

General Race News

GRAND PAGEANT TO BE PRESENTED AT CAPITOL

Washington, D. C., Sept. 24.—The DuBois pageant, "The Star of Ethiopia," is scheduled to be presented three times during the week of October 10 at the American league baseball park. One thousand participants of both sexes and all ages will be required for the production and an advertisement for performers has appeared in a local paper. They will represent Kushites, Egyptians, Mohammedans, Bantus, West Indians, dancing girls, freedmen, children, etc., all concerned with the development of the Negro race from the beginning of time to the present day. The affair is promoted by the National Pageant and Dramatic association, which has been incorporated under the laws of the District by Mr. L. M. Hershaw and others.

J. Rosmand Johnson of New York is to direct the music, and Mr. E. S. Burroughs of Wilberforce university is to have charge of the dramatic features. The production is to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the adoption of the Thirteenth amendment to the constitution of the United States.

A NEGRO OF HONEST FAME

(From the Hudson Dispatch, Hoboken New Jersey.)

Joe Jeannette, Negro, has retired from the prize ring, quitting the so-called profession after years of honest ring battles. So far as fighting goes, he was a credit to that kind of sport. He always put up a good fight—the best that as in him—and that is the reason he was always so popular and such a good drawing card. He was temperate in his habits and was always fit to fight. It may seem paradoxical, but he was a merciful fighter; he was not a brute; he never took advantage of a man whom he outclassed by giving him the beating that would have been possible. In basketball, in which game he was also a star, he could display his marvelous strength to make opponents look ridiculous, if he so desired, but he never roughed it, and always deported himself as a gentleman.

ILLINOIS METHODISTS WANT NO NEGRO BISHOP

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 24.—When a resolution was introduced into the Illinois conference of the Methodist Episcopal church on Monday, September 13, petitioning the general conference to elect a Negro bishop, the conference refused to pass it, although a strong fight in its favor was made by the Rev. J. A. Kumler of Hamilton, Ohio.

Dr. Kumler declared that there were Negroes in the M. E. church who would be an honor to Methodist episcopacy and declared that "when we push this people out of the church, Christ will feel himself a stranger to it."

Roscoe Conklin Bruce, assistant superintendent of schools of Washington, D. C., who was seriously injured in an automobile accident, some months ago, is unable to assume his school duties.

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"BIRTH OF A NATION CAUSES RIOT IN PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia has had a riot. "The Birth of the Nation" caused it. Having appealed unsuccessfully to the mayor of the city and the governor of the state to prohibit the presentation of Dixon's distasteful photo-play, an assemblage of colored citizens estimated at 5,000, among whom were many white sympathizers, marched to the Forrest theater to protest against its appearance. As the crowd was orderly all went well until some one hurled a brick through the theater window. One hundred police then charged the crowd and in the brief fight which ensued some of Philadelphia's best colored citizens were injured and some of the police did not escape without painful bruises.

It is to be regretted that the authorities did not heed the respectful plea of its petitioners. The Philadelphians did absolutely right in protesting in boots. Their intentions were of the best. They did not seek trouble. The unfortunate feature was that some hot-headed and doubtless irresponsible member of the crowd threw a brick, which gave the police an excuse, if not a reason, for charging and dispersing the crowd. The protest succeeded. The photoplay was ordered taken off the boards by the mayor. If this action had been taken in the first place the subsequent trouble would have been avoided.

GERMAN WAITERS TAKE PLACES FROM NEGROES

Paterson, N. J., Sept. 15.—Sixteen Germans and Austrians who have been interned at Hoboken on the German ships were given jobs on Monday at the Hamilton club, to which the mayor and other prominent officials belong. The Negro employes who have been there for many years were discharged.

Charles I. Morey, superintendent, is responsible for the change, which is evidently one of the steps being taken to care for the Germans forced to stay in this country because of the war.

GEORGIANS LYNCH NEGRO BOY; FACES HIS DEATH STOICALLY

Jackson, Ga., Sept. 24.—Joe Persons, a negro boy not more than 14 years old, was hanged here today for assaulting an 8-year-old white girl. To the half hundred persons around the scaffold the boy admitted he committed the crime and stoically announced he was ready to die.

Although he weighed only seventy-five pounds, his neck was broken by the fall. Officers did not attach weights to Persons, as had been suggested to them as possibly necessary to successfully execute him.

HANDLES OVER HALF A MILLION DOLLARS

The Supreme Lodge of the Knights of Pythias which recently met at Columbus, O., reported some very substantial, financial and numerical advancement. Over half a million dollars have been handled through the executive officers since the last meeting and the enrollment of members now stands at 250,000 of the Pythias and 87,000 of the Courts of Calanthe.

MEMBER STATE DENTAL SOCIETY

Newark, N. J., Sept. 24.—Wendell P. G. Urling, D. D. S., is the only living Negro member of the New Jersey State Dental society, having been elected to membership of that organization at Asbury Park.

In sending the notice to Dr. Urling, the secretary of the society, Dr. John C. Forsythe, took opportunity to pay a tribute to Howard university, from which institution Dr. Urling graduated in 1904. Through proficiency and worthiness Dr. Urling has built up a splendid clientele in this city.

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