

# General Race News

## PROTEST AGAINST "BIRTH OF NATION."

Duluth, Minn., Nov. 5.—Armed with a petition bearing more than 100 signatures, a delegation, headed by Rev. George I. Holt, pastor of St. Mark's A. M. E. church, appeared before the city council again last Monday afternoon to protest against the showing in Duluth of the photoplay "The Birth of a Nation." "The picture is prejudicial to the black race and is apt to incite race riots," declared Rev. Mr. Holt. "It pictures conditions that never existed. The objectionable parts cannot be eliminated without making the production meaningless and unattractive. It has been barred in many cities and states. Noted authorities have declared that it is a disgrace to the white as well as the black race." Extracts from opinions of writers, who condemned the picture, were read to the council. "I will see the picture in Superior, Wis., before it is shown here and will then pass judgment on it," was the assurance of Commissioner Silberstein. Manager Morrissey of the Lyceum theater has already promised to eliminate any objectionable features.

## CLEVELAND ELECTS COLORED ALDERMAN

Cleveland, O., Nov. 12.—Attorney Thomas W. Fleming was elected here on Tuesday, November 21, at the general election as a member of the city council. He will represent in that body the Eleventh ward. Mr. Fleming was the candidate on the non-partisan ticket, being opposed by five candidates, all white. The Eleventh ward is largely populated by white voters, there being only about one-fourth Afro-Americans of the voting strength of the ward. This is the first time in the history of the ward that it will be represented in the city council by an Afro-American. Attorney Fleming is prominent in fraternal circles and is regarded as one of the most brilliant lawyers at the Cleveland bar. His victory is generally regarded as a signal triumph for the Afro-Americans in this city.

## YOUNG COLORED WOMAN LEFT VALUABLE ESTATE

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 12.—Miss Wilhelmina Tait, the young colored woman who was accidentally killed by an automobile recently, left real and personal property worth several thousand dollars, besides \$12,239.49 in cash on deposit in two banks.

No will was found, and the property will be divided among her mother and four sisters. Mrs. Callie M. Edwards is the executrix and she has filed an inventory of the estate with the probate court.

## COLORED LAD WINS SCHOLARSHIP.

Yonkers, N. Y.—Master Willie H. Butler of this city, the clever boy violinist, has been given a scholarship in the Musical Settlement school in New York city and will train under the celebrated David Mannes, who thus acknowledges his gratitude to the Negro race, he having been taught the violin by the famous Negro violinist of New York, Douglass, many years ago.

## THE COLORED MAN AS AN INVENTOR

The exposition at Chicago, August 22nd to September 16th, in celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the emancipation of the colored race includes an exhibit of more than a thousand patents which have been granted to those of that race. Manifestly the list will be incomplete, as it is impossible to determine from the patent office records whether an applicant and patentee is white or colored, but much effort has been made by Henry E. Baker, who has been detailed by the commissioner of patents in charge of the patent exhibit to make it as complete as possible. Mr. Baker, himself a colored man, is an assistant examiner in the patent office, having entered such office in January, 1876, as a copyist. He was appointed to the examining corps in March, 1883, and has been promoted from time to time to his present position as second assistant examiner. Another colored man, Edward O. Clarke, was appointed to the examining corps in August, 1893, but resigned to accept a professorship in a college.—Scientific American.

## BOOKER T. WASHINGTON IN SERIOUS CONDITION

New York, Nov. 9.—Dr. Booker T. Washington, principal of Tuskegee institute, is confined to a local hospital, suffering from a nervous breakdown, it became known tonight. While his condition is said to be serious, physicians said that it was not necessarily critical.

The Negroes of Alabama held a state fair at Tide Water Park October 25 to November 3. G. W. A. Johnston, president; A. R. Mosby, secretary.

## CONCERNED ABOUT WHITE RACE.

"My interest is not at all in the effects of this play on the Negro race in our country. The Negro race is taking care of itself and it has proved that it is wonderfully capable of so doing. It is the mental condition of the white race that I am concerned about, because of the false teaching of history, the false teaching concerning American ideals of liberty and justice, and the perversion of those ideals which this play contains."

CHARLES W. ELIOT,  
Ex-President of Harvard.

"One of the most unfortunate things about this film is that it appeals to race prejudice upon the basis of conditions of half a century ago, which have nothing to do with the facts we have to consider today. It is both unjust and untrue. The producer seems to have followed the principle of gathering the most vicious and grotesque individuals he could find among colored people, and showing them as representatives of the truth about the entire race. The same method could be followed to smirch the reputation of any race."

JANE ADDAMS.

"It is a loathsome calumny of the Negro race and an insult to the south as well as to the north."

ADELENE MOFFATT.

## GIRL DOES FARM WORK



Miss Rose Williams, who, owing to the shortage of labor, is working on her father's farm at Wisborough, near Billingshurst, England. She found skirts a hindrance, so she wears her brother's flannels working in a hay field.

## HIS WIFE IS HIS "ANGEL"

Indiana Farmer, Visiting State Fair, Saves \$50 When He Takes Her Advice.

Columbus, Ind.—William Dawson, a farmer living east of Columbus, decided to come to Columbus and attend the fair recently. He had \$55 in bills in his purse, and his wife told him to beware of pickpockets. Dawson insisted he was a grown man, and he would like to see anybody take his money away from him.

After Dawson came here and saw a big crowd of people he thought perhaps there might be something in the pickpocket stories. He went to a local bank and deposited \$50. The other \$5 he retained for spending money.

Then he went to the Pennsylvania station and saw a big crowd. A train came in and a man bumped against him. He reached for his purse later and found it was gone. Dawson says he was glad he took his wife's advice. It saved him \$50.

## YANKEE TARS ASK NIGHTIES

70,000 Perfectly Good Suits of Pajamas Are Scornfully Rejected by Sailors.

Washington. — The "old-fashioned man who wears a nightshirt," long sought by newspaper humorists, has been found in large numbers in the United States navy. The tars refuse to wear pajamas, and the navy department is therefore "stuck" with 70,000 suits, which will be offered at auction.

Two years ago orders were issued that pajamas be provided for enlisted men, for it was assumed that this garb would soon become very popular. Something like 100,000 pairs were purchased, and the sailors were informed that they could draw them whenever they liked.

For a time there was no demand, but finally some of the men discovered a use for the garments. About 30,000 pairs were distributed. Then it was found that the seamen were using the pajamas as underwear. Others wore them while coaling ships.

## Something Like Foundries.

"What are them kitchenettes I hear tell of in the cities?" asked Deacon Hyberbole Medders, the somewhat honest agriculturist.

"They're the places, Uncle Hy," explained Upson Downs, his city nephew, "in which are molded or cast or somehow produced a flat dweller's daily round of meallettes."—Judge.

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