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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. Call and get acquainted with him. tf

Henry Smith, one of our old pioneer citizens is indisposed.

Mrs. Jas. Houser is suffering from a severe attack of pneumonia.

Mrs. E. Turner has removed from the East Side to Third and Sherman streets.

Walter E. Benjamin and family of Chicago, are in the city on their way to San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mason, of Spokane are the guests of Mrs. Frazier of Flanders street.

Miss E. Odom of Collins Springs spent a week in the city, the guest of Mrs. Waddy of Eighth Street N.

Mr. Wm. Smith of Tenth and Glisan better known as the "Jack of Spades" is quite ill with rheumatism.

"Dr." Spencer who is employed at the Good Samaritan hospital is recovering from a severe attack of la grippe.

J. E. Hargraves and wife formerly of Omaha, are in the city and are contemplating residing here permanently.

A very interesting meeting of the Lucy Thurman Temperance Union was held Thursday evening at the residence of Mrs. Kate Gray.

We hear it rumored that Mesdames W. W. Wheeler, O. L. Lynthecom and J. K. Jones contemplate a trip to Tonopah, Nevada, in the near future.

Easter services will be held at the Bethel A. M. E. church Sunday evening at 8 p. m. under the superintendence of Dr. Merriman and Mrs. M. McAfee.

The postoffice department does not intend to draw the color line in the matter of white and negro railway mail clerks working together on the same runs.

Easter exercises will be held at the Baptist church Sunday at 3 p. m. under the direction of Mrs. H. Redmond and Mrs. J. N. Fullilove, Rev. Smith, pastor.

The congregation of the A. M. E. Zion church were pleased to see their efficient choir in their places again after a vacation of several months on account of the illness of the leading soprano.

Rev. Geo. E. Jackson pastor of the A. M. E. Zion church did not arrive in time to conduct services last Sunday. Rev. Barbour acceptably filled the pulpit as he has done during the pastor's absence.

After being confined to his bed in the Good Samaritan hospital for one week Mr. Cubit Crawford our popular horseshoer is able to be around again, although his foot is still very painful caused by blood poisoning.

At certain terminals there are provided dormitories in public buildings where the clerks may stay if they see fit to do so, but these are open to the negro clerks as well as whites, and the department does not see wherein it has any province in the matter.

The particular objection which it is said the white clerks have in the association with negroes on long runs is that they are obliged to eat and sleep in the same car the regulations of the department permitting a clerk on such a run when his work is up, to rest.

Do not forget the debate at the A. M. E. Zion church Monday, April 8th. The public is cordially invited, subject, "Which is the Greater Power Money or Character." From the preparations being made by those to participate, an interesting evening can be anticipated.

Mr. E. Redmond at one time an employe of the Hotel Portland, but later employed by the Pullman Car Co. and in doing janitor work, died Tuesday evening at the county hospital after a brief illness. He leaves a wife to mourn his death as well as a mother and sister in Omaha.

Mrs. Wm. Rutherford's brother and sister are here visiting her from the south. They are favorably impressed with the city. Invitations are out for a reception in their honor to be given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rutherford, Thursday, April 4th, from 2 to 4 o'clock.

Mr. H. Lawrence and family of 1409 Vulcan street had the misfortune to lose by an early morning fire on the 19th inst a greater portion of their household furniture and wearing apparel. The fire was caused by an overheated stove setting fire to some garments hanging near it. The loss is in the neighborhood of $500.

The St. Patrick social given on the 18th inst by the ladies of the A. M. E. Zion church was well attended. A short but excellent musical program was given. The selections by our young orchestra were excellent showing the results of much practice and giving promise of much to be expected from the young people composing the same.

Although an intimation has been given the superintendent of the railway mail service that white clerks in the middle west are preparing to request the department to effect a change so as to put the negroes on runs which will not bring them in proximity to the whites, it was stated today that no such discrimination could or would be made.

Easter services will be held at the A. M. E. Zion church Sunday evening at 8 o'clock p. m. The following persons will participate in the exercises: The Misses Ruby Lancaster, Edith Gray, Fay Hughes, Rilla Gray and Ethel Gray, Mesdames J. N. Fullilove, Lulu Easton, K. Gray and D. M. Newman, Messrs. Mills, Ritter, W. H. Carter, G. L. Joell and Rev. Barbour.

A very enjoyable reception was tendered to Miss Blanche Gonickey on Friday the 22d being the occasion of her 19th birthday. Union hall was very handsomely decorated, excellent music was provided and after those present had enjoyed the evening tripping the light fantastic at 12 o'clock sharp light refreshments were served. Mesdames G. Gray and D. M. Newman were the chaperones.

The exercises at the A. M. E. Zion church last Sunday night were of an extremely interesting nature. The young people's meeting conducted by Miss Susie Crawford and Mrs. Lulu Easton was well attended and of absorbing interest after which the evening services were opened under the direction of Rev. J. W. Barbour. There were five divines present all of whom gave short addresses filled with fire and Holy Ghost, after which Rev. Barbour delivered an excellent sermon, which together with the selections rendered by the choir was greatly enjoyed by those present.

On Tuesday the 19th inst New Northwest Lodge No. 2554 G. U. O. of O. F. was the recipient of a pleasant surprise given them by the members of the Household of Ruth No. 844. The ladies came loaded down with goodies of all kinds from coffee to ice cream. The hall was quickly cleared of the lodge fixings and a long table spread which was soon groaning under the weight of the bountiful repast and surrounded by the brothers and sisters. Poems were read by Sister M. E. Fullilove, the prelate and Dora Newman W. R. after which a number of impromptu speeches were made by both brothers and sisters and all fell to and attacked the table causing the array of eatables to rapidly disappear midst sallies of wit and humor. After a couple of hours thus spent the jolly crowd separated anxiously looking forward to another similar gathering with their love for their order greatly strengthened.

Late Sunday evening Robert St. Clair entered Jack's Cafe at No. 385 Flanders street and engaged in a quarrel with a woman known as Belle Murray living in the north end of the city. Attracted by the disturbance the proprietor, Mr. C. Jackson came in and caused St. Clair to leave the room. No sooner had Jackson returned to the kitchen than St. Clair returned and attacking the woman cut her slightly in the hand and breast and was only prevented from doing more serious injury by the return of the proprietor who seized a catsup bottle and beat him over the head causing him to cease his attack and rush from the restaurant. The woman was then removed to the hospital where she remained until next day having her wounds treated. St. Clair gave himself up the next day and has been charged with an assault with a deadly weapon. It is reported that jealousy was the cause of the trouble and the victim is reported to be unwilling to prosecute St. Clair.

RHODES' NEGRO SCHOLARSHIP.

The Philadelphia Inquirer thinks that the negro race within the United States should be much comforted by the winning of the Pennsylvania Rhodes scholarship by one of their number, and that the white race should do some quiet thinking over the matter.

The young man who will go to Oxford on this scholarship is a resident of the city of Philadelphia— is about to graduate from Harvard—is the son of a well educated negro and is the first negro in the world to secure a Rhodes scholarship. Says the Inquirer:

"It is interesting to note that he is likely to have no prejudice shown him in Oxford on account of his color. In England, where negroes are few, very little discrimination is made against the race. In this country, even in the north, the reverse is generally the case, though we believe that at Harvard negroes have generally complained little of unpleasant treatment. A few negroes have passed through the academies at West Point and Annapolis, but we believe only one is still in the service.

"It is an interesting fact that the successful young man is the son and grandson of men who have been above the ordinary. This seems to discredit the theory held in some quarters that while in sporadic cases a negro can be educated and become a successful man and worthy citizen, his children will, by the law of atavism, revert to the earlier type and be worse off than ever. There is no justification in experience for such a theory. All that is known tends to show that the more the negro learns of all the things which make for good citizenship the better fitted are his children. This is sometimes difficult to appreciate because the great mass of negroes are so ignorant.

"That the constantly increasing number of negroes unfitted for citizenship is a menace to the country is undoubted, just as is the increase in the number of illiterate and degenerate whites either in native rank or among the immigrants. The South is much concerned over the problem. Many of the leaders are in a state of frenzy over the matter and confine themselves to objurgations and threats. The wiser men of the south are doing their best to improve conditions. Their purpose is constructive. Education is by no means a panacea for all ills, but it seems to be the most available and most effective instrument for elevating society."—Seattle Times.

OUR CHICAGO LETTER

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

March 19th, 1907.

Mr. Albert Collins was married to Miss Ethel Reid last week.

Rev. E. J. Fisher, pastor of the Olivet Baptist church is sick.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Seams have moved to 4838 Wabash avenue.

The colored order of Elks in the city of Chicago is fast going to pieces.

A large number of colored masons issued a call for a general masonic congress of colored masons of the United States to meet at Buffalo, N. Y., Tuesday, July 9th, 1907.

Mr. Chas. Cook who lives at 3117 Armour avenue is now confined to his room as a result of a fight that he got into the other day. It is about time Mr. Cook was behaving himself.

Mrs. Nannie Duncan, has moved to 5142 Dearborn st. Mrs. Duncan is one of the active, go-ahead and enterprising colored women in Chicago and has done a great deal of work for societies and churches for the benefit of the people.

We have 35 colored churches, and these colored churches have a combined membership of 13,000. The most notable colored churches in Chicago are the Quinn Chapel A. M. E church, Olivet Baptist church, Ebenezer Baptist church, St. Marks A. M. E. church, Institutional A. M. E. church, Walter A. M. E. Zion church, Provident Baptist church, Herman Baptist church, St. Stephens A. M. E. church, St. Thomas Episcopal church.

Some of the colored people in Chicago are loud and long in their censure against Mr. Homer Galpin, clerk of the Municipal court and Mr. Homer Hunter, bailiff of the municipal court in Chicago, who have been lately elected to those positions. Not a colored man in the city of Chicago has been appointed under either one of them as far as we have been able to learn. They will be remembered whenever they come up as candidates again.

The old masonic landmark among the colored masons in Chicago, corner of 16th and State streets will soon be torn down. This hall has been used for a number of years by the colored masons in Chicago and several national masonic conventions have been held there. It was in this hall that Lawyer John G. Jones of Chicago, made his famous masonic speech in 1902, in exposing the irregularity, and bogus origin of freemasonry among colored men in the United States.

Rev. William Gray of Chicago who has been expelled out of every bunch of the Masonic Order for unmasonic conduct, and a well known character in several places where he has been, and especially the last place before he came to Chicago, was at Evanston when it is said that the left there in a very hasty manner, and has since found the climate in Evanston, Ill., not very agreeable to him, so he has never been back since. This man William Gray is around trying to solicit funds for what he calls building a home for aged Baptist colored ministers at Braidwood, Ill. We warn all the people to keep their money in their pockets, and not contribute to anything of that kind for it will be judgment day before any person will ever see a home or a building of any kind erected by one William Gray. If he has anything to do with the finances of it.

There are a number of colored people in Chicago, Ill., who are members of the A. M. E. church. They are patiently waiting until the general conference of the A. M. E. church in 1908 at Norfolk, Va., to see and hear the delegates and know what the representatives to the general conference will do in the way of introducing and carrying out some important principles of reform in the management of the A. M. E. church connection. All agree that such reforms are much needed, and they are demanded by the members of the A. M. E. church who are paying and distributing thousands and thousands of dollars each year for the support of the church, and if that cannot be accomplished at the general A. M. E. conference that meets in 1908 then it will be the duty and the right on the part of a large number of adherents to the A. M. E. church to call a general meeting and discuss such matters and adopt such measures as they deem best for the best interest of the people. If the general conference of the A. M. E. church that meets at Norfolk, Va., in 1908 leave out of office such a man as Rev. E. W. Lampton, now the financial secretary of the A. M. E. church at Washington, D. C., and if the delegates see to it at this conference of the A. M. E. church by placing their seal of condemnation, censure and disapproval against Rev. A. J. Cary, of Chicago, by keeping him out of any office whatever, in the A. M. E. church, the general conference will have instituted some great reforms that the people now demand, and the writer of this article while voicing the sentiment of many others now invoke the co-operation and support of all true and loyal ministers and delegates that will meet the next general conference, in helping to carry out these needed reforms.

PROMINENT COLORED MEN AND WOMEN OF TODAY.

(By Eugene Fields, of Chicago.)

Mrs. Ida R. Grant of New Orleans, La., is truly a good, great and grand woman. She is one among the leading colored women in the state of Louisiana; she possesses energy, perseverance and good judgment in everything that she undertakes. And she is a credit to her race. She is doing a splendid work and giving valuable instructions to the members of several secret and benevolent societies that she is connected with. She is a brilliant and leading member of the John G. Jones Court of Daughters of Sphinx of New Orleans, La., and also a member of the Order of Eastern Star, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Supreme Grand Court of Daughters of Sphinx of North and South America.

Mrs. Lena Harris of Johnstown, Pa., is a woman of learning, refinement and dignity, and by the force of her genious, the calmness of her life, and beauty of character, has set the seal of high accomplishments upon the pages of history. She is worthy supreme grand recorder of the Supreme Grand Court of Daughters of Sphinx of North and South America, and is also the first associate supreme grand matron of the Supreme Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star of the United States.

Hon. Edward D. Green of Chicago, Ill., was elected a member of the legislature of the state of Illinois from the first senatorial district in Chicago in the year 1904; secured the passage of the law known as the "Anti-lynching and Mob Law." He is past grand chancellor of the Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias of the United States which has been successfully carried out, for the building of a Pythian Temple for the Order, which will be built in the city of Chicago.

Mr. A. W. Burnett of Fairmont, Ind., is an excellent business man of that state, and is conducting a large business of his own at Beardstown, Ind. He is highly respected by the people all over the state, and his business qualifications are of a high order. He is a brilliant mason, and one of the deputies for the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite and the Mystic Shrine for the State of Indiana. He is a member of the executive committee of the National Federation of Friendly Societies of the United States.

Miss Metta Vaux Warick of Philadelphia, Pa., was born in the city of Philadelphia, Pa., and was a graduate of the famous Philadelphia School of Industrial Art. Miss Warick went abroad and studied her chosen profession, and as a sculptor she has a worldwide reputation among the best. She has received great credit and praise for her work as a sculptor in every part of the land. She is now permanently located at Philadelphia, Pa.

Rev. James M. Henderson, of Southern Pines, North Carolina, is a Christian minister and a progressive and enterprising and public-spirited man. He is the principal of the Industrial Union Training School and Orphanage. This school is located at Southern Pines, North Carolina, and is doing a great work for the race. Prof. Henderson is an Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite 33d degree Mason and a Noble and Mystic Shrine, and also the deputy for the Daughters of Sphinx Scottish Rite and the Mystic Shrine for North Carolina.

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