

General Race News

SPEAKS BEFORE UNION LEAGUE IN NEW YORK

Noted Orator Stirs Distinguished Audience by His Eloquence.

New York, N. Y.—When Roscoe Conkling Simmons, noted orator and patriot, appeared before the famous Union League Club Thursday night, May 10th, that was the first time any Colored man ever appeared before that illustrious body. Charles E. Hughes is president of the Union League Club.

Colonel Simmons spoke on "My Country and My Flag," and his eloquence stirred the ancient Republicans as no speech has done in recent years.

Before beginning his remarks, the orator requested the club officials to allowed the Colored employes to listen to his address.

Although living elsewhere, New York claims Roscoe as her own, is proud of his rise to be the interpreter of his people. His visit here was a triumph.

GOV. WHITMAN SIGNS AFRICAN DODGER BILL

Aibany, N. Y.—Coney Island and other summer resorts in New York State will lack one of their attractions this year, as Governor Whitman on Tuesday of last week signed the bill introduced by Senator Charles F. Murphy of Brooklyn, prohibiting Negroes from acting as "ball dodgers" or permitting themselves to be catapulted from a reclining position to a body of water or a receptacle.

Any one indulging in what the new law declares to be "disgraceful practices of offending health and decency" are declared to be committing acts which holds the Negro race to ridicule and contempt.

The New York Age led in the agitation to put the "African Dodger" out of business.

TWENTY-FIVE NEGROES TO BE TRAINED AT PLATTSBURG

Peekskill, N. Y.—Col. William Hayward of the Fifteenth Regiment, which is camped on the State Rifle Range here, has at the request of the War Department, nominated twenty-five members of his regiment to become student officers at the training camp at Plattsburg, N. Y.

Those nominated were instructed to arrive at Plattsburg Saturday, May 19, and report to the officers in charge. They will receive \$100 monthly from the Federal Government the same as the other officer students.

RIGHT RECORD ESSENTIAL

The "southern black" who goes to the North and "makes good" is as true a missionary for Christ as any who go into the wilds to redeem souls. The Colored immigrant is setting a pace that will establish the reputation of the Negro in the North for the next two decades. It is essential that the right record be made now, while the northern mind is open and impressionable.

Miss Dolores Johnson, a new and decided acquisition to the musical circles of our city, will sing at the Auditorium May 28. Be sure and hear her.—Adv.

CONSUL WRIGHT QUILTS VENEZUELAN POST

Hon. Herbert F. Wright, who has been the American Consul at Puerto Cabello, Venezuela, for the past eleven years, arrived in New York last week on the steamship Caracas. Mr. Wright stated that twice he had tendered his resignation to the State Department, and the second time it had been accepted, and he had only waited at his post until a new official arrived to relieve him. He was accompanied by Mrs. Wright and, after a few days spent with relatives in Brooklyn, he left for his home, Marshalltown, Ia.

Before going to Venezuela, where he succeeded James W. Johnson as Consul, Mr. Wright had served several years in the same capacity at one of the Central American ports. He leaves the service with a fine record, a letter from Secretary of State Lansing bearing testimony as to his efficient service. His departure from the Venezuelan post scores another loss of race representation in the service, the first appointee of the race at that place being Jerome B. Peterson of New York in 1904.

LINCOLN FILM STOCK AVAILABLE

\$25,000 Lincoln Stock Issue to be Floated.

Pursuant to the enormous public demand for an interest in the only successful Race Film Producing Company; stock in the Lincoln Motion Picture Co., Inc., of Los Angeles, Calif., has been made available to the general public.

This important announcement coming upon the first anniversary of this well known Race Firm is the result of their wonderful success with their Race photoplays, "Realization of a Negro's Ambition," and the "Trooper of Troop K," which have been shown throughout the entire Nation.

Organized May 24, 1916, the Lincoln Motion Picture Co. Inc., finds the National demand for their photoplays so greatly in excess of their ability to supply as to require an immediate expansion of their producing facilities. To this end they have requested and received permission of the California State Corporation Commission to dispose of a \$25,000 stock issue to the general public. A publicity advertising and personal sales campaign with the aid of the Race press will soon be inaugurated.

CONTENDING FOR BETTER SCHOOL FACILITIES

The progressive Colored citizens of Galveston, Texas, are contending vigorously for better school facilities, both for the grades and the higher branches. The people of Houston, Texas, are equally strenuous in their demands for more adequate housing of Colored students and for improved sanitary conditions around their buildings.

NEW RACE FILM

The Frederick Douglass Film Company's latest and most ambitious photoplay, "The Scapegoat," was shown in New York last week to theatrical critics. While spoken of fairly well, it is condemned because of the tendency to put dialect into the mouths of doctors and ministers who are characters of the play.

SOL BUTLER WILL COMPETE AT BIG MEET

Dubuque, Ia.—Sol. Butler, the Negro sprinter of Dubuque German college, will compete in the "Big Nine" outdoor track and field championships to be held at the University of Chicago, June 9. He is entered in the 100 and 220-yard dashes and broad jump. Butler won the broad jump at the University of Pennsylvania relay carnival.

A diamond ring will be given to the one selling the most tickets over \$25.00 for the benefit play at the Auditorium May 28. This offer is open to all. For particulars call Mrs. John Perry, Harney 3886 or Mrs. Jewell, Webster 3217.—Adv.

Come out one and all, encourage our local young people and do your part for the Old Folks' Home.—Adv.

LEAVES FORTUNE TO RACE

Frank H. Keys, carriage manufacturer of Council Bluffs, Iowa, and secretary of the Waters-Barnhart Company, the printers of The Monitor, dropped dead of heart disease last Monday. Upon opening his will it was found that Mr. Keys' fortune was a half million, \$50,000 of which is left to Tuskegee Institute, and about four hundred thousand to improve the industrial condition of the Colored people of the south.

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