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### INTERSTATE ASSOCIATION OF NEGRO TRAINMEN.

Substantial Men of Oklahoma Incorporate Union for Protection of Colored Employees of the Nation's Railway Systems. Five Brotherhoods in Prospect.

(Special to The Broad Ax)

Washington D. C.—The Interstate Association of Negro Trainmen of America, looking to the perfecting of a union of all unorganized colored employees of the railway lines of America, for their full protection in working conditions and wages, has been incorporated in the District of Columbia, following the completion of preliminary plans inaugurated about a year ago.

Attorney E. T. Barbour, of El Reno, Oklahoma, is named as General Counselor and organizer. Richard A. Buford, of Oklahoma City, Okla., is general secretary, under a bond of \$5,000, with the United States Fidelity and Guarantee Company. Both are substantial and reliable men of affairs of Oklahoma, and are vouched for by the strongest financial forces of that state. I. Melendez King, of Washington, D. C., and William T. Francis, of St. Paul, Minn., leaders of the bar in their respective communities, are associated with the General Counselors' staff, assuring a strong legal combination. J. H. Maxwell, supervisor of the Pennsylvania Railway Dormitories at Washington, recognized as a capable business man by the Pennsylvania Company, which employs over eight hundred Negroes, is one of the incorporators of the association and will have an important part in the direction of its affairs. Wallace Barkdale, of this city, also a railway attache, is a charter member and an active worker in the organization.

The Interstate Association of Negro Trainmen are: To maintain and insure standard working conditions and a uniform wage scale; to destroy caste and color prejudice that militate against justice and the establishment of other brotherly organizations; shall be necessary for the promotion of the welfare of the Negro employees of the nation's railway lines; to secure the same rights, under its terms of incorporation, as are enjoyed by the Union of Negro Railway Employees, an unincorporated association of similar character in the parent state. The Association at this time has upwards of 1,000 members, and its branches extend into the States of Pennsylvania, Maryland, Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, and the District of Columbia. The present plans contemplate the formation of five brotherhoods, to include all classes of labor. The Park Road branch has placed their names on the list of those to be organizing the railway men of the

of the land. The promoters declare that the Interstate Association is destined to become one of the greatest labor unions in the United States, not less effective from a racial standpoint than the American Federation of Labor, in conserving the common rights of our trainmen.

Recently, the General Counselor, E. T. Barbour, was invited into conference at Atlantic City by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, for a complete survey of the wishes and policies of the association in the maintenance of union reciprocity between the A. F. of L. and the Negro Trainmen's Association. Subsequent to this interview, Mr. Barbour has decided that no further negotiations will be entered into until the matter can be thoroughly considered at the forthcoming special meeting of the trainmen, as it is felt that the formation of any kind of an alliance just now might not be to the best interests of the Negro employees in question.

The primary aim of the organizers is to place the association upon a firm, business basis, and its success in attracting to its ranks a group of our most intelligent, influential and public-spirited men is regarded as a tribute to its worth as a factor for racial uplift. The phenomenal progress made during the past few months is persuading its sponsors to believe that the association is to fill a large place in American history, far surpassing any previous effort to mobilize the thousands of Negro trainmen, who have needed only progressive leadership to obtain the rights and immunities due them.

### PATRIOTIC FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

A mark of appreciation to the returned soldiers for the heroic service they performed in the great war for world democracy, this Fourth of July, will be celebrated all over Chicago by every man, woman and child with the same fervor and enthusiasm that marked the Fourth of July celebrations at the close of the Civil War. The close of the war has brought to us many blessings of liberty and prosperity but every true American celebrates this day with his neighbor from whatever country and of whatever race or creed and thereby kindles anew that spirit of Americanism that fired the founders of this republic.

There will be this year at least one community Fourth of July celebration in each ward. The City Council passed a resolution to co-operate with the Joint Committee on Americanism, and the aldermen in each ward have been appointed to act as representatives of the Fourth of July celebration in their respective wards. The Board of Education voted to open the schools, playgrounds, and the Park Board has placed their grounds open to the celebrating

Patriotic citizens are expected to get together immediately to plan a community celebration for themselves and their families. The central Fourth of July Committee is organized to help in the organization of each community celebration and in the matter of bands, program, music, speakers and locations.

Uniform programs will be followed at each celebration consisting of:

1. Flag raising.
2. Singing of Star Spangled Banner.
3. Salute to the Flag.
4. Reading of special message from President.
5. Address of Welcome to soldiers and sailors and native and naturalized citizens.
6. Singing of America.

Information can be obtained at 630 Tribune Bldg., Central 3980, Ira Jay Ingraham, Executive Secretary. The shortness of time makes immediate action imperative. Every American is asked to constitute himself a committee of one to promote these community Fourth of July Celebrations and get in touch with his aldermen or this committee.

CHARLES P. SCHWARTZ,  
Chairman Fourth of July Committee.

### WESTERN NEGRO PRESS ASS'N TO MEET IN KANSAS CITY

Newspaper Men Will Meet with the Oklahoma Boosters July 25-26

To Members of the Western Negro Press Association and to all other newspaper and magazine representatives, Greeting:

By the authority vested in me as president of the Western Negro Press Association, I hereby call upon you to convene in the 15th annual session of said association in the Masonic Temple, 18th and Woodland streets, Kansas City, Mo., July 25 and 26, 1919, for the purpose of transacting all business of the association that may be brought before the convention, and for taking up and discussing important public questions affecting the interests and welfare of the Race in the United States of America.

I earnestly urge all newspaper and magazine owners, whether members of the association or not, to send representatives to this meeting, which will be one of the most interesting in the history of our association. Never before have the opportunities seemed so bright for the Colored newspaper man as now; and never before have the attending responsibilities been so pronounced as those now devolving upon us.

It is for the Colored press to blaze the way for the Race through the vied future of a great reconstruction period, and to meet these grave responsibilities, to act wisely and timely, is one of the big problems we will attempt to solve at this meeting.

Another very interesting feature of this meeting will be the entertainment in Kansas City on the 24th and 25th of July of the Oklahoma Boosters, a large party of Race people who will travel in autos from Tulsa, Oklahoma, via Winfield, Wichita, Newton and Topeka to Kansas City. The press boys have been invited to make the entire trip with the party and doubtless many of them will accept the invitation.

Allow me again to urge every Colored publication owner to send representatives to this meeting.

A. J. SMITHERMAN, Pres.  
Tulsa, Oklahoma.  
J. D. COOKE, Sec.  
Gary, Indiana.

Miss Nellie D. Callaway, 3300 Rhodes Avenue, who is one of the prominent women politicians in the second Ward, has just had the exterior of her home repainted which makes it look very inviting and attractive.

The young woman who says she prefers death to a kiss can scarcely qualify as an expert, since she admits that she has tried neither.

### SUNSHINE RESCUE MISSION

2830 S. State St.  
Z. Franklin Bray, D.D., Supt.

### SERVICE EVERY NIGHT IN THE YEAR

Last Sabbath was a good full day for God, the Bible School at 2 P. M. was largely attended and the interest and profit unusually great. Rev. H. P. Jackson of Bethel preached a very acceptable sermon at 8 o'clock.

In this Rescue Mission services are held every night in the year, which requires a large amount of fuel and entails a heavy monthly gas bill. Friends of the work are planning now for coal fund benefits in various parts of the city. The Mission burned 35 tons last winter and because of enlarged quarters will need more than that amount this winter. This is purely a Life Saving Station and dependent upon charity. Sunday services at 2 and 8 P. M. Hearty welcome to strangers and the poor. —"C."

### NEGRO TAKES HORSE AND CATCHES THIEF WITH SUNDAY PANTS.

Decatur, Ga., special.—Lewis Williams, Colored, of Pantherville district, returning home, found his house broken open and burglarized. Lewis was furious and, on horseback, gave chase over the countryside on a hot trail to recover his gun and Sunday pants, which he did. In fact, he did better than that, for he overhauled and captured the burglar, Lon McClure, by name, and placed him safely in the county jail. This was no mean feat, and Lewis greatly enjoyed the hearty congratulations of Sheriff McCurdy.

### BETHEL LITERARY SOCIETY

On last Monday evening Mr. L. W. Washington addressed Bethel Literary, subject "Ethiopia or the Negro Race." Mr. Washington brought to us a historic message, beautifully and eloquently displayed, which showed to all present how little we know of our past history and greatness as a race. The society is honored in having enrolled as a member Mrs. Mae Motley, the foremost poetess of the race. She recited her latest composition and was loudly applauded. A standing vote of thanks was given Mr. Washington and Mrs. Motley.

On next Monday evening at 8:30 o'clock the society will be addressed by Mr. W. D. Neighbors, Sub't, "Combination and Conservation the Hope of the Race." A reading and special musical numbers will assist the program. Everybody invited. Free admission.

SANDY W. TRICE, Pres.  
J. W. BELL, Sec'y.

### COLORED BOY BEST WRITER IN OMAHA SCHOOLS

Again the honor of being the best writer in the Omaha public schools has fallen to a member of the Colored race. This honor last year fell to Miss Watson. This year George Goff, aged fourteen, a former pupil of the Lincoln school, and a freshman in the High, carries off this coveted honor. It is the first time the prize has been won by a boy. Among those receiving the gold seal for excellence in penmanship are several Colored pupils. Miss Robbie Jones of Cass school being among the number.

### CHIPS

Mrs. B. F. Moseley, 50 E. 53rd St., who has almost completely recovered her usual good health, will on this coming Tuesday morning leave for her summer home at Idlewild, Mich., which has been greatly improved and put in apple pie order. Mrs. Moseley will remain there until September 1. Her daughter, Mrs. Bertha L. Moseley Lewis, will join her within the next ten or fifteen days and Grandma, Mrs. Jane Hammond and Col. B. F. Moseley will remain home and run the Idlewild Hotel.

The Most Valuable.  
So, day by day, and week by week; so, month after month, and year after year, work on; and in that process gain strength and symmetry, and nerve and knowledge, that when success, patiently and bravely worked for, shall come, it may find you prepared to receive it and keep it. The development which you will get in this brave and patient labor, will prove itself, in the end, the most valuable of your successes.—J. G. Holland.

Reviving the Bride.  
They were being married in a small country church that was heated with a stove. Everything went well until at the close of the ceremony the bride fainted. In the general excitement that followed the bridegroom lost his head. He grabbed the empty coal scuttle and rushed to the pump for some water. Then he came running in and dashed a scuttful of black sooty water over his then reviving bride.

Mystical Thirteen.  
In the Indian Pantheon there are 13 Buddhas; the apex of an Indian or Chinese pagoda is crowned with 13 mystical disks. The sacred sword, preserved in the Temple of Atsusa, in Japan, has 13 objects of mystery forming its hilt. When playing whist and many other games of cards each player has 13 cards and the pack is made up of four suits of 13 each.

Speed of Birds.  
The speed of birds is often overrated. The swift, for instance, has been credited with a speed of 150 miles an hour, and the popular imagination compares the flight of a sparrowhawk with that of a cannon ball. The homing pigeon can be relied on under fairly easy conditions to make 90 miles an hour, or considerably more.

At Home.  
The program at the Twentieth Century club was on Joan of Arc, her tortures and imprisonment. A small boy had been allowed to accompany his mother and had seemed much interested in the program. On the way home he said: "Take me again, mother. I like that Penitentiary club." —Cartoons Magazine.

Satisfied His Curiosity.  
An inquisitive young gentleman read this advertisement in a local paper: "Young man, some woman dearly loves you. Would you know who she is? Send postal order for ten shillings to Occult Diviner, address as below, and learn who she is." He sent the money and received this answer: "Your mother."

Do it Now!  
The doors of opportunity remain open for years, but they close with a bang, and they never reopen. We are responsible for the good we might do, and the world is poorer for our neglect, as no one can do our work. If there is something that needs doing, don't wait till tomorrow! Do it now!

Perfectly Safe.  
"Now," said the physician to the poet who had summoned him, "you are not in good health, and I must forbid all brain work." "But, doctor," protested the poet, "may I not write some verses?" "Certainly," the doctor said, "write all the verses you want to."

The Leading Citizen.  
Stranger—"Does this man, Amos Darby, hold any place of distinction in the village?" Villager—"Ye kin judge fer y'rself. When th' postman brings th' weekly newspaper down to Guy Parkinson's grocery store, Amos is the first reader!"—Life.

Iron Rust Proof.  
To make ironwork proof against rust, heat it until it is almost red hot and then brush it over with linseed oil. This makes a varnish which, unlike ordinary paint or enamel, does not chip off.

Close Quarters.  
Disappointed House Hunter—I've brought back the keys of your maisonette—why, there isn't room in it for the children to have the mumps!—London Opinion.

Diamonds of Many Colors.  
Although when free of color they are said to be of first water, diamonds are found in nearly every color of the rainbow—red, yellow, orange, green and blue.

Thing That Really Counts.  
The great thing in this world is not so much where we are, but in what direction we are moving.—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

Woman's Way.  
Sometimes a woman would rather get nervous prostration than not have her own way at all.—Galveston News.

Borrowed Dignity.  
S.—"Doesn't Charles look distinguished in that full-dress suit?" He—"How could he help it? That outfit in its day has been on the backs of three football captains, two editors, and the leading man in our last college production."—Stanford Chaparral.

One Good Sign.  
Jack had just entered the fifth grade. His former teacher of the fourth grade met him one day and asked him how his present teacher liked his class. "I guess she likes us all right," he said, "for she hasn't taken the smile off her face yet."

Woman's Superiority.  
Men's tailors frequently fail to fit their customers, because, as someone has said, tailors do not perform miracles. But women's tailors have better luck, for in their case the women perform the miracles.—Kansas City Star.

Hit it Right That Time.  
"How the Blanks could afford to give such a grand dinner I don't understand," said Mrs. Blunderb to her guest. "It was really a most presumptuous repast." —Boston Transcript.

Worth Trying.  
A few more smiles of silent sympathy, a few more tender words, a little more restraint on temper, may make all the difference in our lives.—Stopford Brooke.

Must Be Earned.  
Happiness and the sense of victory are only for those who live for conscience and duty and the soul's higher ideals.—Newell Dwight Hillis.

Come to Think of It, It Is.  
"It's better," said Uncle Eben, "to go up like a skyrocket an' come down like a stick dan to be jes' plain stick all de time."

A Fool's Paradise.  
In the fool's paradise everybody will have an office and nothing to do.—Ohio State Journal.

Daily Thought.  
The one thing in the world which is of value, is the active soul.—Emerson.

### FROM THIS DATE ONWARD, THE BROAD AX CAN ALWAYS BE FOUND ON SALE AT THE FOLLOWING NEWS STANDS:

Mrs. L. Graves, The Provident Candy Shop, Notion Store and News Stand, 15 W. 36th Street, near State.

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Edward Felix, Notions, Cigars and News Stand, 3002 S. Dearborn St.

F. Bishop, Cigars, Tobacco and News Stand, 8 W. 27th Street, near State.

A. D. Hayes, Cigars, Tobacco, Notion, Stationery and News Stand, 3640 S. State Street.

Dodson's Shoe Shining Parlors and News Stand, So. West Corner 35th and State Streets.

Lawrence M. Heard, Traveling News Agent, with news stands at 3129 S. State St. and So. East Cor. 35th and State Streets.

Charles F. Mallory's Barber Shop and News Stand, 313 E. 35th Street.

W. D. Scott's Lunch Room and Restaurant, 248 E. 35th Street.

Louis Wimbley's Shoe Shining Parlors and News Stand, 2946 South State Street.

Mrs. S. F. Peyton, News Stand, Confectionary Store, 5012 S. State Street.

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