

General Race News

PRAISE FOR NEGRO TROOPS.

Tenth Cavalry's March to Casas Grandes Fine Record, Funston Says.

San Antonio, Tex., March 18—DANGER to four hundred American Mormon colonists at Colonia Dublan was removed today by the arrival of a portion of Colonel Dodd's cavalry column there. Dublan is south of Casas Grandes, which the United States troops have left behind. The Tenth Cavalry, Negroes, reported to have been the first to enter Mexico, south of Hachita, early Thursday, composed the Dublan relief party.

The march of Colonel Dodd's forces from Hachita to Casas Grandes, a distance of slightly over one hundred miles, is said by General Funston to be one of the finest marching records held in American army history.

Funston stated that smaller bodies of picked men had made marches of seventy miles in twenty-four hours, but that for a large force to maintain an average speed of fifty miles a day in rough, desert country is most remarkable.

Led by Mormons who had left their families in Dublan, Dodd's horsemen were in the saddle almost continuously for sixty hours. Spurred on by reports that the colonists were in danger of massacre by Villistas, the troopers covered one hundred miles of the most difficult desert country in Chihuahua on forced marches that will go down in the annals of army history. The column took advantage of the knowledge of the Mormon scouts, who knew every water hole, trail and road along the route.

NEW REGISTRATION LAW.

Oklahoma City, March 10.—The Democrats of the state in a special session of the legislature adopted a general registration law and submitted an amendment to the constitution that will presumably prevent most of the race men of this state from voting. The law requires that no person that did not vote in November, 1914, can vote now. Under the new law a race man will be shut out entirely. The same law is what broke up a session of the present legislature in a free-for-all fight. There are wordings in the bill which when sought to straighten out only a very few men of the race will ever be able to cast a vote in the state of Oklahoma. This new law is simply the "Grandfather" clause hashed out, changed around and reworded.

JIM CROW BILL FAILS.

Annapolis, Md., March 10.—Baltimore will have no "Jim Crow" cars for the next two years at least, the judiciary committee of the House of Delegates having made an unfavorable report on the bill introduced by Delegate McCusker, of Baltimore City.

No one took the bill seriously, and among its strongest opposers were city Democrats.

A NOTED BANDMASTER RESIGNS

Advices from the Philippines state that Walter H. Loving, for fifteen years conductor of the Philippines Constabulary Band, has retired with honor with the rank of major. The well-known bandmaster is said to have found it necessary to relinquish his duties as conductor of the famous musical organization because of ill-health.

CONFERENCE OF COLORED REPUBLICANS HELD

Representatives from the states of Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma to the number of thirty met in Kansas City, Kans., February 22, for a conference on the political situation in the western states, and took preliminary steps towards forming a permanent organization. The committee on permanent organization consists of the following: John Grant Pegg, Nebraska, chairman; L. H. Bradbury, Missouri, secretary; F. J. McNeil, Oklahoma; J. A. Graves, Iowa; James H. Guy, Kansas. The committee on resolutions of which Mr. Pegg of Nebraska was chairman, presented the following which were adopted:

RESOLUTIONS.

We, the colored republicans of the Western states in convention assembled, assert our faith in the doctrines and principles of the republican party.

We deplore the industrial and financial depression which prevails throughout the country as a result of democratic rule and incompetent administration of the tariff policy. We believe the re-enactment of a protective tariff law absolutely essential to the return of prosperity among us.

We look upon the republican party as the dominant political organization in this country and we therefore look to it for such wise, just and courageous legislation and administration as will be conducive of justice to all men.

We are adverse to segregation in any and all of its forms in the political affairs of our government.

We deplore lynching and mob violence wherever found as crimes against civilization and for the prevention of it we favor such rational legislation as will make it an offense against the national government and will give to the federal court jurisdiction in all such cases.

We look with hope for the success of the republican party in the coming national campaign and to the end that it may be successful we favor the association of our people with the local party organization, to their smallest units throughout the states.

We condemn the recent action of the legislature of the state of Oklahoma in its attempt to nullify the decision of the supreme court of the United States by the enactment of legislation to disfranchise the colored voters. We favor the adoption by the republican party, in its next national convention, of a plank in its platform declaring for the strict enforcement, according to the letter and spirit of the second section of the fourteenth amendment of the Constitution, to the end that the representation in congress of any and all states shall be commensurate with the number of citizens who vote in such states.

We recommend that we ask the national committee to recommend to the next national convention the selection of two Negroes to serve on the next national committee with the full rights and privileges of other committeemen and that one be selected from the Eastern portion of this country and the other from the Western portion.

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