

Portland New Age

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PORTLAND LOCALS

Mrs. Marie Penny is suffering with rheumatism.
Mrs. Cora Scott is confined to the house with a severe attack of neuralgia.

Remember the apron social at the A. M. E. Zion church Feb. 28th and March 1st.

Mrs. R. Vernon and her two sons are able to be out again after several week's illness.

Arthur Harris, chief cook of the steamer Ruth cut his hand severely while cutting up a quarter of beef.

Mrs. Anna Smith, the genial boarding house mistress is quite caused primarily by an ulcerated tooth.

Sim Ready of the Hotel Portland has taken an enforced vacation caused by a return of his old trouble acute rheumatism.

King D. Brock who is engaged at Rutherford & Hyter's tonorial parlors is able to be at his post again after a severe attack of lagrippe.

Mr. Craddock one of the employees of the Pullman Palace Car Co. has taken a trip to the springs seeking relief on account of rheumatism.

Mrs. Belle Craig whose death was noted in our last week's issue was buried on Monday last from Finley's undertaking parlors, interment at Lone Fire a large number of her friends attending.

On the 13th inst. Joseph Cole was arrested in Vancouver, Wash., by Officer Secrist and taken to Tacoma where he was lodged in the county jail charged with assault to commit murder ten days ago.

All of our older citizens will be pleased to hear that Hon. John F. Copes who was stricken with paralysis the first of last October has so far recovered as to be able to visit his office. Whilst the judge has regained the use of his legs he still suffers from an impediment in his speech.

The Valentine party given Wednesday and Thursday evenings by Mt. Olivet Baptist church was well attended. An excellent program was presented on each evening and an excellent repast served. The Cusine under the superintendence of M. Frazier was as usual one of the features of the entertainment. A neat sum was netted for the church.

Why is it that so many of our people will aspire and accept of positions that they are not qualified to fill. Are they not aware that each and every failure injures us as a whole people. Whilst we do not condemn any one for trying to better their condition we must learn that very few employers are willing to hire inexperienced workmen, pay them the highest wages and allow them to keep the positions in which they are not able to make good. Let us qualify ourselves before we accept a position then we will succeed.

It has been asserted by some narrow minded persons that the New Age is partial in giving items of a social nature. We desire to correct any erroneous impression that may exist in that direction. The columns of this paper are always open for the publication of items of a social nature or anything that will tend to elevate or build up our people. We never have nor never will expect to permit our paper to be used to vent little petty animosities or personal spite. As it is not possible for the reporter to be omniscient we would be pleased to have items of interest sent so as to reach this office not later than Thursday noon if intended for the current issue.

What is this, a policeman resigned his position, is it possible that it is true? On closer investigation we find that it was only a member of an organization that had been clothed with a special commission in order to try and protect the meetings of his society from being disturbed by the riff raff and hoodlums of our city. In attempting to arrest one of this element he was severely handled by "the gang" and only by the timely arrival of a regular officer was he saved from serious bodily harm. On the failure of the municipal court to punish the offender the special officer decided that if he was not to be supported in his efforts to keep peace by the authorities, he had better resign ere he received more serious injuries.

Did you attend the experience social given last Tuesday by Household of Ruth No. 844. If not you missed a rare treat. The hall was filled to overflowing as is always the case when the announcement is made that the Household of Ruth are in charge such has been the success of their previous efforts and this added another star in their crown. The audience commenced to gather early and as the affair was to be of an informal nature the committee had posted up large placards announcing that a prize would be given to the one who could tell the greatest number of interesting things about the smallest United States coin announcing that their were 19 different articles depicted on each penny. The contestants were given a list of the same, also the committee had

thoughtfully provided a supply of pennies so that a number were busily engaged in examining and giving more attention to the penny than they had ever done in the past. At 10 o'clock the audience was called to order and the announcement made that the time had arrived for the experience social proper. Each member of the order was in possession of a dollar which they presented to the secretary and then in a poetical effusion informed the audience how they came into possession of the same. Many and varied were the modes and methods used. Sewing buttons on, begging, cooking, giving entertainments, washing, caulking, etc., were some of the more common methods whilst one sister in verse related that one of the brothers had given her a dime and claimed a kiss in payment of the same. She announced that if he wanted it "he must come and take it then and there or the account would be canceled and called fair." The brother lacked the courage to come forward and claim his dues. The essays were a surprise from a poetical standpoint both in quantity whilst nearly all were filled with wit and humor. During the evening light refreshments were served and just before the evening closed the prizes were awarded. Mrs. M. E. Fullilove being awarded the prize for the best composition whilst Miss Ora Rhoades was awarded the first prize for the best paper on the penny and Miss McDavett the second. Ere the excitement had died down from the successful "Experience Social" the members of the Household announce that in the near future they will hold a "Hatchet Social." No other explanation is forthcoming but the members promise that it will be a record breaking event.

NEGRO OUTHUNS FAST MEN.

Wins 600-Yard Special for Pennsylvania.

New York, Feb. 9.—J. B. Taylor, the colored runner of the University of Pennsylvania, won the principal event, a special race at 600 yards, of the indoor meet held by the Pastime Athletic Club at Madison Square Garden today. Taylor competed with three of the fastest men in New York and at the finish had a lead of only six inches over Barry Hillman, Jr., of the New York Athletic Club. Ell R. Parsons, of Yale and the New York Athletic Club, ran in the colors of the latter organization, and Charles Bacon, of the Irish-American Athletic Club, finished in the order named. The time was 1 minute and 14 seconds.

GALLANT NEGRO SAVED ROOSEVELT.

W. H. Givens, Who Made His Mark at Santiago, Dies in Bellingham.

Bellingham, Wash., Feb. 9.—The death of W. H. Givens, Tenth United States Cavalry, colored, who died in this city a few days ago, recalls an interesting story involving President Roosevelt. Givens enlisted in the Regular Army in 1869, and served continuously for 30 years. For gallantry displayed in the Indian war on the plains in the '70s he was advanced to the rank of First Sergeant, and his troop also received letters of commendation from Lieutenant-General Nelson A. Miles.

It was in the battle of Santiago, in the Spanish war, that Givens showed his mettle. At the first volley of the Spanish works all of the commissioned officers of Givens troop were either killed or wounded. The other troops of the regiment suffered even worse, there being not left one commissioned officer to maintain order in the ranks.

By this time the Rough Riders had almost reached the Spanish works, which they had orders to storm as soon as support came. Owing to the swiftness with which the cavalry charge was made, the other forces were slow in coming up, and the demoralized Tenth Cavalry was the only body near enough to be of any assistance. The wildest confusion prevailed in the ranks of the negro troops, and not an officer was to be seen. The cavalry were thinking of retreating when they noticed the Tenth Cavalry, with W. H. Givens at their head, coming to support. It is believed that had it not been for the cool nerve displayed by Givens in rallying his men, every man of the regiment of Rough Riders, from the Colonel down, would have been wiped out.

Letters of commendation from Colonel Roosevelt, General Corbin and General Miles were found among the dead man's effects. When his 30 years' service was completed he was retired on half pay, but enlisted again, and was made Second Lieutenant of Troop B, Tenth Volunteer Cavalry, and went with them to the Philippines, where he saw much active service. He was a mulatto, and 54 years old. Death was caused by apoplexy. The President and War Department were communicated with relative to transporting the body for burial in the National cemetery at Arlington.—Telegram.

OUR CHICAGO LETTER

The New Age is on sale at Levy's News Stand, 506 Thirty-seventh st., Chicago.

Chicago, Feb. 11, 1907. Dr. M. A. Majors has been on the sick list for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mead and Mr. and Mrs. Littleton Jones went to Milwaukee, Wis., last week.

The Wilson House, 3247 Wabash ave., is a splendid place for persons to stop at when they come to the city.

F. C. Long, head waiter at the Windemere hotel at High Park is regarded as the best headwaiter in Chicago.

The Keystone hotel of 3025 State street is now being well patronized, under the management of Mr. Frye, the proprietor.

The colored men in Chicago are giving up and abandoning the wait-

er's business in a number of hotels and restaurants in this city and are finding other kinds of employment. Your correspondent visited on last Sunday the Bethel A. M. E. Sunday school and was surprised to find people who come from the slums and skums of Chicago there attempting to teach children in the Sunday school. This is a disgrace to the city of Chicago.

Some of the colored papers in Chicago seem to be very much surprised about the truth being told, and the same appearing in papers that are published outside of the city of Chicago. Whether or not these many things come under the notice of the Chicago papers no one knows, but nevertheless these things exist and are true.

Mr. Fillmore of Washington, D. C. who is interested in the Fire Insurance Company is in the city. There is no doubt that the company will make a great success, but before they do any business in Chicago they must get rid of some certain individuals that are in the company because the colored people in Chicago know them too well and have no faith or respect for them.

A meeting of a number of colored people was held in Chicago last week to take into consideration the adopting some plan to organize a club for the purpose of collecting some exhibits to send to the Jamestown exposition, but nothing definite was accomplished, and the meeting adjourned. It looks like the colored people in Chicago will not have any exhibits to the Jamestown exposition.

Mr. Bird, who shot and killed Mrs. Josephine Morris in Chicago three or four months ago was convicted in the criminal court on the charge of manslaughter and sent to the penitentiary. The killing of Mrs. Josephine Morris by Mr. Bird was regarded as the most cowardly and brutal murder that has ever been committed in the city of Chicago. Mr. Bird was ably defended by Lawyer G. J. Morris. Lawyer Morris' address to the jury was forcible, brilliant and eloquent.

A committee of the National Defense League have reported that the State Employment Agency under the authority of the state on Wabash ave., that the management of that office is discriminating against colored people. Quite a number of colored persons have applied there and they have been turned away, with a statement that there were no positions vacant there anywhere. And in a very short time white persons have applied there and have been accommodated.

Gov. Charles S. Deneen of the state of Illinois it is reported has appointed one, James H. Porter of Chicago to represent the colored people as a commissioner to the Jamestown exposition. If it is true that Gov. Deneen has done that Gov. Deneen has made a great mistake. The colored people of Chicago and of the state of Illinois seriously protest and object to messengers and janitors representing them at anything. We have a number of very prominent colored men whose reputations are above reproach. Some of them have been members of the legislature of the state of Illinois who will shed luster and grandeur upon any position that the governor of the state of Illinois might select them to represent the colored people of this state. They object to Governor Deneen hunting around in the midnight and selecting such individuals as Jas. H. Porter to represent them in anything. The colored people of the State of Illinois will repudiate the whole matter by not sending any exhibit or collecting any exhibits at all in the state of Illinois for the Jamestown exposition.

Prof. W. T. Vernon registrar of the United States treasury at Washington, D. C., was in Chicago last week and spoke at the Quinn chapel A. M. E. church in this city. The place was crowded and the people expected to hear a great speech, but they were all very much disappointed. His speech fell like a wet blanket on the audience and everybody was disappointed and dissatisfied. All through Prof. Vernon's speech in every way and manner, he undertook to defend President Roosevelt. When a man that is employed by the federal government cannot see his way clear to deliver a speech without attempting to apologize for some person or to defend the present national administration, he had better stay at home, and Prof. Vernon had better not hereafter attempt to appear before any audience of colored people in this country and deliver a speech until his term of office has expired, or when he has the manhood to speak out right on all matters. He must understand that colored people of Chicago at least are not asleep. It so happens that whenever a colored man gets into office these days his mouth is closed about the wrongs and injustice and abuse that is perpetrated upon his race. Let such individuals stay at home. We have no need or use for them.

The Most Worshipful St. John's Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. Masons of the state of Illinois and Masonic Jurisdiction, met in special session on last Monday. A constitutional number of lodges being represented it was opened in due and ample form with 42 Delegates being present. The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The Masonic Fraternity among colored men in the United States is being greatly imposed upon and misrepresented by some colored men, who have been regularly expelled from the masonic fraternity, namely John A. Bell of Grand Rapids Mich., H. W. Knight and William Gray of Chicago, and Daniel Brown of Alabama who have each one of them been expelled for unmasonic conduct from the masonic fraternity and have no legitimate standing whatever, in the masonic order and

Whereas, It is a fact that cannot be truthfully denied that each one of these individuals are now traveling over the country attempting to organize Masonic lodges and bargain sale of Masonic degrees. They having no the slightest power or authority to do any masonic work whatever and are nothing but ma-

sonic impostors. Therefore, be it resolved, That we do hereby call the attention of the public and the craft to these expelled and spurious masons and ask that they be published and driven out of every state and territory. Resolved further, that a copy of these resolutions be published in the papers.

MEMBERS THE COLORED RACE

Who Have Won Fame, and Who Have Achieved Success and Recognition by Eugene Fields, of Chicago.

Hon. Edward H. Morris of Chicago who is the foremost colored man in America was several times elected a member of the legislature of the state of Illinois, is recognized to be one of the most brilliant and successful lawyers at the Chicago bar. He has won a large number of law-suits in the supreme court of Illinois and in the supreme court of the United States. He is a great orator, ex-Grand Master of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in the United States, and a few years ago he represented the order of Odd Fellows in the United States in England and he was received with distinguished honor in England and other foreign countries. He is a 33rd degree ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Mason. He has been offered several counsellorships and ministerships by the national government but he has always declined them.

Prof. W. E. B. DuBois of Atlanta, Ga., is the leading colored educator in America. He believes in the higher education of the colored people and he believes and advocates that the colored people of the United States should have the same educational, civil, and political rights that are accorded to the white race. He is the founder of the great Niagara movement.

Henry O. Turner who was born in the United States but is now residing in Paris, France, has won fame in the United States and Europe as an artist, and is recognized to be one of the best artists in the world. His picture, Daniel in the Lion's Den was purchased by the French government and now hangs on the wall of Luxemburg. Another work of his "The Two Disciples at the Tomb" was purchased for the art collection of the Museum of Chicago. He has been awarded both the Walter Lippincott prize offered by the Pennsylvania academy of fine arts and the Harris prize for the best exhibit shown in the Chicago art institute.

Edmonia Lewis, the colored sculptress, has for many years remained abroad. She was born in the state of New York. She has gained an international reputation as a sculptor. Her first exhibition having been made in Boston, Mass., in 1865. Her statue, "The Freedwoman," was completed prior to her departure for Rome. Upon her arrival in the Eternal City her work gave so much evidence of genuine talent that she was befriended by Harriet Hosmer, Charlotte Cushman and others. Two of the finest specimens of her work are "The Marriage of Hiawatha" owned in New York, and the portrait bust of Abraham Lincoln, which is in San Jose, Cal.

The Hon. John G. Jones, who is a prominent lawyer at the Chicago bar was elected a member of the legislature of the state of Illinois in 1890 from the Chicago district. In 1882 he was appointed by James A. Garfield, United States minister, to the Republic of Liberia, but declined the appointment. He is the author of the book entitled "Some footprints of the Progress of the Colored Race." He is a learned and distinguished free mason, and was the first colored mason in the United States to have the Mystic Shrine Degree conferred upon him, and is now the Sov. Grand Commander of the United Supreme Council of Scottish Rite Masons of the United States.

Mr. A. H. Roberts is one of the prominent colored men of this city, and is a lawyer by profession, and is a pleasing talker, and orator. He has been lately appointed a clerk of the municipal court in Chicago.

Mrs. Fannie Jackson Coppin of Philadelphia, Pa., has probably attained more fame as a teacher, lecturer and writer than any other colored woman in this country. She is the wife of Bishop Coppin of the A. M. E. church. She is a lady of high scholarly accomplishments.

Miss Victoria Overall now of Kansas City, Mo., was born in the city of Chicago but moved with her parents to Omaha, Neb., over 25 years ago. Miss Overall graduated with distinguished honors at the Omaha, Neb., high school. Miss Overall has a national reputation as being one of the best elocutionists in the United States.

Mr. A. D. Griffin, of Portland, Oregon, is one of the leading and prominent colored men in the western part of the United States. He has been editor and manager of the New Age, published at Portland, Ore., for several years, and on all occasions he has been the advocate and champion for the advancement and the defense of his race.

Mr. W. M. Farmer of Chicago, Ill., who has been for several years a successful and prominent lawyer at the St. Louis bar, is a man that stands high in the estimation of the people all over the country. He has removed lately to the City of Chicago where he is now engaged in the practice of his profession as a lawyer.

Miss Ida Overall of Kansas City, Mo., occupies a very high place among the great educators of the race. Her work in the school room portrays the success to which our race has attained and she takes high place among the grand and noble women among our women as a teacher and scholar. She has won high fame as an educator all over the land. Miss Ida Overall was the first colored lady to graduate from the Omaha, Neb., high school.

Dr. George C. Hall of Chicago, is a distinguished physician. He has performed some very remarkable surgical operations all over the country and is recognized as authority on surgery. He is a member of the Cook County Medical Board.

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