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FOR BETTER OR WORSE.

Brilliant Nuptials of Prominent Society People.

The Bride's Gown—A Charming Array of Beautiful Toilets and Costly Presents—The Reception Notes.

Texarkana, Ark., Special. For weeks past our city has been all a stir over the coming marriage of the beautiful and accomplished daughter Effie, of Mr. and Mrs. H. Rodgers, to Mr. W. M. C. Kelley, formerly of Little Rock, which took place at Odd Fellow's Hall on Walnut street, between Broadway and Fourth, avenue, at 8:30 o'clock sharp. Two hundred and fifty invitation were issued. At the first notes of the wedding march, the ushers, Miss Leana Johnson, James France, Mattie Devreux and N. Powells, met the bridal party at the door, the bride leaning on the arm of the best man, Mr. J. H. McRiley and the bride's maid, Miss Lettie Goodson, leaning on the arm of the groom. The bride, who was attired in a beautiful rich cream silk, united with deep pointed real Spanish lace, stood with the groom who wore the regulation full dress, receiving the cordial congratulations of a host of friends, who thronged the hall during the hours of the reception. Miss Lettie Goodson was attired in a beautiful white brillantine, full train, Valenciennes lace trimmings; Miss Laura Johnson, Miss Green, low cut, with demi train, flowers; Miss Mattie Devreux, cream cashmere with natural flowers; Miss Willie Greene, blue serge with demi train, chiffon trimmings with natural flowers; Miss Missie Shackelford, green albatross elaborately trimmed with real Spanish lace natural flowers; Miss Luckie Scott, green striped albatross; Miss Maud Butler, blue flannel with pink trimmings; Miss Powells, steel henriette; Miss Pinkie Baker, blue cashmere, silver gimp trimmings; Miss Cora Ervins, pink serge elaborately trimmed, demi train, pearl ornaments; Miss Nobbie C. Hyson, of Hook, Texas, pearl white satin elegantly trimmed in feather edge, full train, diamond ornaments; Miss Elito Rodgers, pink nuns veiling; Miss Amanda Hamilton, blue mull; Miss Beale Lee, white mull orange trimmings; Miss Lucy Williams, blue silk; Miss Alice Washington, black surah silk; Miss Lou Williams, of Mansfield, La., black broad cloth, pink trimmings; Miss Victoria Banister, black crepe de chine, jet trimmings natural flowers; Mrs. Maggie Washington, of Marshall, Tex., lavender albatross, glace silk trimmings with flowers; Miss Annie Alexander, pink nuns veiling; Miss Jennie Bradford, cream albatross; Miss Bettie Hill, white flannel; Mrs. H. Rodgers, the bride's mother, wore brown cashmere; Mrs. Perkins, bride's sister, orange nuns veiling; Mrs. G. W. Johnson, steel henriette, natural flowers; Mrs. M. J. Elliott, navy blue serge, natural flowers. Mrs. F. M. Washington, black gros grain silk with diamonds. Mrs. G. W. Watts, black pongee silk, jet trimmings; Mrs. E. A. Clark, of Little Rock, black Serge; Mrs. E. A. Longley, of Little Rock, gray surah silk, steel trimmings; Mrs. S. J. Spencer, black silk pearl trimmings; Mrs. L. Butler, black pongee silk, jet trimmings; Mrs. M. Jones, lavender mull; Mrs. J. R. Read, gray flannel; Mrs. C. Hardee, black surah silk; Mrs. E. A. Woldrige, blue silk; Mrs. Sarah Greene, black silk, jet trimmings; Mrs. R. Roberson, seal brown, demi train; Mrs. G. Floyd, white albatross, full train. Among the many presents received from admiring friends were, two handsome silver napkin rings, by Miss Nobbie C. Hyson and Mrs. F. M. Washington; Miss Jennie Bradford, a handsome pair of vases; Miss Leana Johnson and L. Goodson, an elegant cut glass water set; Miss Willie Greene and M. Shackelford, a handsome pair of parlor vases; Miss Mattie Devreux hand made evening cape; Mr. and Mrs. Wattle, one dozen napkins; Mrs. S. J. Spencer and Mrs. Cambie, a set of toilet ware; Mrs. P. Anderson, a box of fruit candles; Mrs. C. Jenkins, tea set; Mrs. E. A. Clark, Mrs. E. A. Longley, Mr. and Mrs. Iko Jones, two lovely silk towels and handkerchief case, one hand painted, one embroidery; Mr. and Mrs. Rob. Roberson, tea set; Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Johnson, Miss Victoria Banister, silver butter dish; Mr. Wm. Cummings and D. J. Williams, water set; Mr. J. H. McRiley, set of silver fruit knives; Mr. J. E. Walton, individual caster, one silver card receiver; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Johnson, of Sherman, Tex., Mr. W. Richardson, a handsome rug; Mr. and Mrs. Woldrige, a pair of vases; Miss M. A. Washington, half dozen napkins; Mr. R. McBride, silver pleckle stand; Mrs. M., of Little Rock, silver syrup stand; Mrs. C. H. Stoke, silver call belt; Mr. and Mrs. G. Floyd, tea set; Miss Eva and Clarice Webb, set of china; Mrs. M. Jones, silk scarf; Miss Amanda Hamilton, lamp; Mrs. S. Greene, half dozen napkins. After the marriage ceremony, which was performed by Rev. Taylor, of the State Line M. E. church, a grand march led by the bridal party and headed by Mr. J. H. McRiley and Miss Lettie Goodson, then dancing until 12

o'clock under the sweet strain of music furnished by a full orchestra, under the management of Prof. J. Johnson, another grand march to supper, after which, the guest resumed dancing again, lasting until 4 o'clock. After wishing Willie and Effie a bright and happy life, all retired to the carriages which were awaiting. With a pleasant good morning to all never to forget the sweet notes as they died away, of "Home Sweet Home."

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A Timely Suggestion to Negro Artists—Let the Horrors of Lynch Law be Pictured.

Just now while the newspapers and magazines are teeming with illustrated articles on "Architecture and the World's Fair" and "Art at the Columbian Exposition," I have a suggestion to make to Negro artists. If some Negro artist does not paint a few pictures for the World's Fair, the opportunity of a life time will be lost. I understand that this Fair is not only to celebrate the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of this continent, but also to illustrate or exhibit to the world four hundred years of American progress. I would suggest to some artist who desires to illustrate this wonderful progress in civilization the following subjects for his pictures: "The Landing of Columbus." Picture No. 2 A white man bound to a stake with burning fagots at its base, while savages of the forest in paint and feathers execute the war dance. Picture No. 3. A Negro bound to a stake and about him white men wearing nineteenth century clothes. Let a few of this superior race be shown in the act of sticking red hot irons down their victim's throat and through his eyes. And in answer to the look of agony depicted on the Negro's face, let little white girls in their mothers' and fathers' arms be seen to clap their hands. Then let a church spire be seen in the dim distance, very dim, with a school house near by. Let not those other marvels of our progress and civilization be omitted. But let the other spaces be filled in by placing on a track the railroad train which has brought the excursionists to the burning, while over the track let the telegraph wires be strung which shall carry the news to papers of the land, few of which shall censure or condemn. By all means let us have some pictures at the World's Fair. Yours for the illustration of our wonderful progress in the Art gallery of the World's Fair. REVERDY C. RANSOM, Springfield, O.

Meridian, Miss. The concert at the Congregational church was a success. Mrs. Liza Nelson's 12 year old girl left home last week and has not returned. Mrs. Brown, who has been very low with dropsy, is better. Mrs. Marsh died about 12 o'clock Monday evening. There was a bold robbery on Seventh street Saturday night. Two of Mr. Suttle's delivery men are lodged in jail for stealing "there was a grand concert at Odd Fellow's hall on the 22nd. Elder Trotter has been spending a few days with Rev. Campbell. The colored people of this city should stop subscribing for Democratic papers.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

Their Mission Against Persecution, Injustice, Wrong.

The "Separate Coach" Law.—The "Clerical Lyceum"—Song, and Eloquent Speeches.

Raleigh, N. C., Special. Our city has been visited during the past week by many of the leading representatives of the Afro American race. Rev. John O. Crosby, Ph.D., president of the A. and M. College, at Greensboro, was in the city last week. Last Friday the railroad train bore into our city the Honorable J. C. Daney, collector of customs at Wilmington; E. E. Smith, ex minister to Liberia, of Goldsboro; Dr. J. C. Price, the distinguished orator and president of Lexington College, Salisbury; Dr. D. J. Sanders, president of Bliddy University, Charlotte and Prof. S. G. Atkins, principal of the graded schools of Winston. These gentlemen came for the purpose of presenting the grievances of the people and to speak in opposition to a bill, rumored to be under consideration in the State Legislature, providing for separate cars for colored people. On Friday evening we attended the Clerical Lyceum Anniversary at Shaw University, which was one of the grandest entertainments we have witnessed. At 7:30 o'clock the chapel bell began to ring and pour forth its sonorous odes to awaken and enliven the occasion. We entered the hall, which was quite filled, in company with our friend, Mr. J. A. Dodson, a member of the Lyceum for the past five years, and is now an ex-officio, also a member of the senior class of '93, and took our seats in the rear part of the house and listened to the performance of the program. Music was rendered by the accomplished pianist Mr. M. N. Bennett, of British Honduras, Central America. Prayer was offered by the Chaplain; Mr. W. E. Walker, of Danville, Virginia. Then the president, Mr. E. R. Howard, of Wilmington, opened the exercises with a brief and eloquent speech. Mr. C. S. Young, of Spartanburg, S. C., followed with an oration. It was quite amusing, especially to hear him conjugate the Negro verb. An essay was read by Mr. R. M. S. Thomas of Tobago, West Indies. Orations were delivered by Mr. W. G. Harris, British-Guiana, South America and Mr. J. E. Mills, of Norfolk, Va., all of whom reflected credit upon themselves, upon the school and upon the Afro-American race. Then came the debate: "Resolved that intellectual labor is more useful to society than physical." Hon. E. E. Smith, J. C. Daney and Dr. J. C. Price acted as judges. The gentlemen Messrs. Thomas Williams and J. E. Ford, affirmative and Messrs. W. H. Groves and G. H. Mitchell, negative, argued well and showed themselves equal to the occasion. The judges after making appropriate remarks decided in favor of the affirmative, after which short speeches were delivered by Prof. S. N. Vass, Dr. Saunders, Dr. Price and Hon. J. C. Daney, all of which pointed out the necessity of a higher classical education in our schools and were discarding the idea of turning colleges into Normal and Industrial schools, alone to suit the convenience of some white people who are yet retained as chief officers in them, and impressing the idea that there is special need of higher education that we may be prepared to run our own schools and have Negroes at their head instead of white people. The exercises were indeed quite a success. Call upon Mr. Britton Pearce, corner Foreman and Cabaws streets for groceries and confections.

GEMS FROM NEGRO AUTHORS.

Taken From The Freeman of February 18, 1894.

FIRST PAGE. We want to be too colored and not enough American. But one thing I don't forget, America is ours by birth, theirs only by adoption. Down with the idea that the white man has every chance. The fungus growth of oppression was withered away, and the bright sunshine of liberty was permitted to illumine the dense forest of slavery. There is one noticeable fact to the initiated in human nature, the less cognizance taken of an insult or offense, the speedier the offending party relinquishes his persecution, and, in the future, more will he admire his victim. C. PARKER GORDON, Atlantic City, N. J. SECOND PAGE. It is one thing to make a statement and quite another to make the proof. I have faith in the future of my race in this country, and in the integrity and virtue of our women. The Reverend Sir ought to know a combination of American genius and Negro pluck can defy the world. It can be truthfully said that the Negro is the only gilt-edge, full-

ledged and unimpeached American citizen.

The Negro is not a socialist nor an anarchist, and there is no record that he has ever shown treason to the United States government.

C. H. SHOTWELL, Chicago, Ill.

THIRD PAGE. Law is provided for men, that men may be protected from each other.

Mankind was a most automatic machine of which he controlled the throttle.

I would ask whether we are drifting? Yet my query dies in echoless gloom.

As the mind grows richer in enlightenment, the desire for universal justice becomes more a necessity than an ephemeral fancy.

And sovereign it should reign over all even greater than the people, for the people should not control the law, but the law the people.

W. L. ANDERSON, Cincinnati, O.

FOURTH PAGE. Revolutions are not accomplished in a day in the United States, any more than in other countries. Large bodies move slow, and the Negro is not the only "kicker" in the fold.

Generally speaking, he's no better, if no worse, than a white man, and like white men, who do not get everything they are looking for at once, and are often mystified by their leaders, he must learn to be fair, truthful and just in his reflection.

EDITOR THE FREEMAN.

FIFTH PAGE. The glory of our country is a possibility it opens up to the humblest of its citizens.

Many Afro-Americans during the past twenty years have sprung forth as bright as meteors, only to shine for a day and disappear, and are forgotten.

The real strength of Mr. Bruce lies in the fact that he knows no obstacles, no failures. So well has he become a master of himself that the injunction "know thyself" need not be urged upon him.

Some men believe in luck, believe in chance, believe in circumstances; strong men, wise men, have faith in the forces resultant from the established principle of cause and effect.

GEORGE C. SMITH, Washington, D. C.

SIXTH PAGE. I take it that your journal, occupying the position it does, would hardly permit correspondents to enjoy your "Carte blanche" to express themselves and in turn bar others from replying.

And so it might have been such a land, if the class of Negroes who claim leadership were possessed with as much foresight as a "last year's hen's nest," had they have brought to bear their powers of persuasion upon the men who are able to embrace the opportunities.

Now in this, Logan county, we have succeeded in placing upon 160 acre tracts each, some twelve hundred heads of families, the valuation of which, the government price was \$150 per acre, 192,000 acres in one county alone, which can be readily sold to-day, for \$5 per acre, nearly \$1,000,000 in actual valuation. E. P. McCANE, T. H. MERRIWEATHER, Compiler, Earlington, Ky.

SUSPECTED OF MURDER.

The Mysterious Death of an Old Man Imputed to Colored Boys.

St. Joseph, La., Special. Considerable excitement was caused last week by the report that Donald McCash, an aged Scotchman, who lives on Mr. A. Blanche's plantation had been murdered by two young Negroes. The rumor ran that a night or two before his death two Negroes entered McCash's house, where he lived alone, and robbed him, and after threatening to kill him if he informed on them, left. A day or two afterward McCash was found at his house dead and it was reported that he had been killed by the Negroes who had robbed him. McCash's death took place some weeks ago and he was buried by Mr. Blanche who heard nothing of these rumors and saw nothing to indicate that his death was a violent one, and who knew that the old man was very feeble and subject to spasms, but there was so much circumstantially connected with the rumormongers, that some credence was given to them, and Dr. Murdoch, coroner of Tensas Parish, La., went to the plantation disinterred the body of McCash held an inquest and had a full investigation of the matter, with the result that the only truth in the rumors was found to be the fact that the two young Negroes had a short time before McCash's death, entered his house during his absence and stolen a few articles. There was not one word of evidence indicating that McCash had been murdered. No suspicious circumstances attended his death. Two Negroes were arrested and put in jail.

BRITISH PREJUDICE.

Rumor of a Resolution Which Forebodes Cessation of Dealings Between the Races—Canada, Free Canada, Cursed by Some as Mean White Men as Texas.

Chatham, Ont., Special.

Chatham is called the home of the free and the home of the brave and it is said that this is a country where one can breathe the free air; but not long since we discovered that we have the would-be lynchers here and a dead man is evidence of this fact. It was the outcome of a fight and it stirred the blood of the white people to that pitch which caused some of them to say "All of the Negroes should be hanged." So please tell me where the land of the brave and the home of the free is? It is not in Chatham, Canada. I have lived in this town for twenty-seven years and it is to some extent better than it was when I came to it. Yet it is a hard town. No doubt your readers saw an account of the tragedy of Dec. 23rd and 24th. The fight took place on the 23rd and ended on the 24th. One man, Bob Rankin, was killed about 16 miles from Chatham. Now what had the colored people of Chatham to do with that? It is said that the Forster's court has passed a resolution to the effect that they are to have nothing to do with the colored people in any way; not rent them any houses nor rent any from them nor sell them anything nor buy anything from them. If this is true, tell me what is to be the outcome? The colored people have some very valuable property here and it means something. Many are gone to the United States and more are leaving all the time. Special meetings are being conducted in the B. M. E. church by Rev. R. R. Ball assisted by Bishop Hawkins. The Victoria Epworth league in connection with B. M. E. will be discontinued until special services are over. Mrs. Monday has returned to Chicago since the death of her mother, Mrs. Cooper. Mr. and Mrs. Conedy lost their 18 month old daughter. Mrs. Robson and daughter are sick. Nelson Robinson, a well-known farmer, of Raleigh, is also sick. Mr. Mack Saden is on the mend and is at his sister's, Mrs. Mary Ramsey, king street, east. The Freeman can be found at Alfred Allen's residence King street east Chatham. Mr. Hall Carsey is keeping a boarding stable near the C. P. R. station on William street.

WORTHY OF IMITATION.

A Lynching Prevented by the Valor of Afro-American Citizens.

Abingdon, Va., Special.

A few days ago a woman and a man were scuffling over a pistol and in the scramble the woman was accidentally shot and killed. The man was tried and acquitted but subsequently blood thirsty white men, and it is said a Negro was among them, decided to take advantage of the situation to lynch a "nigger" and accordingly set Sunday morning for the performance of their diabolical scheme. The purpose of the mob came to light Sunday morning and in a very few minutes the yard of Joe Scott's father's house, something over a mile from town, was darkened with Afro-Americans. Some had guns, some pistols, some axes, others knives, and they had come to the rescue of their fellow man. They captured one supposed to be one of the leaders but he plead innocent and was let go. The ex-commonwealth (Trigg) was there in defense of the town. When the news reached the town of Abingdon that one of her sons was about to be lynched, men left their homes, churches, families, etc., to the rescue of their brother, and as a result he escaped injury.

WOMEN'S HEADS.

Pythian Competition Drill—A Young Man Acquitted.

Portsmouth, Va., Special.

Wednesday evening Feb. 16th Mr. Alexander Gordon and Miss Annie Davis were married at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Henry Davis, by Rev. E. H. Bolden, pastor of North Street A. M. E. church, and Thursday evening the 16th, Mr. Friday Parker and Mrs. Amanda Smith were made one at the residence of the bride on

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