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### Mace Has Long Been Symbol of Authority

An interesting bit of ceremony takes place each day the house of rep-resentatives 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. At the speaker's stand he turns to the right and fastens the staff on that side of the platform. It is an official announcement that the house of representatives is now in session and vested with the power to transact legislative business.

The mace resembles a flagpole had. 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-atarms with the same deliberate step.

The only time during a day of business when the mace .s removed before adjournment is when the house goes into committee of the whole to consider some piece of specific legislation. When it is officially in legislative session again the mace is returned.

## "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 NEGRO ART AND WRITING 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 espe cially apparent in the hands and forearms. The skins of those who, unblessed with wealth, had to work became hard, and the veins were hardly discernable.

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 reoccurs.

In the north of Sium, near the border town of Chiengmai, the many little islands that make their appear ance 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.

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

National Association for the Advance- of an aunt who died there. ment of Colored People in 25 states and more than 50 cities have already entered the nationwide membership at her home this week. 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 point-

"Much enthusiasm is being shown," ronized. 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."

Cleveland, Ohio; and Wheeling, W.

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

## FEATURE IN 3 NEW YORK SUNDAY NEWSPAPERS

New York, N. I. -- Internet of Mew York City, daily newspapers of New York City, the New York Times, the Herald-Lincoln. The oldest daughter, Mrs. J. H. Malone of Monrovia, Cal., the Utita Elsinore, Cal.; 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, librettista 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 Walrond, 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."

peared the third review of McKay's her life. Interment in Wyuka.

# THE MONITOR

## LINCOLN, NEB.

Mrs. H. W. Botts was called to St.

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

ed to one of the most successful cam- Utopian Art club at her home last Chicago, St. Louis and Kansas City. paigns the N. A. A. C. P. has ever Thursday night. The dinner for the benefit of the church was well pat-

# A CENTENARIAN PASSES ON

Mrs. Margaret Brown passed away March 14 at 11:50 p. m. at the home Among the cities in which N. A. of her youngest daughter, Mrs. W. A. C. P. membership drives are under W. Mosley, 1335 Rose street, and way are: Mobile, Ala.; Oakland, after being seven weeks bedfast, Cal.; Denver, Colo.; Washington, D. though having been in failing health C.; New Orleans, La.; Springfield, for some time. Mother Browne was Mass.; Detroit, Mich.; Jackson, Miss.; born in Winchester, Ky., on May 10, Omaha, Neb.; Atlantic City, N. J.; 1828. Hence, her age is reckoned at Long Branch, N. J.; Buffalo, N. Y.; 99 years, 10 months and four days. She came to Lincoln with her family about 45 years ago from Lawwas 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. 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. New York World: In the literary Floral offerings were fine. May section of the New York World ap-those whom she left behind emulate

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# MRS. TRUEHART DIES

Mrs. Birdie M. Truehart, aged 46, The Lake theater will open Mon-New York City-Branches of the Joseph, Mo., last Saturday on account day, March 26, with a new policy. of 1443 South Seventeenth street, The first week will feature the fa- died at Emmanuel hospital early FOR RENT-Furnished ro mous Gonzel White and her big musi- Tuesday. She is survived by her Mrs. Lillian Kenney is reported ill cal show. There will also be feature husband, Samuel Truehart, a daughpictures and the Lake patrons are ter, Audrey, and other relatives. The body was shipped to Atchison, Kans., Wednesday night by Undertaker

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#### Unfulfilled Prophecy

Joseph Jefferson, celeorated 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 one of the scenes from "Porgy." 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 ('rane. "anyone loks 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 guaranties which have not been accepted by the Roman au thorities. It is said that the Itelian 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 Appledry, "where you going, all rigged out in your new suit of clothes?"

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

"H'm! Looks like a plty 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 no good that isn't made with bones is very marrow-minded .- Farm and Fire-

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

The World also publishes an article entitled "Noted Southern Writer Dis-

and articles printed in the leading Legion headquarters. daily newspapers of New York City

#### **APRIL CRISIS PUBLISHES** SCHOOL STUDY OF **NEGROES IN OKLAHOMA**

equals.

written by Horace Mann Bond, M. A., of the highest commendation. and shows that school figures indi-

and southwestward migration.

writes: "Attendance figures show WE SERVE." such disgracefully low averages for

most of the counties of the state that irregular attendance."

Other features of the April Crisis include a picture of the late Dr. Mat-this high grade institution were made thew Anderson, with a eulogy by through the officials of the local Vet-Dr. Francis Grimke; "Bathesda of Sin- erans' bureau, which is further evi-Owens; and articles and news about to serve disabled veterans.

the Negro compiled from magazines and newspapers of the world, includ-Africa.



Ministerial Alliance Augments Legion Membership

covers Real Harlem," written by T. S. Stribling, author of "Black and White," "Teeftallow," "Birthright" and co-author of the play "Rope," based on his novel. In citing the various illustrations and co-author of the play "Lope and the landing of the landing of

Roosevelt Post No. 30 is indeed and of the north, the N. A. A. C. P. fortunate in having for its chaplain pointed to the fact, that in all of them the Rev. Charles H. Trusty, whose the Negro, whether as actor, writer, valuable suggestion was responsible or reviewer, was being treated on for our enlistment of the services and exactly the same basis as his white 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. New York City—The April num-ber of the Crisis magazine, out short-ly, publishes the fourth in the series ness, having for their objective "the common good of all." The remarktion for Negroes in southern states, ably efficient manner in which the the present study analyzing condi- Alliance "opened new avenues of emtions in Oklahoma. The article is ployment" for our group, is worthy

of the highest commendation. Day by day, "the principles of Lecate a decreasing Negro population gionism" are becoming more deeply in Oklahoma owing to the northward imbedded in the minds and hearts of the intelligent American public. The Commenting on the low attendance reason of this unparalleled popularity

figures for the state, Mr. Bond is that "IN PEACE, AS IN WAR-

Adjutant Ray L. Williams, accomit is obvious that many children are panied Comrade Arthur Paxton to the receiving but little profit from their U. S. Veterans' Diagnostic - Center, Cincinnati, Ohio, last Saturday even-

ner's Run," a story by Maude Irwin dence of their efforts and willingness

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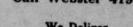
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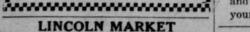
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