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AN ANNOUNCEMENT.

Beginning with this issue of The Colored American the various branches of the American News Company throughout the country will handle it. The paper can be had at any news stand in the United States. Agents who have heretofore been supplied directly from this office will in the future call on their local news dealer who will supply their orders. The issuing of the paper one day earlier will make it more convenient for the agents and the fact that the American News Company takes entire charge of the circulation of the paper means much more for The Colored American. It means a better paper, a more newsy paper and a wider circulation. This is one of the twentieth century sprints made by The Colored American.

Booker T. Washington, the wizard of Tuskegee, continues to grow in the esteem, in the confidence and in the affection of the American people.

LET US BE JUST.

Our "great" and only Congressman, the Hon. Geo. H. White, until recently a resident of North Carolina, was conspicuously absent from all debate on the resolution and bill. It was a grand opportunity for him to show that he is really true and loyal to himself and his race. With the exception of Mr. Crumpacker there seemed to be none to plead for justice for the 400,000 disfranchised Afro-Americans of North Carolina and South Carolina, Louisiana and Mississippi.—The Cleveland Gazette.

This is a blow from a friendly quarter. Mr. Smith has been twice a member of the State Congress of Ohio, and he ought to know something about the workings of legislative bodies. It was hardly to be expected that a member in such a body could be so grossly ignorant of parliamentary usage as to perpetrate such a stunt as did Mr. Smith relative to Congressman White's attitude on the Hopkins, Burleigh and Crumpacker Bills. Editor Smith has probably gotten Congress mixed up with some caucus or a ward meeting

where anybody or everybody can get the floor early and often and do as they blankety please. In all well regulated parliamentary bodies the privilege to speak is in the hands of a steering committee, and during the passage of any measure only those can catch the speaker's eye who are known to be friendly to that measure. As is generally well known Congressman White was unalterably opposed to the infamous reapportionment bill which finally passed the House and which so intimately concerned and effected the citizenship of the Negro at the South. Anent this matter The Daily Record of this city pertinently says:

The one man in the House who was more concerned than any one else was not given any show at all, although he represents eight millions of the population, and who are most effected by this bill, as it strikes at the citizenship of this whole people, we refer to Hon. Geo. H. White, the sole representative in Congress of the entire Negro population of the United States, and who after begging to be assigned as one of the speakers on this great question, was pushed aside and in the act was given to understand that the "friendly relations now existing between the two sections, the North and the South, can not be marred by having a Negro say a word in defence of his greatly maligned people." This may be statesmanship, it may be diplomacy, but it is not justice, it is not right, and peace gained at such a price can not endure.

Hon. George H. White is the peer of any member on the floor of the Lower House of Congress. As an orator, he is equal to any and superior to many of them. He does not lack in moral courage, stamina and in manhood. He has been in public life now nearly twenty years and not one spot is there in his public career to mar his good name nor is there a single charge against his courage or his willingness at and all times to stand up for the race. The Negroes of this country need more men of the Geo. H. White ilk, and it is the duty of every loyal, intelligent Negro to stand by such men when they are in the right. Mr. White is alright. Don't forget that.

The most substantial twentieth century idea for the Afro-American is the establishment of a colored bank in Cincinnati, Ohio.

A TRUE AMERICAN.

Judge Jas. E. Boyd, the recently appointed Judge of the Western Federal Court of North Carolina, is proving to be a "real interpreter" of the law. Judge Boyd will be remembered as the able Assistant Attorney General of the United States under the present administration. He was appointed Judge in August to succeed the late Judge Dick. Judge Boyd has been a conspicuous figure in North Carolina politics since the days of reconstruction and has been a steadfast friend of right, and incidentally has proven a true friend to the Negro race. The cases against certain registrars of North Carolina who refused to allow the Negro to register in certain precincts and wards, were called under Judge Boyd in Greensboro in October. His charge to the jury in the case was nationally discussed. Recently cases of the same nature were called in Charlotte, North Carolina, and Judge Boyd took occasion to reprimand those who would disregard the laws of the land. Among other interesting things Judge Boyd made the following declaration:

"It is a man's right to be a juror or witness and report any case of offence against the right of franchise or other privileges of a citizen. The purpose of the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments, and especially of the fifteenth,

is to prevent discrimination against any person on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude; to afford the colored man the same franchise or privilege as the white man. It is left with the State to provide the qualifications, and if these are equally to all classes, any person having qualification is entitled to exercise his privilege or franchise. Under section 5,510 of the Revised Statutes, it was made a crime to deprive a man of his rights and privileges guaranteed by the Constitution and laws of the United States, although the deprivation was under color of a local law."

Every subscriber should know how to become a possessor of the Douglass watch without the expenditure of money.

The death of Hon. H. R. Revels at Aberdeen, Miss, this week, removes from public life a landmark, a prominent political figure in the days of reconstruction. He was the first colored man to occupy a seat in the United States Senate, being followed by Senator B. K. Bruce, who succeeded the Hon. Jefferson Davis of Mississippi, to a seat in the Senate. Mr. Revels was born of free parents in Fayetteville, N. C. in 1822, and from early manhood until the day of his death was an active man, a leader of his people and a safe prophet. All honor to him.

What has become of the Brotherhood, the National Negro Insurance Company of Illinois?

The new century has brought many good things to the Afro-American. The omission of a description of the holiday number of The Freeman, of the Twentieth Century issue of The Southwestern Christian Advocate, of The Iowa Bystander's holiday effort as well as the red letter number of the midwinter edition of The Florida Sentinel is regretted. The splendid editions of these papers are the best evidences of the progress of the Afro-American and of his ability to meet the new issues of the new century.

Legislation cannot make sentiment. The hearts and the minds of the people must be educated up to that.

A number of exchanges were generous enough to insert an electrotype advertisement of the Frederick Douglass watch for The Colored American a few months ago with the understanding that one of these watches would be mailed to the editor as soon as they were ready. The list of exchanges which complied with this request has been mislaid, and if those which carried the electrotype will notify The Colored American, one of the special make of this watch will be sent at once by registered mail.

A careful examination of this issue of The Colored American will show how newsy, how enterprising and how much of real information concerning the race can be had for five cents.

It is a question whether the statesman-politician of to day can measure up to the founders of the Constitution and to that school of statesmen of which Lincoln, Sumner, Phillips, Douglass and Wilson were members. The growth of the Republic and the acquisition of new territories and new peoples call for the broadest statesmanship. A Republic cannot exist with one-half slave and the other half free,

The friends and subscribers of The Colored American in the different cities of the country can do a great service by calling at the different news stands in their cities and purchasing a copy of The Colored American. It does not matter if you are already a subscriber, spend a nickel and encourage the dealer.

WILL OPEN A BANK.

The Enterprising Afro-Americans of Cincinnati Preparing to Handle Their Own Money—Representative Meeting at the Head of the Movement.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Special—The colored people of Cincinnati are to have a bank of their own. Already incorporation papers have been taken out and a location has been selected, and in a short time the institution will start up with all the promise of success.

The name of the bank will be the K. H. W. Saving Bank of Cincinnati, and it has been incorporated with a capital of \$50,000. The bank will be located on McAllister street, between Fourth and Fifth and it will be conducted in a thoroughly up-to-date manner.

The officers and directors of the bank are well-known colored men of Cincinnati. The incorporators who will serve as directors, are E. A. Williams, N. E. Vaughn, James C. Ervin, Louis A. Cornish, Jared Carey, Edward J. Howard, W. P. Dabney and R. G. D. Troy. All of the capital has been subscribed by prominent colored men of the city, and R. G. D. Troy, who was for some years a clerk in the Ohio Valley National Bank, will be the president of the new institution, George H. Jackson, vice president and W. P. Dabney, treasurer.

We congratulate the colored people of Cincinnati on the prospect of such a great race enterprise. And we wish the management abundant success.

THE FREDERICK DOUGLASS WATCH

A Valuable Present to any Friend and Useful at That.

For any man, woman, boy, or girl there is nothing in the shape of a present that will be more acceptable and more useful than the Frederick Douglass Watch. For a boy a watch—think of it—a real ticking, actual running watch—the same in appearance and running qualities as his father's—it would be the proudest moment of his life to possess one of these watches. And who is it that does not almost daily feel the need of a timepiece to carry around in his or her pocket? The doctor wants one on his lonely trips; the school teacher wants one in order to reach her schoolhouse in time; the hunter wants one and the farmer wants one. The carpenter does not like to wear a valuable watch when he is hammering around, and this Frederick Douglass Watch is just the watch. This can be had without the expenditure of one penny. Get us two one year subscribers at two dollars, or four six months subscribers at \$1.10 or eight three month subscribers at sixty cents each. Send these names with the money and a Frederick Douglass Watch will be sent you by registered mail. It is guaranteed. Address The Colored American, 459 C St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Mary Patterson, of 1303 11th street, northwest, fractured her ankle last Friday on her way home from school by catching her foot in the iron grating at 11th and N streets.