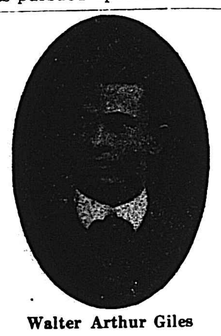
A HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER RESIGNS

Mr. Walter A. Giles, Instructor of Physical Training, Called to Larger Field

Mr. Walter Arthur Giles, who gave up the position of instructor of physical training in the Colored High School to accept the position of physical director in the colored public schools of St. Louis, is one of the most capable athletic instructors in the country.

Born in Texas, he spent his early life as a ranchman gaining much of that experience that has been invaluable to him in his chosen line. He taught three years in the public schools of Texas, after which he completed the course at the State Colored College, of Texas. He then attended the Y. M. C. Training School, at Springfield, Mass., graduating in 1906. While at Springfield he spent his summers in boys' camps and as a life guard at swimming pools.

He became director of physical training at Fisk University in 1906, where he built a commendable athletic work. While at Fisk University he conducted the first citywide athletic event in Nashville, Tenn. He has pursued special courses at



Walter Arthur Giles

the Lake George Summer School and Harvard University Summer School.

During the nearly two years that he served as director of physical training in the Colored High School, he succeeded in kindling great interest in athletics here. Track events, basket ball and the athletic center on Pennsylvania avenue were among the things which he was prominently connected. He was a leading spirit in the Batimore Athletic League, and his going means the loss of one who was genuinely in the work of developing healthy bodies in girls and boys. Mr. Arthur E. Wheeler has succeeded him at the High School, and Mr. Llewelyn Wilson is looking after his work at the recreation center on Pennsylvania avenue.

Death Of A Pioneer And Well-known Man

Mr. George W. Lester Dies After A Brief Illness At His Residence.

Mr. George W. Lester, Sr., one of the best known of the older residents of the city, died at his home 1321 Argyle avenue, last Friday morning after a brief illness. He was born in Somerset county 82 years ago, but had lived in this city for nearly 80 years.

For over 40 years the deceased as engaged in the poultry business, having stalls in he Lexington, Hanover, and the old Marsh Markets. He was a member of John Wesley Church for 54 years, and was an officer of the same since 1864. He had served as president of the board of trustees of the church since the death of Joseph Thomas, who was the wealthiest colored man in the city a generation ago.

Mr. Lester was self educated and had a wide range of knowledge. For a number of years he lived in South Baltmore, and had always made it a practice to walk down there to his church, as well as to his barber.

He is survived by his wife, to whom he was married 49 years ago; two sons, one daughter and five grandchildren. His daughter, Mrs. Annie G. Heath, is grand secretary of the Galilean Fishermen.

Funeral services were held at John Wesley Church Monday afternoon. The principal eulogy was delivered by Rev. Ernest Lyon, pastor of the church. Revs. Palestine G. Henry, A. Brown, and N. M. Carroll also delivered eulogies. The floral tributes were numerous and handsome. Interment was in the family lot at Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

AGAINST TAFT FOR RENOMINATION

Dr. H. J. Brown, A Veteran Of Many Political Battles, Endorses Roosevelt

"I am strongly for the nomination of Theodore Roosevelt for the presdency,' was the emphatic declaration made by Dr. H. J. Brown, a veteran of many political fights and one of the 306 delegates that stood for the nomination of Grant for 36 ballots at the Republican National Convention in 1880.

"I have not taken any active part in politics since 1897, when I headed the Committee of 100, which was organized as a protest against the Negro being discrminated against in city and State politics.

"Mr. Taft has had three years in which to show his desire to treat colored Americans as other classes of American citizensare treated. His southern policy of excluding the Negro from prominent federal positions in that section of the country and the fact that he has appointed two Southern men as members of the United States Supreme Court and elevated another as Chief Justice—men who could reasonably be expected to render decisions against the rights of colored men as citizens—should make every Negro in the country opposed to his renomination and reelection.

"I know some will oppose Mr. Roosevelt for his discharge of the colored soldiers at Brownville but I remember the Crum appointment and the Indianola affairs as proofs of his backbone in standing up for the race. I am opposed to Mr. Taft, and will not support him for renomination or reelection and will vote for a Democrat like Governor Woodrow Wilson in preference to him."

THE FORUM.

Dr. Fowler States His Position.

It is with becoming respect for my friends of both races that I set forth some expressions as to why I allowed myself to apply to Governor Goldsborough for an appointment.

I am not a perennial office-seeker, nor do I wish to dominate but after due deliberations with friends and leaders throughout the State, I decided to ask for the position as coroner at large for the city of Baltimore, to look after the interest of the Negroes of said city. I wish to further state I am not a pauper, but a taxpayer on twenty thousand dollars worth of property which is much more than can be said of many who have been appointed. Of the nearly sixty-five thousand Negro voters of Maryland, who think as well as the people of the opposite race, many of them admire and love a straight and strong man, but the weakling has no place in the equation of their admiration, regardless of politics or religious belief.

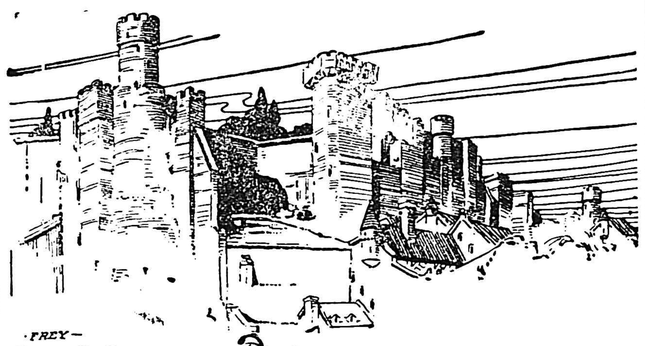
After making a fairly creditable finish of the last State campaign, the colored leaders throughout the State desired to begin at once to thoroughly organize and educate to a normal standing their entire electorate, and thereby strengthen the party for future battles for right principles. But beliveing it wise to first test the loyality of their leaders, they, through me, asked for small morsel ot the patronage which they had so nobly aided in securing. The Governor had at his disposal five thousand appointments, and it was as little as he could do to give to the colored race at least one position out of the number. But this, little as it was, was denied us. Thinking calmly, it seems no more to us to ask the Governor for the appointment as named above than to ask for the position as teacher or something similar.

But we see practically no consideration given us in return for our loyal support. We do not understand the Governor's action. Certainly, he knows that we have aided him, and that we are competent to do it again, yet he seems to forget that we have reached that degree of intelligence, wherein some encouraging incentive is a very necessary factor. Certainly, he would be right in considering us an unworthy set of idiotics, if after rendering faithful service, march up to him and say "Sir, render us nothing.'

It is said that he submitted all of the applications for coroners for this city to a certain number of prominent physicians here, that they might select and return to him such ones as they thought qualified. If so how did these physicians judge the merits of the applicants? Did they give an examination or did they pick out their friends for recommendation? Be it as it may, it is noted that all of the physicians south of Baltimore street were ignored. Only one in the Fourth district, a member of the present General Assembly, was appointed. If, therefore, the approximately sixty-five thousand black Republicans are to aid the approximately forty-five thousand white Republicans indefinitely without any further consideration than merely aid them, there occurs to me a grave question.

C. H. Fowler, M. D.

The Provident Bank and Trust Company, of Fort Worth, Tex., has been forced to suspend operation. It was started about five years ago.



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By Wilbur D. Nesbit

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The days and nights of a thousand men.

You who saw it arise, you know
How the girders were woven in,
Up and over and to and fro—
As a spider had huger kin
That were weaving a web of size
Which should swing from the bending skies.

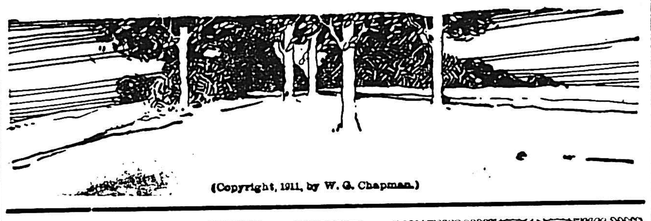
We know, too, how they interlace—
Brick and granite and steel—Ah, yes,
These were hurried each to its place,
Shaped and blended in comeliness,
Formed and finished in massive grace
True and perfect from roof to base.

Roof and window and wall and floor—
You have seen them, and see them now;
They the structure—But is there more?
Is there nothing to tell, somehow,
Of the burdens, the burdens the builders bore,
Of the callous their fingers wore?

Rich mosaic beneath your heel—
And the building is builded of
Brick and granite and glass and steel.
In, and under, about, above,
Is there nothing the walls conceal?
Is there nothing the walls reveal?

Where the portion of labor's might?
Work in quarry and toil in mine,
Stress and striving by day and night—
Has it never a space or line?
Is there nothing to bring to light
All the glories the workmen write?

First, the dream of a man—and then
The days and nights of a thousand men.



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Death of Rev. James H. Jenkins

Rev. James H. Jenkins, pastor of Eastern M. E. Church, McElderry street near Patterson Park avenue, died at his home, 930 McDonough street, Tuesday afternoon after a lingering illness. He was 60 years of age and had been a member of the Washington M. E. Conference for a number of years.

Three of his sons, Abraham L., Joseph H. and John Jenkins, are also members of the Washington Conference. His wife, Mrs. Sophia Jenkins, also survives.

Funeral services were held at Asbury M. E. Church, Lexington and East streets, Thursday afternoon. Eulogies were delivered by Revs. M. J. Naylor, Joseph Wheeler, N. M. Carroll and others. The pallbearers were Revs. J. H. Goodrich, L. A. Carter, R. R. Riggs, R. A. Green and Bishop.

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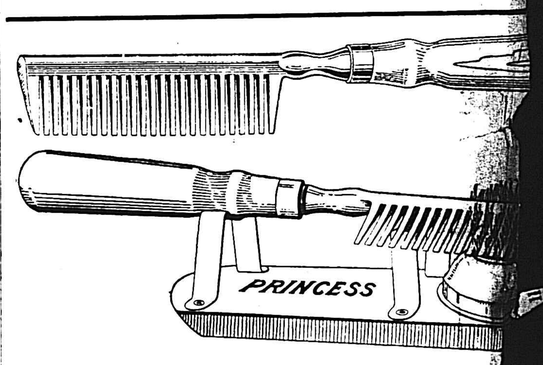

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