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SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 1894.

R. C. O. Benjamin has resigned the pastorate of Mt. Pisgah Church, Washington, D. C.

The man who has a job these days should hold to it as long as possible.—Leavenworth Herald.

The colored miners should weigh well the cost before they decide to strike.—Leavenworth Herald.

Three hundred clerks were recently discharged from the Record and Pension Division of the War Department.

One of the cleanest and best papers that comes to our sanctum is the Buffalo (N. Y. National Advocate.

Times never get too hard for a Southern colored man to go on an excursion.—Chicago Free Speech.

You should know Brother Fleming for you are from a city (Memphis) that runs more excursions than any other city in the South.

Masonry in Darkest Africa.
The National Advocate, Buffalo, N. Y.

The following incidents, which are probably founded on facts, have founded their way into some of our exchanges and are worth reproducing. Major L. H. Carson, of Nashville, Tenn., is the narrator:

"While a young man and soon after moving from his native home in Kentucky to his plantation in Mississippi, Jefferson Davis bought a cargo of blacks just over from Africa. While they were working in the fields one day, Mr. Davis observed his new negroes making Masonic signs of distress to the overseer. That individual, not being a Mason, thought the Negroes were carrying on a system of signals preparatory to revolt was about to have them whipped. Mr. Davis stopped his proceeding. He tested the Negroes thoroughly and to his amazement discovered that they were Masons of the third degree, though brought from the heart of Africa. Being a Mason himself, you can understand that he lost no time in giving them their choice of either returning to Africa or remaining on his estate until he could provide for them in some other way. Most of them were shipped to Africa at Mr. Davis' expense, though some of them remained with him until the end. Now, if this story is true, and I don't doubt it, how did Masonry find its way into the heart of Africa? I have often thought it strange that the Masons have never investigated this matter. There is nothing strange, says the Colored American, for the simple reason Freemasonry extends from East to West and from North to South and it is not confined to any particular color. The presumption is that Freemasonry was introduced into Africa by the English Freemasons, who to a great extent have circulated Freemasonry throughout the different civilized parts of the globe. England can well be named the mother of Freemasonry throughout the world."

NEWS AND SENTIMENT.

Items of Interest Clipped From Our Exchanges.

On last Saturday Rev. J. T. Caston went into the Oxford restaurant for a lunch, but was promptly refused. He at once sought Attorney S. L. Mash and had the proprietor immediately arrested under the Avalanche civil rights act of the Twenty Fourth General Assembly.—Des Moines Avalanche.

Many a coffin is covered with roses by hands that never before gave its occupant anything but storms.—Mobile Sentinel.

We have no faith in the telegraphic dispatches about Negroes banding themselves together in Florida against the whites.—Memphis Watchman.

PERFUMERIES.

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Edward Bellamy, the author of "Looking Backward," thinks that the Coxe movement is the beginning of a great reform in socialism. We think it is a movement which will seriously endanger the participants, and result in causing the leaders to serve a term in the lock-up. Had they borne arms, they might have terrified congress, but a body of unarmed tramps mean nothing, and resulted in having some of the leaders marched off to the "pen."—Tuskegee Student.

This is one of the conditions of affairs in which the Negro is not so much of a sufferer as his poor white brother. Of all the thousands of the "commonwealers" on their way to Washington not one hundred of them are colored men. This fact marks the Negro no idle, lazy, good-for nothing being, but places him a rank far in advance of his white friends. —Omaha Progress.

Parents who are rearing children should be very careful of the company they keep. The boys and girls of today will be the men and women of the future. Would you have them be an honor to the race or a disgrace to civilization? Would you rear monuments to your memory more enduring than marble or will have your name dragged into shame? Your teaching will tell.—Brotherhood.

A person who will make you feel miserable by bringing to you all of the filth of the neighborhood is no friend to you, but tends to mar your thoughts, and finally injure your reputation. "A dog that will bring a bone, will carry one." He cannot properly be chosen for a friend whose kindness is exhaled by its own warmth or frozen by the first blast of slander. Boys walk upright; be cheerful; be polite; be honest; be industrious; tell the truth; use gentlemanly language. When with men of your superior, be content to listen and learn. Read good newspapers and good books.—Keep good company.—Richmond Planet.

Our Limestone Letter.

ATHENS, ALA., June 5.

Editor Gazette:

Trinity school closes with its second session under the principalship of Miss K. S. Dalton on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th ult. The graduates were Miss Anna D. McKissac and Mr. R. S. Bridgeforth. The teachers have all gone North to their respective homes.

Memorial service was held in honor of the late principal, Miss M. F. Wells. Rev. McLinn Turner preached the memorial sermon. Resolutions of respect were passed and copies were requested to be published in all the leading colored papers of the race and a copy sent to the relatives. But for space in your valuable paper I will give the resolutions in the next writing. Many papers of condolence were read and many touching speeches made. Words fail to express the sorrow and repair the loss of this great and lamented teacher.

T. A. Crenshaw (Rabbit Foot) is at home from New Orleans, La., where he has been for the last ten months with the Pullman Palace Car Company.

Among the many young ladies who attended the memorial services were Misses Banks and Schaudies, of Decatur, with Miss Dora Higgins.

Misses Wise and Lampkins, from Decatur, with Misses Smith and Malone.

The Misses King, from Courtland Ala., were entertained at "The Oaks," the guests of Miss E. S. Malone.

During the commencement exercises of Trinity school, Mrs. C. R. Donegan, of your city, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Miller, and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Cox. Miss Teedie is an Athenian, and she has friends here by the legions, who always accord her a hearty welcome. Hon. H. V. Cashin, of Decatur, in company with two daughters attended memorial service.

Among some of the gentlemen who visited Athens the past week were Messrs. J. H. Thomason, of St. Louis, J. B. Tarry, J. L. Frasier, J. H. Malone, Dr. Hudson, Birmingham, T. C. Higgins, Richard Ramey, Glenn Childs, of Decatur.

Mr. Charlie Harris, of Huntsville, attended the commencement.

J. H. Thomason has gone to the Magic City.

Miss Patti J. Malone is at "The Oaks," to spend the summer with her mother and sister.

The writer will attend the commencement at Fisk.

Rain seems to be a thing of the past:

Long live the GAZETTE.

W. L. C.

DALTON IS DEFIANT.

Expresses Contempt for Officers and Says He Will Go Where He Pleases.

DENISON, Tex., June 8.—A citizen of the Indian Territory furnishes the particulars of the presence of the Dalton gang, who have been in the neighborhood of Kiowa, I. T., for at least a fortnight. Monday the gang called at the farmhouse of Mr. White, who resides 10 miles west of Kiowa. White has known Bill Dalton for a number of years. He was accompanied by four companions, who were well mounted and armed to the teeth.

After being provided with a hearty meal Dalton remarked that he was short of cartridges, and wanted every one that was in the house. White gave him all he had. That night the gang went into camp on a ridge which overlooked the prairie lands below. Dalton expressed his contempt for the officers, and intimated that he intended to go where he pleased, and take his time about it. The next morning the gang left, going northeast. The officers were immediately notified, and on Monday Chief of Police Ladore McCake and others arrived at Kiowa.

The news was sent to Paris, and by Monday night about 20 officers were on the ground ready for pursuit. There is no doubt that Dalton and his gang have been in the neighborhood of Kiowa for some time, and that they are perfecting arrangements for a raid on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas passenger train. The impression is that Dalton has gone to unite with the Longview bank robbers, who are believed to be east of Kiowa.

SUCCESSFUL EXECUTION.

A Negro Murderer Hanged in Staunton, Bright to the Last.

STAUNTON, Va., June 8.—Lawrence Spiller, convicted of the murder of Lottie Rowe, April 28, in the suburbs of Staunton, was hanged at 8:25 a. m. The drop was only four feet. There was a plunge, his head dropped to one side, his body slowly swung around and came to rest. Death seemed instantaneous. The doctors declared his neck broken. Respiration ceased instantly and his heart ceased to beat in nine minutes.

Spiller was visited in his cell at 1:30 by newspaper men who remained in his room seven minutes. He looked very bright and cheerful and told the reporters he was perfectly reconciled to go. A number of colored friends and ministers, and white persons interested in him, also, were present.

There was almost continual singing and praying. Spiller ate a hearty breakfast with evident enjoyment. His confession was published in extras immediately after the hanging.

Shot to Death by a Mob.

CAPE CHARLES, Va., June 8.—Isaac Kempf, a negro, who murdered Deputy Sheriff Ned Carver at Westover, Ind., Wednesday morning, has been taken from the jail by a mob of about 400 men and shot to death.

ON DEAD HEROES' GRAVES.

Lee, Jackson and Other Dead Leaders Remembered in Virginia.

LEXINGTON, June 8.—Confederate Memorial day was observed here and an address was delivered in the Washington and Lee university chapel by Honorable John Randolph Tucker. He paid a high tribute to both the living and the dead heroes of the south. The tomb of General Robert E. Lee, the graves of "Stonewall" Jackson, Brigadier General William N. Pendleton, chief of artillery of the army of northern Virginia, and other Confederate heroes were decorated.

The organizations which participated in the ceremonies were the cadets of the Virginia Military Institute, headed by their band; the faculty and students of the Washington and Lee university, the Lexington volunteer fire department, the Lee-Jackson camp and other Confederate veterans. During the ceremonies minute guns were fired by a detachment from the old Rockbridge battery and the cadets fired a salute of five rounds. Twenty-five hundred people witnessed the decorating of the graves.

A Peculiar Court Claim.

ABILENE, Kan., June 8.—The Travelers' Insurance company has sued the Union Pacific Railway company for \$40,000 damages because trains are not stopped for meals at the Pacific hotel in this city, claiming that the entire value of the house has been taken away. The case is brought in the United States circuit court at Leavenworth.

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FABULOUS WEALTH.

It Is Supposed to Be Hidden in an Old Cave Just Discovered.

LAMPASAS, Mex., June 8.—The people of the town of Sabinas and surrounding country to the south of here, are excited over the discovery of a bandits' cave in which a fabulous wealth is believed to be stored. The cave was the rendezvous of the famous bandit, El Colorado, and his followers who terrorized all of northern Mexico about a century ago. It is situated in the Iguana mountains, near Sabinas, and was first discovered three months ago by an old man named Cuevas, who in some manner had just come into possession of a chart giving the location of the cave. He and three sons and four other relatives started to make an exploration of the cave. In an inner compartment they found a large pile of silver coin of ancient coinage. They had filled one sack with the money when they were all overcome with the fire damp, with which the cave was filled and only four of the party succeeded in reaching the open air alive.

Old man Cuevas was taken very sick as the result of his terrible experience, and a few days ago died. On his deathbed he confided to the priest the secret of the cave, and a party of explorers was at once organized to visit and secure the treasure. It was headed by Silverio Garza, a prominent citizen of Sabinas. They were all driven out of the cave by the noxious gases, and two members of the party have died from the effects of the poison which they inhaled. The news of this second expedition had become public and the authorities have placed guards at the cave to guard the treasure until further explorations can be made. The general government has been notified of the situation.

DENOUNCED INCOME TAX,
But Got a Free Advertisement of Their Business for the Service.

NEW YORK, June 8.—A Pittsburgh special says: Correspondents of the New York Sun here and at numerous other points in western Pennsylvania are amused at the publication in that paper of a mass of alleged spontaneous telegrams denouncing the income tax, said to have been sent by business men all over the country, to the recent anti income tax mass meeting in New York.

The purely "spontaneous" character of the "uprising," indicated by these telegrams is shown by the following copy of a telegraphic order from The Sun, received by all such correspondents the day previous to the meeting.

Please request the president of your chamber of commerce and any other prominent business men your town or in surrounding towns to telegraph words of approval and encouragement to the great business men's anti income tax meeting, to be held on Friday night next. Address Evan Thomas, chairman, Carnegie Hall, New York. Use every endeavor to insure this being done. Get the telegrams yourself and send them, if possible. Say that all telegrams can be charged to The Sun.

Needless to say, the correspondents hustled, and it was a poor business man who couldn't get his name, his business and a certificate of "prominence" into The Sun free.

DUG HIS VICTIM'S GRAVE.

A Young Man Who Killed His Antagonist and Then Helped at the Funeral.

PARIS, Tex., June 8.—News reached here of a tragedy that occurred in Red River county several days ago. Wiley White was the name of the man killed, Jim Nally did the killing. The parties had a difficulty in the morning, but no damage was done either of them. That afternoon, however, White was shot and killed in the barn of Mr. Matchell, for whom he worked. Nally admits the shooting, but claims it was done in self defense, there being, however, contrary beliefs in the premises. The slayer made no attempt to leave the country, but stayed around the neighborhood and helped to dig the grave for the dead man and attended the funeral. He has been arrested by the officers.

Nally has lived in the neighborhood two or three years and White has been in the country less than a year, going there from Arkansas.

To Protect the Health of Passengers.

NEW YORK, June 8.—Despite the fact that the board of health several weeks ago ordered that all street car companies should discontinue the use of open cars on rainy and cold days, the majority of the companies have been running such cars in all kinds of weather ever since. Sanitary Superintendent Roberts reported this fact to the board of health, and suggested that when the thermometer was below 55 degrees at 7 a. m., the companies should be compelled to use closed cars. An ordinance will be drawn up which the board of aldermen will be asked to pass at once. The railroads will have a hearing June 20.

Confessed to Killing a Virginian.

GALESBURG, Ill., June 8.—Robert Isdale, confined in the United States military prison at Leavenworth, Kan., for desertion writes here confessing that he murdered T. J. Manifer, of Harrisonburg, Va., while a guest at the Union hotel in this city, on the night of March 10, 1893, by giving Manifer a drink heavily drugged with morphine. At that time a coroner's jury found that Manifer died from asphyxiation by gas, and it was supposed he committed suicide. Robbery was Isdale's motive.

Catholic Priests Disfranchised.

SAN JOSE COSTA RICA, June 8.—Congress has passed a law disfranchising Catholic priests and prohibiting them from taking any part in politics. This will insure the election of a Liberal president for the next term, as the Catholic party are thus deprived of leaders.

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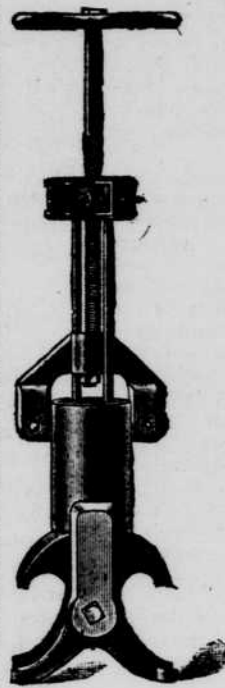
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