

# General Race News

## PRESS COMMENTS.

### The Supreme Court Decision.

#### Complexion and Human Rights. (The New York Globe.)

"But the Caucasian will continue to rule."—New York Sun.

"The determination of the white man to rule the land wherein he lives is not affected by the decision."—New York Times.

Poor Caucasian! Poor white man! He will be submerged if not protected by a code of special laws. He is the fittest and the best, but so tender he cannot flourish under a rule of manhood equality. Yet men who so speak seldom realize that they are really insulting the Caucasian race.

The work of Jefferson, of Lincoln, of Sumner, and of all the glorious brotherhood of great statesmen who did not consider complexions when judging men, is unfinished. The old argument that some classes must be kept under still survives. In some circumstances it is the manual worker who must be kept to knowledge of his place and in others it is a race. Many of those who pretend to be leaders of public opinion and who think they are enlightened continue to be afraid of democracy. The fear is born, now as always of class selfishness and class prejudice.

The proposition that political rights should be dependent on race color is merely a milder expression of the doctrine by which thousands of otherwise good men quieted their consciences for a couple of centuries and justified the existence of slavery on the new continent. Assuming that one race was inherently and necessarily inferior, it was said that the most humane arrangement was to allow members of the superior race to "own" members of the inferior race—that thus it would become to the interest of the master to look after the welfare of his property—that the only way to insure the rightful supremacy of the white man was to keep the black man down.

The Negroes, who feel the bitter injustice of a system which denies to them an equal chance to grow and who await with exemplary patience the coming of the day when, under the providence of God, emancipation will be complete, are in many respects better Caucasians than those who labor to restrict liberty. The black man through hard experience has been educated into real belief in the Caucasian principle of equal chances for all the sons of men.

### THE NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION MEETS.

#### To All Colored Attorneys:

The National Negro Bar Association will hold its fifth annual session in the city of Boston, July 18, 19 and 20, inclusive.

The sessions heretofore have been well attended and it is the sense of those who have participated in these meetings that much good has been accomplished.

This meeting is called in connection with the session of the National Negro Business League, of which it is an auxiliary and from the inspiration of which it sprung.

All attorneys of color who are in the active practice of the law and are in good standing with the Bar of their respective states and counties can be

and will be enrolled as members of this organization upon application properly made.

Perhaps there was never a time when there was more necessity for a strong organization among, and a thorough understanding of, the colored attorneys in this country. And there is no nucleus around which they might gather and get more inspiration than from the National Negro Business League.

We had as well face the issue that the American Bar Association does not want us and will not have us and we ought to have self-respect enough to disavow any intention of enforcing our presence.

We trust that those good brethren of ours who have told us that they were members of the American Bar Association will be thoughtful enough to confess the error of their way and come and go along with us as independent men who are winning our way as successful attorneys.

It is no more discreditable for this organization to be distinctly racial than the National Negro Medical Association, which is a live organization and unquestionably making good.

We trust that this meeting will be a record breaker in attendance and enthusiasm.

Signed: Perry W. Howard, President, Jackson, Miss.; William H. Harrison, Secretary, Oklahoma City, Okla.

### Jitneys in Washington, D. C.

In Washington, D. C., a delegation of colored citizens waited upon the public utilities commission a few days ago and entered a vigorous protest against the policy adopted by the "jitney" bus managers to refuse to accommodate Negroes who wish to ride. The matter is being looked into. The status of the "jitney" bus is still in the air, no decision having yet been reached as to whether it is or is not a common carrier, within the meaning of the statute. It has been determined that the taxicab is a common carrier and the colored lawyers hold that the "jitney" bus ought to come under the same head. If the "jitney" is held to be a common carrier, it can not draw the color-line, any more than the street cars can. If the "jitney" is not a common carrier, it is nothing and should not be granted a license to obstruct the public highways. It must conform to the laws of the District—or get out of business.

### Dr. Charles Roberts Will Work in Paris.

Dr. Charles H. Roberts, 242 West Fifty-third street, New York, sailed on the steamer Chicago, leaving New York Saturday, July 3, for Paris, France, where he will engage for several months in coluntary work in the dental clinics of Paris, connected with the hospital service for French soldiers. Dr. Roberts is especially well qualified for this work, as he has sufficient command of the French language to talk intelligently, and has had extensive experience in the various dental clinics of New York City.

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### FEAR DEPORTATION, TRY TO SWIM ASHORE

Philadelphia, Pa., June 30.—Daniel Riffan, a West Indian, who had stowed away on the steamer Rochelle, arriving here from the West Indies, was afraid of deportation and attempted to slip into the country by slipping overboard from the vessel and swimming ashore at a point off the lower part of the city. He was accompanied by Luther Read, another West Indian.

Riffan and Read were unable to reach the shore and Riffan was drowned before he could be rescued. Read was taken from the water by the crew on the government tug Vidette, and will be deported, just as he feared.

Mme. E. Azalia Hackley, after a successful series of concerts in and about Springfield, Ill., appeared in Cleveland, O., in a grand song recital for the benefit of the Home for Aged Colored People. Mme. Hackley is making her headquarters in Chicago, where she will soon launch her long-cherished Conservatory of Music. She is also preparing for the press a volume on "Art and Artists," which will be of inestimable value to young people who are ambitious to shine in the world of music and histrionic entertainment.

A savings bank has been organized at the Armstrong Manual Training School, Washington, D. C., through the active agency of Mr. George Henry Murray, one of the principal teachers in the department of business practice. The institution is designed not only to serve as an object lesson in the work of practical banking, but to encourage thrift on the part of the pupils of the school. Deposits aggregating more than \$1,700 have already been made. This is the first bank formed in the colored schools of the District.

Mr. Andrew F. Hilyer, of the Treasury department, a trustee of Howard university, Washington, D. C., and a citizen of amply-demonstrated public spirit, has formed a correspondence committee, to work in conjunction with the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The committee will write protests against injustices and letters of appreciation to persons of influence in all parts of the country touching matters affecting the well being of the race.

Father Tolton, the first Negro Roman Catholic priest in the United States, is to have his grave in St. Peter's cemetery, Chicago, marked by a monument which will be paid for entirely by colored Roman Catholics.

J. H. Kelly, a colored man, who has been employed by the Illinois Central railroad for forty-two years, is chief train dispatcher at Carbondale, Ill.

Abram Smith, a colored merchant of

St. Thomas, D. W. I., has been elected crown member of the legislature in Denmark.

R. S. L. Jepson of Wheeling has been made state commissioner of health in West Virginia by the governor.

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