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The Light, the weekly paper published heretofore by Editor C. G. Garrett has again made its appearance. Editor Garrett is a trenchant writer and no doubt The Light will add to the gaiety of the newspaper world.

Columbia has a plenty of big loafers that she can well spare. Their chief occupation seems to be solving every kind of problem with their mouths and attending to everybody else's business but their own. A real day's work would send them to the hospital.

Many men are losing their lives in the attempt to enforce the prohibition law. Men who often are in no way connected with its violation and become the victim of over-zealousness on the part of the officers or of their arrogance and poor judgment. Is it worth the price?

Philanthropists are still giving thousands for the education of the colored youths. Mr. Benjamin N. Dukes of North Carolina and New York is the latest to contribute quite a sum for this purpose. Kittrell College of North Carolina is the happy recipient, the gift being the magnificent sum of \$200,000.

A colored lodge of Elks of New York City has donated the sum of \$6,000 to the Presbyterian hospital of that city. No distinction is to be made in that hospital on account of race, the management believing that pain hurts one the same as it does another. More and more the colored people are contributing their wealth to uplifting agencies.

Some of the boys in the North in particular seem to be getting restless over the failure of President Coolidge to hand out to them a few jobs—or rather positions. The President's inaction along this line however is not disappointing to us. We have, somehow, never entertained the belief that things would be much different under President Coolidge than the other Presidents of latter days.

Matthew Henson, colored, now customs clerk in New York, is the only living man who was at the North Pole. The other, Admiral Peary, who is known in history as the discoverer of the North Pole is dead. Raold Amundsen, discoverer of the South Pole, recently attempted a flight to the North Pole in an aeroplane and is now being sought as lost. Matthew Henson does not think much of Amundsen's chance of either reaching the Pole in an air ship or of returning safely.

IN THE COURTS.

Edward Davis was acquitted Friday of last week of murder by a jury in Richland County Court of General Sessions. Ordinarily this would mean nothing if

particular. But Ed. Davis is a colored man and was accused of a most atrocious murder, the victim being a popular white merchant. There are many people of other sections who constantly maintain that for a colored person to be accused is to be convicted, especially when accused of a crime against a white person. The acquittal of Davis however is just to the contrary. The chances of a colored person accused of a crime is pretty fair in most of the superior courts. It is only when he finds himself before the inferior courts that he finds a pretty hard row to hoe. And even in some of these can be found something akin to justice.

The dark spot in the Davis case however was the attempt according to the testimony of the chief state's witness, a woman, to manufacture evidence. This woman, upon whose previous testimony Davis was indicted, repudiated all that she had previously stated. Her reason for doing as she said at first was because she had been scared into lying on Davis by an officer. She was threatened with life imprisonment, the Ku Klux and every and all kinds of terror unless she lied on Davis. If that woman told the truth at the trial of Davis—and the jury seemed to have believed her—the officer who was guilty of so frightening a woman to send a man to the electric chair ought no longer be allowed to call himself an officer of the law. With such as he, no one's property or life could be safe. A man who can coolly help in and direct false testimony to the end that a human life be sent into eternity by the electric chair cannot by any stretch of the imagination be called a guardian of the law.

SELFISHNESS IN THE WAY.

For a long while yet, the Negro will hardly do much business in a big way cooperatively speaking. Aside from the fact that those who are charged with the management do not apply themselves to the real study of the business, there is usually too much selfishness, egotism and bigheadedness. Questions of the greatest importance are usually discussed and decided in terms of self, the rules of business, the laws of economics being given as little attention as an outcast, if not ridiculed when suggested. Whether or not a particular person is liked plays a more important part than whether or not his proposition is sound. To the average Negro board of trustees, managers or whatever they may be called any and all technical questions are as plain as two and two equal four. They need no one to tell them—weren't they just born with the knowledge? Other races realize that in most business of importance, there are questions and problems that can only be solved by some with special knowledge of the subject, but not so with the average colored brother, he just knows, besides doesn't he like the individual with whom he is to deal, or he doesn't like him? That's all controlling. How I feel, not what experience has shown; what I think, not what knowledge has demonstrated is the usual predominant policy. Is it any wonder that colored people so far have not many successful business enterprises of a cooperative nature? While there are numbers of individuals who have done well as individuals, there are altogether too few companies and corporations among us. But until we lay aside some of our selfishness, egotism and conceit and give intelligence a little more show, our success in business lines must yet remain individual, and thus limited.

The Searchlight By William Frank Williams.

MEN Editor Robert S. Abbott, the Chicago Defender, was honored last week in his election as president of the Alumni Association of Hampton Institute. The Association honored itself by electing him. Whatever might be said about Mr. Abbott and his journalistic policy, he is honest in his convictions and never hides his hand when he sees fit to throw a stone. Many, many white journals are just as "yellow" as the Defender. But they season their news so as to not make it appear so. They are shrewd propagandists. Read between lines when they publish crime or alleged crime, especially when it concerns the Negro. Mr. Abbott may make our blood boil, but the light which he throws on the enemy element of the white race is calculated to do far more good than harm in the long run.

Tom Lee shakes hands with President Coolidge on the White House lawn. It is amusing how the facial expressions of the mayor of Memphis and the President while shaking hands with Lee are contrasted by the Chicago Defender. President Coolidge had a broad smile while the Memphis mayor had a rather fierce countenance. But how can we judge by those expressions? Maybe the mayor felt just as happy to shake Lee's hand, but we must remember all don't laugh in joy. And again the mayor shook hands with Lee during the sad days of the tragedy—his heart was burdened as his fellow-townsmen and friends were victims of the disaster. At any rate, all honor is to Tom Lee.

Mr. W. J. Trent, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in Atlanta, has been elected president of Livingstone College, Salisbury, N. C. For fifteen years Mr. Trent was at the head of the Atlanta "Y" and his ability and hard work have been great factors in giving Atlanta one of the finest Y. M. C. A. buildings in the country. The people of Atlanta are very reluctant to lose Mr. Trent, but his alma mater has called him and doubtless his services will be more far reaching in his new field than in his present one. He is a scholar and gentleman, highly honored by white and colored and we predict a greater Livingstone under his leadership.

ERROR IN INDEPENDENT

It is hard to refrain from showing a little partiality when you are writing about a group of things and one of these things is very near to your heart. This was verified in a recent editorial in the Atlanta Independent which referred to the colleges of Atlanta, their work and the number of graduates from different departments.

Morris Brown University had the better end of this article, and the writer even said Morris Brown turned out more graduates from every department. While I have not investigated all departments, I have statistics from the college departments of four of the five colleges—and this is the most important.

The following colleges turned out college graduates with B. A. or B. S. degree as indicated: Morehouse, 37; Atlanta University, 24; Clark University 12; Morris Brown, 12; Spelman College, (no information).

On account of completeness in college work—science and arts being thoroughly stressed, and especially superior laboratories and adequately trained professors to conduct them, Morehouse was admitted to class I among

Who was Antar?—R. D. S., Denver, Colo. An Arabian hero whose exploits are sung throughout Arabia to this day. He was born a slave, but won his freedom by his bravery and rose to be the national hero of Arabia. He describes himself as "black and swarthy as an elephant." Are there any Moors living in Spain today?—E. C. N., Detroit, Michigan. Spanish population are descendants of the Moors. Was St. Augustine a Negro?—F. R. T. Chicago, Ill. St. Augustine was a Negro and one of the early fathers of the Rome church. He carried Christianity into Britain. He was born in Africa as were many others of the early Christian prelates.

Questions And Answers In Negro History L. D. B. of the Florida Sentinel has kindly furnished the information about a history of Liberia. Such a history was written by Dr. T. H. B. Walker, of Jacksonville, and published by the Cornhill Company of Boston and sells for \$2.00.

CHICAGO PROVIDES N. A. C. P. HEADQUARTERS EN ROUTE TO DENVER MEET

SPECIAL CARS TO BE ATTACHED TO WESTERNER June 5—A headquarters has been established in Chicago for delegates and visitors en route to the Denver Conference of the N. A. A. C. P., it was announced today. The headquarters will be at the Appomatox Club, 3632 Grand Boulevard and rest rooms as well as information on train service from Chicago to Denver will be available.

Plans have been completed for the westward journey of the National Office party of the N. A. A. C. P., which leaves Grand Central Terminal on Sunday, June 21 at 2 P. M., in special cars attached to New York Central's express train "The Westerner."

A special N. A. A. C. P. Pullman will be taken on at Cleveland at 7:00 o'clock, Monday A. M. and the party arrives in Chicago Monday, June 22, at 5 P. M. The party leaves Chicago at 11:00 P. M. Monday night, June 22, via the Burlington, arriving in Denver Wednesday, June 24th, at 7:30 A. M. All persons desiring to leave

New York on the special cars of the N. A. A. C. P., or to join the party at any point on the journey westward, are urged to communicate at once with Walter White, Assistant Secretary, N. A. A. C. P., 69 Fifth Ave., New York.

In Denver, Miss Helen Taylor, Executive Secretary of the Phyllis Wheatley Y. W. C. A., reports that inexpensive and good meals will be served to delegates and visitors to the N. A. A. C. P. Conference, rates being: Breakfast 35c. Lunch 35c. Dinner 40c. Miss Taylor states further: "As one of the attractions of Denver, we are also opening our summer camp a week before the opening of the Convention and reserving it for visitors for a week after the close in order that any persons who have never experienced camping out in the mountains may have the opportunity while here. Our camp is located in one of the most scenic spots in Colorado.

Meals will also be served in Denver in the Zion Baptist Church, Page Cafe, and Herndon Hotel. Masons are showing much interest in this year's N. A. A. C. P. Conference, the "Masonic Star" of Oklahoma, urging a large attendance and commenting as follows on the Association's work:

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is doing more real good towards emancipating the Negro race than all other organizations put together. We are deeply interested in this great movement and have contributed considerable of our funds to aid in their work.

Editor Carr at Gaffney.

Gaffney, June 9.—The Hon. J. D. Carr, editor, The Asheville Enterprise was here last Sunday in company with V. Stanley McDowell, City Editor of The Enterprise as the guests of the Rev. J. C. Tobin, a local minister. They both made talks at Dr. Tobin's church in the afternoon.

M. H. Holloway's Summer Business School AND-NIGHT SCHOOL FOR ADULTS will open June 15th and close August 14, 1925. An exceptional opportunity to learn the touch system of Type-writing, Gregg method of Shorthand, Business English, Mathematics and Spelling. We have had eight years of actual experience in successful teaching. Rates are very reasonable. Address M. H. HOLLOWAY, Director Benedict College, Columbia, S. C.

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