

Politics in Fayette County West Virginia

The sky is brightening considerably the State over. What may have seemed a fortnight ago to have been hazy has cleared and the skies have begun to assume a beautiful hue. Confidence is restored. That brand of confidence manifested by men when they know they have right on their side and when they see victory ahead. What little hope the Democrats may have entertained that they would by some hook or crook slip in a Congressman from the First and Second Districts has vanished, and the Demmies are leading the same old forlorn hope they have been leading since 1906.

Those who entertain any fear that Fayette county will go off after strange gods may cease to entertain any such, and rest secure in the fact that the county will do on the eighth of next November as she has done in the past, viz., roll up a big Republican majority for the ticket of Regulars. The consistent and sane colored man, the man who thinks for himself and uses judgment in that process of thought, is going to stop and ask a few questions, and they are going to be some similar to these: Since when have the Democrats become so solicitous of our (the Negro's) welfare that they will endorse him or his? How does it come that the Democratic party is so generous that it will now step forward to endorse, aid and abet a ticket made up of so-called Republicans, and for sake of deceptive purpose guise itself as an independent ticket? Whence this great change of heart on the part of the Democrats of Fayette county? What revival has Mr. Osenton attended that he has at this late date become so magnanimous? Two years ago in a speech in Montgomery Mr. Osenton said that he was for the Democratic ticket teeth and toe nail, and that he had no apology to offer. The platform of that party was then, as it is today, against the very best interest of every Negro in the State of West Virginia, and in the United States, for that matter. The platform certainly has not been changed, for there has been no convention to change it, and if there had been it would have remained the same. Now the plan (we say plan, but scheme is a better use of the correct English) is to break up the splendid organization of Republicans in this county, and when this is done, if it could be done, which it can't, the purpose they wish to subvert would have been accomplished, and these good colored brethren who are breaking their necks to do the bidding of the Democrats in this county will find out just how much these same fellows think of them. They will find out then how lovable they are. They will come into the realization of the fact that they have been sadly duped, but it will be too late. They told them the same thing in North and South Carolina. They told them the same thing in Mississippi and Louisiana and every other Southern State, but today the result is apparent, and the result is history which every man can read and understand. Better not swap horses in the middle of the stream.

Funny 'tis, 'tis passing funny how whenever a disgruntled party or faction want to organize a new move about which they are dubious they immediately drag in the illustrious name of the sainted Lincoln and make it to serve their nefarious purpose. Bryan used it, but he did not fool the people. Judge Parker used it, but the voter got wise. Hearst of New York, in his Independent party, used it, but the

voters turned him down. The Democrats in this State and this very county used it two years ago, but we Republicans got the votes. Now among us springs up this illegitimate child of politics, this creature without a name, with not even the parent of a convention, a plan conceived and carried out in the brain of seven men and for want of a name self-styles itself the Independent Republican party. The voters repudiated all others of this stamp and caliber, and they will do this one likewise.

The same Democrats who are now apparently so friendly with the colored brother of Fayette, and who are ready to bunk and board with him, just two short years ago said he was not fit to eat with, not fit to sleep with, not fit to keep company with, and therefore they proposed by their voice and vote to relegate him to the rear. What evangelist has gone through Fayette so recently and changed their hearts? Brother, if you think you were wrong, why don't you come over and join the regular church, and then we will think you are sincere. The doors of the Republican church are always open and you are welcome and solicited to join, but you must come in the straight and narrow way, for he that comes in any other way is a thief and a robber. Then, when you get in, you must abide by the discipline of the Republican church. We won't drive you away. We want you. We have been trying to convert you since 1861, but you must bring certificates of good intentions at least. You've got to stand squarely on your feet and let us know where you are, and we will be willing to treat with you. Better think it over. Delays are dangerous.

Some of our colored brethren are inclined to knock Judge Simms. Well, he is not perfect, but as far as we, the Negroes, are concerned he is as far ahead of his opponent in being our friend as an airship is of the one-horse shay. He is our friend. You can't deny that. He has been our friend. Thousands will testify to that. Is his opponent our friend? Ask Squire Moss, one of the leading colored voters of Fayette county, what Judge Simms' opponent said about colored people and see what he tells you. Better take chances with a man who has really done something for you than with one who has not only not done anything, but never promised that he would and does not now promise that he will.

Hon. J. H. Gaines spent many years in this county and is known for his worth and merit. He refused to allow his name to be printed on the mongrel ticket, because he knew there was nothing in it but the advancement of certain personal interests and the subserving of certain personal ends. He had the best interest of the people at heart and refused to subscribe to anything that didn't have the proper stamp upon it and was of an inferior brand. We glory in the fearlessness of Congressman Gaines and will send him back to Congress by an increased majority.

The Democrats are laughing up their sleeves how they have fooled some certain Republicans into this thing. And believe us there are some certain Republicans who are in it now who would give just half they possess to get out. It's a pity to slaughter them, but then the sacrifice must be made, and while it's going to be awfully bitter, boys, you'll have to take it. Medicine

that makes you awfully ill makes you feel much better in the end.

Much is being made of the defeat of our good friend, J. M. Ellis. Perhaps there are no more warm personal friends than this same one said James M. Ellis and ourselves, and anything that might be said will be said purely from a Republican standpoint and not personal. Maybe Mr. Ellis could tell better why he was defeated than anybody else if he would. The truth of the matter is that it was as much negligence on the part of our own people as anything else. The apathy and oversight of not going to the polls had a great deal to do with it. In two precincts, Ansted and Hawks Nest, there were 45 colored votes which never turned out and did not cast any vote at all. This same condition of affairs existed all over the county. Coupled with this, Mr. Ellis never went out and made one speech himself in his own interest. You know the great principle that runs through Nature and the affairs of men is that you can't get something for nothing. If you get anything you have got to work for it. We are perhaps blaming somebody upon whom the blame does not belong when we ourselves by our own refusal to get up and go to the polls had as much to do with the defeat of Hon. J. M. Ellis as anybody else, if not more.

Political Thinklets in Fayette County.

Well, it's time to ask in Fayette county, "Who's loony now?"

If the Independent people think so well of the Negro, why don't they stick the name of one of them on the ticket? Somebody answer this, please.

The *Liberator* has some splendid letters in it when considered from a standpoint of rhetoric and good English and pleasing composition, but, brother, it's votes that count.

The *Liberator* says not a man (colored) tried to get on the Independent ticket; therefore there is no fault to be found with the ticket. Maybe it was a case of sour grapes.

If you are so self-absolving, my good Independent brother, we wish you had shown some of it before you left the fold. Charity, you know, begins at home. May be you're alright, and no doubt is, but don't it strike you as being just a trifle inconsistent that you left one party because you say they wouldn't give you anything, and you go into another one and lay down the very principle for which you are contending and manifest by actions overt that you don't want anything and wouldn't have anything as a precious gift. Well, tell us, pray then, what is your grievance?

It's going to be marvelous how the number of Independent votes will diminish by a process of gradual gradation as the time for election approaches. Boys, they will eat your beef, dance to the strains of your music and sit at the bacchanalian table with you and sup from the bowl that sparkles, but when the ideo of November come and the real issue confronts them you'll find the ranks of the Independents perceptibly thinned. You may think you are fooling the colored brother, and the case may be that he is fooling you and you won't awake to the fact until the ninth of November.

We see that Mr. W. A. Meadows is out in a letter to *The Liberator*, saying he has organized an Independent club of 150 voters, which would, of course, go to indicate that he was an Independent. This does not just exactly tally with a letter of his to Mr. Phil Waters, which letter has been turned over to the committee. Maybe if that letter was printed it would put a different phase on things.

BISHOP SMITH LAID TO REST

Final Exercises Over the Remains of the Late Prelate of African M. E. Church— Bishop Clinton Presides; Bishop Walters Announces Eulogy

The funeral services of the late Bishop John Wesley Smith of the Sixth District of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, who died in this city Friday afternoon, were held Monday at John Wesley A. M. E. Zion Church, 18th street, between L and M street N. W., in the presence of a gathering that tested the capacity of the edifice. Many hundreds of interested friends and admirers were unable to gain admission. The exercises, which were decidedly impressive, were presided over by Bishop George Wylie Clinton of Charlotte, N. C., the official head of the Fourth Episcopal District of the Zion connection. A fervent and eloquent eulogy was delivered by Bishop Alexander Walters, a life-long friend of the deceased, and head of the Third Episcopal District, residing in New York City. Within the chancel rail sat Bishops J. W. Alstork and A. J. Warner of the Fifth and Ninth Districts, respectively. The general officers of the Zion connection present were Dr. G. C. Clement, editor of the *Star of Zion*, Charlotte, N. C.; Dr. J. Harvey Anderson, editor of the *Zion Year Book*; John C. Dancy, editor *Zion Quarterly*; Dr. James Edward Mason, secretary of Livingstone College; Miss Sarah J. Janifer, secretary Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

Among the prominent clergy in attendance were Rev. E. D. W. Jones of Harrisburg, Pa.; P. A. Wallace, Philadelphia, Pa.; B. W. Swain, Hartford, Conn.; P. K. Fanniells, Salisbury, N. C.; E. B. Smith, P. E., Harrisburg, Pa.; G. D. Hazel, P. E., Trenton, N. J.; George D. Farris of New Jersey; Dr. R. A. Morrissey of Philadelphia, secretary of missions; Dr. J. R. Levy of the Virginia Conference; W. D. Clinton of Chambersburg, Pa.; G. W. Gaines, Philadelphia; J. C. Temple, Harrisburg, Pa., and others.

Washington ministers present were: Drs. S. L. Corrothers, Logan Johnson, J. C. Overton, W. H. Ferguson, C. C. Alleyne, J. A. S. Cole, P. E.; W. A. Ray of the Zion connection, Rev. M. W. Clair and R. P. Williams of the M. E. Church, Rev. R. Kent Harris of the C. M. E. Church, Rev. Stealing N. Brown of the Congregational Church, Rev. D. E. Wiseman of the Lutheran Church, Revs. J. Milton Waldron, W. J. Howard, J. Anderson Taylor, S. Geriah Lamkins and W. D. Norman of the Baptist Church and Rev. F. J. Grimke of the Presbyterian Church.

The very impressive exercises were opened by Rev. S. L. Corrothers, pastor of the Galbraith Church, the senior member of the Zion pastors of the city, who introduced Bishop Clinton as the presiding officer of the day. The following program was observed, the address being peculiarly eloquent and shedding much light upon the life and labors of the deceased prelate, and the music was beautiful and appropriate.

After a hymn, lined by Rev. J. A. S. Cole, presiding elder, Bishop Alstork read the first Scripture lesson, and Rev. W. H. Ferguson of Union Wesley Church read the second. Bishop Warner led in prayer, and Rev. J. Harvey Anderson followed with a hymn, "Servant of God, Well Done." Bishop Clinton announced that fifty or more letters and telegrams of condolence had been received; numerous bodies had adopted resolutions of respect; that as many as possible would be read, and others would be reserved for a memorial meeting to be held later. Resolutions from the Philadelphia and Baltimore Conference were presented by Rev. E. D. W. Jones of Harrisburg, Pa.; from the

Interdenominational Ministers' Alliance, by Rev. R. Kent Harris; from the A. M. E. Church, by Rev. C. H. Steptean, P. E., and Rev. O. C. Clement presented a memorial from the congregation of Grace Church, N. C., the last pastorate held by Bishop Smith prior to his elevation to the bench, and read an affecting message from Bishop J. W. Hood of Fayetteville, N. C., the senior prelate of the connection, who was unable on account of poor health to come. "The City of Dreams," an original poem by Bishop Smith, was sung by the choir by request, and Miss Nettie Murray rendered "Nearer, My God, to Thee," one of the deceased's favorite hymns.

The eulogy pronounced by Bishop Alexander Walters was a magnificent tribute to the worth and work of Bishop Smith. It told of the generous and magnanimous character of the man, of his sturdiness as an expounder of the faith and his ability as a defender of the Zion Church; extolled him as a true leader of his race, exemplary head of a family and his contention for a clean ministry and higher ground for the Church of God. The vast congregation was visibly affected by the stirring sermon of Bishop Walters, and many hearty "Amen's" were heard. Following a prayer by Rev. Logan Johnson, there were five-minute talks by Mr. John C. Dancy and Drs. Swain, Ross, Grimke, Waldron, Norman, Mason, Ray, Levy, Hazel, Clair and others, concluding with a graceful tribute by Bishop Clinton. It was announced that until the meeting of the Bishops' Council in January, the Florida conference would be cared for by Bishop Alstork; the Virginia conference by Bishop Clinton, and the Philadelphia and Baltimore conference by Bishop Walters. These were the conferences presided over by the late Bishop Smith.

The altar was banked with choice flowers. Among the principal pieces were a large harp, given by the Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion Church; a massive cross by the Ministers' Alliance; an anchor by the Western New York Conference; a broken wheel by the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society; wreaths by Miss Nellie Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Thompkins, and others, and a pillow by the National Negro Protective Association, of which Miss Marie A. D. Madre is president and Attorney J. H. Hayes is secretary.

The funeral party proceeded immediately from the church to the station, preparatory to leaving for Carlisle, Pa., where the interment is to take place today. Bishop Smith is survived by a widow, father, sister and many distant relatives. He was a native of North Carolina, and was born in Fayetteville in 1862. He was ordained into the ministry in 1880. He has served successfully as pastor of churches in New Haven, Conn.; Baltimore, Md.; Harrisburg and Carlisle, Pa.; Louisville, Ky.; Washington, D. C., and Charlotte, N. C. In 1896, at Mobile, Ala., he was elected editor of the *Star of Zion*, and served with great credit for eight years. In 1904, at St. Louis, Mo., he was elevated to the Bench of Bishops, and was at the time of his death enjoying the unusual honor of being the presiding officer of the Board, a position generally held by the senior member of the Episcopal Bench. In the passing of John Wesley Smith the Zion Church, the nation and the Negro race loses a valued helper. Much sympathy is expressed for the widow, Mrs. Ida V. Smith, who, as vice-president of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the connection, rendered yeoman service for the people and to whose active interest a large measure of the success of her distinguished husband is due.

R. W. THOMPSON.

Some Things That Are Happening

A Weekly Resume of the Activities of People Worth While

By R. W. THOMPSON

"Bob" Cole Improving Under Careful Treatment

Auditor Ralph W. Tyler, who attended the banquet to Dr. Booker T. Washington in New York last Friday night, saw J. Rosamond Johnson while there, and was told the true story of the causes that led to the mental breakdown of the latter's partner, "Bob" Cole, and was given the latest information touching the present condition of the celebrated comedian and producer. Mr. Cole had been working very steadily for the past six months or more on new productions, planning for acts for his own team and for a number of others. Refusing to accept the advice of friends, who noticed his growing nervousness, his collapse came as the result of a strain that no human constitution could withstand. It is Mr. Johnson's opinion that rest and careful treatment will bring Mr. Cole around all right within a few weeks at the outside, and that the road tour of the team will be resumed in a short time. Already there is noticeable improvement in Mr. Cole's condition, according to Mr. Johnson, who visits him daily at the sanitarium. In the meantime, the acts in course of preparation by Cole & Johnson, notably "Sambo's Dream," will be staged as announced, and the stars are gathering in New York from various points for rehearsal. Edgar Connor, who is the foster son of Mr. Johnson, and facetiously styled "a pocket edition of George Walker," is to be featured as "Sambo," and great things are expected of him. "Bob" Cole's host of friends in Washington will be glad to hear such a favorable report of him from a source that is reliable.

Prof. Kealing Is President of Western University

Word comes that Prof. H. T. Kealing, editor of the *A. M. E. Church Review*, published at Nashville, Tenn., has been elected president of the Western University, at Quindaro, Kan., to succeed Dr. William Tecumseh Vernon, resigned. Prof. Kealing is a native of Texas, a profound scholar, and is thoroughly conversant with the various types of education needed to make the race well rounded and useful at this stage of our development. Register Vernon, who is just recovering from a severe attack of neurasthenia, expresses the utmost satisfaction with the choice of Prof. Kealing as his successor, and bespeaks for him a successful administration. "He is just the man for the place," said Dr. Vernon enthusiastically, "and I congratulate him. The Board of Trustees could not have made a better selection."

Register Vernon, who retires from the Treasury Department February 1, announces no plans for the future, beyond the fact that he and Mrs. Vernon will remain in the Capital all winter. Aside from filling an occasional lecture engagement, he will do nothing until next spring, feeling the need of absolute rest. Dr. and Mrs. Vernon are comfortably installed in apartments at 912 T street N. W.

William Pickens at Bethel Literary

Prof. William Pickens, instructor in languages at Talladega College, Alabama, the first Negro to win the Phi Beta Kappa prize at Yale University, will be the principal speaker next Tuesday evening at the Bethel Literary and Historical Association. He is an orator of force and eloquence, and his position on the problem of Negro education is admitted

by the best critics to be sound. Music will be furnished by the Amphiox Glee Club, under the direction of Prof. J. Henry Lewis. President Garnet C. Wilkinson will preside.

Hampton Institute Alumni to Hold Mass-Meeting

The Hampton Institute Alumni Association is arranging to hold an educational mass-meeting November 15 at Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, at which it is expected that Dr. Booker T. Washington, Dr. H. B. Frissell, president of Hampton Institute, and Major R. R. Moten, commandant of cadets at Hampton Institute, will deliver addresses. It is hoped to create interest among the Hampton students and graduates residing in this city and vicinity to assist in raising scholarships to aid the poor and worthy students at Hampton. The recent meeting of the association, held at the residence of Mr. Ferdinand D. Lee, 1704 10th street N. W., was addressed by Miss Eloise Bibb, resident principal of the Colored Social Settlement in South Washington; Dr. A. J. Gwatney, R. A. Stewart and others, who will assist in making the plans of the organization effective.

J. Alexander Chiles Denied a Re-hearing

The case of Attorney J. Alexander Chiles against the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad Co. for alleged violation of the civil rights of Mr. Chiles while a passenger on that road came to an abrupt ending Monday in the United States Supreme Court. By order of Justice Harlan the motion of Mr. Chiles for leave to present a petition for a re-hearing was denied. This was a celebrated case, and had Mr. Chiles been successful in convincing the Court of the righteousness of his contention the entire fabric of the "jim-crow" car system in vogue in the South, as far as interstate passengers are concerned, would have been swept from its moorings. There are well-equipped lawyers who say that the adverse decision in the Chiles' action does not stop the bringing of other suits into the court of last resort. It is asserted that his case was not fought out upon its merits, and that the contention of Mr. Chiles was based upon questionable premises. A new suit may be expected at any time to further test the validity of the "jim-crow" practices of the C. & O. and other railroads.

Glittering Generalities

Mrs. Archibald Runner of 4th street returns tomorrow from a pleasant visit to friends in Wilmington, Del.

Mr. Cyrus Field Adams, Assistant Register of the Treasury, has gone to his home in Chicago to register and vote.

Mr. Ralph W. White, editor-in-chief of THE NATIONAL FORUM, is taking part in the campaign in West Virginia. He reports that things are looking good for the Republican candidates for Congress.

Mr. Allen Mercer Daniel of the War Department goes to Boston Tuesday, where on the 27th he will lead to the altar Miss Portia Elizabeth Bird, a charming young school-marm. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel will be "At Home" to their friends after the 20th at 1323 Wallach place N. W.

Mrs. J. B. Small of York, Pa., widow of the late Bishop Small, is

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