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Living in turmoil and strife is the best way to worry the life out of an earthly body.

A good woman is a help to any man, but a bad woman can lead a good man to perdition.

There is no use praying unless you have made up your mind to live right.

Preachers want money just like other people and they are not backward in saying so these days.

Work without ceasing and pray without ceasing have been interpreted by some people to mean also, loaf without ceasing.

There are two periods in people's lives when they are unduly anxious, one time is when they are about to get married and the other is when they are about to get a divorce.

Lawyers make more money "un-tying people" these days than the ministers do "tying" them.

Quarrelling is as much a habit in some people as drinking is a habit with some others.

Some people will upset a Government in order to have their way even though they know that their way is wrong.

Some people raise their children in the street and then they blame the children.

Be happy and you will live long. Money is not essential to happiness, but it will go a long way towards producing it.

Talking about Heaven is one thing and laboring to get there is another. Numbers of people, who profess a faith in the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ will be a mile down the heavenly path-way when the gates are finally closed.

Hon. William J. Bryan on the one hand and Hon. William Howard Taft on the other should keep both parties in the straight road, but both of them are having a difficult time doing it.

THE MOB SPIRIT IN VIRGINIA.

Some times we feel like asking the question as to whether some of the American people have gone stark crazy. William H. Turner, a colored man shot and killed Thomas Morgan Moore a white man recently and immediately the white population, living within ten minutes ride of the National Capital, where President Woodrow Wilson, who has strenuously condemned lynching resides proceeded to attempt to lynch the alleged slayer of Thomas Morgan Moore, the white man.

The state of affairs is all the more unaccountable and unjustified from the fact that the local authorities showed commendable skill in capturing the alleged murderer and have all of the machinery of the law

ready with which to give him just what he deserves from the electric chair down to an acquittal. It is further emphasized that no colored men will be on the jury that is to try William H. Turner. White men captured him, white men will set in judgment on his case and if found guilty, white men will electrocute him.

What justification then can there be for the talk about superceding the law? As to the question of color, we wish it understood that we here are Virginians. If Turner is guilty, we all want him punished. If he is innocent, we want him acquitted. If the offense with which he stands charged was committed under palliating circumstances, we want him incarcerated in the Federal Penitentiary. Wise colored people attempt to avoid clashes with white people and wise white people attempt to do the same thing.

We are glad to note that Turner was protested without a recourse to bloodshed. White Virginians in authority are on record as being opposed to lynch-law. Certainly the efforts made and being made by the sworn officers of the law, white men, who have no sympathy with the man that they are protecting demonstrates that we are on the eve of the dawn of a brighter and a better day.

It should inspire law-abiding and self-respecting colored people to continue to live right and to do right. There is hope for us all when white democrats elected to office realize that in preventing the lynching of Turner, they were primarily active in preventing the "lynching" of the law as enacted upon the statute books. Things look dark for us at times, but then again there is a rift of sunshine and we see or think we see in this recent happening on the part of these officials a rift of sunshine.

NEEDLESS PERSECUTIONS.

The Department of (in) Justice does not seem to know just what to do in order to convince the American people that they are unduly active in protecting the people's interests. They swear out warrants for prominent white firms, charging them with profiteering. Then this unsavory advertising which tends to injure the firm's business is followed by an announcement that the firm is not guilty of the alleged offense and that the charges have been dropped. The Hub Clothing Company of this city and the Schmidt Company of grocers were treated in this manner. Now the President of the American Woolen Company of New York has been treated in the same way. Just when this kind of petty persecution will cease, no one knows but the Attorney General and President Wilson. A democratic administration has eliminated the last vestige of State's Rights and when the Republicans come into power, it may be if such a thing is possible that Gen. Ulysses S. Grant will turn over in his grave and wonder how it all came about after his life-time.

MR. BRYAN'S CANDIDATES.

Hon. William J. Bryan is the "stormy petrel" of the Democratic Party in general and President Woodrow Wilson in particular at the present time and yet his emphatic deliverances command admiration and win support from many quarters. This truly remarkable man is indeed the "watchman upon the wall." He has the courage of his convictions and he leads upon all occasions and under all circumstances. Many of his revolutionary ideas have been adopted by both parties and assented to even by the courts.

The impress of his master mind may be seen upon the nation for many generations. He is now opposing President Wilson's request that he be granted by the Congress the power to accept a mandate for Armenia. To the infinite surprise of the country, Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, who has followed President Wilson through evil report as well as through good joins with Mr. Bryan in this particular instance and declares his opposition to the mandate proposition.

The question naturally arises, Does President Wilson propose to complete the absolute disruption of the Democratic Party? Stranger things are happening just now. Hon. William J. Bryan announces that after the meeting of the National Republican Convention he will give out a list of a dozen men whom he regards as available for the presidential nomination by the National Democratic Convention. We presume that President Woodrow Wilson will also distribute among his followers a private list of candidates available for the presidential nomination.

In view of the present attitude of the leaders of the Democratic Party, we do not see how he can name more than three presidential possibilities from his view-point. One of these must

necessarily be himself. President Wilson has enunciated a platform for the National Democratic Convention and Hon. William J. Bryan has announced a platform widely different from the one now laid down by the distinguished occupant of the White House. It may be that a basis of compromise may be found, but to the intelligent observer, these leaders are as far apart as the poles.

A WHITE MAN'S PASSION.

There do not seem to be any mobs at Bristol, Va., Tenn. The following telegraphic report is interesting reading:

Bristol, Va., Tenn., May 26.—Charles Noe, 21 year old white man went on trial at Blountville, Tenn., today charged with attacking a Negro girl 14 years of age near here in January. Noe is married and has one child.

We shall note the result of this trial. When a white man deserts his own white wife for a black girl, there is an interesting condition in the neighborhood that should demand the attention of those white folks who are never tired of discussing and condemning the amalgamation of the races.

COLORLED LEADER IN CHICAGO.

The representatives from the Republican State Convention held by the colored folks have left for Chicago, Ill., to lay their contest before the Republican National Committee. Attorney J. R. Pollard heads that delegation, while Attorney J. Thomas Newsome has charge of the case. Congressman C. Bascom Stemp will be the one of the regular Republican organization in this State and will endeavor to defend its interests. It will be enlightening information to find out whether or not colored citizens will be permitted to stand upon the same platform with white Republicans and accorded all of the rights and privileges of any other Republican.

This issue has been raised before and the feeling prevails in some Republican circles that the Republicans of color in the Southland stand beyond the Republican Party and success in bringing some of the southern States into the Republican fold. They are entirely mistaken in this. The feeling against the Republican Party antedates the War between the States and one excuse is about as good as another. If white men wish to get into the Republican party, they will find a way to do it.

The most of the white men that we see around here want to get into the offices to be given out by the Republican Party and not into the Party itself. Certainly if colored Republicans are content to vote for Democrats as Republicans and land them into elective offices, there can be no conflict in permitting these same colored men to participate in the deliberations of the Party. We must come to basic principles and live up to recognized political ethics.

It is for the Republican managers to decide this embarrassing question and the tens of thousands of colored voters in the Northland will join in with the hundreds of thousands of colored voters in the Southland and insist upon fair-play and a due regard for fundamental principles of the Republican Party that have been in effect since Lincoln's time.

LOUISA BAPTIST CHURCH MAKES FINE RECORD.

The First Baptist Church, of Louisa, C. H., Va., observed the fifty-third anniversary of the Church and the first anniversary of the pastor, Rev. B. P. Ellis Tuesday night, May 11 through Sunday, May 16. They had a great spiritual meeting and raised \$1,103.40. Rev. Ellis deserves great credit for the work accomplished during his first year's pastorate.

The meetings opened Tuesday with a prayer service conducted by Deacon M. R. Mills and Brother Thomas Moore, Sr. Mrs. Annie Washington presented at May Queen Wednesday night. Thursday night Rev. G. S. Russell, pastor of Bright Hope Baptist Church, Trevilians, preached a fine sermon, which was followed on Friday night with another great sermon by Rev. J. O. Wright, Pastor of Wayland Baptist Church. Sunday witnessed services all of the day. Dr. J. E. Jones of the Virginia Union University preached at the morning services. Rev. B. H. Cayles, pastor of Foster Creek Baptist Church, preached at 2:30. Dinner was served between services. Among those taking a part on the program were Miss J. McAdams, of the Virginia Union University; Mrs. Pettie, of Louisa; Mrs. Berta Pondleton, Deacon Watson Moss, S. S. Poyd, Thomas Moore, Jr., Mrs. Della Jordan. Clerk P. W. Moss was the master of ceremonies.

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It's a long, long road to Dixie and my Mammy's cabin set In its frame of honeysuckle and the fragrant mignonette. Where I used to roll in comfort in the leafy fold and the foam When Old Mammy came and got me for the day, and took me Home! Mammy, Mammy! Your babes are grown-up men! O, could we come again To that far cry to childhood! And if I should Beat you through The pearly Gates of Heaven, I'll Wait there to welcome you! (By Henry Edward Warner.) (Richmond, Va., Times-Dipatch.)

NOTICE! NOTICE!

The 67th Anniversary Exercises of the G. G. A. Order of Brothers and Sisters of Love and Charity will be held at the Second Baptist Church May 30th, 1920 at 3:30 P. M. All male members of the Order will meet at Trice's Hall at 2 o'clock P. M., and march thence to the Second Baptist Church. All female members will assemble in the basement of the above named church not later than 2:30 P. M.

Keep your eye on the hour and place and be on time.

By order of, THOMAS MINOR, G. G. D. DR. A. A. TENNANT, District Deputy.

SOUTH CAROLINA LETTER.

(E. B. Webster) Florence, S. C., May 24.—Masters Robert J. Webster and James E. Lawrence after spending the session at Benedict College have returned home, hoping to be present next term at the first roll call. Mr. Paul Carter, a switchman on the Coast Line yard here was fatally injured Monday. After he had turned the switch and signalled for the shifter, he attempted to step on the tender. His shoe heel caught in the frog and he fell backward, the engine passing over him. His funeral was held at the A. M. E. Church on Tuesday at four o'clock.

Rev. P. Bivens, of Cordele, Ga., passed through the city recently enroute to Bennettsville, S. C. For 29 years he has served as Superintendent of Zion Missionary Baptist Church. He has succeeded also as a business man, having purchased 240 acres of land at Ft. Washington, Ga. Mrs. Anna J. Braggett, an evangelist of national reputation passed through the city recently enroute to the A. M. E. Church. She was enroute to Baltimore, Md., new The writer will visit the Marlboro County Union at Clis, S. C. on Saturday, May 29.

AROUND THE CASTLE.

Everything is looking very bright for the Union Degree Meeting, which will take place the first Friday night in June. The Chancellor Commanders of all lodges are urged to be present at a special meeting Sunday, May 30, at 4:30 P. M. to make final arrangements. Line up your new members for the event. Three ranks will be conferred.

Eulton Lodge had a great time on last Monday night. 61 new members were added to their roll, after seeing the mysteries of the third rank. C. C. Walter Hackett and his team did some rapid work.

Other Lodges are doing nicely. The Grand Lodge is near and things are getting ray around the Castle. Myrtle Lodge had a splendid meeting Thursday night. We hope for them much success.

The Cadets are making great strides for their trip to Norfolk in June, under command of Captain Charles Ammons.

INFORMATION!

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ALEXANDRIA UNDER ARMS AS A RESULT OF WILD RUMOR.

Soldiers and Police Reserves Patrol Streets Expecting Negro Mob From Washington.

Washington, D. C., May 26.—Alexandria, Va., with her male citizenry armed and two companies of troops guarding her streets and roads approaching the little city awaited tonight a Negro mob from Washington that did not arrive at midnight when Alexandrians were preparing to go to bed later than usual and the troops were still engaged in fruitless vigil.

The visit of the mythical mob of Negroes was supposedly to be made to retaliate for the attempt made by white citizens of Alexandria County to take from jail at Fort Myer Heights earlier in the week, William Turner, a Washington Negro, charged with murdering Thomas M. Moore of Alexandria.

Although all was "quiet along the Potomac" at midnight a part of Alexandria's male population was still armed in the streets. The Alexandria light infantry reorganized with one hundred ex-service men, was on patrol duty and a company of State militiamen had come from Falls Church.

DEU TO NEGRO'S IDLE BOAST.

Washington police late tonight said they thought the threat of a half-drunk Negro here today to "clean up" Alexandria this evening, had caused the hectic evening in the city life of Alexandria.

During the early evening automobiles of the fire and police departments hustled armed troops and citizens to the outskirts of the city and a guard was thrown up against the highway bridge across the Potomac. But no mob wended its way over the bridge or swam the Potomac.

Every conceivable form of weapon from pickaxes to automatics and rifles, might be seen in possession of the excited—citizens of Alexandria. Automobiles filled with armed men dashed through the streets and on to the highways. All users of the highway between Washington and Alexandria were stopped by troops and not permitted to proceed until it was established they were not part of a mob.

Late this afternoon a "tip" came to the police of Alexandria that a mob of about 200 Washington Negroes intended crossing over to make trouble. The news spread and there was a rush toward the stores handling ammunition. Nearly all sold out.

SERVICE MEN READY.

Soon after dark the ex-service men of Alexandria organized under Captain L. N. Duffy who served in France, and were equipped with rifles at the Boys' High School. Meanwhile a company of militiamen came over from the Falls Church vicinity. The troops were soon in fighting formation. Hundreds of citizens waited down town until about 10:30 o'clock. Then they began to drift home wondering if some joke had been played on the town and content to let the soldiers handle the situation.

Alexandria was just in the right mood to meet the mob, because of the Turner case as Turner in addition to killing Moore had attempted to rob and attack his fiancée.

DO YOU KNOW HIM?

Vernon Hill, Va.—I desire to know the whereabouts of my husband, John Smith. He left home last April, the 29th for Norfolk, Va. He said he had a transfer and that he would write to me as soon as he got there. I have not heard from him since. He is about 54 years of age, has only one hand the left; is of light complexion very gray and his weight is about 160 pounds. Any information concerning him will be thankfully received by his wife and children. Address: Mrs. Phyllis Smith, Box 59, Vernon Hill, Va.



CLAY AND WOOD DWELLINGS ARE ERECTED IN BEGUN. Photo shows a workman covering a wooden frame of a building with a composition of straw, clay and sand.



PHILIPPINE TWINS REFUSE TO BE SEPARATED. Lucia and Simplicia Goleno, little Filipinos who are joined like the Siamese twins.



MODERN SPIES INVADE AFRICA.