

Startling Typographical Error.

A dispatch to the Philadelphia Press under date of Atlanta, Ga., August 1, says: The error of a compositor in merely substituting the figure "1" for the figure "5" in setting up the matter for the 1903 issue of Greer's Almanac, which, with the possible exception of the Bible, is the most widely read publication in rural homes, of both white and black, in the south, has resulted in a period of excitement almost approaching a panic among the negroes of Gainesville, Ga., who think the day of judgment is near at hand.

The panic was caused by a recent sermon by Rev. J. D. Lovejoy, a negro pastor, in which he declared that the day of doom will come on November 25 of the present year, and, as if to dispel all doubt as to his authority, pulled a copy of Greer's Almanac from his pocket and pointed out the incorrectly set item.

In the November table of the rising and the setting of the sun the astronomers calculate for the 25th that the sun will rise at 6:59 a. m. and set at 5:01 p. m. Right here was where the printer got in his work, which caused the negro minister and his flock to fear that this old world has only a few more short months to move in its orbit.

By substituting the 1 for the 5 he made it appear that on November 25 the sun is to set at 1:01 p. m. Rev. Lovejoy in looking over his almanac came to this item. It attracted his attention, and being a close student of the Holy Scriptures, he at once recalled that passage of Amos (viii. 9) which reads:

"And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord God, that I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the clear day."

The thought of doubting the truth of the time set in the almanac did not once occur to the preacher. He would just as soon have doubted a statement in his Bible.

On last Sabbath he took for his text the Scriptural passage quoted and then, with a voice trembling with excitement, called attention to the erroneous statement in the almanac, and with the certainty of prophecy in his tones announced November 25 as "that great day of the Lord's."

Gainesville is the town which, on June 1, suffered from the storm which in an instant snuffed out more than a hundred lives. With the roar of the tornado still in their ears, the negroes were even more than usually ready to believe in such a prophecy, and a veritable whirlwind of repentance and prayer at once began. Runners soon carried the dread news to other colored churches in the town, and in a short time the entire negro population of Gainesville was gathered at the Methodist church, praying and wailing.

The morning meeting became an all-day affair and the shouting and praying was kept up until a late hour at night.

The next morning many failed to appear at their usual place of work, and for two days the labor situation of the town was demoralized. The negroes declared that they cared nothing for earthly things, as they were all soon to go to their reward.

White citizens have now persuaded nearly all of them to go back to their work on the idea that they will have to live until November 25, even if the judgment is to occur then, but all efforts to explain to them the error which caused the prophecy have been unavailing, and Rev. Mr. Lovejoy and his hearers are still in mortal fear of November 25, and all because the compositor used the wrong figure and the proofreader failed to catch the error.

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partment of justice who has just completed a trip of inspection across the continent. It is believed that in consequence of these disclosures Presi-

dent Roosevelt will recommend to congress a radical change in the law so as to limit the right of conferring naturalization to the federal courts.