

General Race News

LET THEM KNOW THE TRUTH

(The Pittsburg Courier)

Before leaving the South, let the Negro know the whole truth. Let him understand that the North is no asylum. Let him know that only good citizens find room here. Let him know that the sun does not shine on that spot of United States soil where there is no prejudice. Let him know that honesty, efficiency, sobriety, cleanliness, reliability and decorum are positively demanded here; and that the laws governing the citizens of the North will not be relaxed for the benefit of any man.

Also, let him be informed that labor unions of the North will not take him into their organizations. Let him know that labor unions of the North are opposed to his coming. Let him know that the blackest possible picture is being painted every day, both in southern and in certain northern papers, in a concerted effort to frighten the Colored man away from northern employment.

Finally, let him know that men who obey the law need have no fear of the law; that men who refrain from liquor need have no fear of drunkenness; that men who seek honorable employment and pursue it need have no fear of starvation. If there be any who think for a moment that coming North means idleness, easy living, privileges, or an asylum where laxity of morals, drinking and gambling are tolerated let such an one be informed immediately that his dream of the North will end in a sad awakening. There will always be a North and there will always be a South, but be it remembered that both sections fall within the common boundary of the United States, and that the expectations of the Negro are practically the same throughout the Union.

The question put to you everywhere is, "Can you qualify?"

ARABIAN MONARCH OF AFRICAN DESCENT

When the Turks shelled the holy city of Mecca a revulsion was started throughout the Mohammedan world that has resulted in the revolt of Arabia and the establishment of the old kingdom. The ruler chosen is Arabian Grand Sherif El Husein Ibn Ali, a scion of the dynasty founded by the prophet Mohamet. This dynasty was of African origin, Mohamet claiming himself to be an Arabian of Arabs and of the purest blood in the land, springing from the House of Hashim and the tribe of Koréish. The House of Hashim was founded by Arabs who married women of Yemen, a province of blacks then under the control of Ethiopia. It is to this dynasty that the present monarch of Arabia belongs.

FURNIS NOMINATED FOR COUNCILMAN

Indianapolis, Ind.—Dr. Sumner Furnis, one of the leading physicians and surgeons in this section of the country, was nominated by the republican party Tuesday, March 6, for councilman from the Sixth district. He made a campaign that unified all factions of the district and proved conclusively that when the Race is united great are the results. All the leading citizens of the city backed Dr. Furnis.

TO GIVE TORRANCE PLAYS WITH A NEGRO COMPANY

Ridgely Torrance, the poet, whose "Granny Maumee," presented here three years ago by the Stage Society, is a vivid memory, will be represented on the New York stage this Spring by three short plays of Negro life. They will make up a program to be produced here shortly by Mrs. Emilie Hapgood, who, with "Magic" already on the boards, is planning all manner of ventures in the theatre.

For the Torrance plays, Robert E. Jones has been engaged as director. Mr. Jones, who shared with Arthur Hopkins the direction of the recent Drama League matinees of old American plays, is primarily a decorator. His work for "Good Gracious Annabelle," "A Successful Calamity," "Till Eulenspiegel," and "The Happy Ending" have established him as the foremost scenic artist in the American theatre. His closest association, apparently, is with Arthur Hopkins.

Judging from "Granny Maumee," Mr. Torrance's plays will aim at a racial expression of the Negro which has thus far been successful only in music. The stage Negro has seldom advanced beyond the antics of Topsy and the burnt-cork humors of McIntyre and Heath. Only Negro actors will appear in Torrance plays and while no definite announcement has been made, their theatre will probably be the Garden. Rehearsals are now in progress.—New York Age.

PORTO RICANS ADDRESSED AS "CITIZENS OF U. S."

San Juan, Porto Rico.—Governor Yager in a special message to the legislature recently for the first time addressed the members as "Fellow citizens of the United States." He said: "I welcome you into our great national family with high hopes of you in this new relation."

The governor urged legislation increasing the pay of government employes, extension of the educational system, and that the new citizenship and home rule laws be made operative.

ALBINO MAN STEALS PIANO, THEN STOOL

Nashville, Tenn.—A string of church robberies that have mystified Nashville police for a week were cleared up by the confession of John Lightsinger, an albino tailor, that he was the robber. The albino admitted he had robbed eight churches.

Among the albino's booty was a piano, and after he had sold it to a Negro, "John Doe," he had to walk back two miles to the church to steal the piano stool, because Mr. "Doe" insisted it was part of the bargain. The albino stole the baptismal suit of the Rev. C. L. Skinner twice, taking it the second time after its owner had recovered it from a pawn shop.

ALLEGED LYNCHERS ALL GO FREE AT ABBEVILLE

Slayers of Anthony Crawford Are Not Indicted by Grand Jury.

Abbeville, S. C.—In the court of general sessions here last week the grand jury failed to find a true bill against the eight men charged with murder, which grew out of the lynch-

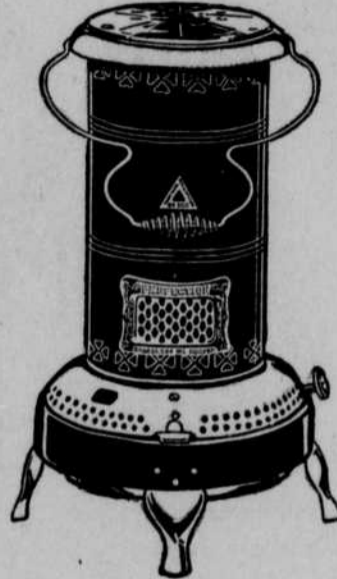
ing of Anthony Crawford, a wealthy Colored man, last October. The grand jury also failed to find a true bill against 18 men charged with rioting

on the streets of Abbeville on the Monday following the lynching. All of the men, who were white, or albinos, were released.

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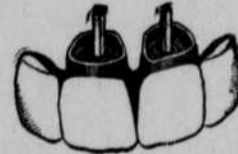
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