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CASH IN ADVANCE. TELEPHONE 4523

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Despite the prediction of Mrs. Margaret W. Rowan of California that the world would come to an end last Friday, we all can still sing, "And are we yet alive, and see each other's face?"

Man with all his knowledge and science is yet helpless in the contest with Mother Nature. Little has she yielded and with this little, man becomes proud. Then Nature exerts itself, and where is proud little man?

Governors of South Carolina no longer fear to address colored citizens whenever and wherever the occasion arises it matters not if they even have further political aspirations. Men are not now crucified politically for trying to help the colored citizens.

All people, roughly speaking, are divided into three parts, the constructionists, destructionists and obstructionists. The first part inhabits but a small part of any community; the second part is widely scattered and the third part is found only in close proximity to the first. Of which part are you?

For Sale or Hire—Some of the sages, philosophers, economists and statesmen that inhabit this city. They read nothing, but a little thing like that makes no difference. They just know any and everything. Since when anyhow has it become necessary for these gents to acquire knowledge by such a painful process?

There must undoubtedly be something radically wrong with the management of Fisk University. There has been complaints all over the country against the President by prominent alumni and Alumni Associations and last week about 400 of the students went on a strike. Fisk University has had too long and an honorable career to at this late day to have it jeopardized by anyone not really fit to carry on its great work. Find the cause, apply the remedy and let Fisk go on.

GARVEY LOSES APPEAL.

Marcus Garvey, the West Indian, of New York who has held the limelight for the past few years lost his appeal in the Federal circuit court last week. He was convicted in May, 1923 in the Federal District Court of New York, after a trial lasting 32 days. He was tried on the charge of using the U. S. mail to defraud, the charge growing out of the blowing up of the Black Star Line. In some respect Marcus Garvey was an extraordinary character. His hold upon his followers is beyond the ordinary, many being fanatical in their zeal. There is doubt however as to just how much of Garvey's plannings were honest and how much were merely crafty and scheming, the end of which was his personal aggrandizement. One thing is certain however, his plans for the uplift of the Negro was impractical and his business operations a failure. He is now in the Federal prison at Atlanta, Ga., where he must spend 5 years. After the service of the sentence, he will be deported not be-

ing an American citizen. His greatest hold was upon his own people—the West Indians of New York, where many thousands live but who think themselves too good to become American citizens. The bulk of his followers was made up of more ignorant colored people, more intelligent regarding him more of a menace than a modern Moses.

Proposed Richland County Fair Association.

According to a call issued by James E. Dickson, County Farm Demonstration Agent, a County Fair Association is to be organized. We believe such a movement ill-timed, ill-advised and altogether unnecessary. To say that, we realize is not enough. Why then, ill-timed, ill-advised and unnecessary? Fair associations are organized for the purpose of having fairs. Like most things of a popular nature fairs are agencies of good when there are a genuine need of and demand for them. The benefits of fairs are recognized now by all intelligent people, educational and recreational to some extent as they are. For the past 16 years the State Colored Fair Association has been conducting a fair in Columbia, where the farmers, artisans, housewives, business men and schools have had every opportunity to exhibit whatever of ability and skill they may have had in their several lines, besides the opportunity of coming in helpful contact with their fellowman from all over the state. Can a County Fair Association offer more? Can it in the very nature of things hope to offer as much? If not, where then is there a need for such? From our experience as a former executive officer of the State Fair Association, the farmers and others of Richland county need not so much a County Fair as the urging to enter in with zest a fair that for these many years they have had at their very doors. There is no need for a County Fair here, however much some ambitious would-be officers may think. It is all right for counties remote from the seat of the State Fair to have fairs but utterly nonsensical for a few to try to organize one in Richland County. Instead, they would be doing the race more good by trying to encourage the people of Richland county to take a part in what is already opened to them. Besides, a higher degree of real leadership would be displayed by those who think they ought to be at the head of a Fair Association. Our opinion is that the whole thing is conceived in sin and born in iniquity and no lasting good can or will come of it. Too many fairs like too much sweets but cloy.

Georgetown Items

The Allen Christian Endeavor League of Bethel A. M. E. Church held its regular service at 6:00 o'clock P. M. The service was opened by singing "Take the Name of Jesus with You." This was followed by the Lord's Prayer. An interesting lesson was discussed, subject "Conquest of Selfishness," led by Mr. Andrew J. Mack, followed by excellent remarks from the pastor, Rev. J. L. Benbow. Closing hymn, "Abide with Me." A good collection was raised. After dismissal of the League the night service was turned over to the Sunday School and League. An excellent program was rendered in honor of Richard Allen, founder of the A. M. E. Church. The program consisted of readings, recitations, quartettes, and solos. The solos were beautifully rendered, especially the one sung by the pastor, Rev. Benbow, entitled "His Eye is on the Sparrow, and I know He watches Me." If you wish to hear up to date sermons and programs come to Big Bethel Church. She extends to all a cordial invitation. The "Hollywood Four" entertained the "Youth Improvement Club" on Monday, Feb. 2nd, at the home of Mr. Thomas Horry. Quite a few of the members were present and reported a very enjoyable evening. Miss Joedell Johnson entertained the above named club at her home on Monday evening Feb. 9th. In spite of the inclement weather the meeting was highly attended by the members. A beautiful and interesting program was rendered in honor of Frederick Douglass. The Ruthites of Excelsior Household of Ruth No. 1183, surprised the W. R. Mr. J. B. Brockington, at the last meeting. It was a pleasant surprise. Messrs A. G. Gill, A. Q. Dunmore, Abie Greene, and Thos. Horry motored to Columbia Sunday and visited 2nd Calvary Church. They stated that they have been highly benefited by the sermon preached by the pastor and the beautiful singing by the choir. Mrs. Catherine Washington wishes to thank the missionary board and praying band of Bethel Church for remembering her in her sickness. Mr. David W. Washington of Brooklyn, N. Y. is here visiting his mother who has been sick for the past four months. Miss Thomasena Dunmore is still sick in McLeod hospital, Florence. We are very glad to know that Mrs. Mary E. Brunson is improving. C. S. B.

The Passing of The Standard Life.

A great deal of interest has been aroused over the "merger" of The Standard Life Insurance Company, of Atlanta, Ga., with the Southern Life Insurance Co., of Nashville, Tenn. The former company was organized and conducted by colored men to insure colored people. The latter is a white organization. For quite a few years the Standard seemed to prosper and indeed was reckoned as perhaps the largest of the colored insurance companies. Heman E. Perry was the founder and as it later developed, was the whole shebang. And right there was the trouble. Being the king pin, he began to imagine himself a Napoleon of finance or a wizard and proved to be only a Ponzi. I had the directors of the company directed as they should have, the Standard would not have been "merged" with another company. The word "merged" is used in all statements from Mr. Perry in explaining the passing of the Standard but everyone

by this ti... Standard... swallowed... company, and a... management... Perry. While... regretted that so splendid a company has passed from the hands of the colored people, yet the stockholders and policyholders need not become alarmed. Their rights are fixed by law and cannot be changed as long as the company that takes over the Standard operates. In this connection, the Atlanta Civic League has issued a statement which, in our opinion, is untimely, ill advised and altogether foolish. It advises policy-holders to demand the "Cash Surrender Value" of their policies simply because the company taking over the Standard is white, and then lining up with some colored company. But such a procedure would be paying too much simply to do business with a racial enterprise. Sentiment alone is a poor thing to do business on. Many of the policy-holders are not now insurable and to surrender what they now have would be a mighty poor way of providing for their dependents. There are some policy-holders as well as stockholders in this state. To them we would say, hold fast to what you have. Heman E. Perry as an insurance man has failed, but his failure ought to be but a lesson to others engaged in business enterprises. By no means has it any bearing on the ability of the race to conduct businesses of large proportions.

Heaven... two brothers, Mr. J... and Dr. L. A. Lewie and other relatives and friends... Heaven... JEW... LOGY ON THE LIFE... DAISY SWYGE

LEAVEN

Wh... is a paradise not Paradise? The exclusive air of New York's residential Fifth Ave.; the effulgence of Chicago's "Boul" or the dominant splendor of the Champs Elysees of Paris, majestically raises the soul to a plane whereon earthly things assume divinity. But the mind does not long remain in such meditative moods for the realization soon comes that these are the paradises of those of affluence, in which wise, the non-paradise nature looms up because of the too well known class difference. The thing which makes these conditions bearable is the fact that there has been promised a real Paradise, a Happy Hunting Ground, to all who are desirous of such, regardless to class race or other handicaps which act as a barrier to the acquisition of the fortunes and pleasures of this terrestrial paradise. We have heard before that an inevitable dualism bisects all nature; and now in the form of an anti-joy force comes the philosophic economist (though that terminology is bad, it is still not what he ought to be called) who would destroy the only real joy in the world. He said to me, that the coming to earth of the Savior was purely economic. That Heaven was to supply a land with many mansions; and His coming was to create a desire and consequently a demand for heavenly structures. Since supply and demand, and capital and labor, seem to be inseparable fibres in the economic fabric, we suppose capital will still hold its own in its New Heaven. Now just imagine how this news will be received by the ever suspecting laborer. It will be rather disheartening to him whose hope for economic equality is centered in the land where he has been told there is no producer, nor is there product; neither capital, nor labor. And since there is little probability of the materialization of the workers' Utopia here, and if they are to accept the none too encouraging idea advanced, will they turn to Mars for solace? Or will they with others otherwise burdened with the eternal problem of economic adjustment, force the issue and choose to go where it is more certain that all are laborers (except rejected Lucifer) on a common level and all of the produce the property of the producer? We only assume that in this last place there will be an equitable distribution, for the new thought advocate did not clarify this situation. There will be little need for the practise of his theories in that place of equal labor, but it might be well for him to be on hand to see how a situation can be managed without the use of economic theories and laws.

MRS. RACHEL SIMMS. Mrs. Rachel Simms, aged 72 years wife of the late Deacon Wm. Simms, passed away at the home of her daughter Mrs. Hayes Goodwin, near West Columbia, S. C., on Tuesday, Feb. 10th. Funeral and interment at Benevolence Baptist church, Wednesday, Feb. 11th. The funeral was conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. W. Neal, assisted by the Rev. Mrs. Sarah Smith of Columbia, S. C., and L. A. Lowman of Hopkins. Mrs. Simms was a woman of quite a bit of intellect and of an aggressive spirit. She was a loving wife, kind and sympathetic mother, a true neighbor and a devoted church member. She leaves a number of children and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her loss. Mrs. Mary M. Deas, N. S., conducted the services at the grave for the Burial Aid Societies of Richland County, of which the deceased was a member in good standing.

In 1869, colored men, for the first time in the history of the District of Columbia, were drawn as jurors, and served with white men.

M'Leod Explains Negro's Reprieve Ernest Vance Was Held in Greenville Jail Since 1922, Execution Stayed

Ernest Vance, Greenville Negro, whose sentence of death, imposed in 1922, was today commuted to life imprisonment by Governor McLeod, will spend the rest of his life on the public works of Greenville county, according to the governor's order. The governor's action in commuting the sentence is explained in the correspondence between the governor and Attorney General Daniel. The governor wrote the attorney general as follows: "Ernest Vance, a Negro, was tried and convicted of murder, with recommendation to mercy, during the May term of general sessions court for Greenville county, during the year 1922. He was sentenced to death by Judge T. J. Mauldin, but notice of appeal for a new trial stayed the execution. The appeal was never perfected and the attorneys later gave notice that the same had been abandoned. However, the Negro was never resentenced, and since the date of his trial he has been an inmate of the Greenville county jail. Upon recommendation of the solicitor and the trial judge, I have decided to commute Vance's sentence to life imprisonment. The question arises, however, as to whether or not I have the authority to commute this prisoner's sentence to a life term in the penitentiary, and if a commutation so worded would be binding on succeeding governors. Still another point is whether or not commutation of sentence without designation of the place of service would leave the Greenville authorities free to place Vance either on the county chain gang or in the state penitentiary." Attorney General Daniel's reply says: "Our supreme court in the case of State vs. Harrison, 122 S. C. page 527, in passing upon the power to reprieve, held that 'The power to grant reprieves is conferred upon the governor by the constitution, and there is no limitation whatever placed upon the exercise of such power, either by the constitution or by the statute.' Article 4, Section II, of the constitution, confers the power to grant reprieves, but the same section also confers the power to grant commutations, and therefore the language of

Stockholders' Meeting. Columbia, S. C., Feb. 9, 1925. MEMBER: The Semi-annual meeting of the Stockholders of the South Carolina Colored State Fair Association meets Wednesday the 18th, inst., in this city 1:30 p. m., at Bethel A. M. E. church. The Executive Board meets 10:30 a. m., same day at Secretary's office. J. H. GOODWIN, Pres., GREEN JACKSON, Secy.

DR. RHODES ENTERTAINS THE STAGS

The semi-monthly meeting of the Stags was a most delightful occasion. Dr. W. Swan Rhodes was the genial host of the occasion, the Stags being welcomed to the beautiful home of the host by his charming madam. The usual series of whist was played, the first prize being awarded to Prof. Perrin while Dr. H. Thompson captured the booby. After the games a delightful repast was served by Mrs. W. S. Rhodes, assisted by Mrs. L. J. Rhodes and Mrs. Rosa Gillard Long of Chicago.

First of Sex to be Hanged

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 10. Un- less saved by an executive order from Gov. Brandon, Mr. Earl Jackson will be the first man to be hanged in Jefferson county. The date for the hanging is March 6.

Hon. Jonathan J. Wright, of Columbia, S. C., was the first colored associate Justice of the Supreme Court of any state.

our supreme court quoted above is applicable, and your power to grant a commutation is unlimited and may be exercised at any time after conviction. You have authority to grant commutation in such manner and on such terms and under such restrictions as you shall think proper, and in the opinion of this office, you may and should specify where Vance shall serve his life imprisonment. You can not, however, by any stipulation limit the power of any succeeding governor to exercise his discretion in the matter of executive clemency." Both the new solicitor and his predecessor, and also the judge, recommended the clemency, Governor McLeod stated. The Record.

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