

General Race News

COLORED SCHOOLS GET HANDSOME BEQUESTS

Rich New York Woman Remembers Negro Institutions of Learning in Her Will.

New York, May 12.—Hampton Normal and Industrial Institute, in Alabama, the Agricultural Institute in Virginia, the Berea College, in Kentucky and the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, all institutions of learning for Colored people, were remembered in a very substantial manner by Miss Martha H. Andrews, who died here February 5 last. Miss Andrews was of an old New York family and her estate was valued at \$1,500,000. Tuskegee came in for the largest share bequeathed to Negro institutions, which was \$50,000, and Berea College in Kentucky was the next highest, getting \$25,000.

Practically all of the vast estate went to other religious and educational institutions for the whites. The American Bible Society was also liberally taken care of.

WINS AS ROOSEVELT DELEGATE AT CAPE MAY, N. J.

Cape May, May 12.—Standpatters were surprised when the complete returns for delegates from the second New Jersey congressional district in the Republican primaries showed that William F. Cozart, Colored, a waiter in a hotel of Atlantic City, with the declaration as a supporter of Theodore Roosevelt, after his name, won in the primary as one of the two delegates over Richard M. More, a glass manufacturer of Bridgeton.

Cozart has defeated More by more than 300 votes. The other delegate chosen is Harry C. Knight, of Burlington country. Cozart was the only man whose declaration for Roosevelt was printed on the ticket. Christopher S. Hand and Alfred B. Miller, a Roosevelt man, are alternates.

TYLER MAKES FIGHT

Columbus, Ohio, May 12.—Ralph Tyler, who was a candidate for delegate-at-large to the Republican National Convention, Chicago, Ill., in June, did not win, but polled 30,000 votes—a big victory for the race. There were seven men in the race, and he beat the slate in several districts. An analysis of the vote shows Tyler pooled the vote of the race, in consequence of which Republican white leaders are now taking stock, figuring that some attention must be given race voters in the future.

MEMPHIS PHYSICIAN FOUND DEAD IN PARK

Memphis, Tenn., May 12.—Dr. A. S. J. Burchett, one of the most prominent doctors of this city, was found dead shortly before noon, Saturday, April 29, in Wills Park, by a playground supervisor. He was in a sitting posture on a bench with a pistol in his right hand. The police believe that he committed suicide.

HONOR BERT WILLIAMS

New York, May 12.—The Citizens' Club of Brooklyn will dine the world's greatest actor and comedian, Mr. Bert Williams on Decoration Day.

KENTUCKY JURY DECLARES COLORED MAN SANE

Hazard, Ky., May 12.—William Combs, said to be worth \$30,000, was declared sane by a jury here Wednesday, April 26. Combs is 76 years old. After the Civil war was over his ex-master willed him and his brother Jack 700 acres of mountain land. The two old men held their land until about one year ago, when it was purchased by the Daniel Boone Coal Co., for which they paid the two brothers \$100 per acre for the mineral deposits in it, the Colored men still owning the land. The share of William amounted to \$30,000. His relatives instituted proceedings against the old man, demanding an inquiry into his sanity, claiming that he was not competent to look after his affairs. The jury trying the case thought otherwise. Combs made a good witness on the stand in his own behalf. His answers to questions were intelligent and he showed a good memory.

COLORED FIREMEN FOR ATLANTIC CITY.

Atlantic City, N. J., May 12.—With the introduction to the City Commission of an ordinance providing for the erection of a new fire station on property now owned by the city at Kentucky and Mediterranean avenues, Director of Public Safety Bartlett gave the first intimation of the adoption of the Fire Department that will include the appointment of Colored men. The ordinance, which made no mention of the cost of the proposed station, passed first reading.

While the erection of a fire station in the Colored section of the city had long been contemplated and regarded as necessary, Director Bartlett's action came as a surprise. No previous intimation that immediate steps would be taken to this end had been given. Up to this time no Colored man has ever been appointed to the Fire Department. While there has been no state or civic obstacle to appointment of Colored men, the policy heretofore has been to exclude them.

HOUSES FOR COLORED TENANTS AT LOW RENT

Washington, May 12.—Directors of the Ellen Wilson homes have selected a square, seven blocks from the Capitol on South Capitol street, in a relatively undeveloped section, on which they soon will begin erecting 140 small dwellings that will commemorate the late Mrs. Ellen Wilson. The buildings will meet the best housing standards and will be rented to unskilled Colored wage earners at low rates.

DEMANDS FAIR PLAY

Aberdeen, Miss., May 12.—Dr. W. H. Whitlock, assistant lecturer of the Knights of Pythias, spoke here last week. He said the great bugaboo of the white man was "social equality," but what the race demanded was fair play in the body politic, justice in all affairs of the government and the right to earn a livelihood. Mr. R. Washington spoke along business lines, urging each to patronize one another.

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COMMON AMERICAN BIRDS



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BARN SWALLOW

(Hirundo erythrogastra)

Length, about seven inches. Distinguished among our swallows by deeply forked tail.

Range: Breeds throughout the United States (except the South Atlantic and Gulf states) and most of Canada; winters in South America.

Habits and economic status: This is one of the most familiar birds of the farm and one of the greatest insect destroyers. From daylight to dark on tireless wings it seeks its prey, and the insects destroyed are countless. Its favorite nesting site is a barn rafter, upon which it sticks its mud basket. Most modern barns are so tightly constructed that swallows cannot gain entrance, and in New England and some other parts of the country barn swallows are much less numerous than formerly. Farmers can easily provide for the entrance and exit of the birds and so add materially to their numbers. It may be well to add that the parasites that sometimes infest the nests of swallows are not the ones the careful housewife dreads, and no fear need be felt of the infestation spreading to the houses. Insects taken on the wing constitute the almost exclusive diet of the barn swallow. More than one-third of the whole consists of flies, including unfortunately some useful parasitic species. Beetles stand next in order and consist of a few weevils and many of the small dung beetles of the May beetle family that swarm over the pastures in the late afternoon. Ants amount to more than one-fifth of the whole food, while wasps and bees are well represented.

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