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PICKENS MAKES LENGTHY TOUR

Dean of Morgan College Shows Great Energy.

LABORS IN MANY FIELDS

Capable Young Educator Foregoes Vacation and Responds With Alacrity to Call of His People to Serve in Important Movements—To Address National Baptist Convention.

By N. BARNETT DODSON.
Foremost among the large number of well educated young men of experience and healthy moral stamina to whom the race must look for adequate representation, advice and guidance at times like the present is Dean William Pickens of Morgan college, Baltimore. Professor Pickens stands upon an eminence in preparation and scholarship which overlooks several years of diligent effort on the part of a well qualified man who has done yeoman service for racial advancement.

From this height he has caught the vision of racial struggle, need and hu-



DEAN WILLIAM PICKENS.

man justice for which we are striving. He knows our handicap and is striving in schoolroom and upon the public platform to assist in the amelioration of the unnatural conditions through which the race is groping its way. Practically setting aside leisure from education work and home comforts, he is spending the time assisting in the many movements extant for the opening of larger opportunities for the masses of our people.

Professor Pickens is now making his third speaking tour for this summer. Stirred by the East St. Louis riots, Dean Pickens accompanied and acted as spokesman for the Baltimore delegation which carried its protest against lynching to Washington. He appeared before Vice President Marshall, Speaker Champ Clark, senators and representatives of the house for the purpose of getting federal action against lynching mobs and also in support of Congressman Dyer's joint resolution (118) calling for national investigation of lynching.

From July 15 through till the 22d he made a tour in company with M. L. McCoy, principal of the Virginia College and Industrial Institute at Petersburg, Va., through the Shenandoah valley, speaking in the interest of better and larger educational facilities for our people. The speakers were given much attention, and their message was received with enthusiasm. Professor McCoy is making the influence of the institute felt throughout the state.

Returning to Baltimore and the north, the dean spent a few days with his family at Atlantic City, N. J., and then proceeded to Cleveland, where on Thursday, Aug. 2, he delivered a most informing address on "The Relation of the American Negro to the Present World Crisis." This address embodies the true meaning of the kind of democracy for which America is fighting. The speaker shows in this address breadth of statesmanship and learning adequate to grapple with and master to a satisfactory degree the many intricate problems which confront America now.

Sunday, Aug. 5, Professor Pickens addressed a great throng at Toledo and proceeded to Chicago and other points in Illinois, where he spoke to enthusiastic crowds of white and colored people. The boys at Fort Des Moines got a message to the dean asking him to visit their military training camp before leaving for the southwest. Leaving Illinois, he went to Bluefield, W. Va., where he extended his intellectual powers to great heights in a masterly address before the Chautauqua on Friday, Aug. 17.

It Was His Own.

Shirley Brooks, the famous Punch editor, once met Charles Salamar, the composer. On being introduced to Shirley the composer said:
"I had often and often seen your face, Mr. Brooks, but I never knew to whom it belonged."
"Oh," replied Brooks quickly, "it always belonged to me."

A statistician has figured the losses to agriculture as a result of depredations of insects and rodents as \$12 a year for each man, woman and child in the United States.

TULSANS IN CONCERT

Render Splendid Program Under Direction of Prof. Jackson.

(Special to The Monitor)
Tulsa, Okla., Aug. 20.—A chorus of one hundred of the best voices of the city, under the direction of R. G. Jackson and Miss Beulah Douglas, instructors at Western University, Kansas City, Kansas, rendered a splendid concert at Convention Hall, Thursday evening. An appreciative audience of both white and Colored persons heartily received the program, applauding generously and demanding encore after encore.

N. Clark Smith's "Steal Away," Dett's "Listen to the Lambs" and a number of the old plantation melodies were offered.

Pleasing features of the program were the harmonious singing of the male quartette and the tenor solos by Forrest L. Oliver, accompanied by Prof. Jackson at the big municipal pipe organ. The concert was given under the auspices of the Vernon chapel and was capably managed by H. O. Abbott, a young newspaper and advertising man. Abbott announces that efforts will be made to make the concert an annual affair.

THE LUCKY ONES

The following persons have subscribed under the special Circulation Boosting Bargain" \$1.00 rate, which offer only holds good until September 1. All who wish to get in under this rate must do so next week. Get your name on this list.

- Mrs. Wm. Jackson, 2615 Burdette.
- George A. Love, 1820 N. 23d St.
- Roy Alexander, 1119 No. 19th St.
- Frank Johnson, 1205 N. 21st.
- Ardie Smith, 1938 S. 18th.
- Mrs. G. Irving, 1916 Cuming St.
- Charles Patterson, 2525 Erskine St.
- Leslie Peters, 1412 N. 22nd St.
- Warren Peters, 2121 Paul St.
- Mrs. Olie Tatum, 305 N. 27th St.
- Mrs. Wm. Pitts, 307 N. 27th St.
- Mrs. Edith Stephens, 2219 Seward.
- Mrs. H. E. Miller, 2222 Seward St.
- Mrs. F. W. Powell, 2240 Seward St.
- Mrs. I. F. Falls, 1810 N. 23d St.
- Mrs. Lillian Purcell, 2208 Clark St.
- Mrs. W. Bates, 2109 Clark St.
- J. E. Kirtluf, Hotel Cuming.
- Mrs. Emma Simmons, 907 N. 21st.
- Amos Leach, 2020 Cuming St.
- Thomas Godley, 1014 N. 16th St.
- Mrs. L. Kennedy, Hotel Cuming.
- Mrs. H. Watts, 2214 Ptl. St.
- Mrs. L. Mack, 2218 Paul St.
- Mrs. Viola Bryant, 2320 Paul St.
- Mrs. Wm. Penn, 1924 N. 24th St.
- Mrs. Sarah Brown, 1117 N. 21st St.
- Mrs. L. Rose, 2408 Erskine St.
- Mrs. Lulu Jones, 2415 Erskine St.
- Mrs. Minnie Dawson, 2417 Erskine.
- Mrs. W. L. Sellers, 2220 N. 25th St.
- Mrs. Laura Lewis, 2011 Paul St.
- Mrs. Ida Alexander, 2009 Paul St.
- Mrs. T. W. Merriweather, 2007 Paul.
- J. A. Logan, 1219 1/2 S. 16th St.
- Wm. Wright, Twin Falls, Idaho.
- Mrs. Harris Miller, Cheyenne, Wyo.
- Mrs. Lizzie Clark, 2604 N. St.
- George Hatcher, 2802 U St.

Show your copy of The Monitor to your friends and neighbors and get them to subscribe NOW. Help us put The Monitor in every Colored home in Nebraska by January 1st.

DR. CRAIG MORRIS RECEIVES COMMISSION

Wednesday Dr. Craig Morris received his commission as first lieutenant in the dental Reserve Corps of the United States Army and expects to receive orders to leave for duty almost any day. Dr. Morris, who is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. David Morris, was born, reared and educated in Omaha. He is a graduate of the Omaha High School and of the Creighton College of Dentistry, in both of which institutions he ranked high in scholarship. He has built up a good practice in this city. Dr. Morris is one of the officers of St. Philip's Episcopal Church.



COLONEL CHARLES YOUNG

Whose retirement August 3rd is a keen disappointment to twelve million Colored Americans who had hoped to see him in command of our troops.

Give Us a Colored Commander for Colored Troops

The Monitor urges the race to make a united appeal to President Wilson that opportunity be given Colonel Young to serve our country to the limit of his strength. We believe that such an appeal will not be in vain. Colonel Young believes himself to be physically fit to lead troops. He expresses his determination to do all in his power to keep himself physically fit and mentally alert to serve his country when his country shall need him.

His country needs him NOW. The Colored troops to be mobilized for the country's defense WANT his LEADERSHIP, TWELVE MILLION COLORED AMERICANS, LOYAL AND TRUE, DEMAND THAT THIS VALIANT AND TRIED SOLDIER BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEAD OUR MEN TO WHICH HIS SERVICES AND PROVEN ABILITY ENTITLE HIM.

PRESIDENT WILSON, COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE ARMY, TWELVE MILLION COLORED AMERICANS RESPECTFULLY PETITION YOU, SIR, TO GIVE OUR RACE A GENERAL IN THE PERSON OF CHARLES YOUNG AND TO GIVE HIM COMMAND OF COLORED TROOPS; AND WE PLEDGE YOU OUR HONOR THAT OUR COUNTRY WILL THRILL WITH PRIDE AT THE VALOR OF THE TROOPS UNDER HIS COMMAND.

GIVE US A COLORED COMMANDER FOR COLORED TROOPS. OUR LOYALTY AND SERVICE MERIT THIS RECOGNITION.

COLONEL YOUNG HOPES TO SERVE COUNTRY

Thanks Monitor For Articles and Interest Shown in His Behalf.

Wilberforce, Ohio, Aug. 20, 1917.
Rev. John Albert Williams,
Editor The Monitor,
Omaha, Nebraska.

My Dear Editor: I thank you for the articles in my behalf which have appeared in The Monitor.

Let us not take the matter too hard. You see the same order that retired me from active service in the U. S. Army placed me on active duty with the militia troops of the State of Ohio, and as these have all been mustered into the service it is barely possible, as I am wholly physically fit, that the authorities may allow me to serve with troops of the National Army. Of course things might be better; they might also be worse, you see.

Wishing you success in your journalistic work and again thanking you for all you have done for me, I am
Yours for the country,
CHAS. YOUNG,
Col. U. S. Army, retired.

Loyalty of Colored Race Not Doubted.

If the German government has no better judgment of the character of the American Negro than to believe that he will play the part of Benedict Arnold, the traitor, it is certainly going to wreck fast, says V. P. Thomas in the New Orleans Times-Picayune. There is no element of the American population that will more earnestly join the regular military and naval forces of this government in giving the Germans a sound thrashing on land or sea than the American Negro.

WIDE SPREAD INTEREST IN NATIONAL RACE CONGRESS

Colored Americans "Brought to Their Feet" by Outrages—Equal Rights Committees Being Formed.

Boston, Mass.—That the Colored people of the country have been "brought to their feet" by the Memphis lynching, East St. Louis massacre and Chester riots, is shown by the instant interest taken in the call issued for a "Speedy Getting Together" at New York by Rev. Byron Gunner, president of the National Equal Rights League. Already President Gunner has received word from representatives in a dozen different states who will attend the 10th annual meeting of the league and 2nd Annual Race Congress under the league's auspices, which will be held three days, September 18, 19 and 20, in Mother Zion church, W. 136th street, New York City.

Colored newspapers all over the country are announcing this National Colored Equal Rights convention in their columns, and the editors are working with success for the formation of local "Equal Rights Committees" that are to send delegates.

The "Call" has been given such wide publicity, the invitation being open to every organization as well as the Equal Rights League, the oppressed in every country in the civilized world have met as a group and put forth their case and their demand except we Colored Americans. Thoughtful citizens everywhere see that the race will be judged by the attendance at this National Race Congress.

Every community that has not already formed a Citizens' Equal Rights Committee to send delegates is urged to do so. Three full weeks remain in which to do so. The last Race Congress brought men and women of all factions and all organizations together and increased co-operation. It is ten times as critical now for the race as then.

Pres. Byron Gunner, of Hilburn, N. Y., and Corr. Secretary Wm. Monroe Trotter of 34 Cornhill, Boston, are receiving many letters on the convention and will answer all inquiries.

RED CROSS WORK

We hope that the women of our race in Omaha will engage actively in the work of the Red Cross this autumn and winter. A cordial invitation was extended to them to become identified with the work being done along this line by the white women of the city without difference or distinction. This invitation was accepted by only one woman. An effort was then made to organize an auxiliary among the Colored women, but please bear it in mind, that the white women of this city showed commendable broad-mindedness in inviting their darker sisters to come in with them, and our women foolishly and short-sightedly lost an opportunity for engaging in a common work that would make for better understanding and more sympathetic feeling between the races. A few of our women under the leadership of Mrs. Philip Letcher met and made up some Red Cross supplies, and the work was so neatly and beautifully done that they were highly complimented for it. We have the skill, what is needed is the will. Another effort is to be made to get our women interested and we hope that there will be a generous response. Their sisters in other cities are active in Red Cross work and the Colored women of Omaha ought to emulate their example.

DR. PEEBLES RECEIVES COMMISSION IN DENTAL RESERVE CORPS

The gratifying news has reached Omaha that Dr. W. W. Peebles, who has been in training at the Officers' Reserve Camp at Des Moines, has been commissioned as first lieutenant and transferred to the Dental Reserve Corps. Dr. Peebles was one of the first of our Omaha men to offer himself for the Des Moines camp, when after a persistent fight the government reluctantly provided this opportunity for patriotic Colored men to train for officers. Dr. Peebles is a graduate of Amherst College and of the Northwestern, Chicago. He has been practicing in Omaha for eleven years where he built up a large practice and his friends tried to dissuade him from relinquishing it. His transfer to the Dental Corps is gratifying to his family and numerous friends.

HOME OF UNITED CIVIC LEAGUE

New York Organization Settles in Fine Quarters.

STANDS FOR EQUAL JUSTICE

Thrifty Civic Body Founded by the Well Known John M. Royall; Purchases and Equips Building For Larger Scope of Work—Motto of the League is "Pulling Together."

New York.—At last the colored citizens of New York city have realized a long felt want, for they have now provided themselves with a modern and up to date club house, and will in the future make a specialty of providing suitable lodging rooms and board to representative men visiting and passing through the city. The handsome and modernly equipped building recently purchased at 184 West One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street is now ready and will be used for the con-



PRESIDENT JOHN M. ROYALL.

venience of the members of the United Civic league and the accommodation of the public.

The league's building is without a doubt the only place in this big city offering the equipment and facilities it is provided with, and without doubt also shows the rapid strides of the United Civic league, which was founded by John M. Royall and a few other loyal citizens in 1913 for elective representation throughout the state of New York and the nation and for political justice and an equal administration of the laws.

The large and lengthy basement can be suitably arranged for athletic events or for business purposes, while the main floor consists of reception and reading rooms and a large auditorium for entertainments and social functions. On the second floor there are four extra large light rooms for office use with steam, light and janitor services included. Adjoining these to the rear are the large bathroom and the manager's room.

The third floor has three finely furnished, large, light, airy rooms for gentlemen lodgers by day, week or month, and off these are a large dining room, pantry and kitchen, which are occupied by Caterer Watkins for serving business men's lunches and catering to special parties.

The United Civic league's motto is "Pulling Together," and the officers are John M. Royall, president; W. H. Willis, first vice president; J. E. Earlas, second vice president; Joseph L. Pritchard, treasurer; Henry D. Dolphin, secretary, and W. G. Isaacs, financial secretary.

Board of governors are Benjamin F. Thomas, chairman; B. H. Lewis, vice chairman; J. C. Thomas, Sr.; John A. Ross, Charles H. Payne, W. H. Rhodes, V. T. Thomas, J. W. Rose, E. A. Johnson, John Phinizee, Philip A. Payton, George W. Royall, Philip M. Thorne, Sykes S. Beaman and Anthony McCarthy. John E. Robinson is the building secretary and manager.

Having on its official staff this corps of business men, many who are merchants and representing the largest there is in the colored people's commercial life, the league will continue to add to its long list of achievements throughout the city and state.

NOT CONSISTENT

(Baltimore (Md.) Commonwealth)
President Wilson cannot consistently contend for liberty, equality and justice for Belgians, Russians, Poles, French, English and Teutons without conceding justice, liberty and equality to ALL citizens of his own country.