

CAMP FIRE NOTES

About a dozen Camp Fire Girls got up with the sun on Wednesday morning, July 2, and hiked to Child's Point. The girls were a group of picturesque tramps as they hiked down the tracks that led through the woods. Some were in aprons and a few discarded bothersome skirts for the day and were clad in bloomers.

After arriving on the river, breakfast was cooked and it tasted better than anything cooked at home. Lunch was beans, beans, beans. Supper was a triumph. It consisted of spaghetti and tomato sauce, custard, cake, tea and sandwiches. Every girl had her time for K. P. duty.

The day was spent in wading, tramping and exploring, eating, laying around and everything. When the supper things were cleared away, a tired, but happy group of girls returned from a day in the wilds back to civilization.

MR. GRAY ASKS A
COURTEOUS QUESTION

The following letter was recently sent to the Omaha Daily News by a thoughtful resident of Council Bluffs:

Omaha, Neb., June 7, 1919.
Mr. Joseph Polcar,
Care Omaha Daily News,
City.

Dear Sir:—
Referring to the enclosed clipping of headline from your paper, I wish to inquire why you should feature such things in this manner. I assure you that it does not appeal to the better class of white and Colored people. I further wish to refer to the small clipping attached, which appeared in an inconspicuous part of your paper and inquire just why this is not as important in your estimation as the subject of headline above mentioned.

I have taken the matter up with the editors of the Bee and Herald in reference to these sensational writeups and they have agreed with me that they are not demanded by the public, either Colored or white, and your paper will best serve the interests of the people, in our estimation, by putting these items of news in less glaring type.

Respectfully yours,
W. H. GRAY,

1322 Ave. A., Council Bluffs, Ia.

Homeseekers coming to Omaha should try the Western Real Estate Co., first if you want a real home or a farm at a bargain.—Adv.

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Flying in Franklin's Day.

Benjamin Franklin, who closely reported the aerial experiments he viewed in France in 1783, wrote:

"The Improvement in the Construction and Management of the Balloons had already made a rapid Progress; and one cannot say how far it may go.

"A few Months since the idea of Witches riding thro' the Air upon a Broomstick, and that of Philosophers upon a Bag of Smoke, would have appeared equally impossible and ridiculous.

"These Machines must always be subject to be driven by the Winds. Perhaps Mechanic Art may find easy means to give them progressive Motion in a Calm, and to slant them a little in the Wind."

N. W. C. A. REPORT

Negro Woman's Christian association report of May day dinner.

Amount taken in sale of tickets. \$35.49
Total expenses..... 19.84

Amount cleared.....\$15.65
Charity ball given by Mrs. K. K. Lawrie.

Amount sale of tickets.....\$215.63
Total expenses..... 68.75

Amount cleared.....\$146.88

Through courtesy of Mrs. West 26 glasses of jelly and 3 glasses of jam were turned over to home. These donations and monies collected we are very grateful for.

Pay your debts and keep your credit good.

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REMEMBER

The Value of Time.
The Success of Perseverance.
The Pleasure of Working.
The Dignity of Simplicity.
The Worth of Character.
The Power of Kindness.
The Influence of Example.
The Obligation of Duty.
The Wisdom of Economy.
The Virtue of Patience.
The Improvement of Talent.
The Joy of Originating.

Colored people coming to Omaha, Nebraska, should write to the Western Real Estate Co., for locations, as they have a large list of houses for sale.—Adv.

CONGRESS ASKED TO
STOP LYNCHING

(By Associated Negro Press.)

Buffalo, N. Y., July 10.—A measure aimed to stop lynching, which tends to increase, has been introduced in congress by Representative Dallinger of Massachusetts. By the terms of the bill a state, or the officers of a state in which lynching takes place, will be considered as denying to a citizen lynched the protection of the laws and a lynching will be considered a violation of the peace of the United States.

Every person in a mob by which a citizen is put to death will be deemed guilty of murder, subject to prosecution and, if convicted, subject to punishment under the laws of the state in which the lynching occurs. More than that the state will be subject to the forfeiture of \$5,000 to \$10,000 for the use of the dependents of the persons lynched.

Officers of the state who fail to prevent lynching and prosecuting officers who fail to prosecute for the offense all persons participating in a lynching mob will be deemed guilty of an offense against the United States. Representative Dallinger would provide for them a punishment of not more than two years' imprisonment or a fine not exceeding \$5,000, or both.

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VOODOO WORSHIPERS
ARE KILLED IN RIOTING

Havana, Cuba, July 10.—Five alleged Negro voodoo worshipers held in San Severino prison at Matanzas, on a charge of complicity in the murder of a little girl, were shot and killed by soldiers when they attempted to escape while being removed from the prison to a place of greater safety after a mob had attempted to storm the castle for the purpose of lynching the prisoners.

Two members of the mob were killed and 11 injured when the soldiers fired on the would-be lynchers a couple of hours earlier.

Matanzas is said to be greatly excited and further trouble is feared.

AN EPOCH-MAKING
ASSEMBLAGE

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nations to which our men were subjected. He paid a splendid tribute to the manner in which they had behaved despite all this.

Labor and Industry.

"The Negro in Labor and Industry," engaged the conference Tuesday. At the morning session, William R. Conners of the Welfare Association presided, and splendid practical addresses were made by E. U. Jones, secretary of the National Urban League, and Lieut. George L. Vaughn of St. Louis. Resolutions urging the trainmen in session in Denver to become eligible for membership in the A. F. L. by admitting Negroes were passed and wired to Denver.

Tuesday night's mass meeting was held in the auditorium of the East Technical High school, the subject being "Negro Labor; Migration and Readjustment." A. C. McNeal of Chicago, presided. Illuminating, practical and convincing addresses were made by Prof. Geo. A. Towns, of Atlanta university, in which he urged the continuance of migration; and Eugene K. Jones, who sees wonderful opportunities in the changed attitude of labor unions towards the Negro.

Pilgrimage to Oberlin.

Wednesday the conference pilgrimaged to Oberlin, the first institution to open its doors to Negro students, where a cordial welcome awaited the delegates. In the afternoon a mass meeting was held in Finney chapel, where the delegates were welcomed by the mayor and representatives of the college. The speakers were Prof. Wright of Oberlin; John A. Gregg, president of Edward Waters college; Dr. DuBois, and Miss Cora Finley of Atlanta. The subject was "Education."

Returning to Cleveland a mass meeting was held at 8 o'clock in Epworth Memorial church. The subject was "Education and Social Welfare." The speakers were John R. Shillady, Leo M. Favrot, state supervisor of rural schools, Louisiana; and Rev. M. H. Lichteiter. Mr. Favrot belongs to the awakening type of white men in the south, who are getting a wider outlook. He read a most statesmanlike paper, not minimizing the shortsightedness of his state in the neglect of Negro education, but gave facts to show that conditions are improving.

Thursday's Sessions.

At Thursday's sessions "The Vote" was considered. An excellent address was delivered by Hon. Charles Cottrill of Toledo. B. Harrison Fisher opened the discussion. Miss Lucy Laney, the famous educator of Augusta, Ga., gave one of the best speeches of the conference at this session.

At the evening session held at Cory M. E. church, Butler Wilson, president of the N. A. A. C. P. branch, of Boston, presided, the address being delivered by Rev. Mordecai Johnson of Charlestown, W. Va., and Mrs. Alice Dunbar Nelson. A pleasing surprise was the unexpected presence of Charles Edward Russell of Root Russian commission, who gave an inspiring address emphasizing the fact that in seven northern states the Negro vote can control the elections. He urged the recognition of this important fact and its organized and wise use.

Pennants were awarded by Miss Ovington to the branches which had gone over the top.

Branches and the Association. Friday morning and afternoon were devoted to such subjects as financing the national work; membership recruiting and retaining membership; literature; state or district organizations; special problems of the city branch.

Friday night was "Spingarn Medal Night." The speakers were Oswald Garrison Villard, James Weldon Johnson and President Thwing of Western Reserve college, who presented the medal to that grand old gentleman, Archibald Grimke, of Washington, D. C., who in his gracious acceptance of the honor said, "I haven't done anything to deserve it; I've simply tried to be of service to my race. I would rather have this medal than a distinguished service cross from the hands of President Wilson."

Mr. Villard's message was one of non-resistance by force, but by the manifestation of patient suffering and forbearance. "I would not have your

noble race sink to the level of my race in its deeds of crime, violence and bloodshed," said the speaker.

"I have wondered whether peace ever will be achieved until some nation deliberately dedicates itself to destruction if need be, and goes down to slavery, even to death, because it is too proud and too just and too honest and too sincerely Christian—to fight. We will triumph only by being true to the life and teaching of Jesus Christ."

"I preach this doctrine to you today, because I hear it said that no longer is there time for patience and humility; that where the Ku Klux walks, there the blood shall flow.

"No one who preaches the doctrine of reform by force in America is a loyal or worthy American. So far it redounds to the great honor of the Colored people that no assassin of a president has had dark skin. When bombs were placed recently there were many guesses as to the miscreants and many quarters of the cities were searched. But no policeman went into a Negro quarter and not a single guess suggested the criminals were Colored men."

James Weldon Johnson, field secretary and traveling investigator of the association, told the audience the cause for delay in obtaining Negro aims was that the Colored people had not reasoned their campaigns as well as their oppressors had. He urged unceasing effort for organization, as the fundamental machinery with which the Negro must come into his own.

Closing Sessions.

Saturday morning and afternoon were devoted to reports of branches and choice of next meeting place, for which, after an animated discussion, Atlanta, Ga., was selected. Invitations had been received from the mayor and Chamber of Commerce.

Gray's armory, which has a capacity of 5,000, was comfortably filled by the audience which attended the closing session. The subject was "Anti-Lynching." Harry E. Davis presided. An interesting feature of the evening was the presentation of two magnificent bouquets of roses to Miss Mary White Ovington, "the mother of the Association," who serves without salary because she believes in the capability of the Negro race to

rise to the highest type of American citizenship. The presentation was made on behalf of the Association by James Weldon Johnson. The speakers of the evening were Prof. G. A. Gregg of Kansas City, Kas.; Walter F. White, assistant secretary of the N. A. A. C. P., and the Rev. Pezavia O'Connell of Cleveland. The immense audience was thrilled with the stirring messages of these speakers, who urged for America's sake that efforts should not slacken until this evil is banished from our beloved country.

The resolutions adopted by the conference touch upon all vital questions dealing with the fullest privilege of American citizenship, and demand an equitable distribution of educational funds.

Approval was voted for expenditure this year of \$62,000 by the national office. Of this sum \$10,000 is to be spent in campaigns against lynching, \$2,000 for legislative and legal expenses, \$12,000 for field organization, investigation and traveling expenses, \$7,300 for administrative and supervisory work, \$9,000 for educational and publicity work and \$19,000 for general office expenses.



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