

General Race News

ORGANIZE FOR PROTECTION —MANHOOD AWAKENING

Thomasville, Ga., Jan. 14.—Sheriff Rheberg of this city, upon complaint of Sidney McRae, a farmer of this county, who, while returning home from Boston Friday night, was fired upon by some one from ambush, arrested two innocent race men whom he claimed to suspect of the shooting. There is positively no evidence against the accused. The shooting occurred at night and the alleged assassins are impossible of identification. Notwithstanding this astonishing truth, the crime, as usual, falls upon the defenseless. At the courthouse there is talk of lynching, but the race is organized to defend their lives and those who may be in the custody of the law. "We are going to stop lynching if we have to die to the man. Unless we fight and defend our homes we will be murdered one by one by a lawless rabble that is a disgrace to the South. Fully realizing these truths, we are prepared to fight, and fight to the bitter end. Our lives are unsafe and those of our families while race-hating murderers are allowed immunity from punishment under a Jim Crow government. We are going to fight, and we want the world to know it. 'Liberty or death!' is the slogan. The spirit of manhood won freedom for our fathers and, banded together, we are going to free Georgia of lynch law," said a brave race man here today.

MEMPHIS REPUBLICANS WANT CHURCH.

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 28.—Republicans of Shelby county and Tenth Congressional districts are up in arms because they believe that Robert R. Church, Jr., was a victim of treachery at the recent meeting of the Republican executive committee in Nashville. It was promised by the Calhoun contingency, which is the faction in favor with Charles D. Hilles, national committee chairman, that Mr. Church would be elected to a place on the State executive committee.

The Memphis "Big Four," Gen. Saml. L. Calhoun, R. R. Church, Jr., Frank S. Elgin, ex-U. S. marshal, and Dr. J. T. Spence, collector of customs, were said to be in harmony and agreed on Church for the vacancy from the Tenth district, but at the last moment the three white men went back on Church and Elgin was elected.

Notwithstanding this action the local Republicans declare that Mr. Church will be the delegate from this district to the National Republican Convention at Chicago June 7. He was a delegate to the last convention and made a good record.

WELL-KNOWN ACTRESS ANSWERS CALL

New York City, Jan. 21.—Mollie Dill, who for years was identified with the Black Patti show, Cole and Johnson's "Red Moon" company and "The Shoo Fly Regiment," and who also toured with the Williams and Walker company, died and was buried here week before last. The end came in Bellevue hospital and the interment was in St. Michael cemetery.

BAND MASTER WIDELY RECOGNIZED.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 28.—With Major N. Clark Smith as conductor, forty students of Western university, Kansas side, appeared in concert at the Paseo Y. M. C. A. Friday night, January 21.

Major Clark, whose funeral march composed in memory of Frederick Douglas, was played at the funeral of Booker T. Washington, is a Kansas City Negro who has achieved international recognition. He worked as a boy for the Carl Hoffman Music Co. and later for Lyon and Healey, Chicago, where Mr. Healey discovered his talent and sent him to Zeigfield, head of the Chicago Musical College, and Felix Borowski, the Russian composer at that time in Chicago. In a short time Clark gained recognition abroad and was decorated for his musical achievement at the Paris Exposition. Now he is at Western University. Two of his former pupils are bandmasters in Russian and Singalese regiments, now fighting.

DR. WALL APPOINTED BOROUGH PHYSICIAN

Rankin, Pa.—Dr. Arthur A. Wall has recently been appointed borough physician of Rankin, Pa. He is the first colored physician to hold that position since this has been a borough. Dr. Wall is a North Carolinian by birth, a graduate of Leonard Medical school, class 1909, and has successfully passed the state boards of West Virginia and Pennsylvania.

He chose this field of labor six years ago, and has faithfully served the people in this and surrounding borough, demonstrating his skill as a physician and his worth as a Christian gentleman.

WABASH EMPLOYEES SEEK INCREASE IN PAY.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 28.—A petition praying for increased wages and better conditions presented by Wabash train porters to the management of the company was given favorable consideration by the officials who later will make their announcement. In view of the general movement by large corporations to improve the conditions of the worker better conditions for these men are expected.

SURGICAL NURSE RECEIVES PROMOTION

Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 21.—Miss E. R. Van Ranken, graduate of Lincoln Hospital and Training school, New York, of the class of 1914, who has been head surgical nurse of the Home sanitarium, has been promoted to the position of head nurse of the institution.

KANSAS CITY GETS BUSINESS LEAGUE

Tuskegee, Ala., Jan. 21.—After consideration of the several invitations that have been received, the executive committee of the National Negro Business league has decided to hold the next meeting of the league in Kansas City. The meeting will be held August 16-18, 1916.

HELEN HAGAN IN RECITAL.

New York City, Jan. 21.—Miss Helen Hagan, who has the degree of Mus. B. of Yale University, and at the same time winning the Samuel Simon Sanford Fellowship, providing for foreign study abroad, gave a concert here last night at the Music School Settlement. She was supported by Mr. Rosamond Johnson, Miss Ethel Richardson and Miss Reba Fairfax. The program was highly appreciated and a large audience greeted the artists.

Miss Hagan will be heard in Omaha February 10th.

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