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PORTLAND LOCALS

Mr. Paul Strain the genial proprietor of the Chicago Clothing Co. in the Ainsworth Building, Third and Oak Streets, is a firm and true friend of our people.

A bottle social for the benefit of Bethel A. M. E. church will be given on Easter Monday evening, April 1st. Admission 10 cents.

A special Easter service will be given on Easter Sunday evening by the Sunday school and choir of Bethel A. M. E. church under the directorship of Mr. M. E. McAfee and Dr. Merriman respectively.

The Ladies' Aid Society and Sewing Circle of Bethel A. M. E. church will give their first social on Thursday evening, March 28th, 1907 to which a cordial invitation is extended to all.

Mr. F. W. Groffort, a very enterprising and progressive citizen, who embarked in the real estate business some months ago with offices at 300 1/2 Couch street, reports doing a rushing business.

Mr. Graffort deserves the success that he seems to be meeting with and shows what is possible in the Northwest for the man with ability and push.

Hon. William Ewing, of Fairbanks, Alaska, who is reputed to be the only colored millionaire in the west, is spending a few days in the city. Mr. Ewing has extensive holdings in Alaska both in real and mining property and only recently made an investment at Oakland, Cal., running into thousands of dollars.

OUR CHICAGO LETTER

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

March 16th, 1907. Special to The Portland New Age. Mr. J. Max Barber has gone east on a visit.

Lawyer James E. White of 59 Dearborn street is indisposed. The Local Negro Business League of Chicago has gone to pieces and is now a thing of the past.

A large number of colored people are located here from the south, and many of them are buying homes. Bethesda Baptist church is making great preparations for the Easter services. The programs will be out in a week or ten days.

Mr. George Henderson, the great and beautiful tenor singer has been very sick and has been compelled to have his arm amputated. He is at the Post Graduate Hospital, but is now improving.

Mrs. Julia Stanley of Cleveland, Ohio, Mrs. Susan Davis of Danville, Ky., Miss Pearl Wilson of New York City, and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Frederick of Grand Rapids, Mich., are in the city on a visit.

The Order of True Reformers in Chicago will soon make arrangements to build them a hall in this city. They are making remarkable progress. Among some of the prominent members in Chicago are Rev. J. F. Thomas, Mr. M. T. Bailey, Mr. Walker Bright, Mr. James Bennett, Mrs. M. E. Young and Mrs. Martha Lane.

The people are surprised that Bishop Schaffer will permit such outrageous transactions to go on in some of the colored churches in Chicago, and he remaining silent and not having anything to say about it, and the people will probably never know the cause of it, until they hear of it or read of it in the columns of this paper. More will be said about it in the near future.

Mr. Wilson Jones, a colored police officer of Chicago who has been on the police force in Chicago for many years, is highly respected by the people of Chicago. He is a very competent, efficient and reliable officer, and has won great praise from the head of the police department as a great thief catcher, and by his energetic efforts he has almost broken up the infamous game of polley and lottery in Chicago. He is ably assisted along those lines by Officer Harden and Officer Fletcher.

Mrs. Hattie Jarvis who lives on Greenwood avenue was last week severely rebuked and censured by a prominent lawyer in a court for her action and conduct in a case. It appears that a man and his wife had separated and that the man's wife admitted that she did not want to live with her husband and in the face of those facts, this individual, it is said went around and persuaded the woman to have her husband arrested. Such meddlesome and evil minded people as that are doing nothing

but causing trouble in the community and the sooner they are driven out of the homes and kept out of the homes of all respectable people, the better off the community will be.

Mrs. Fannie Barrier Williams, the Chicago correspondent of the New Age, makes every body mistake when she states in the columns of the New York Age that Registrar W. F. Vernon made a great speech lately in Chicago, but as a matter of fact, and was admitted by everybody in the church at the time, his speech was entirely unsatisfactory, and almost insignificant. All Mr. Vernon attempted to do was to offer an apology and some excuses for the action of President Roosevelt in the discharge of the three colored companies of the 25th infantry. It must be admitted that everybody in the church was disgusted and wholly dissatisfied with what Mr. Vernon said.

Unfortunately, for the colored people in Chicago, but the same is true, like every other city, there are some colored men who succeed in having and getting their names printed in some of the colored papers and magazines that have no standing whatever among their people, and some times they get into office by accident or mistake, and such is the case of Oscar DePriest and John C. Buckner. Oscar DePriest and John C. Buckner are ignorant and are known as weaklings in everything they attempt to say or do. When John C. Buckner was a member of the legislature, he tried to work for the vicious and notorious Alben bill that brought such great disgrace on the state of Illinois, and now whenever his name is spoken of, it receives nothing but hisses and groans.

The colored lawyers that have held the position of assistant county attorney for Cook county for a number of years have made excellent records in that office and one that the people in Cook county feel proud of. The first colored lawyer that was appointed assistant county attorney for Cook county was Lawyer E. H. Morris, who was appointed in the year 1894, and who displayed such legal ability that they called upon him to conduct and look after all the important law suits where the county of Cook was a party. In 1895 he went before the supreme court of the state of Illinois in that famous law suit between the city of Chicago and the county of Cook involving seven million of dollars and won the suit for the county of Cook. The next lawyer to hold the office of assistant county attorney was W. H. Ward now deceased, and the next colored lawyer to hold the position of assistant county attorney was Mr. L. B. Anderson, who is now the present incumbent.

At a meeting of the Calumet Club held last Monday, Mr. Jos. F. Bailey in the chair, the business of the club was for the purpose of discussing as to what the prominent colored men of the country had done for the benefit and protection of their race. Lawyer John G. Jones made a bitter speech, attacking the record of Ex-United States Minister W. F. Powell, of New Jersey, and said that the conduct and the action of W. F. Powell for a minister of Hayti was a burning disgrace to the American government and a serious reflection on the colored people of this country, and that he having charge of the affairs of Santo Domingo and his action there was so unsatisfactory as it has been reported that it lost the colored people of America the opportunity of having another colored man appointed minister there; for the Santo Domingo government requested President Roosevelt to appoint a white man minister to Santo Domingo, and that was done.

Mr. A. Wilberforce Williams is now lecturing in the colored A. M. E. churches in this city on every Sunday evening, and advertising and soliciting the congregation to purchase stock in the Black Diamond Development Company, that A. J. Cary, pastor of the Bethel A. M. E. church, is connected with. If the people wish to put their money in a safe hole, so they will never see it again, then let them put it into this Black Diamond Development Co. When the colored A. M. E. churches of Chicago are to be used on Sunday for the purpose of selling stock to the congregation as has been done in the past, it is then about time for the honorable, decent, Christian people to stay at home. If things keep on in the future the way they have been conducted in the past, in some of the colored A. M. E. churches in Chicago, we will not be a bit astonished or surprised to hear at any time, pool selling and betting on horse races carried on in some of the colored A. M. E. churches of Chicago.

There is a great difference between the republican party and the democratic party in Chicago so far as the treatment and recognition is concerned relative to the colored man. The republican party since the year 1871 and almost each year down to the present time have nominated and elected some colored man on their ticket and in the whole history of the democratic party in Chicago, they have never nominated or elected one colored man to any office of any kind.

The first colored man elected a member of the legislature of the state of Illinois was the late Hon. J. W. E. Thomas in 1876. The living colored men who have served various terms as members of the legislature of the state of Illinois are Edward H. Morris, John G. Jones, W. L. Martin, James E. Bush, Edward D. Green, George F. Eaton, Dr. Alexander Lane, John G. Buckner. All of these men who served as members of the legislature acquitted themselves with honor to their constituents and credit to themselves, and they were men of ability, excepting John C. Buckner. Buckner's record in the legislature of the state of Illinois for voting for vicious legislation, brought upon him the censure and reproach of the people.

The city of Chicago has a population now of colored persons of 65,000 and about 10,000 colored voters. Nearly all of the colored men in Chicago as a rule and with very few exceptions vote the republican ticket on election day from top to bottom. Sometimes it happens that when a white man that has been placed on

the republican ticket as candidate for office that is not friendly to the colored people, the colored people get together and send the word out on the quiet, and that is to knife him at the polls, and as a rule the objectionable candidate is found to be defeated when the ballots are counted. The colored vote in Chicago is mostly located in the first, second, third, thirtieth, thirty-first, sixth and seventh wards of Chicago. The colored men in Chicago that have the most influence in politics and who are consulted relative to everything for the advancement of their race are the Hon. E. H. Morris, Mr. Frank W. Rollins, Hon. John G. Jones, Mr. Walter M. Farmer, Hon. Edward D. Green, Mr. Julius F. Taylor, editor of the Broad Ax, Mr. D. R. Wilkins, editor of the Chicago Conservator, Mr. Edward E. Wilson, Mr. Robert T. Motts, Mr. A. H. Roberts, Hon. Wm. L. Martin, Mr. Thomas Pearson, Mr. James A. Scott, Mr. William H. Clark, Dr. Chas. E. Bentley, Mr. S. H. Prather, Rev. J. F. Thomas, Hon. George W. Murray, Mr. B. F. Moseley, Mr. S. A. T. Watkins, Mr. Hale G. Parker, Major B. G. Johnson, Dr. George T. Hall, Rev. Jordan Chavis, Mr. C. J. Waring, Mr. Isaac J. Reed, Rev. Jesse Woods, Rev. H. W. Stewart, Mr. Adam M. Beckley, Mr. S. D. McFarland and Mr. W. W. Johnson.

PROMINENT COLORED MEN AND WOMEN OF TODAY.

By Eugene Fields, of Chicago. Mrs. H. L. Wright, of Pittsburg, Pa., is one of the brilliant and leading colored ladies of the City of Pittsburg, and is closely identified with a number of enterprises for the progress and advancement of the race. Mrs. Wright is the Most Worthy Grand Matron of the East End Royal Court of Daughters of Sphinx of Pittsburg, Pa., and is a great worker in the order, and under the management of Mrs. Wright the court has prospered and is in a flourishing condition. She is also the Assistant Supreme Grand Recorder of the Supreme Grand Court of Daughters of Sphinx of North and South America, and is recognized to be one among the coming leading colored women of the United States.

Mr. John F. Ransom, of Boston, Mass., was born in Winchester, Va. He was educated in the public schools at Columbus, O., and Oberlin College. He has held many positions of honor and trust, and is an eminent musician, and one of the leading instructors in music.

Miss Henrietta D. Marshall, of Wheeling, W. Va., is an educated and prominent lady and is identified with every movement for the advancement of the race. She is a lady of refinement and culture, an active member of Excelsior Court of Daughters of Sphinx and a member of the Board of Directors of the Supreme Court of Daughters of Sphinx of North and South America.

Mr. Marshall Walter Taylor, of Worcester, Mass., was born on the 8th of November, 1878, at Indianapolis, Ind., and is now the champion bicycle rider of the world. He commenced to ride a bicycle at the age of 13 years, and has won a large number of the most important bicycle races both in America, France and Germany and other foreign countries. He has a magnificent home and valuable property in Worcester, Mass. Rev. M. W. D. Norman, D. D., of Washington, D. C., is the pastor of the Metropolitan Baptist church in Washington, D. C. His congregation is composed of a large number of cultured and refined colored people of that city. Rev. Norman is a profound scholar, eloquent speaker, successful pastor, and popular with the people. He is a Shriner and a 33d Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Mason.

Rev. Dr. W. B. Perry, of Worcester, Mass., is a towering pillar of strength in the educational, religious, Masonic and political world. He is a brilliant and eloquent speaker. A polished scholar, and is pastor of one of the enterprising and prosperous M. E. churches in the city of Worcester, Mass. He is a distinguished 33d Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Mason and a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. He is recognized to be one of the most influential men there is in the state of Massachusetts. Mr. James H. Guy, of Topeka, Kan., is a successful practicing attorney of that city and is one among the strong and influential colored men of the state of Kansas. During the recent session of the Interstate Literary Association of Kansas City, Mo., he was the presiding officer of that organization and displayed excellent judgment as a parliamentarian.

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