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"Where the Fishin' Mighty Fine."
It's just the time for fishin' that you had a hook ah' line
Yonder—by the river, where the fishin' mighty fine!
It's just the sort of weather for to stimulate that whar' the fishin' mighty fine!
What's the use in fishin' when a feller ought to fish?
"Down by the river,"
Shadow-time or shine—
Makes you think a big one
Is tuggin' at your line!

Here you sit, a stollin' in the quick, forgetful town,
An' you see the red a-noddin' an' the cork a-goin' down!
The wind is singin' "Welcome"—
The water goli' "Swish!"
O, what's the use in fishin' when a feller ought to fish?

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Makes you think a big one
Is tuggin' at your line!
—F. M. Stanton,
in The Atlanta Constitution.

HOWARD VICTORIOUS.
The Blue and White Triumphs Over Orange and Blue—
Score 5 to 0.
By C. Beni Curley.

The game between Howard and Lincoln on Thanksgiving last was without doubt the greatest game in the history of the Negro schools and would compare favorably with any game of football on record. Fully 1,000 people witnessed the game. Excitement ran high and the game was full of excitement at every stage. Upon the game depended the championship of the school among colored institutions.

The teams rushed upon the field at 2:45 amid cheering and loud hurrahs. Lincoln won the toss, chose the north goal and the contest was on. The first half was a fight to the finish the sensational play being an 85 yard run for a touchdown by "Terrible" Terry which was recalled by the referee, because Terry stopped outside. So great was the enthusiasm that the crowd covered the field, un mindful of the fact that no touchdown had been credited to Howard. Neither side kept the ball long because of inability to make downs. Both teams resorted to open play at times Lincoln however, was more successful in the open play, but on the whole the local team was superior. Lincoln's line was good, the work of Bullock in guard and Norris on end showing up at every stage. The team outwitted its opponents.

On the other hand Howard has one of the best back-fields in the country, and it has been the terror of all their opponents. Her line work was much better in the second half, Howard clearly outplayed Lincoln in the second half and the credit is due Brown, the quarterback, who took advantage of every opportunity, who thought and acted on the moment and who really baffled the opposing eleven. It was his head work that sent Gray through for the only touchdown in the game. His running in open field was spectacular. Barco handled his man well in the first half, but was unable to play his usual game, because of a sprained ankle which was hurt in the beginning of the game. He deserves his share of praise however, as do all the men who went upon the field to preserve the goal of Howard which has been so sacred this season.

The ball was kept in Lincoln's territory during the second half until the touchdown, then both teams resorted to punting and darkness, swooped down upon the game. Three times during the contest Howard was unable to rush the ball over from Lincoln's 5-yard line. The opposing team seemed to have some knowledge of the local team's signals and it was this that caused little Brown to change at the critical moment. The ball was held by Gray, star half back over for the touchdown, that gives Howard a clean sheet for the year, making her the undisputed champion in football circles among colored institutions.

The work of Barco, Brown, Dorr, Bell and that superb back-field was prominent while for the visitors, Terry, Norris and Bullock were the stars. The football season at Howard was a success and special mention may here be made of the efficient work of Manager Whitlington Bruce and Coach E. J. Marshall.

Line up and Summary.
Howard..... L. E. Durrain
Branch..... L. T. Smith
Bullock..... J. D. Moore
Norris..... J. G. Bell
Hawes..... R. H. Jackson
Terry (Capt.)..... W. T. White
Barco..... R. E. Lawrence
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Refered—Mr. Haynes, Haverford.
Humphreys—Mr. Tyler, Princeton.
Field Judge—Mr. Henderson, Head Linesman, Mr. Beckett, Touchdowns Gray. Time of halves 35 minutes.

Great Day at the Fifth Street Baptist Church.
Last Sunday finished up one of the most successful rallies in the history of the church. The officers set their limit to a moderate sum and the final report surpassed all expectations.

Deacons Club, Deacon B. H. Poyton, President. \$105.75
Macedonia Club, Sister Calthe Brown, President. 105.70
Free Will Workers, Sister J. A. Graham, President. 100.02
Uthens Club, Bro. John R. Holmes, President. 96.42
Rally Club, Sister Mary Page, President. 92.26
Lily of the Valley, Sister Mary Hamm, President. 25.48
Fairmount Club, Sister Alice Robinson, President. 16.90
Volunteer Club, Sister Alice Robinson, President. 7.05

"Black Jenny Lind."
High class concert company with Madame Ida Decker Johnson, world's greatest soprano soloist and Grinola Bob Johnson, Signor J. Robert Johnson, world's greatest black dramatist, tragedian, singer and intangible Negro dialect artist, and female impersonator, will appear at the following places: Don't miss having them:
Rising Mt. Zion Baptist Church, December 9th, Fifth Baptist Church, December 10th, Fifth Street Baptist Church, December 13th, under auspices usher's board.

Word From Br'er Williams.
"It's fine weather for catfish," said Brother Williams, "but I don't like to fishin' for so far in the winter, as it empties too many jug at do every season w'en we needs de contents at home—in case er sickness in de family, you know. An' w'en you comes ter think er it, dar's a mighty big scarcity er fish. Jus' as Georgia, in dis day an' time, an' a home-dram goes mighty good w'en de col' wind's blowin'!"

\$150.00 Endowment Paid.
Richmond, Va., Nov. 26, 1909
This is to certify that I have received from John Mitchell, Jr., Grand Chancellor of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, Knights of Pythias, N. A., S. A., E. A., A., and A., (150.00) One Hundred and Fifty Dollars in payment of the death claim of Brother Lewis Day-Jeff, who was a member of Union Lodge, No. 92, of Newmans, Va.

Col. Archer Draw, of Portsmouth, Va.
Col. Archer Draw, of Portsmouth, Va., was in the city last week. The PLANET is only \$1.50 per year in advance.

Title Would Pass Back to Johnson If Jeff Won.
By Bill Blunt.

A number of writers, especially in the West, have taken a fall out of Jeffries because Jim decided to put in a few weeks on the stage instead of immediately plunging into a strenuous course of training. They have absolutely no grounds for panicking him on that score. First of all, it should be remembered that fighting is a business the same as ball playing. Fighters are in the game for the money there is in it and not for sentimental reasons. If any of them have adopted the profession solely through noble or artistic feelings, they have taken great care that the fact didn't become general knowledge.

A fighter is influenced chiefly by a desire to gain a monetary reward and to add to his reputation. Once he has the reputation, the money follows, but it is a tough job to gain the reputation. He has to do a lot of fighting, for if it is to be lasting. Here and there a lucky punch in a fight may make a fighter renowned, but such facts are fleeting. For instance, like the time Jack McCormick faced that haymaker on Kid McCoy's chin in Chicago and made the whole sporting world sit up in wonder. He didn't have the ability to sustain the reputation he gained in a night, and it was but a month later that McCoy administered to him a terrible beating. The professional life of the fighter is anything but easy, and the odds are tilted to all their get. It is seldom they get any real "soft" money in a fight.

ALL STARS TAKE WHIRL ON STAGE.
The money they get on the stage is only in that they are not running any risk of being defeated. It is the custom of all prominent boxers is to take a whirl at stage life, why roast Jeffries for doing what every heavyweight of note the past twenty years has done? Every single one of them has plucked up this stage money from Sullivan's three down it is generally looked upon as an emolument to which the prominent boxer is entitled between fights. Jeffries and Johnson are supposed to fight on July 4, more than seven months off. What do the malcontents expect Jeff to do between now and the date of the fight— lounge about sucking his thumbs?

TWO MONTHS' TRAINING SUFFICIENT.
Jeffries doesn't need seven months' training or half that much. He has done a lot of work so far in a quiet way, and is by no means the lumbering bulk he was six months ago. He is doing some work every day and his condition is improving every day. He will be in prett' fair shape by the spring, and after he starts in actual training it shouldn't require more than two months. Eight weeks will fit him as fit as he can be, because he will have had the benefit of the long course of temperature preparation. Seven months' arduous training would be ridiculous and would kill his chances for victory as though he entered the ring with his hands tied.

Another Mad Scramble If Jeff Wins.
Say, for argument's sake, he won and then retired as ring champion would forbid him taking his championship into retirement with him. There would be but one thing left for him to do—cast his title into the open and permit the other heavyweights to battle for it. That is where Johnson's chance would come in. He could lay claim to the championship, and agree to fight all comers in his defense. Today there doesn't seem to be any heavy title in the ring, looks as though it would be pretty easy for him. He has beaten Ketchikan, King, and about everybody else who claims at all. There isn't any new comer on the horizon who look

Mr. A. C. Mabrey of Staunton, Va.
Mr. A. C. Mabrey of Staunton, Va., was in the city this week to attend the funeral of his mother. She died Tuesday night, and her funeral took place last Thursday afternoon from the Sharon Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Thompson of 104 W. Jackson street, are visiting Newark and E. Orange, N. J., also New York City.

Memorial Services of Williams Lodge No. 111, Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World.

Quite elaborate arrangements have been made by the above-named lodge for its memorial services to be held at the Moore street Baptist church on West Leigh street on this coming Sunday December 5, 1909, at 3 o'clock P. M. after a full dress parade by the lodge from its meeting hall up Leigh street to the church. The members of the Capital City Lodge have been invited to join in the parade and the ladies of the Temple to assemble at the church.

Mrs. Holman Passes Away.
HOLMAN—Mrs. Phoebe J. Holman died November 21, 1909 at the residence of her sister, Mrs. Jackson Street, at which place she had been since September 24th. She had been failing in health for nearly two years, during which time she was a great sufferer, but she bore it patiently.

Notes Concerning The Vernon Lecture.
Every one who takes pleasure in the achievement of the Negro should take advantage of the rare opportunity to see and hear the distinguished Negro, whose signature is required to make good every bond and all paper currency issued by this great Government in eloquence he has a few equals and no superiors. For two years, Richmond has tried to secure him for a lecture, and those who fail to hear him at the True Reformers Hall, Thursday evening, December 9, 1899, may never again have that opportunity.

The Elder's Friends Presenting Their Side—Civil Suit in Progress.
An Expansive Litigation.
Petersburg, Nov. 29. Depositions were begun today before a notary public in the chancery cause instituted by the anti-Tariff faction in the Harrison Street (Colored) Baptist Church, having for its object the ousting from office of Pastor Elliott and his officers, and restraining them from interference in the conduct of the affairs of the church. The testimony now being taken is in the interest of the Tariff faction, and as there are a great number of witnesses, several days will be consumed in taking the depositions. Judge Mullen some time ago declined to sit further in this civil action, and when the cause is ready for court will probably be heard by Judge J. T. West of the adjoining circuit. The firm of Smith, Moncure and Gordon, of Richmond, is counsel for the complainants in this cause.

Funeral of Mrs. Cross.
The funeral of Mrs. Lavinia Price Cross took place Tuesday, November 30, at 2:30 o'clock from her husband's residence 1211 North First Street. The service was conducted by Rev. W. T. Johnson, assisted by Dr. W. H. White and Rev. E. C. Duly, of Burkesville, Va.

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Springtime in Winter.
The meadow dreams of violets, a bird is on the wing,
And the sunlight's streaming—
dawning where the honey-suckles swing.
The vines are looking brighter on the old porch there at home,
And it seems the bees are browsing, and making honeycomb.

Springtime in winter—
To that tune it goes.
Seek the sweetest garden,
And give your love a rose!

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BANNER YEAR FOR FARMERS
Value of Crops so Large Figures Pass Comprehension.

REPORT ON AGRICULTURE
Secretary Wilson Says High Prices Helped, But Bumper Crops Also Played Important Part—Result of Investigation Into Price of Meat.

Washington, Dec. 1. Most prosperous of all years is the place to which 1909 is entitled in agriculture says Secretary of Agriculture Wilson in his thirteenth annual report. The value of farm products is so incomprehensibly large that it has become merely a row of figures for this year it is \$8,700,000,000 a gain of \$89,000,000 over 1908.

The value of the products has nearly doubled in ten years. It has paid off mortgages it has established banks it has made better homes. It has helped to make the farmer a citizen of the world and it has provided him with means for improving his soil and making more productive.

Corn cotton more productive than ever reaching this stupendous result. The November farm value of these staples was corn, \$1,720,000,000 cotton, \$850,000,000, wheat, \$725,000,000; hay, \$665,000,000, and oats, \$400,000,000. Trailing along came potatoes, \$212,000,000, tobacco, \$100,000,000 and sugar \$95,000,000.

High prices helped to bring this immense sum to the farmers but a bumper crop also played an important part, as the production of all cereals combined is 711,000,000 bushels, an amount considerably greater than that for any other year except 1906. It exceeds the average of the preceding five years by 65 per cent. The value of all cereals in 1909 has never been equaled in a previous year. It is almost exactly \$2,000,000,000 or 24 per cent above the five-year average.

Prices of Meat.
Secretary Wilson has just finished a unique investigation relating to the increase of wholesale prices of beef when sold at retail. Inquiries were made in fifty cities large medium and small in all parts of the country and it was found that for the fifty cities the total retail cost charged to customers above the wholesale cost paid by the retailers is 38 per cent.

Lodge of Borrow.
You and your friends are cordially invited to attend the Lodge of Borrow, Capital City, No. 11, I. B. P. U. E or W. Sunday December 5, 1909 at Globe Theatre, North First Street, Richmond, Va. at 2:30 o'clock. Va. Isaac Johnson, Exalted Ruler; Thas Stotz and Guley, Dr. Charles B. Jackson. Address, Rev. Charles Somers, St. Philips P. E. Church.

PROGRAMME:
Dirge—Dolores. Dixie Orchestra Opening Ceremony. Lodge Prayer and Scripture Reading. Rev. Charles Somers. Congregational Hymn. St. Philips Chotr. Tenor Solo. Some Resting Place. Mr. Benjamin Deano. (a) My Lodging on the Cold Ground Inst. Quartette, Smith. (b) Vocal Quartette. Eleven O'clock Toast, W. B. Smith. To Dogn Laudamus, St. Philips Chotr. Moving Pictures and Dixie Orchestra. Benediction and Dirge—Miss Signs and Tears. Master of Ceremonies, Dr. R. El Jones.

Shorting Editor of the Press.
Sir In view of the fact that the New York Press has been one of the few papers that has given me a square deal from the start, I take pleasure on the eve of my signing the final agreement for a bout with James Jeffries, in which I will defend my title as the heavyweight champion of the world, in writing something that may interest your readers. Though I consider James J. Jeffries one of the greatest men that ever donned a glove, I can lick Jeffries just as sure as God made little apples.

I have tried for years to bring the big fellow to terms. The statement printed in some newspapers that Jeffries met me in a San Francisco cafe and dared me to come down in the cellar and fight, and that I refused, is false. The "come down in the cellar and may the best man come up" statement made good reading, but it was not true. I never met Jeffries under those circumstances. I repeat that I tried for years to get him into the ring with me, and only met with success recently.

I am glad that at last it seems we will have a chance to meet in the square circle. Regarding the referee I will say that I will be satisfied with Jack Welsh, Eddie Graney, or Eddie Smith. I anticipate no difficulty in making final arrangements for the bout.

Regarding a possible bout with Sam Langford before I meet Jeffries I wish to say that I will be in New York for a week. If Sam Langford within that time will post \$10,000 with any reputable party in New York to go as a side bet I will fight Langford within 30 days of posting the money. Persons only need to read the newspaper accounts of one of my meetings with Langford to know that I can give him one of the worst beatings ever given to a man in the square circle.

I, as heavyweight champion of the world, stand ready to defend my title at all times against any man that can show he deserves a chance to meet me. Yours truly,
JACK JOHNSON
A Good Home.
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