

## FLORIDA FLOGS THOUSANDS DURING THE YEAR

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Vast Majority of Victims of Brutal Whippings Recorded in Road Camps, Only Partial List, Negroes

### SOME FLOGGED FREQUENTLY

Turpentine Rubbed in Gaping Wounds—Heavy Strap Used, Moistened And Rubbed in Sand Before Applied

Tallahassee, Florida, April 20—Official records show 108 prisoners—ninety-three Negroes and fifteen white men—were whipped in eleven Florida road camps in the first ninety days of this year.

This does not include those in the county camps or leased to private companies, and it is estimated that 1,000 have been whipped in all.

The reason given for the beatings include stubbornness, laziness, impudence, gambling, drunkenness, attempting to escape, disobedience, cursing and fighting.

### White Boy Dies of Cruelty

Special investigators for the New York World are busy here turning the light on conditions in prison camps since a North Dakota white boy died of cruelty and exposure. It is the practice here to hire all prisoners out to private corporations as convict labor or instead of sending them to jail or work houses.

Here is a typical report sent in by World investigators:

"Meet Capt. H. H. Henderson, in charge of the State Road Camp No. 17, Fort White, Columbia county. There are forty men in this camp on the average, month after month. 19 of them were whipped in January, February and March.

"In these three months he flogged two men each twice and three times each. The total whippings administered in the six camps numbered 132 in ninety days. At this rate the number in twelve months would be approximately 525 for these six camps alone.

"There are about thirty state road camps in Florida. I asked Judge Andrews, chief clerk of the Prison Division of the Department of Agriculture, if all of the thirty camps do not report monthly regarding whippings administered. 'Oh, no,' he replied, 'if there have been no whippings they don't bother to send in a report.'

"In the column set off for a record of lacerations under the whip, not one entry among them acknowledged that any prisoner's skin had been torn open, and yet almost any 'whipping boss' can draw blood with three or four strokes of the lash.

### Maximum is Ten Strokes

The maximum allowed is ten strokes. A well-to-do Florida business man informs me he has been told by convict guards in his county that they usually rub turpentine or some salty liquid upon the raw flesh they have laid bare with the leather strap, and that before flogging the prisoner they have moistened the leather and rubbed the roadside sand into the surface until the thong is rough like sandpaper.

A Federal official of this State tells me of one whipping boss who came from camp into town and purchased copper tacks to drive through the flat thong so their points would protrude. This was reported recently."

### Can't Spell, Can Whip

Commenting on the official reports of Captain C. L. Denmark in charge of Baldwin camp near Jacksonville, the investigator reports:

"It is interesting to observe the spelling adopted by Capt. Denmark in recording his reasons for punishing these men. He writes 'stubberness' in February, and corrects this to 'stubbornness' in March. He spells 'impudence' as 'eipudence,' and elsewhere refers to some offense which he spells 'dragging.' But his literacy is far higher than that of other convict captains. Capt. Hillard, for example, who writes 'laziness' and 'impudence,' or Capt. O. S. Hammond of the camp at Cleveland, Fla., who writes 'lazness,' 'lazness,' and 'impudence,' or Capt. H. H. Henderson of the Fort White camp, who writes 'temp to escape,' 'disabedence' and 'disabedence.'

"Most of these guards are hired at \$30 a month. Their spelling may not be good, but their whipping arms are."

### GEORGE SMITH DIES SUDDENLY

Rev. M. H. Wilkinson, state missionary, was called from South Sioux City, Nebr., to officiate at the funeral service of Geo. Smith, who died suddenly last Thursday. Rev. Mr. Wilkinson was the pastor under whom he was converted and afterwards married by him. The funeral was held at the Mt. Moriah Baptist church of which Rev. Dr. E. H. McDonald is the pastor. There was not standing room in the church. The deceased was a faithful member in every way from the time he entered upon his new life in Christ. He left a faithful wife, and loyal member of the church, Ella Smith, two sisters and a brother.

### LEGISLATOR FIGHTING FOR STATE ANTI-LYNCHING BILL

Associated Negro Press  
Charleston, W. Va., April 20—Representative Capeheart, the only colored member of the West Virginia legislature, strongly opposed on the floor of the assembly, any interference with the anti-lynching measure passed by a former session. Efforts are being made to amend the law to make it practically inoperative. Capeheart is being supported by a number of his fellow law-makers.

### INDIA FACES CRISIS OVER HEAVY TAXES

British Power Believed to be Shaken By Edict of Viceroy in Doubling Of Already Unpopular Levy

### Crusader Service

London, April 20—The constitutional crisis which may mark the turning point in the history of British India has been precipitated by a clash of powers at Delhi between the executive and legislative assembly which has come to a climax with the passage of the budget by the Viceroy, Lord Reading, over the head of the elective lower house. Upon the tyrannical powers conferred on him by the government of India act which came into effect in 1920 looking toward the bolstering of brute force in India, the Viceroy took the action after the legislative assembly had repeatedly refused to the most important feature of the budget—the doubling of the salt tax, which is always the most unpopular tax in India. Even the supporters of the government here as well as in India question the wisdom of this exercise of drastic power reserved to the Viceroy for use in critical situations. The radicals are seizing the opportunity to show up the government as reactionary and to prove that its professions as regards reforms are hypocritical.

### FOR FORTY-FIVE YEARS HAS NEVER MISSED MORNING SERVICES

Remarkable Record of Hyman W. Thompson Who Has Recently Come To Reside With His Daughter in Omaha

A record of faithful attendance at morning service which it will be difficult to either match or excel is that of Mr. Hyman W. Thompson, who arrived in the city last Wednesday from New Bern, N. C., to make his home with his daughter, Mrs. Herman Wiggins, of 2833 Franklin street. For 45 years Mr. Thompson never missed attending morning service at St. Cyprian's Episcopal church, New Bern, of which he was a communicant and for over forty years never missed attendance at Sunday school, of which he was superintendent.

He was one of the first men from the south to attend Oberlin university, of which he is a graduate. During the recent disastrous fire in New Bern his home was totally destroyed. Since that time his son-in-law and daughter, Dr. and Mrs. Wiggins, have been urging him to come to Omaha, but he was reluctant to leave New Bern where he is highly esteemed by members of both races. Omaha gives him cordial welcome.

### WHAT ARE THEY DRIVING AT?

Wednesday afternoon J. G. Masters, principal of Central High school, announced that the colored pupils were requested to meet in Room 215 at the close of the session. Several pupils complied with the request. They found awaiting them there the Rev. Attorney John Adams, a recent arrival in our city, and Dr. A. L. Hawkins. The former addressed the students and urged them to attend in a body services at St. John's A. M. E. church, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and suggested that they form themselves into an organization. Worthington Williams joined issue with the gentleman telling him that students who belonged to other congregations would doubtless desire to attend their own services and that as High school students were free to join any of the school organizations he thought any special organization of colored High school students was entirely out of place and unnecessary. Several of the students as well as their parents are asking, "What are these men driving at?"

### BREAKS GROUND FOR BUSINESS BLOCK

Ground has been broken at Twenty-fourth and Grant street for a handsome three story modern brick business block to be erected by James G. Jewell, one of Omaha's most successful, progressive and far-sighted business men. The lower floor will be devoted to store buildings, the second to suites of business offices and the third to a large and well appointed hall

### have such people who take delight in "Singing the Blues", or who like the monks of old go around with a long face chanting in funeral and sepulchral tone "memori mors", remember death.

Picture to yourself a magnificent four-story pressed brick modern building occupying a full quarter of a block on a prominent corner in a busy business section of Little Rock; the lower floors containing well-equipped stores; the upper floors occupied by the executive offices of the Mosaic Templars, elegantly equipped and furnished with modern up-to-the-minute labor and time saving conveniences; the desks and office furniture showing good taste and refinement; and by other elegant suites of offices, tenanted by insurance companies, lawyers, doctors and dentists of this former race of slaves and restricted privileges and you will have no doubt of the future of this virile group of American citizens. This elegant office building represents a valuation of about a quarter of a million dollars. This is only a minor part of the order's assets. It has deposited in the banks of Little Rock in actual cash nearly half a million dollars, to say nothing of its property in other states, its Liberty bonds and other gilt edged securities. Suppose the Mosaic Templars should withdraw their deposits in one lump sum from the Little Rock banks, don't you think those institutions would feel it? Of course, they would.

### OMAHA READERS MAY GET SOME IDEA OF WHAT THIS BUILDING, WITH ITS TWO-STORY BRICK-ANNEX, WHERE THE STATE HEADQUARTERS OF THE ORDER ARE HOUSED, IS LIKE, WHEN I SAY THERE ARE VERY FEWER OFFICE BUILDINGS IN THIS CITY THAN THE MOSAIC TEMPLARS BUILDING IN LITTLE ROCK. IT IS LARGER AND MORE FINELY APPOINTED THAN THE FARMAN BUILDING, MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK BUILDING OR THE MCCAGUE BLOCK. IT'S SOME BUILDING.

Some New Yorkers were visiting Little Rock the week before I arrived and when shown this building they said, "Do you mean to tell us that colored people actually own this magnificent building?" "Yes, indeed," was the proud reply; "they own it and there is not one penny of debt against it."

"Marvellous," is seems almost incredulous.

As the Mosaic Templars were organized in 1883, just forty years ago, this substantial evidence of their prosperity, shows the result of forty years' growth. The order began with fifteen members and its founders had no idea other than making it a local benevolent association. How it has become international with a member-

ship of over 100,000 and an annual income of about \$800,000 a year, is a fascinating story by itself, which I may later tell.

Upon visiting the place and seeing the business dispatched one can readily understand why the Mosaic Templars of America through its president, S. J. Elliott, were able to knock William McAdoo off his feet, figuratively speaking, when that government official was making a plea for the purchase of Liberty Loan Bonds to aid the government in its fight to help make "the world safe for democracy" (American Negroes excluded), this quiet, mild-mannered black man, and he is black, arose and said: "Mr. Secretary of the Treasury, here is a certified check for \$75,000.00, which the Mosaic Templars of America, a Negro organization, subscribes for the Liberty Loan. If the quota is not subscribed and the government needs it, there is more where this comes from and we will gladly give it."

Does any sane man or woman believe that the Negroes of Arkansas with such men as S. J. Elliott, Scipio A. Jones, A. E. Bush, Dr. J. G. Thornton and others of like ability who have built up this order, and it is only one of many demonstrating the power of organization, are going to be satisfied with anything less than their full constitutional rights as American citizens? With such evidence of progress is there any reason for hopelessness or nurturing bitterness? By no means. The future throbs with promise. Let there be strong faith and clear vision.

Next week, Some Men of Vision.

## From Nebraska to Arkansas and Back Experiences and Observations of the Editor on Trip to Southland Where He Saw Many Things of Interest

### THE NEGRO ORGANIZATION WHICH LOANED THE GOVERNMENT \$75,000.00

In my article of last week in which I spoke of my observations in some of the leading stores and one of the leading banks of Little Rock in which Separation of the Races, so marked on street cars and other places, was as it ought to be ignored, a mistake as to date occurs. It was corrected when I read the galley proof, but in "making up" the paper the correction was not made. Instead of "Monday morning, February 12", as it appeared in the article it should have read "Tuesday morning, February 13". The facts, however, were as I stated them. The people were lined up before the various tellers' windows according to their turn without racial distinction. I noticed this because it was in such marked contrast with the dual custom so generally obtaining and as showing how inconsistent most of us mortals are.

Speaking of banks naturally suggests money. And this can be truthfully said that the deposits of our race in the banks of the South run way up into the millions. Should Negro depositors make a run on several banks in the South those banks would be forced to the wall. The financial power of our people in this regard is not realized. I think the gradual awakening to an appreciation of the Negro's financial strength and his economic value upon the part of financial interests of that section will be a strong factor in correcting many abuses and injustices under which, say what you will, our people are becoming more restive every year. Nothing is to be gained by disguising or ignoring the truth and they who believe that the Negro in the South is satisfied with conditions has another thing coming. They are very wisely making the best of conditions, securing education and accumulating wealth. Moreover they are learning how to pool their money, control it and wisely use it.

Perhaps one of the best examples of how this is being done is furnished by the Mosaic Templars of America, one of the great fraternal organizations, which had its origin and maintains its national headquarters at Little Rock. I had hoped to have cuts of its national and state buildings and of some of its officers to appear with this article; but unfortunately the "cuts" have not yet arrived. I shall have to ask you to use your imagination to visualize what I desire to tell you, and particularly those of our readers who may be pessimistic about the future of our race. You know we

### JUVENILE ATHLETIC CLUB ORGANIZED

A club has been organized by Mrs. Grace M. Hutten, commissioner of the Colored Commercial Club, for the younger boys between the ages of 10 and 15. This will be in the nature of a junior athletic association for the encouragement of good sportsmanship among the boys of the city. A baseball team has been organized and another will be formed soon. Any boy wishing to join should call Webster 1822 or call at the Colored Commercial Club rooms, 2414 Maple street.

### ASHBURY RE-INTRODUCES CIVIL RIGHTS BILL IN PENN.

Associated Negro Press  
Harrisburg, Pa., April 20—Representative John O. Ashbury, of Philadelphia, undaunted by the "smiling disapproval" of Governor Pinchot in behalf of the Civil Rights bill, has re-introduced the measure, and pressure is being brought to have it passed in the legislature.

### FLEMING AGAIN TO RUN FOR COUNCILMAN

Associated Negro Press  
Cleveland, Ohio, April 20—Thomas W. Fleming, many times elected a member of the Cleveland city council,

has again thrown his hat in the ring. Fleming has been successful in his legislative efforts and has a strong following. Not only has he gotten many improvements for his ward, but he has introduced many ordinances of general interest.

### MANY PARTICIPATE IN BOY SCOUT RALLY

Thirteen troops of Boy Scouts numbering over 1,000 boys competed in the annual Scout Rally at the City Auditorium Saturday night. Troup 23, under Scoutmaster Dr. Craig Morris, and the South Omaha Troop participated in the rally. The honors were captured by Troup 41 of Florence. Joseph Dorsey who was confidently counted upon to win for Troup 23 in the friction firing contest was ill. The contests were all close and it was an inspiring sight to see the skillful maneuvers of the large number of Boy Scouts.

### GRACE ADAMS ON HONOR ROLL

Among the students of Central high school to be placed on the honor roll last semester is Miss Grace Adams of the Freshman class. This studious young lady secured a rating of four A's. Congratulations, Grace. Keep up this good work.

suitable for public gatherings and entertainments of all kinds. Mr. Jewell is to be complimented upon his venture which doubtless will prove a paying business investment. It is significant to notice that this is on the east side of Twenty-fourth street, which a few months ago was considered forbidden ground for racial business in that vicinity. Have you ever read the story of King Cnut and his throne which he placed by the seaside?

### THE ST. PAUL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Twenty-sixth and Seward Streets—Russel Taylor, Pastor.

In keeping with the recommendation of our General Assembly the services next Sunday will be with special emphasis on the keeping of the Lord's Day. The morning topic will be: "The Sabbath, a Bulwark of Moral and Religious Strength". In the evening the thought for discussion will be, "Leadership—the Proper Training for It." Exodus 3:7-12; 4:10-12.

The pastor was busy the first three days of the week attending the spring meeting of the Presbytery of Omaha, convening in the First Presbyterian church. Tuesday evening the St. Paul church male quartet rendered two selections during the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of Omaha Presbytery. Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Taylor addressed a large and enthusiastic class of young ladies of the Florence Presbyterian church on the "Condition and Needs of the Race in Our City?" This class had just finished the study of "The Trend of the Races" by Mr. Haynes.

### INDUSTRIAL CRISIS WORRIES BRITAIN

Colored World Looks on With Interest Knowing Liberation Will Follow Fall of British Empire

### Crusader Service.

London, April 20—The industrial outlook in Great Britain at the present time is regretted by British imperialists as extremely disquieting. It is estimated that nearly 700,000 workers are involved in disputes with their employers, and that 56,000 are on strike. These include the Welsh miners and the Norfolk farm workers. Another source of national anxiety is the difference which has arisen over the railway shopmen's wages. The employers propose an extensive reduction and this is regarded as holding the possibility of a general railwaymen's strike throughout Great Britain. The dispute in the pottery trades involves about 60,000 men.

The effect of this industrial unrest among other equally disturbing factors, on the position of the Government after Parliament reassembles on Monday, is discussed today in an editorial article in the Daily Telegraph. The newspaper takes the view that the next few weeks may be the crucial time in the fortunes of the administration. In the meantime the colored press of the colonies and of the United States and Japan are said to be evincing keen interest in the troubles of the British home government, knowing full well that the collapse of organized government in the British Isles would sound the hour of their liberation.

### NONEGENARIAN IS CALLED BY DEATH

Father of Mrs. James C. Donley Quietly Passes Away at Family Residence at the Age of Ninety-Four

Thomas J. Brown, aged 94 years, passed quietly away at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. James C. Donley, 2415 Erksine street, about half-past ten o'clock Monday afternoon after a brief illness. Despite his advanced years Mr. Brown retained his mental faculties unimpaired and did not take to his bed until a few days ago. Born in Lexington, Kentucky, January 15, 1829, Mr. Brown went as a young man to Canada, locating at London. Subsequently he went to Michigan and for many years was a resident of Cassopolis and Grand Rapids. He served as a local Methodist preacher in Michigan for some time. Upon the death of his wife in 1905 he came to Omaha to make his home with his daughter. The funeral was held Thursday afternoon from the family residence, Rev. John Albert Williams officiating. Interment was at Forest Lawn.

### WHITE BLOCK BOMBED

Kansas City, Mo., April 20—A vacant home in the 2100 block of Park avenue, thought to be rented to colored people, was destroyed by a bomb Sunday night of last week. Surrounding white homes were shaken.

### LEFT ALL TO CHURCHES

Williamstown, N. C., April 20—By the will of the late J. P. Butler, his estate of several thousand dollars was left equally to local churches of all denominations.

### LARGE AUDIENCE WELCOMES WHITE AT MASS MEETING

Courageous Assistant Secretary of National Advancement Association Delivers a Stirring Address.

### TELLS OF ACHIEVEMENTS

Throws Many Interesting Sidelights On Fight for Dyer Anti-Lynching Bill and Arkansas Peons.

Walter F. White, assistant secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was greeted by a large audience last Sunday afternoon at Grove Methodist Episcopal church where he spoke, under the auspices of the local branch, of the more recent outstanding achievements of the organization and made a strong appeal for a larger membership. He told of the work for the Dyer Anti-Lynching Bill, the fight for saving the lives of the men condemned to death by the mob controlled Arkansas court after a farcical trial for an alleged conspiracy to murder the white people of Elaine, and of work in connection with the Tulsa riots.

As he graphically recited the well-known facts in these important cases, illuminating them with many interesting side-lights the audience was deeply stirred. Few realize the tremendous amount of work which was done by the association to secure favorable action on the Dyer Anti-Lynching Bill in the House of Representatives, where it was passed and to get it before the Senate where it was defeated by "a democratic filibuster, the weakness and insincerity of some northern republicans and the treachery of a member of the race." But the fight for this measure is to be continued, until this menace is removed from America.

The fight for the condemned farmers of Phillips county, Arkansas, who had simply organized to protect themselves by legal means from continuing to be robbed and exploited by the crop-sharing system, was perhaps the most notable victory ever won for justice in this country. Mr. White told graphically of how the fight was carried up to the United States Supreme court, where it was argued by Morefield Storey, who contributed his services, resulting in a decision which not only reversed these cases but which reverses the Supreme Court itself in its former decision in the Leo Frank case.

Mr. White told modestly of some of his personal experiences at Tulsa where he was sworn in as deputy sheriff and thus securing facts and evidence which could not have been obtained in any other way, and of how the Association had helped the victims of that riot protect their property.

The simple recital of the achievements of the N. A. A. C. P. was of itself an effective appeal for membership; but this was supplemented by a direct appeal which resulted in securing nine life memberships at \$25 each; several gold certificate memberships at \$10 each and a large number of annual memberships at \$1.00 each.

Henry W. Black, president of the local branch, called the meeting to order, and introduced H. J. Pinkett as chairman of the meeting, in turn introduced the speaker. The invocation was said by Rev. Wm. Franklin, and the benediction was pronounced by the Rev. C. N. Hollis.

### N. W. C. A. NOTES

The house committee of the Old Folks' Home under the chairmanship of Mrs. M. Shelton Union, are having the rooms papered and painted.

We are very thankful to Rev. A. Rayfor for his services to the Home in holding meetings on Sunday afternoon for benefit of the Matron and inmates at the Home.

Any one who has a yard to rake or other outdoor work to do please call Webster 4534, Old Folks' Home, and ask for Matron.

To the ladies who did not bring tea towels at the last meeting, please do not forget to bring them at this meeting, also a pillow case.

Regular monthly meeting Wednesday, May 2nd, at 10:30 at the Home. Hope to see all members out.

### 100,000 LEAVE MISSISSIPPI

Jackson, Mississippi, April 20—One tenth of the million Negroes of this state are said to have gone north in the past six months. Plantation owners face bankruptcy and promise better plantation improvements.