

IDEAS.

If you have started wrong go back. Its a wise man who has his after-thoughts first.—Pat.

When I am too sad to pray, then I begin to sing.—Luther.

If your machine rattles, a screw is loose, stop a while and tighten it.

You complained of the heat and drouth, now thank God for the rain and the pleasant weather.

Take Notice.

Read second column first page sure.

We will have an illustrated issue of THE CITIZEN some time this month.

The Sunday-school Lesson for this week is of special interest and importance.

The article in the school column is of special importance to our mountain folks.

FROM THE WIDE WORLD.

Gas is about to be made from peat fuel.

A full and final evacuation of Peking by the allies will take place Aug. 14, the anniversary of the relief of the legations.

A statue of Alfred the Great will be unveiled at Winchester, England, next month. The ceremony takes place on his supposed one thousandth anniversary.

Dowager Empress Frederick, mother of the German Kaiser and eldest daughter of the late Queen Victoria of England, died from cancer, Monday, aged 61 years.

IN OUR OWN COUNTRY.

A "Brief History of American Journalism" is the title of a book which will shortly be published by the Library of Congress.

The expected has happened in South Carolina. The President has distributed "pie" to Renegade Democrats and McLaurin is happy.

The project of pensioning civil employees of the government without expense to the government is again being actively agitated in Washington.

King cotton has made his best record in the fiscal year now closing. Cotton and its products exported during the year an average of \$1,000,000 a day or a total of \$365,405,707.

Frying-size chickens in this town had never seen rain until one day last week, and when a shower came up they chased the drops thinking they were bugs.—Carthage (Mo.) Press.

A strong effort will be made to induce the next congress to make advanced steps to put an end to the deforestation of the country, and to re-establish forests where they have been cut down.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY.

Winchester Fair is being held this week.

Twenty thousand acres of oil lands have been leased in Allen County.

A \$2,000,000 company has been formed to develop the asphalt lands in Warren, Edmundson, and Hart counties.

Milton Long, of Estill County, who has served a term in the penitentiary, has been restored to citizenship by Gov. Beckha.

Railroad contractors engaged in building short lines in the eastern part of the State are very short of help. Wages run from \$1.50 to \$3.00 per day.

George W. Ranck, the noted Kentucky historian, was struck by an engine on the L. & N. R. R. near Lexington, Friday morning, and instantly killed.

Ben Pate, of Owensboro, sued the street railway Company for 10 cents and \$500. Pate pulled the register cord twice and the conductor made him pay 10 cents before he let him off the car.

According to the crop bulletin of the State Commissioner of Agriculture, the drouth in the month of July cut the tobacco crop to 55 per cent of a crop, the corn crop to 55 per cent of a crop, and the hemp to 71 per cent, making a net loss to the farmers of nearly \$20,000,000.

COLLEGE-BRED NEGROES.

Statistics Showing Use to Which They Have Put Their Education.

The fifth number of the Atlanta University publications has appeared, and is entitled "The College-Bred Negro." According to this report, there have been about 2,500 negro college graduates. Of the larger northern institutions, Harvard has 11 negro graduates, Yale and the University of Michigan 10 each, Cornell 8, Columbia 4, and Pennsylvania 4. Of the smaller colleges, Oberlin leads with 128 graduates, the University of Kansas 16, and Bates 15.

The most interesting question and the most crucial question to be asked concerning college bred negroes is: "Do they earn a living?" Fortunately the returns as to the occupation of college bred negroes are quite full—nearly 60 per cent of the total number of graduates. Of 1,132 persons reporting, over half are teachers, one-sixth are preachers, another sixth are students and professional men; over six per cent are farmers, artisans, and merchants, and four per cent are in government service. Most of these do not change their occupations often and stick to their callings—nearly 30 per cent have been employed at their present occupations ten years and over. The total assessed value of real estate reported is \$1,342,892.50, and the average per individual \$2,411.

It is shown that colored students contribute very nearly as much toward the expenses of their training as whites.

The final conclusions of the study are:

1. The great mass of the negroes need common school and manual training.
 2. There is a large and growing demand for industrial and technical training and trade schools.
 3. There is a distinct demand for the higher training of persons selected for talent and character to be leaders of thought and missionaries of culture among the masses.
 4. To supply this demand for a higher training there ought to be maintained several negro colleges in the South.
 5. The aim of these colleges should be to supply thoroughly trained teachers, preachers, professional men, and captains of industry.
- It is, however, earnestly recommended that this college work be concentrated in about 12 high grade institutions in the South instead of scattering as it is now in 34.

Berea College takes no second rank among the educational institutions for the true development of the negro, mentally, morally, and intellectually. Many men and women of color have gone out from its halls, who today are making the world a better place in which to live; and it gives no small degree of satisfaction to know that Prof. F. L. Williams, of Danville, a graduate from Berea in '89, is President of the State (Ky.) Colored Teachers' Association.

The following item is taken from the "Hot Blast," of June 29, a leading Democratic paper of Anniston, Ala.:

The Colored Teachers' Normal, conducted by Prof. S. E. Moses, principal of city schools, and Prof. W. A. Battle, A. B., Berea College, Berea, Ky., is a pronounced success. Not only have the teachers of the county become thoroughly interested in the work but also other leading citizens and educators of Anniston.

Booker T. Washington has been placed at the head of the negro department of the South Carolina Interstate and West Indian Exposition, and has issued an address to the colored people of the United States, inviting them to show the progress made by them since the date of their emancipation.

Congressman White of North Carolina, the only colored member in the Lower House, in a speech recently said, the negro on the threshold of the twentieth century is to be reckoned with. He is no longer the negro of forty years ago. Since that time illiteracy among the members of the race has decreased fifty per cent. The race now includes 2,000 lawyers and as many physicians; the negroes have \$12,000,000 worth of school property and \$10,000,000 worth of church property; they own 140,000 homes and farms to the value of \$750,000,000 and personal property to the amount of \$170,000,000.

MADISON COUNTY SUNDAY-CONVENTION.

(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.)

The afternoon session commenced with a fifteen minute Song and Praise Service, followed by Rev. W. A. Eisenhart, of Richmond, in an address on "Sunday school Graduates." Mr. Eisenhart in his opening remarks said there were really no Sunday-school graduates on earth, but there was a sense in which we could be graduates of the Sunday-school, or products of the work of the Sunday-school. The spirit of the address was that the aim of the Sunday-school should be to lead boys and girls to a true knowledge of Christ, so that they may indeed be graduates of the Sunday-school. Miss Frayzer regaled the children with a story adapted from the miracle of the "feeding of the five thousand." Children old and young hung spellbound upon the words of the speaker who has certainly learned how to do the first work of the true Sunday school worker, "Feed My Lambs."

Rev. Dr. Burgess was called upon and gave an interesting and instructive treatment of the topic "The Home Department of the Sunday-school," showing this to be one of the most effective agencies in the salvation of the world. After Dr. Burgess's speech, Prof. Fox, our State Secretary, spoke on the "Status of the Sunday-school Association in Kentucky." He showed that eighty-five of the counties of the State are enrolled in the State Association, and fully one-third of the Magisterial Districts are organized for Sunday-school work, that there are about twenty banner counties in the State, and that in every county there is some kind of Sunday-school organization.

The last speaker of the day was Rev. Hugh McLellan, of Richmond. His subject "The Sunday-school—Our Opportunity," was treated very thoroughly and clearly, proving that through the child, in the Sunday-school, is the opportunity to lead the world back to God.

All through the convention the audience was favored with most excellent singing and music. Space will not allow us to particularize, the singing was good.

This was undoubtedly the most successful Sunday-school Convention in the history of Madison county.

The musical part of the program added largely to the enjoyment of the occasion, and it is certain that to Prof. L. V. Dodge is due a large measure of credit for the effective work he did in securing such a representation from the several districts of the county. Of course the basket dinner was an important feature of the day's proceedings. The ladies who served as the committee of entertainment and they who prepared the bountiful spread, received many commendations from all who partook of the feast.

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