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THE CHURCH LOCKED UP.

The Court Takes Charge of the Baptist Church At Lynchburg.

THE PRAYER-MEETING AND THE ONE THAT FOLLOWED.

Rev. Morris' Troubles.

A BITTER FIGHT.—THE END NOT IN SIGHT.

LYNCHBURG, VA., March 22, 1898. This city is in a ferment so far as the colored population is concerned. The cause is the trouble now existing in the Court Street Baptist Church, one of the largest and most influential bodies in the state.

On the regular church meeting night which was the first Monday in March, Rev. Morris conducted a prayer-meeting. The opposition was in attendance.

On Sunday 20th at 11 A. M. two ministers, Rev. P. E. Morris, D. P. W. Walker, and Rev. W. H. Phillips, were in the pulpit. Two of the pulpit committee forced Rev. Morris to the rear of the rostrum and services were proceeded with.

At night, Rev. Morris appeared accompanied by six police-officers. He proceeded to the pulpit. He could not be heard, owing to the clearing of the throats of his opposers.

At 11 o'clock that night Rev. Morris was arrested by the police. He was conducted to the station-house where he was held until the following morning.

The following are the costumes, Miss Louise Edmonds, blue broadie silk; Miss Lucy Reid, pink organdie over pink silk; Miss Betty Ford, pink silk with satin flowers.

The funeral of Miss Lucy A. Russell a girl of about 14 years who died on 14th inst. was held at 2 o'clock on the afternoon of the 15th inst.

The grim monster death struck Mrs. B. B. Higgins in this section recently. She died on the 6th inst. at 2 o'clock.

Little Beulah the infant child of Mrs. Bettie Jones, died peacefully away to the realm of the blest on Tuesday afternoon, the 8th inst.

THE VITAL QUESTION.

The A. M. E. Church and its Record.

"The Unknown" Gives Facts.

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FROM WASHINGTON.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY'S ATTITUDE.

Senator Chandler's Startling Remarks.

PREPARING FOR WAR.

Mr. Greeley's Report.

THE OUBAN CABINET—THE PROSPECT OF TRADE.

WASHINGTON, March 21, 1898. There is no cooler man in Washington than President McKinley, although his is the greatest individual responsibility in deciding what action shall be taken upon the report of the Naval Court of Inquiry.

Another certainty is, that President McKinley will not allow himself to be influenced by any of the numerous stories as to what European nations may do in the interest of the national honor of the United States.

Congress and the country will be furnished an itemized statement showing every cent expended from that special \$500,000 fund.

By far the ablest and most interesting paper the government has recently published is the report of the Commissioner of Patents.

The boom of this great organization and the consideration of plans for the raising of the necessary funds for the defraying of the legitimate expenses of the campaign, the meeting adjourned.

The Commissioners appointed by the Cuban Cabinet to act with the Spanish Minister in negotiating a treaty with the Cuban Government.

Encouraging news reaches us from Newport News where the men are among the most interested in the state.

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