

General Race News

COLORED TROOPERS INVENT NEW GUN POWDER.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 15.—Army officials are interested in the report coming from Manila of the successful trial of a new smokeless gunpowder invented by two troopers of the Ninth Cavalry now stationed at Manila, P. I.

According to the official information received by the War Department, the new gunpowder, which is the invention of Troopers William Peters and Kyle Arnell, can be made at half the cost of the powder now used for the rifle cartridges. It is said to have been tested in a regulation army rifle at Fort Camp Stotensburg, near Manila, and sent a steel bullet half way through an inch of solid steel.

RACE WOULD HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY R. R. STRIKE

Washington, D. C.—Charles E. Hall, a colored expert in the Division of Revision and Results, furnishes the following facts concerning the employment of Negroes engaged in railroad work who would have been affected by the threatened strike:

Officials, 37; conductors, 120; baggagemen, 225; freight agents, 17; ticket and station agents, 50; yard men, 311; locomotive engineers, 335; locomotive firemen, 5,188; switchmen and flagmen, 2,127; brakemen, 4,719; foremen and overseers, 987; boiler

washers and engine hostlers, 1,328; laborers, 87,188. Total, 102,188.

This does not include the army of porters of about 15,000.

MARRIES AT THE AGE OF 85.

Cairo, Ill., Sept. 15.—County Clerk Jacob Held recently issued a marriage license to the oldest person who has sought such a document since Mr. Held's occupancy of the office. Nathan London, white-haired, stooped and tottering, with eyes deeply buried beneath a tangled shag of matted eyebrows and confessing to 85 years, was the dusky old prototype of lovable old "Uncle Remus" who was about to embark on the matrimonial sea.

He was accompanied by Dulca Wheeler, aged 51, of Commerce, Mo. There being no apparent obstacle, the marriage license was issued. The groom said he expected to live to be one hundred. He is well known in Olive Branch.

RECONSTRUCTION PERIOD LEGISLATOR DIES.

Huntsville, Ala., Sept. 15.—Thomas W. Townsend, a capitalist, lawyer and member of the legislature of Alabama during the reconstruction period of this state, died at his home recently, aged 71 years. He owned considerable property and was quite wealthy. He held office for years and was held in high esteem by both Raacs.

and was buried Tuesday morning. He leaves a wife and one child. Jones and Chiles had charge of the funeral.

The Bethel Baptist Church have finished the two dressing rooms and hope to complete the pool this week. They expect to hold in the near future dedicatory services for this part of the Church work.

Two automobile parties left Thursday morning to witness the Nebraska State Fair. This being Omaha Day a good time is expected.

Mrs. C. Bush and daughter have returned from Atchison, where she was called by the severe illness of her sister.

The Bethel Baptist Church will give an entertainment Saturday evening at the home of Mrs. V. Hill, 5308 So. 27th street. Everybody is invited.

Master John Thornton returned Saturday night from a visit in Kansas with relatives.

Howard Williams and Miss Lucile Brown were quietly married Tuesday evening, at the residence of Mrs. Wigby on R street. The Rev. Thomas A. Taggart officiated.

The baptistery pool of Bethel Baptist Church, Twenty-ninth and T Sts., will be dedicated Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, and baptism will be administered by the Rev. Thomas A. Taggart, pastor of the church.

Allen Chapel, A. M. E. Church, 5233 South Twenty-fifth street, of which the Rev. J. H. Nichols is pastor, will hold a grand carnival and fair September 19, 20 and 21. On the evening of the 20th fine barbecued mutton and spare ribs will be served in the old-fashioned style. Come. Everybody is invited to this grand feast in the wilderness. Don't forget the date, September 19, 20 and 21. This is the closing entertainment for this conference year. Rev. J. H. Nichols, our pastor, will leave for conference September 25th. Come one, come all, and help a noble cause.

W. H. Scruggs, Clerk.—Adv.

SOUTH SIDE

The Juvenile and Little Gems Sunday School classes of Allen Chapel A. M. E. Church, are planning a concert and entertainment to be given September 14-16. These little people are going to do their part toward helping the Church raise their Conference claims and solicit your patronage. The entertainment will be held at the church, 25th and R streets. Admission 10 cents.

Mr. Philip Mitchell, of 6617 South 27th street, was severely hurt on the railroad at Formoso, Kansas, Monday September 4. His father, Mr. J. R. Mitchell, left Tuesday and brought the boy home Wednesday afternoon. It was thought at first he was fatally wounded, but now a little hope of his recovery is anticipated. He was taken to the hospital Thursday and had an X-ray applied to locate the exact condition of his injuries.

Mrs. William Gray, of 5054 South 17th street, returned home Friday, from Topeka, Kansas, where she visited relatives and friends.

On Labor Day a fishing party left 24th and N streets, over the Fort Crook line for Horse Shoe Lake where the day was spent in fishing, hunting and target practice. After fishing for three or four hours the party sat down to a generous dinner of which all partook freely. The party returned about eight o'clock with every one tired but owning this to be their best outing of the season. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. John Hickman, Mr. Emory Hickman, Mr. and Mrs. Harris, Messrs. Lloyd Gray, H. Graves, Master Edward Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Thornton and Master John Thornton.

There was a general meeting Tuesday, September 12th, of all club ladies at the home of Mrs. Nellie Harris, 2620 Burdette street.

Mr. H. Gilmore, of 30th and V streets, died Sunday of pneumonia,

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