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## Major Charles Young Has Been Promoted

This Distinguished Officer With Most Interesting Career. Made a Lieutenant Colonel.

### OHIOANS PROUD OF NATIVE SON

His Rise Has Been Steady, the Result of Ability and Close Application to Duty.

Wilberforce, O., July 22.—The appointment of Major Charles Young, U. S. A., as Lieutenant-Colonel, was made on July 1, together with a number of other U. S. army officers. This news will be received with great interest by his many friends in Ohio and throughout the country. On June 25, he received a message from General Pershing's headquarters, asking him to report at Dublin, Mexico, where he was examined by Brig. Gen. Pershing, Col. Berry and other high army officers. Following the examination he received his promotion of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Major Young well merits the honors conferred upon him in the U. S. Army. He has proven his ability as a soldier of the first rank. He is a graduate of West Point and his mental average in the army stands high and few men of his years, in the army, have seen more practical service than he. Just recently he returned from Liberia, Africa, where he re-established the Liberian Constabulary, and the military police forces in that country are now considered among the best, due chiefly to the unceasing labor of Major Young. He has been given meritorious praise for his work in this connection, and as a consideration of his high military achievements, he was awarded the Spingairn medal, which is given annually to the Afro-American who most meritorious work.

Major Young was among the first to go into Mexico. The statement that he is stationed in Brownsville, Texas, is without foundation, and should not be credited. He is simply "somewhere in Mexico" and has command of the second squadron of the Tenth Cavalry. The Major is simply one among many of the race who have demonstrated to the world that America should be proud of our loyal people. Major and Mrs. Young and his mother live here.

### ORGANIZE CADET REGIMENT

(Special to The Monitor.)

Kansas City, Mo., July 22.—Major M. Clark Smith of this city, is organizing a high school cadet regiment and band at the Lincoln High School.

It is the plan to have the Band organized and well under way by the opening of School in September. Also to have a number of officers—captains, lieutenants, sergeants and corporals—ready to take hold of the Cadet organization.

## The Winners in the Free Trip Contest

By Which More Than \$700.00 Was Raised to Pay the Debt on the Negro Women's Christian Association Home.



MISS MADELINE ROBERTS Who Received 2164 Votes and Won the Second Prize, \$20.00 in Gold.



MISS FRANCES SHAW Who Received 4459 Votes and Won First Prize, a Trip to Chicago.

### Preparing Chorus for Business League

(Special to The Monitor.)

Kansas City, Mo., July 22.—Maj. N. Clark Smith, who has just been placed in charge of music in the Colored schools of Kansas City, has organized a chorus of 150 Colored men to sing August 17, 18 and 19 for the convention of the National Business Men's League. The chorus with Major Smith's Colored orchestra, rehearsed at the Lincoln High School. They will play every Sunday until the date of the convention, with the intention afterward of holding community concerts and possibly singing in the parks.

### MEDALIST IN CONCERT TOUR

Los Angeles, Cal., July 21.—Mrs. Florence Cole Talbert of this city, who won the diamond medal for vocal proficiency at the Chicago Musical College last month, is on a tour with Hahn's Jubilee Singers, filling Chau-tauqua dates. Her husband, Wendell Talbert, accompanies her.

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### A Kansas University Graduate at Eighteen

Parents of Louise Craig, Negro Girl, Also Hold Degrees.

(Special to The Monitor.)

Lawrence, Kas., July 22.—Louise H. Craig, a Negro girl, 18 years old, will receive her A B degree at the close of the summer session at the University next week.

Miss Ctaig was graduated from high school at the age of 15 and entered the university the following September, doing the four years' work in three. Miss Craig's father, A. U. Craig, was graduated from the school of engineering in 1895 and her mother was graduated from the college the same year.

### COLORED FILM AT THE ALHAMBRA THEATRE

Wednesday evening, after the show at the Alhambra Theatre, 24th and Parker streets, the "Realization of a Negro's Ambition," a two reel drama owned, acted and produced by Negroes, was run off for the benefit of the management. The leading role of James Burton was played by Noble N. Johnson, Universal City's favorite Negro actor, and, by the way, author of the play. The film tells in a convincing way the story of the success of an ambitious Negro handicapped by prejudice. It is a film well worth seeing. Monday night it will be shown at the Alhambra and Wednesday night at the Alamo.

## Something About Liberia, Africa

Many Statements About the Dark Continent Inclined to be Misleading.

### EX-SECRETARY OF LEGATION

Guy B. Robbins Begins a Series of Interesting Articles on Liberia and Her People.

From the various reports we get on Africa in this country we are inclined to form our own opinions of the people and conditions on that continent, never stopping to take into consideration climatic and social conditions and their effect upon the people of any country, especially a new one as compared with our western development. We therefore carry our expectations of a country as old as Liberia to extremes. We either look for development along such lines as we find in our Western cities of the same age or else we expect to meet cannibals, lions, elephants, and other beasts of prey at the landing places; and to find all the people living in mud and thatch huts. While some of this is true, it is quite misleading.

### First Acquaintance with Africa.

The first sign of African civilization I met, was upon the steamer southward bound from Europe. Here I found the native African working on the decks and in the engine and boiler rooms of the steamer. And naturally he was interesting to me. You will find him affable and ready to talk. He will talk to you in pigeon English, telling you what he does, where he lives, what he eats, and what he earns. He earns about nine dollars and sixty cents a month, plus his board, which consists chiefly of palm oil, rice and fish. How would you like this diet? He may live at any one of the coast towns, and is very willing to tell you about the people of his country.

### Natives Dive for Coins.

Further on the steamer stopped at an African port. Here I got to see some real life among the natives. They came alongside of the vessel with scant or no clothing. Most of them were innocent of any covering, but their "birthday suits." They asked the passengers to throw coins into the ocean so they could dive for them and get them. They were some divers too. If they ever failed to get the coin the passengers never knew it. They also came aboard and in their native dialect were chattering continually at one another.

### Noisy Farewells.

Some who were going with the vessel came on board with their babies, tin trunks, chickens, baskets, bundles containing rice, palm oil and other provender to provision them during their journey. They also had a whole lot to yell to the people they left down in the small boats and when

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