

Mace Has Long Been Symbol of Authority

An interesting bit of ceremony takes place each day in the house of representatives convenes. A distinguished-looking individual enters the chamber and walks slowly to the front bearing aloft the mace, which the house maintains as its symbol of power.

The mace resembles a flagpole capped by a gleaming metal eagle. Its keeper's sole duty is to appear twice on the floor of the house on days when it is in session, bringing the mace in when the body convenes, and when it adjourns, carrying it back to the office of the sergeant-at-arms with the same deliberate step.

"Blue-Blooded" People Favorites of Fortune

There is, of course, no "blue blood," but the term, generally used in a complimentary sense as denoting gentle birth, does really hark back to color origin. Not of blood, though, the reference is to the color of the veins.

Families who through several generations possessed sufficient wealth to enable them to escape manual work developed skins of a very fine texture, and through the latter the veins showed blue. That would be especially apparent in the hands and forearms.

Thus, although "blue-veined" or "fine-skinned" would have been more correct, the term "blue-blooded" came into use to denote the aristocracy, and it would seem, from old writings, that it was the popular belief that the term expressed the literal fact.—Kansas City Times.

Siamese River Gardens

In most eastern countries the rivers run low during the nonrainy period of the year, to such an extent that islands of mud and silt appear in many places. These are often cultivated, their harvest being gathered before the flood stage of the river recurs.

In the north of Siam, near the border town of Chiangmai, the many little islands that make their appearance in the river Me Ping are cultivated by the inhabitants as vegetable gardens, says the Wide World magazine.

Little lookout sheds are constructed from which the owners keep watch of their crops. Scarcely an inch of space is wasted by these industrious folk and several kinds of European vegetables are grown. When the river rises again, all these carefully tilled gardens disappear.

Unfulfilled Prophecy

Joseph Jefferson, celebrated actor, believed he would be remembered by posterity as a painter rather than for his stage triumphs. One day, toward the end of his life, he was showing William H. Crane—Mr. Crane relates the incident in "Footprints and Echoes"—a painting he had just finished.

"Do you know, William," he said "I think that whatever lasting fame will be mine when I am gone, will come through my brush and not through anything I have done on the stage."

"I don't suppose," comments Crane, "anyone looks at Jefferson's paintings today, or even remembers that he was a painter."

Papal Claim Still Stands

In 1871 the Italian government absorbed as part of the territory of Italy much of the property over which the pope of Rome had exercised and claimed jurisdiction and possession. The Italian government placed to the credit of the Vatican a sum of money and certain guarantees which have not been accepted by the Roman authorities. It is said that the Italian government is anxious to adjust the matter, but so far the papal claim has not been diminished, which is temporal power or jurisdiction over the disputed territory.

Prospective Ruin

"Hey, Aaron!" called Abner Apple-dry, "where you going, all rigged out in your new suit of clothes?"

"Don't tell anybody," replied Aaron Alfred, "but I'm going to ask old man Rackett for his daughter's hand in marriage."

"H'm! Looks like a pity to ruin a new suit of clothes that way."

Unclassified

A new serial in the Woman's Home Companion is labeled "a story about the younger generation," says a contemporary editor, "but why is nothing said about any generation except the younger and the older? There ought to be a middle generation."

Bonehead, Anyway

That dietitian who says that soup's so good that isn't made with bones is very marrow-minded.—Farm and Fireside.

25 STATES, 50 CITIES BEGIN N.A.A.C.P. MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

New York City—Branches of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in 25 states and more than 50 cities have already entered the nationwide membership drive of the association, it was announced today at the N. A. A. C. P. national office, 69 Fifth avenue.

Robert W. Bagnall, director of branches, said that indications pointed to one of the most successful campaigns the N. A. A. C. P. has ever had.

"Much enthusiasm is being shown," said Mr. Bagnall, "and there is keen interest especially in such branches as are conducting contests having for their prize a trip to the Los Angeles conference next June."

Among the cities in which N. A. A. C. P. membership drives are under way are: Mobile, Ala.; Oakland, Cal.; Denver, Colo.; Washington, D. C.; New Orleans, La.; Springfield, Mass.; Detroit, Mich.; Jackson, Miss.; Omaha, Neb.; Atlantic City, N. J.; Long Branch, N. J.; Buffalo, N. Y.; Cleveland, Ohio; and Wheeling, W. Va.

RE-ELECT SINGLETON TO THE STATE LEGISLATURE.—Adv.

NEGRO ART AND WRITING FEATURE IN 3 NEW YORK SUNDAY NEWSPAPERS

New York, N. Y.—Three leading daily newspapers of New York City, the New York Times, the Herald-Tribune and the World, featured the Negro in their literary and dramatic columns of Sunday, March 11, according to a compilation made by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People which shows the following items:

New York Times: Illustration in the dramatic section showing Messrs. Miller and Lyles, librettists and comedians of "Keep Shufflin'," and other members of the cast.

Extended review in the literary section of "Home to Harlem," a new novel by the colored poet and writer, Claude McKay, just published by Harper & Brothers, New York.

New York Herald-Tribune: Two reviews in the literary section written by colored writers. One of the reviews is by Eric Walrod, author of "Tropic Death," and comments on "Rainbow Round My Shoulder," a book written about a Negro wanderer by Howard W. Odum, a Southern white man. The other review by a colored writer in the Herald-Tribune literary section, is written by Gwendolyn B. Bennett, of the staff of "Opportunity," who also reviews Claude McKay's "Home to Harlem," calling it a "blue-black symphony."

New York World: In the literary section of the New York World appeared the third review of McKay's book, written by Abbe Niles, who compares it with Odum's "Rainbow Round My Shoulder."

In the dramatic section of the World is a large portrait head of Paul Robeson, who has just joined the cast of "Porgy." And in the color gravure section is a picture showing one of the scenes from "Porgy."

The World also publishes an article entitled "Noted Southern Writer Discovers Real Harlem," written by T. S. Stribling, author of "Black and White," "Teetallow," "Birthright" and co-author of the play "Rope," based on his novel.

In citing the various illustrations and articles printed in the leading daily newspapers of New York City and of the north, the N. A. A. C. P. pointed to the fact, that in all of them the Negro, whether as actor, writer, or reviewer, was being treated on exactly the same basis as his white equals.

APRIL CRISIS PUBLISHES SCHOOL STUDY OF NEGROES IN OKLAHOMA

New York City—The April number of the Crisis magazine, out shortly, publishes the fourth in the series of studies of common school education for Negroes in southern states, the present study analyzing conditions in Oklahoma. The article is written by Horace Mann Bond, M. A., and shows that school figures indicate a decreasing Negro population in Oklahoma owing to the northward and southwestward migration.

Commenting on the low attendance figures for the state, Mr. Bond writes: "Attendance figures show such disgracefully low averages for most of the counties of the state that it is obvious that many children are receiving but little profit from their irregular attendance."

Other features of the April Crisis include a picture of the late Dr. Matthew Anderson, with a eulogy by Dr. Francis Grimke; "Bathesda of Sinner's Run," a story by Maude Irwin Owens; and articles and news about the Negro compiled from magazines and newspapers of the world, including those of East, West and South Africa.

LINCOLN, NEB.

Mrs. H. W. Botts was called to St. Joseph, Mo., last Saturday on account of an aunt who died there.

Mrs. Lillian Kenney is reported ill at her home this week.

Mr. P. L. Moore is reported improving in health.

Mrs. E. J. Griffin entertained the Utopian Art club at her home last Thursday night. The dinner for the benefit of the church was well patronized.

A CENTENARIAN PASSES ON

Mrs. Margaret Brown passed away March 14 at 11:50 p. m. at the home of her youngest daughter, Mrs. W. W. Mosley, 1335 Rose street, and after being seven weeks bedfast, though having been in failing health for some time. Mother Browne was born in Winchester, Ky., on May 10, 1828. Hence, her age is reckoned at 99 years, 10 months and four days.

She came to Lincoln with her family about 45 years ago from Lawrence, Kansas, prior to which she came west years before. Her family was mostly reared in Lincoln.

She was the widow of Mack Brown, who died in March, 1894. Of their union 13 children were born, six of whom still survive her. At her bedside were three daughters, Mrs. Irene Mosley, Mrs. Naomi Wright, and Mrs. Telitha Lindsey; two sons-in-law, W. W. Mosley, J. T. Wright, both of Lincoln. The oldest daughter, Mrs. J. H. Malone of Monrovia, Cal., the grandson, T. H. White, Elsinore, Cal.; two sons, Mack Brown of Lawrence, Kansas, and William Brown of Junction City, Colo., were not present.

Mother Brown professed a hope in Christ long years ago and has ever since lived a devout Christian life, always attended church, and cared for her family until they became of age and able to go for themselves. She was a charter member of Mount Zion Baptist church, in which she was interested in the welfare of until her last.

The funeral was held quietly in Henry Brown's undertaking parlors Friday at 2 p. m. Rev. H. W. Botts of Mount Zion Baptist church was in charge. Rev. M. C. Knight, pastor of Quinn Chapel A. M. E., read the scripture after which Rev. Mr. Botts delivered the obituary. He chose the following text: Job 5:23 from which he delivered a most profound sermon that was well taken by his hearers, as it described the manner in which the deceased lived, and her fixed reward in the ending of life's career on earth. Pall bearers were Prof. W. R. B. Alexander, Nimrod Ross, Robert Granger, C. C. Stith, George B. Todd. Floral offerings were fine. May those whom she left behind emulate her life. Interment in Wyuka.



Ministerial Alliance Augments Legion Membership

The beneficent effect of the city-wide publicity given to the Legion membership drive by members of the Ministerial Alliance, from their respective pulpits, has already resulted in a steady influx of applicants at Legion headquarters.

Roosevelt Post No. 30 is indeed fortunate in having for its chaplain the Rev. Charles H. Trusty, whose valuable suggestion was responsible for our enlistment of the services and co-operation of the Alliance.

The Alliance shares equally with the Legion the distinction of being a powerful and influential factor in the civic life of this city and certainly deserves the hearty co-operation and support of all kindred organizations. These broad visioned racial enthusiasts function on a basis of unselfishness, having for their objective "the common good of all." The remarkably efficient manner in which the Alliance "opened new avenues of employment" for our group, is worthy of the highest commendation.

Day by day, "the principles of Legionism" are becoming more deeply imbedded in the minds and hearts of the intelligent American public. The reason of this unparalleled popularity is that "IN PEACE, AS IN WAR—WE SERVE."

Adjutant Ray L. Williams, accompanied Comrade Arthur Paxton to the U. S. Veterans' Diagnostic Center, Cincinnati, Ohio, last Saturday evening. Arrangements for admission to this high grade institution were made through the officials of the local Veterans' bureau, which is further evidence of their efforts and willingness to serve disabled veterans.

In your daily contact with men, let your watchword be "JOIN THE LEGION NOW."

LAKE THEATRE TO REOPEN

The Lake theater will open Monday, March 26, with a new policy. The first week will feature the famous Gonzel White and her big musical show. There will also be feature pictures and the Lake patrons are promised a real treat.

Mr. Sam Nestor of Kansas City will have full charge of management and plans on obtaining some of the same shows that are now playing in Chicago, St. Louis and Kansas City.

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We wish to thank our many friends for their kindness and expressions of sympathy offered through the illness and death of our daughter, granddaughter and niece.

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Mrs. Birdie M. Truehart, aged 46, of 1443 South Seventeenth street, died at Emmanuel hospital early Tuesday. She is survived by her husband, Samuel Truehart, a daughter, Audrey, and other relatives. The body was shipped to Atchison, Kans., Wednesday night by Undertaker Myers for burial.

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