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LOCAL.

A. W. CALVIN, Local Editor.

Miss Maniza Bryant, of Tarboro, N. C., is in the city, the guest of her sister, Mrs. P. P. Alston.

A big factory for the manufacture of plaids is soon to be built in this city, which will give employment to hundreds of hands.

The W. C. T. U. will meet next Monday evening at the residence of Mrs. Della Evans, at 4 o'clock. A full attendance is requested.

Miss Annie Harrison, of Raleigh, is in the city, and has taken charge of the Episcopal school here. She is stopping with Rev. P. P. Alston and wife.

Mr. J. W. Winslow has a first-class restaurant on Wilmington street, in Raleigh, at which he accommodates all to the best in the market in first-class style.

It is the intention of the writer to visit the graded school here in a few days, and the public will get the benefit of our observations and views generally on the subject.

Mr. R. R. Bridgers, a talented young colored man of Edgecombe county, was granted license last week by the Supreme Court to practice law. Two colored men failed.

A compulsory law might work wonders in Charlotte. There are hundreds of children who never see the inside of a schoolhouse and who swarm in droves at places of amusement at night.

Misses Eliza J. Houser and Mary L. Foster will open a high school for young ladies the first Monday in March; also, a night school. They will be glad to furnish information regarding it.

Mr. Geo. C. Seurlock has opened a blacksmith shop in Fayetteville and has again settled down to business. Mr. Seurlock is a first-class smith, and as he is boss of his trade he also bosses his own shop.

The main body of the Salvation Army left town last week for Columbia, S. C. With them went the music of the big drum and fiddle, and the "toot-toot" of "Happy Jack's" horn is heard here no more.

The Criminal Court is now in session and the usual number of convicts is being made for the chain gang and penitentiary. There are some poor devils being sent to the chain gang for carrying old pistols that sell for 25 cents a dozen.

The big revival is still going on in the white churches here, and a great many converts are being made. Mr. Pearson seems to be preaching "old time religion" to his white brethren—a kind that the colored people have been used to all their lives.

The local editor means to say, "Sam Hill, the headlight of the Advocate," etc. We wish to inform Sam that we carry rocks in our pockets, eat bear meat, and wear shoes with nails in the toes, and our great grand daddy whipped ten men at once.

We understand that the "Oriole

Literary and Social Circle" had quite a pleasant time one night last week at the residence of Bishop T. H. Lomax. Miss Laura as hostess was praised by all for her very excellent management of the affair, and all were happy.

The tax on shoe blacks here is still \$3. Now, this is wrong—honest labor should not be taxed. These boys are trying to make an honest living, and it seems a mighty small thing for a Board of Aldermen to do. If they would levy a tax on the dead-beats and bums here it would be a good thing.

All who are interested in the Home and Hospital for colored people will please meet at the Zion Church next Monday night. This is an institution worthy of success and should be aided by every colored person who has any race pride. If there are any people in this city who need aid it is the colored people, and they should help this institution in every way possible.

The exodus from some portions of South Carolina still continues, and it is said that some colored men actually walk from South Carolina to Arkansas, Texas and other States. Some time, maybe, the planters of that poor little miserable South Carolina will find out that the poor Negroes of South Carolina want something else besides crafty promises, skinny old mules and hoe cake.

It is painful for us to announce the death of Mrs. Catherine B. Attles, which occurred at her home in Chester, S. C., on Friday night, the 10th. Mrs. Attles was a sister to the late Prof. Wm. Dart, of Columbia, S. C., and was a teacher in Scotia Seminary up to the present session. Last June she married Rev. Thos. A. Attles, of Chester, and went to that town to live. She was a good woman, loved by all who knew her.

We see that the editor of the New York "Freeman" is advising colored people to support Cleveland's administration. Such men as Fortune and Matthews have pandered to the democratic party that "fortune might follow fawn ng." and the Fortune in this case seems willing to follow anything that may give him a little notoriety. The country is getting mighty tired of swell head democratic negroes, and it always gives us pleasure to see them sat down on by their democratic friends.

The Cost of Ignorance.

Absence of knowledge of the fact that physical and mental weakness, indigestion, impure blood, and sick headache can be averted by Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic, costs millions of money annually for uncertain and unreliable decoctions.

A Tragedy Averted.

It may not be generally known, but there came near being a duel fought here some time ago between one of Cleveland's house servants and a colored gentleman of this city. It seems that this Washington high kicker was the proprietor of a sandy-colored dude who monkeys with the mail between that city and Charlotte. He had chewed hash here at a boarding house and never paid any attention to the demands for pay till the proprietor met him one day and gave him a few solid kicks with a No. 14 boot, where it would do the most good. The young dude then ran home to Washington and told his daddy all about it. Then the old man's blood "riz." He wrote a bloodthirsty letter to the proprietor here and demanded satisfaction; "satisfaction, sir, or an abject 'depology,' sir, at any time and place you may mention, sir."

Our Charlotte man was game to the backbone, and said he "wasn't afraid of nuthin'," and could whip the whole family." He consulted his friends here; two of them offered their services as seconds, and after a long discussion it was decided that as the Charlotte man was the challenged party he had the right to choose weapons and the place of meeting. This he did at once. He chose for weapons two rocks—one for each duelist—and they were to stand two miles apart and throw at each other.

When the Washington fellow saw that the Charlotte man meant blood, he hushed up his talk, and we all feel better and breathe freer now that the terrible tragedy has been happily averted.

Renew your subscription.

Cain of Old.

A friend and Bible student, on reading the MESSENGER a few weeks ago sends us the following note:

"Humorous paper" leads MESSENGER astray on Cain and his father-in-law. Read again, and learn that Cain took his wife with him when he went to Nod, and began to multiply, as every husband should. ARCANUM.

Some fifty assemblies of the Knights of Labor have formed in Alabama inside of two months.

Brockton, Mass., is to form a Central Labor Union and will cover a radius of ten square miles.

Boston's Central Labor Union has placed a boycott upon goods made by the American Tack company.

Maryland gives employment to 60,000 persons in canning fruit and oysters, the estimate being 160,000 cans annually.

All permits to manufacture and sell official Knights of Labor goods have been revoked by the general executive board.

The street car employes of the United States are about to form a national district of the Knights of Labor.

The Brotherhood of Carpenters of Hartford, Conn., have decided on nine hours as a day's work after April 1.

A bill to establish a bureau of labor statistics has passed the Georgia Legislature, there being but one vote against it.

Glass manufacturers of Pittsburg have determined to advance prices, which means an increase in wages for the workmen.

"Non-swearing Knights" is the name of an organization started with the Knights of Labor in Chicago to discourage swearing.

The textile workers of Philadelphia have applied to the General Executive Board for a trades district charter which will be granted them.

Local assembly 1362, of Trenton, N. J., has passed resolutions condemning the use by the authorities of Jersey City of the Pinkerton thugs.

A move for shorter hours is expected to be made in the spring by the carpenters in Pittsburg, Allegheny and other Pennsylvania towns.

The effort to establish a State printing office and abolish the contract system is to be renewed in the legislature of the State of Connecticut.

In Frankfort-on-the-main the shoemakers say the German government is ruining their trade by flooding the market with convict-made shoes.

The wages of the freight handlers employed by the Boston & Lowell railroad company in Boston have been increased from \$1.50 to \$1.56 per day.

During the recent strike of book printers in Leipzig, Germany, the government forced all book printers serving in the army in that section to take the places of the strikers.

Tailors and operatives of Boston are to form a union with its objects as follows: Reduced hours of toil, increased compensation and to establish a sick and death benefit society.

Since the holidays 3,000 salesmen, women, cash girls and boys have been discharged in the stores of New York and Brooklyn, and they have no prospect of employment until the next holidays.

The Boston Globe says: "Rev. Sam Jones has made the best impression on Boston of any revivalist who has visited the city in recent years. He is a man of brain and originality, and Boston likes men of that stamp."

It is said that in the Pennsylvania coal regions there are hundreds of children from seven to fifteen years of age working out their young lives at hard work at the mines in slate picking, coke trimming and mule driving.

All contracts for convict labor in the Erie county (N. Y.) penitentiary expired December 31, and new ones cannot be made. The legislature will be asked to permit the employment of half the convicts on the piece-price plan.

The South Chicago rolling mill company on January 1 tendered their employes with "checks" instead of cash as heretofore. The men refused to accept them, and the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers demand a return to the cash system.

Hundreds of women in Cleveland are making shirts at three cents each and make a dozen shirts a day. This is downright slavery and is entirely inexcusable. In Canada there are thousands of women who get only a trifle more than the above.

A strike of paper rulers in New York has developed the fact that all the paper rulers of the different cities of the country were so thoroughly organized that no men could be got to take the place of the strikers, and their demands, which were not considered unreasonable, were granted and they returned to work.

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