

General Race News

FRIEND OF EX-SLAVES DIES AT NINETY-TWO

Cedar Rapids, Ia., Aug. 18.—Miss Esther Douglas, whose quiet gracious life full of good deeds for others, a benediction to thousands who called her their little friend, passed away Tuesday, August 8, at 7 o'clock at the Home for Aged Women. Death came peacefully at the age of ninety-two years.

Much of her life was spent as a teacher and she chose to be a missionary to the Negroes of the south. It was chiefly in the Carolinas where she labored for the uplift of the race.

In later years many of her former pupils journeyed to Cedar Rapids to visit her.

For Thirty Years a Missionary.

Miss Douglas was a young woman when she began to teach the Negroes. She began her work a year before the Civil War closed and continued as a missionary among them for many years or until her health failed. Then she came north. For fourteen years, nine months and eight days she had been a resident of the Home for Aged Women. She was born in Hanover, Mass., 92 years ago June 12 last.

EATS 7 WATERMELONS AT ONE SITTING

El Cantro, Cal., Aug. 18.—Financially embarrassed and ravenously hungry, John Anderson walked 125 miles from San Diego here in search of work. When he spied a watermelon patch at the end of his hike, he lost no time in eating seven watermelons immediately, and then living off melons for several days. He was picked up on the highway in great pain, and when taken to the hospital had to have an operation performed. Two quarts of melon seeds which were causing the difficulty were removed from Anderson's stomach. He explained to the physician that he was too hungry to bother with eliminating the seeds.

COLORED SOLDIERS ENTER A RIGID PROTEST

San Francisco, Cal., August 18.—Thirteen Colored soldiers of the Twenty-fifth Infantry of Hawaii, U. S. A., have protested to the war department for alleged mistreatment on the part of officials of the Pullman company because they were forcibly removed from a Pullman car at West Berkeley and relegated to a car where, they claimed, there were "accommodations unfit for American soldiers."

Under the leadership of Sergeant Fred Washington, the men left the train at Berkeley and returned by street car to Oakland where they framed their protest.

ONLY RACE MEN ALLOWED NEAR DEUTSCHLAND

Baltimore, Md., August 18.—No white man was permitted to get within hailing distance of the submarine merchant freighter Deutschland while she laid at the pier in Spring Garden. The captain would employ none but Colored men, and these, we were informed, had to take a solemn oath which enjoined them to secrecy. They were well paid for the services performed.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS FOR NEGROES

Washington, D. C., August 18.—To help Colored boys become practical farmers and to assist Colored girls in becoming competent housewives, the U. S. Department of Agriculture in co-operation with the state colleges is organizing throughout the south Farm Makers' Clubs for rural children.

This activity is thoroughly organized in Virginia, North Carolina, Florida and Mississippi.

The chief object of these clubs is to encourage Colored farmers, particularly in the cotton sections, to raise some food instead of devoting their entire attention to a single crop.

According to reports, the county superintendents of schools and teachers of elementary schools are supporting the work actively, and state agricultural colleges and the technical schools established for the race are active co-operators in the larger phases of the work.

REFUSED PERMISSION TO GO TO PLATTSBURG CAMP

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 18.—When a Negro youth named Mills, a Sumner high school graduate, asked to be enrolled in the St. Louis contingent to the fourth Plattsburg military training encampment, B. H. Bratney, who, in the absence of F. O. Ludlow, now at Plattsburg, is acting enrollment secretary for St. Louis, did not know what to do.

Bratney appealed to the officer in charge of the Military Training Camp at Governor's Island, New York, and received a telegram saying that while there is no color line in the army, there is one at Plattsburg and that the applicant cannot accompany the St. Louis contingent.

RACE MEN INSTITUTE CAMPAIGN FOR HEALTH

Memphis, Tenn., August 18.—A campaign of health education for the race was started Saturday by Rev. Sydney Scott, who arranged for a chautauqua to be held under a tent at Mississippi boulevard and Wicks avenue.

Rev. Mr. Scott presented his credentials to the city board of health, and his plans to aid in teaching the benefits derived from antitoxin to combat the typhoid fever have been approved. Many attended the lectures.

REGIMENT TO BE FORMED AT PITTSBURG

Pittsburg, Pa., August 18.—Preliminary steps have been taken to organize the First Colored Infantry Regiment of Pittsburg. A recruiting office will be opened at 212 Fourth avenue. Alfred H. McClelland has been chosen colonel of the organization, and a full staff of officers has been selected.

BIRTHDAY OF REPUBLIC OF LIBERIA

July 26 was the birthday of the little republic of Liberia. Although the first colony of slaves from America went out to West Africa in 1820, it was not until 1847 that the Independence from the U. S. was declared. Liberia has a population of over 2,000,000.

AMONG RAIL ROAD MEN— BUFFET PORTERS GET RAISE

By J. William Shields.

The salary of the buffet porters over the Union Pacific system was raised to fifty dollars July 1st. Chas. Watson of Los Angeles, Cal., is now in charge of a buffet from Chicago to California.

Ed. Patton, an old U. P. man, is in the Pullman service out of Denver to the coast.

John Thomas is running in the dining car service U. P. to Los Angeles, Cal.

T. E. Perkins and Gerald Moore are pleased with the run on the Los Angeles limited from Omaha to the coast.

J. E. Torrence, C. C. Dudley, Frank Rogers and Lewis W. King are delighted with the fast track of the Pacific Limited from Omaha to Salt Lake, Utah.

Lewis Hatch, late of Los Angeles, Cal., who has been everywhere three times, is the traveling waiter on the Union Pacific, jumping from "limb to limb" from Pocatello, Idaho, to Pendleton, Oregon. He is very popular among the boys.

Eugene Howard, Jr., is running on the private car of the superintendent of the Union Pacific. He is an energetic and deserving young man and should succeed.

Veteran Sam M. Dukes, who is on the O. W. limited, Omaha to Portland, says the track is getting faster every day.

The D. C. men should guide their temper and quit pulling off fights on the train. If you are bullies, go to war.

Having returned from my vacation, his letter will appear every week, trusting that the boys will continue their appreciation of the same as in the past.

Mr. David Thornton, the most popular clerk of the Golden West Hotel, Portland, is well known and highly respected by the railroad fraternity for his mild and genial disposition. Every railroad man running west can be seen at the Golden West.

Bud Slaughter is now in charge of a parlor car of the S. P. and S. R. R. from Portland to Seaside, Oregon. He says Portland is all right, but he is Omaha bound.

W. B. Greer is on the Pacific limited from Omaha to Salt Lake.

Do you note the man who often when asked questions, will say "I don't know." Don't call him a dummy. He is a man who don't feel disposed to answer foolish questions, which is often the case, but prefers attending to his own business.

Messrs. O. Rountree and Frank Douglas of the new president's private car of the Union Pacific R. R., say things don't seem as they used to seem to seem.

Eddie Rawn is in love with the Los Angeles Limited to the coast.

SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF JERUSALEM MEET IN OMAHA

The Supreme Grand Lodge of the Ancient Sons and Daughters of Jerusalem will assemble at the A. M. E. Church, 18th and Webster streets, August 28, for a four days' session. A delegation of about 100 will come from Kansas City on the 27th of August with the drill team from that city. They will march from the depot through the principal streets to the Interdenominational Peoples Mission Church, on 10th street near Dodge, from which place they will be sent to their various places of entertainment. The morning of the 28th the session will open at St. John's Church. There will be a grand parade and picnic at the South Side Country Club.

CIVILIANS AND ALABAMA SOLDIERS IN MIX-UP

Montgomery, Ala., August 18.—Corporal Stroneker, C Company, Second Regiment, Alabama National Guard, was seriously wounded August 3, and two privates from the mobilization camp here were slightly injured by birdshot fired into a crowd of soldiers in a suburb, as the result of a controversy with a crowd of young Colored men.

Mrs. J. B. McGowan, of 2517 Miami has been indisposed for several days.

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