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COLORED NEWSPAPERS.

When we speak of colored newspapers, we mean those run by colored men. We have a goodly number in the State, some of which seems to be doing well.

Some of our papers have their own offices and are learning young colored men the art of type-setting. This is as it should be, but all did not start out with their own offices.

Some of our brethren have been disposed to ridicule the patent side papers; that is wrong. While we are differently situated from others and have advantages over them, there are many advantages in the patent sides of today for a poor publisher.

We all should be working for one common aim, the elevation of our race. On the journalistic sea nearly all start out on smooth waters and have pleasant sailing for a time; but when we get out of sight of land, the oil gives out and we have no where to buy and nothing to buy with.

The secular papers can dabble in many things unbecoming a religious paper, hence it is necessary for every community to have a secular paper. A laborer is worthy his hire, and we do not think the time has come yet when we can publish a paper in the South for one dollar a year.

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NEW ENGLAND LETTER.

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We look over the obituary record of the past year, and see classed among its illustrious dead Henry Ward Beecher, Bishops Cain and Shorter, statesmen ex-Vice-President Wheeler, J. R. Finch, and others of like prominence in Church and State.

New England has had very moderate weather during the winter—scarcely enough snow to enjoy sleigh-riding. The most prevalent topic for gossip at present is the marriage of Miss Flora Batson, the noted ballad singer.

to Mr. J. G. Bergen (white.) It appears that Mr. Bergen had acted as manager for Miss Batson in her concerts and through his influence with the whites and her's with her own race, they had met with unusual success; finally they married, and blended more closely their efforts.

On Friday night last we were done the honor of performing the marriage ceremony at the fifth anniversary (wooden) of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hart, of Bridgeport. The affair was grand. The bride and groom appeared in rich costume, and seemed to enjoy the "conubial rites," as they did five years prior.

On last evening (Tuesday) there arose two storms, a light snow storm without, and a heavy surprise storm within (the parsonage). We could not for a moment imagine what mob it was coming up the steps, nor for what purpose.

They don't live here; they moved away three weeks ago," but when we returned out of our trance and heard the table groaning underneath the burden of the product of generous hearts, we thought, "It is good to be here. Indeed, it was a surprise and highly prized. For fear of giving an insult we invited them to come again, it would be no offense. The benefactors were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stevens, Mr. A. Hawley, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Hawley, Mr. and Mrs. E. Walker, Mrs. E. Murray and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Broadfield, Mrs. F. Barklay, and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Russell, Mrs. K. Ford, Mrs. G. Brown, Mrs. E. Purdy, Mrs. L. S. Smith, Misses Harris, Truly, Huse, Braham, Johnson, Mrs. N. Williams, Mrs. Manuel, Mrs. Hopkins, Prof. Elsdorf, Mr. B. F. Davis, and Editor H. Hicks, of Charleston, S. C."

The Fayetteville District.

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 18, '88. MR. EDITOR—Dear Sir:—You will please allow me the space in your columns to state the work of the Fayetteville District:

Evans Chapel is moving along very nicely under the pastoral care of Rev. J. M. Hill. He was preparing to purchase a bell for the church. I hope he will succeed.

I then visited Rev. M. N. Levy, at Manchester. We had a pleasant conference. The Elder had made all things pleasant. He is improving the church at Manchester. Also a nice bell for his church at Beaver Creek has been purchased and paid for.

My next visit was Jonesboro circuit, under the care of Elder D. A. McKay. He is doing very well with his people, and they love him much. At the same place where the honored Editor taught school, and gave much instruction to the people.

I had the pleasure of visiting the school there a few days ago, taught by Mr. T. R. Tucker. He is certainly doing much good there. I examined a few of his scholars. I found them efficient on the most of their studies.

I went from there to Lillington—Rev. S. M. Best in charge. We had a pleasant conference, and they seemed to be well pleased with the new pastor. He is preparing to improve his churches. I visited the school at Lillington taught by Bro. G. W. McDougald. I examined his classes and they were smart. He is doing credit to himself.

I next visited Oak Grove circuit,

under the pastoral care of Rev. G. B. Kelly. He is the right man in the right place. He is preparing to improve his churches, &c. We had a fine conference. I will write you again when I get around.

A. M. BARRETT.

Letter from Cameron.

CAMERON, N. C., Jan. 7, 1888. MR. EDITOR—Dear Sir:—Please allow me to say, after witnessing a jovial Xmas, and a merry movement of the band of Sanford, I realized at the festival a nice time. Much was made for the Church. Plenty of bread, chickens and goodies of all sorts.

In company with Mrs. A. H. Fleming, the guest of Mrs. M. A. Evans, I boarded the cars for Sanford; there I left a number of ladies and gentlemen at the depot, sorrowing our departure. I arrived at Sanford at 12 A. M., stayed over until 3:25, boarded the cars for Swann's Station. I was then accompanied there by Mr. G. W. Richardson, of Chatham, who made the time quite pleasant for me.

I opened school this week with 29 in number. I think the MESSENGER will have a wide circle in this section. Many speak of taking it. My school will last about three months. My morning walk is half a mile.

Yours, for the MESSENGER. S. F. FOUNG.

Presiding Elder's Appointments.

- CHARLOTTE DISTRICT.—1st Round. Little Rock—December 1-4. Rockwell and Jonesville—Dec. 9-11. Torrence Chapel—December 16-18. Biddle—December 23-25. Moore's Sanctuary—Dec. 30-Jan. 1. Clinton Chapel—January 5-9. China Grove—January 13-6. Pineville—January 20-23. Grace Church—January 26-29. Henryville—February 3-6. Trinity—February 10-13. Kings Mountain—February 17-20. Monroe—February 24-26. Redding Spring—March 2-5. Rock Hill—March 9-11. Matthews—March 16-19. Mowing Glade—March 24-27. R. S. RIVES, P. E.

- FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.—1st Round. Fayetteville—December 8-11. Manchester—December 17-18. Jonesboro—December 31-January 1. Lillington—January 7-8. Oak Grove—January 14-15. Haywood—January 21-22. Johnstonville—January 21-22. Glover's Grove—January 28-29. Gee's Grove—February 4-5. Egypt—February 11-12. Carthage—February 18-19. New Zion—February 25-26. A. M. BARRETT, P. E. RALEIGH N. C.

- WADESBORO DISTRICT.—1st Round. Flat Rock—January 7-8. Letchee—January 14-15. Jordan's C. Manly—January 21-22. Green Lake—January 28-29. Chesnutt—February 4-5. Hallie's Grove—February 11-12. Roper's Grove—February 18-19. Bennetts—February 25-26. Forestville—March 3-4. Rocky Mount—March 10-11. Robeson's X Roads—March 17-18.

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Republican State Convention.

The undersigned Executive Committees call a State Convention of the Republican party of North Carolina, to be held in Raleigh on Wednesday, the 23d day of May, 1888, for the purpose of electing four delegates and four alternates to the National Republican Convention, to be held at Chicago, on the 19th day of June, 1888, and for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Governor and other State officers and three candidates for Supreme Court Judges, to select a State Committee and for the transaction of such other business as may be deemed proper in the judgment of the convention.

Each county is entitled as delegates in said convention to twice the number of Representatives in the lower House of the General Assembly.

All persons without regard to past political affiliation, who are in sympathy with the principles of the Republican party of this State, are invited and requested to unite with the Republicans under this call in the selection of delegates.

- J. C. L. HARRIS, V. S. LUSK, J. H. WILLIAMSON, GEO. C. SCURLOCK, R. E. YOUNG, H. E. DAVIS, J. H. HARRIS, A. V. DOCKERY, W. C. COLEMAN, J. J. MOTT, J. R. SMITH, G. W. CANNON, J. H. MONTGOMERY, E. A. WHITE, T. M. ARGO.

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MISS NAHAR is a reader of talent. Her gestures are easy, graceful and to the point, while her stage presence would do credit to many a professional actress.—Boston Daily Advertiser.

Especially fine was the "Last Hymn" by Miss NAHAR, while her readings of "Aunt Jemima's Courtship" and "Kentucky Philosophy" were inimitable.—St. John (N.B.) Daily Telegraph.

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