

LATE LOCALS.

The political convention of the Lincoln Emancipation League will be held February 13th and 14th, at Enon Baptist church, C street, southeast. A number of honorary members have been elected and a big meeting is anticipated.

The National Colored Teachers' Bureau is anxious to secure a large list of thoroughly competent teachers for the coming year. It costs you nothing to register. There will be nothing to pay unless you secure a school. Register now. See advertisement in another column.

Prof. B. T. Holmes' concert Monday evening at John Wesley A. M. E. Zion church on Connecticut avenue, drew out a large and enthusiastic audience. Nearly every member was encored, and the solo favorites were repeatedly recalled. Prof. Holmes has been asked to favor the extreme north end with a visit.

Mr. McNeill of Quander street e. e., who hurt himself while lifting at the Coast and Geodetic Survey, is improving wonderfully under the care of Dr. Czarra, after having failed to get any benefit at all from the treatment of several specialists in town. Dr. Czarra whose offices are at 6th and La. ave., is daily curing cases that baffle the skill of local physicians.

It is a pleasure to know that Freedmen's Hospital is in charge of such a magnificent and able young man as Dr. Curtis, who is administering its affairs in a way that deserves the just commendation of the public. He is ably seconded by Dr. W. A. Warfield, who is also deserving of high praise for the fidelity and ability with which he has long served this splendid institution.

Mr. F. R. Remer, of Martinsburgh, W. Va., who represented his state at the recent meeting of the executive committee of the National Afro-American Council, made an excellent impression here. He is a graduate of the law department of Howard University and has earned enviable fame as a newspaper correspondent and all-round writer. Mr. Remer was placed on the special finance committee.

DONT'S

- Don't turn the corners.
- Don't keep books in damp places.
- Don't borrow books from private libraries.
- Don't wet your fingers when turning leaves.
- Don't leave a book "face down," i. e., open.
- Don't shut a book up with anything bigger than a narrow ribbon in it.
- Don't mark a book in any way unless it's your own.
- Don't scorn cheap books if you cannot afford better publications.
- Don't buy cheap books if you can afford better ones.
- Don't lend books. No one will treat your books as you yourself do if you love them.
- Don't increase the quantity of your books at the expense of quality in contents.
- Don't keep books on open shelves if you can avoid it.
- Don't forget that bookcases with dust-proof glass doors are best.
- Don't read too much. There is such a thing as book indigestion.
- Don't handle books carelessly. Treat them as if they were alive.
- Don't forget that good books are the best company in the world, if read understandingly and appreciatively.

The Mysterious Assassin.

One night, shortly after the celebrated battle of Fontenoy, its hero, Marshal De Saxe, arrived at a little village in which was an inn with a peculiar reputation. It was said that in this inn there were ghosts who stabbed or strangled all who attempted to pass the night in a certain room.

The conqueror of Fontenoy was far from being susceptible to superstitious terrors, and was ready to face an army of ghosts. He dismounted, ate his supper, and went up to the fatal room, taking with him his arms and his body servant.

His arrangements completed, the Marshal went to bed, and was soon in a profound slumber, with his sentinel ensconced in an arm chair by the fire. About 1 o'clock in the morning the watcher by the fire, wanted to get some sleep himself, approached his master to awaken him, but to his call he received no response. Thinking the Marshal soundly asleep he called again. Startled at the continued silence, the man shook him; the Marshal did not stir.

As he lifted his hands from the form in the bed, the frightened servant saw that they were red. The Marshal was lying in a pool of blood! Drawing down the cover the soldier saw a strange thing. An enormous insect was fastened to the side of De Saxe, and was sucking at a wound from which the blood flowed freely.

The man sprang to the fireplace, grasped the tongs, and ran back to the bed. Seizing the monster, he cast it into the flames, where it was instantly consumed.

Help was called, and the Marshal was soon out of danger; but the great General, who had escaped fire and steel for years, had barely escaped dying of the bite of an insect. He had found the ghost.

A Freak in Peacocks.

About three months ago Mr. Frisch of Thirty-seventh and Market Streets, received from his brother, who is a missionary in India, two eggs that were joined together. A note accompanying them explained that they were peacock eggs, and a great curiosity on account of their strange form. Now, Mr. Frisch has a friend in West Philadelphia who is a poultry farmer, and the idea struck him to have the eggs hatched in an incubator. In the course of a month the shells fell apart, and instead of two separate birds stepping out, the pair came forth joined together by a thick band of what appeared to be gristle. By dint of extreme care and careful feeding, the strange pair were nursed through babyhood, and are now beginning to get pin feathers of various colors.—Philadelphia Record.

The Lizard was too Spry.

While in the country last Sunday, the editor of The Gazette saw a black snake try to capture a lizard for its dinner. The lizard had the better of the snake in the contest, which took place in a cluster of saplings. The lizard would run up a sapling clear to the top and patiently wait until the snake would slowly wind its way about half way up the sapling, when the lizard would jump from the top of the tree to the ground, and the snake would fling itself from the tree, both striking the ground about the same time, but before the snake could get itself straightened out, the lizard, which did not have to uncoil, would scale up another sapling, when the snake would repeat its effort to procure a dinner. The snake, not being the ready climber the lizard was, was at a great disadvantage in the contest, and, after many efforts, apparently gave it up as a fruitless job.—Greenup (Ky.) Gazette.

The Wife as First Clerk.

In French families, where the father conducts any business, the wife becomes his best clerk, and usually his cashier. The wives are exceedingly intelligent and acute, extremely sharp at driving bargains, and accurate in keeping accounts. They are their husbands' partners in every sense of the word, and it is wonderful to see how they acquit themselves of such a multiplicity of duties. Self is completely annihilated; and if weak health is mentioned, it is never an impediment to what they have to do for their children or their husbands.

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R. S. SMITH.

Washington, D. C.

St Augustine's College,  
Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 2, 1900.

Mr. E. E. Cooper, Dear Sir:—With the best wishes and graces for the New Year, I salute you, and extend congratulations for the beautiful and captivating way in which The Colored American makes its debut as our foremost journal.  
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