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OLDEST MEDICAL PRACTITIONER

Sanitarium and Training School--We Have Failed to See It--Price was First.

Dr. Thos. L. P. Miller has the distinction of being the oldest Afro-American medical practitioner in New York city of all the Afro-American physicians in New York city. He is a skillful surgeon also and is frequently called into consultation by some of the leading white physicians. Of course this of itself doesn't argue anything for the doctor knows as much of medicine and surgery as any of them. He keeps abreast of the times and doesn't allow himself to get rusty in his intellectuals. The doctor is still a hard student and takes pains to familiarize himself with all the latest wrinkles in his chosen profession. He is said to be one of the few expert physicians in New York city in the treatment of diseases of women and children. He obtained his preliminary education in Maine, and later studied at Howard University at Washington from which he was graduated sometime in the seventies. He is a Charlestonian by birth, and as gallant a New Yorker by adoption as ever wore the title.—Colored American.

Sanitarium and Training School.

Colored women of New Orleans are about to found a sanitarium and training school for the benefit of their own race. It is expected that here the best medical attention and nursing can be given private patients among the well-to-do colored people of New Orleans; but a greater benefit to the institution is from the fact of its affording a fine training school for colored nurses. There are many young colored women of good education and pleasing address who will gladly avail themselves of the opportunity for this training in a profession of growing popularity. But not this class alone is benefitted, for the generous aim of the institution includes those who already have had experience without training and who can do more effective and acceptable work if sanctioned by such a school; so those who, though uneducated, have shown aptness at nursing, are to be admitted to this training school and all its advantages.—Womankind.

Wealth.

The colored people of the United States pay taxes on $330,000,000 real property, $50,000,000 personal property. They have about $60,000,000 on deposit in savings banks. These figures are from carefully prepared statistics, and are a wonderful showing for a people the majority of whom have been out of bondage less than half a century. In Alameda county, of this State, colored people are on the assessment roll for upward of $1,000,000. Who says the race is retrograding? If only one tenth of this money could be put into manufacturing and commercial enterprises—gee whiz! what a commotion the colored man would make in the country. Talk about the Jew and the Chinaman! Why, they would be at a discount. Let us all undertake to infuse a little of our business enterprise into the veins of the race. What do you say?—San Francisco Elevator.

We Have Failed to See It.

Our admiration for Mr. Griffin is about as great as that we have for Mr. Sam P. Jones, whom we regard as a sensationalist, a blatant gospelite who perverts the cloak of religion to cuss his fellowmen, in not overly polite language. If Mr. Sam Jones has ever done anything good in his his evangelistic labors, we have failed to see it. The highways and byways are all right as fields for religious labor, evangelism is all right. Ministers should be fishers of men. The churches can't reach all classes, but gentleness, reason, pleadings in the cause of Christ will do ten times more good than senseless harangues and polite epithets with which men like Jones and Griffin are wont to regale us in allopathic doses.—Alamo (Tex.) Advance.

Price was First.

A report is being circulated in the press of the country that Booker T. Washington, who addressed the faculty and students a few weeks ago at Trinity College, Durham, N. C., was the first black man invited to deliver an address to a Southern white college. This is not so. The late Rev. J. C. Price, President of Livingston College, Salisbury, N. C., by invitation addressed the faculty and students of a white college at Spartanburg, S. C., nearly ten years ago, and while he waited at the station for the train a committee from the college presented him with a gold-headed cane, which is still in possession of his family.—Star of Zion.

Mr. McCook, of Chattanooga, breaks the record on funny bills, but it won't be funny when it becomes a law, which seems a certainty. This bill prohibits 'possum hunting each year from March 1st to October 1st, and fixes the punishment for violation of the same at six to eighteen months on the "gang." Mr. McCook says 'possums are getting scarce and he wants to give them ample time for multiplication.—Athens (Ga.) Clipper.

Dr. C. A. Isabel, a leading colored physician of Paducah, Ky., has been elected a member of the board of health by the city council of this city. It is rumored that four of the Democratic members of the board will resign.—Louisville American Baptist.

Francis P. Crum, editor of the Charleston, (S. C.) Messenger, delivered the emancipation oration before the citizens of Lincolnville, S. C., the only incorporated town in South Carolina controlled entirely by Afro-Americans. The town is named in honor of President Lincoln.

One of the greatest needs of the Negro race is an educated pulpit. The old chestnut about being called to preach the word of God without having the shadow of an education- is all in our eye.—Lexington (Ky.) Standard.

Out of a population of 500,000 in St. Louis it is claimed that 50,000 of them are Negroes and of that number 17,000 pay real estate taxes and that there are 10,000 colored voters registered every year.

There are 68 W. C. T. U.'s among colored people, with a membership of 60,000.

WEEKLY TRADE REVIEW.

Commerce Somewhat Retarded by Crippling Bank Failures.

Below is the weekly trade review as reported by Messrs. R. G. Dun & Co.:

"The year 1897 begins with one clear advantage; the past year has swept out and away a great number of unsound concerns, which in any time of activity would have been a danger to business. Of the 15,286 business and commercial failures in 1896 with liabilities of $276,815,749, a large share represented crippling losses in previous years, or the violence of speculative storms in 1895 or the first half of 1896, while thousands more resulted from the fury of the political tornado last fall. Banking failures amounting to $50,718,915 during the year averaged $256,156 each, and were 145 per cent. larger than in 1895.

"Commercial failures amounted to $226,096,834 a little over $1,000,000 having been added by the last day of the year, but the average of liabilities, $14,992, was smaller than in some years of great prosperity. The failures of brokerage and other commercial concerns averaged $58,418 each, increasing 183 per cent. over 1885, while manufacturing failures averaged $28,808 each, and increased 34 per cent, and trading failures increased 18 per cent. and averaged only $9,606 each.

"While banking failures have not ceased at the West apprehension about them has almost subsided and no serious influence upon general trade is now expected.

"Speculative markets have been dull. Cotton started up a shade, but receipts from plantations are still too large for low estimates, and the cotton mills foreshadows curtailment rather than the consumption."

Split Their Heads Open.

A special from Maysville, S. C., to the Columbia Register, dated Jan. 7th, says: "Simon Cooper, the negro outlaw who it will be remembered shot and killed another negro by the name of Davis, and wounded several others at Magnolia a few days ago, and for whom there is a reward of $100 offered by the Governor, put in some more bloody work this morning near Magnolia. Cooper entered the house of Mr. Ben Wilson this morning about sunrise and demanded the use of Mr. Wilson's buggy. which was refused. This human monster then picked up an axe and split Mr. Wilson's head wide open. He then made for Mr. Wesley Wilson, the son, and murdered him in a like manner. He then murdered Mrs. Wesley Wilson with the same weapon, after which he struck down a negro who had come up on hearing the noise, and left the axe sticking in the negro's head. Up to this hour Cooper has not been captured, but it is almost impossible for him to escape as the country is being scoured in every direction for him, and if captured we predict his fate will be a most terrible one."

Later.—Cooper was betrayed by his brother-in-law and captured alive, but was afterwards shot with a pistol and rifle in the head, and then carried through the role of a lynching bee and riddled with bullets. His last words were: "I would kill my brother-in-law if I only could meet him."

Its Membership is Full.

It happens but rarely during the life of any Congress that its membership is full, and that there are no vacancies resulting either from death, resignation, or action declaring seats vacant. The present House now has its full quota of living members, being 357 Representatives and three delegates. There are, however, already two vacancies in the House of Representatives that comes into being on the 4th of March. These are occasioned by the demise of Giles, of Missouri, and Davidson, of Pennsylvania. In recent years the total number of vacancies occurring in succeeding Houses from all causes has frequenly ranged as high as from ten to fifteen, although there have rarely been more than three or four vacancies existing at one time.

Senator Jones Pleased.

Senator James K. Jones, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, says that he is well pleased with the situation now existing in several States where Senatorial contests are pending. He believes the silver forces will continue to control the United States Senate in the Fifty-fifth Congress, notwithstanding all the efforts that have been made by Chairman Hanna to prevent this result. Other Democratic and silver Senators joined in expressing to the Washington Times the conviction that the result in Delaware and North Carolina would be adverse to the Republicans.

Deep Laid Scheme.

The Republicans of South Carolina have a deep laid scheme whereby they hope with the aid of a partisan Congress to oust most of the Democratic Congressmen from the State, if not all of them. They will not only appeal to Congress but to the United States courts to declare the registration and election laws of the State null and void, so says the Columbia Register.

Confessed and Was Lynched.

A special to the Atlanta Journal from Unadilla, Ga., says Anthony Henderson was lynched for the assassination of old man Gerge Sumner and attempted assault upon the person of Sumner's daughter. At the preliminary hearing he made a full confession of the crime.

Maine's New Governor.

The inauguration of Governor Llewelly Powers and other State officials of Maine, took place lase week. The exercises were witnessed by an unusually large gathering, and were attended with the usual formalities.

Minnesota Banks Suspend.

The banks of Canton, at Canton, Minn., with a capital of $30,000, and the Citizens' Bank, of Linesboro, a small institution, both owned and operated by Field, Kelsey & Co., has suspended business.

Burried in a Stone Coffin.

Charles Bramlette, aged 80, died at Cynthiana, Ky., and was buried by his own direction, in a stone coffin, a barrel of Bourbon whiskey having been poured over his body and the coffin hermetically sealed. The coffin was made fifteen years ago.

Bloody Work in Clarendon.

Ralph Deschamps, son of the late Senator Deschamps, shot and killed Tom Rhame at Rhame's house, near Silver; ten miles from Manning. Deschamps had been invited to Rhame's house and it is said Rhame fired two shots before Deschamps fired. Frank Rhame, brother of Tom, was also shot through the body, it is said accidentally, by Deschamps, and may die. All are young men.

Darlington and Laurens suffered a great loss last week by the burning of handsome business houses.

OUR STATE LEGISLATURE.

Both the House and Senate Getting Down to Business.

ADOPTS A CUBAN RESOLUTION.

Several Bills Introduced--Committees Appointed--First Bill Introduced Was to Repeal "Assignment Act."

Wednesday the State Legislature convened in Raleigh. The body is composed of Democrats, Populists and Republicans. It is useless to say that the entire State, as well as the whole country, has been waiting and watching anxiously for the convening of this body of law-makers, as there is to be a United States Senator elected. From the present outlook it seems that everything has been cut and dried in favor of Pritchard, since he took the oath of 16 to 1. At the caucus held Tuesday night three Republicans failed to stand up when a motion for a rising vote endorsing him was put, but it is said the defection of these cannot defeat him. Congressman Harry Skinner said in an interview;

"Twenty-seven Populist members announced themselves in favor of Pritchard, and said they would vote for him in the caucus. Seventeen will vote for him, no matter what the caucus does."

It is said that Senator Butler does not concede Pritchard's election and that he will undoubtedly control the Populist caucus. He is working hard to keep a sufficient number of Populists to elect him from bolting the caucus.

The conference of Democrats expressed their sentiments for the support of some good Populist, probably Maj. Guthrie.

The latest concerning the Senatorial scramble is that Pritchard will undoubtedly succeed himself.

SENATE.

WEDNESDAY.—Lieutenant Governor Doughton called the Senate to order. Senators then came forward, beginning with the First district, and were all sworn in. It took just one hour. The President declared the Senate duly organized and stated the first business was the election of a principal clerk, which resulted in the election of Hill E. King. For doorkeeper, T. N. Hallyburton and N. L. Wagstaff were nominated. The vote stood: Wagstaff 6, Hallyburton 40, and the latter was declared elected. For assistant doorkeeper S. D. McCarthy and L. E. Howerton were nominated. The vote stood McCarthy 40, Howerton, 7. McCarthy was declared elected. For reading clerk J. W. Watson and J. C. Brown were nominated. The vote was Brown 8, Watson 38, and Watson was declared elected. For engrossing clerk J. Buchanan ond D. S. Lovelace were nominated. The vote was Lovelace 7, Buchanan 40, and Buchanan was declared elected.

The President then asked the officers elected to come forward and qualify, which they proceeded to do.

Senator McCaskey then introduced a resolution that a committee of three on the part of the Senate, to act with a House committee, notify the Governor that the Legislature was organized and ready to receive his message; also that a message be sent notifying the House that the Senate was organized.

Senator Smathers presented a new gavel which President Doughton received on the part of the Senate. A large crowd was present.

THURSDAY.—The Senate was called to order at 12 o'clock, Lieutenant Governor Doughton presiding. Prayerr by Rev. Ashby, of the Senate. The Journal of Wednesday was read and approved. Senator McCasky reported from the cnmmittee which waited on the Governor, that his excellency would, as soon as practicable, send in his message.

Leave of absence was granted Senators Maultvy and Odom on account of sickness.

The message from the Governor was at noon received and read by Col. S. F. Telfair, the Governor's private secretary, assisted by the reading clerk.

Senator McCasky introduced a resolution that 1,500 copies be printed. This was adopted and sent to the House for concurrence.

FRIDAY—Senate called to order by Lieut-Governor Daughton. Prayer by Rev. Mr. McNeill, of the Senate. The rules of the Senate of 1895 were adopted on motion of Senator McCaskey.

Senator Grant submitted the names of the several standing committees as adopted by the Republicans and Populists, stating that there were several vacancies left open to be filled at some future date. Senator Grant stated that he desired to say that the list of the committee on judiciary had been misplaced and would be made out later. Senator Butler said the committee on railroads and railroad commission would also be named later. The report was adopted.

A joint resolution on Cuba was received from the House.

Senator McCasky introduced a bill "to provide for counting" the votes of the election of 1896 for State officers and carrying out the provisions of article 3 of the constitution. Referred to committee on judiciary.

Senator McNeil introduced a bill for the relief of an ex-sheriff of Wilkes, and Senator Barringer one for the relief of ex-Sheriff Morrison, of Cabarrus. Both were referred.

SATURDAY—Lieut.-Governor Doughton presided. After prayer by Rev. Mr. Weston, the journal of Friday was read and approved.

Senator Wakefield submitted a report from the committee on privileges and elections, reporting a substitute for the resolution offered yesterday in regard to counting the votes for State officers.

Senator Mitchell—Resolution that at 1 o'clock the Senate go into an election of enrolling clerk.

Senator Atwater introduced the following resolution:

Whereas, The election of a United States Senator to epresent the State in the United States Senate is a matter of the very highest concern to the people and is a duty developing upon this Legislature; and Whereas, It is published and openly charged that bribery and corruption, in relation to said election, have been and are being made to members to influence said election; now, therefore, to the end that said charges may be fully investigated,

Resolved, By the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, that a special committee of two Senators and three Representatives be appointed by the President and Speaker to investigate and report at the earliest convenience the facts in relation to said charges.

Resolved, further, That said special committee be and it is hereby authorized and empowered to administer oaths, compel attendance of witnesses and send for persons and papers.

Senator Ashburn—A resolution instructing our Senators and Representatives in Congress to use their efforts to pass a bill to amend the constitution in regard to the right of suffrage.

Senator Anderson—To amend the constitution of North Carolina in regard to qualification of voters.

Senator Shaw introduced a bill to amend acts in regard to pauper suits.

Senator McCaskey moved that the Senate go into the election of an enrolling clerk at 12:30.

The Senator from Pitt introduced a bill in regard to discrimination in regard to legal tender money and for other purposes.

Senator Anderson—Resolution instructing our Senators and Representatives in Congress to vote for the Cameron resolution in regard to Cuba.

Senator Grant thought this was a matter in which the Senate ought to go slow. It was referred.

Senator McCaskey thought the resolution in regard to investigating the charges of bribery and corruption should be a concurrent resolution, as the one introduced only applies to the Senate. It was afterwards passed as a concurrent resolution.

Senator Wakefield—Bill to restore the office of county treasurer in certain counties.

The substitute of the committee in regard to the counting of votes for State officers was taken up and passed.

The Senate then proceeded to go into an election of enrolling clerk. The President appointed as tellers on the part of the Senate Senators Anthony and McCaskey. Senator McCaskey nominated Abbott Swinson, of Wayne. There were no other nominations. The vote being taken, Mr. Swinson received 40 votes, and the tellers proceeded to the House to report the same.

HOUSE.

WEDNESDAY.—Chief Clerk Satterfield called the House of Representatives to order. The members were sworn in and A. E. Hileman, of Cabarrus, was elected Speaker. The Democrats voted for Col. John S. Cunningham, of Person. Rev. Dr. Levi Branson offered the opening prayer. He prayed that laws to prevent intemperance might be enacted. Reading Clerk John D. Stanford, of the House, called the roll of members and these came forward in "blocks of five," and were sworn in by Associate Justice Walter A. Montgomery. Each took a double oath to support the Constitution of the State and the United States.

Nelson, Harris, of Hyde, and Blackburn were appointed tellers.

Other officers elected are: Principal clerk, E. O. Masten; reading clerk, F. B. Benbow; doorkeeper, D. T. House; assistant, Abe Middleton, colored engrossing clerk, D. F. Scarborough.

Governor Carr was notified that the House had organized and was ready for business.

THURSDAY—The House was opened with prayer by Rev. C. J. Woodson. At noon Private Secretary Telfair delivered the Governor's message. Mr. Schulken announced that the Senate and House committees had called on the Governor and notified him that organization was complete.

Mr. Sutton moved that the reading of the message be dispensed with and that 250 copies be printed. Mr. Lusk said it was always the custom to read the message, and that he hoped Mr. Sutton's motion would not prevail. Speaker Hileman said it was the rule always to read the message. Mr. Sutton then withdrew his motion. The reading occupied two hours. Mr. Sutton's resolution was adopted and 250 copies were ordered printed. Some leaves of absence were granted.

The Speaker announced the following committees:

Privileges of Elections: Cook, Blackburn, Sutton, of New Hanover; Peace, Bryan, of Chatham; Brown, Person, of Wayne; Cunningham and Gallop.

Banking and Currency; Bryan, Chatham; Hanser, Crumpler, Ormsly, Cox, Adams and McKenzie.

Rules: Sutton, of Cumberland; Brower, Bryan, of Chatham, Schulken and Nelson.

Judiciary: Lusk, Sutton, of Cumberland; Cook, Young, Schulken, Price, Craven, Scales and Cunningham.

FRIDAY.—Representative Dixon offered prayer. Mr. Sutton introduced the following resolution: "That our Senators be instructed and our Representatives be requested to use all honorable means, and as early as possible, to bring about the passage of an act of Congress recognizing the independence of Cuba who so long a time have been struggling for life and liberty, the God-given heritage of all men." It was unanimously adopted and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Lusk introduced the first bill. It is to repeal the notorious chapter 466, acts of 1895, the "assigument act."

Mr. Peace—A bill to take Vance county out of the eastern criminal circuit.

Mr. Sutton—To repeal chapter 466, acts '95, and also chapter 453, acts of '93, regarding assignments. Also bills regarding action of co-warranters, and regulating fees of sheriff of Cumberland in securing special venires.

Mr. Alexander—To provide for making an entirely new list of jurors, February 1, in every county in the State.

The Speaker announced the following committees.

Finance—Johnson, Bryan, of Chatham, Whitener, Person, of Wayne, Alexander, Young, Aiken, Petree, Nelson, McKenzie, Brown and Peace.

Engrossed Bills—Pinnix, Spruill, Chapin, Arrington, Parker, of Perquimans, Holmes, Price, Carter Ferguson and Leak.

Railroads and Railroad Commissions—Brower, Blackburn, Dockery, Pinnix, Ferrell; White, of Randolph, Ward, Dickson, of Greene, McKenzie and Smith.

Corporations — Schulken, McBride, Brown, Alexander, Dockery, Bailey, Walters and Umstead.

Education—Dockery, White of Alamance, McRary, Peace, Cox, Young, Abernethy, King, White of Randolph, Rountree, Whitener, Nelson and Wal-

...urday.—Dr. Levi Branson opened the house with prayer. Mr. Sutton, of Cumberland, submitted the report of the committee on rules of the House. It amended the rules of 1895 so that on the demand of any member or at the suggestion of the speaker the names of members sufficient to make a quorum in the hall of the House who do not vote be recorded in the journal and reported to the Speaker, with the names of the members voting, and be counted and announced in determining the presence to do business; also that no amendment to any resolution, bill, or other matter pending before House shall be entertained unless the same shall be in writing and signed by the member offering the same."

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So many beautiful calendars and entertaining novelties have been issued by the proprietors of Hood's Sarsaparilla, that we are hardly surprised to receive this season not only one of the very prettiest designs in calendars, but with it coupons which entitle the recipient to attractive novelties. Every one who gets a Hood's Sarsaparilla calendar for 1897 secures something that will prove interesting and valuable as well as a beautiful specimen of the lithographer's art. The calendar is accompanied this season by an amusing little book on "The Weather." Ask your druggist for Hood's Coupon Calendar, or send 6 cents in stamps for one to C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

A TALE OF FRONTIER LIFE.

RECOLLECTIONS RECALLED BY INDIAN INCURSIONS.

What a Lowell Reporter Discovered in the Historic Town of Dunstable—Miraculous Escape From a Miserable Existence of a Descendant of One of the Pioneer Warriors of Colonial Times—The Talk of the Neighborhood.

From the News, Lowell, Mass.

Mr. Hiram Spaulding, who was for many years the proprietor of the Massapong House, a Boston summer resort, is undoubtedly as well known as any man in Middlesex County. Mr. Spaulding, besides having been a popular hotel man, boasts of being a lineal descendant of John Spaulding, a well known soldier who was killed in action with the Indians while serving in the command of the famous Captain John Tyng in 1804. He also is well known as the first leader of the celebrated Dunstable Cornet Band, of Dunstable, Mass., familiarly known as the "mounted band." Altogether Bandmaster Spaulding is perhaps the best known citizen in town, and respected everywhere for his uprightness and sterling character.

Mrs. Nellie A. Spaulding is the wife of this gentleman, and almost as well known as her popular husband. A recent severe illness from overwork and malaria caused grave fears among her numerous acquaintances, and the local physicians seemed powerless to aid her. Chills and fever, impaired action of heart and liver, and general wretchedness were her portion, until her attention was called to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and she began to use them. On Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 7, 1896, Mrs. Spaulding finished the first box of Pink Pills, and she informed the *News* reporter that on that day she performed one of the hardest day's work ever accomplished by her. She is still taking Pink Pills according to directions, and all traces of malarial poison seem to have vanished.

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