

General Race News

TO START FUND FOR INVALID CORRESPONDENT

Cincinnati, Ohio.—In order to secure substantial financial support for Horace D. Slatter, well known newspaper correspondent, who is in Asheville, N. C., trying to regain his health, Dr. I. Garland Penn, of Cincinnati, corresponding secretary of the Freedman Aid Society, is fathering a movement to get a number of men to pledge one dollar a month during the winter months.

Mr. Slatter was stricken with tuberculosis in June of last year while his wife was suffering with the same disease. Mrs. Slatter died last October. He has spent the greater portion of this year in Asheville with fairly satisfactory results, and besides what his friends send him from time to time has been trying to support himself by writing a series of articles on "Men I Have Known," for the Baltimore Afro-American.

During the fourteen or fifteen years he has been in active life. Mr. Slatter has done a great amount of publicity work for the race in Northern and Southern newspapers and magazines and has helped materially in creating favorable sentiment for the race. Those persons desiring to participate in the movement may write either Mr. Slatter, 28 Beech Hill street, Asheville, N. C., or Dr. I. Garland Penn, 220 W. Fourth street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

INTEREST IN WASHINGTON MEMORIAL FUND

Tuskegee Institute, Ala.—With the coming of fall and the passing of hot weather, the country is settling down to hard work. Schools are crowded to capacity and business houses are looking forward to a year of prosperity. This is election year and cotton is selling at sixteen cents.

Loyal men and women of the race are, as a consequence of these conditions, again turning their attention to the Booker T. Washington Memorial Fund. Voluntary letters are beginning to come in pledging contributions and outlining arrangements for mass meetings which are to be held in various parts of the country this fall.

FORM LAW AND ORDER LEAGUE

Massillon, O.—Fearing a repetition of the Lima episode here because of the numerous arrests of Negroes carrying weapons, 60 race men and women have formed a Law and Order League for the purpose of registering strange Negroes and to help preserve order in case of trouble.

A large number of the members of this league own their own homes and many are in business for themselves. Among other things the league is lending a helping hand to the needy and also to see that Negroes have a fair and impartial trial in the courts. Joseph L. Beard is president of the league.

JOHN WYATT, EIGHTH REGIMENT, DROWNED

Austin, Texas.—John Wyatt, a sergeant in Company A, Eighth (Colored) Illinois infantry, was drowned recently while swimming in the Colorado River. The body was recovered.

RANSOME SCORES WILSON

Asbury Park, N. J.—Rev. Dr. Reverdy C. Ransome, editor of the A. M. E. Review, in an address here at the Educational Congress, of "Making a program for the Race." Among other things said: "The Negro should have an economic, educational, civic and political program. Politically we are in a bad way. The leaders of the race are not in the confidence of those who control the policies of the great parties. But they have the ear of the great parties and should speak in no uncertain tones.

"President Wilson is out here at Shadow Lawn. It is rightly named Shadow Lawn for the solemn promises made to us four years ago have gone like a fleeting shadow until today, we know there is no substance in them.

"Do not be confused or stampeded as between these competitors who are seeking your suffrage at the primaries. What we want is neither a free smoke, or a free drink or a free dinner, but the assurance of a larger freedom."

JIM CROW RULE AGAINST HINDU LEADS TO SUIT

Memphis, Tenn.—Claiming that he is a white man, even if he is a native of India, and has a dark skin, and that he has a right to ride in the front of street cars with other white persons, A. Mondul, a native of Calcutta, brought suit in the circuit court Friday, Sept. 23, for \$1,000 each against Joseph Warren and the Memphis Street railway.

In his declaration, filed by J. N. Bearman, Mondul alleged that he was assaulted on the car by Warren on the ground that he was a Negro, had no right among the white passengers, and that with the aid of the employes of the street railway, he was thrown off the car.

\$2,000,000 LACE MILL TO BE RUN BY NEGROES

New Decatur, Ala.—A plan by which 400,000 Colored people will subscribe \$5 each to a \$2,000,000 capital for the operation of a lace factory is being projected by Mrs. George A. Nelson, said to be a wealthy English woman, and a large property holder in this section.

Mrs. Nelson's plans include the bringing of expert lace makers from Brussels, Belgium, who will teach the Colored employes how to make lace. The capital is to be subscribed by Colored folk and the factory is to be operated with Colored labor.

Raw material in the shape of Alabama cotton is plentiful for the manufacture of the finished product.

COLORED MAN'S HEIR GETS HUNDRED THOUSAND

Philadelphia, Pa.—The adopted white son of James L. Hitchens, Colored, to whom an estate of about \$100,000 is left, is a football and basketball player. He was a student of the Maryland Agricultural College for a year and of the Baltimore City College for three years. The youth's adopted name is James L. Hitchens, Jr., but his real name is James L. Lindermann. His mother died when he was four years old. His father was an actor. Young Hitchens, now 21 years old, is married.

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