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The Bethel Literary was very well attended last Tuesday evening, Col. Geo. W. Williams read the paper.

The Philomathian will meet at the 2d Baptist church next Thursday evening. Col. Geo. W. Williams will read a paper entitled "The Negro Problem." Come early if you desire a seat.

## THE LOUISIANA COLORED PEOPLE.

On our first page will be read with a great deal of interest extracts from the speech of Hon. T. T. Allain, of "Sweet L'berville" parish, La. In speaking of the colored people in the State of Louisiana, we are confronted with the fact that there are 1,689 public schools in the state, 1,095 of which are white and 594 colored. In New Orleans alone there are 54 public schools, 42 of which are white and 12 colored. The total colored population, according to the last census of New Orleans is 57,766, and yet Mr. Allain, in his speech says, that the present superintendent is doing better for the colored people than his predecessors who were republicans. What could have been the condition of the colored schools in years gone by under a republican regime? Mr. Allain's address on the condition of the colored people of Louisiana is a development of many important facts unknown even to a majority of the colored people of New Orleans, as well as throughout the United States.

## THE POLICE SCANDAL.

The result of the Police investigation and the decision of the District Commissioners was a surprise to the community. We have the highest regard for the Commissioner's integrity and their desire to give the people a good and honest government. But we are of the opinion that the Commissioners' review of the testimony in the case, upon which they based their decision, and their defence of Major Walker is inconsistent in the extreme. They accept the resignation of Major Walker for being indiscreet, dismisses Lieut. Arnold because he lied on the Major. Now if Major Walker is not guilty why should his resignation be accepted? If Arnold lied on the Major and Lieut. Kelly lied on Arnold, we would like to know from the honorable Commissioner's who are in the wrong? If the Commissioners desire a clean government, one that will reflect credit upon the people, we don't know of a man more suitable for the place than Col. Wm. Moore. Major Walker was too small to fill such an important position. A man elevated from a constable to the high and dignified position as Chief of Police couldn't expect to remain any length of time. It is true as Shakespeare says, "new made honors forget men's names." So it was with Major Walker, his position caused him to lose his head.

## AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP.

We don't know of any sentiment that should fill the heart of all American citizens more than the sermon of Rev. Dr. Newman on Thanksgiving. Among other things he said:

"In the quality of our immigrants," said Dr. Newman, "there has been a vast change for the worse within the past ten years. Time was when we welcomed everybody; but what was once our proudest boast, that this was the land of liberty, the refuge of the oppressed, has now become our greatest national danger. We are bound to say now that this is not a new Ireland, a new Germany, a brothel for Mormons, a refuge for the criminals of Europe. This country is for Americans, not for Germans, nor Irishmen, nor Englishmen, nor Frenchmen, nor Spaniards, nor Chinese, but for Americans; for intellectual, moral, industrious upright men, whencesoever he comes. I am not reviving the Know-Nothing cry. America is for Americans, and we must be determined by all that is lawful, by all that is dear to us, by our altars and fire-sides, that this country shall not become un-American."

The revolutionists of France, Germany, Ireland and other countries are emigrating to this country and in less than a little while an American citizen will be unknown. Again he says:

"He is an American, whether he is native or foreign born, who embrace the seven great ideas which distinguish an American from all other peoples on the face of the globe." These attributes briefly stated were, that an American citizen must be willing to embrace the great American principle of the personal liberty of all men; he must renounce all allegiance to every foreign prince and potentate; he must appreciate the fact that this government of the people, by the people and for the people is supported not by physical force, but by moral power; he must be ready at any time to risk for the maintenance of the Republic what the fathers risked to make it, he must set his face directly against all seeming alliance of Church and State; he must retain as an American institution, pure and simple, the Sabbath day, and he must recognize Christianity as the religion of the country. "Every priest and monk and friar" said the speaker, in enlarging upon one of these points, "may become an American citizen, but first he must solemnly renounce before God and the holy angels, political allegiance to the Pope. He is to have no temporal sovereignty here."

In 1900, fourteen years from now, at the present rate of immigration, there would be 19,000,000 of persons of foreign birth, and their children of the first generation would make up 43,000,000. What shall we do with them? This is a nation of foreign drunkards. "Of 3696 females engaged in the liquor business," all are foreigners but one."

We agree with Dr. Newman and the sooner our American congress considers these facts the condition of the country will be better off in 20 years from now. Every day we see evidences of nihilism, communism and every evidence of an outbreak on the part of these foreigners, of a revolution. The time has about gone when it was an honor to be an American citizen. In ancient days when Rome was the mistress of the world, "I am a Roman citizen" was honored and respected wherever heard. American citizenship is fast degenerating and Dr. Newman's suggestion put into immediate execution is the only thing that will save America from disgrace.

## THE COLORED PEOPLE IN TEXAS.

Clarksville, Texas, Nov. 20, 1886. To the Editor of the BEE:

Dear Sir: No doubt a few lines from the Sunny South will be of interest to yourself and the readers of the BEE. My few weeks of labor in Texas has been of much interest in showing a great anxiety on the part of the people for mental, moral, and spiritual development. On the 31 of Oct. I attend the dedicatory services of the Zion Traveler Baptist church, in Clarksville of which Rev. James A. Dennis a Wayland star of the first magnitude, is pastor. He has labored in Clarksville as teacher and preacher for four years. During which time

he has not only caused the leading men both white and colored of Clarksville and vicinity to respect him and regard him as a christian gentleman and a scholar, but has by diligent labor as a faithful servant of the Lord, bought the little, handful of members whom; he found worshipping in a dilapidated school house, into a beautiful and commodious house of worship; with a greatly increased membership. The seating capacity of the church is from 800 to 1000 and is not only one of the first churches in the state of Texas, but will compare favorably with many of the colored churches in your own beautiful city. The church has as yet a small debt to be liquidated.

At the dedicatory services on Sunday 260 dollars was collected from the congregation. Side by side in the work for the elevation of the people in the state of Texas Mrs. M. Dennis, the wife of Rev. J. A. Dennis, she is not only an good christian lady, but possesses in a great degree those other traits of character which are necessary to the acquisition of influence and power, namely industry and furlgality.

Send from your city to the South such men as Rev. Dennis at Clarksville, Rev. C. H. Pryor at Dallas, and Rev. A. C. Murphy at El Paso, then will the cause of Christ and the elevation of our people advanced in the South.

JAMES L. ALLEN.

## OUR WEEKLY REVIEW.

JOHN L. WEST, DID HE BRAKE IN OR WAS HE LEAD ASTRAY? TWO SIDES TO THE STORY. THE FIRST IS GOOD UNTIL THE SECOND IS TOLD. WHY SHOULD NOT MATTHEW'S BE CONFIRMED? MURDER IN HELLS BOTTOM. INCREASE OF CRIME IN THE DISTRICT.

And now the community has been startled with a crime by John L. West, a colored chief in the Land office. It is said by the daily press from garbled and unfounded information that West's crime is more heinous than robbery. The question should be asked by the less prejudiced and more passionate how long has West been knowing Mrs. Page? Has he ever visited the house before, and if so under what circumstances and how often? These questions should be considered. Mr. West is not guilty of any crime. So far as he using chloroform and the fact of a bottle containing it was found in the room is no evidence that West intended to do any harm.

West uses chloroform frequently on himself. West is not in the city but he will return here in a few weeks and make a clean breast of the whole affair. It is a maxim and a true one, one story holds good until another is told. There are two sides to all questions and as only one side has been told which has caused the world to believe that West is a dangerous man, let us wait and here the other side. Some one else knows a thing as so. Our contemporary the ADVOCATE

seems to take the discharge of Mr. L. H. Douglass from the Records office to heart and implies that Mr. Douglass will make it hard for his confirmation. Why so? While we respect Mr. Douglass, we are of the opinion that Mr. Douglass' opposition to his confirmation will not effect him in the least, and if Mr. Douglass authorized the Editor of the Advocate, to infer that he will oppose Mr. Matthews' confirmation we think he makes a mistake.

Mr. Douglass doesn't claim that he has any claims on Mr. Matthews, nor do we believe that he desired to remain in the office, knowing as he does that to the victors belong the spoils. Whether Mr. Matthews is confirmed or not, he will have the consolation of knowing that he is the only man since the establishment of the office that has conducted it as it should be.

HELLS BOTTOM in the northern section of the city is not the place now as it was in years gone by. The recent bloody assault committed in that section a few evenings ago, naturally recalls to our mind the bloody riots in days gone by. It seems as if crimes in the District are on the increase.

Our citizens should adopt some plan where by to put a stop to these outrages. It is a disgrace on the part of those who claim to be identified with the colored people. Whenever a colored person commits a crime of course the whole race is to blame, according to the philosophy of the white press and the white people. As soon as it was ascertained that

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had committed, what white people call a crime, but what we call a friendly understanding, the whole race is to blame. We have the most abiding faith in Mr. West, we know that he is a man of honor and time will prove our assertion. A colored woman placed

in the same position and a white man had been her victim, what would the public verdict been? Answer to yourself or send it to the BEE. All that glitters is not gold and men charged committing robbery, "by any other name would sound the same." We suppose that everybody enjoyed themselves

## THANKSGIVING DAY.

All Editors of course have their turkeys sent to them by those who have been given free complimentary notices during the year. Of course we are a little late this week it is because all our printers are on a drunk, except one and he belongs to church, but he is death after the girls which is equally as bad. We enjoyed the day and hope that you all did likewise.

## LOUISE TO CLARA.

Dear Clara: I hardly know how to begin or what to relate first. But the most sensational thing that has ever happened in our society is the elopement of Miss Lulie Francis of this city and Mr. John G. Cragwell, of Harrisburg, Pa., Wednesday afternoon. The mother and father of Miss Francis had issued invitations for her marriage to Mr. Geo. M. Sneed, the wedding was to have taken place Thursday December 2nd at the 15th street Presbyterian church, after which a bonnet reception was to be at the residence of the brides parents from 8 to 11 o'clock. It will be remembered that Mr. Cragwell had been going with Miss Francis for a number of years and it was understood that the engagement between them had been cancelled. Mr. Sneed, who claimed to be the friend of Mr. Cragwell, angered his tender feeling which was claimed he entertained for the lady and on the reception of an invitation from them announcing their marriage, he immediately left Harrisburg, Pa., and arrived in this city a few days ago the guest of Mr. W. A. Stewart, a prominent real estate young man in this city. One evening last week Mr. Cragwell visited Miss Francis at her residence on 13th st., bet L. and M sts., and had a talk over matters. He told her that he always loved her and that it was hard to see his first love married to another man who would make her life miserable. At this juncture Miss Francis said, but my invitations are out for my marriage to Mr. Sneed. O! I can fix that said Mr. Cragwell, after deciding what steps were best to pursue, Mr. Turleigh and wife, sister and brother in law of Miss Francis and Mr. Noble Harris, it said were invited to witness the ceremony, which is reported took place at the residence of Dr. Sunderland. Mr. and Mrs. Francis are heart broken to think that their only daughter would treat them so.

It must have been a shock to the man who had given her his heart and gone to the expense to make the wedding a brilliant affair. Mr. Sneed is a very quiet man and no doubt would have made Miss Francis is agood husband. The household is started and society is up in arms to think that Miss Francis would be guilty of such an act, it is not for the want of home training on the part of the lady, because she has been reared as a lady and looked upon and respected as such. Her parents consist of the best element of our society which has caused no little comment. Mr. Cragwell, I don't believe cares much for the lady, who proved false to the man whom she had decided to marry.

I shall dismiss the unhappy affair from my letter—the marriage of Dr. S. L. Cook to Miss Flora Tucker took place at the 15th st. Presbyterian church Thanksgiving day at 1 o'clock. There was a little disappointment to the guests on the part of one of the ushers. Some one drove up to the churches in a carriage and the ushes thought it was the bridal party and one of them motioned to Mr. Fleet to play the wedding march which he did in an artistic manner, while the ushers took their position at the door.

The people were waiting with great anxiety to see the happy pair, but it was ascertained that all hands were disappointed and it was fully 20 or 30 minutes before the bridal party arrived after this blunder made by the ushers. By the way I saw Mr. Sneed at the Fraternal last Wednesday evening and he approached Major Fleetwood and said, Major I carried you an invitation to my wedding, but I suppose that you have heard that my intended has gone off with another fellow? The Major, laughed and said yes Sneed, I don't know whether to congratulate you or to extend my condolence. Mr. Sneed in reply said that he would like to have his congratulations. This remark startled the major, who didn't know what to say or think. The Major is a man who don't talk much and it is very hard to get any thing out of him.

The marriage of Miss Sallie Teagle was one of the most brilliant affair that ever took place in the

city. Miss Teagle is a lady of refinement and one who is highly respected. She comes from one of the oldest and most respected families in this city. I would have mentioned the affair in my last letter but on account of the limited time allotted me I was prevented from so doing. There are some people in our community crazy on society. Why should there be such a society mania among a certain class I am unable to say. Dr. Purvis gave a select party at his residence last week and because a certain class didn't receive an invitation, the presumption is that he is endeavoring to run society. I don't understand our people. How is it that Mrs. Purvis doesn't associate with the colored society and yet certain colored people get displeased when they are not invited to the Drs. receptions? We have a lacky class of colored people here and it is that class who are after the company of Mrs. Purvis and the Doctor. I hear people abuse doctor Purvis and his wife by saying that he is trying to pass for white or that he is a negro and married a white woman or that he sends his children to white schools and that they want nothing to do with such a man. These same individual who are continually saying these things, I find are only angry, because they are not invited to his receptions. I have no use for such people, I have been convinced that one half who say they don't like Dr. Purvis are only waiting for an opportunity to be invited to his receptions. One of this class, attended his reception last week, and an other designated Dr. Shadds wife to a position in the night schools, another went before the Interior department and filed charges after which asked the Doctors pardon.

Beware of the laughing and sneaking knave, beware of the cringing hypocrite, beware of the man who abuses society or a respectable person. It is a tale of the fox and grapes.

Yours lovingly,  
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