

# SHREDS AND PATCHES

Daniel G. Valentine and Felix Pharr, two enterprising young colored men, have been appointed letter carriers at Mobile, Ala.

The census lately taken on the Island of Cuba gives a total population of 1,572,997. Of this number 234,638 are termed Negroes.

The H. M. Turner Grocery and Provision Company is a new venture just launched in Chicago. The corporated company consists entirely of colored men.

Attorney R. C. O. Benjamin, of Kentucky, made a fine showing in the defense of "Tallow Dick" Combs, charged with the murder of the late Governor Goebel.

It is encouraging to note that for once the Hampton, Va. jury has acquitted a Negro, and that too, one charged with the awful crime of murder and the victim was a white man.

A colored young man of only 19 years of age, living in Chicago, has invented a rapid fire machine gun, which, according to reports, will place him in the front ranks with the world's great inventors.

The Supreme Court of Ohio has declared constitutional the anti-lynch law, of which Representative H. C. Smith, of Cuyahoga County, is responsible for its being upon the statute books of the State. It is believed that this decision renders liable to the amount of \$10,000, the county where "Clegg" Mitchell was put to death by a mob about four years ago.

The Lake City post office, which was discontinued after the murder of Postmaster Baker, has been re-established, with Mrs. Della D. Carter (white) as postmaster. This was done on petition of practically all the people, white and colored. How soon is an awful tragedy forgotten! How quickly we condone wrong-doing and allow wicked men to sit in high places with the blood upon their hands unavenged!

W. Burke Cockran has accepted an invitation to attend the Interstate Conference on Race Problems, which is to be held at Montgomery, Ala., May 8 to 10. He will deliver the oration on the evening of May 10, taking for his topic "The Negro as an American Problem." Mr. Cockran has written the committee he has long felt a sympathetic interest in the grave problems presented to the South and to the nation by the race question, and that any effort to solve them has his hearty support. Mr. Cockran is a democrat.

A united management has been begun by influential colored people of Philadelphia to hold an industrial exposition during one week of next November to signalize the incoming twentieth century and to show the development of their progress in handicrafts since emancipation. The projector is Miss Emma J. Whittington, of the Woman's Branch of the Quaker City Association, under whose auspices a very successful exposition was held at Horticultural Hall in 1889. Bully for old Philadelphia. She is not so slow as many would have us believe.

See Editor Chase, of The Bee, and Editor Cooper of The Colored American, dining and talking together now a days; speaking pleasantly as they pass

by, shaking each other's hands, and driving their powerful quills towards one common object,—the "fetching" of something for the Negro. We suspect that Register Lyons had something to do with this happy and sensible reconciliation. Its just like him. It grieves him to see Negro talent dismembered. Look out now! Something is going to "drap," in Washington.—Alken (S. O.) Herald.

Brother Jones is on the right track.

## IN THE EDUCATIONAL ARENA.

The teachers of the colored public schools of Jacksonville, Fla., have set a magnificent example, and proven themselves worthy of the support and commendation of all the people. Though the Board of Public Instruction closed up the schools more than two weeks ago, and cut off the compensation, they have gone right on with the schools as though the authorities had not given them orders to "close up." These teachers are continuing the schools in order that the children may be prepared for the next year, and in order that the pupils may not forget what they have already learned during this term of school. The work of these teachers is worth many thousands of dollars to Jacksonville, and the patrons. Citizens generally are making a strenuous effort to raise enough money during this month to compensate them for at least one month's service.

Prof. Council's industrial institute at Normal, Ala., has opened a full-fledged shoe store.

The college department of Fiske University has adopted caps and gowns for commencement wear.

The dining hall and supplies of Paul Quinn College, Waco, Texas, an institution of the A. M. E. Church, was recently destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at seven hundred dollars.

In the recent annual appropriation for colored schools in Mississippi the State Normal school at Holly Springs received \$4,500 and the Alcorn A. and M. College at Rodney received \$47,034.54.

Prof. W. H. Council, A. M., President of the Normal School and Agricultural and Mechanical College at Normal, Ala., lectured April 16 in Alexandria, La. on "The Misapplied Energy of the Negro." President Council is an able author and one of the most distinguished of the Negro race in America.

New York generally and Editor T. Thomas Fortune particularly, are to be congratulated upon the result of the fight which the latter has waged for twenty years against separate schools in that state, and which has ended in the legislature passing a bill that no child shall be excluded from the public schools of the State of New York on account of race or color.

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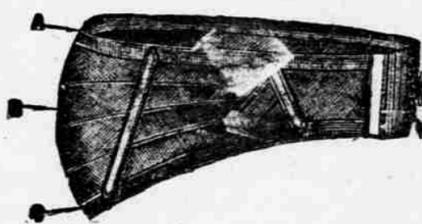
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