

POPULAR PERSONAGES

REV. J. P. BROWN, pastor of the Second Baptist church of Roslyn, Washington, has held the pastorate of that church since 1898. For a number of years he held a charge in Spokane but accepted the call to Roslyn, where he has remained ever since. He is a graduate of a Massachusetts theological seminary. Between preaching days he is a handy man about the camp in doing all kinds of mechanical jobs, painting and kalsomining. He owns his home in the town of Roslyn. In speaking of the political situation he said: "I am for Hughes and all of the Republican nominees, when they shall have been nominated. I am going to vote for John E. Frost first choice for governor and have not decided for whom I will vote for second choice. In my opinion Mr. Frost will get the vote of every member of my church and all of those with whom I come in contact in and about Roslyn."

REV. SAMUEL G. WILSON, the moderator of the Northwest Baptist Association, has been a resident of the state of Washington for many years. He lived in Everett for a number of years and endeavored to build up a Baptist church there, but there were not enough colored folks in the community to maintain two churches, and so he accepted the pastorate of the Spokane church. He, in connection with his pastoral work, has published a monthly paper for the Association, which is five years old. His daughter was the first colored child to graduate from the Everett high school, which she did with much honor to herself. At the conclusion of the Association he visited with relatives in Bremerton and then went to Everett to look after his property interests.

REV. SAMUEL A. FRANKLIN is something of a local preacher in and about Newcastle, but makes no pretense at holding a charge. For a number of years he has held the position of electrician at the Newcastle mine and he has the reputation of knowing his business. He gets a salary of three dollars and sixty cents per day and steady work, which enables him to lay by a dollar for a rainy day. He owns ten acres of land near Kennysdale, which he has stocked with horses, cows, hogs, and poultry, and on the whole it is safe to say he is one of the well-fixed men of that community.

REV. J. A. NELSON, aside from being a prominent member of the Baptist Association, is grand master of the Masons of the state of Washington and jurisdiction, and is also president of the Colored Republican Club of Pierce county. He has resided in Tacoma for the past seven years and has always been found with those working for the uplift. When the local branch of the Association for the Advancement of Colored People was organized in Tacoma he was elected its first president. He is at present pastor of one of the Baptist churches of that city and is in many other ways a most useful as well as enterprising citizens of this commonwealth.

REV. W. D. CARTER, who was re-elected secretary of the Northwest Baptist Association, has had much experience both in pastoral work as well as organization work and has always been one of the prominent men of every community in which he has resided. He has been in Seattle for the past four years and has brought the Mt. Zion Baptist church out of the chaotic state in which it had fallen, owing to long and continued dissension among its membership. It is now one of the strongest Baptist churches in the Northwest and completely out of debt. Before coming to the Coast, Rev. Carter was engaged in field work for a Baptist school in the state of Missouri. He is deeply interested in the political outlook for the colored citizens and is going to help in the fight to gain representation for the colored voters in the make-up of the coming official families.

Rev. Carter leaves Seattle in one week for Savannah, Georgia, to attend the National Baptist Convention.

From the above it will be seen that the most of those who were delegates to the Baptist Association, which closed its sessions last Sunday night at the Mt. Zion Baptist church, are more

or less prominent in the affairs of the state and are actively engaged in the general uplift.

Rev. G. E. Bailey, of Boise, Idaho, is among those attending the annual conference. He is not only a preacher, but is also a practicing attorney there and doing fairly well. His clientele, he says, is a mixed one, but a paying one.

B. F. Tutt, Seattle's popular tonsor artist and periodical dealer, has quite outgrown his present quarters and has rented a large and commodious store room on the corner, a few doors west of his present location, and the mechanics have already begun the remodeling of the same. Mr. Tutt started out on the theory that there is nothing too good for his customers and he no sooner completes one innovation in the way of improvements than he begins another. He has a splendid eye to business and puts it into execution.

WHAT HAS AFRICAN METHODISM TO SAY FOR ITSELF?

African Methodism did not spring from a spirit of ignorant obstinacy, neither was it a child of fanaticism and self-conceit, as has been sometimes charged. It arose as a protest against repression and ostracism at the altars of God. It entered its protest in 1787 with a purpose to erect its own altars and to encourage free religious thought and action.

It sprang from a sense of duty, prompted by pity and pity. Its underlying motive was to save souls; to enlighten, evangelize and to lift up mankind. The founders saw their race ostracised, segregated, enslaved and crushed. They inscribed as an insignia upon their denominational banner: "God Our Father, Man Our Brother, Christ Our Redeemer."

WHAT THERE IS IN A NAME

An Answer to William Shakespeare.

First Voice at the telephone—"Is this the office of P. Harold Jones?"

Second Voice (at the other end)—"Yes, sir."

First Voice—"Is Attorney Jones there?"

Second Voice—"Yes, sir; here at the phone. What can I do for you?"

First Voice—"Well, this is Charles A. Westover talking. I understand my wife has been to see you with some talk of a divorce. Is this correct?"

Second Voice—"Yes, sir. Mrs. Charles A. Westover has consulted me regarding a divorce from her husband."

First Voice—"Well, I'm her husband all right, and I want to have a talk with you about this matter. You see my wife's the right sort; she's all right in every way; but her mother is all wrong in many ways. Her mother is one of those D. F. professional women; a woman's right crank, always trying to usurp man's prerogative and going into business that belong to men; you know the kind I mean. Because she has a masculine voice she thinks she ought to have a man's job. She's to blame for this divorce idea, and if you will give me a half hour I can convince you. Let me bring my auto around and take you around to Harvey's, where we can have a cold bottle or two and talk this matter over."

Second Voice—"Sir, I am Pauline Harold Jones, a D. F. professional woman with a masculine voice and a man's job; also the mother of seven children."

—Ben Winslow.

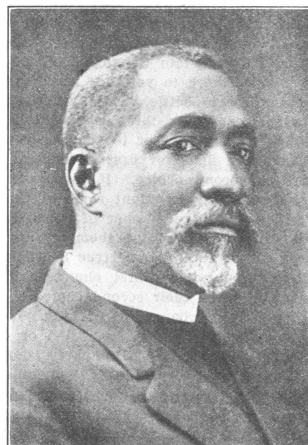
The old settlers of Seattle regretted very much to learn of the death of Mrs. S. J. Collins, wife of the pastor of the A. M. E. church at Everett, who for many years resided in Seattle. Mr. and Mrs. Collins were among the founders of the present magnificent A. M. E. church of this city. Mrs. Collins, like her husband, is a Georgian by birth and at the time of her death was fifty-six years of age. She was buried in Tacoma, the Rev. H. M. Collins officiating.

The Northwest Baptist Association adjourned last Sunday evening and will meet next year in Spokane.

Mr. John Jackson Bush died last Tuesday and was buried Thursday the Rev. W. D. Carter officiating.

IN THE REALM OF RELIGION

The twenty-fifth annual session of the Puget Sound conference of the A. M. E. church convened last Wednesday morning with Right Reverend Bishop H. B. Parks presiding. The pastor's



BISHOP H. B. PARKS

present hailed from the four states of the Northwest and are as follows:

Washington: Rev. H. M. Collins and H. P. Lawhorn, lay delegates, Tacoma; Rev. H. Milton Mickens, Seattle; Rev. S. J. Collins, Everett; Rev. C. M. Knight, Bremerton; Rev. C. B. Clements, Ellensburg and Roslyn; Rev. D. A. Graham, Spokane; Rev. W. J. Oliver, North Yakima, Montana; Rev. I. S. Wilson, Helena; Rev. R. S. Brown, Butte; Rev. J. B. Coleman, Havre; Rev. G. T. Kinchen, Missoula, Rev. W. T. Nickerson, Anaconda; Rev. R. Houser, Billings; Rev. R. C. Ralston, Great Falls.

Idaho: Rev. Wm. Gaylard, Lewiston; Rev. G. E. Bailey, Boise; Rev. Henry Mathews, Pocatella; Rev. W. H. Prince, Portland, Oregon.

Rev. F. G. Barr, presiding Elder, Seattle district and Rev. C. N. Douglas, Helena district.

The officers of the conference are: Bishop Parks, presiding; Rev. G. E. Bailey, chief secretary; Rev. W. H. Prince, statistician; Rev. R. S. Brown, secretary to the bishop; Rev. S. J. Collins, treasurer; Rev. D. A. Graham, secretary to the treasurer.

Wednesday evening short welcome addresses were made by Mr. George Turner on behalf of the First A. M. E. church of Seattle; by Miss Ophelia Marshall on behalf of the Sunday school; Mrs. M. A. Coleman on behalf of the Mite Missionary Society; Dr. F. B. Cooper on behalf of the professional men of Seattle; Rev. W. D. Carter on behalf of the Mt. Zion Baptist church and its membership. A response was made by Bishop Parks, which was by odds the most forcible and well worded address that was ever delivered in any church of Seattle. Words cannot portray the wonderfulness of the Bishop's address. It is to be regretted that the members of the A. M. E. church of this city could not arrange to have the Bishop repeat the address in one of the down town amphitheatres where thousands could hear and appreciate it. Rev. H. Milton Mickens acted as master of ceremonies for the occasion and the program was interspersed with some splendid musical selections.

Thursday afternoon a temperance meeting was held, which brought forth many splendid talks on the temperance question and from them it was plain to be seen that the *grand old church* is right on this great subject. Splendid programs for each day have been executed and it is safe to say that the present annual conference of the Northwest is the greatest in the history of the church, especially in this section. The conference closes its works next Monday evening when the various appointments will be read.

No one will make any mistake in voting for J. E. Ballaine for congress. You must vote for two candidates for congress or lose your vote, so let one of those votes be for Ballaine.

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