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THE AMERICAN LEGION CAPTURES OMAHA

Smuts and Dr. DuBois Claim Africa Original Seat of Civilization

ORGANIZE COMPANY TO MANUFACTURE DRINKING GLASS

Sanitary Device Invented by Kansan Has Been Patented and Will Be Handled by Local Race Corporation

IMPORTANT BUSINESS MOVE

The Walker-Leland Manufacturing Company Hopes to Develop Strong and Well-Paying Racial Enterprise.

While visiting a friend in a hospital John E. Walker of Pittsburg, Kansas, noticed that a piece of paper or cardboard was placed over the top of a drinking glass to protect its contents from dust or other particles which might not improve the patient's condition. He noticed further that it was quite easy for this temporary covering to become displaced. This gave him an idea which eventually may mean millions to him. He believed that he could invent a device that would serve as a sanitary and permanent lid or covering for a drinking glass to be used in the sick room or elsewhere that could be lifted and lowered, or opened and closed automatically.



John E. Walker, President.

The device consists of an aluminum frame, in which the glass is placed, with a small lever which lifts the aluminum top when the container is raised from the stand or table, and automatically lowers the top when the container is placed on the table. Mr. Walker has secured a patent upon his invention.

A large firm has offered to take it over and manufacture this useful article, paying him a royalty. But the



Harry W. Leland, Sec. Treas.

patentee wants to build up an institution which will bring the advantages to be obtained to the members of his race. He is ambitious to keep it in the hands of the race and develop a business concern that will give varied employment to young men and women of the race who are deprived of like opportunities elsewhere.

The Walker-Leland Manufacturing Company of Omaha, Nebraska, has therefore been organized and incorporated for the purpose of manufacturing and marketing Mr. Walker's invention. The capital stock of the corporation is placed at \$10,000.00, divided into one thousand shares of common stock of the par value of \$10.00 a share. The officers of the company are John E. Walker, patentee, president and director; William E. Jackson, vice-president and director; Harry W. Leland, secretary-treasurer and director.

Several Omaha men who see the possibilities of this invention and bus-

DOCTOR MADISON SUSTAINS SERIOUS AND PAINFUL INJURIES

Ex-Service Man Run Down by Automobile in Front of Dreamland Hall Taken to Hospital with Fractured Skull.

While Dr. Amos B. Madison and several friends were crossing Twenty-fourth street opposite Dreamland Hall early Tuesday morning he and Gene Harris were knocked down by an automobile driven by Cole Anderson, 3414 Ohio street. Dr. Madison, who was commissioned at the Officers' Training Camp at Des Moines and served overseas, was severely bruised and lacerated and his skull fractured. He was taken to Swedish Mission hospital where he is receiving careful attention. Gene Harris suffered a broken leg and was taken to the hospital.

NEW LAMAR OPENED WITH MUSICAL CONCERT ON OCTOBER FIFTH

Just at the eve of the American Legion convention The Lamar, Omaha's newest hotel for colored, was opened with a musical concert at 1891 North 24th street. There was also a five-course dinner of which many partook. The music and dinner started at 9 p. m. and lasted until the wee hours of morning.

The music was played in the lobby of the new hotel, a very snugly arranged little place. The dining rooms were a little to the left, but adjoining the lobby. The orchestra played soothing strains which gladdened the hearts of the diners during their meals.

All the decorations in the hotel and cafe were in the colors of the U. S. A.

The venture are enthusiastic in their support of it. It is not impossible, indeed, it is highly probable, that the Walker-Leland Manufacturing Company may be the corporation that will put the race in this city, as well as elsewhere, upon the commercial map.



Showing Cup With Lid Closed.



Showing Cup With Lid Open.

KANSAS-MISSOURI CONFERENCE HOLDS SESSIONS HERE

Cleaves Temple C. M. E. church, 25th and Decatur streets, is the scene this week of the Kansas-Missouri annual conference, which opened Tuesday evening with a large attendance from all churches, and many honored guests. Among these are: Bishop J. A. Hamlet, Mr. T. H. Copeland, Hopkinsville, Ky.; Rev. John Adams, Bethel A. M. E. church; Rev. J. H. Ellis, Grove M. E. church; Rev. Z. C. McGee, Pleasant Green Baptist church, all of Omaha; and Rev. C. A. Williams, St. John's A. M. E. church.

This was the beginning of the forty-fourth session of the Kansas-Missouri conference. The opening consisted of the following program of welcome to the presiding bishop, Rt. Rev. N. C. Cleaves.

Opening song.....Choir
Response.....Rev. T. A. Bowers, A.B.
Vocal solo.....Lucy Mae Stamps
Welcome address on behalf of the Legal Profession.....Atty. Oliver
Response.....Rev. C. E. Chapman, D. D.
Vocal Solo.....Mrs. Lula Hilton
Welcome address on behalf of the Ministry.....Rev. J. H. Ellis
Response.....Rev. N. T. Walker, A. B.
Vocal solo.....Miss Edna M. Stratton
Instrumental solo.....Mrs. Sadie Divers
Welcome address on behalf of the Church.....Mrs. Vera Harris
Response.....Rev. T. J. Moppins, B. S.
Vocal solo.....Mrs. Rosie Grant
Remarks.....Bishop N. C. Cleaves, D. D.
Mrs. Martha Bell, Mistress of Ceremonies.

Wednesday, Oct. 7th, the business session was held with Bishop N. C. Cleaves presiding. The opening sermon for this session was delivered by Dr. N. T. Walker, subject, "This do in remembrance of me." Immediately after the sermon the conference went into the election of officers which resulted as follows:

The Rev. Messrs. L. A. Storey, Denver, Colo., secretary; C. H. Houston, Des Moines, Iowa, assistant secretary; C. E. Chapman, Sedalia, Mo., press reporter; C. H. Anderson, Parkerville, Mo., statistician; Mrs. L. A. Storey, Denver, Colo., musical director; Mrs. N. C. Cleaves, private secretary to Bishop N. C. Cleaves.

In the Rev. J. S. Blaine's report to the conference it was disclosed that for all purposes \$4,619.89 was raised by him for Cleaves Temple. He reported that the recent contest was a pleasant success. Three prizes of \$10, \$7 and \$3.50 were won by Mrs. Bertha Bell, Mrs. Gertrude Yates and Mrs. Alice Stalsworth, respectively.

The conference will end Sunday night.

PLEADS FOR COLLEGE EDUCATION

LeMars, Ia.—(By the Associated Negro Press.)—The anniversary address on the education of the Negro before the white ministers and visitors of the Northwest Iowa Conference in session here, was delivered by Dr. I. Garland Penn.

Dr. Penn recounted the wonderful growth of the schools and colleges for the Negro of the Methodist Episcopal Church, saying that thirty years ago there was not a Negro filling the presidency of one of the schools, now there are eleven Negro presidents. Thirty years ago most of the teachers were white missionaries; now out of 450 teachers fully four hundred are Negroes. The university of the system at Atlanta, Georgia, is headed by a Negro, while the institution having the largest college enrollment has a Negro as president. This, he said, showed what the investment of white missionaries and means meant in race development and assumption of responsibility.

He said, however, we are not overstocked with college graduates for leadership; for in sixty years there have been graduated only ten thousand and this number has been depleted from time to time by death.

He stated, however, that more Negroes were seeking college education today than ever. In 1910 there were not more than 100 college students in the Negro Methodist Episcopal Schools while in 1924 there were 690. Dr. Penn dwelt at length upon religious as well as intellectual training as a solvent for problems as well as their solution followed as men were able to know and practice the truth of God.

He stressed the need of endowment to make permanent the institution he represented at a time when their future was threatened because of high cost of education and the ever-increasing standards.

WHITE DOMINATION IS DOOMED IN ASIA AND ON AFRICAN CONTINENT

Newspaper Correspondent Bases This Prediction on Observation of Moroccan War and General Outlook

(From the New York Times.) London, England.—"In Africa or Asia, the old easy conditions of political suzerainty or commercial ascendancy will not again be enjoyed by European peoples or their American descendants." That is the lesson drawn from the Moroccan war by J. L. Garvin in the Sunday Observer.

"Without wider unity in Europe itself and without more far-sighted and sympathetic association between Europe as a whole and the United States," he continues, "the existing supremacy of what we call Western civilization will be severely reduced in the course of the present century and the balance of a changing world may even be turned against all the white races without distinction. The awakening of Islam and Asia is already one of the larger forces of history, and that movement is only beginning. All Islam sympathizes openly or at heart with Abd-el-Krim.

"In Syria, those very different but equally virile highlanders, the Druses, are in arms, while discontent of Arabs is simmering in the same quarter and they would throw off French rule if they could. In Egypt, India and China agitation is nourished by Western ideas and by the native press."

Mr. Garvin also sees ominous signs of discord among the white races themselves, which may have direct consequences. He writes:

"Abd-el-Krim, Zaqqniul, Mustapha Kemal and extremists in India and China are as popular in Berlin as in Moscow. The isolated disarmament of Germany is a spectacle for Asiatic moralists. America's rejection of the League encourages the same disparagement of the white race as a whole. Unless war prejudices are forgotten and some crude blunders of Versailles rectified, unless reconciliation is pursued and white solidarity restored the power of white civilization in the world will decline from its zenith at no very remote date."

SEEK AMERICA'S MOST BEAUTIFUL COLORED GIRL

Oklahoma City, Okla.—(By the Associated Negro Press.)—Who is Miss Colored America? Officials of the National Negro Business League who already are laying plans for the 1926 meeting are determined to find out. One of the most interesting features of the Tulsa meet this year was the popularity contest in which various Oklahoma cities vied with one another to name their favorite daughters. Miss Oklahoma, and delegates from dozens of other states expressed a desire at the next meeting to see their own girls represented as well. Roscoe Dunjee, president of the Oklahoma State League, was appointed chairman of a committee to work out a feasible program which would embrace all of the cities of the country and give each of them an opportunity to present its most charming representative, while it would be of interest to the business men of every community. Mr. Dunjee has written Secretary Holsey that the committee has an interesting plan to present, one which will catch the fancy of both the most charming girls in the country and the business men and women as well. So that the 1926 League meeting ought to give a definite answer to the query, Who is Miss Colored America?

COUNCIL BLUFFS NEWS

The Rev. Mr. Gamble, pastor of Wesley Chapel A. M. E. church of Kansas City, Mo., where he was called to attend the funeral of his father-in-law, Robert Madison, who died here in Mercy hospital, September 16. The body was shipped to his home at Horton for burial. He was a member of Bethel A. M. E. church and of the Knights of Tabor. His widow, three daughters, one son, three sisters, two brothers and other relatives survive him.

ALLEN CHAPEL A. M. E. CHURCH

O. J. Burekhardt, Pastor. 25th and R Sts.

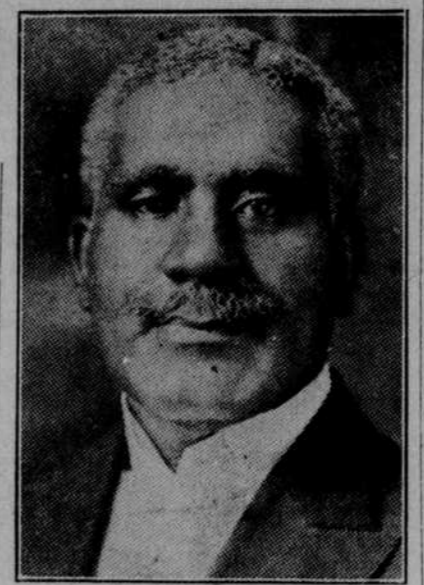
The American Legion will find a hearty welcome at Allen Chapel, Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. League at 7:30. Evening service at 8. Rev. J. W. Bruce, the Baptist missionary, gave us a splendid sermon at 11 a. m.

THE LINCOLN ANNUAL CONFERENCE M. E. CHURCH CONVENES HERE NEXT WEEK

The Lincoln annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal church will hold its 24th session in Grove M. E. church, 22nd and Seward streets, Omaha, Nebraska, October 14-18.

On Tuesday night, October 13th, a reception will be given by Grove church in honor of the conference. A program beginning at 8 o'clock will be worth your time, the public is invited to join in the evening festival.

The conference will be called to order Wednesday morning at 8:30 by Bishop T. Keeney, D. D., LL. D. This conference is in the Covington Area.



Rt. Rev. M. W. Clair, D. D., LL. D. Resident Bishop of the Covington Area of the M. E. Church, Covington, Ky.

over which Bishop M. W. Clair presides, but for the fact of a legislation of the last General conference, requesting the bishops to rotate in their work of holding conferences; at the meeting of the Board of Bishops in May, Bishop Keeney was assigned to the Lincoln conference. We anticipate a great session under the direction of this beloved bishop of the church.

Many of our connectional men, representing various boards of the church will be in attendance during these sessions. See program. Doctors E. M. Jones, representing the board of pension and relief; F. H. Butler, Epworth League representative; Dr. L. H. King, editor of the Southwestern Christian Advocate, said to be the greatest religious organ published by our group; and W. A. C. Hughes of Philadelphia, our old friend, the representative of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, with many others not named.

We invite our many friends of other churches, and the public at large, to come to any and all of these sessions possible for these five days and study the work and program of the great Methodist Episcopal church, with us. Reverend B. R. Booker, district superintendent. J. H. Ellis, pastor.

ARRESTS MAY FOLLOW BIG SHREVEPORT FIRE ACCORDING TO OFFICIALS

Shreveport, La.—An investigation into the origin of the big fire which swept the Allendale residential section Friday night, destroying scores of Negroes' homes, inflicting property loss variously estimated from \$1,000,000 to \$1,750,000; wiping out 196 homes and leaving 1,200 homeless, has been under way since the night of the conflagration, it was learned Saturday from the Department of Public Safety.

Police Commissioner Stringfellow is reported as saying there is a grave possibility of two or more arrests being made in connection with the fire within the course of a few days. Several suspects are under close observation by the department and arrests are expected anytime.

"JIM" HILL'S COACHMAN DIES PRACTICALLY A PAUPER

St. Paul, Minn.—(By the Associated Negro Press.)—Waiting to be claimed by a relative, the body of Louis Liverpool lies in the city morgue here.

More than fifty years ago he was brought to this city from New Orleans by James Hill, "the empire builder," and founder of the Great Northern railroad. Liverpool was the first colored coachman in this city and in the old days enjoyed the confidence of its leading men. After the elder Hill's death, however, and the breaking up of the family, the former coachman fared badly and died here, practically a pauper.

GEN. SMUTS CLAIMS AFRICA WAS CRADLE OF THE HUMAN RACE

Famous Soldier Quotes Darwin in Support of Claim That Man's Progenitors Came from Africa.

(From the New York Sun.)

General Jan Christian Smuts, who presided at the recent meeting of the South African Association for the Advancement of Science, maintained in a brilliant address the theory that Africa was the cradle of the human race. He quoted Darwin as saying it was more probable that man's earliest progenitors lived on the African continent than elsewhere.

The great expounder of the theory of evolution was led to this conclusion by subtropical flora in Southern Africa, which were more like the plants of South America and Australia than those north of the equator. Darwin also advanced the hypothesis that certain temperate zone flora which in Africa grew only in the southwest of the Cape Province might have had their origin in an isolated continent, possibly near the South Pole, which gave to South America, Australia and South Africa flowers that have handed down their peculiarities through the ages.

General Smuts rejected the theory of migration from Europe. He pointed out that most scientists were trained in Northern countries and so have absorbed a Northern bias, assuming too readily that the flora and fauna of South Africa came from the north. He called attention to the facts that Africa, India and South America are the sole diamond producers of the world; that several geological formations near the Cape are parallel in the other two regions, and that peculiar ancient banded iron stone are found in South Africa, Brazil, Western Australia and India, but are not found in Europe. He cited the Boskop skull as showing a connection between the Hotentots and their prehistoric ancestors. His address is attracting the attention of scientists everywhere and may stimulate study of prehistoric times in this less exploited part of the earth.

NEGROES BEGAN CIVILIZATION

(Dr. W. E. Burghardt Du Bois, Author and Editor, in the Forum.)

During the period that may vary from ten thousand to fifty thousand years mankind struggled with the steps of advance. It was during these years that the black race seems always to have been first. To be sure, blacks were not the only beginners, but they seem to have been the successful and the persistent ones. Thus Africa appears as the father of mankind, and the people who eventually settled there form the largest and often the only group of human beings successfully advancing from animal savagery toward primitive civilization. In the African village were bred religion, industry, government, education and art. The primitive religion of Africa underlies the religions of the world.

The African villagers from early days wove cloth, baked earthenware, manufactured instruments and arms, baskets and shoes, soap and glass. They worked in iron, copper, brass, bronze, gold, silver, bone and ivory. Out of this industry developed the African market place which knit the continent together, with paths and trade centers, from the Gulf of Guinea to Lake Chad, long before the modern coming of Europe.

The sense of beauty is the last and best gift of Africa to the world. We have long known of the African artist. Traces of his work have been found in prehistoric Europe. Later rich centers of African art were brought to European knowledge on the African west coast. The primitive art of Africa is one of the greatest expressions of the human soul in all time; "black men invented art as they invented fire," they spread their ideas of art among their white neighbors, and their white neighbors, and their earliest expressions had an originality and fidelity of purpose that the primitive world never surpassed.

Mrs. Luther J. Dillard died at her home, 501 South Twentyfourth avenue at 2:30 this (Friday) morning. The funeral will be held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

OMAHA IS HOSTESS AMERICAN LEGION 7TH CONVENTION

City in Gala Attire and Gives Cordial Welcome to Thousands of Service Men and Other Visitors

PARADES THRILLING SIGHT

Roosevelt Post and Colored Citizens Unite in Extending Their Hospitality to Our City's Guests.

Omaha has been the gracious and generous host this week of the seventh annual convention of the American Legion. The streets and buildings have been in gala dress, and our fair city looked charming and bewitching in her best bib and tucker. The carnival spirit ran high. Bands and drum corps galore and gayly uniformed men and women have been almost omnipresent. Everywhere were good-natured, jostling merry crowds. It is estimated that over 100,000 visitors enjoyed Omaha's hospitality.

The parade of Tuesday with over 20,000 marchers in line, was a brilliant, colorful and thrilling spectacle. State delegations vied with each other in the beauty of their uniforms, floats and distinctive features. Delegates were in line from every state in the union and from as far distant as Manila, Florida, Nebraska, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota and South Dakota had the largest delegations.

The Theodore Roosevelt Post and the Woman's Auxiliary made a fine appearance with over a hundred in line and was heartily applauded. The delegation was headed by Lieutenants Edward Turner, Wesley Jones and Burns, the latter of Iowa; and other detachments were headed by Lieutenants Singleton, Williams and Cowan, and the Legion Auxiliary by Sergt. H. L. Preston. Throughout the line of march here and there, with several of the state delegations, were members of our group, but far too few.

The electrical parade Wednesday night featuring the American Legion surpassed in beauty any previous display of artistic floats, beautiful as they have been in the past. This parade is said to have been viewed by 150,000 people.

Thursday morning's military parade was another interesting feature. Among the reserve officers, corps Lieutenants Jones of Omaha and Bunderant, formerly of Omaha, but now of Beckley, W. Va., were noticed. Among the R. O. T. C. of Creighton University marched Robert A. Greene, Joseph Wakefield and Weldon Solomon, and of course some of our own boys were with the Central high school cadets who always make a fine appearance.

The Roosevelt Post headquarters on North Twenty-fourth street, was one of the rendezvous for colored legionaires. Many amusements and entertainments were provided for the visitors.

Among those of our own group attending either as delegates, alternates or visitors, are Majors West H. Hamilton, Captain L. E. Jones, of Washington, D. C.; and Mrs. C. Goodlow, president, and Mrs. Francis P. Wedge, secretary of the ladies' auxiliary, Washington, D. C.; L. A. Coleman, Indianapolis; James O. Conrad, Orvil L. Carter, E. Burns, Des Moines, Ia.; Floyd Crouch and Benjamin Brown, Wichita, Kans.; Davis T. Finley, Pittsburgh, Pa.; William Hall, St. Paul, Minn.; Stewart P. Tyler, Mason City, Ia.; Sanford Baxter and Fred W. Cooper, Atchison, Kans.; F. M. Spencer, C. R. Saunders, John H. Graves, A. Ablon, Homer Roberts, Kansas City, Mo.; Fabian G. Gannon, Topeka, Kansas; Arthur Rice, Creston, Ia.; Kirby Williams, Nolan Hines, Walter Young, St. Joseph, Mo.; and Matt. Fowler, Detroit, Mich.

SPRING HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

The Spring Hill Baptist church, through its pastor, Rev. M. H. Wilkinson, has paid its note of \$225.50 the first of the month.

Sunday night, the 11th, Rev. Mr. Lane of the Omaha and Council Bluffs Association will be the speaker.

Tuesday night, the 13th, Rev. J. S. Williams of Salem and his congregation will be in charge.