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BEHIND THE SCENES.

The smoke from the stage bomb exploded by Mr. Edward Morris under Prof. B. T. Washington, having cleared and no apparent injury having been done the person it was intended to annihilate, conservative lookers on are inquiring the reasons which prompted the legal bomb thrower in his attempt to assassinate the reputation of a man engaged in a work which meets the approbation of the press and people. Surely Mr. Morris is not a seeker after cheap notoriety, nor is he a blatant demagogue "who struts and frets his hour out and then is heard no more." It is not professional jealousy for one is an educator; the other a lawyer. It can not be political envy, for Washington lives in a State where the colored vote has been practically emasculated, while Morris has been honored by the voters of both races in his native State. Why then should Morris soil his reputation by throwing bombs loaded with lyddite misrepresentation and scrap iron gathered from the Washington mental foundry? If he has no well grounded object, why waste time and material. Can it be possible that like some lesser lights he perches himself on the fast rolling wheel of industrial education and exclaims with Esops' fly: "What a dust I do raise!"

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It is an unfortunate thing that the love affairs of some of the male teachers in the High School like Banquo's ghost "will not down." Police court hearings, breach of promise cases, broken hearts the result of promises unfulfilled, and divers charges and counter charges have furnished palatable food for gossip mongers for the past two months. It would be well if these "lady-killers" sought security in matrimonial block-houses. No better corps of lady teachers can be found su-

MEN OF THE HOUR.



COL. JOHN R. MARSHALL, CHICAGO, ILLS.

The recipient of an oil painting from the Appomtoz Club, a popular leader.

perior to those of the High School and it must be embarrassing and humiliating to them to hear criticisms of the School as a result of the action of associates who should be above reproach. If some weeding out were done it would improve the tone, and free the institution from being referred to as a "School for Scandal."

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Local political clubs of mushroom growth that are here to-day and gone to-morrow, are holding meetings composed of the officers who include the member-

ship, to give the public the benefit of their conclusions with reference to the best men to select for President and Vice President of the United States. The boiler plate effrontery of these voteless Statesmen would be amusing but for the lack of modesty displayed. It was Brother Givedam Jones who introduced a resolution at the meeting of the Lime Kilm Club as follows: "Resolved, Dat we wants more rain." "Frow dat in de waste basket," promptly ordered the President. "Brudder Jones," he continued, solemnly,

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PEN AND PENCIL CLUB.

Quillman Descants on Contemporary Thought.

Everyone interested in the preservation of harmonious relations between the white and colored races in the United States cannot but regard with misgivings the intemperate utterances frequently emanating from both sides of the inter-racial "firing line." So dependant upon the press is the public for controlling data in the formation of its sentiment that the Pen and Pencil Club has deemed it wise to disseminate the expressions of representative Americans upon this subject of vital moment not only to the Negro but to the nation itself.

Those who had come to believe that the South is now the friend of popular education will be disappointed on reading the recent inaugural address of Governor Vardaman, of Mississippi, in which he charged that education has no deterrent influence upon the black race in the commission of crime, and that the Negro grows more criminal as he becomes more intelligent. The exclusion of the black voter from the right of suffrage seems to be his ulterior motive, for he attempts to find some moral sanction for the restrictive legislation along that line both in his own and other Southern States. In striking at the black man, however, he aims a blow at an institution dear to the hearts of all true Americans — the public schools—and it is gratifying to note that the press generally disavows his contention. In gratifying contrast to Governor Vardaman's statement is the opinion recently expressed by Dr. Felix Adler in an address at New York before the Ethical Culture Society on "The Negro Problem in the United States." After cal-

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