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GENERAL NEWS.

Booker T. Washington, negro educator and negro financiers of the North, are planning to buy the International and Great Northern Railroad at the receivership sale, to be held in Palestine, Texas, on May 15, according to a report printed. It is said that Washington will attempt to operate the road with negro labor exclusively, if he gets control.

April 20 was the 101st birthday of Mr. John Medlock, who lives on Harris street in the Orr cotton mill village, near Anderson, S. C. He looks to be somewhere in the sixties, is hale and hearty and attends to light work. Mr. Medlock came to Anderson several years ago from Georgia. He has in his possession records sufficient to show that his claim to be 101 is correct.

On the seventy-fifth anniversary of the battle of San Jacinto that ended the struggle that freed Texas from Mexico, a monument was unveiled at Huntsville, Texas last Friday over the grave of Sam Houston, commander in the final conflict. The monument was erected by the State of Texas. William J. Bryan was the orator of the day. Alonzo Steele, sole survivor of the battle, was one of the participants in the unveiling.

Two men met at the inquest over Michael H. Ahern, 33 years of age, a former real estate dealer of Creston, Iowa, and learned that Ahern for fifty years had been the father of two large families, neither of which knew the existence of the other. At the inquest each of the two men stepped forward and identified the body as that of his father. A conversation between the two convinced both, however, that each was right.

Bradford Knapp will have charge of the farm demonstration work in the South, established by his late father, Dr. Seaman A. Knapp, under the auspices of the Federal Department of Agriculture, the general education board supplying the funds. Ira W. Williams, State agent of the demonstration work in South Carolina, has been advised of the appointment. Messrs. Knapp and Williams are both in Jacksonville, attending the meeting of the conference for education in the south and conferring with members of the general education board.

Forty-three hoboes from one train is a record that will probably stand in Georgia for a long time. It was made on an Atlantic Coast Line special operated from Jacksonville to Lexington, Ky., and officers had completed their raid by the time the train reached Waycross. Three special agents, O. T. Hill and Mitch Thomas, from Waycross, and G. S. Godhold, of Savannah figured in the raids made on the cars of the special. They had with them sixty pairs of handcuffs, and worked a car at a time.

JAMES OSBORNE ATTEMPTS TO REPAY DEBT TO OLD SLAVE

Old White-Haired Negro Who Once Risked His Life to Save That of Mr. Osborne Appeals to "Marse Jim" When His Son is Arrested on Charge of Murder—Mr. Osborne Responds to the Call.
 New York, April 20.—"Marse Jim" Osborne today kept his promise to "Old Pete" Osborne, a centenarian to defend "Pete's" boy Edward, on trial for his life charged with murder. "Old Pete" Osborne is a negro and was a slave for young "Marse Jim's" father on a plantation near Charlotte N. C.

Forty-one years ago "Old Pete," staying with his old master through the turmoil of reconstruction, jumped into a stream and saved 17-year-old "Marse Jim" from drowning and after a span of years "Marse Jim" grown to be a prominent New York lawyer and former assistant district attorney of New York, took up a task of trying to save his rescuer's son.

Mr. Osborne recounted some of this story before Judge Crain in court today, when he appeared to attend Edward Osborne, on trial for the murder, when he appeared to defend Edward. The lawyer said "Old Pete," white-haired and venerable, listening with perfect confidence to the white lawyer, who feelingly told of the debt he owed the old man.

"Old Pete" had seventeen children "Eddie" is the baby. He is 29 years old now. Some years ago the old man came North with him. Edward Osborne fell in with a bad crowd. One night half a year ago he became involved in a fight in a restaurant at Carmine and Bedford streets. Some one stuck a knife in his back and Edward Osborne drew a revolver. Louis Spicer was shot and killed. "My client shot in self-defense," said Mr. James W. Osborne today. He acted as peacemaker, was stabbed and drew his revolver to defend himself. I owe a debt of gratitude to his father and am here to repay it." The day was taken up empanelling a jury.

A Sunshiny House.

Brooklyn Eagle.
 A new city house which was erected on a lot between two other buildings was designed in its interior arrangement by a woman who loved sunlight. She accordingly sought to stimulate it for the dark days which must inevitably come in the year's calendar. Every room and hall was tinted a soft, delicate yellow, yet there was no monotony in the tone, as the situation and plan of each room brought out different gradations of the color.

A series of arches in the entrance hall made a fine tone effect. In the top story the rooms had skylights of amber glass; a most beautiful tone resulted from these skylights. There was always such a cheerful tone in the rooms, no matter how gray the day, that good spirits always prevailed there, and the good health of the family was often attributed to the yellow tinted walls and the amber glass skylights.

BAPTIST HOSTS WILL SON MARCH ON JACKSONVILLE.

Southern Baptist Convention Will Meet in Three Weeks for Its Annual Gathering—Important Session Forecast.
 Jacksonville, Fla., April 22.—In a little more than three weeks, the Southern Baptist convention will meet in Jacksonville, Fla. This is the first time the body has ever met in the Land of Flowers. Preparations on a large scale are being made for the entertainment of the messengers, and, unless all signs fail, this promises to be a memorable meeting.

Some interesting gossip is already going the rounds as to who will be elected to the different offices. There seems to be a disposition to elect a new president in the place of Hon. Joshua Levering, the millionaire coffee merchant of Baltimore. He has held the office for three terms, and some are of the opinion that the honor should be passed on to some one else.

In the long ago it was the custom to let a brother hold the office indefinitely. It was held for three years by William D. Johnson, of South Carolina, who was the first president; for four years by R. B. C. Howell, of Virginia; for two years by Richard Fuller, of Maryland; for seven years by P. H. Mell, of Georgia, and after an interval of eight years he held it for another term of eight years. James P. Boyce, of Kentucky, filled the position for eight years, and then, after an inter regnum of eight years he filled it for another year. Jonathan Haralson, of Alabama, was president for ten years, and then the desire for shorter terms took possession of the brethren. William J. Northern, a Georgian, held the office for three years; James P. Eagle, of Arkansas, for three; E. W. Stephens, of Missouri, for three, and Joshua Levering, the present incumbent, for three.

Dr. Lansing Burrows, of Georgia, who has been secretary of the body for 29 years, and the best one who ever served his brethren, is being mentioned by many as the next president. They think it would be a fitting compliment for his faithfulness to bestow this honor upon him.

Dr. William E. Hatcher, of Virginia, is also being spoken of for the place. He is well known and very popular among the brethren, and there is a sentiment to bestow this crowning honor upon him in his old age. Another man who is being mentioned for the place is Dr. Samuel Palmer Brooks, president of Baylor college, in Texas. He is not a preacher, but he is a self-made man, a splendid presiding officer, and he is from a state that has done much for the organized work of the convention, and yet has never been honored by the presidency of the body.

Still another man who is being mentioned in connection with the presidency is Dr. W. W. Landrum, now living in Kentucky, but really of the whole south. He has given his life to the work of the convention, he comes from an honored family, many of whose names grace the denominational records, and with it all he is a man of splendid executive ability. He has a wide acquaintance among the brethren, he is universally popular, and, as it has been many years since there was a preacher president, there is a strong probability that he may be called by his brethren to this exalted position.

It goes without saying that Dr. Burrows and Dr. Oliver Gregory will be re-elected secretaries of the convention, unless Dr. Burrows should be elected president. They have served their brethren well and faithfully, and hard indeed would it be to find their equals in the difficult work committed to their hands.

WHAT DOES FRESHNESS REALLY MEAN?

Flowers plucked yesterday, left in the living room, will not be found as fresh today as those plucked even days before which have been kept protected from the atmosphere and dust.

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