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The Governor issued a proclamation calling upon the people to pray for rain last Sunday. It rained Monday. Now, was that an answer to the prayers or just a natural happening?

Answering a correspondent of Lenox, Mass., as to whether or not President Coolidge is a Klansman, the Springfield, (Mass.) Republican says simply and emphatically, "He is not a Klansman."

Henry Lincoln Johnson, the Republican National Committeeman for Georgia is being raked over the coals for recommending Marion O. Dunning, a prominent Klansman, for Collector of Customs at Savannah, Ga. Perhaps, "Linc" has his reasons, being a past master in politics.

Two colored people and one white man have been arrested in the Rainwater murder; three colored men as accessories in the Howard killing but so far as any one knows, nothing has been done to have arrested the assassins of Pink Whaley—not even a reward offered. Whaley is colored. Is that a reason?

The United States will, now perhaps take more than nominal interest in Liberia, the African republic. Experiment by Firestone, the Auto tire manufacturer, in growing rubber has proven highly successful. America wants to find a way or place to grow rubber and thus free herself from the monopoly of Britain. But Liberia had better be cautious. Uncle Sam isn't a very kind nurse for dark people.

NEWSPAPERS AND THE NEGRO.

That there is a general policy of the newspapers of the country to hold up the Negro race to the world as a criminal race can easily be concluded from the manner in which alleged news concerning it is generally treated. About the only time the doings of the race occupy front pages in these papers is when some alleged crime is committed. These papers do not care either whether the so-called news is true or not. Perhaps, the news being sent out by the Associated Press, is taken as true. But, while the Associated Press is the greatest news gathering agency in the world, it is by no means the greatest truth telling agency. More bunk, propoganda and misrepresentation of the Negro race has been sent out by this agency than any other in existence. As a recent example: Last Saturday in Montclair, N. J., a little 6 year old white child was kidnapped. At once the news was heralded to the world by the newspapers—front page and big headlines—that "Man-

iac Negro Kidnaps Child" and "Posse Seek Negro Who Abducted Six Year Old White Girl." The article then goes on to tell about the Negro this and the Negro that; the little white child this and the little white child that. The next day however it was found out definitely that the little girl "was snatched up by a dark skinned white man and whisked away." Did this subsequent article with the truth appear on front pages? Not at all, but tucked away on a middle page with other news, perhaps more interesting for the time being. The head line too was different, oh, so different—"Maniac Sought in Kidnapping," not White Maniac, please notice. What evidently was intended was done. Not three out of ten persons who read the first account would read the second article and meanwhile the idea was abroad that the act was committed by a Negro and, being so, the whole race must suffer. This may be fair from the newspapers standpoint, but if it is right and honest or just the meaning of those words will have to be revised.

UNUSED TALENT.

Two weeks ago, the Colored Elks held their annual convention in Richmond. It is estimated that the gathering brought together from the country over 40,000 visitors—the greatest crowd ever assembled in Richmond. No untoward incident happened to mar the occasion. The whites were kindliness itself—nothing unusual however in the South as the various colored organizations can testify. The visitors conducted themselves as well behaved and upright people usually do, remembering at all times that they were guests. But to accommodate such a crowd demanded organizing ability of the highest order and directing intelligence unusual—and this task was for colored people to accomplish. Could it be done? It was done and well done. The Richmond Times-Dispatch said of it, "No convention crowd ever assembled here has been handled with one-half the efficiency that has marked the progress of this one." In another issue, speaking of the magnitude of the task and the man in charge of the whole arrangements, it said, "M. A. Norrell, who has literally a genius for organization and who had every detail at the tips of his fingers, and his assistants and sub-chairmen arranged affairs so definitely and clearly as to put to shame all previous arrangements for any convention ever held in Richmond by white or colored people." So able is Norrell, indeed, that the Times-Dispatch has no hesitation in asserting that he is mentally and temperamentally equipped, to carry through any sort of work that may be intrusted to him. It is therefore clear to those who have followed the proceedings of the convention, both before and after its assemblage, that its shining success has been due chiefly to the extraordinary ability of M. A. Norrell and his associates. The Times-Dispatch was on the scene and knows whereof it spoke. Mr. Norrell only lacked the opportunity to display the "extraordinary" ability that he had all the time. There are many Norrells all over this country whose ability could be used to the betterment and progress of American life, but because of the color caste, is being allowed to go to waste. Because, in this country, color is first peeped at, more ability is unused than anywhere else in the civilized world. There ought to be no limitation on efficiency, certainly no such artificial one as is now predominately American. The Norrells should have a chance unlimited.

METHODIST WEEKLY WARRIOR OF KLAN AS MENACE TO PROTESTANTISM.

In its leading editorial of August 27, Southwestern Christian Advocate published by the Methodist Book Concern, condemns the recent parade of the Ku Klux Klan in the National capital, and utters a warning that the Klan is a dangerous menace to Protestant Christianity. The Southwestern Christian Advocate had previously published two articles defending the Klan and it is upon these articles that the editorial comments. Of the parade in Washington, the editorial says: "It was an ignorant and defiant flaunting of the red shirt of religious and racial narrowness into the faces of the other scores of millions of law-abiding citizens and Protestant Christians who refuse to be carried off into bigoted pagan vagaries and excesses of religious Pharisaism and racial discrimination at the Klan's behest. However much it may voluntarily assume, it has no legal or allowed status or recognized role as mentor or guardian of the rights or religion of American citizens. We have a government of people, competent for these things. The Klan proposes either to usurp the functions of our government or to supplement them; if the former is their object, they should be stopped by the government; the latter purpose is an indirect indictment of the government as inefficient, and is equally blamable and un-American. If Klanism is synonymous with Protestantism, and this Protestantism is the vehicle of Christianity, in such a combination the death warrant of Protestant Christianity. A Christianity that, under dominance of the spirit of rampant racialism such as the Klan espouses, arrays groups within itself against each other; and that not only opposes race against race, but sanctions race subordination and servency, thereby disqualifies itself to become a universal religion, and loses its sanction and status as a divine revelation. In its basic philosophy, Christianity is non-racial. It must remain so or be outdistanced and supplanted by some other one of the world's living religions. "We do now and will forever repudiate on ethical, historical, religious and racial grounds that Klan-ridden Protestantism being fostered by such fanaticism as was exhibited in the Washington demonstration already alluded to. It was in no sense an official Protestant demonstration. It had not the official sanction of any Protestant Christian denomination. It is gratifying food for mental reflection that the President of the nation was not bomboozled into honoring it by his presence. As faulty as is the American church, it stands to her eternal credit that no branch of the church gave even tacit approval to that large-scale expression of racial and religious animosities."

NEVER SAY "FAIL."

(By Mrs. E. S. Nelson) Press onward is better than sitting aside, and dreaming and sighing and waiting the tide. In life's greatest battle they only prevail, who daily marches onward and never say "fail." With eye that is open, a tongue that's not dumb, a heart that will never to sorrow succumb, will battle and conquer tho' thousands assail. How strong and how mighty who never say "fail." In life's rosey morning, in manhood's firm pride, let this be the motto our footsteps to guide; in storm and in sunshine whatever assail, we'll onward and conquer and never say "FAIL."

TEXAS GIRLS ENTERTAIN DINNER AND DANCE FOR POINSET MEN IS TENDERED BY GREENVILLE GIRLS.—Mrs. Laurene W. Lee Is Hostess to Younger Set.

Greenville, S. C. Sept. 10—Little Texas is a section of Greenville in which lives a large number of the race citizens of Greenville. Last night Mrs. Lawrence W. Lee who lives at number 9 Ann street, tendered a dinner and dance to many of the younger set of "Little Texas." The drawing room and dining room of the Lee's home was all turned into one large room, "I'll see you in my dreams," and another late number from the music roll, "Let me call you sweetheart," soon caught the popular air of the guest, and they sang and danced to the strains of music. Mr. Lee's home was beautifully decorated with cut flowers and palms. The "bunch" enjoyed itself, and have the promise of many more parties for the fall and winter. Dinner was a special part of the program. A table was arranged in the large dining room that accompanied the party of merry-makers. Among the guest were: Misses Hattie Hadden, Lillian Campbell, Julia Frances Mins, Francis Gilliard, Pauline McCurry, Mrs. Bruce Jones May, Mrs. Perry Latimore, and the following young men: John Benton, J. Taylor Roberts, W. C. Sherman, T. Roosevelt Brown, Julius Williams, Allen Gilliard and Perry Latimore all of Greenville. Most of the young men are employees of the Poinset Hotel in this city, "Carolina's Finest."

A SINGING CONVENTION AT SHADY GROVE A. M. E. CHURCH.

(By Simon Davis) We went to Shady Grove A. M. E. church last Sunday, as it was an off day, being a fifth Sunday. There was a Singing Convention in session. There the following choirs were present: Shady Grove No. 2, leader Mr. Arthur Green; Turkey Hill, Dan Smith leader; Pine Grove, Alfred Childs, leader; Mt. Hebron Will Depoula, leader; Mulberry, Mrs. Pinkie Jackson, leader. I want to tell you Mrs. Pinkie Jackson and her choir taken the day. The Rev. W. E. White preached the morning sermon. The church was crowded before services. All of the choirs sang well, but Mulberry sang best. Prof. E. S. Cannon was chairman. They sang four rounds each. After the first round Prof. Cannon announced that they were going to sing fine and everybody could sing, and a collection was taken. They raised \$7.33. Rev. J. W. Martin was called on to say something. He made some splendid remarks. I was surprised to know that Mr. A. H. Nash did not take the Palmetto Leader, so I gave him one part of my last copy and gave Mr. am in hopes of getting the people John Adams the other part. I am in hopes of getting the people of St. Peter and Shady Grove to reading The Palmetto Leader. So we left Shady Grove and came home to Abbeville. We went to St. James A. M. E. church Sunday night. The Household of Ruth turned out for the Thanksgiving Sermon and the Odd Fellows were invited. The Noble Grand was absent, but the members were there to shine just the same. The Rev. Albert Long preached. His subject was "Love Never Fails." The Rev. Jas. Jenkins spoke in behalf of the Odd Fellows and in behalf of the Juveniles by Miss Ellen Green, and in behalf of the Household of Ruth. Mrs. M. L. Pope in behalf of the Juveniles. Master Samuel Garlington read the names of the following deceased members: Mrs. Marie Robinson, of

GREENWOOD NEWS.

(By P. E. Wells) The Piedmont section is still suffering for rain. The Rev. I. J. Miller of Kingsboro has just closed a very successful revival meeting at Mt. Pisgah A. M. E. church. He is a strong preacher, one of the best in the State. The people of Greenwood will long remember Rev. Miller's words. Sunday was Communion Day at Mt. Pisgah. The Rev. Richard Marshall had charge of the services. The Junior Stewardesses under the supervision of Mrs. Lilla Williams deported themselves creditably. They were dressed in white. The choir rendered most excellent music. Their procession, led by Brother R. H. McGhee was impressive. The organist, Mrs. Daisy B. Holman was at her best. At the evening services the pastor spoke on "The One Thing." He was assisted by the Rev. J. W. Douglas, who administered the communion. The East End School, under the principalship of Prof. V. A. Heard is preparing to begin work Monday morning September 14th. The teachers had a faculty meeting Tuesday. Mrs. Geo. A. Singleton has returned from a visit to her parents in Philadelphia. She also visited Professor E. D. Ward of New York City. She worshipped at Bethel Church on last Sunday and spent the day in Brooklyn, with Mrs. W. W. Beckett. Mrs. Beckett is the wife of the distinguished Bishop of South Carolina. On returning, she stopped in Baltimore and was the guest of Bishop and Mrs. John Hurst. In Wilmington she visited her brother, who is a postal clerk. President D. H. Sims and wife were callers at the A. M. E. parsonage last Saturday. He reports a bright outlook for Allen University this year. The President had a conference with Professor Geo. H. Singleton, concerning some new course which will be given in the Department of Social Science at Allen University this term. We still have on the sick list: Brother R. J. Logan, Jeff Featherstone and sister Sallie Gilliam. The Palmetto Leader is growing in popularity in the city its strongest boosters are Rev. Geo. A. Singleton of Mt. Pisgah and the Rev. W. P. Williams of Morris Chapel Baptist Church. Misses Cora and Henrietta Williams are home after having spent eight weeks in New York, N. Y. We are glad to have them back home. Miss Henrietta is a teacher in East End High School and Miss Cora is a student at Allen University. She left on Wednesday for Columbia, where she will visit her sister, Mrs. D. H. Sims. Don't let us forget Miss Lucy Williams who is leaving the city for Lake City, where she will resume her duty as a teacher in the High School of that city. Miss Williams is a graduate of Allen University also and we are glad to say that these are three young ladies with inspiration, and that is what we need among our people. Mr. Hiram Williams, who is taking Medicine at Howard University gave his mother and baby sister their glorious trip to New York City. Mr. G. L. Floyd of Columbia, was in the city on Sunday last visiting relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Caldwell of Boston, Mass., spent a few days this city; Mrs. Rebecca Buchanan of the city; Mrs. Emma Morris, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. Agnes Anderson, Atlanta, Ga. After the sermon a collection was taken. Mrs. M. L. Pope and Miss Lucinda White were put at the table, with Sir L. A. Richie to assist them. \$10.15 were raised.

in the city visiting Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Williams. They left last Thursday through the country, in their little car. We hope for them a safe trip. Mr. and Mrs. Allen Jennings, spent the day in Edgfield, visiting Mrs. Jennings brother, Mr. Charlie Harris. Mrs. Carrie E. James, Mr. L. H. Washington and Mrs. Jennie E. Vauss of Due West spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Moore on last Friday. The Rev. W. P. Williams is home after spending several days in Asheville. During his stay in the "Land of the Sky," he met several old friends from the Palmetto State; mentioning, the Rev. L. D. Gamble pastor of the A. M. E. Church, at Union and Mr. McDowell also of Union, S. C. Rev. Williams had the pleasure of shaking hands with the Rev. J. R. Nelson, who has been pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist church for more than twenty-seven years. The Rev. A. W. Williams was in the city on Sunday last visiting his brother, the Rev. W. P. Williams of Morris Chapel Baptist church. He left on Monday for Sumter, where he will spend a few days visiting his parents. The Rev. Williams is a resident of Sezwin, Texas, and a teacher at the Guadalupe College. We wish for him a very pleasant stay in our state. Mrs. C. E. Stuart is home after having spent two weeks in Asheville, N. C. There is a big time at Weston Chapel A. M. E. church this week. The Rev. N. A. Rice, of Lexington, is conducting a meeting. On Monday night his subject was: "Fatherhood" for they know not what they do." And it wouldn't be fair to the Editor for me to ask space to put the many glorious thoughts that the Rev. Rice gave from this wonderful subject. Mrs. J. A. Connelly and daughters have just returned from Allendale. The Misses Connelly say they had a very pleasant stay. The Rev. J. A. Connelly, Pastor of Trinity M. E. church has just closed a series of meetings at Estey, Seneca, McCormick and Westminster, which were a success. The Rev. Connelly is doing a great work wherever he goes. A trip around the world was given on Monday under the auspices of Trinity M. E. church, of which the Rev. J. A. Connelly is pastor. The Revival at Trinity M. E. church will begin Sunday Sept. 27. Let us all attend this meeting and make it a great success. FOOT BALL DOPE. Coach Newberry former star of State College is coaching at Brewer and will blow his whistle on the 14th of September for all candidates expecting to make the foot ball machine for Brewer. On paper our team is as good as any High School team in the State, and on the gridiron we expect it to be better. Be careful Booker T. High and remember what the last team did to you that Newberry coached. All other High Schools think before you leap on the Brewer Steam roller. Our schedule will be announced later. Card of Thanks. To my many friends: I wish to express my sincere gratitude to you for your many kindnesses and expressions of loyalty and sympathy shown me in the recent loss of my husband Mr. G. Hentz, who departed this life on Sept. 4, 1925, in Augusta, Ga. MRS. JULIA HENTZ.