

General Race News

OPENS SCHOOL OF DRAMA

New York, May 19.—The management of the New Lincoln Theatre, 135th street and Lenox avenue, launched another innovation when they announced the opening of a school of dramatic art for the benefit of aspiring young Colored people who desire to become fitted for a career on the stage. It will be remembered that it was at this little theatre, the first dramatic stock company whose members were exclusively Colored, first made their bid for public favor, and the success of the unusual venture was phenomenal. The owner of the theatre, Mrs. Maria C. Downs, and the director, Billie Burke, have conceived the idea that the future will open up a large field for the Colored actors and actresses, and in order that talented members of the race will be prepared to meet the demand when it arrives, it is their intention to devote the coming summer months to the development of all promising material. The project should receive the utmost encouragement, for it is a most praiseworthy undertaking and reflects great credit on the promoters. The pupils at the Lincoln Theatre Dramatic School will be taught in all branches of the theatrical art, and there is no doubt that considerable good talent will be unearthed. It will be interesting to watch the results. This is the first attempt of its kind that has ever been made, and it is undoubtedly a step for the advancement of the Colored people in dramatic art.

LYNCHED IN JAIL YARD; BODY HUNG TO A POLE.

Lawton, Okla., May 19.—Not content with shooting the Negro to death, a mob of several hundred men tied the body of Carl Dudley to an automobile and dragged it through the streets to the outskirts of the city. The body was then hung to a telephone pole.

Dudley was charged with shooting James Hayes, a policeman, who died from the wounds. When first arrested Dudley was taken to the army post at Fort Sill for safe keeping, but next morning the army officers turned him over to the city. The mob formed that night, and quickly overpowered the sheriff. A deputy attempted to protect the Negro but he was forced aside.

The man was taken to the jail yard, stood up against a brick wall and fifty or more shots fired into his body.

And yet troops are sent into Mexico to hunt Villa, the outlaw!

ELECTED SECRETARY OF EPISCOPAL DIOCESE

At the forty-ninth annual council of the Diocese of the Episcopal Church, which met in Omaha Wednesday and Thursday of this week, the Rev. John Albert Williams, who has been the assistant-secretary for a number of years, was unanimously elected secretary of the Diocese.

Mrs. A. D. James, Mrs. S. B. Canty and Mrs. John Albert Williams were the delegates from the Church of St. Philip the Deacon to the annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary which was held in All Saints Church Tuesday. Others attending were Mrs. Volney Carter and Mrs. C. H. Hicks.

WORK STARTED BY NEW JERSEY FILM COMPANY

Jersey City, N. J., May 19.—The Frederick Douglas Film Co., a corporation composed of some of the leading Negroes of the State, has started actual work on its first photo play, a three-reel drama, "Winning His First Suit," which will show various phases of Negro progress since emancipation.

The leading characters will be portrayed by Jersey City people, Mrs. Ida Askin, Miss Florence Snead and Frederick Quinn being cast for the leading roles. The pictures will be staged by the Centaur Studio of Bayonne, and the scenes of the play will be laid in Virginia. The Rev. W. S. Smith, an active member of the Douglass Film Co., spent several days in Virginia selecting the prospective settings for the pictures, and the players, with the camera man and manager left Jersey City Tuesday night. They were met in Washington by Mr. Smith and taken on Wednesday to the points in Virginia selected for the pictures.

The play is expected to be released June 15, or not later than July 1. Officers of the company are: Dr. W. G. Alexander of Orange, president; Dr. I. A. Lawrence of Elizabeth, vice president; A. R. Mayor of Jersey City, secretary; Dr. George E. Cannon, treasurer.

OVER \$5,000,000 INSURANCE IN FORCE.

Durham, N. C., May 19.—The seventeenth annual statement of the North Carolina Mutual and Provident Association shows a continued and healthy growth of the company. The total income for the year ending December 31, 1915, amounted to \$461,641.41, an increase of nearly \$12,000 over 1914. The balance from 1914, \$152,891.03, shows a total of \$569,532.44.

The company has a net ledger balance of \$166,944.53, with gross assets of \$169,690.89. The legal reserve is \$126,823.71, special reserve, \$25,428.68 and surplus, \$17,437.50. There is on deposit in approved securities with the insurance department of North Carolina, \$100,000, to secure the payment of all claims against the company. There is in force more than \$5,000,000 in insurance.

Officers and directors are John Merrick, president; C. C. Spaulding, vice president and general manager; A. M. Moore, secretary and treasurer; E. R. Merrick, assistant secretary; J. M. Avery, assistant manager.

Contributions From Nebraska for The Booker T. Washington Memorial Fund:

Our race over the United States are contributing to the Booker T. Washington Memorial Fund. The fund is placed at \$2,000,000 for the endowment of Tuskegee Institute. The Colored people are asked to give \$250,000 towards this fund. The Monitor will receive and forward subscriptions.

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