

RACE ECHOES.

The Odd Fellows have more lodges in Georgia than in any other state in the Union.

Several colored bakers and flour makers are employed by the National Biscuit Company of Philadelphia.

The Negro has one clerk, one pressman and two book binders in the Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C.

Jackson Jones, a colored miller, who has been in the employ of the Milling Co., of Wesley Best & Sons of Columbus Kans., for several years, is said to be one of the best millers of that state.

County Clerk John M. Wright of Topeka, is president of the County Clerk's association of Kansas. This is the first time a Negro ever held this position, and is a compliment to the race as well as Mr. Wright.

The town of Brooklyn, Ill., opposite North St. Louis, has population of over 1,000 and all the officers of the burg are colored. The town has most of the modern improvements—three good churches a splendid two-story schoolhouse, a city-hall and electric light.

The corporation clerk of West Virginia is Phillip Waters, an intelligent and progressive colored man, who last month wrote 105 charters, a record breaker, 43 for domestic corporations and 62 for foreign corporations. His office is in the Capital buildings at Charleston, and he is so far as known, the only Negro corporation clerk in the country.—Afro-American.

At the concert and reception given in Washington, D. C. in honor of the eightieth birth-day of Miss Susan B. Anthony, Mr. Joseph H. Douglass, the distinguished young violinist appeared on both programmes, Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, the new president of the woman suffragists, personally congratulated Mr. Douglass on his wonderful talent.

The French postoffice department has issued a singular order, to the effect, hereafter mourning envelopes, that is envelopes with a black border on them, will not be mailed. It is not that the government does not sympathize with such cases; but it is found that such envelopes are easily tampered with. They may be opened and afterward sealed again all traces being covered up by an application of black ink.

MAJOR TAYLOR'S HOME.

Major Taylor purchased a house by proxy for \$3,000 cash right in the residence district of the 400 of Worcester, and there is a large-sized scandal in that neighborhood. The Major sent his lawyer to do the buying. The house was purchased in the right name of Taylor—M. C. Taylor—who was described, to the real estate agent as an American born citizen of the United States and eminently respectable. The agent wanted to see his purchaser, but was put off on one plea and another until he found it impossible to longer resist a cash sale under such advantageous circumstance. The Major and his family moved in, and a few days later the 400 in force descended upon the agent with all sorts of threats. The agent tried to oust Mr. Taylor under threat of a suit, but without avail, and the 400 tried to buy him out for a bonus of \$2,000 over the price he paid. Mr. Taylor would not sell, and his lawyer has advised him that he need not do so and that nothing can be done against him.—Afro-American.

STATE OF IOWA OFFICE OF AUDITOR OF STATE.

ANNUAL CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION.

Des Moines, Iowa, March 1, 1900. Whereas, The Alliance Hail & Cyclone Insurance Company, located at Austin, in the state of Minnesota has filed in this office a sworn statement of its condition on the thirty-first day of December 1899, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 4, Title 9, of the Code of Iowa, relating to insurance companies; and whereas, said statement shows that said Insurance Company has complied with the laws of this state relating to insurance.

Therefore, In pursuance of law, I, Frank F. Merriam, Auditor of State of the State of Iowa, do hereby certify that said Insurance Company is authorized to transact the business of Fire Insurance in the state, by agents properly appointed, as required by law until the first day of March, A. D. 1901.

I further certify that the statement shows—

- 1st. The actual amount of paid-up Capital of said company, Dec. 31, 1899, to be mutual.
2d. The aggregate amount of the Assets of said Company, Dec. 31, 1899, to be \$60,194.88
3d. The aggregate amount of liabilities of said Company, including the amount required to safely reinsure all outstanding risks, Dec. 31, 1899, to be 0
4th. The aggregate income of said company for the year 1899, to be \$74,198.41
5th. The aggregate Expenditures of said Company for the year 1899, to be \$80,186.72
In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the Seal of my office the day and date above written.

FRANK F. MERRIAM, Auditor of State.

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Des Moines, Iowa, March 1, 1900. Whereas, The American Fire Insurance Company, located at New York in the State of New York, has filed in this office a sworn statement of its condition on the thirty-first day of December, 1899, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 4, Title 9, of the Code of Iowa, relating to insurance companies; and whereas, said statement shows that said Insurance Company has complied with the laws of this state relating to insurance.

Therefore, In pursuance of law, I, Frank F. Merriam, Auditor of State of the State of Iowa, do hereby certify that said Insurance Company is authorized to transact the business of Fire Insurance in the state, by agents properly appointed, as required by law, until the first day of March, A. D. 1901.

I further certify that the statement shows—

- 1st. The actual amount of paid-up Capital of said Company, Dec. 31, 1899, to be \$400,000.00
2nd. The aggregate amount of the Assets of said Company, Dec. 31, 1899, to be \$1,397,333.36
3d. The aggregate amount of Liabilities of said Company, including the amount required to safely reinsure all outstanding risks, Dec. 31, 1899, to be \$1,065,493.15
4th. The aggregate income of said Company for the year 1899, to be \$934,283.31
5th. The aggregate Expenditures of said Company for the year 1899, to be \$776,519.87
In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of my office the day and date above written.

FRANK F. MERRIAM, Auditor of State.

It is very hard to stand idly by and see our dear ones suffer while awaiting the arrival of a doctor. An Albany (N. Y.) dairyman called at a drug store there for a doctor to come and see his child, than very sick with croup. Not finding the doctor in, he left word for him to come at once on his return. He also bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which he hoped would give some relief until the doctor should arrive. In a few hours he returned, saying the doctor need not come, as the child was much better. The druggist, Mr. Otto Scholz, says the family has since recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to their neighbors and friends until he has a constant demand for it from that part of the country. For sale by all Druggists

Orange Free State Flag.

The Orange Free State flag is a simple rectangle of vivid orange. An orange tree in full fruit is the most distinctive feature of the arms of the Orange Free State. Beneath the tree are on one side a lion and on the other a number of oxen. An ox-wagon similar to that on the Transvaal arms and three suspended horns complete the whole. "Spes Bona"—good hope—is written underneath the arms of Cape Colony, the chief feature of which is a lion rampant. A figure of Hope surmounts the shield, the supporters of which are a couple of native animals.

STREET CARS IN ENGLAND.

London Decision That Would Cause Abolishment in This Country.

A London magistrate has just made from the bench a statement which, if it is ever duplicated by a competent court in this city, would or might have consequences terrible even to imagine. It seems that on one of the urban railways there had been a crowded train. A woman had tried to force her way into a compartment already fully occupied and her efforts had excited a mild protest from one of the passengers already seated. The protesting remarks were taken amiss by the woman's husband, a fight followed and then an arrest of the pugnacious husband. It is not a matter of any consequence whether he or the other man was at fault for the scrimmage; what is at least interesting is the fact that the magistrate before whom the case came formally announced that nobody has a right to enter a railway carriage which is already full. Those who take tickets at the starting point, he said, are entitled to seats and tickets taken at intermediate stations are subject to there being room for the holders. If the company issues tickets in excess of the number of seats provided the holders may bring an action for damages, wait for the next train or demand the return of their money. Persons in a carriage which is full have a legal, as well as moral right to prevent others from endeavoring to enter it and the sooner the public understands this the better, as no one has a right to inconvenience passengers already in their places. Such is the English law, according to this interpreter of it. Patrons of our own elevated and surface cars are not likely even to ask if there is any such law in this country. They are so well habituated to traveling in cruel discomfort that the impulse to make effective protest against it has been lost.

PERSIAN RUGS OF IRISH MAKE.

Deft Weavers on the Old Sod Turn Out a Perfect Imitation.

Just a year ago some manufacturers of artistic textiles touring in Donegal resolved on establishing a place for the making of hand-tufted carpets of the description generally known as "Turkish" or "Persian." The peculiarity of this fabric is that from its nature it must be a hand production. The tufts are tied by the fingers in knots in longitudinal warps, which are stretched between two long parallel beams. The carpets are made to the size and shape of any room. The design is placed in front and the girls from three to a dozen, according to the size of the carpet, select the colors indicated row by row, which are tied, then bound down by "shoots" of woolen web drawn across the entire width and beaten firm by small iron-toothed hammers. There is interesting variety and pleasure in the work, and it is such that individual skill and workmanship come largely into play. Altogether, it is just such an industry as is suited to the rural districts of Ireland. No steam power is required and there is therefore no handicap on the commercial side by the absence of coal. The first year's experiment with the Irish girls has proved that they are admirably adapted for the work. The girls show a nimbleness of fingers and sharpness of eye for color and form that have quite astonished their teachers and they take to the work with a spirit and cheerfulness quite refreshing. So convinced are the promoters of its ultimate success that they have planned out a broad scheme that will spread the work all over the west of Ireland and give employment to many hundreds of girls and boys.—London Furniture Record.

Mendicant Students.

Concerning the poorer students of Russia the Saturday Review says: Their mendacity is passive rather than active. Unlike the mendicant friars, they never ask, but they know much will be given them. They know, too—strange fact in a strange country—that the university is open to all, irrespective of means or position. Thus the university becomes the poor Russian's golden opportunity, for here, as elsewhere, there are many posts, for which graduates alone are eligible. A stroll through the streets of Moscow during term time furnishes abundant evidence of the popularity of the university. The uncompromising military blue and green uniform which stamps the student, and which he can never, save under dire penalties, exchange for plain clothes, is to be met with at every turn. A few rich students are caught sight of driving; the many are on foot.

A Cat's Long Jump.

New York Correspondence Pittsburgh Dispatch: How f.- can a cat jump without hurting itself was partially exemplified in Brooklyn. A pretty white cat ran up a tree to get away from a dog, and at last crawled out on a small branch at least sixty feet above the ground. The branch was not much more than a twig, and the cat could not turn around. She sat up there on the swaying limb and meowed. At last the twig broke, and down came the cat. She alighted on the ground on her feet, looked around for a moment, and then bounded away. Which shows that a sixty-foot drop does not hurt a Brooklyn cat, whatever it might do to cats of other places.

Solidified Alcohol.

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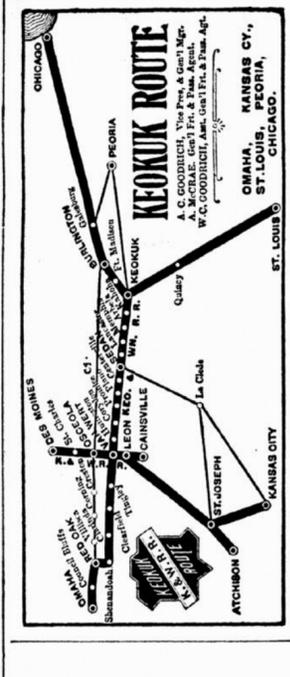
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