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WHITE SUES WEALTHY NEGRO FOR \$100,000

Prominent Southerner Brings Suit for \$100,000 Heart Balm Against Baxter McCary, Wealthy Negro, Whom He Alleges Has Alienated His Wife's Affection.

STARTLING SUIT CAUSES SENSATION

The Varners Are Socially Prominent Among Southern Aristocrats—McCary Is Highly Respected in Community Where He Has Large Property Holdings—Believed Conspiracy to Mulet Him Back of Proceedings.

(Special to The Monitor.)

LEXINGTON, N. C., Aug. 16.—A great sensation has been caused here by the filing last week of an unusual suit against Baxter McCary, wealthy Negro and prominent Mason, business man and educator, by H. B. Varner, white, editor of the Lexington Dispatch and head of the North Carolina prison board, for \$100,000 damages on the complaint that McCary had "ruined his domestic life" and alienated his wife's affection. At the same time Varner filed suit for absolute divorce from his wife for her alleged part in the affair. The social prominence of the Varners, who stand high among the exclusive aristocracy of the South, has added to the sensational features of the case. McCary is equally prominent among his own people and stands high in the esteem of the general community, being accounted one of its wealthiest and most substantial citizens.

McCary is a man about 60 years old, well educated and of pleasing personality. He is prominent in Masonic and Methodist circles and has for years been a member of the board of trustees of Bennett College of Greensboro, N. C., a school conducted by the Methodist Episcopal church. He lives in Lexington's most exclusive residential section, his residence alone being worth \$50,000. Located in a large, well kept park of several acres, it is one of the show places of the city. Besides this, he is reputed to own about one-sixth of all the business section of this place. He owns about one-third of the large brick office buildings of this city, many of which are occupied by white business firms. Most of his wealth came to him by inheritance, he having been born of wealthy parentage.

It is supposed that court action in McCary's case has for its basis a well-devised plan to extract from him much of his coveted wealth, else the whites of this section would have followed the usual method of handling such alleged cases.

Lexington is a prosperous town of about 12,000 inhabitants, situated on the main line of the Southern Railway system between New York and all points south, and is midway between Greensboro and Salisbury and 21 miles south of Winston-Salem. It is famous as a cotton and tobacco center, many of the largest cotton mills in the south being located here.

SMITH RECEIVES SPLENDID VOTE

Editor of Cleveland Gazette, Candidate for Secretary of State, Loyal Supported by Race—Polls Over 50,000 Votes.

(By Associated Negro Press.)

Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 19.—The primary election fight in Ohio has been a center of interest, because of the fight being waged by Harry C. Smith, editor of the Cleveland Gazette, for secretary of state. Smith had been forced off the ticket by the present secretary of state, Harvey S. Smith, because of an alleged similarity in name. He carried the case to the state supreme court and won the right to place his name on the ballot. Smith received a total vote of between 50,000 and 60,000 and lost the race by only a narrow margin. Our group gave splendid support. Mayor Harry B. Davis of Cleveland was nominated for governor, and ex-Governor Frank B. Willis for senator. These results are very satisfactory.

OHIO HAS FIVE NOMINEES FOR WHITE HOUSE JOBS

Cleveland, O., Aug. 19.—Ohio, "the mother of presidents," now has five nominees on five tickets in the presidential and vice presidential derby. Three are editors and publishers, the fourth is the head of a book publishing house, and the fifth is a Metho-

dist clergyman. Two candidates for vice president are Clevelanders.

In addition to James M. Cox, Dayton, democratic nominee for president, editor and publisher of the Dayton News and Springfield News, and Warren G. Harding, Marion, republican nominee for president, editor and publisher of the Marion Star, the new additions to Ohio's list are the Rev. Aaron S. Watkins, of Germantown, O., formerly lawyer and college head and now prohibition candidate for the presidency; Max S. Hayes, Cleveland farmer, labor party's nominee for vice president, editor and publisher of the Cleveland Citizen, a weekly labor paper, and Richard C. Barnum, Cleveland, single tax party's nominee for vice president. He is head of a book publishing company and is regarded here as the tallest candidate who has ever aspired to that office. He stands six feet eight inches in his stocking feet. He was born in Texas 39 years ago.

PROPOSED MARRIAGE BUT REJECTED

Woman Who Would Vamp An Unwilling Barkis Is Sentenced to Workhouse.

FREDERICK, Md., Aug. 19.—Lou Warfield, white, was sentenced to one year in the House of Correction for committing an assault on Mr. Frank Sewell, whose home is in New Market. The testimony in court showed that the Warfield woman came to the colored man's house about 3:30 or 4 o'clock Wednesday morning and asked him to help her pull her automobile out of the mud. He refused to come down stairs at first but finally went down after she called him a second time.

Lou, it is said, asked him to marry her and made other unusual proposals. Mr. Sewell ordered her off his place and finally pushed her away. It was then that the vamp, using a pen-knife cut him on the arm. Mr. Sewell is a respected citizen with a wife and family here.

N. W. C. A. CONTEST

The girls who have entered the contest are at work. The management requests that you will give them your hearty support. Here is the standing of the contestants:

- Cleo Macklin, 258 votes.
- Ernestine Singleton, 123 votes.
- Robbie Turner, 59 votes.
- Nettie Wright, 58 votes.
- Jessie Buford, 24 votes.
- Mary Butler, 23 votes.
- Sibyl Merrifield, 11 votes.

FAMOUS ARMY OFFICER RECEIVES APPOINTMENT

Washington, D. C., Aug. 19.—Lieutenant Colonel Benjamin O. Davis, Ninth United States cavalry, after serving the required time for officers in the Philippine Islands with his regiment, and recently stationed at the Presidio, San Francisco, has been detailed as professor of military science and tactics at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.

TWO ARE SUCCESSFUL IN NOMINATIONS

St. Louis, Aug. 19.—Two race men won republican nominations for the state legislature from St. Louis in Tuesday's primary election. They are Langdon Harrison and W. M. Moore of the Third and Sixth districts, respectively.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

On August 11th, Mrs. Arthur E. Gaines gave a surprise birthday party on her husband. The house was beautifully decorated with roses and carnations. The cake was the decoration for the table. It bore Mr. Gaines' name and age and was decorated with 40 rosebud candles. Out of town guests were Mrs. Granger of Dallas, Texas, and Mr. McCracken of New Orleans. About 40 guests were present. Mr. Gaines received several presents.

OPEN AIR MEETING.

The N. A. A. C. P. will hold an open air meeting at Hanscom Park next Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. A large attendance is urged.

MEMPHIS BANK FIRST TOPS MILLION MARK

Memphis, Tenn.—The first colored bank in the United States to report resources over \$1,000,000 is the Solvent Savings Bank and Trust company of this city.

On June 30, the state commission was notified that the total resources of the Solvent bank were \$1,018,633.25. The statement of the Memphis bank shows deposits of \$941,722.34, and a total capital and surplus of \$76,911.18. It had no overdrafts and no bills payable. The Solvent has loans and discounts of \$405,689.71 and cash on hand and in depositories amounting to \$417,395.50. Of the deposits \$480,897.18 represented savings accounts and \$140,778.70 time certificates of deposit.

Twenty-five thousand people do business with the bank, according to a statement made by Mr. Bert M. Roddy, the cashier.

Other Banks Nearing Mark.

The Brown Savings bank of Norfolk and the Wage Earners Bank of Georgia have resources over \$900,000 and may reach the \$1,000,000 mark by the end of the year.

The Mechanics Bank and St. Lukes Bank of Richmond, the Mutual Savings Bank of Portsmouth and the Tidewater Bank of Norfolk have passed the one-half million mark in resources. Twenty-five colored banks in the country exceed \$250,000 in resources. Only one colored private bank in the country is worth in the neighborhood of a million dollars and that is Brown & Stevens in Philadelphia.

MEDICAL ASSOCIATION WILL MEET IN ATLANTA

(By Associated Negro Press.)

Atlanta, Aug. 19.—The Twenty-second Annual Session of the National Medical Association will be held here August 24-27. The medical men are expecting one of the largest conventions in the history of this great organization.

BURGLARS OVERLOOK \$320 IN OLD HAT

Last Wednesday morning between 8 and 10 o'clock, burglars broke into the home of Mr. Ed Hill on Patrick avenue and stole three suits and a new overcoat. In ransacking his trunk they took out an old felt hat in which was \$320 in currency and threw it on the bed, overlooking the money. Mr. Hill lost no time in getting to the bank, where he deposited the money for safekeeping. Mrs. Hill was visiting her mother in Oklahoma at the time of the burglary.

He alone is wise who can accommodate himself to all contingencies of life.

HEAVY DEPOSITS IN NEW TRUST CO.

Durham, N. C., Aug. 19.—An epoch making period in the lives of the colored citizens of this city was reached last Saturday morning, when the Fraternal Banking & Trust company threw open its doors to the public at 9 a. m. and closed at 3 p. m. with a day's deposit of \$82,000.

This is the first and only colored banking and trust company in the state, and the rush of business for the first day was gratifying beyond all hopes.

The bank building itself is one of the most modern and up-to-date business houses in the city, possessing all the equipment necessary for a first class company. Prof. W. G. Pearson, president of the bank, fully realizing the impression to be gained by first appearances, built the bank to meet the demands of the public.

Mr. T. D. Parham, former cashier of the Crown Savings Bank of Newport News, Va., took up his new position as cashier of the company, and his vast experience proved of inestimable value throughout the busy day. Mr. James Bailey, Jr., is teller. Mr. T. W. Newble, director of the Mutual Savings & Trust company of Portsmouth, Va., and Mr. P. B. Young, president of the Tidewater Banking & Trust company of Norfolk, Va., were in the city Saturday to witness the opening.

The bank itself is located at 702 Fayetteville street in the very heart of the colored district, and has an authorized capital of \$125,000.

"BLACK HOPE" GREATEST FRENCH RUNNER

Paris, France.—French trainers at the Joinville school for soldier athletes, claim to have discovered one of the greatest runners of all times in the person of one Abbaahine, a sergeant in an Algerian colored company.

This Arab, who three months ago knew absolutely nothing about running, has been turning in 51 seconds for the 400 meters quite regularly. The "black hope," as the French call him, running alone and unpaired, negotiated the 800 meters in 1:54 flat. He is entered at Antwerp in the 400 and 800 meter races. The Arab runs with an easy and free motion.

GUARDSMEN PROTECT MIAMI FROM NEGROES

Miami, Fla., Aug. 19.—National guardsmen were called out recently night to protect the city from disorders threatened by 400 Negroes, natives of Bahama Islands and British subjects who have been aroused over the death of Herbert Brooks, one of their number, charged with

assaulting a Miami white woman.

Brooks was arrested at Ormond, Fla., Sunday and was reported to have been killed in a leap from a train taking him to Jacksonville for safe keeping, but the other Negroes, said to believe he died at the hands of a mob, made a demonstration and threatened to obtain vengeance when his body was returned to Miami. Troops have been patrolling the Negro residence section.

It is noticeable how quickly troops can be summoned when "Negro disorder" threatens; but white mobs are given ample time to act.

LIBERIA PROSPEROUS; BECOMING EXPORTER

New York, Aug. 19.—Liberia, Negro Republic on the West Coast of Africa, is rapidly becoming a prosperous and important exporting country, as the result of American financial aid in road building and general development, according to Joseph L. Johnson, of Columbus, Ohio, United States minister and consul general to the African republic, who arrived here aboard the steamship Isle de Panay.

"When the present improvements in the republic are completed," Mr. Johnson said, "Liberia will be one of the most productive spots on the face of the earth."

LEAVING SOUTH BY THOUSANDS

(By Associated Negro Press.)

Vicksburg, Miss., Aug. 19.—Investigations carried on by local authorities indicate that more than 10,000 Negroes from this section of the state have left for various sections of the North in the last three months. The majority of them are determined to remain.

WORRIED OVER EXODUS.

(By Associated Negro Press.)

Shreveport, La., Aug. 19.—White people of this section are greatly concerned concerning the new Exodus of Negroes on to the North. There has never been such a scarcity of labor as is found here now.

BISHOP CLAIR SPEAKS TO LARGE CONGREGATIONS

Bishop Matthew W. Clair preached to a large congregation in Grove Methodist Episcopal church, Sunday morning and addressed a meeting in the afternoon in the same church. He preached at 8 o'clock in Union Methodist church on the South Side to a large congregation. The bishop is an eloquent speaker and his sermons were full of sound instruction and practical suggestions in Christian living. He made a good impression upon all who had the pleasure to hear him. He returns to Washington, D. C., shortly, where he will remain for a few months before sailing for Monrovia, Liberia, to which district he has been assigned.

Sunday afternoon Mr. W. H. Higgins of Chicago also spoke at the mass meeting at Grove M. E. church in the interest of a branch of the Y. M. C. A. for colored men. Addresses were made by Miss Frankie B. Watkins, M. F. Singleton, Dr. Logan and Leroy Kelly on behalf of the movement.

COLORED COMMERCIAL CLUB BULLETIN

Mrs. Grace Hutton, Assistant Commissioner.

The club rooms are open daily from 9 until 5 p. m. and the assistant commissioner is pleased to be of service.

Last Thursday night the general meeting was addressed by the Rev. A. L. Brisbane of Monrovia, Liberia, and Rev. Prof. Vaughn of Western university. At the close of the general meeting the executive committee transacted much important business.

ST. PHILIP'S LAWN SOCIAL.

The annual lawn social given by St. Philip's Episcopal church and always anticipated with pleasure will be held next Tuesday night on the beautiful and spacious lawn of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Jones, Twenty-eighth and Caldwell streets.

ALLEGED RIOT LEADER FREED

Topeka, Kan., Aug. 19.—Robert H. Hill, alleged leader of a colored mob in the recent Arkansas riots, has been released on \$2,000 bond. Feeling is here that he will never be tried.

REFUSES TO RIDE IN FREIGHT ELEVATOR

John T. McDonald, Sr., of Omaha, On Staff of Butcher Workmen Advocate, Delegate to International Convention, Declines to Be Considered Either Baggage or Freight.

OBNOXIOUS ORDER IS PROMPTLY OVERRULED

All Delegates Are Accorded Same Privileges, Not Only On Convention Floor, But at Social Functions—Race Men On Important Committees—One Labor Organization Which Apparently Stands for Democracy.

(Special to the Monitor.)

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Aug. 19.—Jno. T. McDonald, Sr., of Omaha, Neb., who is stenographer-bookkeeper and circulation manager for the Butcher Workmen Advocate, and by the way a notary public also, dropped into our office the other day and gave us an inkling of the organization which he is identified with.

Mr. McDonald is the stenographer-bookkeeper and circulation manager of the official paper of his district, whose membership he states comprises



JNO. T. McDONALD, Sr.

approximately 10,000 members, most of whom are white. He also states that this organization plays absolutely square to all of its members, granting special favors to none, but according to everyone what he or she is able to merit regardless of color.

He states that he had quite a singular experience while at The Planters hotel, headquarters for the international convention, that is being held here for this and next week, when a bell boy invited him to take the freight elevator. Mr. McDonald being of quiet, unassuming disposition, told the bellboy in a quiet way but very firm manner the principles of his organization and also told him that if the elevator was not good enough for him to go up in it, it was not good enough for the rest of the delegation to go up in either, and he would advise the membership to that effect. Then the "bellhop" decided to revise his directions, which must have come from "higher up."

The foregoing article from the Independent Clarion, states in part some of the recent happenings in our city that will mean much or little, as the colored people here follow up the precedent set.

River boat excursions, stag parties and dances, where all the membership of the organization, representing 29 nationalities, were some of the features of entertainment.

It was a problem, at first, to get colored St. Louis to fully realize that at last one labor organization was square and played no favorites, but after it was found out that it was not a scheme to hoodwink the people of color, but a real exhibition of the democracy that we have heard so much about but seldom if ever meet, those who had held themselves, in restraint exclaimed that at last, "the dawn of democracy must be here."

Comprising, as it did, representatives from every section of the United States, Canada and as far south as Cristobal, Canal Zone, Panama, it is not to be wondered that those who know real freedom and democracy would not condone the petty actions of the prejudiced color-blinded south—especially so when it is stated that the underlying principle of the organization stands for no discrimination

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Notice to Readers

OWING to the high cost of publication, we find, in common with most publishers that we will be forced to increase the retail and subscription prices of our paper. News print paper has increased more than four hundred per cent in price, linotype composition, time work, wages in general, in fact all costs connected with and incident to publishing a newspaper have steadily mounted, until the publishers are brought face to face with the alternative of either increasing revenue to meet the above mentioned costs or go out of business.

Beginning with the first issue in September the retail price of The Monitor will be ten cents per copy, and the yearly subscription price will be three dollars.

Persons paying their subscriptions on or before September 2, will receive the present rate of \$2.00 per year. With the increase in price we will return to our former size of eight pages.

We wish to assure our readers that we shall return a fair proportion of the earnings of the business at the new price, in the form of a bigger, better and newsier journal.

Thanking you for your patronage and support,

Respectfully yours,

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