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## HONOR FOR RICHMOND SCHOOLS.

The Richmond city schools had a prominent part in the Indiana State Teachers' Association at Indianapolis this week. This was a teachers' meeting and the Richmond teachers usually have a "front seat" at such gatherings and do well their part in whatever contributes to teaching "the young idea how to shoot." But the city teachers were not on exhibition at this meeting—that is directly—but the results of their work were in evidence.

There was an exhibit of manual training work from the Richmond schools that attracted the attention and the most complimentary criticisms from all who examined it. Prof. Hiser may well feel proud of the results of his work in the city schools. He was the modest recipient of many compliments from his fellow teachers.

There were two musical organizations from the high school, the high school orchestra and the high school chorus. These young people added much to the entertainment and pleasure of the largest body of teachers that ever gathered at the annual association. Prof. Earhart was congratulated on every hand for the thorough preparation and precise rendition of each musical selection.

The Richmond schools not only showed what they are, but set a pace for other schools throughout the state.

Richmond schools are ahead in another very important policy. The wages paid teachers in Indiana was a subject of both special and general discussion, and it was found that with party. This is just the kind of Richmond pays better salaries than any other town in the state.

In the newest and in the absolutely fire proof theater occurred the greatest disaster of the kind that ever happened in the history of the world. The country stands appalled at the awful catastrophe. Many are glad that the old year is numbered with the other dead years. It has been a series of disasters and at a great cost of human life. Many ask why, but there is no answer. Some attribute so many disasters to our greed for material things, and others think we are growing mad to "spend our years as a tale that is told."

One of our exchanges said yesterday, and very truly, too, that the whole sentiment expressed at the love feast could be summed up in these few words: Roosevelt for President, Beveridge for senator, success for the party. This is just the kind of sentiment the Indiana Republicans want. They want these two men and they act very much like they want success. Governor Durbin's advice, "hold fast to that which is good," was timely and most enthusiastically received by the members of the love feast.

There was one thing specially manifest at the love feast the other day. The names Fairbanks and Beveridge always called forth the most hearty applause. This is the best evidence of how ideal statesmen stand in the estimation of the rank and file of their party.

James P. Goodrich seems to be the choice of everybody for chairman of the Republican state central committee. It is very evident that he will succeed himself.

The Palladium wishes its readers and patrons a "Happy New Year."

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## THE MENACE TO GERMANY.

(Louisville Herald.)

Germany made in 1902 the largest gain of population in many years. There was but a small increase in the number of births, but there was, on the other hand, a remarkable reduction in the number of deaths. By the avoidance of war, improved sanitary conditions, education stimulated and diffused and a healthful increase of prosperity benefiting all classes, Germany has succeeded in making a substantial increase of population, without an increase of the birth rate. This achievement concerns civilization itself.

But satisfactory as are these figures, all is not couleur de rose in the German empire. The reaction produced by militarism has imparted baleful strength to socialism. In a recent debate in the Reichstag, Baron Von Kardoff declared that "Germany is on an express train, rolling with wind velocity into the socialized state of the future." The ranks of the army were, the Baron affirmed, filled with adherents of socialism, adding that, unless the government took radical steps to check the socialistic propaganda, the empire would find itself face to face with certain revolution. The Baron advocated the withdrawal of the right of suffrage from all who professed revolutionary or republican doctrines, and urged Catholics and Protestants to forget differences in the face of a common foe. Baron Von Kardoff's remedy would, we fear, precipitate rather than prevent revolution. The Baron's attack was boldly met by the Socialists, who, through Herr Richter, made a savage attack on the army. He denounced the brutality and immorality prevalent among the officers of the army. One officer in the Emperor's bodyguard, he affirmed, had been guilty of 1,200 instances of maltreatment of subordinates. If such conditions prevail under the Emperor's eyes, how much more must they disgrace and embitter army life outside that close circle? Criticizing the maintenance of the East Asiatic brigade and of a fleet station with fourteen vessels, Herr Richter said:

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The defense of the army offered by the minister of war does not strengthen the case of the government. The minister admitted that during the year fifty officers, 577 non-commissioned officers and good service men were punished for mistreatment of private soldiers. One officer in 400 and one non-commissioned officer in 120 had been found guilty of misuse of authority. The admission is a painful evidence of military brutality.

The remedy for Germany as for all Europe is disarmament. But Old World diplomacy and statesmanship seem incapable of ever entering such a proposition.

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## HOW AUNT SAVANNAH SAVED THE DAY

By Margaret M. Page

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AUNT SAVANNAH HAMILTON was by far the most active and energetic negro in Pentonville. Unlike the majority of Florida negroes, who bask in idleness until an empty larder or depleted wardrobe compels them to earn a little money, she was always ready to work. Her husband had been wont to consume a great part of her earnings in drink, but it was commonly reported that during the three years which had elapsed since his death she had accumulated a considerable sum of money. The excellence of her cooking brought her into constant demand when the little town was filled with northern boarders. She was also accounted the best singer in Pentonville.

Although she was fully fifty years of age and exceedingly stout, the combined attractions of good cooking, fine singing and the possession of a bank account would have made her a formidable rival to the young girls of Egypt, the name commonly given to that part of Pentonville occupied by the colored people, had she chosen to enter the matrimonial lists. In fact, she had received several offers of marriage, but had rejected all such propositions with

intense scorn, saying that one husband was one too many for a sensible woman.

However, it began to be whispered about that since the arrival of Mr. James Pendergast, a tall young mulatto from Georgia, the citadel had been successfully attacked. James possessed a magnificent tenor voice, and when it rang out in "prairie meeting" above the other voices Aunt Savannah clasped her hands and rolled her eyes in ecstasy, while her clear soprano was hushed in admiring silence. When James escorted Aunt Savannah home from meeting one evening, Sis Sukey Johnson observed to Creesy, Aunt Savannah's married daughter:

"Fo' de Lawd, Creesy, 'pears like yer ma done got coteh at las' by dat Georgy sucker!"

Aunt Savannah had lived alone in her one room cabin since the death of her husband. Near by stood the cabin in which Creesy lived with her husband and two children. Both of these humble homes were shaded by orange and lemon trees, and in the plots of ground in the rear some cabbages were growing. Between the two houses a rudely constructed henhouse and a chicken yard surrounded by a slat fence seemed to receive more care than either cabins or gardens.

One day soon after the act of gallantry which had caused Sukey Johnson's comment preparations for some great event were being made in Aunt Savannah's cabin. All day she had been cleaning and cooking. As it neared sunset her labors appeared to be completed. The table, covered with a snowy cloth and neatly set, stood in the center of the room. Bouquets of roses, honeysuckles, jasmynes and oleanders arranged in cracked cups and pitchers stood in every available spot and filled the room with fragrance. On the hearth, where the fire had burned to a few embers, stood a platter of fried chicken, and the roasted sweet potatoes and corn pone were still covered with the ashes to keep them warm.

Presently Aunt Savannah emerged from behind the curtain which partitioned off one corner, used as a bedroom. She was dressed to do credit to the occasion, whatever it might be. A black alpaca skirt and purple plush



HE BENT LOW BEFORE HER.

basque finished at the neck by a broad lace collar, which was fastened by a large gold brooch, and a white apron, crisp and shining with abundant starch, set off to advantage the ample proportions of her figure. Large gold hoops depended from her ears, and an orange silk handkerchief was bound in turban fashion about her head. As she stood in the doorway shading her eyes with her hand from the level rays of the sun Mr. James Pendergast appeared in sight.

James was also dressed for a great

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occasion. He wore nankin trousers, a red and green plaid waistcoat and a blue coat adorned with brass buttons. On his head was a much worn silk hat.

and he jauntily carried an orange stick cane. As he approached Aunt Savannah greeted him with a deep courtesy. In acknowledgment he put his cane under his left arm, placed his left hand on his heart and with his right hand lifted his hat and nearly swept the ground with it as he bent low before her.

"Good ebenin', Mr. Pendergast," said she. "How does yo' fin' yo'self dis ebenin'?"

"Po'ly, Miss Hamilton, po'ly. When er man picks oranges all de day long de prickin' ob de thavins en de fragrance ob de blossoms nink's him pow'ful ob de sorrows ob a single life."

"I yearn tell, Mr. Pendergast, as how yo' was ingaze ter a gal in Georgy?"

"Well, Miss Hamilton, I owns as dere was a sort ob kin' ob ingagement," said James as he followed Aunt Savannah into the cabin in response to a courtly wave of her hand.

"Res' yo' hat on de flo' en draw a cheer ter de table, Mr. Pendergast."

As James seated himself at the table and placed his battered hat carefully



"I'LL SPEAK TER PAHSON DAVIS TER-MORRER."

at his feet he beamed approvingly at the viands which Aunt Savannah hastened to set before him.

"Would yo' kin'ly pernonce de blessing, Mr. Pendergast?"

With one partly closed eye on the chicken, James hurried through an elaborate blessing, ending with a sonorous "Amen," in which Savannah heartily joined.

"Hab some ob de orange marmalade en he'p yo'self ter de guaba jelly, Mr. Pendergast."

"Tank yo' mos' kin'ly, Miss Hamilton. Am dis jelly some ob yo' own pussuvin'?"

"Bless de grashus, yes, Mr. Pendergast. I allus does my own cookin'. My stumack haint no sorter fancy fo' takin' in de contrapshuns what oder folks musses inter. I 'spee' dat Georgy gal's a mighty scrumptious cook, now."

"Dat Georgy gal's needer yere nor dar en ain't ter be menshun in de same week wid some folks which p'raps I hadn't orter speak ob 'em."

"I 'sposse yo'll be bringin' her down yere befo' long?"

"Nebah, Miss Hamilton, nebah. I done make up my min' as how dat gal don't noways 'gree wid my con'stutions."

"What's de matter wid her?"

"Well, fo' one ting, she hab a mos' owdashus, rip 'arin' temper. When dat gal gits her mad up, de hull wid creashun am bleedze ter stan' out fum under. En she cya'n't sing no more dan one ob dese yere tukky buzzards. 'Tain't nacheel fo' a man what kin sing ter blue ter sich a onmusikle creature."

"En am dat all, Mr. Pendergast?" said Savannah as she handed her guest

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a cup of coffee.

"Well, not adackly all," he replied, inhaling the aroma of the coffee and then taking a large gulp; "not jes' intirely adackly. It 'll cost me 'leben dollars ter bring dat gal yere. Mighty back breakin' wuk ter e'm 'leben dollars pickin' oranges fo' ter git a gal wid a owdashus temper what sings like a tukky buzzard when dar am folks clus ter yere elber wid a suillin' face which dey kin sing wid de meofusness ob a song sparrer. De trufe am, Miss Hamilton, when I sees some oder folks which p'raps I hadn't orter menshun 'em, my 'feekshuns fo' dat gal am pow'ful lackin'."

"Fo' de grashus goodness, Mr. Pendergast, do hab some mo' ob de chicken en anudder yam?"

"Tank yo' mos' kindly, Miss Hamilton, but befo' we perceeds funder wid dis meal could yo' 'spon' ter my perosemune ob marriage?"

"P'raps I mought, Mr. Pendergast, ef yo'd 'gree ter spen' dat 'leben dollars in fixin' up de shanty."

"Dat I'll mos' sho'ly do, en I'll speak ter Pahson Davis termorror 'bout habin' de obs-squies innuejt."

"Mr. Pendergast, I mus' reques' de pos'ponemune ob de obs-squies untwel I gits myself a set ob store teef. I've sot my heart on 'em en couldn't tink ob bein' jine nohow widout 'em."

"Miss Hamilton, a woman which kin cook sich chicken en co'n pone as dese yere don't need no teef ter chaw 'em wid, en a mouf which lets such hebenly soun's ob singin' out'n it as yourn does don't need 'em fo' beauty."

"Dar am no use ob argyfyin' de matter. I'm sot plun flatfooted on habin' dem teef. De presence ob de orange blossoms in de la'r en de essence ob de ivories in de mouf don't 'gree ter-gedder noways permiscuous. When yo' han's me dat 'leben dollars fo' ter fix up de shanty en my mouf am likewise sot out wid dem teef de percession 'll be ready ter move on."

The couple left the cabin and seated themselves under the orange trees.

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