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LOCALS.

Hon. O. Hubbs was in our city on the 17 inst., en route for Washington.

—Who is "Jacob Faithful" writing to the *State Journal* from Goldsboro? Tell us Bro. Spelman!

—We learn that Mrs. Nancy Edmundson, one of Goldsboro's old citizens has been very sick but is now convalescent.

—There is a family in Dudley that every ones name begins with H. both given and sir-name. Beat that if you can.

—We are in receipt of a nice basket of plums sent to us from W. B. Baker, Jr., of Dudley. We send many thank, to the kind gentleman.

—Mr. B. F. Grady was elected Superintendent of Public Schools for Duplin county. Mr. Ed. Albritton, "a Wayne county boy," was chosen to the same position in Greene county.

—We hope if the STAR is not quite so spicy this week as usual it will be over looked by its many readers as the editor has been called a way from home on business for a week or two.

—On the 25th of May, Simon Simmons died near Dudley, aged 97, he leaves fourteen children, and two hundred and fifty grand children to mourn his loss, he has been in feeble health about two years.

—William. G. Tucker, a colored man, was recently appointed by the Police Board of Cleveland as an officer of that city. Henry Patterson and Ed. Denmar are aspirants for similar positions.—*Conservator.*

BURNED TO DEATH.—Lillie Pender, a little girl about nine or ten years of age, was so badly burned on Monday that she died shortly after. From what we can learn, kerosene was the cause. The family have the sympathy of the STAR.

We have on our table an invitation to the closing exercises of the State Normal School, for which we return many thanks. This school is located in Fayetteville, Mr. C. W. Chesnut a very intelligent gentleman is the Principal. This is a good Institute and should be patronized by our color.

—There was a large Prohibition meeting held here on last Saturday in which our great orator, Joseph Price, delivered an address. There is no use of our dwelling on his fine oratory powers, as he is well known. But why didn't Mr. E. A. Wright, Hon. W. F. Kornegay or some other great Prohibition light introduce Mr. Price? We know, and the negroes know, too.

—Said he: "Madam, I should like to know whose ferry boats those are that I stumbled over in the hall?" Said she: "Ferry boats, indeed, sir! Those are my shoes! Very polite of you to call 'em ferry boats." Said he: "Didn't say ferry boats, Madam; you misunderstood me,—'fairy boots' I said my dear friend." And all was serene again.—*The North Carolinian.*

—A young man had been expected for some time to "propose," but his diffidence had kept him back, was astonished by his father saying to him as he set off for his sweetheart's residence one evening: "John, you'd better take the screw-driver along with you this time." "What for?" exclaimed John. "So as to screw up your courage a little," answered pater. When John came home that night he said: "I've done it, father."—*The Banner of Truth, Texas.*

—Dr. T. S. P. Miller, of New York, has been appointed upon the medical staff of the Home Providential Safety Fund Association of New York city, (white,) and is the first physician of color ever appointed to a position in a company of white men. We congratulate the doctor on his appointment, and from what we know of him, feel confident that he will make his mark. The doctor is a first-class physician, else he would not have been selected for the position which he is eminently qualified to fill.—*Washington Sunday Item.*

SUICIDE.—We learn from a gentleman just from Davidson College, that Mr. Anson Withers committed suicide, at that place, on Saturday last, by shooting himself through the head with a pistol ball, which produced instant death. No cause is yet assigned for this rash act. It is stated that previous to the commission of this fatal deed, he wrote four letters—three to private individuals, and one to be read to the public. Our informant did not learn the contents of these letters as he left before the inquest was held. The deceased was about 35 or 40 years of age, and leaves a wife, with no children.—*The American.*

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—We are informed that the State Democratic Executive Committee has been called to meet at an early day in Raleigh, for the purpose of defining their position on the Prohibition Crusade movement in North Carolina. Is it possible that these political tramps are going to climb on the fence, and there remain for the next eighteen months? Poor fellows, they surely must be sore. They got on the fence when "Jarvis" sold the Western Railroad and now to stay there until the next election in the Fall of 1882, it is hard—for God sake send for Vance and J. W. Best of *mud cut notoriety.* There is no doubt, but that the committee will advise their party to let the bottom fall out of the Prohibition cause and save the Democratic party. What has became of the great canvass that the Prohibition men were going to make in Wayne county? Let us hear from you or for ever keep silent. The fence is a good place in time of battle ain't it brethren? Umph!

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE COLORED GRADED SCHOOL.—The Board met at the Court House on 23rd inst. and elected the following officers. Messrs. C. A. Scott, President; Hinton Suggs, Vice-President; A. M. Smith, Secretary; N. W. Boyet, Assistant Secretary. A. M. Smith moved that the chairman appoint a building committee of three, including the chairman, which was carried, the committee are as follows: Messrs. Hinton Suggs, Hillary Sears and C. A. Scott. A committee of three also was appointed by the chairman: Messrs. A. M. Smith, S. Hodges and Wm. Crocket, to secure a suitable person for principal. After which Mr. Hinton Suggs moved to have the proceedings printed in the STAR and *Messenger.* The Board then adjourned to meet again on 7th day of July.

DELTA, N. C.

M. Editor:—Enclosed please find $1.00 from J. W. S. Robinson for one years subscription to your paper.

J. W. S. R.

Mr. Editor:—Enclosed please find 50 cents from Gilbert Cowans for six months subscription to your paper.

Respectfully your agent. C. D. W.

In our last issue we published an account of the oldest colored newspaper in the State *Freedom's Journal* published in New York City in 1828. Read and see what Dr. Wm. Wells Brown one of our ablest writers of the day says of it. He traces back to 1830 when the *National Reformer* was first published, which was eighteen years before Frederick Douglass' paper made its appearance and two years after the *Freedom's Journal.* So we think we are right in saying that the *Freedom's Journal* was the oldest colored newspaper.

GEO. T. WASSOM, ESQ.:—Your note of the 11th inst., together with the Goldsboro STAR, came duly to hand and for which you have my thanks.

I read with interest the article concerning the "oldest colored newspaper," because it brought up a train of thought in regard to the colored press of the past. I have never seen a copy of *Freedom's Journal,* of which you make mention, but I have no doubt that it was the first paper ever published by a colored man in the United States.

The *National Reformer* was first issued in 1830, in Philadelphia. I have no knowledge of its first conductors. Wm. Whipper became its editor in 1833, he was an able versatile writer and did good work for us. It was a monthly Magazine.

The *Mirror of Liberty,* a quarterly, was soon after commenced in the City of New York, was published and edited by David Ruggles, a man who has the honor of being the first agent of the Underground Railroad. The *Colored American,* was established in New York in 1837 by Philip A. Bell and Samuel E. Cornish. These gentlemen edited its conjointly. It afterwards, however passed into the editorial hands of Charles B. Ray.

The next paper was *The Mystery,* published at Pittsburg, Pa., and edited by Dr. Martin R. Delany, this was followed by the *Disfranchised American,* issued in New York City. Then came the *Ram's Horn,* published and edited by Stephen Van Rensellær. On the first of January 1848, Frederick Douglass sent out the first copy of *The North Star,* you will see that this was just twenty years after the publication of *Freedom's Journal.*

The issuing of *The North Star,* was the beginning of a new era in the black man's literature, its editor drew around him a corps of contributors and correspondents from Europe, as well as all parts of America and the Wes Indies, that made its columns rich with the current news of the world. But the oldest newspaper man of ourrace is Philip A. Bell, who after retiring from the management of the *Colored American* in 1840, removed to California and established the *Pacific Appeal* a weekly newspaper devoted to the interest of the colored man and which did great service for us in that section of the country. Mr. Bell is now editor of *The Elevator.* He is an original and subtile writer, has fine powers of analysis and often flings the sparkling rays of a vivid imagination over the productions of his pen. He is now above seventy years of age, still vigorous and strong.

I have only made mention of the earlier journals conducted by colored men. With in the past twenty years some thirty or forty papers have come into existence most of which have gone out.

Yours very truly,
WM. WELLS BROWN, M. D.

BOSTON, June 17th.

Every colored newspaper in North Carolina save one, and that one is neutral, favors prohibition. Is not this significant?—*Ex.*

Zions Star says: Hon. Fred. Douglass exhausted the subject of the "Color Line" which he contributed to the *North American Review.*"

That line was here before Mr. Douglass and it will remain here after he is gone—unless he carries the colored people away with him.

MAHONE'S TICKET.

The Readjuster's State Convention of Virginia met in the city of Richmond, on Friday, June 3rd, and nominated the following ticket:

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REGULATING THE DRUGGISTS.

An Important Circular from the State Board of Pharmacy.

Raleigh News-Observer.

The State Board of Pharmacy, composed of William H. Green, President, Wilmington; William Simpson, Secretary, Raleigh; E. M. Nadal, Wilson; E. H. Meadows, Newbern; and A. S. Lee, Raleigh, has sent an important official circular to druggists. It says:

"You are hereby notified that the Board of Pharmacy, created and organized under an act of the General Assembly of North Carolina, passed at the late session, which goes into effect on the first day of June, 1881, will hold its first meeting in Raleigh on the 30th day of August next, by which time all persons who desire to practice the profession of druggist or pharmaceutist in this State, as required by law, are expected to have their applications for registration, accompanied by an affidavit made in accordance with blank herewith enclosed, together with the fees, on file in the office of the Secretary of the Board of Pharmacy, for the action of the Board when it meets. Those who can register upon above affidavit without examination are (1) graduates of colleges of pharmacy recognized by the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association, or (2) those who at the time of the passage of said act have had three years' practical experience in the preparation of physicians' prescriptions, and in compounding and vending medicines and poisons, or (3) those who are or have been regular practicing physicians, or (4) those who were in business on their own account at the passage of this act.

All persons desiring to become *licentiates* of this Board are required to present themselves before the same and show to its satisfaction, by examination, that they are duly qualified, and have had three years' practical experience in the preparation of physicians' prescriptions and in compounding and vending medicines.

For the information and guidance of the persons interested, an abstract of the pharmacy act of 1881, is subjoined.

Section 8 of this act makes it unlawful and indictable to adulterate drugs, chemicals and medicines, or expose them to sale, knowing them to be adulterated; also requires registered pharmaceutists to obtain a renewal of their registration annually, within thirty days before the annual meeting of the Board of Pharmacy.

Section 3 makes it unlawful for any person, unless a regular pharmaceutist, to open and conduct any pharmacy or store for selling or preparing medicines and poisons, or for any one not a registered pharmaceutist to prepare a prescription, except under the supervision of a registered pharmaceutist.

Section 9 says: It shall be unlawful for any person, under a penalty of twenty-five dollars for each and every offence, from and after the passage of this act, except as provided herein, to retail any poison enumerated in Schedules A and B, as follows, to-wit:

Schedule A.—Arsenic and its preparations, corrosive sublimate, white precipitate, red precipitate, bin-iodide of murcury, cyanide of potassium, hydrocyanic acid, strychnine, and essential oil of bitter almonds.

Schedule B.—Aconite, belladona, colchicum, conium, nux vomica, henbane, savin, ergot, cotton root, cantharides, creosote, digitalis and their pharmaceutical preparations, croton oil, chloroform, chloral hydrate, sulphate of zinc, carbolic acid, oxalic acid, opium and its preparations (except paregoric and other preparations of opium containing less than two grains to the ounce,) and other deadly poisons, without distinctly labelling the bottle, box, vessel or paper in which said poison is contained, with the name of the article, the word "Poison," and the name and place of business of the seller; nor shall it be lawful for any person to sell or deliver any poison enumerated in said Schedules A and B, unless upon due inquiry it be found that the purchaser is aware of its poisonous nature, and represents that it is to be used for a legitimate purpose, nor shall it be lawful for any person to sell any poison included in Schedule A, without, before delivering the same to the purchaser, causing an entry to be made in a book kept for that purpose, stating the date of the sale, the name and address of the purchaser, the name and quantity of the poison sold, the purpose for which it is represented by the purchaser to be required, and the name of the dispenser, such book to be always open to proper authorities for inspection. The provisions of this act shall not apply to the dispensing of poisons in usual doses and by physicians' prescriptions."

Druggists failing to receive a copy of the circular alluded to above, whose addeess the Secretary of the Board may have been unable to procure, can get all the necessary information and blanks by applying to Mr. William Simpson, Secretary, Raleigh.

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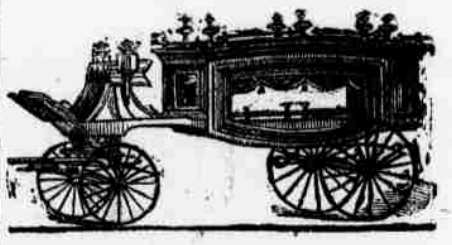
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