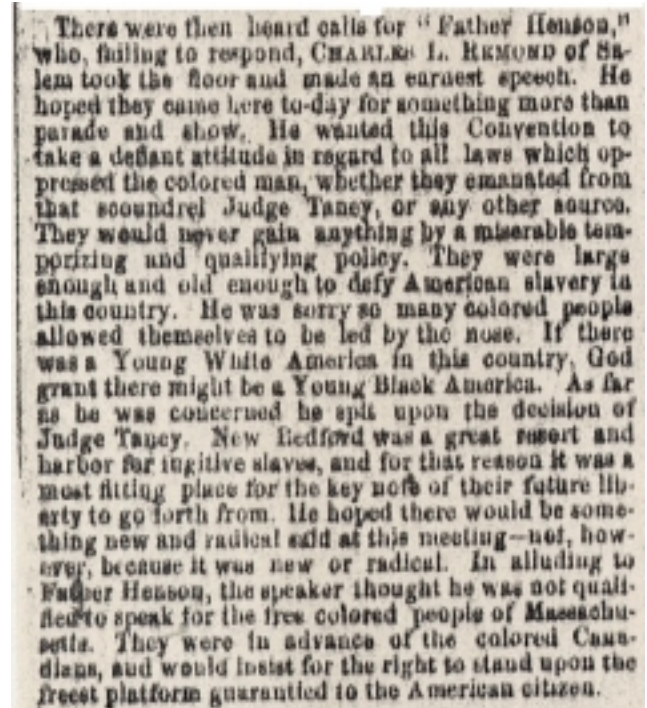


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A black and white photograph of a newspaper clipping. The text is a transcription of a speech given by Charles L. Remond. The paper is aged and the text is in a serif font. The clipping is rectangular and shows the right edge of the page where the text continues.

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