

SHREDS AND PATCHES

John Stafford is the wealthiest colored man in Midway, Ky.

Virginia opens the new year lynching season with a white man for a victim. The Old Dominion never could tolerate monotony.

The people of North Carolina are congratulating themselves and one another upon the year's record of lynchings. There was but one in the entire state. Day is breaking.

The 500 Pullman car porters, with headquarters in Pittsburg, have decided to form a union and affiliate with the National Colored Men's Railroad Association.

Subscribers who are in arrears and who desire to pay their honest debts will take advantage of the one dollar rate and send it within the next 15 days. Delinquent subscribers may never have such an opportunity as this again.

Many of the best colored people will make long-winded speeches on race pride and race unity, and yet you cannot find in their houses a paper or book or periodical published by colored people.—S. M. Hill, of Faison, N. C., in N. Y. Age.

Two carloads of colored farmers passed through Memphis, Tenn., Monday enroute to Texas, where they expect to make their future home. They are for the most part from Georgia and South Carolina. They will find in Texas advantages and a welcome, if they are deserving.—Dallas Express.

It is not generally known that a Negro owns a whole Georgia town, but such is a fact. Mr. Adam Dixon, of Queenland, Ga., owns the entire town. He is 75 years old, has been chewing tobacco 65 years and drinking sparkling dew, which is famous in the piney regions for 75 years. Mr. Dixon owns 2,800 acres of land. He is still active, and it is worth any one's time to listen that gentleman talk of the long ago.

W. H. Ellis, a colored man is president of the Westchester water-works company of New York. He controls the company which is capitalized at \$5,500,000. He has a large number of clerks in his office, a number of whom are young white women, his chief clerk being the daughter of an ex-confederate general. He controls three and a half millions of the stock of the company, with offices in the Drexel building in New York.

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"A Charming Visitor."

When we heard that The Colored American was about to make a change for the better in journalism, a big lump came into our throats and although we did a lot of "abemming," it proved an irresistible something that prevented us from commenting as we would have liked to. That lump has gone, thanks

to its sweet abandonment, and The Colored American has come to us bearing the truth of its previously hinted transformation. It is unique and highly recommends itself as a charming visitor for every home.—Augusta Union.

A Truly National Paper.

Dear Editor:—There is no bill I delight in saying more than the one which assures me of The Colored American for another year. The new form adds much to its appearance. You deserve great praise in giving us the only truly national colored newspaper.

William A. Credit, D. D., Pastor Cherry st., Baptist church, Philadelphia.

Howard University Notes.

On Tuesday last, at a meeting of the trustees, a minute was adopted, expressive of sorrow at the death of Zalmon Richards, Esq., also one extending the thanks of the board to Mrs. Dr. A. H. Clapp of New York for the valuable library of whose husband, a former college teacher of President Rankin, had been received as a gift; also, appointing the President, Hon. John Eaton and B. H. Warner, special committee on the agricultural department, with power to raise money for a practice farm.

Prof. Wm. B. Hay was elected Professor of Natural History, in place of Prof. R. Foster resigned, and Miss Mary A. Anderson, of Straight University, New Orleans, as teacher in the English Department, in place of Miss Smith, now Mrs. Dr. Elbert.

President Rankin gave a brief resume of the work of the university, during the ten years of his administration 5,576 students have been in attendance. The present number is 700; as against 368 ten years ago. These are distributed thus: Medical Department, 189; Law, 77; College, 36; Pedagogical including practice school, 127; Preparatory 147; English 110; Theological, 59; Musical, 203; Industrial, sewing, carpentering, tinning, printing, book-binding, accord to grade. During the ten years, \$44,065.06 have been expended for improvements, for erection of new building \$83,337.86 making an aggregate of more than \$100,000. The best of relations exist between related institutions: King Hall, Freedmen's Hospital. The Honorable Secretary of the Interior kindly and generously co-operates with the Executive Committee, and there has never been a more prosperous or united year than the present. Especial work is done in the Pedagogical Department, where a new chair has lately been established by Congress. Among the honorary trustees are Hon. William Allison, Hon. W. W. Grout, Hon. Geo. White and Hon. J. H. Choate, Minister to St. James. The Official Board numbers twenty-two, and includes such men as Hon. John Eaton, Dr. Teunis S. Hamlin President Gallaudet, Judge Job Barnard, B. H. Warner, Esq., Hon. F. H. Smith, Bishop Tanner and others. The trustees voted to extend a reception to the Prof. and Alumni, on the evening of February 22, from 8 to 10 p. m.

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