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ry department, was promoted from the \$1,000 grade to a salary of \$1,200 per annum, to take effect July 1. The Greens and Paynes are worthy people and richly merit their good fortune.

DR. WASHINGTON IN TOWN.

Dr. Booker T. Washington was in the city last Friday, and had an interesting interview with President Taft at the White House. The Chief Executive was delighted to see him and the discussion of the educational status and economic opportunities of the Negro race was one that would have done our people everywhere a mint of good to have heard. The president is a trustee of the Jeanes and Slater educational funds and is an ardent supporter of the work that is being carried on at Howard and Fisk as well as that which Dr. Washington is fostering at Tuskegee. Mr. Taft believes, with the sensible members of our race, in the higher education for those in a position to receive and use it to advantage, and is in favor of a sound, serviceable training for the Negro masses, who, in the final analysis, must work with their hands. The address of Dr. Washington at the Wilberforce commencement is regarded here as the most significant and far-reaching deliverance that has been made by him since the famous Atlanta speech in 1895. The "Wizard" was never so strong in the affections of the people of America as he is today. He "wears well" because he is genuine to the core. The race is proud of Booker T. Washington.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

The Rochester Sentinel, T. Thomas Fortune's newest venture, is the cleanest and best sample of race journalism that has come down the pike in many moons. Mr. Fortune announces that the name of the paper is not to be changed to "The North Star," but will remain "The Sentinel." Mr. Fortune should be liberally supported by the race for which he has labored so assiduously and made so many sacrifices.

It is expected that Oliver Randolph, editor of the Washington American, will be assigned to a comfortable berth in the Post Office Department.

Prof. J. L. Wiley, principal of the Pessenden Academy at Ocala, Florida, was in the city a few days ago and delivered a telling address at the commencement exercises of the M Street High School. Prof. Wiley, who was an aspirant for the Haitian mission, called at the White House to see how he stood, but was informed that there is to be no vacancy in the American Legation at Port-au-Prince. Prof. Wiley's school is one of the very best in the State of Florida and not long ago, on founder's day, special exercises were held which were attended by the best white people in the vicinity and which were given several columns of space in the daily newspapers of Ocala.

Major Charles R. Douglass, son of Frederick Douglass, Commander of the Charles Sumner Post, G. A. R., and Assistant Patriotic Instructor of the Grand Army, covered himself all over with glory by the systematic and successful manner in which "Flag Day" was observed in the public schools on the 14th. His speakers for each building were carefully selected, and in every instance they taught a valuable lesson to the young people by their eulogies of "Old Glory" and of the sacred principles for which the stars and stripes stand. Next year Major Douglass expects to achieve even grander results. He will utilize all of the speakers who did well this year, and will bring on some new material that was not available last month. "Flag Day," as it should be, is a stellar event in the life of the patriotic Negroes of the District of Columbia. The race does not blame the flag because some of its alleged devotees fail to live up to the standard represented by it.

The third and fourth floors of the new \$100,000 Y. M. C. A. building have been completed and will soon be ready for occupancy. Secretary L. E. Johnson will soon announce that Thanksgiving Day will be set apart for the formal dedication of the structure. It is expected that President Taft will deliver the dedicatory address.

At the conclusion of his service here in the Census Office, W. Pres-

GOOD LUCK FOR THE GREENES AND PAYNES.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Payne—of which the polished and effervescent "Dick" Green is the grandfather—has been christened "Frank A. Vanderbilt Payne," in honor of the president of the National City Bank of New York, and former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, whom the Greens and Paynes regard as their greatest patron and benefactor. "It never rains but it pours." In addition to becoming the father of this bouncing baby boy, Mr. Payne, who is an unusually efficient clerk in the Treas-

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ton Bayless, a clever writer and newspaper man of enthusiasm and pronounced talent, will launch a race journal at Springfield, Ohio, aiming to present an organ of state-wide influence.

The Common Welfare Club is a new civic organization established here for the amelioration of conditions unfavorable to the Negro race. At a recent meeting G. A. Webber, chief clerk of the Bureau of Statistics, led the discussion on housing and social conditions in the District. Steps will be taken to accelerate the movement toward abolishing the unsanitary alley houses in which Negroes are compelled to live and which breed disease, menacing the health of the entire community.

Rev. David F. Rivers, pastor of the Berean Baptist Church, received a total of 435,629 in his contest for the European tour offered by the Washington Post. The lowest of the District winners received 446,082. A trifle over 10,000 ballots would have made Mr. Rivers a winner. As it was every organization in the city combined on him and at one time he led all competitors. It is difficult to convince many of Dr. Rivers' friends that he was not the victim of a "frame-up"—or that a combine was not worked up against him. The Post gathered up a barrel of Negro money on the deal.

Oliver Randolph, editor of the Washington American, has been transferred to a clerkship in the Postoffice Department. Mr. Bismark R. Pinchback, of Auditor Tyler's office, has been promoted to the \$1,600 grade. Many other changes of a minor character were made among the colored employees in the departments, to take effect at the beginning of the fiscal year, July 1.

Dr. W. T. Vernon, Inspector of Indian Schools, has his headquarters in the Pension Building in connection with the office of the Commissioner of Education for the Five Civilized Tribes. Dr. Vernon finds the duties quite congenial.

M Street High School sent out 86 graduates this year. The commencement address was delivered by Congressman L. Taylor, of Ohio, and it was a good one, too.

The papers of the country should be set right about the status of Auditor Ralph W. Tyler. He has no official tenure, and consequently he has no "term" to "expire." He remains in office "at the pleasure of the President, and will never have to be reappointed. There is no likelihood of Mr. Tyler being superseded. No official in Washington has served with greater satisfaction than has Mr. Tyler, and the heads of the Treasury Department never tire of congratulating him upon the skill with which he administers the affairs of his complicated bureau.

Secretary Charles D. Hilles would make an ideal chairman of the Republican National Committee.

When a possible vacancy in the office of Assistant Register of the Treasury is hinted at, the Hon. "Phil" Waters, of West Virginia, is seen to prick up his ears.

Cyrus Field Adams, transportation agent of the National Negro Business League, will be able to announce in a few days the rates allowed by the railroads for delegates coming from the territory east of the Mississippi river.

Knights of Pythias from all parts of the country will attend the grand convulse at Indianapolis August 21 to 26. It will be one of the biggest meetings ever held by the race anywhere. Indianapolis is "no mean city," and the demizens thereof are preparing to extend a royal welcome to all who enter her gates.

Assistant Attorney-General W. H. Lewis has returned from Boston, where he was tendered an elaborate banquet by his admiring fellow-citizens. While away he paid a brief visit to Dr. Booker T. Washington at the latter's summer home on Long Island.

The new bills bearing the signature of Register J. C. Napier have been turned out from the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, but will not be distributed to the public until a quantity of the old bills on hand have been materially reduced. The first denomination of the press is a "5."

Joseph E. Johnson, for many years an attaché of the stenographic corps of the House of Representatives, has been appointed to a similar position with the United States Postal Commission, which body is charged with the examination into the methods by which second class mail matter is regulated and weighed. Mr. Johnson will go to New

York next week, where the sessions of the commission will be held, beginning July 18.

HOT WEATHER WORRIES IN WASHINGTON.

The identity of that monumental anonymity, "The Sage of the Potomac."

Who shall be eligible to sit on platforms at public meetings?

Who is responsible for the transfer and promotion of R. W. Thompson?

How did Minister Furniss manage it?

Who is the Dean if the re-juvenated "Black Cabinet"?

Will a woman hang in that enlightened community?

Who writes the editorials in the local papers?

Will the "harmony" in the "Black Cabinet" stay put?

Who is the colored "IT" at the White House?

TEACHERS FLOCKING TO SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco, July 6.—Hundreds of delegates and visitors are arriving in San Francisco for the annual convention of the National Education Association. For the most part the early arrivals are going to the nearby resorts to remain until the end of the week, when they will return for the convention proceedings. Saturday will be the opening day of the gathering. The next day will be "Educational Sunday," and special sermons will be preached in all the city churches. The real business of the convention will begin Monday afternoon, when the first general session will be held in the Greek Theatre of the University of California.

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at Gammon. The people have just raised \$100,000 for a new Y. M. C. A. building for the use of Negroes. Dr. Thirkield met there seven Howard graduates, with whom he had a delightful conference. He was pleased to note the activity of the Howard spirit in the Christian work along the Pacific Coast. He took part in the great Y. M. C. A. mass meeting at Los Angeles, held during the session of the National Medical Association there.

One of his best addresses was that on "The Opportunity and the Obligation for Work Among American Negroes in College, Church and Sunday School," before the San Francisco Methodist Preachers' meeting, ending out a highly profitable discussion.

Dr. Thirkield was made a life member of the International Sunday School Association (Mr. W. N. Hartshorn paying \$1,000 fee for the same), and was also placed on the National Committee for Sunday School Work in America, a new "forward movement" for an aggressive and successful work is planned.

Howard University is sure of an adequate hearing whenever and wherever Dr. Thirkield raises his voice to speak. The institution is strong because it is loved, and loved because it is good.

The Amphion Glee Club Installs Officers.

At a complimentary dinner in honor of the ladies who took part in the

recent production of "The Pirates of Penzance," and participated in by a number of prominent citizens, at the St. Regis Cafe on 14th street, the famous Amphion Glee Club jollified last Wednesday evening and installed officers for the ensuing year. The officers are as follows: President J. H. Washington; vice-president, G. H. Jefferson; secretary, Clarence A. Barbour; treasurer, Charles A. Champ; librarian, Harry Morton; business manager and musical director, J. Henry Lewis. Among the guests was Mr. Frank B. Williams, formerly president of the Amphions who went out from this city some years ago to join the Williams and Walker forces and with which splendid aggregation he rose to stellar honor as a musical artist. He sang several solos, which showed off his robust tenor to marked advantage. Several of his selections were of his own composition. The success of Mr. Williams is very gratifying to his host friends here, and is a concrete evidence of the constructive labors of Mr. Lewis for the development of the race along the higher lines of musical endeavor. Numerous concerted selections were rendered by the Club, and the evening was voted a delightful one. These annual functions are always eye-openers in the social life of the nation's capital, and invitations to them are highly prized by "The Smart Set."

At the business session which preceded the dinner, reports connected with the recent production of the comic opera, "The Pirates of Penzance," on June 2 were con-

sidered and audited. It is likely that the Club will arrange a series of dates in the vicinity for the summer season, the itinerary to include Atlantic City, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Ocean Grove, Asbury Park and other points. Next season the Club will present "The Pirates," "Patience," "Robin Hood," "The Bohemian Girl," or some other standard opera at the Howard Theatre here. A suggestion is made that Gilbert & Sullivan's time-honored "Pinafore" be revived. Mr. Lewis, who is a master of the baton and of stage management, has the matter under advisement.

The Amphions are to be greatly strengthened at every point. Messrs P. S. Bolden and S. P. Brown were elected to membership on the Board of Directors, and the club voted to establish a waiting list of members, since the present quota is filled. The Amphion Club has a membership of 21 persons, all enthusiastic students of the best music and willing to work. The organization has had a continuous existence since 1891, and during this period Prof. J. Henry Lewis has been director without interruption. The Club has sung for Presidents of the United States, Justices of the Supreme Court, Cabinet Ministers and for the Diplomatic Corps and has invariably scored a "hit."

MATTIE LOMAX NOT TO HANG.

Mrs. Mattie Lomax, under a sentence of death for the alleged murder of her husband, will be granted a respite until fall, when her case will be reviewed by the Court of Appeals. This is the belief of the best informed legal talent of the capital. Under the ruling of the court, Mrs. Lomax was to have been executed July 31. Rev. Simon P. W. Drew, her spiritual adviser and pastor of the Cosmopolitan Baptist Temple, Congressman Caleb Powers, Judge E. M. Hewlett, Recorder Henry Lincoln Johnson, Attorney John Rideout, and other well-known humanitarians, deserve the lion's share of the credit for saving this unfortunate woman's life and sparing the District the odium of putting a woman to death. It is one of the peculiar phases of the Lomax case that the agitation in her behalf was led by the Washington Times, reputed to be unfriendly to the Negro race generally, and that the Washington Bee, a colored sheet, was the only newspaper in the District that attempted to discredit the effort thus made to have justice tempered with mercy.

The opinion is freely expressed that if a new trial is granted by the Court of Appeals, Mrs. Lomax will be acquitted on the ground of self-defense.

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