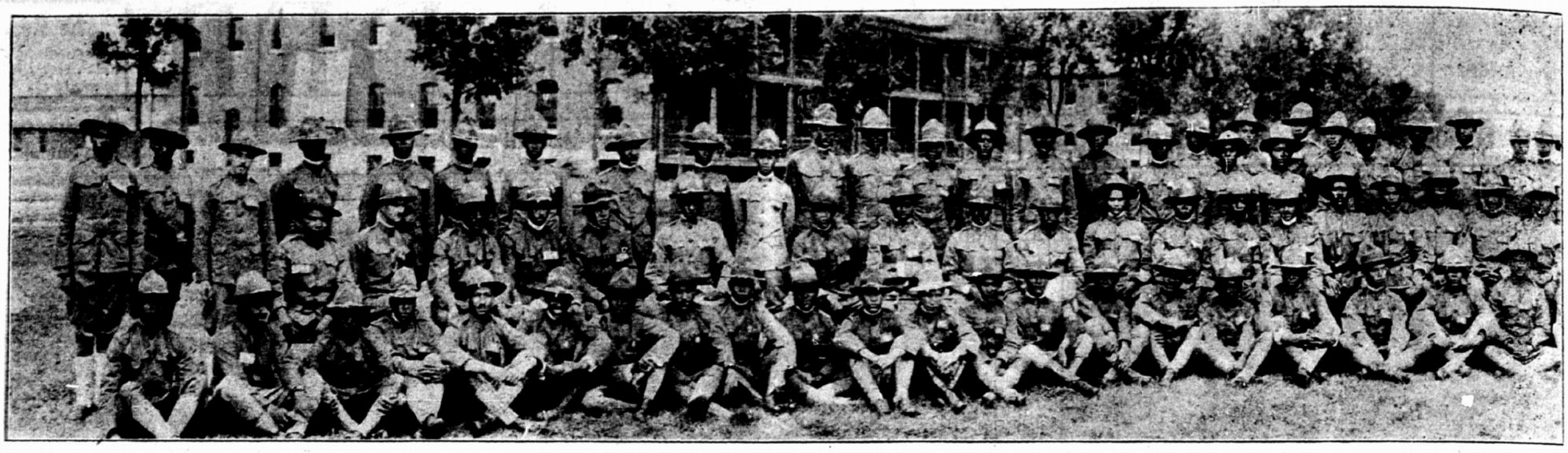
*This group represent The Teachers Graduates and Students from Howard University at Washington*

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## How Training Camp for Colored men happened to be established

The officers' training camp at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, marks a great epoch in the history of the Negro race. It is a recognition that the black race has never before received from any country in modern times. The training and commissioning of approximately one thousand Negro officers to lead thirty thousand Negro troops in the titanic war for democracy marks a new era in the history of the Negro race throughout the world.

To all those who were instrumental in having the camp established all credit and honor is due. They deserve the undying thanks of the entire colored race. To one man is undoubtedly due the credit of having originated the idea of having colored officers lead their own troops in this great war. Before the United States had declared war he foresaw the present situation and started the agitation for the training of colored officers. This pioneer was Dr. Joel E. Springarn, president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and one of the truest and noblest friends the colored race has in this country. At a great sacrifice of his own time and money he began the campaign that later was to triumph. When it was thought that the men would have to purchase their own uniforms he offered to equip 100 Howard students at his own expense. Due almost to his efforts a list of about 500 qualified volunteers for such a camp was secured. At this time Dr. Springarn had very few supporters, for it soon became necessary for him to request a separate camp, since admittance to the white camp was clearly impracticable and many short-sighted men opposed the movement for that reason. Professor George W. Cook of Howard university and Dean William Pickens of Morgan college were among the few who upheld Dr. Springarn's early efforts. It was definitely decided to ask for a separate camp, when Secretary of War Baker informed a committee composed of Dr. Springarm, Professors Cook, Miller and Gregory of Howard university, Attorney Cobb and others that the government could not admit colored men in the white camps.

It was then that Dr. Springarn was unfortunately summoned to Madison barracks, New York, for service as military instructor. He was compelled to give up all active efforts in behalf of the camp. Fortunately it was immediately taken up by two groups of workers, and it was they who together continued the fight until it was successful. These group were the Howard university joint committee of teachers and students, which later developed into the central committee of Negro college men, and the committee of 100 citizens of Washington, D. C. The students of Howard university wrote the name of their institution down in history by the demonstration they have given to the world of the young Negro's capacity for organization and united escort. It was they who completed Dr. Springarn's list of 500 men willing to enter the camp up to 1,600. It was they who raised $150 to finance the campaign. It was they who sent representatives to all the leading Negro schools and colleges and brought about the magnificent cooperation of Negro school men throughout the country. Finally it was they who planned and executed one of the most efficient lobbies seen at the capitol. President Stephen N. Newman of the university gave every assistance and encouragement to the campaign and himself was one of its foremost workers. Deans Kelly Miller, George W. Cook, Lewis B. Moore, Charles Syphax, Professors E. L. Parks and W. V. Tunnell all gave valiant assistance. The central committee of Negro college men opened regular headquarters at Howard university and labored day and night in the cause. This committee had as its chairman Prof. Montgomery Gregory and as secretary Mr. E. B. Curley. Their chief co-workers were Messrs. C. H. Houston, J. H. Waring, J. Bryce, H. Moore, N. O. Goodloe, J. Heslip, T. S. Walters, O. Brown, C. S. Thompson, Treadwell M. Curtis, L. Kozer, T. B. Dyett, Barnes, W. M. Pollard and others. Capt. Austin, former commandant at Tuskegee, brought to Washington the list of names prepared by Dr. Springarn and assisted in directing the forces at work.

Working parallel as in unison with the Howard forces was Rev. Dr. J. Milton Waldron's committee of one hundred, to which a large share of the credit for the successful termination of the fight is due. Side by side with Chairman Waldron was Dr. Geo. W. Cabaniss, whose untiring zeal and self-sacrificing efforts were ever at the fore front of the battle. Wherever and whenever the camp is mentioned Dr. Cabaniss' name will always be sounded in a grateful and appreciative remembrance. That his heart was wholly in the cause has been wonderfully demonstrated by his presence voluntarily in the camp at the sacrifice of his lucrative medical practice, that he might do all in his power to make the camp successful in every way. Col. Ballou has said that his services are invaluable, as that the camp could not permit him to leave until the course of training is over. He is indeed the pater familias of Fort Des Moines.

These combined forces besieged congress, the war college and the war department from sunrise until sundown. Often the prospects seemed discouraging, but these men toiled on. Two final conferences practically settled the matter and insured the camp. One was with the personal secretary of the secretary of the secretary of war and its membership consisted of representatives from the two committees. A few moments later a committee consisting of Dr. Milton Waldron, Dr. Geo. W. Cabaniss, Dr. C. H. Marshall, Professor Montgomery Gregory and others was granted an interview at the white house. No more was needed. The following day the war department announced officially the establishment of a training camp for colored officers at Fort Des Moines, Iowa.

Mention should also be made of a committee of ladies of Washington, headed by Mrs. Arthur M. Curtis and Mrs. George W. Cook, which stormed the capitol and war department with telling results. It should also be stated that many other men and women did their part in the campaign, but only the organized movements can be taken into consideration. Let it be understood that this stupendous achievement was accomplished by organized effort—yes, by the new spirit of an awakened race.

### RECEPTION TO GRAND MASTER BUTTER.

On last Friday, John L. Thompson, P. G. M. of Iowa, and president of the International Conference of Grand Masters, P. G. M. and G. secretary, received a message from Dr. H. R. Butler, G. M. of Georgia, of Atlanta, Ga., that he would be in Des Moines on Sunday with his son, Henry. I immediately notified all the Iowa grand officers that I would give a reception Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the North Star Masonic hall. A large crowd gathered there. The distinguished visitors and out of the city guests were: P. G. M. Austin A. Bland of Keokuk, R. W. Grand Senior Warden M. Askew of Sioux City, P. G. M. J. H. Shepard, P. G. M. S. Joe Brown of this city, Mr. I. P. Johnson of Muscatine, Richard Johnson of Gravity, Dr. U. G. Mason of Montgomery, Ala., Mr. Gould of Prnice Hall grand lodge of Massachusetts wa swith Dr. Butler. At a later hour ladies came, as follows, Mrs. French Bland, M. W. G. matron Electra grand chapter, Mrs. L. R. Palmer Berry, P. G. M. and present grand lecturer of New Jersey and secretary of the international royal grand chapter, and Mrs. Smith, P. G. lecturer of Illinois, were all present and made splendid talks. Dr. Butler of Georgia and Dr. Mason of Alabama made very interesting and impressive talks. They were met at the depot by P. G. M. S. Joe Brown and John L. Thompson and escorted to the Thompson home and later to the hall. They left Sunday night for home, having been made to rejoice at the splendid reception tendered them. They will long be remembered by those who met them. Refreshments were served by J. B. Mitchell, Wm. Tomlin, Wm. Jones, N. Hyde, Wm. Walker and Jess Braden.

### DISTINGUISHED VISITOR HERE.

Prof. Kelly Miller of Washington, D. C., dean of the College of Arts and Sciences of Howard university, will arrive in our city Saturday and will address the officers' training camp at the Y. M. C. A. on Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock and at Union Congregational church on Sunday evening at 7:30, and 8:30 at the Corinthian Baptist church at Fifteenth and Linden streets.

Prof. Miller is one of the ripest scholars of our race, an orator and writer of the first class. Indeed he lectured all over the United States and has written many books on the great race question and is considered authority of race adjustments. Every one should hear him Sunday. All of his meetings are free.

### DOUGLASS MEETING

**At Ft. Des Moines Huge Success—Fisk Jubilee Singers Charm Audience—General Ballou Present and Endorsed Work of Colored Women.**

On last Friday evening in the Army Y. M. C. A. at Ft. Des Moines the candidates in the officers' training camp and a large number of civilians listened to one of the most interesting programs ever put on in this section. After invocation by the Rev. M. M. Jefferson of Georgia, a vocal solo by Miss Beatrice Lee of Kansas City and a number of selections from the famous Fisk Jubilee Singers, who fairly charmed the vast addience. Mrs. S. Joe Brown, chairman of the Douglass Memorial Board of the National Association of Colored Women, who had planned the meeting and was in charge, told of the activities and accomplishments of the association and of their plan for redeeming and preserving as a national memorial the homestead of the late Frederick Douglass. At this time Mr. Montgomery Gregory, a professor of Howard university of Washington, D. C., who had a personal acquaintance with Mr. Douglass, and familiar with the condition of the homestead, told in an interesting way of the accomplishments of this first race leader and complimented the women of the association for their timely efforts in preserving this homestead. After pleasing and complimentary remarks by Mr. J. A. Meyers, manager of the Fisk jubilee quartet, and Mr. R. B. De Frantz, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., who had made it possible for this meeting, General Ballou, who is in charge of the Ft. Des Moines training camp, and who had previously extended the time in order that this meeting might have the desired effect, was present and was given a great ovation when introduced. For the first time General Ballou faced an audience of this kind, and among other things lauded the colored women for their efforts in restoring the homestead of Frederick Douglass, and after granting Mrs. Brown permission to lift a collection, made the first contribution. Consul H. R. Wright, who had visited the homestead, was then introduced, and after words of praise followed the contribution and in five minutes' time $126.75 had been placed on the table by the cadets.

### TRAINING CAMP LAWYERS ENTERTAINED.

On last Saturday evening the Iowa Negro Bar association entertained the Seventeenth Training Camp Lawyers association with a sumptuous banquet in the parlors of Union Congregational church at West Tenth and Park streets in this city. About thirty-five Negro lawyers, with the ladies, representing different states from Connecticut to California and from Minnesota to Florida, all of whom are members of the Seventeenth provisional training regiment at Fort Des Moines, were present and had as their special guests of honor Atty. E. W. Rich of Baltimore, Rev. Dr. H. H. Proctor of Atlanta and Dr. Gresham H. Hill of this city, at whose home Dr. Proctor was being entertained while in the city. As Atty. S. Joe Brown was president of both the Iowa bar and the Seventeenth Training Camp Lawyers' association, Atty. Geo. H. Woodson, the founder and first president of the Iowa Bar association, presided at the banquet and all present participated in the program, which continued until an early hour, when they dispersed, declaring the Iowa Negro bar the most royal entertainers they had met.

As a part of the program the Iowa Negro Bar association held their annual election, resulting in the election of Attys. Geo. H. Woodson, president; Atty. J. B. Rush, vice president; Atty. J. B. Morris, secretary; Atty. John L. Thompson, treasurer; Attys. H. R. Wright, S. Joe Brown and Jas. A. Spears, executive committee.

### Rice for Ink Stains.

Wash the stained article, using boiled rice instead of soap, and then rinse in clear water.

### ORIGINAL NOTICE.

In the district court of the state of Iowa, in and for Polk county, September term, A. D. 1917.
May C. Butter, plaintiff,
vs.
Chas. E. Butter, defendant.
To Chas. E Butter.

You are hereby notified that on or before the 15th day of August, A. D. 1917, the petition of the plaintiff in the above entitled cause will be filed in the office of the clerk of the district court of teh state of Iowa, in and for Polk county, Iowa, claiming of you an absolute divorce from the bonds of matrimony now and heretofore existing between you, on the grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment and willful desertion without a just cause.

For further information see petition on file in the office of the clerk of the district court of the state of Iowa, in and for Polk county.

For further particulars see petition, and unless you appear thereto and defend before noon of the second day of the next term, being the September term of said court, which will commence at Des Moines, Polk county, Iowa, on the 10th day of September, 1917, default will be entered against you and judgment and decree rendered thereon.

Dated this 8th day of August, 1917.
J. B. Rush,
Attorney for Plaintiff.

### Chronic Constipation.

It is by no means an easy matter to cure this disease, but it can be done in most instances by taking Chamberlain's Tablets and complying with the plain pointed directions that accompany each package.

### CALENDAR

Of the second quarterly conference of Des Moines district A. M. E. Zion church:

First church, Des Moines, Iowa, Rev. E. S. Hardge, P. C., Sept. 21 and 22.

St. Matthews, Enterprise, Iowa, Rev. R. W. Rowe, P. C., Sept. 29 and 30.

Birks Mission, cement plant, Iowa, Rev. J. W. Hill, P. C., Oct. 6 and 7.

Blackwell Chapel, Scandia, Iowa, Rev. J. W. White, P. C., Oct. 13 and 14.

Oralabor Mission, Oct. 20 and 21.

Buxton Mission, Oct. 23 and 24.

Melix Temple, Perry, Iowa, Rev. John Hillard, P. C., Oct. 27 and 28.

Brethren, our motto is to save souls and build churches. Each of us is expected to raise one-half of our general claims by the setting of the district conference and sent to the departments. Keep the law and the law will keep us. I am praying for a success. I am your brother in the gospel bands.

O. G. Moss, Presiding Elder.


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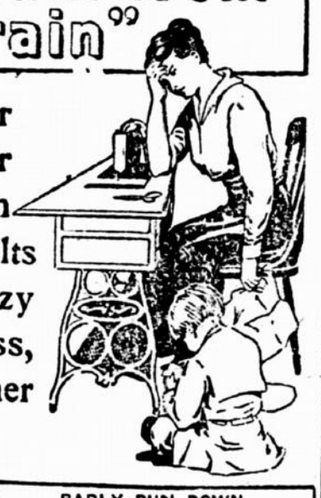
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