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**THE NEW SCHOOL LAW.**

The provisions of the amendment to the District appropriation bill for the government of the public schools, as reported from the conference committee, make a few additional changes to those recently stated. As it now stands the District Commissioners appoint the Board of Education, of seven members, and the Board in turn elects all subordinate officials, etc. There will be a superintendent at \$4,000, two assistants, at \$2,500 each, one secretary at \$1,800, one clerk at \$1,400, and two at \$1,000. It is generally understood that the colored people are to name three members of the Board, one assistant superintendent and one clerk. Every vestige of the old Board is to go, they say, with the possible exception of Mr. Harries, of whose retention all right-minded citizens will approve. There will be no difficulty in finding available timber to fill out the Negro quota upon the Board. Messrs. Daniel A. P. Murray, Jesse Lawson, Dr. C. B. Purvis, Dr. F. J. Shadd, Dr. C. W. Childs, Rev. W. J. Howard, John F. Cook, W. H. H. Hart, Henry Johnson, G. H. Richardson, W. H. Richards and Rev. Sterling N. Brown are all good men, and no mistake could be made should the three be taken from this roster. Superintendent Cook has many strong friends who will try to have him retained, and those who believe a change all around would be the best policy, will rally around Mr. Robert H. Terrell, the very capable principal of Washington High School.

The brainy chap who writes the stock editorials for the national campaign committee is showing up well in the columns of the party organs. Some editors find this supply quite a labor-saving process, and then again it is better than many of them could write.

The Colored American's leader on The Washington Post and Charles Dudley Warner was pronounced a "bell-ringer." We haven't heard from The Post. It seems to have copied the base ball players' "hit and run" policy.

The civil service law, as administered, is a miserable farce.

Has the esteemed Washington Post quit reading its colored exchanges?

We have no idea that we shall meet Ben Tillman in heaven. He won't be there.

Some men are born great, some achieve greatness—while others simply have long memories.

The beginning of the end of the British-Boer war is in sight. The British will win, and they deserve to win.

Two thousand mules have sailed from Louisiana to South Africa. It must be stated, with regret, that they were of the 4-legged variety.

**PRAISE FROM AN EMINENT AUTHORITY.**

William Dean Howells who is unquestionably the Dean of American literature writes an appreciative review of Mr. Charles W. Chesnut's stories in the May Atlantic Monthly. He also takes occasion to praise other distinguished Negroes who have won fame and reputation. He concludes: "With Mr. Booker T. Washington the first American orator of our time, fresh upon the time of Frederick Douglass; with Mr. Dunbar among the truest of our poets, with Mr. Tanner, a black American among the only three Americans from whom the French Government ever bought a picture, Mr. Chesnut may be willing to own his color." This is splendid praise indeed and will be appreciated throughout the country by the race. To call Mr. Washington the first of American orators is tribute indeed to the worth and ability of that great man.

Queen "Lil" has sailed away for her Honolulu home. As she did not associate with us much anyway, her absence will not cause us to shed a single old briny tear.

At the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, where the civil service law obtains, employees, engaged in exactly the same work, are receiving \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.00 per day.

Had any Negro been prominently concerned in the Cuban rascality, it would have served as a clincher to the argument of some rattle brained idiots that all Negroes are natural-born thieves.

The civil service law protects nobody but members of the opposite party with a "pull,"—which would, however, more than likely be strong enough to save them anyway, under certain agreements.

A sham battle is to be arranged shortly, by the District military and naval forces. The objective idea is to blow up Long Bridge. It is a pity the real thing can not be accomplished, and a new and modern bridge erected instead.

Let the Cuban thievery be probed to its very bottom. The interests of our country, the redemption of our solemn pledge, and the salvation of the republican party all demand that every guilty man be punished.

**IN THE EDUCATIONAL ARENA.**

Congressman White is in great demand as a commencement orator.

The Negroes at Glenville, Alabama, are trying to build a High School. It is no mean project.

Bruce Jackson is the only colored member of the Senior Class of the High School at Washington Court House Ohio. He is a bright young man.

Dr. Daniel Brown, a graduate of the Indiana Medical College of the class of 1900 has been appointed in the city dispensary of Indianapolis, after a competitive examination.

W. A. White has definitely decided to establish in Anniston, Ala., a boys' training school, and by the first of September he hopes to open the doors of the institution to those boys and young men of the city who wish to thoroughly prepare for a university course.

Principal Washington, of Tuskegee, has just been notified of his election to membership in the American Historical Association, one of the most famous organizations of the country. The object of this association is the promotion of historical studies. Its membership, past and present, embraces nearly every leader of thought and opinion America has produced. It was organized at Saratoga, September 10, 1884, and had as its president, Hon. Andrew D. White, the present Ambassador to Germany. The president at this time is James Ford Rhodes, the historian. This election is unquestionably a signal honor.

Since 1895 there have been 196 graduates who received diplomas from reputable medical colleges, making a total of 805. This list does not include the large number of Negro men who have graduated from northern schools. There are twelve schools for training colored women as nurses; 200 nurses have been trained and are in training. Provident Hospital in Chicago, is the pioneer school in this work. The Freedman's Hospital in Washington, D. C., is the largest hospital in the country opened to colored people. The medical department of Howard University is located at this hospital. It has graduated 858 colored doctors. There are 80 practicing physicians in the District of Columbia.

The latest statistics of the great A. M. M church made the following phenomenal showing: 70,000 members, over 5,000 traveling ministers, 5,000 churches valued at \$10,000,000, with nine living Bishops, a financial department, located in Washington City, and this department during the last four years has collected over \$400,000. The business transacted at her publishing house last year, 631 Pine street Philadelphia, Pa. amounted to \$18,224.80. The total expenditures for all purposes last year—April 1899 to April 1900, \$17,925.80, leaving a balance of \$298.50. The outstanding indebtedness is \$11,263.60 and total assets at \$67,099.24, which is \$55,835.64 in excess of liabilities.

**The Crummell Historical Society.**

The Henry A. Spencer prize, (Williams History of the Negro Race) offered for the best historical paper on a given subject by members of the Alexander Crummell Historical Society of Albany, N. Y. was won by Miss S. Oliver whose subject was "The Negro as a Mechanic." The paper received honorable mention was "The Negro as an Actor" by Miss Mary R. Hoyt. The winner of the Fortune prize for the best paper on Nat Turner will be announced at the next meeting of the club. The club will continue its sessions during the summer.

**THE ZION BISHOP'S DINED.**

Messrs. J. W. Lyons and H. P. Cheatham Honored the Bright Lights of Black Methodism—Notes.

During the sessions of the A. M. M. Zion General Conference in this city the bishops and general officers of the church were the guests at a complimentary dinner given in their honor by Hon. J. W. Lyons, Hon. H. P. Cheatham, at Gray's cafe 1505 M. street, northwest. The dinner was an informal but thoroughly enjoyable assemblage. Reminiscence, wit, humor and anecdote made the two hours during which the company sat at the table seem all too short.

Those present were Bishop J. W. Hood, Bishop T. H. Lomax, Bishop L. O. Clinton, Bishop A. Walters, Bishop C. O. Petty, Bishop G. W. Clinton, Bishop elect J. W. Alstork, Bishop J. B. Small, Bishop O. R. Harris, Owen L. W. Smith, Minister to Liberia, B. A. Johnson, Dr. J. E. Mason, E. D. W. Jones, B. F. Wheeler, Andrew J. Warner, W. Goler, J. Harvey Anderson, T. Jacobs and John C. Dancy. Messrs. John P. Green, E. E. Cooper, L. M. Hershaw and Hon. George White assisted Messrs. Lyons and Cheatham in receiving the guests of honor.

It is conceded on all hands that Messrs. Lyons and Cheatham know how to make themselves agreeable and hospitable.

**Hoffman's Big Musical Festival.**

All is in readiness for Hoffman's second Annual Musical Festival June 5th next at the Academy of Music. The following magnificent program will be rendered:

**PART 1.**

Symphony Orchestra 25 musicians in grand orchestral numbers as follows: 1. Overture, Musile, Rollinsor. 2. Selection, The Ameer, Herbert. 3. Valse The Viceroy, Herbert. 4. Intermezzo, from Cavalleria Rusticana, Mascanti. 5. March, Up Broadway Toler. 6. Idylle Hearts and Flowers, Tobani.

**PART 2, VOCAL.**

1. Solo and chorus, Gounods Galles, Gounod, Mme. Martina Irving and Washington Permanent Chorus 60 voices. 2. Terner solo, Come Back Dear Heart, Arnold, Mr. Wm. Goodrich. 3. Chorus, The Gallant Troubadour, Watson, Washington Permanent Chorus 60 voices. 4. Medley of 80 minutes in Operatic chorus under the direction of assistant leader Nathaniel Bowles. 5. Violin Cello Solo, Awakening of Spring, Bach, Mr. Alexandria Lee.

**PART 3.**

Finale appearance on the stage of Hoffman's Concert Band of forty musicians handsomely uniformed celebrating their first anniversary previous to their trip to the National Republican Convention to be held at Philadelphia.

**PROGRAM.**

1. March, Singing Girl, Herbert; 2. Overture, Lustpiel, Keler-Beler; 3. March, The Man Behind the Gun, Sousa. 4. Cornet Solo, Russian Fantasia, Levy, Mr. William Robinson; 5. Valse, Wedding of the Winds, Hall; 6. Comic, The Patrol of the Boes, Schleiffarth.

**Commencement at Greensboro**

The Agricultural and Mechanical College of Greensboro, N. C. held its second annual commencement May 20 and 24. All the incident exercises were interesting and of a high order of excellence and the many bright young men and women who left its portals speaks well for the splendid institution. President James B. Dudley and his excellent corps of instructors are to be highly commended for the increasing success and growing interest in the A. and M. College of Greensboro, N. C.

**Georgians to Entertain Georgians.**

The Georgians living in Washington met at the residence of Mr. L. M. Hershaw, 1440 T street, n. w. Friday evening May 18, and decided to entertain the Georgia delegation to the Philadelphia convention at a complimentary breakfast at Gaskins and Gaines Cafe, on Monday June 18. Nearly all the Georgians resident in Washington are subscribers to the breakfast, and a most enjoyable reunion is anticipated. Mr. L. M. Hershaw is president of the Georgia Association and Dr. Belcher is secretary. Dr. J. A. McDuffie is chairman of the committee of arrangements.