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good many officers are blacks, and
serving under them are sons of the Cubs and the American, scions of ristocracy, and many professional nen. The Army of Liberation in luba is a place where the color line is

Gov. W. Y. Atkinson, of Georgia, esserves credit for the interest he is aking in the convict lease system of is State. Some time ago he pardoned a innocent Afro-American lad who and been convicted of some crime and entenced to the penitentiary. Now omes the news that he has cancelled he lease of 500 prisonera because of he refusal of the lessee to pay a fine mposed for bad treatment of prisoners.

LaFayette, Ind., doctors are interested in the case of Leland Braggs, a 2-year-old colored boy of that city, who is slowly turning white. The process began several months ago, and at this time the lad's right arm and portions of his side and face are as white as the skin of a Caucasian. Physicians say that in time he will be completely changed in color. Hundreds of people call daily to see the

Louisville, Ky., has a population of Afro-Americans which number between 80,000 and 40,000 and who have 28 churches, with 18,000 membership, 9 public schools, 1 hospital, 7 lawyers, 52 teachers, 12 physicins, 1 drugstore, 7 greeries, 2 tailors, 20 restaurants, 10 saloons, 3 newspapers, 20 barber shops, 3 carpenter shops, 3 blacksmith shops,

Summer Bryon, the popular young pianist, of St. Louis, returned to his home from a two years' foreign tour on the 15th. He was tendered a reception at Stolle's hall by the leading During his travels he has played before vast audiences in Germany, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Den-mark, Holland, Belgium and France.

Major Taylor, who won a valuable lot at Matthews, Ind., as first prize of-fered by George Catterson in a 75-mile road-race, the only colored contestant, last year, has returned from Middletown, Conn., where he has been employed the past year by the Munger Bicycle Co., and accepted a similar position with the Hay & Bicycle Co., Indianapolis, Ind.

Miss Mabel Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Johnson, of San Francisco, won the first prize the best essay at the closing of the Cosmopolitan grammar school. This is the second time that a colored girl has won the Denman prize at this school, Miss Aimee M. Ray, of Sacramento, being the first.

Bishop Benjamin Franlin Lee, D. D., LL. D., Ph. D., is president of the board of directors of Payne Theological Seminary, president of the Corresponding School of Theology and Superintendent of Minjsterial Education of the A. M. E. Church, and Bishop B. W. Arnett, D. D., is historian of the A. M. E. Church.

Dr. W. E. B. Dubois has resigned his position as Professor of Ancient Languages at Wilberforce University and has been appointed Assistant in the Department of Sociology, for one year, in the University of Pennsylva-nia, to take charge of a special investigation into the condition of the colored people of Philadelphia.

Mrs. S. E. C. Pettey, wife of Bishop C. C. Pettey, D. D., of Newbern, N. C., one of the most brilliant women of her race and a very flowery writer, is editor of the Woman's Column of the Star of Zion, published at Charlotte, N. C.

A delegation of 100 Afro-Americans from near points called upon Maj. Mc-Kinley at his home in Canton the 3rd inst, and received a hearty welcome. Robert Peun made the presenta-tion speech, to which McKinley re-sponded.

Miss Ada Harris, one of Indianapo-lis' prominent school teachers, has in-vented and patented a hair straightener which is quite a success. Hiss Harris has also had her straightener patented

Clarence G. McKoin, of St. Louis, is the youngest colored lawyer in that city, being only 23 years old. He grad-nated June 18th at the St. Louis Law Echool, receiving the degree of LL. B.

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ds, a part of Africa and some of the Islands of the Sea. It has taken a fore-most part in all movements affecting the moral, intellectual and spiritual welfare of the race.

At the session of the General Confer-

ence held at Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1892, it was decided that we should hold our One Hundreth Anniversary in the month of October, 1890, in the "Mother Zion," (our first established church of the connection,) now situated on the corner of West 10th and Bleecker streets, New

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SPECIAL APPRAL. The General Appeal to the Ministers and Members of the A. M. B. Zion Church, and to all others to whom this appeal shall come; Greeting:

In the providence of God, we are near-ing the close of the first century of our existence as a church organization. The success which has attended our exertions success which has attended our exertions through the century in the spread of churches, in the gathering of converts and in the uplifting of the people generally, in their moral and religious life, and in their material prosperity has been phenomenal.

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in their material prosperity has been phenomenal.

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The Jubilee will be held in New York City in October, 1896, continuing teadays. The spiritual and financial success of the celebration will depend upon the united efforts of the ministers, members and friends of Zion Church. Let us pray that the closing year of the century will be marked by a general revival throughout the entire church, and that there will be an ingathering of souls toprecedented in the history of the Connection.

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