

NEGROES HELD BY MISSOURIANS AS IN SLAVERY DAYS

Wealthy Plantation Owners Now on Trial for Violating The Thirteenth Amendment to Constitution.

THE POOR COLORED MEN TELL TALES OF CRUELTY

Workmen Blind in One Eye Said That He Had Been Struck by an Overseer, who Used Heavy Black Snake Whip.

[Publishers' Press] Cape Girardeau, Mo., Sept. 11.—Charged by indictments with conspiracy to violate the thirteenth amendment of the constitution...

No Grand Jury Charge. Three months after the negroes were brought to New Madrid the Smiths were arrested, charged with holding the negroes in a state of slavery.

A Motly Looking Crowd. When the witnesses for the government were called to be sworn

GETS LETTER FROM MRS. R. P. HOBSON

Miss Hilda Kirkman Thanked for Boquet she Gave to "Hero of Merrimac."

SAW HIM AT CHAUTAUQUA

MR. HOBSON CARRIED CHILD'S LITTLE TOKEN BACK TO WASHINGTON WITH HIM—THE LETTER.

When Capt. Richmond Pearson Hobson was in Richmond ten days ago and made an address at the Chautauqua, one of the numerous "little" folk who paid their respects was Miss Hilda Santiago Kirkman, daughter of Senator and Mrs. R. E. Kirkman.

THE WEATHER PROPHET.

INDIANA—Showers and thunderstorms with cooler in north portion Wednesday; Thursday fair in north, showers and cooler in the south portions; fresh north winds.

A PLOT TO DERAILED TRAIN

DISCOVERED ON C., C. & L. Two Men Walking on the Bridge at Peru Find Large Piece Iron Plugged Between the Main Rail and the Guard Rail.

Peru, Ind., Sept. 11. (Spl.)—Two men, while walking on the C., C. & L. railway, bridge spanning the Wash river after nightfall, found several pieces of railroad iron plugged between the main rails and the guard rails at the entrance to the bridge, and it was only after hard work that they were able to remove the obstacles.

DIRECT HEIR TO \$5,000,000 ESTATE

Richard Freeman and Daughter, Mrs. Jos. Works, May Become Immensely Rich.

PROPERTY IS IN ENGLAND

ESTATE OF THE LATE ROBERT HOLMES FREEMAN SAID TO BE THE LARGEST NOW IN CHANCERY.

Richard Freeman and daughter, Mrs. Joseph Works, of 1029 and 1027 Sheridan street, respectively, are in direct line of heritage, along with some three hundred others, to an English estate estimated to be worth over \$5,000,000, which is now in the hands of the Robert Gun Claim Agency, England.

The heirs and next of kin will in a short time bring suit against the Paymaster of the Bank of Chancery, (England) for the recovery of the accounts of one Robert Holmes-Freeman merchant and late resident of Norwich, County Droper, England, which are numbered in the Robert Gun Agency as 66,069.

Three Brothers in England. Mr. Freeman stated yesterday that to the best of his knowledge there were three brothers in England many years ago, two of whom decided to come to this country about 1770 and make their fortunes.

Sunday School Disbands.

West Grove, Ind., Sept. 11. (Spl.)—The Sunday school which has been kept up at the Friends church, has now disbanded for the present.

Tice-Russell Wedding.

Centerville, Ind., Sept. 11. (Spl.)—Married, at the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. E. B. Westhafer, on Sunday evening at half past six o'clock, Mr. Jacob Tice and Miss Edith Russell.

"OLD WAYNE" MAY BECOME A GREAT TOBACCO COUNTRY

Benj. F. Miller, Who Is Experimenting with the Weed, Finds that It Will Grow well in This Section.

HAS EIGHT ACRES OF THE BEST TO BE WISHED FOR

Two Colored Men from Kentucky Have Been Brought Here to Cultivate Mr. Miller's Crop.

It is the opinion of several farmers in Wayne County that it will be only a course of time, till tobacco culture will be adopted by some of the most conservative farmers in "Old Wayne" and this will be one of the leading, among the many tobacco producing counties in Eastern Indiana and Western Ohio.

Several farmers a few miles north of Richmond, have put out a few acres this year as an experiment, and one of these men is Benj. F. Miller who resides two miles north on the Chester pike. Mr. Miller, although practically a new resident of Wayne county, is one of the most enterprising. He came about a year ago and saw at once that the land which he purchased was adaptable to the tobacco crop, and this year he planted eight acres.

One of the colored men on Mr. Miller's farm stated that he thought that the eight acres would average about fifteen hundred pounds to the acre, which will net the owner \$1,200 from eight acres of ground, which if planted in corn or wheat would only brought from \$120.00 to \$160.00.

Tobacco culture is one of the most interesting of the many crops that are raised. The tobacco plants are planted about the 6th of May until the middle of June, and from that time until they are cut, they require about the same amount of cultivation as does a corn crop.

The crop is harvested in the early weeks of September and after it is laid on the ground from one to three days, it is then taken up and placed on long bars in the barns for further maturing. The crop is then sold in March of the following year, it requiring all this time to thoroughly mature.

Watching Miller's Crop. The varieties which Mr. Miller is growing, are the Seed Leaf which is used in cigars and the White Barley, latter product is of the highest class it brings about \$24.00 per hundred pounds.

Many farmers who have hesitated about planting tobacco are watching the developments of the crop of Mr. Miller and it is very probable that many of them who own high ground, which is the best for tobacco cultivation, will plant crops next year as an experiment.

FRANK TULLEDGE DEAD A FORMER RICHMONDITE

One of Cincinnati's Leading Business Men Passes Away at Summer Home in Baltimore—Mesdames Ogborn and Hill are Sisters.

Frank Tullidge, a former Richmond man but who for a long period has lived in Cincinnati, where he was known as one of the most successful business men of the Queen City, died suddenly yesterday at his summer home in Maryland.

Poisoned by Ivy.

West Grove, Ind., Sept. 11. (Spl.)—Louis Osborne is suffering from the effects of poison ivy or some noxious



THE POPULAR GAME OF RUSSIA JUST NOW.

WEST SIDERS TAKE IMPORTANT STEP

Improvement Association Was Formed Last Night; Prof. Heironemus at Head.

MEMBERSHIP OVER FIFTY

FIRST MATTER TO BE TAKEN UP WILL BE THAT OF REDISTRICTING TERRITORY INTO TWO WARDS.

The residents of the territory west of the river met at the Baxter school house last night and organized into what will hereafter be known as the West Richmond Improvement Association. The officers elected are as follows: President, N. C. Heironemus Vice-President, H. R. Robinson, Second Vice President, Carl Baker, Third Vice President, Levi Peacock, Secretary, A. L. Jenkins, Assistant Secretary, Frank C. Roberts, Treasurer, Dr. S. Edgar Bond.

Fairview sent a large delegation to join with the West Richmond representatives, Prof. N. C. Heironemus was appointed temporary chairman as was A. L. Jenkins, secretary. Fairview was called upon to tell of how they formed their league and what their customs are.

It was also voted that the membership fee to the Association should be one dollar payable quarterly, the first installment in advance. Probably the first point that will be considered will be the matter of redistricting the territory into two wards, instead of one as it is now.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS TAKE THE LEAD AGAIN

Pass the Druids and Have a Lead of Approximately 14,000—There Will be Some Surprises the Next Week for One of the Lodges Now Low in List Will Show Its Strength in No Uncertain Manner.

Table titled 'HOW THE VOTE STANDS.' showing vote counts for various lodges like Triumph Lodge, K. of P., Richmond Grove of Druids, etc.

The Knights of Pythias now lead in the Palladium's voting contest, passing the Druids and having an advantage of approximately 14,000 votes.

CONDITIONS OF CONTEST.

FIRST PRIZE—To the secret or fraternal organization in Richmond or in any town in Wayne County, which shall receive the largest number of votes during the period of this contest, a STARR PIANO with MECHANICAL PLAYER ATTACHMENT, built within the piano, will be given absolutely free.

HOW VOTING WILL BE CONDUCTED. The contest is free for all. Everybody can vote without the expenditure of a single penny. Each day a coupon will appear in the Palladium on page 4.

SAYS CHURCH IS FAILING TO KEEP UP WITH WORLD

Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman Delivered a Strong Address on Need of Greater Interest in Church Work.

REVIVALS A SOLUTION FOR PRESENT TARDINESS

Whitewater Presbytery Had a Busy Day Yesterday At the Reid Memorial Church—Missionary Committee.

The meetings of the Whitewater Presbytery adjourned last night with the address of the eminent divine, J. Wilbur Chapman.

Preceding his remarks and after the choir had sung several selections, Dr. I. M. Hughes of this city, paid a beautiful tribute to Dr. Chapman, who had joined church under Dr. Hughes' pastorate.

In his address Dr. Chapman stated that he believed thoroughly in evangelistic work, and said that the world was approaching a mighty religious awakening. The present time he held was the beginning of the best that the churches had ever known.

Churches Falling Behind. One of the most startling statements by Dr. Chapman and which caused considerable comment by all those who heard him, was that the churches are not holding their own with the world, owing to the fact that they do not reach the masses.

Must Hold Membership. The churches should take special pains to hold the people who join them and the most plausible means is by revivals. Interest must be kept up in church work.

Business of the Day. From a point of business the Presbytery had all it could attend yesterday. It accepted the resignation of the Rev. Walter E. Price from the church at Shelbyville and of Rev. David W. Parks of the Liberty church.

Anniversary Surprise.

Centerville, Sept. 11. (Spl.)—Sunday was the 74th birthday anniversary of Mrs. A. F. Godwin, and it was celebrated in a very pleasant manner.

Quarterly Silver Offering.

The monthly meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Grace M. E. church will be held at the home of Inez R. M. Lacey, 22 North 17th street this afternoon at 2:30.