

General Race News

CHILDREN OF METHODIST BISHOP MADE GOOD RECORD.

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 25—Mr. C. S. Smith, Jr., son of Bishop C. S. Smith who has been an instructor in mathematics at Tuskegee Institute for the past three years was granted the degree of Bachelor of Arts of Oberlin College, Oberlin, O., on the 4th inst. He will continue as a member of the faculty of Tuskegee and intends doing post graduate work at the University of Chicago. On the same date Miss Susie E. Smith, the daughter of Bishop Smith received a diploma from the Michigan State Normal College and a life certificate to teach music in the public schools of the State of Michigan. This is the fourth diploma in music which Miss Smith has received, one from Fisk University and two from the Michigan Conservatory. Immediately after graduation from the latter institution she was employed by her alma mater and served three years teaching harmony and piano. She was the only colored teacher employed in the school, and resigned her position to accept one at Clark University, Atlanta.

RACE TO FIGHT DISCRIMINATION.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 1.—While in Kentucky on a visit to his old home attorney Geo. L. Vaughn, was retained by the citizens of Columbus to take action against the Mobile and Ohio Railroad because of its failure to furnish suitable accommodations for the transportation of colored passengers from its main line into the town.

Lawyer Vaughn states that he found the Negro passengers were compelled to ride in the motor room of an electric car, amid the grease, express and machinery, while the white people were furnished with clean, comfortable, cushioned seats. He got busy at once, with the result that the citizens engaged him to remedy the condition.

WOMEN REFUSED SODAS SUE COMPANY.

Springfield, Mass., Aug. 25.—Alleging that because they are not white they are refused service at the soda fountain of the stores of the S. S. Kresge Co., Miss Nanette Howe and Miss Annie West have filed suits for damages against the concern in the civil session of police court.

They claimed that they called for a dish known as "banana royal" on two occasions, June 16 and 17, and that each time they were refused service for no other reason than that they are not white.

SEGREGATION KILLED.

Norfolk, Va., Sept. 1.—In the United States Circuit Court, Judge Waddill recently granted Robert G. Griffin a temporary injunction against the city of Newport News, restraining the municipality from enforcing the race segregation ordinance.

The action grows out of the recent decision of Police Justice Robinson, who gave a large number of colored people brought before him, thirty days to move out of a certain section of the city, they having been charged with violating the terms of the segregation ordinance, which prohibits colored people from living within certain areas defined in the law.

ELKS ASK COURTS TO ENJOIN NEGRO ORDER.

Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 1.—Federal court was asked Aug. 22 to enjoin a colored organization from using the name "Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World." Suit to this end was filed by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States, which informed the court it has a membership of 34,842 in Pennsylvania and 453,516 throughout the country.

It is pointed out that the "Elks of the World" have no connection whatever with the regular order.

It is explained that no "race" question is involved in the suit. "Were the members of the defendant organization white persons," said the counsel for the complaints, "the suit would have been brought just the same. The issue at stake is the infringement of the name 'Elk'."

SMART SET TO OPEN IN SEPTEMBER.

Contrary to reports, the "Smart Set" company, headed by the well-known comedians Whitney and Tutt, will positively open its season early in September.

J. Martin Free is no longer connected with the "Smart Set," as T. L. Conwell, who held the helm of this enterprise for many seasons, will be back in harness as manager, while H. D. Collins, who has been identified with colored attractions for the last twelve years, will be in advance.

ONLY COLORED PARACHUTE LEAPER SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Flora, Ind., Aug. 25.—Grant Watkins, of Indianapolis, made a balloon ascension here August 14th, with the intention of making a double parachute leap. After he had risen to a height of 5,000 feet he cut loose. The parachute opened only partly and he descended with great rapidity. Fortunately, however, he struck in some telephone wires and may recover from his injuries. He received a fractured rib and has a severe puncture in the head.

FIRE DESTROYS STORE.

Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 25.—The stock and fixtures of the Raleigh Confectionery and Grocery Co., were greatly damaged by fire, which was discovered in the store about 3 o'clock in the morning by a passerby. The fire department reached the scene in time to prevent a general conflagration; however, the stock and fixtures were damaged to the amount of about \$2,300, partly covered by insurance. Claude Whittaker, the manager, carried the largest stock of groceries of all the Negro merchants.

FLOOD ROUTS FAMILIES

Hannibal, Mo., Sept. 1.—The heavy rain and cloudburst which struck this city and vicinity did great damage, especially to the southwestern part, which is thickly settled by members of the Race. It came unheralded about 2 o'clock in the morning. It rained continuously for fourteen hours. No lives were lost, but the property losses it is reported run well up into the thousands. Many people were rescued in boats.

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