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EDITORIALS

COLONEL ROOSEVELT.

Colonel Roosevelt has demonstrated that he is the "It" with a big "I." Some time ago we called attention to the fact that when all was said and done the Colonel would be in the saddle, and it now appears that our prediction was not without foundation of truth. There is no use to attempt to discredit him. He is one of that class of men who believe in fighting for what they get, and before that, believes in fighting whether he gets it or not. Just what effect this is going to have upon the "Old Guards" is a thing to be determined, but it is safe to say that if Colonel Roosevelt can carry this convention in the face of the odds that seemed to loom up, he can come close to controlling the State in the next election. Much has been made of the statement given out by Wm. R. Hearst that if Mr. Roosevelt stood for anything like what he (Hearst) stood for, he (Hearst) would support him. There is not much to this seemingly more than a grandstand play on the part of Mr. Hearst. If Mr. Hearst desires to come over to the Republican party, so well and good. This is a time of revival, and all the converts are welcome who will join us. The doors of the Republican Church are wide open, and whosoever will, may come. They are welcome as long as they join with the knowledge that they must abide by the discipline of the church.

THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

The recent meeting at Atlantic City of the old veterans of the G. A. R. emphasized the fact that they are fast being thinned out, and that their ranks are growing beautifully but sadly fewer. Each year, when the roll is called, there are scores that do not answer to their names. They have answered their last roll call, and "Taps" have been sounded for the last time. Whatever else may be said, we owe them a debt of gratitude which we can never repay. We never meet an old soldier that we do not feel like taking our hat off to him for what he has made possible for us. They were the pioneers who stood out in the forefront and made this country what it is. They it was who preserved the Union when it was tottering and ready to fail. They it was who endured all manner of deprivations in order that the present advantages might be enjoyed by us. Again we say, all Hail to them, and may the march on the other side be less turbulent than the ones that fell to their lot on this.

UNDERPAID SCHOOL TEACHERS.

Having served our time, much of it in both the high school and college as an instructor, we are in a position to sympathize with the corps which teaches the young idea how to shoot. It is truly a fact that the teachers of the public schools are the hardest worked and poorest paid of any employes we know. And yet, to them comes more complaints than to any other class. Of them is expected more than any other set of persons, and about them is said more hard and unjust things as a class. When

one comes to think it over, and consider it from a viewpoint of real fairness, the salary of every teacher in the District, as well as out, ought to be raised at least 20 per cent. The following from the *Columbus State Journal* is so germane to the subject that we herewith submit the same:

With all our present-day tendencies to reform it seems to me we are entirely overlooking the most important source of our troubles. It is incompetence in our schoolrooms. To the public schools is entrusted the greater part of the task of making the youth of the country into efficient, law-abiding citizens—by all odds the most important task to be performed in such a society as ours. But with a naive short-sightedness, instead of securing for this task the biggest and best men and women of the country, we take the most practicable way possible to secure the weakest. We offer for this truly soul-searching and body-racking task a recompense that is simply an insult to anyone capable of carrying it out.

This course makes of the profession of teaching a catch-all for the weaklings and incompetents who could not make good anywhere else. At least 75 per cent. of the educating of this country is done by teachers who get literally less a year than section hands. And what is the result? No stream can rise higher than its source. It is true that we get much more than we pay for, but anyone who has had direct dealings with the alleged education with which the great majority of the children are equipped realizes acutely that the underpaid, over-worked teacher does not alone bear the penalty for our lack of foresight. According to Professor Munsterberg, who is probably the best-equipped man in America to make the comparison, the American boy comes out from our schools at least two years behind the German student simply because the latter has had better teachers all through. During the formative period practically all that the average boy knows of law and order and of citizenship is his school life. And the contempt he has for it is no secret to anyone who has had dealings with him in connection with this life.

The remedy is obvious. We can have the choice of the big, strong men and women to fill our teaching positions any time we are ready to make it possible for such to stay in the profession without the spiritual suicide of living starved lives. When we have a generation of men and women who have been well trained in personal honesty and efficiency we shall have less need of a Roosevelt to teach these qualities. If we must economize, let it be in something which we can more easily afford than in the training of our children.

Compulsory Vaccination

A number of highly intelligent parents, white and colored, are keeping their children away from the public schools of this city because of the law compelling vaccination before admitting pupils. While the authorities have a right to take steps toward prevention of disease, it is nonsense, pure and simple, to inoculate a child with a mild form of smallpox to prevent it from catching a violent form of the same disease, especially at this time, when there is not the remotest indication of an epidemic. The value of vaccination is by no means certain. It frequently is attended by blood-poison, convulsions, lockjaw, is generally painful and annoying, and leaves an ugly scar. It is just as reasonable to compel every man, woman and child to be inoculated not only for smallpox, but for all infectious diseases, including a cold in the head.

Almost All Gone

A white man of inquiring turn of mind, while conversing with a colored man I know quite well, said: "What nationality are you, Mr. Bliifkins?" "I am an American," replied Bliifkins. "Yes, of course, but what race?" "I belong to a race now almost extinct in this country," said B. "Oh, I see," replied the inquisitor. "You belong to the Indian race." "No, I belong to the race of gentlemen, I hope."

Mr. William Johnson and wife of Wilkes-Barre spent a week in Washington visiting their daughter. They had an enjoyable time sight-seeing. Mr. Johnson is one of the Wilkes-Barre's leading colored citizens. He fills the position of clerk to the president of the Lehigh Coal Co., a position he has held for quite a number of years.

Mr. Le Count Cook will leave soon for Chicago, where he will resume his studies in medicine at Chicago University.

ISRAEL METROPOLITAN C. M. E. CHURCH

Corner First and B Streets, S. W., Rev. R. Kent Harris, Pastor, 41 D Street, S. E.; Miss A. Woods, Church Edithess, 1106 O Street, N. W.

CHURCH SERVICES.

Sunday-school, 9.30 to 10.55 A. M. Mr. John Boston, Superintendent; Miss B. Clifford, Assistant Superintendent. Preaching, 11 A. M. Night Services, 7.45 P. M.

Practical Christianity in all of its bearings was given such a brilliant illumination last Sunday at Israel C. M. E. Church when Rev. Harris, selecting his text from the second chapter of the Second Ephesians, verse 1, which reads thus, "And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins," as to remind each auditor that at no time of the world's growth has the worth of ideas been so thoroughly investigated as at the present day. The wise teacher or preacher is the one who is able to show the people how to live and realize the glorious doctrine, the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man, and no previous exposition of the gospel more evidently betrayed the fact that our pastor himself, a loving example of the highest moral excellence, has uppermost in his thoughts and prayers the supreme hope of self-sacrifice and self-denial, to the end of practically teaching the world's hordes that there is essence and validity in the efforts of our Savior, who so tragically closed His career on historic Calvary. It was shown with axiomatic clearness that if Christianity should ever attain the ideal of its founder, men and women must in each act of their every-day lives live by its precepts. The congregation, listening intently as each thought grandly and strenuously insisted upon by the clear voice that had no tone of hypocrisy in its whole scale, and looking upon the serene and thoughtful countenance of our pastor, felt that here was a man whose steadfast ways were all expressive of that repose and integrity of soul which lifts a man above the common level and wins for him the silent honor and respect of all.

Many of our pastor's profession might take a lesson from him in the art of usefulness if they would drop into the church any night of the week to note the improvements being wrought in the church by the brethren there, for aside from the credit of having started the work of renovation, etc., which is progressing rapidly, the thought will cling to your memories that with his own hands Rev. Harris is helping to paint the church. Israel Church is a grand old edifice, spacious and beautiful, located at the foot of the nation's Capitol, bearing a record to be proud of in the history of colored churches, and now that its interior beauty shall be refreshed and its outside walls painted, together with the increased lighting power, and last, but not least, its gowned choir, it is the hope of the members and friends of the church to bring the congregation up to its former large attendance.

Worshipping with us last Sabbath were Messrs. Felipe E. Unansee, Antero Aguino and M. A. Alvarado, three foreigners, only one of which spoke English.

The officers and members of Israel C. M. E. Sunday-school learned with regret that Miss Julia Taylor, one of our most efficient teachers, who has been away more than four months, will not return until November 1, 1910. Before returning she will stop for a brief while in New York city, Newark, N. J., and Mt. Clair, N. J. The younger members of the Sunday-school will be especially glad of her return.

John H. Berry of Washington, D. C., left for Richmond, Va., Monday, September 26. Owing to previous arrangements, which have not been announced, Mr. Berry may remain in the city indefinitely.

PLYMOUTH NOTES

Dr. A. C. Garner, Pastor, 493 T Street, N. W.; Miss Gussie Harrod, Edithess, 1145 Fifteenth Street.

CHURCH SERVICES.

Sunday-school, 9.30 to 10.50 A. M., H. A. Adams, Superintendent; J. S. Neal, Assistant Superintendent. Preaching, 11 A. M. Vesper Services, 6.30 P. M.

The congregation at Plymouth enjoyed a most excellent sermon last Sunday morning, delivered by Dr. Garner on the subject "Undeiled Garments" (Rev. 3:4). The discourse was so full of deep uplifting thoughts and was delivered so enthusiastically that it seemed impossible for any of his listeners to leave without feeling spiritually renewed.

The number of visitors at our morning service is increasing every Sunday, and both spiritual and financial insight seems more promising. Let each and every one of us put a foot to the plow, and success will surely be ours.

At vesper service the Y. P. S. C. E. held a delightful union meeting. We greatly desired to have all the societies join us and take some part in the meeting.

Societies represented were Shiloh Baptist, Vermont Avenue Baptist, 19th Street Baptist, Metropolitan Baptist and Lincoln Temple.

General topic: What is our denomination doing for our country. Discussed by President J. Neill. Recitation by Miss Hattie Akers of Vermont Avenue. Short address by the secretary of Vermont Avenue C. E. An octette of ladies from 19th Street Baptist sang, under the direction of Mr. L. Alexander.

Shiloh was represented by Mrs. Dismond, one of its mission workers, who gave an excellent talk.

The president of Lincoln C. E., Miss Blanch Adams, gave us a store of information concerning congregationalism.

On last Thursday night our prayer meeting was conducted by the deacons. Mr. Ira Bailey read the Scripture lesson; Mr. John Lacey conducted the testimonial service; then Mr. Furring took charge of the meeting, which was very enjoyable to all present. Next Thursday night the deaconesses will have charge of the prayer meeting, and it is hoped that all who possibly can will attend.

Sister Henrietta Harris has left her friend, Mrs. Sylvia Woodards of Jefferson, O., and is now visiting Mrs. Luey Handsome Webster at Chicago, Ill.

Miss Anna V. Nelson of Chicago, Ill., was the guest of Miss Catherine Smith at 1217 T street N. W. for several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Le Roy Johnson of New York city are spending this week in the city with Mrs. H. E. Harrod, 1142 15th street N. W.

Mrs. Isabel Bell of 1018 U street N. W. is on our sick list this week.

It is desired that all notes be in to me not later than Tuesday noon. Please write on one side of the paper only.

St. Luke's Meeting

There was an interesting meeting of the degree chiefs of the 37 Councils of the I. O. of St. Lukes of the District held Monday evening at the St. Luke's Home, corner 13th and U streets N. W. All information as to what was done will appear in the next issue of the FORUM.

The members are planning for a reception to be given on October 21 at their newly-purchased home, No. 1924 13th street N. W. The St. Lukes of Washington are wide-awake along business lines, as well as fraternal ones, and with Mrs. Bessie Anderson and Dr. Garner as their leaders are accomplishing results. Very soon the St. Lukes will occupy a column in the FORUM, through which all the news can be had by all of its members weekly. Watch the FORUM, for it will give you the news of the St. Lukes.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. J. Milton Waldron, Pastor, 1334 V Street, N. W.; W. H. Scott, Church Editor, 1503 Pierce Place, N. W.

The sermon of Rev. Dixon last Sunday morning was the best of the number which he has delivered during almost a month's stay with us, while in charge of the church. Each has been an improvement on the other. For an hour we were held spellbound while he pressed home the truths of the gospel.

At the evening service Rev. William Walker delivered a most excellent sermon from 1st Corinthians, 13th verse: "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong." Having spoken for us on other occasions, he said he had nothing new to present. But he did, for his sermon was so practical and his illustrations so fitting that all who heard him were deeply impressed.

Dr. Waldron will be present next Sunday, October 1, and will deliver a special sermon to parents. Come and bring your friends.

At the afternoon service at 3.30 P. M. the Lord's Supper will be observed. Special arrangements have been made to have the aged members brought to church and provided with a dinner, so that they may remain to the service.

We are pleased to have with us again Sisters Pattie M. Jackson, Sarah Mallory and Brother Charles Preston, who have been away for the summer.

Brother Isaac C. Reddie of the choir has returned to Baltimore for a stay of 10 days. When he returns he will bring his wife, who has greatly improved since her recent illness.

IN MEMORIAM

In sad but loving remembrance of my dear son, Everett Dismond, who departed this life two years ago today, September 29, 1908.

My own, my all, so good and true; So young, so kind and noble, too; So full of precious life's best bloom His death has filled my heart with gloom.

Friends may think I'll soon forget him, And my wounded heart be healed, But they little know the sorrow That within my heart's concealed.

By his mother,
MARY C. DISMOND.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL NOTES.

Last Sunday was "Rally Day" in Shiloh Baptist Sunday-school. The lecture-room was well filled with an appreciative audience. Many of the former pupils responded to invitations that had been sent to them, and a number of the parents of the children witnessed the exercises, which were entirely new and uplifting. The service was entitled the "King's Banquet." The superintendent had asked the children to each bring something to put on the banquet table; the result was a well-laden table with autumn fruits, vegetables and other articles of food. These were used to teach an object-lesson of "how God prepares a table before his children," as set forth in the 23d Psalm. The school then voted to send the supplies to the poor saints of the church.

Among the distinguished visitors were Professor Brawley, a member of the faculty of Howard University; Mr. Silas James, superintendent of the Third Baptist Church Sunday-school, and Mr. C. H. Barnett of Columbus, O.

After the exercises the school was photographed in front of the church. With smiling faces, light hearts and waving banners the school presented a not-soon-to-be-forgotten spectacle. The superintendent, Brother Miles, desires through the courtesy of the NATIONAL FORUM to thank all who in any way helped to make the day a grand success.

SHILOH C. E. NOTES.

At a business meeting held on September 23 the following persons

PULPITS AND PEWS

were elected for the next six months as chairmen of committees: Look-Out, Mr. James R. Moss; Prayer Meeting, Mr. John S. Browder; Missionary, Mrs. Mary C. Dismond; Calling, Mrs. Mary A. Dixon; Flower Social, Miss Emma Donoho; Acting Secretary, Mr. William Smith. The office of secretary had not expired, but was made vacant because our very efficient and faithful secretary, Miss Edna Smith, has been called away from the city to accept a position as school teacher in the State of Maryland. Sister Smith is held in very high esteem by all of her collaborators, and we will bid her adieu with much real deep sorrow, and praying earnestly for her success in her new field of labor. Mrs. Mary P. Jackson was unanimously elected as Junior superintendent, Sister Alice Early having resigned. After the meeting the Endeavorers held a social hour, and refreshments were abundantly served.

Our last Sunday prayer meeting was full of interest throughout. Each Sunday brings an increase in numbers, and many visitors from other churches were made welcome and expressed their determination to come again. Among some of our visitors was Professor Brawley of Howard University, and Miss Prowd, daughter of Rev. Dr. Prowd of South America. Professor Brawley expressed himself as being highly pleased with our young people's work.

Our topic for Sunday, October 2: Self-centered, or Christ-centered? Phil. 1:21; 3:7; 4:11-13. Consecration meeting. Quiet hour service from 6.30 to 6.45. Brother John A. Miles will lead the meeting.
J. R. Moss.

VANITY FAIR.

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tyrant's heel is on thy shore, Maryland, my Maryland."

Organize! Organize!! Organize!!!

Any person who has noticed the progress made by the foreign element in the United States will naturally be curious as to the real cause thereof. The industrial success of the Hebrews, Germans, Italians in this country is phenomenal. The political power the Irish possess is wonderful. Organization is the first cause. Each one of these nationalities are closely allied into societies, clubs and organizations, formed primarily for social and economical improvement, and secondarily for political advancement.

Traveling from Richmond, Va., through Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont I observed that all the laborers mending roads and doing the rougher class of labor were Italians.

The prevalence of this class of labor in so many States aroused my curiosity, and investigation followed. I found that these laborers were all members of an organization whose object it is to control this class of labor, and it is claimed by some that this society has agents in Italy gathering recruits to send to this country, and that the steamship companies of Italy and the United Italian Societies are behind the movement. The humble Jew peddler of collar-buttons and phony jewelry is a member of a powerful organization and can stock up his tray, with or without money. A German entirely innocent of English arrives in New York, and the cooks and waiters' club takes charge of him and he gets a job as a scullion. This will do as a starter. Some say that "Uncle Heinrich" wrote Louie that he could get a job if he came to this country, and kept quiet and be sure not let the inspectors know anything about it. I don't know whether this is true or not, so I leave it to you.

Now, the Negro occupies the position of an alien in this country, and

hard as it is to admit, the position of an undesirable alien—or citizen or both. Aside from secret societies, church or purely social clubs of small number, there is no organization among them, and the church and secret societies do not concern themselves with industrial and political matters. You can see with half an eye what organization will do for this people. Look at this city, with its 100,000 colored people dwelling in about seven square miles of territory, the benefits gained by organization are too numerous to mention.

Among the Sports

The sporting editor of *Leslie's Weekly* has two things to say that may interest you:

Walter Johnson, the Washington's speedy flinger, is hot after Rube Waddell's season's record for strike-outs, 301, made in 1903. At this writing Walter has 247 strike-outs to his credit. In a recent encounter with the Tigers Johnson fanned 12 of the Royal Bengals, which is just about five better than he will have to average to surpass Waddell's record.

Just as I told you, the Jeffries Johnson fight pictures are slowly but surely being shown in the various cities, and are causing no trouble nor "race riots." Like New York, Denver and St. Louis approved of them, and they were kept in these cities beyond the time originally scheduled.

MUTILATED CURRENCY.

Often Used In Attempts to Cheat the Treasury Department.

Many efforts are made to cheat Uncle Sam through the redemption division of the treasury department, which division has to do with redeeming partly destroyed government currency.

Once a man in a western state sent in half of a ten dollar bill, accompanied by an affidavit to the effect that while on a spree he had used the other half to light a cigar. The half he forwarded was nicely charred along the inner edge, and the story would have been accepted by treasury officials had it not been that within twenty-four hours there was received from a bank in the same state the other half of the note.

The theory of treasury officials was that while more or less intoxicated the man had struggled for possession of the bill with some one who had wrested half of it from him; that the deponent had turned the half into the bank and received five dollars for it; that the intoxicated man, recovering his senses, had found the other half in his pocket and, not wishing to lose his money, had conceived the plan of singeing the edge of the note and claiming that the other half had been destroyed. So he committed perjury in an attempt to rob the government of \$5.

A man in Cleveland sent an affidavit to the treasury department, accompanying the singed half of two twenty-dollar bills and one ten-dollar bill. This affidavit was typewritten and in perfect form. It set forth that the deponent was a commercial traveler; that after returning from a journey he had been clearing out his traveling bag when inadvertently he had thrown into the fire an envelope containing \$50 in bills; that in accordance with section so and so he would like to have the money restored to him, etc.

The clerk who brought this document to the officials commented on its lucidity and completeness, but to one of these the story seemed unnatural, and he ordered that the claim be held up for awhile.

Twenty-four hours later a big shipment of mutilated currency came from a subtreasury in the west. The official who had ordered the claim held up asked whether there were any half notes in this shipment. In four or five minutes a clerk brought him the missing halves of the bills the Cleveland man had sent in.

The attempt to defraud was plain. The matter was at once put into the hands of the secret service division, and a man was sent west to investigate. The man who had made the affidavit confessed at once. He had cut the bills in halves and for one-half of them obtained \$25. The other half he singed and attached to his affidavit. The gross profit of the swindle could not have been more than \$25, and for that trifling sum the man forfeited his liberty for a year and a half.—Washington Star.

The Barefoot Burglar.

"Have you seen the barefoot burglar?" asks the Florida Times-Union. We have. We caught her in the act yesterday morning, the three-year-old miscreant, as she stole up to our bed, stole a kiss, shook her tousled head and said, "If you don't get up, dad, you won't get any bre'fes."—Allentown (Pa.) Democrat.

Unselfish.

Mrs. Backbay—Why are you leaving us, Bridget? Boston Cook—Me reasons are philanthropic. I want to give some wan else a chance at the joys of living with yez.—Harper's Bazar.