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EMANCIPATION CELEBRATION.

Last Saturday being the first day of January, the good citizens of this city assembled in Zion Church to celebrate the 24th anniversary of our emancipation.

The weather was dark and threatening till noon, when it cleared up, and the friends to the Negro rejoiced in the hope of a fitting celebration.

By 3 o'clock the church was well filled, and Mr. C. R. Moore called the house to order, and introduced J. M. Goode as chairman, or master of ceremonies.

Music for the occasion was furnished by the young men from Biddle University, Mrs. M. W. Alston performing at the organ, and Mr. R. H. Blunt leading with a cornet. The following program was carried out, to the gratification of all present:

PROGRAM.

Organ—Voluntary.
Prayer—Rev. A. A. Powell.
MUSIC.
Reading Proclamation—Ro. Johnson
Reading Poem—Miss E. J. Houser.
MUSIC.
Oration—Rev. R. S. Rives.
MUSIC.
Reading Resolutions.
Music—Benediction.

The gathering was select, and showed by their presence that they appreciate the idea of commemorating the heroic deeds of Lincoln, Brown, Sumner, and their co-laborers, in delivering us from bondage. We noticed that the pastor of every colored church in the city was present, except Rev. Mayfield Slade, in whose church the exercises were held. Revs. Powell, Houghton, Johnson, Alston, Collett, Wyche and Thomas, have before this shown their willingness and readiness to do the things that elevate the colored race.

The reading of the proclamation by Mr. Johnson is highly commended. The poem by Miss Houser was a fine composition, and most excellently rendered. Elder Rives's address was a masterly effort, and much enjoyed by all who heard it. The music was grand and appropriate. Mrs. Alston is an accomplished performer, and Mr. Blunt has fine control of the cornet.

The celebration was a perfect success in every particular. Resolutions were passed by the meeting thanking the Mayor and aldermen for the much needed new graded school building. A committee was appointed to make arrangements for the next celebration

NEWS IN COLUMBIA, S. C.

EMANCIPATION CELEBRATION.—PROF. J. C. PRICE SPEAKS.—THE PARADE.—PERSONALS, &c

Mindful of the day when that immortal instrument was issued, that rent in sunder forever, the shackles that did bind in debasing servitude, four millions of beings with undying souls, the colored people of this place celebrated Monday, the third of January by a street parade of the various civic societies and fire companies. The committee having charge of the affair thought it best to observe the third as Emancipation Day this year, as the first happened on Saturday. The day was intensely cold and crisp, which, together with a petty question as to the positions of the various organizations, had the effect to make the turnout less imposing as to numbers. It is a great pity that intelligent beings should allow little personal matters to grow so large in their eyes as to blind them to such an extent as to not be able to see that the failure or maring of such an undertaking is a reflection upon the race, or that its greatest success redounds to their greatest honor and credit. Shame upon the men who

at this early day refuse to help perpetuate the memory of the day upon which freedom came to them as a boon to be transmitted to their latest posterity. Although the parade was not as imposing a pageant as last year, it was no failure. The colored people were out en masse on the streets to witness the procession as it passed through the principal thoroughfares. Howard school having 600 pupils, was dismissed through the permission of the superintendent and they, with their teachers were out in time to enjoy the occasion. The oration was to be delivered at the State fair grounds but the weather was such as to necessitate a change of programme; therefore the court house was secured. The building was absolutely jammed—standing room was all taken and anxious crowds had to remain on the outside.

The Rev. J. C. Price, of North Carolina, was the orator of the day. He was escorted to the judges desk by Peter Flynn Oliver, Esq., who was orator of last year, and who was mounted in full regalia as one of the officers of the Knights of Wise Men in the procession. Maj. C. D. Lowndes was chief Marshal and turned out in full military accoutrements. He announced the beginning of the exercises by introducing Mr. Scipio Starling as Master of the ceremonies.

Rev. J. B. Middleton led in prayer, which was followed by music from the band. Then in a neat little speech Mr. Starling introduced the orator to the audience. When the great orator arose and advanced he was greeted with enthusiastic applause. His subject was, "The American Negro; His Future and His Peculiar Work." No synopsis I might give could give an idea of his masterly effort. He said that it was the negro's duty by advancement to vindicate the Lovejoys, Greeleys, Garrisons and Sumners, to be industrious, to get heart and mind right, and by self-exertion to rise to the full dignity of a true manhood and womanhood. He said that the South was the place for the negro; that he was here to remain. He reduced the amalgamation theory to a reasonable absurdity. He urged the negro to make his demands upon the world from the man standpoint and not as a negro. He regarded slavery as Providential, and looked forward to the day when glorious results would redound from it. He spoke for more than two hours, holding his audience spell bound the whole time, and frequently eliciting the greatest applause. He is surely a polished, scholarly and eloquent orator. May the race thank God that it has such a man to make "foot prints on the sands of time!"

Rev. C. Brewer pronounced the benediction and the crowd returned to their homes no doubt with a new determination to rise higher in the scale of progress. The orator was then escorted in a close carriage by Maj. Lowndes and the other mounted officers to the residence of Rev. Mobley's married daughter who was a former pupil of the orator.

Rev. Price visited the schools of the city yesterday. At Howard school he talked to the pupils on temperance, whom he delighted and instructed and made enthusiastic temperance working boys and girls. He then left for Salisbury on the 1.30 p. m. train.

Rev. Brawley's paper makes its first appearance to-morrow, the 6th inst.

The Hon. C. M. Wilder and family have moved to Washington.

Mr. P. G. Drayton, who has been here ever since the summer days studying theology and the ladies, leaves in a few days for Lincoln University to finish his studies.

The Hon. D. A. Straker delivered an emancipation address at Augusta on the 3rd.

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Columbia, S. C., Jan. 5, 1887.

He Went Instructed.

A boy 12 years old was the important witness in a lawsuit. One of the lawyers, after crossquestioning him severely said: "Your father has been talking to you and told you how to testify, hasn't he?"

"Yes," said the boy. "Now," said the lawyer, "just tell us how your father told you to testify."

"Well," said the boy modestly, "father told me that the lawyers would try and tangle me in my testimony, but if I would just be careful and tell the truth I could tell the same thing every time."

LABOR PUT IN AS CAPITAL

A MOVE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

Senator Stanford, of California, introduces a Bill in the Senate to Assist Working People to Co-Operate. New York Sun.

Senator Leland Stanford, the California millionaire, introduced in the United States Senate last week a bill to assist working people to form co-operative working associations. Senator Stanford is now at the Windsor Hotel. He said yesterday:

"My bill is to provide for co-operation of people with or without money. It will enable them to put in their labor if they have nothing else, or property or money if they have it. It is intended to encourage all labor organizations."

"How does it differ from the present laws regulating the formation of corporations?"

"It requires no money—no paid-up capital. A man simply puts in his work. If each has a little money they can put it together to start with, or one can put in work and another money. A united body of men would naturally have more credit than single men, and would be able to borrow money. The present laws are good. If it were not for them, only men of great wealth could undertake great enterprises, but they require paid-up capital."

"Then your bill will allow men to incorporate without capital?"

"Don't use the word incorporate or corporation. It is a misnomer, and has come to have an unfortunate meaning. Say 'associated.' The bill simply proposes to aid and extend the natural rights of men to work together. Many things could be done by employees working for themselves. Most of the clothing worn could be made in this way. Milliners and mantua makers could unite. Mechanics and farm laborers could combine. They would thus be working for themselves instead of for a master, and all the profits of the business would be secured by themselves."

"Cannot this be done under the present laws?"

"I know of no laws allowing it. This pushes aside the restrictions of the present laws."

"Why would not partnership do as well?"

"Because when a man dies or retires the partnership is dissolved. An associated body under this law would have a perpetual life—men could go out or come in without disturbing it. It would have a legal existence—could sue and be sued, and lend or borrow money like any individual. It would have an associated name."

"How was this idea suggested to you?"

"By early days in California. A great part of the mining there was done on that principle. Men associated themselves together to build flumes, turn the current of rivers, or tunnel into hills. While some were busy in these directions others worked at places mining, to gain an immediate profit, and this went for the support of all until the greater work was finished. By thus working together they accomplished great results, where little could have been done if they had worked as individuals."

"Have you conferred with any of the labor advocates in regard to it?"

"No; it is purely my own notion. I thought a great deal about it last year, and intended then to introduce it, but let it lie over. I don't know whether Congress will approve of it. I have made no inquiries there. I don't see what objection there can be to it. Each laboring man adds his ability to work, and the sum forms a grand total. This total labor has a great value. If the men forming such an association have no money, they can unite with people having capital, and work together in harmony. The bill permits them to do this."

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