

# General Race News

## OHIO LEGISLATURE HAS COLORED MEMBER

The Hon. A. Lee Beatty, First of the Race to Sit in Assembly for Over Decade.

Columbus, O., Jan. 18.—After an interval of ten years, the Colored race again has a representative in the general assembly of Ohio. He is A. Lee Beatty, of Cincinnati, republican member of the house delegation from Hamilton county. He is an attorney.

The last Colored man to sit in the legislature was Henry T. Eubanks, who was a member of the house from Cuyahoga county in 1904 and 1905.

### Other Colored Solons.

George W. Hays was a representative from Hamilton county from 1902 to 1905. Cincinnati was his home. He has also served for a number of years as a trustee of one of the state institutions located in Columbus.

Harry C. Smith, of Cleveland, editor of a Colored newspaper, served three terms in the house from Cuyahoga county. He served from 1894 to 1897 and again from 1900 to 1901. He was defeated for a fourth term in 1902.

The first Colored man to be elected to the general assembly was John P. Green of Cleveland. He served in the house from Cuyahoga county in 1881 and 1883 and again from 1890 to 1891. He was a member of the senate in 1892 and 1893. He is the only Colored man ever chosen to sit in the senate.

### But Three Counties.

Mahoning county is the only county outside of Hamilton and Cuyahoga to send a Colored representative to the assembly. Mahoning did this back in 1896, when W. R. Stewart of Youngstown, Colored, was elected to represent that county in the house. He served two terms. Stewart is a lawyer and a man of unusual ability.

## ACQUIRE FINE SITE FOR ST. LOUIS Y. M. C. A.

St. Louis, Mo.—The old McNeary residence, corner of Ewing avenue and Pine streets, has been purchased as a site for the new \$150,000 Y. M. C. A. building to be erected for the Colored branch association in this city. The site is one of the best in the city and is advantageously located as regards the race population.

A five-story building, of brick and stone, will be erected. Besides 150 sleeping rooms, there will be a gymnasium, assembly room, baths, swimming pool, lockers and cafe. It will be the second largest Colored Y. M. C. A. building in the country, the one at Chicago being the only one to surpass it.

## A VICTIM OF HYDROPHOBIA

New Castle, Pa., Jan. 18.—Robert Ellis, aged 40, who has been city dog catcher for the past year, died Thursday afternoon in the padded cell of the county jail of hydrophobia.

Last spring Ellis was attacked and bitten by a mad dog, which had previously attacked and bitten a police officer and several children. All took the Pasteur treatment in Pittsburg. Ellis had been bitten by other dogs since, but none was known to have suffered with hydrophobia.

## TWO COLORED SCHOOLS HIT BY ECONOMY PLAN

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 18.—The economy commission appointed by Governor Capper intends to cut off appropriation will seriously cripple Western in this city and the Western University at Quindaro, in the effort to cut down state expenses, and will make this recommendation in its bill to be introduced into the 1917 legislature.

The withdrawal of the state appropriation will seriously cripple Western University, an A. M. E. school. Dr. H. T. Kealing, former editor of the A. M. E. Review, is its present president, he having succeeded the Rev. W. T. Vernon, formerly recorder of deeds at Washington. Appropriations totaling thousands of dollars have been made in past years by the state.

Advanced students attending these institutions may attend the state university.

## WILL URGE PLAYGROUNDS FOR COLORED CITIZENS

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 18.—M. B. Young, member of the park board, plans to get the city to establish parks and playgrounds for the Colored people. He is of the opinion that the idea would be of benefit to the whole community.

"It seems to me that the Colored people of Atlanta are entitled to a few playgrounds where they can go without encroaching on the rights of the white people. Many of them pay their fair share of the tax money received by the city, and some pay a great deal more than the average white citizen. I am going to make an effort to have the city furnish parks and playgrounds during the coming year."

## NEGRO BOY IS SKETCH ARTIST

Reproduces Newspaper Cartoons, Though He Never Studied Drawing.

For several weeks officials at the Wyandotte County court house have found reproductions of newspaper cartoons sketched on blank paper with a lead pencil lying on their desks when they came to work in the mornings. The mystery was discovered yesterday when David Kepler, probation officer, found William Bryant, a Negro boy, sketching at his desk. The boy's cartoons were almost as good as the originals.

Young Bryant is 16 years old and attends the Douglass School. He has made no study of drawing. He works as assistant janitor at the courthouse. —Kansas City Star.

## PAY TRIBUTE TO NEGRO VIRTUOSO

Richmond, Va.—The people of this city, the wealthy, the social leaders and the poor, joined recently in paying tribute to a young Negro, Wesley Howard, a violinist, who recently graduated with exceptional honors from the Boston conservatory. He will play at a testimonial concert. Young Howard was reared in Richmond. For years ago the people of the city, realizing his exceptional talent, raised money to enable him to study under the best masters of America.

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