

General Race News

M'VEA AND JEANETTE WILL MEET AT NEW ORLEANS.

New Orleans, La., April 27.—Sam McVea and Joe Jeanette, two of the best known Colored heavyweights in the game for many years, will meet in a New Orleans ring in the first of a series of elimination bouts for the Colored championship of the world.

The contest will be staged by Dominick Tortorich at the New Louisiana Auditorium, about the middle of May, according to the announcement of Promoter Tortorich last Monday night, and after it is finished, the winner will be matched with some of the other big Colored fighters, probably Harry Wills. Then the situation will again be narrowed down to a contest for the winner of this bout and the "little brown man from Boston," Sam Langford.

This is the program planned at present. The first match is already lined up.

VARDAMAN AFRAID OF COLORED SOLDIERS

Washington, May 5.—Senator Vardaman, in discussing in the Senate recently the National Guard section of the army increase bill, sees danger to the South in the authority that is given the federal government. In discussing this phase of the question, he said in part:

"I do not know who is going to succeed the present occupant of the White House. I hope he may succeed himself, but I would not hazard a prediction of what is going to happen. If a man should be elected President who is color blind on the race question and whose olfactories have become so benumbed that he could not distinguish between a white man and a Negro, and who is so politically antagonistic to the South that he would be willing to use the power conferred upon him by Section 56 of this bill for partisan political purposes, he could order Negro regiments to mobilize for military training in every congressional district of the state of Mississippi.

TWO DELEGATES FROM NEW JERSEY.

Atlantic City, N. J., May 5.—In the Presidential primaries held April 25, the surprise in the voting in the city was the probable election of two Negroes, James A. Lightfoot, a lawyer, and W. F. Cozart, a head waiter, to the National Republican convention as delegates from the Second district over County Clerk Harry L. Knight of Burlington County and Richard M. Moore, a Bridgeton glass manufacturer.

The heavy vote was due to the efforts of Mayor William Riddle in a battle with City Commissioner Harry Bacharach and his brother, Congressman Isaac Bacharach. Out of twenty-five precincts in the city the Negroes carried twenty-one. The other sections of the district will likely show their defeat.

Halifax, N. S., April 27.—"The Birth of a Nation" has been barred after a delegation of about forty citizens of both races waited on the provincial government. Several showed that the picture failed to portray history as it should and showed the increase in prejudice wherever it went.

COLORED BOYS MAKE ATTRACTIVE TOYS

Chattanooga, Tenn., April 27.—Small Colored boys at the Chattanooga Avenue School have become so proficient in the art of toy-making that keen interest is being shown in their work by persons who have seen samples of it.

Many orders for doll furniture and bric-a-brac have been filled for persons out of the city, as well as in it, it is said, and only lack of material and proper tools prevent their doing a big business in this line of work.

Toy making was taken up at the beginning of this school year, there being a teacher at the Chattanooga Avenue school that was interested in manual training and willing to teach the art free. A limited amount of tools was furnished by the department of education, and from this start what probably will be the nucleus for an industrial school for the Negro race in Chattanooga has resulted. The need for manual training in the Colored schools appears to be urgent and since such aptness in the use of the hammer and the saw has been shown by these little boys of the fifth, sixth and seventh grades, that department probably will be added to the schools at an early date.

COMMENTS FROM RACE PRESS.

The Issue.

Of course, as American citizens, concerned about the general welfare of the country, we are interested in preparedness and the tariff and our foreign policy and all the other more or less important issues which are being considered and discussed in view of the coming Presidential campaign. But for us there one issue which stands out above them all. We want to know where the man for whom we are asked to cast our votes stands on the question of equal civil and political rights for the Negro. We can overlook his views on pacificism or preparedness, on free trade or high tariff, on swallowing our words or fighting Germany and Mexico combined, if he is right on the one issue.

This issue is forced upon us. We regret that it is so, but it is, and upon that issue we must stand. Let Colored voters everywhere use every means in their power to give this issue influence in the coming campaign. —New York Age.

PLAY GROUNDS OPEN.

Wilmington, N. C., April 27.—The committee on recreation and amusement of the Social Service and Civic Improvement league is securing a number of playgrounds for the Colored children. They have purchased a coaster-slide, ocean-wave, merry-go-round and other amusements for the children.

COLORED BABY TAKES PRIZE

At a recent baby show at Tecumseh, Neb., the infant of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Paires, the only Colored family in the place, scored six points higher than any other baby exhibited. Dr. Davies said that the Paires baby was an almost perfect specimen of babyhood physically and one of the finest types he had ever seen.

IMPROVISED BURIAL SERVICE ON BORDER TOLD BY BINGHAM

Colonel Gonzales S. Bingham, in charge of the local army quartermaster's depot, has received the following description of the burial of one of the Villa raiders who was shot and killed at Columbus, N. M.

A platoon of American Colored troops had been detailed to inter the dead Mexican. A grave has been prepared, the body placed in it and the soldiers were about to cover the corpse with dirt when the non-commissioned officer in charge suggested that a brief service might be appropriate over the remains of the deceased bandit.

Cap in hand, an ebony-hued trooper stepped forth and solemnly uttered the following words:

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"If Carranza won't shoot you,
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