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NEW YORK MAYOR APPOINTS MORTON COMMISSIONER

Democrats Give Recognition to Race
For Appreciated Support in Recent
Election by Responsive Appointment.

ALDERMAN HARRIS IS SET

Associated Negro Press.
New York, Jan. 27.—The biggest appointment of an able colored citizen that has ever been made by a New York mayor was that of Ferdinand Q. Morton to be a civil service commissioner of New York City. The appointment was a partial recognition of the tremendous black vote which Mr. Morton as chief of the United Colored Democracy had led into Tammany Hall at the last election and secondly a deserved recognition of one of the most able and popular Democrats regardless of race in New York City.

The appointment of Morton was to the place on the commission of the three guardians of the civil service held by Commissioner Killilea. The commission now consists of Commissioner Kaplan, Morton and Drennan, the last named Republican. His appointment means a great step forward for the colored citizens in New York and a larger place for them in the city employ. It is generally believed that Morton would have been named a magistrate to succeed Judge Mancuso but the alternative was given him after another was named as the commission portfolio. Mr. Morton was born in Mississippi in 1882 and moved with his family at an early age to Washington where he attended and graduated from the public and high schools.

He entered Harvard College after graduation and later finished Boston University Law School. He came to New York and entered actively in the practice of law and plunged into politics. His rise has been meteoric and deserved.

It is not known as to who will be given Mr. Morton's place in the District Attorney's office, but it is rumored that Attorney James McClelland will be given one of the deputy assistants.

Alderman George W. Harris who was given his certificate and sworn in for his second term two weeks ago has taken his seat in the front rank of Republicans at the Aldermanic Chamber. He was the recipient of many congratulations.

FATHER AND SON BANQUET AT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Tuesday night the spacious dining room of Zion Baptist Church was comfortably filled for the Father and Son banquet in which several organizations and churches united. The pleasant affair was arranged by Dr. Craig Morris, scout master, who is doing excellent work in the scout movement among the boys of the city. It was endorsed by the Colored Commercial Club, the Omaha Branch of the N. A. A. C. P. and the Ministerial Union. Mr. Harry L. Anderson was toastmaster. The invocation was said by the Rev. W. F. Botts. Addresses were made by Dr. L. E. Britt, for the Colored Commercial Club; by the Rev. J. Harris for the N. A. A. C. P., and by the Rev. Russell Taylor for the Ministerial Union. Henry Gordon spoke on the boy's view of "A Father's Duty to His Son," and Worthington Williams on "A Son's Duty to His Father." Mr. J. F. Bryant spoke on "Co-operation," and the Rev. John Albert Williams on "Chums." Mr. E. W. Pryor was called on for remarks. Popular songs were interspersed between the speeches and the courses.

NEW TROUP OF SCOUTS ORGANIZED

A new troupe of boy scouts was organized last Monday night at the Long School by Dr. Craig Morris and Mr. Perkins, scout executive. Messrs. T. P. Mahammit, Joseph Carr and Aaron Rayford are the troupe committee and Mr. Barnett, postal clerk, is scout master. New members will be taken into the troupe next Monday night at Long School.

PHI DELTA SORORITY ELECTS OFFICERS

The Phi Delta Sorority held its annual election of officers Wednesday evening, January 18, at the residence of the Misses Jones, 2811 Caldwell street. The following officers were elected: Cuma Watson, president; Ethel Jones, vice-president; Frances Peoples, secretary; Otis Watson, assistant secretary; Alice Watson, treasurer, and Dorothy Williams, reporter.

DIXON-ADAMS MARRIAGE

Mrs. Lucille Williams Adams, of Omaha, and Mr. George Dixon of Ewing, Neb., were united in marriage Thursday afternoon, January 19. Mrs. Dixon has resided in Omaha over twelve years. She was a student of the Little Rock, Ark., high school and a graduate from the Roman Catholic Academy at Pine Bluff. Mr. Dixon is the son of the late Hector Dixon, who was justice of the peace of Wheeler county, Neb., for fourteen years. He owns valuable property out in the state. Three years ago he purchased a home in Omaha at 2870 Pinkney street, where he and his wife now reside.

SEVERAL SCHOOLS ARE RECIPIENTS OF LARGE BEQUESTS

Race Institutions Receive Share of \$3,000,000 Bequest Provided for in Mrs. Mayhew's Will.

Newark, N. J., Jan. 27.—Requests of nearly \$3,000,000 for educational, charitable and development work are made in the will of Mrs. Calista S. Mayhew, 98 years old, widow of a former village president of the South

Orange, N. J., who died December 19. After making specific bequests amounting to about \$50,000, the will directs that two-sevenths of the residue of the estate be given to Snowhill Normal and Industrial School, Snowhill, Ala., a like amount to the Good Will Home Association, East Fairfield, Me., and one-seventh each to Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute, Hampton, Va.; Tuskegee Institute and Training School for Nurses, Tuskegee, Ala., and Atlanta University, Atlanta, Ga.

NEW PLAY HOUSE OPENS ON NORTH SIDE

A new theatre which will be known as the Columbia, will formally open in the Columbia Hall, 2420 Lake St., Sunday night, January 29. The hall has been taken over by new management who has completely renovated it and will begin with a regular stock company show. The first will be an all star Colored show imported. The theatre's ad appears on another page of this paper. The management is solicitous of the Colored patronage and guarantees satisfaction and a square deal.

IN BEHALF OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH INFANTRY

Attorney T. W. Bell, Who is Waging Fight for Liberation of Soldiers, Will Spend Several Days in City.

Attorney T. W. Bell of Leavenworth, Kans., who has made such a strenuous fight for the liberation of members of the Twenty-fourth Infantry, who are serving long time sentences in the Federal prison at Leavenworth for participation in the Brownsville, Tex., riot some years ago, will be in the city and vicinity for the next few days on behalf of these men. He will speak at several of the churches while here and should be given large audiences. The fight for the freedom of these men must go on. Those who hear Mr. Bell will be convinced that these men are due clemency and will undoubtedly be willing to do their part to help carry on the fight. Mr. Bell will speak at Pleasant Green Baptist Church Sunday morning, at St. John's A. M. E. Sunday night; at Grove M. E. Tuesday night and at Zion Baptist, Thursday night. Mr. Bell will be pleased to fill other engagements while here speaking to groups of our people, however small, who may be interested in this worthy cause.

DORCAS CLUB HELPS FAMILIES

The Dorcas Club met at the residence of Mrs. Dr. Madison, 2411 Lake street, Wednesday, January 11. The committee appointed by the president, Mrs. Mattie Penn, reported that the club was able to send out sixteen baskets to help cheer the hearts of those in need at Christmastide, with the help of friends of the club for which thanks are extended. After refreshments served by the hostess, the club adjourned to hold its next meeting with Mrs. Ruth Wallace 2004 North Twenty-eighth street.

WAS AN INTERESTING FIGURE

Graduated From West Point With Honor and Served His Country With Loyalty and Distinction. Should Have Been a General.

Washington, D. C., January 27.—Taps, the final requiem of the army for its dead, have been sounded for Colonel Charles A. Young, retired, of Tenth Cavalry fame and the highest ranking officer of the Regular United States Army of the race.

A cablegram, sent from Monrovia, Liberia, to the War Department Thursday, January 19, reported the death of this famous warrior, who stood out as one of the most interesting and picturesque figures in American Army life.

The cause of his death was not included in the cablegram. For more than a decade, Colonel Young's military activities have been closely followed, and the news of his demise in Liberia comes as a hard blow.

An Interesting Figure.

A native of Ohio, where he was born in 1864, Colonel Young early showed an inclination for love of the rugged life of the soldier. During his boyhood days, close friends relate, he was never so happy as when engaged in a miniature battle against some real or imaginary enemy.

After graduating from the high school at Ripley, Ohio, he was certified to West Point, from which institution he was graduated, after a strenuous struggle against the usual odds with which a colored man has to contend.

In speaking of his school days at West Point, Colonel Young has often said that the harder prejudice was



COLONEL CHARLES A. YOUNG
U. S. A. (Retired)

- HIGHLIGHTS IN CAREER OF NOTED ARMY OFFICER—BOX—HAND
- 1864—Born in Ohio.
 - 1873-1865—Received education at public and high school at Ripley, Ohio.
 - 1885—Entered West Point. Third member of race to enter big military school.
 - 1889—Graduated from West Point with honors.
 - 1889-1898—Saw active military service in this country.
 - 1898—Organized the Ninth Ohio. Saw service in the Philippines.
 - 1900-1915—Saw active service in the West and on foreign soil.
 - 1916—Had charge of a squadron of the famous Tenth Cavalry. Went to rescue of a squadron of the Tenth under command of Captain Boyd and Lieutenant Adair.
 - 1917—Promoted from Lieutenant Colonel to rank of Colonel and retired at order of President Wilson from active military service, because of disability.
 - 1919—Appointed Military Attache to Liberia
 - 1922—Died in Liberia.

COLONEL YOUNG ANSWERS SUMMONS AT LIBERIAN POST

Distinguished Army Officer Who Held Highest Rank Ever Attained By Any Man of His Race in the United States, is Dead.

In 1898, at the outbreak of the Spanish-American War, Colonel Young organized the Ninth Ohio. He saw service in the Philippines and Mexico, and was in a number of battles. He was in command of a squadron of the famous Tenth Cavalry. General Pershing had charge of the punitive expedition which had been sent down into Mexico against Villa. Captain Boyd and Lieutenant Adair and his men were ambushed near Parral. The news of the plight of these men was despatched to General Pershing, who sent Colonel Young and his men to their relief. Needless to say, the Tenth arrived in the nick of time, but the affair brought the American and Mexican governments to the verge of hostilities.

Then in 1917, like a bolt in the clear sky, came the news that Colonel Young had been retired from active service because of physical disability. Telegrams and letters flooded Washington, when the rumor was first heard. Both President Wilson and Secretary of War Baker assured Kelly Miller and others who protested against Colonel Young's retirement, that justice would be done. A letter dated July 20, was written to Kelly Miller from Mr. Baker to this effect. However, it was later found out that Young had been advanced to the rank of Colonel and retired from the service, his retirement being dated, it is reported, June 22, indicating that his retirement was agreed to at the time the letters by the former President and Secretary of War had been written.

Every Inch a Man.

The Monitor was one of the newspapers which bitterly opposed Colonel Young's retirement and was one of the first papers to publish the fact that he was at the Presidio "for observation." A personal letter elicited this reply, which shows the caliber of the man, and his love for his country.

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Rev. John Albert Williams,
Editor of The Monitor.

brought to bear against him, the more determined he became to make himself the best in everything he undertook.

Organized Ninth Ohio.

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COL YOUNG TRAVELED FROM XENIA, OHIO, TO CAPITOL AS TEST OF PHYSICAL FITNESS

"From Xenia, Ohio, to Longbridge, Va., on horseback, and from Longbridge, Va., to Washington, D. C., on foot!"

That is what Colonel Charles Young, famous military character, who died in Liberia, Thursday, did in 1918, "to show the War Department that, physically, he was able to endure all the hardships of the rigorous army life."

The incident has been recalled clearly, and stands out as an example of the man himself. Simple, direct, and using practical illustrations to carry home his point, Colonel Young, by his wonderful display of endurance, proved to his race at least, that the "physical disability" clause, by which he was retired from active service in the army was merely a farce.

Following his retirement, the Colonel went to his home at Wilberforce. Pondering over the situation, he came to the conclusion that the best way to convince people of his physical condition was by a practical demonstration.

Forthwith, he saddled "Old Reliable," the same army mount that had carried him through many a rigorous hike, and set out for Washington, He rode from Xenia, Ohio, to Longbridge, Va. Then dismounting, he hiked to Washington, D. C., a distance of 16

Dear Friend: I want to thank you from the depths of my heart for your letter relative to my retirement from active service of the army. S. O. No. 175, War Department retires me from active service with the rank of Colonel and places me on active military duty with the Militia, State of Ohio. Since the Militia is mustered into service, I am, so far as that goes, jobless at this date.

It seems regrettable for both the country and our people, for I could have done good work for both, but as the President willed it and ordered it, I submit cheerfully like a soldier. He is the Commander-in-Chief, you know.

Perhaps I may yet be able to convince the authorities that I am not sick, and thus be permitted to serve. While I know the chagrin that many of our people and not a few whites feel in this regard, still I pray that there shall be no word of protest at this time. Let us not embarrass the administration which has only too many serious problems on its hand anyway. We love our country too well not to desire its early success in this war. If its interest can be best subserved by the attitude, which in spite of ourselves and our desires, seems to be shaping itself toward Colored officers, we are too broadminded not to allow it free hand.

Be assured that I shall guard my health and keep abreast of the military profession until such time as I may be needed. I hope the war will be won so easily that this need may not come. I have no personal ends to serve in this matter nor am I impelled by any ambitions.

In spite of the finding of the doctors in my case (and I believe them sincere and perfectly honest and upright in their dealings) still I am not now or have I felt a sick moment. I believe my case is a super-normal one in which the high blood pressure is compensatory for the great amount of work that in recent years has fallen to my lot in the Tropics and I believe such to be the final opinion of the board. But let it go as it is. I mention this fact to simply reassure any and all that physically I believe myself in condition to render as full and as strenuous service as ever when the occasion arises.

Again thanking you for your kindly interest, I am,

Yours cordially,
CHAS. YOUNG.
Col. U. S. Army, retired.

Later he was appointed Military Attache to the Republic of Liberia, in which capacity he served until his death.

During his career Colonel Young had done special work for the government in Haiti, was military Governor of Liberia, and Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Wilberforce University.

COL YOUNG TO BE BURIED AT WILBERFORCE UNIVERSITY

Washington, D. C., Jan. 27.—The body of Colonel Charles A. Young, noted war figure, who died in Liberia, will be returned to this country and will be laid to rest at Wilberforce beside the body of his father.

SOUTH SIDERS LEAVE FOR AFRICA

Perry R. Warner and John Robertson, both of the South Side, left last Saturday for New York City, from which port they expect to sail shortly for Liberia, Africa. The couple will make their future home in Liberia. They plan to enter into the business life of the Black republic and help to develop the country. Robertson is a native of Africa, Warner of Louisiana. An elaborate entertainment was arranged for the parting citizens on Friday night. A banquet and a set program was given. Attorney A. W. Lewis was among the speakers present. The entertainment was given under the auspices of the Colored business men of the South Side, of which Mr. P. M. Harris, versatile proprietor of the P. M. H. barber shop and noted eloquent speaker is chairman. He was chairman of the committee on arrangements and toastmaster of the occasion. He also made the presentation of the gifts to the departing friends. In presenting the presents, the toastmaster said in part: "We have met here tonight to do honor to friends who have been with and among us for many years and whom we have come to esteem highly. But they are embarking upon the briny deep whose shores will rest them upon the native soil of our forefathers. We attempt to emphasize that esteem by presenting gifts. But none more fully than we realize our inability to give equal to our esteem. But since the intrinsic value of giving does not consist in the gift itself but rather in the spirit that prompts the giver, I have the honor to present to you in the name of this body of Omaha citizens these few tokens of our affection for you and the cause in which you are venturing to engage."

WINTER CIRCUS OPENS

And now comes Tangier Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Omaha with the announcement that the Temple will put on Agee's All Star Winter Circus in the Omaha Auditorium the week starting Monday, February 6th. Performances will be given both afternoon and night on a large elevated stage, fitted up with a regulation circus ring. Winter circuses are new to the west. Mr. Agee, the owner of the big show that is coming to Omaha has been the equestrian director of the Barnum and Bailey and Ringling Bros. show for the past eleven years. He has gotten together twenty feature acts from the larger summer tents circuses, including the Clarkonians, aerial artists; the Carrea family of bareback riders; a wonderful elephant act; Madam Bedini with fourteen of her best trained menage and liberty horses; the Ali Ben Hassen troupe of whirlwind Arabian acrobats; Sir Victor with his dogs, monkeys, ponies and mules; ten nationally known clowns; Percy Clarke, renowned somersault bareback rider; the Tangerines, equilibrist, the Kenneth Waite trio of comedy acrobats; Lillian Kincaid, daring iron jaw performer; "The Girl on the Golden Whirl" and the Longfellow group of performing Nubian lions.

The circus is for the public at large and members of Tangier Temple are busy selling tickets. Headquarters for the circus have been opened in room 401 Paxton Building, Omaha.

VIRGINIA TOWN EMPLOYS RACE NURSE

Norfolk, Va., January 27.—An appropriation of \$900, to pay the salary of a colored nurse in the employ of the health bureau of the department of public welfare, was made by the city council last week. The appropriation was made at the request of the director of public welfare and on the recommendation of the city manager. The nurse will be used in the department's campaign against tuberculosis and the abnormally high infant death rate among Colored citizens.

DAY NURSERY

Will take care of children, under school age, by day or week at my home, 3121 Franklin street. Terms reasonable. Mrs. Mary Hayes, Webster 0267.—Adv.

FOR RENT—A nice 5-room apartment. Good neighborhood, strictly modern. Steam heat. Reasonable for desirable tenant. Call Web. 0419.

For Rent.—Three nice large rooms in flat. 2213 Grace street.

FRANK WHEATON COMMITS SUICIDE IN NEW YORK HOME

Famous Criminal Lawyer Takes His Own Life by Inhaling Gas. Friends at Loss to Motive for Rash Act.

WAS PROMINENT IN POLITICS

Had Served Acceptably as Assistant District Attorney in New York, and was Active in Civic and Lodge Affairs.

New York, Jan. 27.—J. Frank Wheaton, far famed as a lawyer, orator and Past Grand Exalted Ruler of the I. B. P. O. E., committed suicide at his home Sunday, morning, January 17, by use of gas, as announced by the medical examiner. No motive can be assigned as the cause for his suicide. His friends know that he was very much worried about the escape of a man on whose bond he went for \$10,000.00, but they did not think this weighed so heavily upon his mind. But it is known that he commented upon the sudden departure of the man as being a bitter disappointment.

Had Notable Career.

Mr. Wheaton was fifty-six. He was born in Hagerstown, Md. He was a former Assistant District Attorney, a member of the legislative body at Minneapolis, and a practitioner at the bar for fifteen years in New York City. He was Grand Exalted Ruler of the Independent Benevolent Order of Elks of the World, and under his administration, the order grew to its highest point of popularity and achievement. He was always consulted in all matter pertaining to Elksdom.

The end came on Sunday morning at or about eleven o'clock. He left his friends, Napoleon Marshall, Gilchrist Stewart and Ferdinand Moton, on Saturday night, in the very best of cheer. His wife says he appeared in good spirits on Sunday morning. He kissed her as she left for church, and then went and wrote her a farewell letter, left it for her hands to find upon her return, and went to the bath room, turned the gas on by using the shower tube, and there took gas until she came.

Death Stirred Harlem.

His death stirred all Harlem. He was known as Frank by everybody, everywhere. He was successful in his profession, successful in political circles, and as an Elk, he was the idol of the herd. His sudden leaving-taking is all the more sad because he had nothing to worry about, or to cause him depression.

He possessed a bright mind, keen insight, had a wonderful delivery as an orator, and a most affable disposition. He was gentlemanly under all circumstances, and demeaned himself like a gentleman at all times. He leaves a peculiar niche in Negro life and development.

ALLEN A. M. E. CHURCH
The Rev. C. J. Burckhart, Pastor.
5333 South 25th St., Market 3475.

Attendance last Sunday was below standard in number. We had good service all day. Those who were out enjoyed nicely. The Sunday School is doing well under the superintendency of Mr. Joseph Jefferson. Brother Jefferson took over the Sunday School which was previously under Miss Della Jones. The school made a phenomenal growth under Miss Jones and we expect it to do better under Mr. Jefferson. We have a splendid league which meets at 7 under the leadership of the Rev. A. Rayford who, when it comes to church work, is in a class by himself.

Mrs. Laura Jefferson, one of the Stewardesses, fell recently and sustained a broken leg above the ankle. She is resting well. She is being attended at her home where she is surrounded by her relatives and friends.

KAFFIR CHEMICAL LABORATORIES ELECT DIRECTORS

At a recent meeting of the stockholders of the Kaffir Chemical Laboratories the following were elected as members of the board of directors: Dr. A. E. Fletcher, L. N. Peoples, D. M. McQueen, Fred C. Williams, John Albert Williams, N. W. Ware, Geo. H. W. Bullock, Irving Grey and J. Orlando Mitchell.

SULTOX FOR COLDS AND PNEUMONIA

There is a great deal of pneumonia and many deaths from pneumonia. A very simple remedy that gives speedy relief is Sultox, manufactured by the Kaffir Chemical Laboratories. Hot pack treatment with Sultox and internal doses of Sultox is a speedy and effective remedy for colds, congestion of the lungs and similar maladies so prevalent at this time. Ask your druggist for Sultox, and if he cannot supply, phone Douglas 7074 or call at or write Kaffir Chemical Laboratories, 817 North Sixteenth street, Omaha, Neb. Large bottle, \$1.00. No household should be without it.—Adv.



UNION STOCK YARDS, SOUTH OMAHA. (By Courtesy of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce)