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## Our Reporter's Note Book.

News as Gathered by Our Regular New York Correspondent.

**An Old Landmark Disappearing—An Unfortunate Mother—Mr. Gilmore and the Press—P. T. Barnum's Big Parade—Stabbing Affairs—Wayside Notes.**

The announcement on Tuesday morning that one of the most prominent and honored ministers of the United States, Henry Ward Beecher, of Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., was dead, caused a great lurch and stillness to pervade throughout business circles in the city of churches. Everybody being anxious to gaze upon the face of him who, amid the clash and din of war, dared to raise his voice in behalf of the enslaved millions, and furthermore, they came to pay that tribute which we all in the course of life have to pay to one another. On every hand there is nothing but condolence for the bereaved widow.

I had read of Mr. Beecher's illness, and was crossing the river when my attention was attracted by the numerous flags displayed at half-mast, along the river front on the Brooklyn side, on all sorts of sailing crafts which were moored or anchored there. My amazement was soon dispelled after landing, for a big placard announcing the death of Mr. Beecher met my gaze as I proceeded up Fulton street. While these flags were displayed on all the houses in Brooklyn of any importance, I failed to see any stars and stripes gracing the building of my own city. Nevertheless, before the dawn of another day, I had the gratification of seeing them displayed, showing that the "Empire" city could still hold its national reputation of respect for the departed.

The body is lying in state in Plymouth Church, and over ten thousand persons have viewed the remains, and all the churches held special services in honor of the demise.

### AN OLD LANDMARK DISAPPEARING.

If there are any old antiquated persons living in Ohio who years ago were wont occasionally to take a trip to this city on a friendly visit, and then spend a pleasant day worshipping the Lord in the Union American M. E. Church, on West Fifteenth street, let them stay the tears which the following announcement will bring to their eyes, viz: that it has been numbered with the things of the past. The holy spot on which saints and sinners were wont to go and bow the devotee knee, will in a few days be forever erased. The congregation are worshipping in a hall on Twenty-sixth street till the 10th of April, when they will hold services in their new church. (late Prospect Hill Dutch Reform Church) on Eighty-fifth street, between Second and Third avenues. Fifteenth street Church (as it was commonly called) never did have an extraordinary congregation, and it is a wonder that they managed to drag along as they have so far. For the most fashionable of the congregation go to other churches simply because they do not want that antiquated notion of besauce ma and pa goes to this or that particular church that the daughters or sons must necessarily do the same.

### AN UNFORTUNATE MOTHER.

Last week, Mrs. Hill, of 244 W. Forty-seventh street, lost her son, Charles C., 19th months old, by pneumonia, and on the 9th inst., she had the misfortune to lose her daughter, Seppa Pearl Hill, age 3 years and 8 months. Seppa was buried on Friday, in Evergreen Cemetery, alongside of her brother.

### MR. GILMORE AND THE PRESS.

On Thursday evening, March 10th, that well-known organization of Masonic men, Howard Union Lodge, 1337, G. U. O. of O. F., gave the Twentieth Anniversary, at Wendel's Assembly Rooms, on Forty-fourth street, and being a representative of the Negro Press, I applied for admission, showing my authority.

Mr. H. D. Gilmore, Chairman of the Executive Committee, after looking at my authority and paper, (THE FREE AMERICAN) coolly remarked, "Oh, that paper is away in Ohio, what good does that do us, you can't come in!" After waiting a few moments the reporter for the FREE AMERICAN cornered Mr. Gilmore again and asked him the following question:

"Do you refuse to recognize the colored press?" At first he pretended that he did not hear my question, but after I had repeated the same he said in reply:

"Where do you have that paper for sale?"

"At various places," I replied. "Well, I have never seen it, so you can't be admitted," and away he went with a jubilant smile upon his face at having outwitted the press.

Why I mention this fact is because there are a class of young men here who, when any reception or entertainment is given, are in the habit of telling the ticket taker that they are a reporter for this or that newspaper, and when requested to show their authority, produce a bootblack's badge, or something similar, and when the authorized representative calls and presents his authority, why, he is told that "we have a reporter inside already," and the next week when the issue comes out minus the report of the proceedings, then the negro press is hooted and laughed at for its lack of abilities to report common occurrences. Mr. Gilmore has certainly put himself in a very ridiculous light, for had not the writer shown him the paper, together with the authority, it would have been perfectly right as a safe-guard against imposition.

Why did he admit the Richmond Planet's representative, or the Washington National Post Echo's man, they both are papers published out of the city? The childish excuse of not having ever seen the paper, does not exonerate Mr. Gilmore from having offered a gross insult to the negro press, when he saw the paper, which speaks for itself, and I hope the next time that the correspondent has an occasion to meet Mr. Gilmore, he will treat the Ohio press with a little more courtesy, and the press will do the same by him, or probably an occasional "puff" will soften his animosity, but I doubt it, as the writer is very cautious in regard to "puffs," it being his motto to describe things as they are presented to his optics.

### P. T. BARNUM'S BIG PARADE.

Perhaps the next great sensation to the death of Henry Ward Beecher, was the Barnum-Forepaugh circus parade on Saturday evening. The Barnum end and the Forepaugh end met each other at 49th street and 5th avenue, and with the greatest on earth in the lead, marched down to 29th street, to Broadway, to Grand street, to Sullivan street, to 8th avenue, to 34th street (part of Forepaugh's going through 29th street) to 7th avenue, to 26th street, to Madison Square Garden, where they were open on Monday evening. All along the line where the parade was announced to pass, hundreds of men, women and children were gathered like swarms of bees. On Broadway from 49th to Grand street there was a surging mass of black heads, old, young, middle-aged, babies, and in fact, everybody who could possibly manage to secure a standing place, was out to see the veteran of showmen, P. T. Barnum. The numerous animals and carriages were very handsome, (I mean the car-

riages were handsome, because some of the animals were very, very ugly indeed), and the parade taken in toto was a sight which no New Yorker should have missed.

### STABBED BY WIFE.

On Friday evening about 8:30 p. m., two persons stood on the corner of 7th avenue and 24th street, and at all appearances were engaged in conversation, but later on it turned out that they were quarreling, one was a woman about 30 years old, and the other a man, Thos. Lowell. It seems that the woman, his wife Eliza, was upbraiding him for some offense, and becoming infuriated, he pulls out a knife and stabbed her in the back, later on again stabbed her twice in the abdomen, inflicting serious if not fatal wounds. Lowell, up to this writing, has not been captured, but the police are making strenuous efforts to capture him. Lowell's antecedents is not one to look at without a blush, and the police are anxious about his arrest, as he has figured in several cutting scrapes before some years ago.

### STABBED IN A FIGHT.

William C. Crumpts, of 554 7th avenue, and Thomas Adams, both colored, were quarreling on the sidewalk in front of the former's address, on Friday morning about 3:30, which turned into a fight, in which Crumpts was stabbed by Adams. Adams was arrested, and on Saturday morning at the examination at Jefferson Court before Justice Ford, was held to await the injuries of Crumpts.

### WAYSIDE NOTES.

A Tribute to the Life and Labors of Rev. W. B. Deane, D. D., Minister of the A. M. E. Church, by J. S. M. Johns, is in the press, and will shortly appear in a neatly bound volume of 300 pages.

The New York office of the FREE AMERICAN is situated at 107 W. 10th street, where all New York and Brooklyn news will be received by the correspondent, Mr. Charles Spicer, and where copies of this paper can be obtained at any time.

### CINCINNATI, O.

Mascotte, as Usual, is Pungent and Entertaining in His Account of the Daily Happenings in and About the City.

A great many people are not perhaps aware that the Cleveland Gazette is still being published, it and "Be True Bright Eyes," a very wormy "chestnut," but they are.

The brilliancy of THE FREE AMERICAN has not quite completely obscured the Gazette, but it is in its throes. The Gazette on crutches, bald-headed; a patch over one eye, and out at the toes, still comes to us. But how changed in tone! Six months in advance of the time to talk of nominating a Governor, it renominates our brilliant little champion of other days—Judge Foraker. Are we awake or are we dreaming! We have often heard of the efficacy and efficiency of coal-oil, how lubricating it was; but we had no idea of its power to lubricate a man of the Gazette's blind obstinacy—Foraker for Governor! Well, well. We know the time when it took all the energy we could summon to convince the Gazette that the Judge was the man. We vividly remember how we were told, told "these things East"—our commendations of our excellent Governor's brilliant qualities and loyalty to our people. And many a brilliant scintillation of ours on him was sent to the waste basket. Then the opposition of Springfield, Columbus, Cleveland, with their Gazaways and Bufords were shook in our face as scare-ovens. We told the Gazette then that all of the Gov-

ernor's so-called weak points from his standpoint were only numerical with it, were vain myths and fancies; but now unctious and steeped with petroleum, our Governor's former enemies are first in crying hail to the chief. Shake Mr. Lubricated-Gazette, we second your nomination with all our former vehemence and faith in the Judge's loyalty to the Negro.

### NOTES.

The Odd Fellows annual parade and celebration here last Sunday was a very auspicious affair. The celebration took place at Allen Temple, where the following program was executed: Prof. Alfred Quarrels, organ voluntary; Temple Choir, chorus, "Father, O, Hear Us"; Alfred Quarrels, bass solo; Address, M. V. P. Thomas J. Monroe; Chorus, Allen Temple Choir; Sermon, Rev. L. M. Hagood; Closing Ode; the "Fraternal benediction, M. V. P. Alfred Kemp. It was a beautiful day and at least fifteen hundred people were out to witness the ceremonies. The chief features were the address of Mr. Monroe, the sermon of Rev. Hagood, the neat appearance and dazzling regalia of the brethren and the soldierly bearing of the Patriarchis commanded by Mr. J. M. Lewis.

The Knights of Pythias concert the 10th inst., was a grand success. Mrs. Mary Crane won the china set and Mrs. Smith received the second prize silver set of knives and forks. Prof. Chas. Singer's Band rendered some excellent music.

Some anonymous coward through the Cleveland Gazette after a six weeks gestation takes "Mascotte" to task for his opinion as expressed through these columns on the mixed school question. In answer we borrow an expression from Ben Butler, "Shoo fly!"

The Catholic Tribune will support Col. Harlan for re-nomination. Wonder how many Catholic votes it can deliver for the Colonel?

The Comley-Benefit at Union Baptist, April 8th, is booming. Everybody seems to be going.

Mrs. Nathan Alexander is on the sick list.

Mr. A. Theo. Lucca, of Cleveland, was in our city the past week.

It seems that the Colored Citizen has "croaked." It died of a monetary complaint. *Requiescat in pace.*

James Parham, brother of Prof. Wm. Parham, of Gaines High School, died last Saturday and was buried Monday.

Father Rudd, the monk editor, has opened a type-setting school here, with Mr. Keelan as Principal.

Mrs. Fannie Spotts is on the sick list.

It is rumored that Copeland, Jackson and Joe Earley have formed a political triumvirate. Something is up!

Dr. John G. Mitchell is making very extensive preparations for the last grand rally in May that will entirely liquidate the indebtedness of Allen Temple. A magnificent bazaar will be carried on for four weeks, during which several grand concerts and the cantata of Esther will be rendered.

Very soon a young men's colored Republican club will be formed. Now this has been our pet idea for some time. Organization is the road to political recognition.

Last Monday afternoon Prof. W. H. Parham, of G. H. S., visited his old district, and happy the teachers were to see his familiar and pleasant face.

Capt. Ford Smith is working earnestly among colored voters for a re-nomination of Amos Wright.

### MASCOTTE.

The lamb-like department of March continues, and a majority of us are happy.—*Western Appeal.* The lamb-like devilry of March has set in over here, and we all feel miserable and wicked.

### RENDVILLE REVELATIONS

Items of Interest to the Young Readers of the "Free American."

"Tuppins is going to get there and don't you forget it," whispered a K. of L. in your correspondent's auricular. "Do you really think so?" asked your pencil propeller. "I do," he replied with a remarkable degree of assurance; "if he is defeated at all it will be by his own people." It is only necessary to add in comment that Dr. Tuppins merits our undivided support. Let it not be said that he was defeated by his own people; let us do our part and success is ours.

The spring candidates are numerous up to date.

We are frank in our opinions and candid in expressing them, especially in matters pertaining to the welfare of our race. It is strange (and yet no stranger than true) that there are some of our people who do not (seemingly) like to see the race progress, or see those who are worthy arise to eminence. They seem disposed to retard the progress that is necessary for us to make. We must, as a people, stand united; we cannot afford to divide without a great detriment. Let us in the exercise of our prerogatives of citizenship, stand firm and true, one to the other and cheerfully support those of us who are justly entitled to our rights of suffrage.

Mrs. R. Bell, of Athens, O., spent a few days here, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. Cromer.

Mrs. R. P. Harris, of Circleville, assisted Rev. D. N. Newsome in the quarterly meeting service last Sunday. Mrs. Harris delivered two able discourses. Subject, morning, "What think ye of Christ?" Evening, "Making vows." Both subjects were delivered in an earnest and forcible manner.

The Second Baptist S. S. will hold their first monthly rehearsal the first Sunday eve in April. It promises to be an interesting occasion.

Mr. Sam Andrews and Mrs. Richard Minnis are both lying dangerously ill.

Mr. A. Brodus, our present supervisor, announces himself as candidate for re-election.

The A. M. E. S. S. will hold their second monthly concert Sunday afternoon.

The FREE AMERICAN will be on sale at the Allen House barber shop.

Vote for Tuppins. Let Rendville distinguish herself by electing the first colored mayor.

The nuptials of a prominent lady and gent are amongst the things not as yet seen.

P. B. Ransom was in the capital city Thursday. QUINCY.

### LANCASTER

Lends her Light in the Weekly Search for Items and Notes of Interest.

John Burly is no better.

Miss Fannie Tibbs is slowly recovering.

Mr. Denton Williams is recovering from a sick spell.

Mr. Clough will move his barber shop about the first of April from the Mithoff House to Columbus street.

William Stroader is working Zanesville. Good bye, Billy.

Will Russell has gone to Newark to work.

Mr. Frank Johnson, in company with Miss Anna Tibbs, attended the show on Monday evening last.

Mr. George Madden has taken employment as cook at the Martin House. He was employed in this house some time ago.

Mr. B. Tapsico is ill. C. W.

The General Assembly passed the Bill appropriating \$5,500 per annum, for two years, for Wilberforce University.

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The columns of this paper being open to the public for the discussion of all live topics, the editor will not be responsible for positions taken by correspondents.

COLUMBUS, O., MAR. 19, 1887.

We had the pleasure of receiving from Prof. W. S. Scarborough, a copy of his book entitled "The Birds of Aristophanes." It is a perfect gem. Indeed, it could not be other than instructive and interesting, coming from the pen of so gifted an author and scholar. Prof. Scarborough has a place among the foremost scholars of his times, is a young man, and the eyes of the race are upon him, looking to him as their representative in the field of literature and ripe scholarship.

As the season advances, merchants will be found advertising. Soon spring will be upon us and the business men of the city will be spending hundreds of dollars in advertising their business. The FREE AMERICAN as a distinctive business venture will expect from these merchants a reciprocation by giving to this paper at least a fair share of patronage in advertising, in consideration of the large amount of money spent by the colored people of Columbus and surrounding towns among the merchants of the city. The FREE AMERICAN is a Columbus plant, and must be sustained as a Columbus business matter.

We are sorry to learn that several of our subscribers have not been receiving their papers promptly, but the fault lies not with the management of the FREE AMERICAN, but with the mail service. We mail all our papers Friday of each week, and our patrons should receive their papers Saturday morning. If any of our subscribers or agents, after this issue, will simply notify us by postal card, of any failure to obtain the FREE AMERICAN, we shall endeavor to correct the evil, even if we have to do it through the general post-office department at Washington. We desire that all who fail to secure their copies of this paper will at once notify us, so that we may set the matter right.

HON. C. L. MAXWELL, of Xenia, Ohio, is a candidate for legislative honors from Greene county, to succeed Hon. B. W. Arnett. We are glad of the opportunity offered for saying a few words in the interest of our old friend, and we gladly do so. Mr. Maxwell is one of the few young colored men in Ohio, whose individual efforts have made them prominent figures in the great body politic. His personal character is such as to warrant the Republican voters of Greene county in supporting him for representative.

He is an able lawyer, and one of the best public speakers in the country. He has always been a consistent Republican, never shirking a duty, no matter at what personal sacrifice, when the good of the party was at stake. Then, too, the custom has long prevailed in Greene county, to give a representative the second term, and as Dr. Arnett was elected in recognition of that faithful integral part of the Republican party, whose steadfast support of its principles has challenged the admiration of the world, we know of no one so well qualified for the position nor one more worthy of receiving the mantle that will fall from the shoulders of Dr. Arnett, than this bright, energetic and popular young man, Mr. Maxwell. We hope, for the good of the colored people and the interest of the Republican party, that he may be chosen to represent Greene county in the sixty-eighth General Assembly.

At the last examination held by the state board of law examiners for the State of Ohio Mr. Ghas. W. Chestnut, a bright young gentleman of Cleveland, led the class, numbering thirty-eight applicants, with ninety-three per cent. Mr. Chestnut, we understand, is a young man of thirty-one or two years, a native of South Carolina. He has been a resident of Cleveland for the past four years, employed principally as stenographer and law reporter in one of the leading railway law firms of that city. He is an author of no small literary merit. His literary productions have found places in some of the leading magazines which make fiction a specialty, alongside of those written by such authors as Henry Grreville, Arsene Housseye, Alphonse Daudet, Philip Burke Marston, and a host of other admirable writers of charming novellottes and vers de societe. Mr. Chestnut is a gentleman of whom the citizens of Cleveland should feel proud. Although he does not seek prominence, or what is vulgarly called notoriety, yet through his scholarly and literary attainments, and his modest abandonment of superficial publicity, he, like other men of his intellectual bearing, is the leverage, so to speak, which raises society to a high plane of moral and intellectual purity. Modesty and personal worth contribute more toward the advancement of a people than anything else.

A FEW weeks ago, quite a number of colored men from different parts of the State, met in convention in this city, and discussed the propriety of erecting a monument or other memorial structure commemorative of the life and public services of John Brown. After a full and free discussion of the subject, a committee on ways and means was appointed, on motion of the writer of this article (and in conformity with a resolution of his, unanimously adopted, a copy of which lies before us), whose duty it should be "to formulate a plan, looking to the erection of such monument or other memorial structure; said plan to be submitted to a convention of representative colored citizens of Ohio, for their approval or rejection, on a date to be named by said Committee on Ways and Means." Seven men from different parts of the State constitute that committee. When the names were reported to the convention by the committee appointed to make the selection, of which the writer of this was chairman, one of the gentlemen named to serve upon that committee, arose and

stated that "he would not serve if the members of the committee, individually or collectively, were expected to handle money." The chairman of the convention, Mr. Poindexter, stated, as did others, that the resolution under which the committee was appointed explicitly provided against such assumption of power, and also added that "the duty of the committee was simply to prepare plans for submission to a convention to be held at some future date." After a thorough understanding, the gentleman referred to concluded to serve upon the committee.

Now for the sequel: A member of that committee is going around with a subscription book, asking persons to contribute to the object set forth, and claiming that the committee on Ways and Means conferred the authority upon him to do so.

While the writer of this has the highest respect for that committee, both as individuals and as a body, we desire to ask them this question, plainly and distinctly: Who conferred authority upon you to grant authority to any one, in the face of the resolution adopted by the John Brown convention, which clearly stated the duties of your committee? You have no right to pursue such a course (if you have done so) and the people will not submit to it. Your duty is plain in this matter, which is to recall the so-called grant of authority, and perfect a plan to submit to the citizens of Ohio in the near future, as contemplated and provided for when you were appointed. We warn all of the readers of this paper against contributing one penny to any self-constituted agent of the John Brown Monument Fund, and to wait until such time as the people have determined what they will do. Then—after requiring the parties handling the funds to give bonds for the faithful accounting for all moneys collected—will be the proper time to contribute. Our exchanges will please make a note of this.

THE FREE AMERICAN, published at Columbus, this State, in the interest of the colored race, is a paper so full of good sound patriotic reading matter, relating to the race, that it should be taken by every colored man or woman, who can possibly spare the small amount of money asked for a year's subscription; and it should not be confined wholly to that race as it is chock full of splendid information and views that would do our proud white race good to read and digest. *The Newark Daily American.*

Modesty prevents us from saying that *The Daily American's* opinion of us is correct, but the most fastidious of you cannot, however, prevent us from thinking it. In return we say the same of *The Daily American*. We take great pleasure in saying Editor Lyon, of our worthy daily contemporary will be our next Lieutenant Governor. We are for him.

Our friends call on us occasionally, and leave a bundle of advice. Why not leave something substantial that will stick to the inward man? Advice is too transparent for digestion.—*Smith's Broad Axe*, (Pittsburgh, Pa.)

"The cheapest is the best," is the theory your friends go on; but it is not practicable. It is impractically unpracticable.

WELL, old boy, bring on your five Ohio men to match Maryland's Grand Quartette, Douglass, Baneker, Greener, Ward and Garnett. Names and men count.—*The Star*. Time is money to us; therefore we shall refrain, at present, from entering into any quibbling about men and names. Let us have a little more of "My Maryland's" history.

Practical Piety, or Doing One's Religion is Like the Picture of a Finely Out-Lined House, Does Not Need to Have Written Above or Beneath "This is a House," all who Look and See will Know It.

[CONTINUED.]

GENUINE religion is a principle as clearly practicable in all of the walks of life, as are the principles of any commercial or enterprise undertaking and indeed more so. The merchant is constantly kept busy watching the market quotations, and to be posted on the amount of supply, and demand of wares in his trade, and many times, is disappointed in his calculations because of the sudden and often unaccountable fluctuations of the trade; the failure of one man or company in the same business may ruin him, or so cripple him as that he may never recover from the alterations of his previous plans. And again the matter of competition in business must not be overlooked. It is said that "Competition is the life of trade." But many a man has found it the death of his business. While it is probably true that some men may be able to anticipate the turn of matters "on change," and to take advantage of the same, yet after all most men in the business affairs of life to a great extent find themselves moving upon the great chess board of commercial transactions. The subject or rather the result of business movements is dictated by the "Fickle goddess of fortune," the iron clad rule of the best defined business policy of to-day that succeeds in bringing to him thousands of dollars in a single transaction may tomorrow if adhered to as yesterday force him into bankruptcy, as the Scottish poet says: "The best laid plans of men and mice gang aft a-gley," has been too many times verified in the lives of men and mice, to need any argument to convince any one that it is true that "twixt the cup and the lip there is many a slip." But practical piety in our daily life is hot, and can not be subjected to any such accident.

While it is impossible for any one to foresee all the duties that may be presented by the master, it is nevertheless true that "as thy day is so shall thy grace be." Providences dark and to us mysterious come to us, amid the darkness the voice of duty speaks not from without but from within. *The Conscience* if enlightened by the divine light and love is never mistaken as to the course to be pursued in all matters of practical duties, nor indeed is there any disposition to show the performance of such duties. Conscience alone is not a safe guide for conscience. Until the heart and mind are converted is asleep, and like the physical man when asleep does not hear understandingly until fully awake. One may question or command one asleep, and if aroused to a semi-conscious condition only the answer will most likely be incoherent, hence the figure as given in the Scriptures. "Awake thou that sleepest," etc.

Men when asleep may dream of most exciting pleasures, and laugh while the countenance may beam with delight, and the whole frame tremble with the thrills of a great joy. But when the hour of awakening comes, how he realizes his phantom possession, how different from the tangible, only a shadow on the wall of the chamber of his mind. Sketched by it may be some spirit hand and to flee before the light and sound of awakened physical life as the night shadows are dispelled by the morning sun light.

Not so is it with practical piety. Virtue, some one has said is its own reward. This as an axiom is no doubt true, and there is a great deal of pent up virtue in the world. "pooled" if I may so say, against the time when an order may be drawn upon it for the benefit of those in the syndicate.

Hypothetically and hermetically sealed, so to speak, and warranted to keep a thousand years if kept dry and in a dark place. What the world-to-day is most in need of is that the virtue, emotion and religious feeling go to work in a practical and tangible way, seeking to bring honor and glory to God, and make the saying, "Virtue is its own reward" less selfish by practicing Bible teachings, and thus with a co-worker with Christ bring the world to God and receive a reward greater than the consciousness of a virtuous life, even "a crown of life that fadeth not away." We will close these articles in our next issue by citing some examples of practical piety.

THOMPSON.

Special dispatch to the Enquirer, March 4.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, March 4.—The Arnett bill to teach scientific temperance in the public schools of the State passed the House to-day by a vote of 62 to 24. The debate on the bill was one of the most dramatic and exciting of the session. Rev. Arnett, of Greene County, the author of the bill, began an exceedingly eloquent in his speech favoring the passage of the bill. Col. Harlan, of Cincinnati, acted as interlocutor, and made the chief argument against the bill. As it was one colored man pitted against another, the House listened with rapt attention.

Colonel Harlan's questions seemed only to inspire Mr. Arnett to deeper flights of eloquence.

Harlan told Mr. Arnett that his bill wiping out the color line threw nearly all the colored teachers out of employment, and this bill, requiring the teaching of physiology and the effects of alcohol on the human system, would throw those remaining out.

Mr. Arnett did not think so. He maintained that colored men were becoming more intelligent and enlightened every day. Even in the South they were on the rise, and the greatest thing they needed there was industry and perseverance. Mr. Arnett's remarks created applause in every quarter of the House.

If the assertion as made by Col. Harlan is true, then indeed is it time that they all go and our children be taught by those competent to teach. But we do not believe the Colonel knew what he was talking about when such a belittling statement escaped his lips. What a compliment to the colored teachers, and what a humiliating spectacle was that in the House of Representatives. A colored man opposing such a measure as proposed in the bill because it raised the standard of popular education too high for the colored teachers. Granted that the gentleman knew whereof he spoke, then indeed does the righteousness of the Ely-Arnett bill become more apparent. It matters not who, whether white or colored, if not qualified to teach physiology as prescribed in the Arnett bill, let them retire to private life or to some other field for employment. No, we say no a thousand times, do not cater to the ignorance and fogynism of any person or clique. The black man in Ohio is on trial still at the bar of the highest sentiment of intellectual probatoin. He is the true representative of the race who asks for only a trial of merit, to stand or fall as he is worthy. However, we happen to know personally some of the colored teachers in Cincinnati and elsewhere, who are competent to pass with credit such an examination as will be required of them and not per gratia.

Go to Wm. Fassig, 136 N. High street, for solid shoes at the very lowest prices. S. H. Day & Co.'s Ladies' Shoes, and Hathaway, Soule & Harrington's Men's Fine Shoes always on hand.

Now is an opportune time to subscribe for the FREE AMERICAN.

## CHILlicothe CLATTER.

### Regular Correspondence.

Rev. W. R. Wilson was about again last Sunday, at Pee Pee, and his pulpit at the First Baptist was filled Sunday evening by Rev. Henderson Hill, of Lyndon.

Scio Lodge, No. 1936, G. U. O. of O. F., held thanksgiving services at the First Baptist Church last Sabbath afternoon, at 3 o'clock. Owing to some misunderstanding there were but a small number of the Order participated in the exercises. Rev. Henderson Hill, of Lyndon, preached the thanksgiving sermon.

The literary concert given by Quinn Chapel Sabbath School, last Monday evening, was conducted in an excellent manner. The programme was well rendered, and several exercises deserve special mention. The solo by Miss Daisy Brown, "Dripping with the Tide," was received with favorable comment, also the recitation by Master Willie Ryan, "Roll the Temperance Ball." The music rendered by the choir was excellent.

Mr. John Miner, a very respectable young colored man of Springfield, was arrested in that city on Tuesday, the 8th inst., and brought to this city at the instance of Miss Sarah Neal of this city, charging him with being the father of her illegitimate child, which was born January 11th, last. Mr. Miner made every effort to compromise the matter, but his efforts proved futile, as the gentle maiden would not agree to anything other than the planking down of hard cash to the amount of \$250.00, hence Mr. Miner was bound over to court by Justice Micke in the sum of \$500.

Attorney W. S. Newberry of Springfield, was in the city last Wednesday and Thursday, on professional business, having been summoned here in the Miner case.

Mr. Charley Taylor of McArthur, Vinton County, and a former resident of Chillicothe 22 years ago, is spending the week in the city attending to business matters and renewing old acquaintances.

Mr. Jas. W. Hackley of the 3rd ward, was drawn as one of the Grand Jurors for the April Term of the Ross County Court of Common Pleas.

Quite a ripple was caused in colored circles, Monday evening, by the arrest of Azariah Marshall, a prominent and well to do young farmer, charged with the grave offense, rumor says, of stealing hogs.

There seems to be quite a stir and bustle going on at this time in political circles, owing to the near approach of the spring elections. I would advise the colored voters, in view of the treatment they have received at the hands of the Republican party in Ross county, to assert some political independence in municipal elections. While we are Republicans in principle, yet I do not deem it necessary and right we should support men adverse to our civil and political rights.

### HELMET.

### CIRCLEVILLE CULLINGS.

Rev. C. E. Newsome was in Columbus last Monday, to attend to some important business.

The Second Baptist Church is having a very successful revival. Rev. J. W. Crosby is doing his utmost to bring the church together, in the strongest bonds of Christian love. It is the duty of every member to enter the battle with their colors, and fight the good fight of faith.

There will be a grand social at Mrs. Annie Garnes', on Saturday evening.

Mr. Hance Thornton is one of the most thriving business men in this part of the country. Some years ago he rented a farm; at that time he was poor and had nothing but a good name. A few weeks ago we visited the farm, which he is still renting, and to our surprise we found over thirty head of fine stock, the barn yard alive with all kinds of fowls. We entered the barn, which is a large structure, and found grain, such as wheat, corn, oats and rye, and, above all,

the very latest improvements in farm implements. Mr. Thornton is the sole owner of all that is on the farm. We will give the readers of the FREE AMERICAN the active worth of our brother soon.

Rev. T. A. Thompson, P. E. of this District, held the Quarterly Conference at St. Paul's A. M. E. Church, Wednesday night. The Elder was pleased with the report.

At St. Paul's, Sunday, four persons were received into full membership.

Sunday, the 20th, is grand rally at St. Paul's, and we hope every one will respond. We must raise \$50.

The Second Baptist Church will have a baptizing soon.

The baptizing on St. Paul's will take place in June.

Only a few persons are on the sick list, and all are improving.

RECIEF.

### DELAWARE DOINGS.

Allie Mitchell was killed on the railroad last Thursday morning. His remains were brought to Delaware on Saturday, and his funeral took place Saturday morning from the home of his parents, on West Central Avenue. The services were conducted by Rev. Maxwell. The occasion was a very solemn one. He leaves a wife, and a baby who is only a few days old.

Miss Lizzie Depp, who has been living in Mt. Vernon for the past year, returned last week to Delaware, where she will make her future home.

Mr. Henry Johnson, who has been teaching school in Logan Co., is visiting his parents on South Washington street.

Misses Addie and Nettie James of Marysville, are visiting their grandmother, Mrs. A. Austin, of N. Liberty St.

Miss Fannie Graham of Mt. Vernon, is visiting in the city, the city, the guest of Mrs. Stewart Crawford of Washington St.

Mr. Walter S. Thomas of Columbus, spent a few hours in our city last Thursday. He attended the jollification at the Opera House.

Mr. John Horton of Columbus was in the city last week.

Rev. James, pastor of Trinity A. M. E. Church, will go to Conference the 1st of April. The church will make an effort on the 24th to raise the balance of his salary.

Charles Hood has been quite sick for the last two weeks.

Mr. Bunch of London, Ohio, was in the city Sabbath, attending the funeral of his son-in-law, Allie Mitchell.

Birney Stuart of Bellfontaine is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Maggie McConin.

The jollification came off on Thursday evening, at the City Opera House. The meeting was well attended by white and colored. We cannot give the programme. Crawford's Band rendered some splendid music. The Army and Navy Club furnished the vocal music for the occasion.

1st. Rev. Maxwell addressed the audience.

2nd. J. W. Highwarden.

3rd. B. H. McConin.

4th. Hon. B. W. Arnett.

We would not if we could eulogize the latter orator, but we hope if Mr. Arnett sees that his political work is done, and thinks he may retire from the field, that he has many friends in Delaware who honor him as a warrior and conqueror.

The next speaker was J. S. Jones. The 6th speaker was G. H. Wells; he spoke short and to the point—at least we thought so. The last speaker was W. S. Thomas. Every one came home well pleased with the meeting.

There will be a Tom Thumb wedding at the A. M. E. Church next Tuesday evening.

H. M.

### GALLIPOLIS ITEMS.

The A. M. E. congregation, under the pastoral charge of the Rev. Dr. Tolliver, are enjoying a most gracious out-pouring. Within the last few weeks the experience of this people has been much in the advance of the past history of this branch of the Christian church in this city. The power of this preacher has been felt in this community in the short time he has

been here. He says himself this sort of work is the element he best thrives in, and has always been in it, and now believes it is his field, for it is his following and has been his entire itinerant life. Among the most prominent conversions occurring, with others, is the principal of our schools, W. L. Clarke, Esq., and inclusive there have been 58 admissions, 14 by letter. The Second Quarterly Meeting ended last Sabbath, the Love-feast Monday eve, which was simply immense.

Much sickness in form of measles, prevails here and affects the attendance in the schools, some rooms being thinly attended.

Mr. Armstead, your agent, is gaining. His force, embodied in his address, is making him a profitable agent. He is finding the people. Success to the FREE AMERICAN.

Politics are beginning to show themselves considerably now. The spring fever elections, like sunshine and showers, are bringing them to the surface, and the local workers are coming to the front. It bids fair to become interesting, as there is the Mayor, School Directors, and several local offices to be filled.

The young ladies and gentlemen, members of the A. M. E. church, contemplate organizing a literary society of some dimension very soon, they all being possessed of talent, and it will be closely related to the church.

There is no city of the population of Gallipolis, which can boast of a finer corps of teachers in its schools, viz.: W. L. Clarke, Esq., as Principal; J. H. Lewis, Asst.; and Misses B. Webster, Carrie Mason, and Arnetta Jones. These all hold first-class certificates, and can pass any Board of Examiners in the State. Enough.

The FREE AMERICAN inculcates, what few other papers do. It gives both brain and information. Take it.

LYNX.

### OIL CITY ITEMS.

#### Notes of Interest to our Readers.

Little Bessie Lucas, the daughter of Mr. S. T. Lucas, got religion Tuesday, the 1st. Bessie is not 9 years old, and she is very bright and intelligent. She got religion while at home. The love of her many friends will be greatly increased.

Miss Mamie Lucas, Mr. Organ and Mr. Franklin were in Titusville attending Quarterly Meeting last Sunday.

Messrs. Edward Murphy and Thomas Johnson were in Franklin last Sunday, visiting some of their friends in that city.

Mr. Ross, of Corry, was in this city as a delegate to the Y. M. C. A. re-union.

Rev. Till, of Meadville, will preach in Brown's Chapel (A. M. E. Church) in this city next Sunday.

On Thursday, 24th ult., Rev. Joseph J. Jones (white) preached in the A. M. E. Church.

Mr. Harry Murphy is up from Pittsburgh visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Murphy.

Rev. Pride, the minister of Franklin, is very ill. He has been in this condition for some time, but it was not known. He has lost the use of his hands and feet and he is helpless.

Mrs. Annie Brown has returned from Franklin, where she has been visiting friends.

Mr. Spence is preparing to open his ice cream saloon for the summer.

The revival that commenced the first week in January, has ceased.

Mrs. S. T. Lucas is on the sick list. She is the choirist, and not being able to perform her duties at quarterly meeting Sunday, she was greatly missed.

There was a good love feast meeting at Brown's Chapel A. M. E. church, last Monday evening.

Mrs. Taylor of Titusville, is the guest of Mr. Jerry Williams of this city.

Mrs. Major Franklin and Mrs. Bryan gave a dinner party to the whole quarterly conference.

Messrs. Thomas, Taylor and White were down from Titusville.

Mr. Hector of Titusville is the guest of Mrs. H. L. Mann.

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MRS. FRANK LESLIE.

Mrs. Frank Leslie, one of the leading lights of the American newspaper world, and numerous publications taking such enterprise and executive ability as is required to run a metropolitan daily. She was born on a southern plantation in the French colony of New Orleans, and comes of Huguenot stock. At twenty she could speak five languages fluently and was well versed in literature. She married Mr. Leslie when he was well advanced in years, and succeeded him in the Frank Leslie Publishing house, which was in sore financial distress at the time of his death, being fifty thousand dollars in debt, which was liquidated by her in a comparatively short space of time. She is also one of the most handsome and attractive women in New York, and is the owner of a wonderful display of diamonds and precious stones. Mrs. Frank Leslie has traveled extensively, being generally accompanied by artists, and has given the world much knowledge and pleasure from the perusal of her sketches and the many illustrations that have appeared from time to time in her numerous publications. She signs all checks and money orders, makes contracts, reads proofs, writes articles, and is virtually at the head of the house, which is one of the largest in America, and to-day yields an enormous income.

### EDITORIAL NOTES WITH COUPONS ATTACHED.

THE people of the South are beginning to realize that their only reliance for the protection of their interests is in the Republican party. They will throw off the shackles put upon them by party leaders and in the future act for themselves.—The Louisiana Standard.

It is time for both the white and colored citizens of the sunny South to come to this conclusion. It is said, however, that there are a few colored men, who, blinded to all that is righteous either in person or politics, have not fully realized as yet which party is their friend, and takes an interest in their progress. But as a general thing, they are for the G. O. P. with their whole soul. It is useless for him to be for anything else, for the G. O. P. is his friend in need and in deed.

In Culpepper county, Virginia, there resided before the war, if not now, a white woman who had a male child by a negro. That child is now a man. Ten years ago he married a white woman. They have now children of school age. They were sent to the white school and were refused because their father was of African descent; they applied to the colored school and they were also refused there.

Are these children to be allowed to grow up in ignorance because of the descent of their father?—The People's Advocate.

These are children without a country. Send them to our State, and we will bring them into the ring, let them be "disfigured" ever so much.

Five thousand people of Newton county, Miss., in mass meeting assembled, have petitioned Congress through their President and Secretary, B. J. McElroy, for an appro-

pration of \$100 per capita to enable them to emigrate to Liberia.—The State Capital, (Springfield, Ill.)

These people would have been doing the right thing if they had petitioned Congress to give them 25,000 acres of virgin soil out in the back and yet undeveloped great west. This prating about going to Africa! What do you want to go to Africa-for? Settle down, settle down, down to business. Go to work where you are, or somewhere else in this broad and wealthy country of ours. These United States are rich enough, big enough, and good enough for us. In the sweat of thy face thou shalt earn thy bread. The sooner the colored people learn this and begin to accumulate and lay something by for a rainy day, the better for them. This going on fool's errands after tropical fruits is a thing of the dark, dismal past.

THE Prohibitionists of Kentucky would not put an Afro-American on their ticket, although one of unapproachable character, and unquestionable fitness, was presented to their convention.—Detroit Plaindealer.

The Prohibition element of Kentucky is a beautiful myth. We think the colored man needs something a little more substantial. He has been figuring in mythical history long enough, and we live "plenty close" to Kentucky to know that the "eternal fitness of things" does not have fair play over there.

### PORTSMOUTH, O.

Pickings and Pencillings by Our Correspondent.

Robert Rose, formerly proprietor of Rose Mount Mineral Spring, three and one-half miles from Portsmouth, has sold out and moved his family to East Fourth street.

Rev. Benj. Sales, of Roxey Belle, Ohio, was in the city last week and preached at the Pleasant Green Baptist Church. He left Monday for his home.

Last Thursday eve, a meeting was called at the Allen Chapel, A. M. E. Church, for the purpose of arranging for a celebration in honor of the Ely-Arnett-law.

Rev. Downs, of the M. E. Church, was in Ironton, the last of the week on business.

A pleasant surprise party was entertained by Dan and Mattie Biggs, at the residence of Mr. Daniel Biggs, on Thursday eve.

Mrs. Lucy Marshal, of Ironton, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Robert Rose, returned home Saturday.

Last Thursday, while Mr. J. R. Turner was working at the Hub and Spoke Factory, he was overcome by heat and suffered for several days.

James H. Scott sold one of his houses on West Findlay street last week.

Mrs. Mary Weaver has been confined to her room for several months at the residence of her granddaughter, Mrs. Jessie Lucas, East Ninth street.

Mrs. William Price left Tuesday to visit her mother-in-law, at Barbersville, W. Va.

Miss Mary Vance has tendered her resignation as Choister of the choir of Allen Chapel. Mrs. R. B. Nash was elected in her stead.

The Missionary Society convened at Allen Chapel, A. M. E. Church, March 13, and the following program: Address, Mr. Commander; Solo, Mr. Benson; Declaration, Mrs. Jennie Angles; Solo, Mrs. James Weaver; Essay, Mr. Alonzo White; Declaration, Miss Lucy Melvin; Paper, Miss Norcissa Johnson; Solo, Mr. Grant Metcalf.

Mrs. Thomas Collins left last week for Columbus, to attend the bed-side of her mother.

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Mr. and Mrs. James Merrill are happy. The eleven pound male visitor came March 8th. The mother is doing nicely.

Cards bearing the rules and regulations to govern assemblages in the church have been hung up in the vestibules of St. Paul's.

Prof. Mitchell, Hon. C. L. Maxwell and Secretary Maxwell, of Wilberforce, were in the city during the week looking after the State appropriation to Wilberforce.

A new feature in the song service of St. Paul A. M. E. church, was introduced last Sunday evening in the use of the cornet, by J. Young, and which added greatly to the already excellent choir.

The spring election promises to be sharp and bitter in Columbus. Every colored Republican should exercise his franchise and vote for the nominees of his party. Be not deceived by any independent ticket.

The Trustee Board of St. Paul's A. M. E. Church at their last board meeting appointed a committee to canvass the matter of painting the outside of the church and some other necessary work, and to report to the Board at the next regular meeting.

Robert Moss, of east Fifth ave., after a lingering illness of nearly three months, passed to his final rest, on Monday at 2 p. m. He leaves a wife and several children. The funeral took place from Shiloh Baptist Church on Friday, and was largely attended.

On the first Sunday in April at 3 P. M., the Hotel Brotherhood of this city will assemble in regalia to participate in an annual religious service to be held in St. Paul's A. M. E. church, Theo. A. Thompson to preach the sermon. The choir of said church will furnish the music. Everybody is invited to attend.

"The Arnett Club," an organization composed of ladies, married and single, will on Monday evening next tender to the Hon. B. W. Arnett (after whom the club is named) a reception in the parlors of Mrs. John Alexander, of 21st street. It will no doubt be a pleasant and enjoyable affair, as a fine programme of literary exercises will be presented by a select number of the club's members and others.

Quite a number of the young as well as older persons, met at St. Paul's A. M. E. church on Thursday evening, and under the leadership of John Evans, W. J. and S. Chanton, repaired to the residence of Edward Matthews on East Court St., where they presented groceries and a purse of money to the young wife and her afflicted husband. Mr. Matthews has for many weeks suffered beyond the power of language to express. This act of Christian charity to a worthy couple is most commendable.

Quite a number of ladies and gentlemen assembled at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. B. Jones, 319 S. Washington Avenue, Tuesday evening, to witness the marriage of Mr. James Fields and Miss Hannah Irvin. After Rev. Poindecker performed the ceremony, all partook of a sumptuous repast. The numerous presents were both handsome and useful. Music was furnished by Mr. Willis Turner's string band. After spending an enjoyable evening the guests took their departure, wishing Mr. and Mrs. Fields a long and happy life.

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**GREENFIELD GLEANINGS.**

The public schools close on the 25th of March, for one week's vacation.

Miss Flora Cannon's school closes on the 18th for a vacation of two weeks. St. Awill begin the summer term in three months on the 4th of April.

Elder Newley closed his meetings at the Baptist Church Sunday night, and left for Portsmouth Monday. He will return here and preach on the first Sunday in April.

Mr. Will Morris of Hillsboro, was in town Sunday. Will is looking well and says he has secured a patent for improvement.

Rumor has it that the long monotony is about to be broken; that there is to be a union or two; that the terms are definitely arranged and that the time for issuing the invitations is near at hand. Arise and explain, Mr. D.

Mr. C. N. Patterson made a flying visit to Hillsboro, Saturday. Result of visit not reported.

Mrs. Loggins, after a protracted illness, died Tuesday.

Elder George Breckenridge, who was been holding a protracted meeting at London, came home Monday.

Vox.

**BUCHTEL DOINGS.**

Mr. Chas. Canter, while hunting last Friday accidentally shot himself through the foot with such serious effects as to necessitate amputation.

Lafayette, son of W. B. Lee, met with a very painful accident by sticking a pick in his foot, which will confine him to his bed for four or five weeks.

Mr. Jos. Coy smiles pleasantly because it is a boy.

Mrs. Rev. H. B. Brown returned recently from a protracted visit among relatives in Virginia.

If practice makes perfect, we certainly should have perfect letter writers in Buchtel, since some of our young ladies receive an average of twenty-five letters per day last week. We would say the campaign is open. But oh! who will be elected!

Rev. H. B. Brown filled the pulpit of the first Baptist Church of Nelsonville last Sunday.

Mr. Ed. Miller is very sick, not expected to live.

Mrs. Poindecker is recovering slowly after a long and painful illness.

The death rate among the colored people here in two and a half years has been remarkably small; there have been only ten deaths in that time, five adults and five children, out of a population of 350.

PUNCH.

**IRONTON ITEMS.**

Mr. Edmond Tombs, of Burlington, O., was in the city Tuesday.

Mr. Wm. Johnson is convalescing.

Mrs. Levi Moore is much better. The singing school is getting along nicely.

Who was it that said Garrie Jones could not be mesmerized. You ought to have seen him Monday evening at the Masonic Opera House under the influence of Prof. Reynolds.

Last Sunday was a beautiful day, but being in company with March wind, killed its impression.

Mr. Wm. Bryant was home this week from Capperton, W. Va.

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Mr. John Tholver sold his fine horse last week to a gentleman in Ashland, Ky.

Gossip news tells us that there is a wedding on foot, to take place in our city within a month.

Mr. Harry Burk, of Louisa, Ky., was doing our city Tuesday. Some lady in view.

Mr. E. S. Baker made a flying trip to Cincinnati, via S. V. R. R.

Mr. G. N. Johnson has opened a new barber shop on Railroad street, between Third and Fourth streets.

Mr. Wesley Hayes left our city Monday evening for Coal Valley, W. Va.

Remember the FREE AMERICAN only 3 cents per copy. I. C. U.

**STEBENVILLE, OHIO.**

From Our Regular Correspondent.

There are two colored churches here, A. M. E. and M. E. Methodist. The former is more than a half century old, being the first A. M. E. church organized in the State. Rev. Charles Bundy is the pastor. The latter was established in the latter part of 1873. Rev. Henry W. Tate is the pastor. Both preachers are young men of ability, and their labor is appreciated by their respective congregations.

Sunday was Quarterly Meeting at the A. M. E. church. The Presiding Elder of the 7th District of N. O. Conference, Rev. J. M. Ross, was here and held Quarterly Conference. He preached on Sunday. His discourses were able efforts. The Quarterly Conference reports showed an increase of 6 in the membership of church, a Sunday School of 14 officers and teachers and 67 pupils, an increase of 16, a sewing circle of 47 members and a literary Society of 26, all in prosperous condition. The plans for a new church have been drawn by an architect and as soon as the weather will permit the work of building will commence.

Mr. Albert Johnson and Miss Rachel Ann Fletcher were married on the 2d inst. by Rev. H. W. Tate, at Mr. J. W. Fletcher's, the bride's father. The newly married couple left last week for Cadiz, and after a short visit will return to this city, where they intend to make their future home.

Mr. M. F. Walker, of Cleveland, the professional base ball player, is here with his family visiting his mother.

Mr. S. H. Davis, of East Liverpool, O., was here attending Quarterly Conference.

Mr. Red Fisk Cobb, who has been traveling extensively in the West during the last year, in Kansas, Iowa and Minnesota, is here visiting his brother, Mr. N. Cobb.

The repeal of the last sections of the black laws gave general satisfaction. These unjust measures were like slavery; they seemed destined to remain for a long time. Just as our army did in the days of the rebellion; if they gained a victory at one point they suffered defeat at another until reinforced by the colored soldier. Then victory perched upon our banners everywhere. If a just measure passed one branch of our former Legislatures, it was defeated in the other. No vigilant eye of the colored member was there to see that a just measure should not die in the hands of some committee. We are glad they were there; thus we can say we assisted in gaining our rights.

SILEX.

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The Catholic religion has its able defender in the *American Catholic Tribune* edited by Mr. Daniel Rudd, who in the true faith of Catholicism has planted upon the sound rock of "God our father, man our brother," a Catholic banner supporting a cross of a crucified Savior. I might speak of other Christian journals edited and controlled by the colored race but I hasten.—*Editor Bonaparte.*

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