

# General Race News

## COLORED RAILROAD MEN FORM ORGANIZATION

Chicago, Ill. Sept. 24.—The organized railroad men throughout the United States were called together at Masonic Hall, 3959 State street, September 15th, by Mr. R. J. Holloway, president of the local organized railroad men, acting as temporary chairman of the meeting. After prayers, by Mr. A. E. Barnhill, Kansas City, Mo., the chairman outlined the object of the meeting, namely, to organize a national body to control the various organizations throughout the country. Mr. Gillem of Indianapolis was elected temporary secretary.

### Officers Elected.

It was moved that the organized railroad men become a national body and the motion carried. This marked the birth of the National Railroad Men's Benevolent Industrial Association. Mr. R. J. Holloway, the father of the movement, was elected president; Mr. Humphrey Bowling, Nashville, Tenn., first vice president; Mr. E. A. Barnhill, Kansas City, Mo., second vice president; Mr. Gillem, Indianapolis, Ind., secretary, and Mr. Lindsey, Chicago, treasurer; board of directors, Messrs. E. A. Barnhill, Kansas City, Mo.; C. C. Cannon, Nashville, Tenn.; Henry Hunter, Portsmouth, Va.; H. Jones, Louisville, Ky., and Rufus Wright, Chicago. There will be an annual session of the grand body of the association.

## DEATH OF A NOTED PHYSICIAN

Newark, N. J., Sept. 15.—Dr. James A. Wormley, a well-known Negro physician, died in this city Friday, September 10th, after a brief illness, at his residence, 19 Marshall street. Dr. Wormley had practiced medicine in this city for more than twenty-six years.

He was originally from Washington, a member of the Wormley family of hotel fame in that city, and his body was taken there for interment. Funeral services were held on Saturday evening by the Alpha lodge, F. & A. Masons, of which he was a past master, after which the body was taken to the train for shipment.

Dr. Wormley was deeply interested in the welfare of his race, and was one of the ablest physicians in this city. His patients numbered into the thousands.

## DR. I. GARLAND PENN, SECRETARY OF FREEDMAN'S AID SOCIETY, AN OMAHA VISITOR

I. Garland Penn, secretary of the Freedman's Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal church, was a welcome and distinguished visitor in Omaha this week. Sunday morning he delivered a most helpful address in Grove M. E. church at Twenty-second and Seward streets. In the evening he spoke to a large congregation at St. John's A. M. E. church. Tuesday evening he delivered a very practical and helpful lecture on "Grace, Grit and Gumption," in Grove Methodist church, to an all-too-small, but representative and appreciative audience. Wednesday morning he addressed the Nebraska Conference in the First Methodist church, where his dramatic recital of hard facts of the progress of education among the colored people of the South made a pro-

found impression. Among many things he said that over \$1,750,000 was spent by the society last year, and he told of one colored doctor in Nashville, Tenn., who donated \$10,000 of his fortune of \$100,000 to Meharry Medical college. "When I heard that a Negro, while he was alive, gave that much, I thought that was going some," exclaimed Penn, and the conference cheered.

His dramatic story of a police judge who repented of his treatment of colored prisoners and wept while he sat in a meeting of educated colored men, then pledged his support to the work of the Gammon Theological seminary at Atlanta, visibly impressed the conference.

This was Dr. Penn's first visit to Omaha since 1892 when he attended the General Conference and he was most favorably impressed with the wonderful growth of the city.

He left Wednesday night for Sedalia, Mo., to welcome and take part in the installation of the new president of George R. Smith college.

## SCATHINGLY REBUKES SOUTHERN LAWLESSNESS

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inclined to accept the southern explanation of the continued persecution of the blacks. With a romanticism unworthy of school girls, the North has swallowed the pretense of "chivalry," "honor" and superior "gentility" with which the South has venerated its barbarism.

It is time that this folly came to an end. Statistics prove that not 3 per cent of Negro lynchings are for the crime of rape. STATISTICS PROVE THAT SOUTHERN WHITES ARE THE RAPE FIENDS AND NOT THE BLACKS. The truth is and it should be driven home to every fool who applauds "Dixie"—the tune that was played to disrupt the union and conserve slavery—that Negroes are lynched for the pettiest of crimes to satisfy the racial venom and blood-lust of their former masters.

And then this rot about the dangers of miscegenation! Who is responsible for the mixture of Caucasian and Ethiopian blood in the country, the Negro or the southern white? Not one light-colored black in 5,000 is the result of a Negro's design on a white woman. The light-colored black, with scarcely an exception, dates his ancestry to the lust of some southern white master, who did not hesitate to make the creature he bought and sold as an animal the mother of his children.

So much for the southern hypocrisy that prates of miscegenation to justify its crimes.

Hundreds of thousands of splendid men and women inhabit the southland, just as they did at the time of the rebellion. Stock that could produce a Lee has in it much of human virtue. But as at the time of the rebellion, so now, these men and women are not determining; they have permitted themselves to be swept along by the current of the majority because of sectional prejudice, reactionary tradition and the recognized danger of opposing hectic public sentiment that thrives nowhere as in the South.

But because the South seems helpless to redeem itself is no reason why

the bulk of the nation should stand idly by and permit it continuously to disgrace this country in the eyes of the world; least of all, to propagandize its doctrine of race hatred, anarchy and blood lust throughout the land by means of lying novels and motion pictures.

If the cries of the burning black victims of a hundred southern states have not been able to rouse the conscience of the North, can it remain deaf to the last agonized prayer of Leo Frank as his tortured body was swung by "southern gentlemen" from a southern pine?

If Georgia cannot be scourged from out the sisterhood of states, if she cannot be reduced to a condition of dependence lower than that of the Philippines, she can at least be visited with a commercial, social and political ostracism which will convince its gentry that true Americans still enthroned justice and humanity as the chief bulwarks of the nation.

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