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# NEGRO MILLIONAIRE

## NEGRO NONAGENARIAN DIES A MILLIONAIRE

Charles Brown Owner of Hundreds of Acres in Heart of Rich Texas Oil Belt All Under Lease, Dies at Age of 90. Reputed to be Worth \$2,000,000.

### LIVED SIMPLE AND FRUGAL LIFE

Was Successful Farmer and Frequently Drove to Town in Wagon And was Familiar Figure on Streets. Children Drove High-Priced Machines.

WEST COLUMBIA, Tex., Sept. 23.—Charles Brown, who died at his home here a few days ago at the age of 90 years, was probably the wealthiest, but one of the most unostentatious, Negroes in the world. He is believed to have left a fortune of considerable more than a million, some estimates placing the figure at \$2,000,000.

It is known that Brown owned at the time of his death about 2,500 acres of land, a considerable part of which is in the heart of the wonderfully productive West Columbia oil field, all under lease. He received an enormous revenue from oil wells under the one-eighth royalty clause which is in all the lease contracts. He was also a successful farmer during his long life. He leaves a family of seven children and a number of grandchildren. Although the aged Negro did not set store by a reckless display and expenditure of money, he was liberal in providing for his children.

Brown's physical and mental condition was vigorous up to a few days before he died. He made no change in his manner of living when fortune came to him. He was a familiar figure on the streets of West Columbia and surrounding country. Frequently he was seen driving along the roads and streets in a farm wagon. Although his children rode in high-priced automobiles their father was content to follow the even tenor of his old life. He was always held in the highest respect by the white people of the town and section.

## YOUNG COLORED PHYSICIAN PERFORMS DIFFICULT OPERATION

Dr. R. C. Riddle, physician and surgeon of this city, successfully performed one of the most difficult operations known to surgery, the operation being that of "Laparotomy," or the removal of a fibroid tumor. This required utmost surgical skill, especially so when the patient had been unsuccessfully attended by ten other sur-



Dr. R. C. Riddle

geons. The case had evidently been given up as hopeless.

The operation was performed Sunday, September 12, and now the patient is able to sit up and all stitches have been removed.

Of the many such feats Dr. Riddle has undertaken, he has the record of not losing a single case. He performs an average of six operations per week, or about one case daily.

He has recently set up a new hospital at 27th and Q Streets, South Omaha, into which he will move October 1. Here he will be equipped with all modern conveniences for surgical

work and will be in a far better position to treat a greater number of patients.

### REGISTER! REGISTER

WE cannot too frequently emphasize the fact that our people in Omaha and in Nebraska should see to it that they do not lose their vote in November by failing to register. Registration may be made at the Election Commissioner's office in the Court House any day, except Sunday. Do not neglect this duty. See to it that you yourself are registered and ask your neighbor, if he or she has registered. Register, register, register.

### MAINE ELECTION AS LEAGUE DEATH BLOW

Paris Editor Urges Frenchmen to Keep in Contact With Republicans.

### SEES HARDING PRESIDENT

PARIS, Sept. 23.—The election of Senator Harding is prophesied by Jacques Bainville in the Eclair. He, commenting on the Maine election, said it was most significant and important for France, as it indicated American public opinion was against the League of Nations.

"An American adaptation of the league covenant with the German treaty is henceforth a quasi-certainty upon which we must not fall to count," writes M. Bainville. "It is therefore essential that we keep in close contact with the republicans, among whom we can count some of France's surest friends in America, and continue to enlighten them on the insufficiencies and absurd realities of the Versailles treaty.

"According to Senator Harding's

formula, the United States will keep the best parts of the treaty. It is necessary that the United States be informed as to which are good and which are bad. Another lesson which must be taken from the Maine election is that America's tendency is toward salutary reaction.

"President Wilson felt this last month when he launched his encyclical 'ultra nostra' against Bolshevism. It is universal democracy, and the right of self-determination of peoples which compels nations today to live with their heads down and feet in the air—in short, all that makes for anarchy and insecurity, all that forms the essence of Wilsonian is likewise condemned by the Maine vote.

"America is for order, and France, as Judge Elbert Gary has said, 'is first of all for order.' Let us reap a benefit from the American movement."

### COLORED WOMAN APPOINTED MATRON IN Y. W. C. A.

Mrs. Ella Roe Jackson of this city has been appointed matron over the gymnasium in the city Y. W. C. A.

Mrs. Jackson is one of Omaha's most noted colored citizens. She is a woman of the straight-forward and earnest working type.

The work to which she has been recently appointed requires considerable responsibility and experience, both of which can be found in the appointee. No one who knows Mrs. Jackson could for a minute doubt that she will fill the position with credit to herself and satisfaction to her employers.

## DAUGHTER FOUNDER OF TUSKEGEE MARRIED

Miss Laura M. Washington Becomes Bride of Bindley C. Cyrus of Chicago. Nuptials a Great Social Event at Famous Institution.

(By Associated Negro Press.)

TUSKEGEE Institute, Ala., Sept. 23.—The drawing room of the residence of Mrs. Booker T. Washington was the scene, Wednesday, September 15th, at high noon, of a very picturesque wedding, when her daughter, Miss Laura M. Washington, became the bride of Mr. Bindley C. Cyrus of Chicago. It was a rainbow wedding and the bridesmaids were dressed in various colors. The maid of honor, Miss Margaret Washington, who is a cousin of the bride, wore a beautiful dress of silver cloth draped with pink and lisle tulle and carried a large picture hat filled with pink rose buds. The dresses of the other bridesmaids: Misses Bessie B. Clayton, of Tuskegee, Mabel Robinson of New York City; Marie Scott, of Dayton, Ohio, and Helen Taylor of Tuskegee, were of ruffled tulle over silver cloth and each carried a large picture hat filled with garden flowers. All of the bridesmaids wore silver slippers.

The bride, who was given away by her mother, wore a lovely gown of white satin draped with tulle and pearls. The bridal veil was of tulle and was draped with orange blossoms. Her slippers were of white satin. She wore about her neck a string of family pearls and carried a beautiful bouquet of white rose buds and lilies of the valley.

"The best man was Mr. Walter Abernathy of Chicago. The other attendants of Mr. Cyrus were, Capt. Frank L. Drye of Tuskegee and Mr. Charles M. Thompson of Washington, D. C.

The marriage ceremony was performed by Father C. O. Brooks, rector of the St. Marks Episcopal Church of Birmingham. The Wedding march was played by Miss Alice C. Simmons of Tuskegee, who is also a relative of the bride.

Immediately after the ceremony, the bridal party was served luncheon, after which they motored to Montgomery. From this point the bride and groom departed for Benton Harbor, Mich., where the honeymoon will be spent. Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus will make their home in Chicago, Ill., where Mr. Cyrus is engaged in the Undertaking business.

### PETERS NATIONAL BANK

E. W. Pryor Second Depositor to Open Account in Omaha's Handsome New Bank.

One would have travel far to see a handsomer and more thoroughly equipped banking room than that of the Peters National Bank, which opened its doors to the public last Saturday. The new bank is located in the Peters Trust Company building, better known as the Omaha Bee building, at 17th and Farnam, and offers excellent facilities for its patrons. Courteous officials are on hand to give attention to customers. It is a fact worthy of note that among the first depositors to open and account was E. W. Pryor. In fact, he was the second, the first being Judge A. L. Sutton, M. D. Cameron, president of the bank, mentioned this fact to The Monitor.

## LAUNCH CAMPAIGN FOR "Y"

(By Associated Negro Press.)

Macon, Ga., Sept. 23.—In furtherance of the (government) movement to establish in Macon a colored branch of the local Y. M. C. A., a meeting was held at the Y. M. C. A. to discuss plans for the launching of a campaign to raise money to finance the project. This movement has been under way for some time, but as yet nothing definite has been done. It will take \$75,000 to erect a suitable building and to finance the movement in other respects.



Chas. L. Thomas

The Late Chas. L. Thomas. Former City Editor of the Omaha Bee who died Sunday morning, Sept. 19th.

## Scene at Recent Bomb Explosion in New York City



ONE OF THE BEST PICTURES TAKEN OF THE DESTRUCTION WROUGHT IN WALL STREET BY THE EXPLOSION OF A BOMB LAST WEEK IN THE VERY HEART OF AMERICA'S FINANCIAL CENTER BY WHICH 28 PERSONS WERE KILLED AND MANY INJURED. NEW YORK POLICE AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS FOLLOWING EVERY CLUE THAT MAY FIX RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE TRAGEDY.