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INTEREST OF EDUCATION

EDUCATIONAL BAZAR HELD TO STIMULATE INTEREST IN EDUCATION OF THE RACE.

Held Under The Direction Of Pastors Of The African Methodist Episcopal Church And Others—Congregations Enthusiastic And Movement Decidedly Successful—Program Excellent And Instructive—Meetings are Well Attended—Notable Persons Present—Music Furnished By The Several Choirs.

(By our Special Staff Correspondent.)

Annapolis, Md., Sept. 15.—The annual announcement of an Educational Bazaar for the people of Eastern Shore, Va., to be held at Annapolis, was the occasion of the presence of the special correspondent of the Afro-American Ledger. The educational bazaar which was the first of the kind ever held in that section of the country was under the direction of Rev. G. T. Day, pastor of Bethel A. M. E. Church, Annapolis; J. E. Cooke, pastor of Savageville A. M. E. Church; Rev. T. Timberlake, pastor of Daugherty A. M. E. Church; Rev. J. H. A. McClamry, pastor of Drummondtown A. M. E. Church; and Rev. N. B. Snowden, pastor of Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, Bay Side.

These pastors with their congregations were enthusiastic in the movement and the success of the series of meetings that have been as gratifying to them as it was profitable to the people in that section.

The purpose of the educational bazaar was threefold, viz: To bring before these combined congregations prominent speakers of the race, to bring before the public the local talent in music and literary effort and to stimulate race progress among the people generally.

The meetings were well attended and an instructive programme was presented. The programme covered three days, September 12-14.

The first evening the bazaar opened with an address by Rev. A. L. Gaines, D. D., of Bethel A. M. E. Church, Baltimore, Md. The address of Dr. Gaines was largely devoted to a plea for the race to make for itself a standing in the world by moral, intellectual and business achievements. The Savageville choir under the direction of Mrs. J. E. Cooke, furnished the music.

The second day the chief address was delivered by Prof. S. Thomas Benins, of Philadelphia, subject: "Will Education Solve the Negro Problem?" A paper was read by Mrs. O. T. Day, of Annapolis, subject: "Woman's Place in Life." Addresses were also delivered by Mrs. L. H. Reynolds, of Norfolk, Va.; Miss Louisa Selby, of Annapolis, and Mr. S. L. Brown, of Shaw University. The music was furnished by the Annapolis choir, directed by Mrs. O. T. Day. A beautiful solo was also rendered by Mrs. J. H. A. McClamry, of Drummondtown.

Thursday evening, the chief address was delivered by Mrs. F. O. O'Connor, the wife of the Presiding Elder of the District (M. E. Church), Mrs. O'Connor was substituted in the place of her husband who was unable to be present.

Dr. O'Connor will have a difficult task in removing the favorable impression made by his wife. Music was furnished by the Metropolitan M. E. choir.

Such meetings as the Annapolis Educational Bazaar should be held in all parts of the country for the people. Annapolis is an enterprising town on Eastern Shore, Virginia. Eastern Shore, Va., is a field unsurpassed in advantages for business among our race. Should they let this opportunity slip from them they have only themselves to blame. Accommodating and Northampton counties which make up Eastern Shore, is the home of potatoes and no people in the world know better how to produce them.

WEDDINGS CAUSE SURPRISE.

Pastor Takes A Vacation—Neighborhood Happenings.

Owings Mills, Md., September 14.—Mrs. Rachel Hayes, her mother and Miss Edna Irwin, were the guests of Mrs. Rachel Clark last week.

Our pastor, Rev. W. O. Goans is now taking a very much needed vacation.

While away he will visit his mother in Ohio. Mrs. Alexander Campbell and daughters who have been spending the Summer here will move into the city next week for the winter. Miss Julia Perry is spending her vacation with her parents in Virginia.

Quite a sensation was created in our Hattie neighborhood last week by the marriage of Mr. Redmond Fligg to Miss Agnes Hawkins. Mr. Fligg is a prominent young man of this place and none of his friends knew anything of his marriage until he had been some days a benedict. Miss Madden visited in the neighborhood this week.

WAS INVITED BUT DECLINED TO ATTEND

Mrs. Caroline Barnum Receives An Invitation To Attend The Banquet Of The Hagerstown Fair Association But Will Not Attend.—Gives A Most Sensible Reason For Not Doing So.

(Baltimore Sun.)

Hagerstown, Md., Sept. 12.—Mrs. Caroline Barnum, to whom an invitation had been sent to attend a banquet Thursday, to be given by the Hagerstown Fair Association to all the stockholders, addressed an open letter to the fair directors today. When it was ascertained that one of the stockholders was a Negro the advisability of sending the colored stockholder an invitation was discussed. It was finally decided to send Mrs. Barnum an invitation.

In her letter to the directors she says: "In my judgment you decided very wisely in sending invitations to all the stockholders to attend the banquet on Thursday. As I am a stockholder and a citizen there wasn't anything else to do but send me one. It is a delicate matter for two of the directors to take hard to understand by me. The Negro problem is not hard to solve, knowing, as I do, the coming issue. But I do not think the coming election has anything to do with the fair board sending invitations to stockholders. When the directors came here and persuaded my husband, Thomas Barnum, to take a stock, we heard nothing of the so-called Negro problem. They seemed to be Christian gentlemen. They understood themselves and their position as directors of the Hagerstown Fair. There was no discrimination on account of race or color."

She said in conclusion she will not attend the banquet. She had never intended doing so, being too feeble to move around much.

Stock of the Hagerstown Fair Association, the par value of which is \$25, was sold at auction today at \$21 per share, the highest price it ever sold for.

CAMBRIDGE PROGRESSING.

Plenty of Grocery And Provision Stores—Good Progress Has Been Made In Church Work—He Ours A Fast Horse.

(Special to The Afro-American Ledger.)

Cambridge, Md., Sept. 13.—The people in Cambridge are making rapid progress along business lines. They have grocery stores enough to supply a large part of Baltimore, owned and managed by colored men. The only thing in they do not carry enough stock. Nevertheless they are doing well. The Messrs Webb, Gardner and St. Clair are in the lead, with two Johns in the race.

The Knights of Pythias Lodge of Cambridge is coming along fine. If they continue in this line, in a few years they will lead in this county. They have a number of young men of push and ability among them.

Cambridge needs a good restaurant very badly and we would be very glad if some young man would come here and open one so that visitors might be accommodated without intruding on their friends.

Bethel church and Waugh Chapel are making remarkable progress, and when they have their churches finished they will be as fine as any in the State. Both have progressive pastors.

Mr. I. N. Gordon of S. Pine street, owns the fastest horse in Cambridge and is just proud of the same.

Mr. J. Edward Fisher was in Cambridge this week the guest of Mr. I. N. Gordon.

WHITE MEN BURN NEGRO

Jackson, Miss., Sept. 13.—Information has been received here that a colored boy who had bought whiskey from white men and afterwards turned informer was taken to the woods by three white men and shot to death, after which his body was burned.

FOURTEEN MILLIONS

OF DOLLAR SHANDLED BY THE ORDER OF TRUE REFORMERS IN TWENTY-FIVE YEARS.

A Great Showing For An Organization Only Twenty Five Years Old—Started From Almost Nothing—Reports Of This Year Show A Very Large Increase In Membership And Collections—Over A Million Of Dollars Paid Out For Death Claims—Baltimore Man Elected To Office In Grand Fountain.

(By Special Staff Correspondent.)

Richmond, Va., September 8.—The twenty-fifth annual session of the Grand Fountain U. O. of True Reformers closed today, having begun in session since last Tuesday. The session was largely attended and the work was carried through with the utmost harmony. Each delegate and visitor taking the greatest interest in the proceedings of the session.

The reports of the several departments showed the Order to be in a fine condition. The report of the Grand Worthy Secretary, W. P. Burrell, showed that 18,018 policies had been issued during the year, and that the Grand Fountain now number 2480, and Rosebuds 950. During the existence of the Order, \$1,187,794.85 have been paid out at death benefits.

The cashier's report showed the total amount collected from all sources during the year to be \$656,170.49, with a cash balance on hand of \$50,283.75, and 1317 new depositors.

The amount of business done during the 25 years of existence of the Order amounts to more than fourteen millions of dollars. This shows conclusively what the Negro can accomplish along business lines.

On Thursday evening the comic opera of "Olivette" was rendered very acceptably by the S. Coleridge Taylor Choral Society in the True Reformer's Opera Hall to a large and appreciative audience. The proceeds were for the benefit of the Old Folk's Home.

The Rosebuds department held their annual exercises on Thursday afternoon. They assembled in the 3rd Street M. E. church, with the various officers and headed by the Grand Rosebud Lecturer of the Southern Grand Division, Mrs. A. Lane, and marched to the hall where a special program under the management of Mrs. W. T. Johnson was well rendered by the little folks.

The exercises were rendered by Miss Verdella Williams, the Little Rosebud representative from Baltimore well received. Mrs. Eliza Alice, the Worthy Governor, was introduced by Mrs. Rosa Thompson, Rosebud Lecturer of the Northern Division, and spoke most interestingly to the children.

On Friday the annual excursion to the Old Folks' Home, at Westham, about six miles from Richmond took place. This beautiful building is most comfortably fitted up for its inmates and surrounded by over 600 acres of land owned and operated by the Order. The farm raises more than enough for the inmates is managed by Mr. T. W. Taylor. The proceeds from the outing were for the benefit of the Home.

The rally for the Home was held on Friday night at which time reports from the several divisions were held and banners presented to the Philadelphia, Norfolk and Chicago divisions for having raised the highest amount for the Home. A number of chiefs and secretaries of divisions received presents as tokens of appreciation for effectual work done in their several fields.

The chief of the Baltimore division, Mr. J. E. Nutt was honored by being elected as Grand Worthy Guide of the Grand Fountain.

APALACHICOLA NEGRO

City Will Vote on Bond Issue—Home But Property Owners Will Be Allowed To Vote.

(Special to The Afro-American Ledger.)

Apalachicola, Fla., Sept. 11.—Mr. Allen Rivers and wife have arrived from down East. Also Mr. Elijah Taylor and wife who spent some time visiting the scenery of the East. Mrs. Ella Banks who has been visiting relatives has returned home.

In the last issue the name should have been Mrs. Russell Fagans instead of Mrs. Jages, who was buried by the Household of Ruth, No. 208. Mr. and Mrs. Rivers instead Ralis. Mrs. Eli Evans sister and daughter have gone of seeking health. The yellow fever scare is almost over.

All owners of property will be called out to vote to bond the city that put a saguaw on the white primary nobody but property owners can vote.

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED

Many Of The Former Ministers Present To Assist In The Celebration—Women's Day At Ward A. M. E. Church.

(Special to The Afro-American Ledger.)

Bennings, D. C., Sept. 14.—The forty-third anniversary of Jones Methodist Episcopal church, which began on Sunday, September 8th, was ended on last Sunday with most satisfactory results. Many interesting papers on the history of the church for the past forty three years were read. Rev. B. F. Meyers, the pastor, deserves a great deal of credit for securing the services of so many of the former pastors of the church, to be present during the celebration. Among them were, Revs. R. P. Lawson, Johnna Barnes, W. T. Harris, C. E. Brown, C. L. Brooks, J. B. Redmond, M. W. Clair and S. H. Norwood. This is the first anniversary ever given in the church.

Women's Day services were held at Ward A. M. E. church, Sunday afternoon and a very creditable program was rendered. Among those taking part were Mrs. C. Washington of Brville, D. C., and Miss Julia Crumpton. Mr. William Peters who has been sick is out again. Rev. Charles Bourne and family have gone to Hagerstown to spend a few weeks.

The funeral of Mr. John Bell, who died at his home in Lincolnville, D. C., on Sunday, took place from Ward A. M. E. church, Tuesday afternoon. He was the son of Mrs. Maria Bell, Rev. Long of the C. M. E. church officiated.

DENTON HAPPENINGS

Death Of A Relative Of The Late Bishop A. W. Wayman—School To Open—Items Of Social Interest.

(Special to The Afro-American Ledger.)

Denton, Md., Sept. 12.—Mr. Edward S. Wayman, the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wayman, jr. died suddenly last Thursday night at his father's residence near this place. Mr. Wayman was home on a vacation from Philadelphia visiting his parents when the fatal summons came. His funeral took place from Bethel A. M. E. church, yesterday morning. He leaves a mother, father, several brothers and sisters and a host of friends.

Prof. John W. Thompson, of Philadelphia, has returned to this town, where he will open school October 8th. Miss Eliza Fonnstein and Miss Lee, of Baltimore are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fountain, of Denton. Mr. Thomas Willis of Philadelphia, attended the funeral of Mr. E. S. Wayman and several other Philadelphia friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Williams, of Washington, D. C., are visiting his brother, Mr. Armistead Williams of this town. Rev. R. H. Wallace returned home Saturday evening very much refreshed.

Mr. John H. Bailey is on the sick list. Miss Emma Bailey and friend, Miss Emma Diggs have returned back to Baltimore after spending several weeks here.

Mrs. William D. Hout of West Roland Park has returned to her home, after spending ten days visit with her friend, Miss Ella Casson at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Casson, of Denton, Md. Miss Ella Casson, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Casson, will return to her home in Baltimore, Md., on Friday after spending five weeks with her parents and friends of this town. Miss Annie Willis and brother spent their farwell visit at Miss Estelle Casson and her parents on Sunday afternoon, and they will leave for their homes in Philadelphia on Monday morning. Miss Fannie Johnson and Mr. Lloyd Collins were the guests of Miss Casson on Sunday.

NEGRO GIANT DEAD

Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 13.—Dead today Tennessee's Negro giant is dead at his home in Gallatin. Rogan was 8 feet 9 inches tall. His hands were 18 inches in length and feet 16 2 inches. He was drawn around by two goats, his legs being to slender to support his gigantic body and enormous feet. Rogan was about 39 years old.

MIDNIGHT'S MUSINGS.

A MASONIC GRAND LODGE WHICH HAS A VERY LARGE SURPLUS ON HAND.

Pays A Visit To Washington and

Meets With Dr. Lampton, the Financial Secretary And Several Other People—Takes Dinner With Hon. Judeon Lyon—A Trip To Richmond And A Word About A Few People He Met There—Among Them The Afro-American Clerk—Meets Mrs. Walker, President Of A Negro Bank.

Washington, D. C.—If I were not here as I write to you this week I would be at some other place, but I am here, and must write from here, and you can put it down that I have a good many things to say to you from time to time and you had just as well make up your mind to hear them.

You will bear in mind that in one of my letters I spoke to you about Dr. Lushington, of Lynchburg, Va. You do not remember it. I will tell you my head to a ginger cake until I tell you something that I said about him. He is a veterinarian, and you were to look in your dictionary and tell me what that meant or to find out for yourself. I am learning to use big words without knowing that meant, and you must look after in the word book to find out. Speaking of that, I am told that Kelly Miller, of Washington replied to a white man in a paper a few days ago, and some folks in Washington in talking about it said, "There is one thing about that article which pleases me very much and that is a white man can't even read it without looking in the dictionary to see what the means." Well when Mr. Miller writes big words he knows what they mean, but when I write them I don't know, and you may search a dictionary from now until the end of time and you will not know what I am talking about, because I do not know myself, and cannot expect you to know.

But now come back to Dr. Lushington. He has made his mark right in Lynchburg, and as I told you he stands at the head of his class regardless of race or color, and I am real proud of him. You do not have to put on an extra pair of eyes to tell that he is a black man because he is as black as black can be, but he is as smart as he can be, hence you will learn from this that intellect is colorless. Dr. Lushington was not born in this country, but he got his education here. He can tell all about talk, tell about the diseases of cows, horses, mules, dogs, cats and other animals. He is prepared to give medicine for them just like you give medicine to a man when he is sick.

Dr. Lushington has a fine home on 5th street, in Lynchburg. It is right on the street car line. He is the owner of several horses and briggies himself. His wife is an intellectual, model house wife, and they are blessed with one daughter who is as smart as any black man because he is as black as black can be, but he is as smart as he can be, hence you will learn from this that intellect is colorless. Dr. Lushington was not born in this country, but he got his education here. He can tell all about talk, tell about the diseases of cows, horses, mules, dogs, cats and other animals. He is prepared to give medicine for them just like you give medicine to a man when he is sick.

I have mentioned Rev. R. L. Wynn before. He is a preacher doing good work, and a graduate from the Virginia Theological Seminary and college of which Prof. G. W. Hayes, is president. It is indeed inspiring to come in touch with this young man and see what he is doing for his people. He took hold of the church with 7 members, and now he has worked it up to a large membership with a church building. Now this is what I call doing something, but I will not take up the time to tell you about this now. I saw many things in Lynchburg to inspire me, but I was sick when I got to see while there and you will pardon me if I do not know enough to tell you about the city.

I hope to have the pleasure of presenting you a picture of Dr. Lushington. I returned to Richmond, and had the pleasure of being with Rev. D. Webster Davis, who is indeed a fine poet and a man loving man. He is a black man and he is in this world, and in addition to this he is one of the smartest men of our race, and I tell you I wish that our race could have a Davis all over this country. He is a man who has built up his reputation and a man who is really doing something for his people. I admire him because he is a man that belongs to the race strictly. He can split black ink because he is so black.

I have had the pleasure of seeing so many people and I enjoyed myself so very much while in Richmond. I told you that I was the guest of J. P. Gram, the fish dealer. He is a man who can catch fish himself. Did I tell you that saw Rev. A. E. Edwards in town? If not I will tell you now. He is there and he is doing good work. He is pastor of the Fifth Street Baptist church, associated with Rev. W. F. Graham. Dr. Graham is educational secretary for the State Convention, and he is doing some good work and this you may put down.

HON. H. C. SMITH IS NOMINATED

Nomination Equivalent To An Election—Fourth Time To Be Nominated To The Legislature Of Ohio.

(Special to The Afro-American Ledger.)

Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 9.—Hon. H. C. Smith, who has served three terms in the State Legislature, has just been nominated for the fourth term by a decisive majority. He is the only colored man in the North who has served so often in a State Legislature. There were 25 candidates for seven places and Mr. Smith received the third highest vote. In Mr. Smith's district there is a population of 60,000 and of this number only 3,500 are Afro-Americans. A nomination is equivalent to election.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Baltimorean Elected To Preside Over Knights of Pythias At Kansas City—Next Session To Be Held In New Berns, N. C.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 9.—At the biennial session of the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, of the Eastern and Western Hemisphere, which closed its sessions here this week, the following officers were elected:

Supreme Chancellor, W. Ashbie Hawkins, Baltimore, Md.; Supreme Vice Chancellor, Dr. T. C. Unshack, Kansas City, Mo.; Supreme Pralse, W. W. Lawrence, New Berns, N. C.; Supreme E. R. and S. Wm. Grandison, Cambridge, Mass.; Supreme M. of S., George E. Gordon, Boston, Mass.; Supreme I. G. George, Grand Kansas City, Mo.; Supreme G. G. J. S. Drake, Charleston, S. C.; Supreme M. of A. J. B. Loving, Los Angeles, California; Brig. Gen. Uniform Rank, O. W. Custer, Hartford, Conn.

Trustees—J. Fred. Freeman, Boston, Mass.; E. L. Bailey, Providence, R. I.; and Solomon Tripp, Baltimore.

The next session will be held in New Berns, N. C., Sept. 1907.

PREPARING FOR RALLY.

Camp Meeting Brings A Large Crowd And A Very Disorderly One—Tomato Crop Very Short—Pastor Working For The Uplift Of His People.

(Special to The Afro-American Ledger.)

Easton, Md., September 13.—Rev. A. L. Henry of Auburn M. E. Church, is now holding on his village camp, quite a crowd attended last Sunday. An excursion from Salisbury, Md., brought a large crowd and many of them were disorderly, as well as some of our own people. This tough element in our race makes us ashamed of them, they do not attend the meetings for the good it will do but to have a good time. The preachers on the Eastern Shore will yet have their eyes opened to the harmful effect of camp meetings and abandon them.

While much money is gathered it is very doubtful if any good is done.

Bethel church is preparing for her rally next Sunday when they hope to raise \$500.00. They had a good report at the last quarterly conference and preaching elder Arnold went away pleased.

Mr. R. L. Flagg of Tonia, Miss., is visiting his brother, Rev. Flagg. Mr. Flagg is a cotton grower in the Delta. He owns about 500 acres of land and raises hundreds of bales of cotton. Our young men in Eastern will close their eyes to the opportunities of making money by practicing economy and thrift. Some of them will soon be in a position of comparative independence, and Rev. Flagg is trying to get them to see it.

The counting season will be about to open. Our people ought to save every cent. It was last year someone will suffer. We want them to make all they can give all they can and save all they can.

PLANS FOR THE ARMISTICE

Provision For the Cessation of Hostilities. THE DETAILS BEING WORKED OUT. The Plan Arranged by the Plenipotentiaries at Portsmouth is Now Before Representatives of the Commanders of the Two Armies for Execution—Zones of Demarcation in Manchuria and the Tumen Region.

Mukden, Manchuria (By Cable).—General Fukushima, representing Field Marshal Oyama, and General Ovanovsky, representing General Linovich, met at Shaboth Station, north of Chantufu, at 10 o'clock A. M. They probably will take several days to arrange the details of the armistice.

BARON KOMURA HAS TYPHOID.

Japanese Peace Envoy Very Ill of Slow Fever. New York (Special).—Baron Komura, the Japanese peace envoy, has typhoid fever in its first stages.

Mr. Sato, spokesman for the Japanese delegation, gave out the news. Dr. Pritchard, however, said that he still held to his original diagnosis of inflammation of the gall bladder.

Many messages of inquiry as to Baron Komura's condition, including one from President Roosevelt, reached the hotel. Flowers and cards have been left by many friends.

AVIATOR FALLS TO DEATH.

John August Drops From Balloon While Giving an Exhibition.

Baltimore, Md. (Special).—John August, an aviator, 25 years old, whose home is in Shenandoah, Pa., was instantly killed by falling from his apparatus. For the past two weeks he has been making daily ascensions from the grounds of an industrial exposition in the eastern suburbs of the city.

GUMMERS IN DANGER.

Tangier (By Cable).—Samuel R. Gummere, the American Minister, and a number of European inhabitants have abandoned their residences in the suburbs and removed to the center of the town, at the request of the Moroccan authorities, who said they were unable to guarantee their security owing to the disturbed condition of the surrounding districts.

Big Blast at Chattanooga.

Chattanooga, Tenn. (Special).—At least \$500,000 is the estimated loss by a fire which broke out in the freight yards of the Cincinnati, New Orleans and Texas Pacific Railway Company, totally destroying the freight depot, with its contents; 42 freight cars, most of which were fully loaded; two mail cars, two baggage cars and the private car of Superintendent M. W. McGinnis.

CARS FALL FROM "L" ROAD.

Twelve Passengers Killed and Forty Injured—Open Switch the Cause. New York (Special).—Twelve persons—ten men and two women—were killed and more than 40 injured by the derailment of an elevated railroad train at Fifty-third street and Ninth avenue.

A south-bound Ninth-avenue train crowded with passengers, leaving Fifty-ninth street station at 7:04 A. M., struck an open switch at the junction with the Sixth avenue line. One car fell into the street, turning over in its descent and standing on end in the street.

The switchman, C. A. Jackson, who disappeared after the wreck, is blamed for the accident by Coroner Scholer after an impromptu inquiry, but is defended by General Manager Hedley.

Coroner Scholer has caused the arrest of J. W. Johnson, the conductor of the train; Timothy Higginson, J. McDavitt, W. L. Berry and D. Clark, the four guards. Motorman Paul Kelly is being sought.

General Manager Hedley of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company explained the wreck as follows: "The signals in the switch tower were set for open track for the Sixth avenue southbound. The train went down Ninth avenue at a rapid pace and struck the switch.

The train took the switch at a rapid speed, and the first car held to the rails through the weight of the cars behind. The strain was so great that when half way around the curve the coupling broke between the first and second cars.

The train was a southbound Ninth avenue local, and should have continued on the straight track, instead of being switched to the curve, by which Sixth avenue trains proceed on Fifty-third street from Ninth avenue to Sixth avenue.

Mr. Hedley said the switchman asserted that the train showed signals indicating it wanted the Sixth-avenue line and that the motorman disregarded the signals indicating that the switch was set for that line.

Standard Puts Up Oil.

Pittsburg (Special).—The Standard Oil Company advanced the price of all grades of crude oil. Pennsylvania oil was raised 3 cents and the other grades were advanced 2 cents a barrel.

38 Deaths in Germany.

Berlin. (By Cable).—An official bulletin says that 16 cholera cases and 6 deaths were reported making the totals 170 cases and 38 deaths.

FINANCIAL.

The ginning of cotton so far this year has run well ahead of the amount in 1904. Business in this country as measured by bank clearings is greater than ever before.

Miss Alice in Pekin.

Peking (By Cable).—Major-General Corbin, Rear-Admiral Train, Miss Alice Roosevelt and other members of their party arrived here. They were met by American Minister W. W. Rockhill and Mrs. Rockhill.

ADMIRAL TOGO'S SHIP BLOWN UP

The Big Battleship Mikasa Sank by Explosion. OVER FIVE HUNDRED MEN PERISH. Victims of the Disaster Include Men from Other Ships, Who Went to the Rescue of the Mikasa's Crew—From an Unknown Cause the Fire Starts at Midnight Sunday—Planes Spread Rapidly.

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THE LATEST NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD.

DOMESTIC. On behalf of the President, Secretary Loch has denied that Gaston Richard, representing the Petit Parisien, secured from Mr. Roosevelt the latter's views regarding the peace terms between Russia and Japan.

Charges have been filed against Assistant United States Treasurer Lpib, of Philadelphia, that he violated order of the President prohibiting federal officeholders taking part in politics.

President Roosevelt has signed the commission of Robert H. Talley, of Norfolk, as United States district attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia.

When Stanley Sobieszik, of Chicago, was confronted by his two wives he confessed bigamy, and said he had lived with them on alternate days.

The Vice President and Mrs. Fairbanks have returned to their home, in Indianapolis, after an absence of a month.

The subway is blamed for the sinking of streets and buildings in the downtown district of Chicago.

Sixty persons were hurt by the overturning of a trailer attached to a traction car in Pittsburgh.

A seat on the New York Stock Exchange sold for \$34,000, a new record price.

Further revelations regarding the New York Life Insurance Company's relations with the New York Security and Trust Company were brought out at the hearing before the Armstrong insurance committee in New York.

Schamus, a Russian, evidently a crank on the subject, came to Oyster Bay to get the President the price of coal. He was arrested and will have his sanity inquired into.

Charles J. Murphy, formerly of the United States Department of Agriculture, received from Emperor Nicholas the decoration of the Order of St. Stanislaus.

J. F. Borin, who arrived at San Francisco on the liner Sierra from Samoa, brought news of the great volcanic eruption on the Island of Savaii.

M. Witte and Baron Rosen, the Russian peace commissioners, sailed from New York for home after a farewell from the Japanese envoys.

Two persons were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the summer home of William Thompson at Harmony Grove, N. H.

The Blairville mail train ran into an open switch at Greighton, Pa., and collided with a freight. Several persons were injured.

The 22 railroads centering in Chicago refused the demands of the freight-haulers for an increase in wages and a conference.

One man was killed and several others seriously injured by coming in contact with a live wire in Waterbury, Ct.

A committee representing Boston councils of the Royal Arcanum is considering an appeal to the courts to enjoin the Supreme Council from carrying the increased rates into effect.

John Adams, a minor, and John Galinsky, a laborer, were instantly killed by a premature blast at Park Place Colliery of Lentz & Co., at Mahanoy City, Pa.

The freight-haulers of Chicago have requested a conference with representatives of 22 railroads, so they may submit a demand for increased wages.

19 KILLED BY BLAST

Ten Buildings of the Rand Powder Mills Blown to Pieces. SMOOK BUILDINGS MANY MILES AWAY. Two Rains From Baltimore and Obble and the Electric Lightway Tracks—Windows Smashed, Cattle in the Fields Stunned, Trolley Car Derailed and Persons Badly Shocked Over an Area of Many Miles.

Ten buildings of the Rand powder mills at Fair Chance, six miles south of Uniontown, Pa., were blown into splinters.

Out of 32 men who went to work in the mills 19 are known to be dead.

A passenger train had a narrow escape, having passed a moment before the explosion occurred.

Windows were broken and houses shaken in a radius of 20 miles. Many persons were painfully hurt in nearby towns.

Cattle in the fields were stunned and wheat stacks overturned.

Seven explosions in all occurred.

Connellsville, Pa. (Special).—The Rand powder Mills at Fair Chance, six miles south of Uniontown, were entirely wiped out by an explosion at 9:05 o'clock A. M.

Of these 13 have been identified. Scores of people in the town of Fair Chance, within half a mile of the powder mills, were more or less painfully injured.

The shock of the explosion was distinctly felt in Connellsville, 20 miles away, buildings being rocked on their foundations.

In the town of Fair Chance there is scarcely a house that did not suffer damage. The sides were battered in as though axes had been used.

Haystacks were toppled over in the fields, and live stock were stunned.

The West Penn Traction Railway Company were rooted from the roadbed and traffic was delayed from four to six hours, transfers being made over the Pennsylvania.

Train No. 52, on the Baltimore and Ohio, had a narrow escape from annihilation. It had just passed the Rand Mills when the explosion occurred.

The windows in the passenger coaches were shattered and passengers thrown into a panic.

Had the train been a few seconds late it would have been blown up, as the mills are within a few rods of the tracks.

A street car on the West Penn Railway had also passed just a few seconds before the explosion and was far enough away to escape damage, though it was derailed.

There were seven explosions in all. Every one of the 10 buildings was totally demolished. Not a vestige of them remains.

The debris that was strewn over the ten acres of ground where the plant was located took fire soon after the explosion and added its terrors to the disaster.

The dismembered parts of the dead were burned in many instances. Identification of many was made by parts of clothing alone.

NEW YORK AS SEEN BY DAY.

As a crowded Ninth avenue elevated train reached the fatal curve at Fifty-third street, where the "L" tragedy occurred on Monday, at the usual hour, shortly after 6 o'clock, Elizabeth Scholer, an operator for the Western Electric Company, who lives at 72 East One Hundred and Twentieth street, began to scream and cry and to throw herself about the car in the wildest hysteria.

There, in her lucid intervals, it was learned she had been on the doomed train on Monday morning, and escaped from the third car, the one which hung over the structure and whose trucks fell into the street, killing those below.

She declared that she glimpsed of the scene of the tragedy had brought the whole horror of Monday morning back upon her with uncontrollable force, and she suffered ten times the anguish she experienced in her escape from among the dead and dying.

Thomas French, 17 years old, a student at the High School at Orange, N. J., has been arrested for postoffice inspectors charged with sending threatening letters to Valentin, also of East Orange, an officer in an insurance company, and with mail to Mr. Riker three infernal machines.

These contrivances are said to resemble the ones received recently at the offices of Jacob H. Schiff and M. G. Ginehem's Sons in this city. The boy has always borne a good reputation and has never been away from home in the garret of his mother's house, he had a workshop, and there, according to admissions he is said to have made to the officers, he constructed the three machines which he mailed to Mr. Riker.

He is also alleged, showed the postoffice inspectors a card bearing the names and locations of all the fire-boxes in East Orange. Against some of them he had made check marks, and it is said he admitted that fires had been rung in on these boxes, and that he was fond of fires.

Historical and topographical circles in the Borough of Queens were agitated by a rumor that the new plans for laying out streets in the western half of Jamaica provided for the naming of the new streets after eminent Japanese soldiers and sailors.

A map of the streets had been made under the supervision of Borough President Cassidy, to be presented before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment at a public hearing on September 22. Besides naming some of the new streets after Togo, Nogi, Oyama, Oku and others, several of the streets which formerly bore the names of American Presidents have been changed to names adopted from foreign countries.

What was supposed to have been an ordinary case of suicide by asphyxiation may develop into murder, in the case of Alfred Krattinger, an expert accountant, who was found dead in his room at 436 West Fifty-sixth street.

Coroner Scholer was about to give a certificate, when it was discovered that the transom was open, the doorkey broken and the window unlocked—unusual circumstances in such cases.

A further examination disclosed a bruise over the right ear. A diamond pin worth \$100 was missing, as well as a wallet, usually well filled. The man's face was not discolored, as would have been the case in death by gas.

There was so little smell of gas that a theory is offered that some murderer for robbery turned on the gas to hide his crime.

In agony, screaming for help, while pedestrians crossing the Brooklyn bridge looked and laughed, Winfield Pendleton, impaled on a spike at the top of an eight-foot fence which runs along the south roadway, wriggled helplessly until Policeman James Farron of the bridge squad came to his assistance and lifted him from the spike.

Pendleton, who is a laborer, lives at Coney Island. He started to cross the bridge at the south roadway. Discovering that he was not on the promenade, he climbed the spike and expected to plummet to the promenade. In some manner he slipped and the point of one of the spikes entered his abdomen. He is seriously, but not fatally, injured.

Charles Miller, an animal trainer at the Boston show at Coney Island, after a fight for an hour, was forced to abandon an attempt to put Tammany, a full-grown Bengal tiger, through his paces. When the tiger was driven into the arena he jumped at the trainer, who met the animal with a fusillade of blank cartridges.

Maddened by the smarting powder, the tiger again sprang at Miller, who this time met the attack with a heavy iron bar. Hardly a sound came from the crowd of spectators when the trainer made a last attempt to force the animal to his pedestal. Again he failed, after which he was persuaded to drive the tiger from the arena.

LIVE WASHINGTON AFFAIRS. The United American Mechanics elected officers and decided to hold their next annual convention in Dayton, O. A suitable program for a reception to the President upon his return to Washington is being arranged.

Acting Public Printer Ricketts has decided to put a stop to the custom of daily passing around "hand books" on races in Government Printing Office. Mincey sharks will also have to go.

According to advices received in Washington, the boycott situation in Shanghai is improving. In Canton, however, there is an appreciable growth in anti-foreign sentiment.

Dr. Morris Fishberg, an agent of the Bureau of Immigration, reported that steamship companies can do more than they are doing to keep out undesirable immigrants.

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BALTIMORE, SEPTEMBER, 16.

Every Negro in Maryland owes it to himself, his wife and his children to do everything in his power to defeat the disfranchisement scheme of the Democratic robbers.

No white man is going to sit down and wait for some one else to look out for his rights. He is going to "get in the game" and look out for them himself. And that is just what the Negro must do.

Strike-breakers have now formed a union, and in the future there will probably be a necessity of hiring strike-breakers to break up strikes of strike breakers. There are some funny things in this world.

The schools are opened and the large majority of school children are back at their desks. Teachers are home again refreshed from their vacation and ready for work. We wish all a pleasant year of study and work.

The School Board has made many changes in the teachers during the past summer and many find that they are installed in new quarters. Some are well pleased and some are not so well pleased. The School Board did not have in its mind the pleasing of the teacher so much as the improvement of the service and it would be well for the teachers to keep that in mind.

Some thief entered the house of a resident of this city, and although he made the statement that it was so dark that he could not see the fellow, and had no idea of his appearance, yet he believed that the thief was a colored man. The great probability is that while looking for a colored man the white thief will get off entirely. Just how this man reached the conclusion that the thief was colored passes our understanding, for their are as many white thieves as there are colored thieves and bigger ones at that.

The Democrat party of this State is playing for big game. To succeed is to place every man in this State under obligations to it. Taxes will be placed to make up a good sized pile for the grafter, and every corner in the State will hear so many bell rangers until they will hardly be able to sleep. The party is wide awake and will do all in its power to carry their schemes thru. The Negro should be no less wide awake to thwart them. The Negro is now also playing for big game.

The Suffrage League mapped out a plan at its meeting last Tuesday to hold a large number of meetings in this city and throughout the State. It is to be hoped that the leaders of the State will rally around the League and give it their full support. It is now time for work and good hard work at that. What we need now is to arouse the people to their dan-

ger, and every well thinking man should make himself a committee of one and see to it that his neighbor, if asleep, is awakened up, and kept awake.

We congratulate the Hon. H. C. Smith, of Cleveland, Ohio, on his success in the late primary in his legislative district. Mr. Smith is nominated for the fourth time and will be elected. He has done a great work in the legislature for his race, and it was largely through him that the "jimcrow" law got a very black eye in Ohio.

The several posts of the G. A. R. of this city gave an excursion to Gettysburg this week and carried several thousand people with them. It is quite evident that they made several hundred dollars. This would be all right under ordinary circumstances, but what amount of manhood was sacrificed for the sake of a few hundred dollars is hard to estimate. Principle is worth more than money. Nearly forty years ago these men went to battle for a principle and now when they should be in the front teaching manhood, they are teaching their sons and daughters to sacrifice their manhood at the altar of mammon. Shame on them and all others who are endeavoring to teach our boys and girls to sacrifice their manhood for the sake of a few paltry dollars. Shame on them.

The first consideration among the colored people at this time in this State should be the right to vote and have that vote counted as cast. The future welfare of the colored people is wound up in this disfranchisement amendment. Look at it in any way we please, the right to vote carries with it much more than simply voting. As a matter of fact, simply having the right to vote would amount to very little if that vote did not have an influence, and that influence to mean something. It is this something behind the vote that is of so much importance. Disfranchisement brings in its train many evils of which we are at present not advised of. It will not do for us to look supinely on and say that the white people's rights are at stake as well as ours and we can stand idly by and expect them to do all the fighting. We must do as much for our rights as they are doing for theirs.

THE DUTY OF THE HOUR.

There is nothing of greater importance to colored men of Maryland, just now, than the defeat of the Poe-Amendment. Happily, for us, the plot of political lynching is so viciously, wicked and comprehensive in its operation, that the keen civic instincts of all liberty loving and honorable citizens have been so thoroughly aroused that the issue has been lifted from being simply a partisan one to one of fundamental honesty.

The outlook for the defeat of this exceedingly iniquitous matter grows brighter and brighter every day. And while we can not but feel highly elated at this turn of affairs in our favor, yet, incidentally, such a constantly growing change in public sentiment, brings with it an increasing danger to the final success of the movement for the defeat of the Poe-Amendment.

It was the Honorable Secretary of the Navy who so clearly and insistently warned the people of Maryland of the pressing necessity not only of defeating the proposed legislation, but of defeating it by such an overwhelming majority as to render ineffective and void all the fraud and political manipulation which might be resorted to by the ring to hinder its own dissolution and political death. It is, therefore, just as urgently necessary for colored men throughout the State of Maryland to work and labor just as earnestly as though the tide of popular feeling had not turned in strongly against the Poe-Amendment.

Every vote will be needed. From now on we ought to have a red hot campaign. It will be a very great mistake if any considerable number of our colored preachers, teachers, and other public men, fail, through indifference to exert themselves to the full on behalf of the defeat of the Poe-Amendment. And what we say of them we predict of the officers of the various secret and beneficial societies among the race. From now until the election there should not be a single meeting of any of the various societies throughout the State of Maryland without strong and earnest words with respect to the duty of colored men in this contest. If there be any class of men who ought to be deprived of the franchise, surely such are they who are so profoundly and hopelessly ignorant that they are unable to perceive that the Poe-Amendment means their undoing. If we win in this contest it will be an emancipation for us in more than one important sense. It will be an education of priceless value, for it will be a demonstration of a fact which hitherto

has been extremely difficult for us to comprehend. That fact is, that among the Democrats are large minded and fair minded men who are disposed to more fully recognize our manhood than very many among the Republicans.

The man Miller, a so-called Republican who wanted the late Republican State convention to declare against the Negro holding public offices, represents a considerable number of white Republicans. These so-called Republicans have all along given unmistakable evidence that such were their sentiments; only, they were not bold and audacious enough to attempt to have them publicly and officially proclaimed; nevertheless they have not failed to act them out in practice. With the defeat of the Poe-Amendment, the effects of our political education by means of the hands of our friends, will dispose us more kindly and wisely to discriminate between Democrats and between Republicans, and place us irrevocably as the true and tried friends of good government.

After all, there is more in common with us and the decent element in the Democratic party, than with that vulgar and coarse rabble of Republicans who are forever prating about "nigger," and who pride themselves on their "ily-white" proclivities.

By all means let us free ourselves from such entangling allowance, and hold ourselves in readiness to cooperate for the best interests of our city and State, with those noble minded men who will vindicate their own admirable qualities by voting to death, the Poe-Amendment and all other un-American legislation.

LATE LITERARY NEWS.

The September issue of The Colored American Magazine is rich in everything. Besides "The Way of the World" there are contributions on "Woman's Suffrage," "Williams and Walker, comedians," "The Upward Struggle" (a study of the recent meeting of the Business League); "The Business Career of Mrs. M. E. Williams," by Carrie W. Clifford and various other special contributions. The poem is written by Will H. Hendrickson. The portraits are many and interesting. Ten cents the copy. Newsdealers on Cedar and Pearl streets, New York.

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Exploring the Atmosphere.

For the purpose of scientifically exploring the atmosphere, Comte de Cassillon de Saint-Victor made an ascent on June 7 in his balloon Centaure, taking with him M. Joseph Jaubert, director of the municipal observatories of Paris, and Dr. Jolly. Other aerostatic ascents were made on the same day from Berlin, Strasburg, Barman, Munich, Vienna, Zurich, Rome and Trappes.

THE FORUM.

FROM A LAYMAN'S VIEWPOINT. MR. EDITOR.

The A. M. E. church is a great institution, and it embraces within its ranks some of the greatest men in this country—men of giant intellect; of deep piety and intrinsic worth; men whose genius is felt and appreciated on both sides of the water. From a very humble beginning, she has come up step by step, and today is recognized as one of the great religious forces of the age. Her bishops, general officers, colleges and publishing houses all tell the story of her struggles, triumphs and present power and influence. They are men of whom any race might well be proud. Her colleges and publishing houses are the products of the great self-sacrificing efforts of the fathers—a class of men who flung their genius upon the world in the darkest period of the race's history. They hewed down the timber, threw up the roads and blazed the way for the oncoming generations.

Some of these grand old men are living today: The lion hearted Turner, the uncompromising Handy, the scholarly Tanner and many others equally deserving of mention.

But this class of men are rapidly disappearing, and they are leaving a glorious heritage behind. They are leaving behind men fully equipped to step into their shoes and carry on the great work.

Thus far, nothing has as yet come to the surface that has tended to dim the lustre of her glorious history, and it should be the prayer of our faithful communicants that she be saved from disgrace brought about by designing and unchristian men.

There is no room in her ranks for chronic fault finders, grumblers and obstructionists, such as Rev. Albert Long and Rev. S. Timothy Tice, who to my mind, are nothing more nor less than obstructionists, disturbers and disappointed aspirants for pastoral charges and positions, which heaven never intended they should fill. They have been tried, proven and found wanting. I am firmly of the opinion that the time has come for a weeding out process. The church does not need this kind of material. She can get along without them, for certain it is that peace and sweet contentment will not reign in our Zion as long as these kind of men are permitted to assail unchallenged our gray haired bishops, presiding elders and general officers.

I do not contend that our church has made no mistakes; doubtless she has, and will continue so to do, for thus it has been in all the history of the Christian world. Happily there are ways to rectify mistakes without having them heralded to the world by disgruntled and ambitious men who hide their sinister purposes under the garb of reform. If this to be continued then let our church papers destroy their exchange list that we may be able to keep these things confined within the connection.

I believe it to be the duty of a Christian minister to go wherever he is sent and by God's help make the work a success. Inasmuch as he did not stop to make a bargain with God when he started out, he should not grumble if called upon to suffer a little for the cause. He may, and perhaps does suffer, so did the apostles, the early reformers and martyrs. He should certainly not be afraid to practice the doctrine he preaches to others, remembering as did St. Paul that "the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared to the glory that shall be revealed in the hereafter."

There are some men in the ministry who always have a grievance. Some bishop or presiding elder has a grudge against them and are punishing them by sending them to hard fields of labor. I believe that these grievances are largely imaginary. They go to their work with all sorts of misgivings, and as it often happens they seize the first unfavorable sign as a pretext to throw up their task and go back and report that they cannot get a living. Then they begin to grumble and growl, sulk in their tent doors and heed not the call to the field, though the harvest is ripe and ready for the reaper.

I have before me a copy of the Sunday School Monitor of September 1. The Monitor, a paper originally intended to circulate among the officers, teachers and scholars of our Sunday schools, but long since turned into a fighting machine wherein fault-finding ministers could hurl their shafts at those in authority. Who is the superintendent that would dare introduce this paper into his school as a medium of thought and instruction? The one who would do such a thing should at once be deprived of his office. But in this particular number, Rev. Albert Long has an article under the caption "Blue Points Here and There." In it he paints a dark and foreboding picture. He broadly intimates that there are things going on beneath the surface that bodes ill to the church. His penetrating eye (?) has

detected these misdeeds and his versatile pen is busy sounding the alarm. But the close observer can plainly see in all he says the sign of disappointment, and the ear can distinctly catch the sound of blasted ambition.

It is not strange that a man with his pure motives and lofty ideals should be neglected and overlooked; Is it possible that our churches have not reached out to secure this man of priceless value? Yes, very strange indeed. But listen at his reference to Bishop Smith:

"Where," says he, "is Bishop Charles Smith? We know that his boots are full of oratory. On it is possible that some other fellow has Bishop Charles's boots on?"

This is enough. No more is needed to establish my position. When a man so far forgets himself as to speak so carelessly of one of the high prelates of the church, it is time for the thinking laymen to begin to study.

One story is good until another is told, and if Rev. Long is as wise a man as he would have the world to believe, he will give Bishop Smith a chance to be heard before an unprejudiced tribunal.

I think I voice the sentiment of a large majority of the intelligent laity when I say they are heartily sick and tired of these attacks upon the bishops and officers of the church and they will, in the near future, rise up and demand that the men of the Long and Tice stripe be relegated to the rear until they learn to know when, how and where to talk.

J. W. JACKSON, Frostburg, Md., Sept. 12.

PASTOR SUSPENDED.

Rev. C. I. Withrow Tried And Found Guilty of Alleged Dishonesty—Presiding Elder Orders His Suspension.

(Special to The Afro-American Ledger.) Staunton, Va., Sept 6.—There being at least a dozen charges of alleged dishonesty, fraud and lying against Rev. C. Withrow, P. C., Augusta Street M. E. Church, Staunton, Va., the case was submitted to a committee of investigation which met at this place September 6th. Rev. G. E. Curry, Waynesboro, Va., was appointed as counsel for the church, and Rev. J. A. Reid, Augusta charge, for the accused. After a careful examination of the witnesses the case was submitted to the committee of investigation which reported as follows:

We the committee of investigation in the case of Rev. C. I. Withrow, pastor in charge of the Augusta Street M. E. Church, Staunton, Va., find Rev. C. I. Withrow guilty of lying and dishonesty as specified in the charges and specifications and also having abandoned his work.

Upon report of the committee he was suspended from all ministerial services and church privileges until the ensuing Annual Conference. Rev. J. W. Waters, P. E., presided at the trial and gave the suspension.

Committee of Investigation—A. Becka, J. E. Gibson, G. E. Hodges, W. Murray, G. S. Lawrence, Jas. H. E. Carter, Secretary.

SUCCESSFUL RALLY.

Large Number Attend Annual Picnic—Quarterly Conference Reports Tossingly Good.

Winchester, Va., September 15.—Over 200 people went from this city to Mt. Alto Park, Pa., on the annual union picnic, last Thursday.

The trustees of St. Paul A. M. E. church held a rally last Sunday at Courthouse Hall. Rev. G. C. Taylor of Newport News, preached morning and evening. The pastor, Rev. Hargrave, preached in the afternoon. The rally was set for \$150.

Presiding elder J. C. Williams held his second quarterly conference on Monday evening at St. Paul A. M. E. church. Written reports were not as numerous as the first quarter, but were unusually good. Mr. and Mrs. Meredith Armstead have returned from attending the Reformers convention in Richmond. Mrs. John Strange, jr., of Clarkeburg, W. Va., who has been visiting here has returned home. Mr. John S. Wilkinson has returned home from Capon Springs. Mr. Mack Washington of Connelville, Pa., is visiting friends here. Messrs G. A. Gunster, James F. Robinson and Charles H. Hardin have accepted positions at the Luchiel Hotel in Harrisburg, Pa.

Over in China.

A physician has just returned from China, laden with stories of Chinese medicine. "Medical consultations are carried to their extreme limit in China," he said. "There, when any one becomes seriously ill, a consultation of fifteen or twenty doctors is held. The doctors all the house with their arguments. They make as much noise as a political convention. But such a consultation as that would be considered small and futile if a great man—a mandarin, say, or the third class—were to be ill. To consult on his case at least a hundred doctors would gather together. A member of the royal family was taken sick while I was in China, and my Chinese host told me with a good deal of pride that the largest consultation known to history had been held over the sick man. No fewer than 316 physicians, he said, had come from every part of the kingdom to study and discuss the case. The royal patient, I heard afterward, died. This mammoth consultation had been held in vain."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

The Shah Afloat in the Dark.

When the Shah called upon M. Curie in Paris recently, to see the wonders of radium, he did not like the idea of a dark room. His grand vizier suggested drawing the curtains of the room, but M. Curie persisted that darkness was necessary. Thereupon the Shah called M. Paoli, the French detective protector of royalties, who assured his majesty that there was no danger. So the party descended to the underground apartment in the hotel known as the safe room. M. Curie began expounding the properties of radium, and then gave a signal for the electric light to be switched off. Immediately a panic seized the Shah's suite (says the Chronicle's correspondent), and all cried out in Persian and French, "Light! Light! Turn on the light!" The electricity was switched on again, and the disappointed savant was forced to show his radium in a lighted room.—London St. James' Gazette.

Borrow's Piety.

There are still stories of Borrow awaiting a biographer who, in Mr. Petulengro's phrase, is not "bitten by the mad puppy," they call it gently. It is possibly this species of hydrophobia which induced Prof. Knox to omit one characteristic story, the subject of his memoir. When he set out for Russia as the agent of the British and Foreign Bible Society, Borrow's sole funds were a 5-pound note, change for which into gold his mother procured for him at his request. Writing to her from St. Petersburg, Borrow urged her to be more careful in future, as one of the five sovereigns which she had given him proved to be bad. "However," adds this strangest of missionaries, "thank the Lord, I succeeded in passing it in London."—Academy.

Churches Turned into Inns.

At Great Easton, three miles from Rockingham Station, there is a Wesleyan chapel which is now an inn. When built a stone was placed over the entrance with the words inscribed "To the Glory of God," and the inscription still remains over the portal of the licensed premises.

At Newcastle-under-Lyme a chapel was built in 1349, in the time of the Wesleyan reform movement, which after a time became too small, and a larger building some distance away was bought from the Wesleyans, the smaller one being sold. After passing through various hands the former building is now a licensed house and a music hall.—London Daily News.

The "Cult of the Child" in England.

It is pleasing to note that an astonishing revolution is taking place in the position of the child in England today, especially among the upper and middle classes of society. The "cult" of the child may indeed be said to be just now a fashionable craze, and one that we hope has come to stay, for though at present the tendency is, perhaps, to set an exaggerated estimate upon the sayings and doings of child-life, yet upon the whole the movement is undoubtedly in the right direction.—Church Eclectic.

Too High a Price.

A farm laborer who was getting married found that he had not enough money with which to pay the minister's fee. He promised, however, to pay him in potatoes when they were ready for digging up. The minister waited for some time, but no potatoes were forthcoming; so he called upon the man and inquired the reason.

"Well, to tell you the truth, Governor," was the reply, "I'd like to give you the potatoes, but she ain't worth it."—Harper's Weekly.

Trees for Gloves.

The men who are careful to have their dress as immaculate as possible are no longer content with boot trees to keep their footwear looking as if it had just come from the maker. Now there are also trees for gloves, and on these are stretched the gloves that are worn in driving and riding. The trees are manufactured after the size of the wearer's hand, although it is not necessary that they should be exactly of a size, as it is required of those made for the shoes. Most of the gloves that men wear now are cleaned merely by washing. It is for them especially that the new trees have come into fashion.

Green Hair.

There are men living today with green hair. This weird color is not a curious fad, but the result of working in a copper mine, where, in order to become a marketable commodity, the crude ore is roasted in furnaces. It is stated that, although no offensive odor emanates from the process, there is nevertheless some strange substance therein that produces a chemical change of the hair and beard, so that they become as green as grass. Strange to say, the texture of the hair suffers no injury, but remains as soft and glossy as ever.—Pearson's Weekly.

Senator Allison's Caution.

Senator Allison, noted for the caution which characterizes his utterances, was seated in a railway car gliding through Iowa when his traveling companion directed his attention to a flock of sheep. "I see they have begun shearing," he remarked. The senator gazed thoughtfully for a moment at the shorn lambs, and reluctantly admitted, "They certainly have sheared 'em on this side."—Harper's Weekly.

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