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NEXT CONVENTION OF COLORED TEACHERS IN COLUMBIA.

DR. J. C. WHITE WELCOMED TO THE LAND OF THE SKY.

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schools. Dr. Geo. W. Carver, who has one hundred and sixty five new products from the peanut, and who has been awarded the Spingarn medal. President Gilbert H. Jones of Wilberforce. Many others have earned the Ph. D. degrees. One colored woman from the University of Pennsylvania—Miss Sadie Mossell.

In the last census there were 3077 doctors, 478 dentists. Some of them are the best to be found. Yet we do not appreciate them. There are more than 500 colleges and normal schools for colored people. They are supported by the church, the states and philanthropists. Gifts from the educational foundations:

Allen University, Benedict College, Morris College and the city of Columbia.

Gifts to Hampton, Tuskegee, and Johnson C. Smith University.

At the close of the Civil war, we had a very few professional men. Today there are nearly one hundred thousand professionals.

We have no grounds to be ashamed of ourselves in the economic field. Yesterday we were but chattel under the auctioneers hammer; today we own more than 600,000 homes, including 300,000 farms covering 21,000,000 acres of land, worth hundreds of millions of dollars. No race in so short a time has accumulated more.

Banks. Just fifty years ago there were very few of us who knew how to get money out of a bank, and today we have Negroes owning and operating about one hundred banks, with a capital stock of about \$3,000,000 and doing a yearly business of about \$50,000,000.

I saw a colored man deposit in a colored bank in Columbia, S. C., over \$4,000.00 at one time.

I am, myself this day, the pastor of the president of a bank, and have all the cash money that I have, deposited in that same bank.

It began in 1921, with assets of \$2,600.00. The resources at the close of the third year was \$111,461.01.

Insurance Cos. Fifty years ago the colored people of America had heard very little about insurance. And even today there are thousands who say that they do not need any money after they are dead and that they do not want to leave anything for their children to fuss over after they are gone. In the face of all this we have more than forty insurance companies operated by Negroes.

I shall mention only those that operate in Columbia. The Mutual Relief and Benevolent Association of South Carolina with head quarters in Columbia has deposited with the state Insurance Department \$32,000.00. It has assets amounting to \$77,000 employs six clerks in the office, and has over 150 agents.

The National Benefit Life Insurance Co., Washington, D. C. has a capital of \$250,000.00, assets over \$1,000,000.00 and has deposited with the Insurance Department \$256,600.00, with over \$38,000,000.00 insurance in force. It has 86 branch offices with one here in Columbia, operating in 26 states and 225,000 policy holders giving employment to hundreds of men and women of the race. Some of the stockholders of this company live in this city.

IN MEMORIAM.

In loving but sad remembrance of our dear mother and wife, Mrs. Rosa E. Shelton, who departed this life Dec. 28, 1915. Husband, Eugene N. Shelton; Children: Ethel, Emily, Rosa Lee, Edward, Eugene, Jr., and Earle.

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presence and valuable service of Mrs. C. D. Saxon who is the treasurer of the association. She has held this place for many years, and holds similar positions with the Fairwood School and the Federation of Colored Women's Clubs.

Mrs. C. A. Lawson and Miss Lawson of Sumter were the honored guests at the teachers dinner last Saturday.

PUTTING PEP IN THE SOUTH.

The controversy over Muscle Shoals which for the past four of five years the South and its possibilities before has been going on intermittently, yet none the less bitterly, has brought the rest of the country in a way that cannot but prove helpful to that section. The prosperity that the South enjoyed the fields, and not the fact South furnished the raw product and the North the finished product. Cotton was king.

Now comes a new order of things. The moneyed interests of the East and North are entering this virgin field and building large industrial plants in the vicinity of Muscle Shoals where electrical energy will be cheap, labor plentiful and also cheap, and where the climate the year round is mild and agreeable. If this building program is carried into all of the "sun kissed" states and mills, shops and factories become as numerous below as they are above the Mason and Dixon line, sectional animosities that have for so long existed will gradually die out and the country in fact be united.

Again the hand of the black man is seen in this readjustment. The thousands who left the cotton and sugar cane fields of the South for the factories and mills of the North brought about a condition little less than a panic. Large plantation owners who had been living on the fat of the land became property poor—for what good is the land if it is impossible to get farm help? The silver lining to this particular cloud is that there will always remain in the South millions of our group, the great majority of whom belong to the working class. With the influx of broader minds conditions for them will be vastly improved; the southern white man will get out of the rut of putting all his dependence on one farm product and try the sure method of diversified farming, or go into the field of manufacture. It may take years for the South to fully awaken from her deep economic sleep, but a ray of hope is seen in her yawning.—The Chicago Defender.

Drs. Jenkins Entertain

One of the most enjoyable occasions pulled off in the city in recent times was a Stag Party given by the Drs. Jenkins at their beautiful home on Pine Street, Wednesday Evening. Thirty or more stags consisting of the leading business and professional men of the city and a few visitors from elsewhere enjoyed this unusual affair. Whist was the order of the evening—All kind of Whist, too good, bad and indifferent. When the scores were made up, it was revealed that Dr. J. G. Stuart was champion, closely followed by Mr. W. C. Johnson, with Dr. C. E. Stephenson claiming first by counting backwards. Appropriate prizes were awarded to the successful ones. A delightful supper was served by the charming Mesdames N. A. and D. K. Jenkins. The occasion was voted a most happy one by all present.

Dr. R. S. Wilkinson, Negro Educator, is Taken to New York

Dr. R. S. Wilkinson, president of the State College at Orangeburg, who has been suffering with ill health for some time was taken Saturday to New York for treatment. Dr. Wilkinson has been in poor health since last October and his condition has recently become worse. He was accompanied to New York by Dr. Bernie of Sumter.

OFFER SCHOOL \$75,000 Benefactors Provide Negro Institute Match Gift.

Boston, Jan. 6.—Mr. and Mrs. Glane L. Stone of Brookline have offered \$75,000 for the endowment of the Alice Freeman Palmer Memorial Institute at Sedalia, N. C., provided a like amount is raised by the trustees. The Institution is attended by 300 Negro Children.

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objected to being competitors, with the non-productive slave labor. On the other hand slave labor was profitable to the South, first because the warm climate suited the Negro's nature, and therefore made this section his natural home, and second because the Negro could be trusted and was unexcelled as a good field hand.

The first parting of the ways with the North and the South took place on Dec. 20, 1849 when California organized a state constitution and petitioned congress for admission as a state. The North supported the measure and the South opposed it. The ground of opposition was that the Missouri Compromise Line in its extension to the Pacific Ocean crossed California, whereby a part of the proposed state was opened to slavery, this done by an act of congress which no territorial legislation could abrogate. California ought to be rejected.

The reply of the North was more moral but less logical, they said that the argument of the opponents of the bill could apply only to a part and not to the whole of California, and that the Missouri Compromise Line had respect to the purchase of La. The debate became more and more violent until the stability of the Union was seriously threatened.

"Henry Clay appeared for the last time by introducing the bill known as 'Clay's Compromise Bill.' Hearing the call from Eternity, he passed to the great beyond. Henry Clay's Compromise Bill was an idle dream.

"Ladies and gentlemen, God prepared mighty men to combat with the conditions of those trying times." The speaker mentioned great characters in history, such as Mrs. Harriet B. Stowe, the author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," Wendell Phillips, William L. Garrison, and many others who have helped to combat with the times. "John Brown's execution," continued the speaker, "brought on the Civil War more than any thing else. In 1858 a strange figure appeared in American politics. This man was Abraham Lincoln. He went to Washington in disguise, but he was a man for the time and God has always raised mighty men to combat with the times. He was the only doctor that could prescribe for American ills. His object was to save the Union.

"Some people say that Abraham Lincoln was not opposed to slavery. When he came into New Orleans he saw a Negro under the overseer with his back bleeding, he said, 'If I ever get a chance to hit that abominable institution I will hit it hard.' If you want to do right God will give you a chance. God gave him a chance. Jan. 1, 1863, he struck it with his pen, which is always mightier than the sword. He overturned the auction block and the Negro proclaimed, 'Thank God, I am free!' Some day when a boy shall climb on his father's knee the father will tell of the man who built a monument in the hearts of 15,000,000 black men. The Emancipation was nothing new, it was the re-echo of God's voice, ' whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye also unto them.'"

"When the Jews left bondage they crossed the Red Sea. When we were set free we were left in the land of our former task masters. Great men were nothing but instruments in the hands of God. 'It was not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.' We faced the greatest oppression that the world has ever known. The Jew was permitted to borrow silver and gold from his former task master, but we could neither beg, borrow, nor steal.

"Some said that the Negro would die out if left free. Since 1863 we number 15,000,000. When the Jew left Egypt he carried 600,000 men of war. Every fifth man was a soldier. The Negro has made the greatest racial progress. They are born so fast that you can hardly count them.

"Some said that the Negro's skulls were too thick. From Maryland to Texas they are crowded in the school house." Dr. White gave an illustration of an old mountaineer who saw a freight train for the first time. When he saw the "iron horse" panting, its heart throbbing, he said, "It'll never move; you can push it as much as you want to, but it will never move." When the train moved at the rate of ten to twenty miles, the countryman said as the cab passed him, by God, she'll never stop! "They are saying that we will never stop.

"There were propagandas that the Negro could take the primary studies, but not the higher studies. Before those men were born the Negroes were making Greek books. All the Negro wants is a fair chance.

"Then they said that the Negro was an inferior being. That is the worse blow of all. I will admit that there may be some people more socially fit than I am but there is nobody bet-

ter than I. "There is a color question that has gotten into the race. You can be a man; look the world in the face and say 'I am a man' Is white better than black? To find the area of a circle you must know the circumference and its diameter. You cannot take a segment and prove it. 'All coons are not alike.' Can a white hen lay more eggs with more meat and more nutrition to health than a black hen? Will a white cow give more milk with more cream and more conducive to health than a black cow? Is a white man more secure mentally, physically, and morally than a black man? Who fell the trees, dug the ditches and tunneled the mountains? The Negro. He will measure up with the white man if he is given the proper conditions of food and environment.

"I believe that when Jesus left Pilate's hall and that black man met him, that the Negro was to be the friend of God. If God has any friends today they are to be found among the dusky sons of Ham.

"The Negroes have banks, there are four hundred Negro papers, 600,000 homes in cities and rural districts, and also secret societies." Dr. White discussed several colored societies and banks.

"After the deluge the Bible tells us that Noah and his three sons came out of the ark. Shem went to the East and from him the yellow races originated. Japheth went North; and the white race originated from him. Ham went out to Egypt and founded the Ethiopian race, of which we are a part. One of these days those three sons will meet together. Let us live in peace with this Southern white man. He will love us more if he finds that we are not the cause of the racial conditions. Let us stay here. This Southland is the paradise of America. If you cannot stay here let us do like the Negro did in the haunted house." Dr. White mentioned the story of the haunted house, and further stated, "Let us stay here until Martin comes. The Southern white man likes you as an individual. The Northern white man likes you off a distance. We must work the Negro freedom out here. The Negro that pays his debts, looks the world in the face and is a man that can get any accommodation in Asheville. Let the good Negroes get together, make friends with the Southern white man and win him to our side. Stay to-

gether for good. "I thank God for coming here and speaking. These three sons are coming together again around the throne of God. Shem and Japheth will bring their contributions to the Master, but I see another coming that no man can number! I can hear the tramp

of their feet—the black sons of Ham lay their contributions at the feet of God. 'I came through slavery, I have blood hounds at my heels.' God says 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant—the battle is fought, the victory won; enter into thy joy.'

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