

General Race News

METHODISTS AGAINST DANCING AND CARDS

Theater Also Barred by Large Vote—Oppose Divorce.

Saratoga Springs, N. Y., June 10.—Dancing, card playing and theatre going are still under the ban of the Methodist Episcopal church and members who indulge in these diversions are liable to expulsion, under the laws of the church.

The general conference rejected Friday, May 26, by a vote of 434 to 360, a proposal offered by a minority of the committee on the state of church, which recommended that paragraph 271, which specifically pronounces against these amusements and provides a penalty for violation of the rule, be removed.

Had it not been for the solid opposition of the Colored delegations, the ban might have been lifted. Nearly every one of the Colored delegates, however, and there are about 100 of the conference, voted against changing the paragraph. The vote of other conferences was nearly always evenly divided, but in the case of New York, Philadelphia, Newark and other conferences in the east the majority supported Chancellor James R. Day, of Syracuse University, who headed the progressives who wanted a change.

The total abstinence by Methodists church members from the use of tobacco is urged in another report, which states:

"We record our solemn judgment that the habitual use of tobacco is a practice out of harmony with the best Christian life."

More stringent regulations regarding the remarriage by Methodist ministers of divorced persons are provided in a report submitted by the committee on the state of the church. The church has never recognized any cause for divorce, except adultery, and has always forbidden remarriage in any case where a divorced wife or husband is living. By the proposed change, a minister who performs such a marriage is guilty of maladministration and is to be held answerable.

FLORIDA JUDGE WILL ALLOW WHITES TO TEACH BLACKS

St. Augustine, Fla., June 10.—Judge Gibbs, of the circuit court, May 20 declared unconstitutional the Florida law prohibiting white teachers from teaching in Colored schools and Colored teachers from teaching in white schools. He instructed the authorities to release the bondsmen of several sisters in charge of a convent school who had been held on charges of violating the law. Judge Gibbs ruled that the state had no power over private schools and could not legally prohibit a "superior race" from instructing an "inferior race."

REMEMBERED HIS EMPLOYEES

The last will of the late Morris Lasker of Galveston gives bequests to the following Colored citizens: Carl Bryant, \$1,000; Mrs. Mamie Green, \$500; Mrs. Julia Woods, \$100; Mrs. E. M. Russell, \$25; and Wm. Bowers, \$25. All the above, except Mr. Bowers, who is a letter carrier, were employed at some time at the Lasker home.—Galveston (Tex.) Times.

WHITE SUFFRAGETTES ASK COLORED WOMEN TO HELP

Columbus, O., June 10.—"Come and stand by us in helping women to get their rights," appealed the Franklin County Suffrage Association to the Colored women of Columbus a few weeks ago.

"Nothing doing on 'votes for women' until you promise to help the Colored folks get something like equal social privileges with white people," was the substance of the answer made yesterday in a petition filed with the Suffrage Association meeting at its room in East Broad street. And there the issue stands.

"We have nothing to say against equal suffrage," said Mrs. Minnie B. Mosby, 604 Mt. Vernon avenue, secretary of the Columbus branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, "but before the Colored women come out in favor of women suffrage we believe the white women backing the movement, should show their willingness to help wipe out the discrimination against Colored people on the part of theatres, hotels, restaurants and soda fountains."

The suffragists tabled a petition stating the Colored women's position.

BUTLER, COLORED ATHLETE WINS AT IOWA CITY

Dubuque, Iowa, June 3.—Sol Butler was easily the star in the dual track meet between the Teachers' College and Dubuque College Saturday, May 20, winning five first places and one second besides making a wonderful sprint getting second place in the relay race in which the Teacher's College had two teams entered. Butler won the hundred in ten and three-fifths; the 120-yard high hurdles in 16 2-5; the 220 low hurdles in 27 3-5, and broad jumped twenty feet three inches. He also annexed the shot put getting a mark of 36 1-4 feet. He took second place in the discus throw. Ben Butler, his brother, surprised everyone when he won the high jump and the quarter mile. The slow time was the result of rain, the track being a pool of water in places.

WILL PLAY JOE SMITHS.

Hunter Giants, a fast Colored ball team, will play the Joe Smith team of Council Bluffs Sunday at 16th avenue and 6th street.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION TO DIACONATE

Sunday is Whitsunday, one of the great Church festivals. It is also the Feast of St. Barnabas, the Apostle, and marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of my ordination to the diaconate. The services at the Church of St. Philip the Deacon will be at the usual hours: 7:30 a. m.; 11:00 and 5 p. m. I shall greatly appreciate it if all the communicants of the church will make a special effort to be present with me at the early service and if possible again at 11 o'clock. I shall esteem it a great privilege to have as many of my friends worship with us at these services as can consistently do so. But I do want all the members of the congregation present.—John Albert Williams.

SOUTH SIDE.

The ladies of Allen Chapter A. M. E. Church, will give a trolley car party through Omaha to Florence and Lake Manawa. This being the first of the season, the ladies will spare no pains in making this outing a pleasant affair. The car will leave 24th and M streets Wednesday evening, June 14th, at 8 o'clock. This being "Flag Day," everyone will have an opportunity to attend.

Little Miss Luvetta Busch and Master John Thornton will graduate from 8th B to the High School. We congratulate these little folks on being able to finish the grade school at such an early age, and that we look for greater things from them in the future.

On Sunday, June 11, the A. M. E. Sunday School will have their annual children's day exercise. At 3 o'clock the smaller children will render a program with special music. At 8 o'clock the larger pupils will have charge of the program. They, too, will have special music along with their literary exercises.

Mr. Jake Broomfield, who is still quite sick, was moved from his home to the St. Joseph's hospital Wednesday morning, June 7th.

The rally given by the ladies of the A. M. E. Church for the ministers, brought them \$42, for which they wish to thank members and friends.

STRIKERS BACK AT WORK.

Many Colored men who were thrown out of work by the strike of the building trades are now back at work. Most of the big jobs are now under way with their full force. It has been estimated that about 400 Colored men were affected by the walk-out.

FAST COLORED TEAMS COMING

Manager Bradford, of the Brandeis Stores, has booked the Kansas City Giants June 17th and 18th. The Leland Giants July 1, 2 and 4, and the Union Giants July 29 and 30.

FIRST REGIMENTAL BAND IN FLAG DAY PARADE.

The First Regimental Band K. of P. has been engaged to march in the Flag Day parade Wednesday, June 14. Dan Desdunes, the conductor, has arranged a medley of patriotic airs especially for the occasion. The Colored churches and lodges have also been asked to participate.

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