

COLORED LAWYER MAY BECOME A CHICAGO JUDGE

LARGE MANUFACTORY DESTROYED BY FIRE OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN

Plant Owned by Colored American Who Operated Mine Safety Device Factory Doing a Large Business

HAD PLANNED NEW BUILDING

Safety Devices Manufactured by the Johnson Manufacturing Company Nationally Used and Considered Best—Fireman Is Hurt

Jeannette Pa., October 18.—(Preston News Service.)—Fire, said to be of undetermined origin destroyed the Geo. M. Johnson Manufacturing Company plant, at Fourth and Patton streets, shortly after midnight last Thursday night entailing a loss of more than \$75,000.

The company manufactures mine safety devices which have been recognized by leading mine experts throughout the country as the best on the market, and if they had been installed in the Dolomite mine in Alabama, the frightful toll of life would have been avoided. The structure was a large three-story frame building formerly used as a grist mill. Thousands of dollars worth of patterns and drawings were completely destroyed.

George M. Johnson, a native of Roanoke, Va., was for a number of years master mechanic for the Pittsburgh Coal Company, prior to the invention and development of the seven-different safety devices, which he has covered with over forty-five patents.

It is said that the officials of the company have been conducting a special stock selling campaign to erect a steel structure with about ten times the room of the building destroyed by fire for the purpose of having ample room to take care of their large business. It is claimed that the contract had already been let to a large concern in Youngstown, O., for the erection of a large steel structure on a large site just outside of the city as the new home of the G. M. Johnson Manufacturing Company and work was scheduled to start on the new structure within a few days.

The Johnson devices are now in use on more than a thousand coal mines in all parts of the country. Among some of the large concerns using these devices are: The Henry Ford Collieries; M. A. Hanna Companies; Consolidation Coal Company; Pittsburgh Coal Company; H. C. Frick Coke Company; Carnegie Steel Company; U. S. Steel Corporation; Pennsylvania Coal & Coke Co.; Carnegie Coal Co.; Hillman Coal and Coke Co., as well as concerns owning fewer mines. The concerns named have from 20 to 200 mines each.

It is said that the loss was only partially covered by insurance. On account of the enormous growth of the business during the past year, the old plant was largely used for keeping stock and the patterns.

Mr. Johnson said: "This awful disaster is very damaging just at this time as we have more than \$200,000 worth of orders promised for delivery before the end of this year. This fire makes it impossible."

GOVERNOR PINCHOT PROMISES PROMPT ACTION AND PROTECTION

Pennsylvania Executive Wires League He Will Stop Deportation of Citizens at Stowe.

Boston, Mass., Oct. 19.—A protest telegram sent by the National Equal Rights League, Rev. T. J. Moppins, president, on Wednesday, October 10, against the driving out of colored people from Stowe Township, Penn., because a colored man killed a white man, brought an answer today from Governor Gifford Pinchot himself, to the League, promising action.

The telegram, dated Harrisburg, Penn., Oct. 13, 1923, read as follows: Wm. M. Trotter, Secretary National Equal Rights League, 103 Court St., Boston, Mass. Your telegram of Oct. 10th, concerning alleged driving of colored citizens from Stowe Township, Allegheny County, received. I have no information of such action, am starting immediate inquiry and if such conditions exist and local officials fail to protect innocent citizens of any race, condition or religion, I will use full necessary force of state to prevent discrimination. (Signed) GIFFORD PINCHOT.

PLEASE PAY YOUR SUBSCRIPTION WHEN THE COLLECTOR CALLS

RECORD-BREAKING CROWD WILL SEE FOOTBALL STARS

Extra Seats to Provide for Crowds Expected at Rock Island Independents and Omaha Olympics Game Starring Butler and Slater

Work will be begun the first of next week at League Park, Fifteenth and Vinton streets, to erect additional stands in order to accommodate Omahans who want to see the great "Duke" Slater and Sol Butler, world famous colored athletes, in action as members of the Rock Island Independents football team against the Omaha Olympics.

The game, October 28, is expected to be one of the outstanding sport events of all time in the midcontinent.

Slater was unanimously chosen by the American sport critics as all-American tackle when he played with University of Iowa. It was Slater who virtually single-handed checked the rush of the famous Notre Dame backfield and enabled the Hawkeye eleven to defeat the South Bend Irish. Slater will play tackle for the Independents and will be opposed by either Ole Paulson, famous fullback on the Great Lakes naval training station team of war time, or Edson Shaw, former Nebraska University captain and all-western tackle. Paulson was a member of the Great Lakes eleven which in a single season defeated Northwestern University, University of Illinois, University of Wisconsin, Georgetown University, West Point and Yale.

Sol Butler, another famous colored athlete, is to play in the Rock Island backfield. Butler holds more honors for athletic achievements than any six colored athletes in the world, according to the official bulletins of the A. A. U. of 1920.

Omahans have telegraphed Butler to send on, by express, the medals he has won on the track and in field events. If Butler will consent to send them to Omaha they will be placed on exhibition in one of the large downtown store windows next week.

In addition to Butler and Slater, the Rock Island Independents have some of the country's greatest white football players. Max Kadesky, who played shoulder to shoulder with the great Slater at Iowa University, will play in the same position for Rock Island against the Olympics. Cotton, famous Notre Dame tackle, who played on the Notre Dame eleven which lost to Iowa, is another star of the Illinois independent club.

Groups of Omaha colored persons who are anxious to show their loyalty to the premier football players of their race are reserving sections of the grandstands for themselves and friends. These sections are to be decorated with lodge colors and lodge emblems and kept for the private occupancy of their purchasers.

Denny Ryan, athletic director of the Omaha Athletic club, who is business manager and trainer of the Omaha Olympic football team, is arranging for these sections. Reservations may be made by calling him.

NEW YORK DECISION BARS KU KLUX KLAN

(Preston News Service) Albany, N. Y., Oct. 18. — The Ku Klux Klan now stands barred forever as a membership corporation in the state of New York.

Moving secretly, the attorney general's office has secured a judgment against the Ku Klux Klan and the Kamalia, the woman's auxiliary, on a charge of altering their incorporation papers after a supreme court justice had approved them.

MINISTERS' ALLIANCE

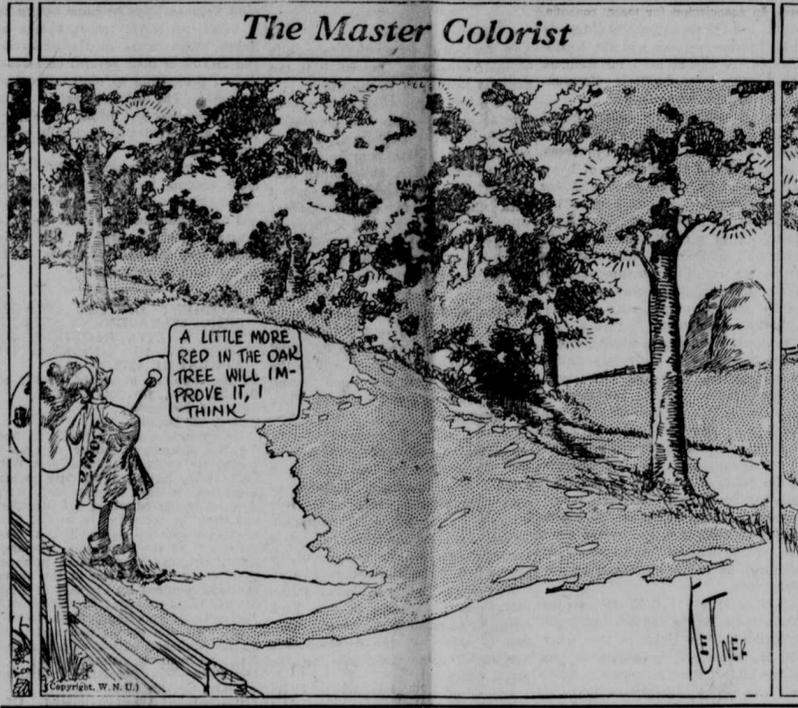
The Ministers' Alliance met Tuesday morning in the lecture room of Bethel A. M. E. church. A discussion on moral conditions was held, also the close proximity of Dreamland Hall to Zion Baptist church. A delegation waited upon Mr. Jewell and requested him to dispense with the dance-hall feature of his elegant building. Attorney John Adams made an appeal for two clients under death sentence. The place of meeting was changed to the North Side "Y".

COUNCIL BLUFFS ITEMS

Mrs. Nannie Rudd, 245 Eighteenth avenue, left Wednesday afternoon for Ashland, Mo., to be at the bedside of her father, George Carlson, who is seriously ill.

Mrs. M. E. Lowry, 1018 Twenty-second avenue, recently returned from a week's visit with relatives and friends in Kansas City and Moberly, Mo.

Mr. Butler Wallace, 1117 Avenue D, became seriously ill Tuesday and is now confined to his bed.



SIGHTS, EXPERIENCES AND IMPRESSIONS OF A TRAVELLER WHO ATTENDED NATL. BAPTIST CONVENTION, LOS ANGELES

By Mrs. M. H. Wilkinson

JUAREZ, MEXICO

(Continued from last week.) What a multitude of historical reminiscences flood the mind as one nears the boundary line between Texas and Mexico. How strange it seems when one recalls the fact that the great state of Texas once was a part of the Republic of Mexico and experienced a long struggle to secure its independence to become incorporated with the United States; but the western boundary line was not settled and was ensued between the U. S. and Mexico from 1855 to 1867 covering a period of twelve years.

Can we forget the many skirmishes over and near this fatal boundary line within the past few years? No, not when we remember how our boys of the Tenth Cavalry, under the late Col. Charles Young, were called to duty there by the government and played their part so well.

The first thing that attracted our attention, on crossing the Rio Grande to Juarez and by the way, it is said to be the boundary line, was a gang of workmen leisurely placing sand bags along the river bank forming a dam. These men were almost the same in complexion from an olive to a mahogany brown.

Nearly the custom house could be seen. A small one-story brick building with the Mexican flag hoisted and floating in the breeze. In front of this building were a number of officers, some seated and others standing looking very comfortable in their shirt sleeves.

"Do we get off here?" someone asked seeing the cars stopping. The answer was: "Oh, yes!" My, how peace-of-mind we felt to be abroad! Although we dare not remember the proximity of home, for fear our feathers would fall. However, to have our friends posted concerning our travels we rushed into "the corner store" to purchase cards and after the usual address with a dignified flourish we added "U. S. A."

In our anxiety no one had noticed just where we were. When we were, however, although the building is not as

spacious. It is surrounded with an attractive lawn with beautiful flowers. There is a "Statue of Liberty" and at its base are inscribed the names of prominent pioneers.

What is their religion? The prevailing faith is Roman Catholic, which was the state religion until 1857. In 1873 the government declared itself against recognition of any particular denomination as "state religion."

Their present church, the Old Mission Guadalupe was established in 1549. It has been renovated and painted but the interior is practically the same. The seats are old fashioned benches made of trees that failed to receive the refining touch.

On the other side of the church is the old memorable graveyard with its marble tombstones, silently declaring the inevitable truth, "It is appointed to men once to die". But the fresh, green shrubbery, teeming with life overshadowing their dust, predicts for them a glorious resurrection.

The race track is one mile and a half around. Here they stage bull fights and prize fights. Yes, Jack Johnson fought a bull in this very place. This impressive building is formed out of varied colors of glass plates that glitters in the sun. The cost was more than a million dollars. Its interior is covered with white sand. Here and there are beautifully designed beds of pretty fragrant lilies. It has a seating capacity of ten thousand. During the terrible internal disorder in Mexico Villa at one time took refuge in this building. Finally he placed himself on its roof and fired on his enemies in the city, who returned the fire. During this fusillade holes large enough for one's fist to pass through were made in these beautiful glass plates. Now I am wondering whether he was really a "Villa" or a "Villain".

(To be continued)

"WHIRL OF GIRLS"

Never Before Such a Succession of Really Good Shows at the Gayety.

There is really more than the ordinary number of worth-while comedians, singers and dancers, to say nothing of general entertainers, said to be in the noteworthy cast of John G. Jermon's big feminine revue, "Whirl of Girls", announced at the popular Gayety theatre as next week's attraction, starting Saturday matinee, October 20. Vic Plant and Fred (Falls) Binder are the two featured comedians who promise a laugh every moment they are on the stage. Both are favorites with burlesque patrons, Plant having been last season with "Hello Good Times" and Bender with "Smiles and Kisses". June LeVeay, the prima donna

of the piece, is also well-known having spent last season as prima donna of "Hello Good Times" as did also George Wiest, the straight man of the show. Flossie DeVere, the sprightly soubrette of the cast, comes to "Whirl of Girls" from "Maid of America", while Gertrude La Vetta, the likeable ingenue, has from last season's "American Girls". Willie St. Clair, the juvenile and Charles Seymour, the character man, are both new to burlesque but well known in vaudeville and musical comedy.

Of course, a show having the title of "Whirl of Girls" would necessarily have to go strong on its ensemble equipment and the producers are said to have not overlooked this important portion of their entertainment. Not only have they secured an exceptionally good looking aggregation of youthful maids, but also one whose mem-

FORMAL OPENING OF DREAMLAND HALL

More Than 600 Persons Attend Social Event Which Marks Advanced Business Venture By Race Citizen.

More than six hundred people mostly younger folk, with a good sprinkling of the older folk, who enjoy the tepsichorean art, attended the formal opening of the commodious and beautiful Dreamland Hall in the Jewell building, Twenty-fourth and Grant streets, Tuesday night. Several of the older and representative citizens were there as onlookers and to express their appreciation of Mr. Jewell's enterprise in venturing into such a large and commendable business undertaking as the erection of a building of this character. The hall was beautifully decorated and hundreds of couples danced to their heart's delight to the strains of Adams' popular orchestra, which was at its best. Festoons of artificial roses were draped from the ceiling and flowers and palms decorated the stage upon which the orchestra was seated.

The Jewell building, which represents an expenditure of over \$50,000, is a beautiful two-story pressed brick building, 132 long and 46 feet wide, the interior dimensions being 130 by 44. It consists of two large store buildings, fronting on Twenty-fourth street and two five-room apartments fronting on Grant street, the heating plant and one large basement room which will probably be occupied by a printing establishment; two suites of offices and the large hall upstairs. The dimensions of Dreamland Hall are 110 by 44 feet. This is divided into the large assembly room, 82 by 44 feet, a stage, 12 by 22 feet, a retiring room for the ladies and one for men, each 11 by 12, a check room and a well-equipped kitchenette. The handsomely appointed offices are occupied by Drs. Foster and McMillian, physicians and surgeons, and E. M. Davis, real estate dealer.

Dreamland Hall will be available for dances, entertainments, conventions and all gatherings for which commodious accommodations are required. Our people who have had almost to beg as well as pay exorbitant prices for public halls in which to have their entertainments, have now a hall, built and owned by one of our race, as handsome, commodious and convenient as one can desire and they should take pride in patronizing it and making this large business investment, which Mr. Jewell has had the faith and courage to make, pay.

HELP GIVEN DESTITUTE STRANGER AND HER CHILDREN BY CHARITABLE SOUTHSIDERS

A very sick woman by the name of Mrs. Victoria McDonald with five children was found at the depot last week. She had been directed to come here on account of her real health. But she was not only sick, but penniless and friendless. After being refused help by those to whom she was sent, Miss Gertrude Lucas, welfare worker, was notified and at once got on the job to locate this mother and children in a home somewhere. But no one wanted them. In the meantime Miss Lucas got in touch with Mrs. Lovetta Bush who informed Mrs. Laura Jefferson of this poor woman's predicament. Mrs. Jefferson is chairman of the stewardess board of Allen chapel and is sick herself, but her Christian heart would not let her refuse to open her door for this poor woman and children whom she at once housed. Mrs. Josie Blackwell prepared a good hot meal for them and Mrs. Bush supplied them with coal to keep them warm. Then these good women got busy and communicated with Mrs. M. Bowls, city missionary of the Bethel Baptist church and her acting pastor, Rev. Jessie Young, who became at once interested in this woman's welfare who is a Baptist. Mrs. Bowls solicited money from Mt. Olivet and Trinity Baptist churches to the amount of \$6.00, each church contributing \$3.00. At the same time Allen chapel contributed \$7.25 and Rev. Jessie Young, Mrs. Sutton, Mrs. Demond, Mrs. Low and Mrs. Jefferson took each a child and Rev. D. J. Burckhardt through Miss Lucas has arranged for her to be cared for at the University hospital where it is believed she will soon be restored to health. Mrs. McDonald's husband deserted her some months ago and ran off with another woman leaving her in this condition. She is willing to work when able and wishes to thank all who have done anything to help relieve her condition. Mrs. Fred Divers was kind enough to bring her and children to Mrs. Jefferson from the depot in her car.

CHICAGOANS NAME COLORED ATTORNEY FOR JUDGE'S JOB

Republicans Place Edward H. Morris, a Lawyer of Recognized Ability, on Regular Judicial Ticket.

ONE OF TWENTY CANDIDATES

Stands Excellent Chance of Nomination and Election, Having Solid Support of Second Ward and Is Popular.

(By the Associated Negro Press) Chicago, Ill.—When the republican and democratic parties decided to throw full tickets into the judicial election this fall it opened the way for the nomination of a colored candidate to sit upon the superior bench of Cook County and Edward H. Morris, well known and able lawyer, was selected. For years one of the hopes of the colored electorate of Chicago has been to place a man upon the judicial bench. Judges are nominated by the central committee which has named candidates on several occasions who have always gone down in defeat. The opportunity to make the fight again came through the clever manipulation of colored political leaders and Edward H. Wright, committeeman and "boss" of the Second Ward, is being given the lion's share of the credit.

The democrats and republicans had a fusion or coalition ticket all but agreed upon. At the last moment they split and both parties held conventions composed of committeemen from the various wards and districts to select slates. Edward H. Wright was the only colored man in the convention, but he is recognized as a power and when the Second Ward was called on to express its sentiment and present its choice, he arose and asked the convention to hear a committee of colored citizens who had come to press the claim of the group to a place on the judicial ticket.

Alderman Louis B. Anderson was the spokesman and in an effective and clever talk he presented to the assembly the advantage to the party of recognition of "the brethren," calling their attention not only to the solid phalanx of 25,000 voters in the Second Ward, but the city-wide support which would be brought to the G. O. P. as a result. Others on the committee were Attorneys Violet Anderson, A. E. Patterson, I. B. Turner and O. DeFrist, who spoke.

The convention was impressed and named Mr. Morris as one of the 20 candidates for the superior court bench. The position pays \$15,000 a year. Mr. Morris, who is national grand master of the Odd Fellows, is married and rated as one of Chicago's wealthiest citizens. All factions agree that his ability is unquestioned, that he has the judicial temperament, and that if elected he will reflect credit upon the group.

SURPRISE PARTY FOR OUT OF TOWN GUEST

Monday night several of the ladies of the Mission Circle of Mt. Moriah Baptist church met at the parsonage, 2412 Corby street, as a surprise to W. C. Campbell of Hannibal, Mo., who is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. McDonald. They were met at the door by the Rev. E. H. McDonald with this question, "Who are these that are arrayed?" and met with the response from the efficient president of the circle, "It is they who remember the stranger within the gates." They were scarcely seated before five gentlemen appeared.

All expressed delight in having such a pleasant visitor in our city, which was responded to by the guest of honor who said, the members of Mt. Moriah church were about to heal the wounds made in her heart by taking away their pastor from Hannibal, Mo., but that she was satisfied the people loved him here, by the hospitality shown to her.