degeneracy, at the holocaust which occurred at a little village in one of the Southern States on last Sunday, is certainly most convincing of their great need of the soothing and restorative effects of the sweet Gospel of Jesus Christ who died not only for their souls, but also to save them from their wicked selves.

Indignation is out of the question. Perish such a thought! These poor deluded and enslaved souls in our own land are to be pitied. While, doubtless, many of their fore-fathers gave our fore-fathers scourges and blood-hounds, and were hard upon them, even at "death's door," yet, we, whose high privilege it is to be a "superior race" in grace, a "peculiar people" of the Lord God Almighty, who loved us and brought us of Egypt, ought in this present crisis unmistakably to demonstrate our royal superiority, by raising money in all our churches for the support of missionaries to Christianize these heathens at home. Our white brethren of the clergy, throughout the South, are doubtless paralyzed and appalled by the arduousness of the work before them. They need our prayers and money. More missionaries should be sent them. They need our prayers and our charity. A number of schools like Booker T. Washington's great school are needed, and urgently so whereby our poor white brethren of the South may be rescued and saved. One good turn deserves another, and as in former years good white friends have nobly and generously helped us, so ought we in this emergency to forget all about the past and for the Dear Lord's sake save these our benighted brethren. Let the collection be in keeping with the great need.

The Press and Good Manners.

Very frequently in the white press of the country it is intimated that if the better element of the colored race would exercise their influence upon the vicious and depraved members of the race, such good work would tend to curb and restrain the sinful and disorderly proclivities of the vulgar and wicked among us. We are rather perturbed that the above is true, and we are also not unkindful of the fact that the well behaved and respectable men and women of the race are constantly endeavoring to do this very thing. But there is a great deal that the white press and white pulpits, in a co-operative way, can do towards advancing so desirable an affair. And if it be not considered impertinence upon our part we would venture to suggest, at least, one important phase of the matter wherein the press is especially adapted to render most efficient and helpful service. When we were a boy, in old Virginia home, peddling newspapers, many years ago, a very reputable white christian gentleman, manager of a large tobacco factory, taught us a lesson which we hope never to forget. As a boy, we were forcibly struck with his universal politeness to all people, both white and black. He would just as soon raise his hat to a young colored lady, as he

would to a white lady. One day we ventured to ask him why he was so uniformly polite and courteous. He replied that politeness and good manners did not cost anything, and he was determined to let no man, white or black, have more of those good qualities than himself. From that day to this we have never forgotten that lesson, and this unconscious influence upon his part has helped us through life immensely. The application of this to the white press of the country is by no means a difficult task. Instead of the labored effort to make the negro appear in a ridiculous and uninviting light through their columns, instead of trying to impress Negroes generally that they come from nothing and are going to nowhere, if the white press would put forth a commendable effort to encourage self-respect among negroes by recognizing merit in them wherever it exists, and speak of them in more respectable language, results in the opposite direction would be far more encouraging.

To the shame of our daily contemporaries of this city, of the "superior race" they continually evince their "superiority" by wounding the feelings and self-respect of reputable, law-abiding and worthy citizens of color by refusing to use the courteous prefix of "Mr." "Mrs." and "Miss" when mentioning the names, in print, of persons, whose excellence in virtue, intelligence and general respect can not be questioned. Their only offense is that they happen to be of the Negro race. Hence lectures from such sources are left of wholesome fruit. Many of the men of the "inferior race," in an ordinary street car, demonstrate their superior good breeding by cheerfully yielding their seats to women of the "white race" while many of the men of the "superior race" evince their inferiority in common-place politeness by refusing to recognize gentle-womanhood because that woman is carved in ebony. Example in this respect, like in many other things, is better than precept.

The Department Store Curse.

The Citizen's Union-Advocate is waging a ceaseless war against the Department Store. At first sight the significance of this important reform may not be readily discerned. But one has but to look into the matter to be convinced that the department store is a veritable curse, and especially towards the very poor people, its chief victims, who are deluded by the cry of "bargains." The inferiority of many of the articles sold therein raises but one important phase of the matter while the moral and physical slaughter of the innocent boys and girls who are worked in these establishments brings forth a still more important phase of the matter. Legitimate merchants who are trying to do an honest and honorable business ought not only to accord our contemporary all the support it so richly deserves, but should encourage other journalistic enterprises by their patronage to hammer away against this gigantic evil which draws its vitality through the death of many noble and legitimate endeavors in the commercial world.

The Advocate in the verse below tells how the genial and enterprising Shoe Merchant, Mr. Hess, 201 N. Eutaw street, unloaded his old stock upon a department store: "There was a shoe dealer named Hess. He had an old stock, 'twas a mess, So he called in a buyer A department store liar, And sold him all but the best. Then he hid himself off like a fox, And freely came down with the rocks, And now for new shoes If his stock you 'peruse You will find the kid, the calf and ox."

Bryant's Marjoram Cream.

The Greatest Botanical Discovery of the present Century. It cures numerous ailments. It acts like magic to relieve and cure rheumatism, sore feet, chapped skin, back ache and most every ailment brought on by cold or irritation. Agents wanted to sell this wonderful remedy. 25 cents or 5 bottles for \$1.00. Apply to J. D. Blackwell, 208 Richmond Street, Baltimore, Md.

EDWARD S. YOUNG will instruct

pupils on the violin strictly by notes Terms to suit the public. Call or address 596 West Biddle street.

C. J. RUSK, 873 Linden Avenue.

Vocal Music. Those desiring to study Vocal Music are invited to join the Thursday evening class. Special attention given to children studying the Piano and Organ. At home every morning between 11 and 12 o'clock and Thurs. Day evenings 8 P. M.

New Store--Fresh Shoes. New Ideas. Up-to-date. MICHAEL HESS RELIABLE SHOE HOUSE No. 201 North Eutaw Street, 1 Door From Lexington St. SPECIAL OFFERING FOR THIS WEEK: \$1.00 Ladies Vici Kid Button in Coin, Opera and various comfortable shoes. This will be a grand offering. Every pair worth \$2.50. Your attention invited at MICHAEL HESS, 201 NORTH EUTAW STREET. Mention this paper when you call. It will help the Ledger and the Colored Race.

Special Excursion Rates to Annapolis, Md. On the Baltimore & Annapolis SHORT LINE R. R. To those who will attend the session of the Baltimore Annual Conference of the A. M. E. CHURCH on Sunday May 14th., 1899. Round Trip Ticket. 80 Cents. GOOD UNTIL MONDAY 6.15 P. M. Trains leave Camden Station on Sunday 8 o'clock and 10 o'clock a. m., and leaves Annapolis on Sunday 10 p. m. and Monday 6.15 p. m.

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Endurance and Strength
In Times of Danger.
 Read the warning between
 lines. What is that warn-
 ing? It is of the danger from
 the accumulation of badness in
 the blood, caused by the
 heavy living of the
 winter months. Spring is
 the clearing, cleansing time
 of the year; the forerunner of
 the brightness and beauty of
 the summer.

Now the principle that Nature lays
 down is to start in at once and purify your
 blood with that great specific, Hood's Sarsaparilla.
 It never disappoints.

Hood's Sarsaparilla
 Never Disappoints

It cures liver ills, the non-irritating and
 cathartic to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Chainless Bicycle
 The Climbing Easy

Business wheel girl is helping the chain
 up the hill. But there are excellent
 reasons for this. The picture shows
 a woman in the neighborhood of
 level-gearing cannot be cramped or
 under the extra strain. The same un-
 action makes the chainless exception-
 ally easy at all times.

Models: Chainless, \$75; Colum-
 bia wheels, \$50; Hartford, \$35;
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Free of dealers or by mail for 5-cent stamp

THE FIG. CO., Hartford, Conn.

Thrifty Indians.
 A steamer was wrecked
 on the islands of the Alaskan
 Indians in the neighborhood
 generously to the rescue of
 the unfortunate travellers. They opened
 their hearts for their reception and
 very kindly attention. We were
 one of the passengers, by a
 well played by the Indians.
 taken into their homes without
 the least objection of our
 opportunity of judging of the
 of those people. We slept
 in their houses, which was built
 of an American cottage, and
 was very comfortable. The beds
 up with a blanket and sheet,
 husbands were furnished with
 necessary. The main indus-
 try of the Indians is salmon
 canning. The best canned
 salmon can be found in Seattle
 and Portland.

Dependence never merges into
 gladness, which gladly welcomes every aid
 source—not in servile and in-
 dependence, but as the growing
 of the warm sun and the rain
 by which it is to gain in
 beauty and in fruitfulness.

PAINFUL PERIODS NO MORE

GEORGE OSMUN, of Belvidere, Warren Co., N. J., writes:
 "Suffering as I had from weakness, irregularities and backache
 for several years, a release from this suffering was a blessing. Oh!
 how more suffering women would accept your kind offer and be relieved.
 I need for women to suffer. Mrs. Pinkham's advice and Lydia E.
 Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will relieve them."

MRS. IDA PETERS, Milan, Tenn., writes:
 "DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—When I wrote to you
 the first time asking your advice I was a great
 sufferer. Menstruations were irregular, some-
 times a week too soon and then a week or two
 late, and when they appeared were very profuse;
 great pain and tenderness in the bowels, pain in
 back and limbs, leucorrhoea all the time. I
 was weak and nervous and had no appetite.
 Burning and choking sensation in my throat.
 I received your reply and followed all your
 instructions and now I am cured. I owe my
 recovery all to Mrs. Pinkham's advice and her
 wonderful remedies."

ELLA E. BRENNER, East Rochester,
 Ohio, writes:
 "I have been thankful a thousand times
 since I wrote to you for what your Vegeta-
 ble Compound has done for me. I followed
 your advice carefully and now I feel like a
 different person. My troubles were back-
 ache, headache, nervous tired feeling, pain-
 ful menstruation and leucorrhoea. I took
 four bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegeta-
 ble Compound, one box of Pills, one package
 of Sanative Wash and am now well."

MRS. MAGGIE P. STINE, New Berlin,
 Pa., writes:
 "I have suffered with terrible backache
 in the small of my back for about seven
 years, and could never get anything to help
 me. I tried several physicians, but found
 no help. I have now taken three bottles
 of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Com-
 pound, and feel like a different woman."

Mrs. W. J. Owsen, Mich., writes:
 "Three years ago I wrote to you seeking advice in regard to my health.
 I was suffering from irregular menstruation and backache, and
 could not get any relief. I followed your advice and took
 your medicine, and now I feel like a new woman."

How to Save Labor in Spring Clean-
 ing.
 Spring cleaning is no longer the labor it
 was in the days of our grandmothers.
 Women understand how to save themselves
 by the use of modern conveniences. When
 beginning the work everything should be
 ready—brooms, hammers, brooms,
 with a supply of Ivory Soap (which is the
 best for all cleaning purposes), lime, am-
 monia, and carbolic acid. Good weather
 should be selected, and only one or two
 rooms cleaned at a time; air and sunshine
 should be freely admitted.
 ELIZA R. PARKER.

Cows With Spectacles.
 For more than six months of the year
 the Russian steppes are covered with
 snow. Cows subsist on the tufts of grass
 which crop above the snow, and the rays
 of the sun on the snow are so dazzling as
 to cause blindness. To obviate this
 calamity, it occurred to a kind-hearted
 man to protect the cows' eyes in the same
 way as those of human beings, and he
 manufactured smoke-colored spectacles
 which could be safely worn by cattle.
 These spectacles were a great success,
 and are now worn by upwards of forty
 thousand head of cattle, who no longer
 suffer from the snow-blindness which
 once caused such untold suffering amongst
 them.

Stone Boot Soles.
 An inventor has hit upon a method of
 putting stone soles on boots and shoes.
 He mixes a water-proof glue with a suit-
 able quantity of clean quartz sand and
 spreads it over the leather sole used as a
 foundation. These quartz soles are said
 to be very flexible and practically inde-
 structible.

HEADACHE
 "Both my wife and myself have been
 using CASCARETS and they are the best
 medicine we have ever had in the house. Last
 week my wife was frantic with headache for
 two days, she tried some of your CASCARETS
 and they relieved the pain in her head almost
 immediately. We both recommend Cascarets."
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 goods in stock, send your name and address
 to us and we will send you a copy of our hand-
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About Paper.
 It is a strange fact that while paper is
 being used for dozens of purposes, former-
 ly monopolized by wood, or even a harder
 material, such as cur-wheels, boxes, bar-
 rels, tubs, pails, etc., paper is rapidly
 driving other ingredients to the wall
 in the manufacture of nearly all the
 cheaper grades of paper.

Paper floors are manufactured at Ein-
 siedeln, Germany. In the form of a
 puffy mass the paper is spread upon the
 surface to be covered and submitted to
 pressure. It behaves like plaster of
 Paris, and is said to be noiseless under
 the foot, and particularly effective in
 preserving a uniform temperature. Hav-
 ing no joints, it presents a perfectly
 smooth surface.

Austria is the only empire in the world
 which has never had colonies or even trimi-
 narine possessions.

RACE GLEANINGS.

Gradually Learning the Lesson.
 As a race we are gradually learning
 the lesson of self help. We are slowly
 but surely becoming convinced that
 our racial advancement depends very
 largely on our own efforts. In the past
 we have not appreciated this fact to
 the extent that we do now. We have
 been wards and received what was
 given us rather than attempt to walk
 alone. We have had but little confi-
 dence in what was possible for us to do
 along some lines and hence have not
 done many things which would have
 aided us much in our efforts to rise.

Our Administration Has Incurred Enmity.
 The McKinley administration has
 incurred the enmity of all of the res-
 pectable colored people in the coun-
 try. Of course, this means that next
 year the Republicans will have all
 they can do to hold their brethren in
 the ranks, and we are free to say that
 not one colored man holding office
 under this administration has influ-
 ence enough in the nation to hold
 the boys in check. Break away, boys,
 it is only that you can hope and have
 a respectful hearing.

Help to Make the Talent Popular.
 Negro literary societies and reading
 associations should get their selections
 in prose, verse and song sometime from
 Negro authors. Help to make the tal-
 ent popular. There are scores upon
 scores of educated Negroes who do not
 know any poems, prose, song or music
 which were written by Negroes. This
 should not be. Let us make haste to
 change it.

A Word to the Wise.
 Don't patronize a Negro grocer
 because he is a Negro, but because he
 keeps good groceries. And, Mr. Gro-
 cer, if you expect Negroes to patronize
 your store have something in it be-
 sides a can of sardines of the vintage
 of 1889, and a box of Battlexa plug
 tobacco. You might also put a small
 advertisement in your race paper, just
 to let the people know you are alive.—
 The Standard.

The Pulpit Is Dumb.
 The most alarming feature of the
 present bad condition of public opin-
 ion touching the rights of the oppres-
 sed is the comparative dumbness of the
 pulpit and the religious press. They
 speak in monosyllables, and are afraid
 to be heard above a whisper.—Afro-
 American Presbyterian.

Pension Bill a Fraud.
 The so-called ex-slava pension bill is
 a fraud. In fact, there is no such bill
 except in the minds of black and
 white scoundrels who are fleeing poor
 ignorant Negroes. Let the Negro
 press speak out and stop the thieving
 outrage.

Unload Your Prejudice.
 The Colored American very sensibly
 remarks that "if the white man would
 only unload his prejudices and injus-
 tice he would find his burden very
 light indeed." He couldn't stay on
 earth if he did; he'd fly straight up.

Responsible for the Failure.
 Every time a negro goes into a busi-
 ness enterprise and fails it simply kills
 a chance for the black man's future
 success, because his own race is respon-
 sible for the failure.

From Bootblack to Diamond-Finder.
 Chicago has a sensation in the re-
 turn of a colored man named W. F.
 Stinson, who was at one time a boot-
 black, but is now a returned diamond-
 finder from Africa.

Race Notes.
 The harder the Negro works to
 climb the hill of life, the harder the
 white people make the climbing, but
 despite all obstacles, many of them are
 making forward progress.

A bill has been introduced in the
 Tennessee legislature appropriating
 \$20,000 to erect a Negro Normal and
 Industrial School at Knoxville.

Paul Lawrence Dunbar, the greatest
 living Negro poet, is said to have real-
 ized upwards of \$3,000 on his last
 year's literary work, lectures and sale
 of books.

The record of the lives of many
 great artists, authors and preachers
 are full of disappointment and ap-
 parently wasted efforts.

The colored man ought to get in
 somewhere now, not only on the
 ground floor but up-stairs.

Russell & Gordon, two colored
 undertakers of St. Louis, are said to
 do more business than any other
 undertaking establishment in that
 city.

There are four suits pending in the
 state of Ohio, under the anti-lynching
 law now upon the statute books of that
 state.

Four hundred and fifty-eight col-
 ored men were employed by Balti-
 more's street cleaning department dur-
 ing the recent blizzard.

Is it not foolish to work hard all the
 week and then spend your entire earn-
 ing for a horse and buggy to sport on
 Sunday?

WHERE WIVES TRIUMPH.

In the Philippines the law which re-
 lates to the property of married peo-
 ple is entirely in favor of the wife.
 Any property a bride may possess is
 never by any chance settled upon the
 husband, and if he is poor and she
 well off, he can only become at most
 an administrator of her possessions.

After death, unless she has executed
 a deed in her husband's favor, under
 a lawyer's eye, the property goes to
 her children and blood relations, but
 none to her husband.

A married woman retains her maid-
 en name and adds to it that of her
 husband with the prefix "de" and the
 children bear the names of both par-
 ents.

The husband symbolically endows
 the bride with all his worldly posses-
 sions after the marriage. In fact, it is
 clearly a case in the Philippines of
 "what's yours is mine and what's mine
 is my own," as far as the women folk
 are concerned.

Last year in 24 cities of the United
 States 8,844 divorces were asked for
 and 6,603 were granted.

The Poet Did Not Contribute.
 "I am quite willing to contribute to
 the amusement of the evening," in-
 terposed the amateur poet, who was
 bursting to read his latest, and couldn't
 get anybody to take the hints he threw
 out.

There was a sound like a groan from a
 corner of the room, and a guest went out.
 The others prepared for the worst, ex-
 cept one elderly man, who pulled down
 his waistcoat with an unnecessary show
 of determination.

"The title of this little effort," the
 poet went on, drawing a roll from an un-
 suspected pocket, is "The Raindrops on
 the Roof."

"Well, of course it does," exclaimed
 the elderly man. "Where would you
 expect it to drop? When the rain drops
 on any well-regulated house, it naturally
 chooses the roof. Perhaps you expect
 people to take the roof off when it rains?
 Or you think that we imagine that it
 rains on the foundation, or in the um-
 brella-stand? Everybody else knows that
 rain drops on the roof, young man, and
 they don't want you to write a poem to
 tell us."

"If you can write one that will
 explain why it rains when a man goes
 out in a new hat and without an umbrella,
 we're open to hear it."

The poet did not contribute any fur-
 ther to the amusement of the evening.

Afghan Slaves.
 Afghan slaves have not, as a rule, the
 position that the Anti-Slavery Society is
 formed to combat. There is nothing pit-
 iable in their condition. Afghan women
 are usually indolent and useless, except
 as the mothers of children, whom they
 absolutely neglect. It is the slaves who
 manage everything. Generally in a rich
 house there is one chief slave, a sort of
 housekeeper, rather a grand person,
 whom it is always wise to conciliate if
 you intend having many dealings with
 that establishment. In summer she is al-
 ways dressed in purest white; in winter,
 velvet and broadcloths are not beyond her
 reach. She is generally an elderly per-
 son, with considerable influence and a
 good deal of authority.

Then there is another, who is a sort of
 maid to the lady of the house; she is
 another person that it is not wise to quar-
 rel with; she is always very much in evi-
 dence. She it is who prepares everything
 for her mistress' toilet, as also for her
 master's. It is the wife's special duty
 and privilege, however, when the things
 are being prepared, to wait upon her
 husband when he is dressing, to pour the
 religious washings, and to spread his
 prayer-carpet.

Beauty Is Blood Deep.
 Clean blood means a clean skin. No
 beauty without it. Cascarets, Candy Cathar-
 tic clean your blood and keep it clean, by
 stirring up the lazy liver and driving all im-
 purities from the body. Begin to-day to
 banish pimples, boils, blotches, blackheads,
 and that sallow complexion by taking
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 gists, satisfaction guaranteed, 10c, 25c, 50c.

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 Hull's Catarrh Cure is a liquid and is taken
 internally, and acts directly upon the blood
 and the mucous membrane of the system. Send for
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 ana.
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 To quit tobacco easily and forever, be mag-
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 To-Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men
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 disposed of large sums among the poor and is
 a regular visitor at the hospitals.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.
 Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All
 Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c.

Some weeks ago Grand Duke Constantine of
 Russia appeared before the czar and Czarina
 in his own translation of "Hamlet," he ap-
 pearing in the title role.

Are Wild Cherry Leaves Poisonous?

It is believed in many neighborhoods
 that live stock, especially cattle, are oc-
 casionally poisoned by eating leaves of
 wild cherry or shrubs. In woods pastures
 these cherry trees are sometimes cut off,
 then from the stumps grow innumerable
 sprouts. Cattle being pastured in these
 localities eat the leaves with what is
 thought to be fatal results.

To obtain some definite knowledge
 along this line the New Hampshire ex-
 periment station conducted some tests
 during the past two summers. The wild,
 black cherry, the wild yellow or "horse"
 plum and the dwarf cherry were used.

Investigations showed that the leaves of
 the last two varieties were perfectly
 harmless. The test then proceeded with
 the three first named. Of these three it
 was found that the leaves of the wild
 black cherry are the most poisonous,
 though all are dangerous.

There is a popular opinion that the
 cherry leaves are poisonous only when cut
 and later eaten in a wilted condition.
 Some hold that cattle may safely nibble
 at them when growing without danger.

They are also considered quite harmless
 when dried. The investigation proved,
 however, that both the wilted and fresh
 leaves are poisonous while the dried are
 always to be regarded with suspicion.

Vigorous young leaves from fresh shoots
 are most liable to be eaten by cattle and
 are far more poisonous than the leaves
 from the mature tree or the stunted
 shrub. Leaves wilted in bright sunlight
 to about 70 per cent. of the original
 weight or until they begin to appear
 slightly limp yield the greatest amount
 of prussic acid, the poisonous element.

In the minds of moody, distrustful
 persons, an insidious word reported by
 espionage, an appearance of hypocrisy,
 or a slight doubt, make more impression
 than a thousand imprudences.



The courtship period for
Ayer's Sarsaparilla

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 fidence and esteem of thoughtful men and
 women 50 years ago.
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 go to buy Sarsaparilla, you simply say the
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That is the kind that cured your fathers
 and their fathers before them, and it is
 the kind that will cure you. Other
 Sarsaparillas may look like it, may even
 taste like it, but somehow or other they
 haven't the knack of curing people that
 Ayer's has. Just try one bottle of Ayer's
 today.

The Potash
Question.
 A thorough study of the sub-
 ject has proven that crop fail-
 ures can be prevented by using
 fertilizers containing a large
 percentage of Potash; no
 plant can grow without Potash.

We know a little more on the subject of
 Potash, written by specialists, that are
 worth like to read every farmer's free to
 see if he will only give a few lines for it.



An Excellent Combination.

The pleasant method and beneficial
 effects of the well known remedy,
 SYRUP OF FIGS, manufactured by the
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 tive principles of plants known to be
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 is the one perfect strengthening laxa-
 tive, cleansing the system effectually,
 dispelling colds, headaches and fever,
 gently yet promptly and enabling one
 to overcome habitual constipation per-
 manently. Its perfect freedom from
 every objectionable quality and sub-
 stance, and its acting on the kidneys,
 liver and bowels, without weakening or
 irritating them, make it the ideal
 laxative.

In the process of manufacturing figs
 are used, as they are pleasant to the
 taste, but the medicinal qualities of the
 remedy are obtained from senna and
 other aromatic plants by a method
 known to the CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP
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 effects and to avoid imitations, please
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