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BIG CROWD HEARS SIMMONS

Blind Boone in Three Recitals in Des Moines

Simmons Up To His Usual Form

HARVEY INGHAM, EDITOR OF THE REGISTER AND TRIBUNE, INTRODUCES SPEAKER.

Col. Roscoe C. Simmons, noted lecturer and orator delivered one of his capable addresses at the Auditorium on Tuesday, Oct. 12, 1920. Mr. Simmons was brought here—as one speaker said—for the purpose of giving impetus to the K. of P. drive for a thousand new men and a thousand women for the Court of Calanthe.

George H. Woodson, in a few well chosen remarks introduced Harvey Ingham, editor of the Register and Tribune who said that it was unfortunate that more white people could not hear Simmons because they should know the type of Negro speakers who grace these audiences as well as what they say.

Simmons began his address by complimenting Mr. Ingham for his continued good feeling toward the Negro and admonished the audience to show their appreciation by buying homes and being good citizens.

The speaker took occasion to rap "Colonel" Ballou, President Wilson, the League of Nations, the treatment accorded Negro soldiers in France and in fact, every person or agency which sponsored ideas inimical to the Negro. But in spite of these shortcomings, the speaker said he loved the American white man because he wrote the constitution of the United States and the Declaration of Independence.

HIS VISIT TO FRANCE.

Colonel Simmons said that his last address before leaving for France was delivered in Des Moines from the late Col. Roosevelt which stated that Simmons was the only man who could speak for all the American people.

The speaker told of having met famous statesmen from Italy, Greece, Venezuela and other countries. He was surprised that the American Negro could even read and write. At Neice a black permanent officer of the day was found in command of French troops—not black troops.

Colonel Simmons told his audience that he would be the last person to advise colored people to go to Africa, but on the other hand begged them to remain in America—their country, where they were born and did not come to; where they started and others came to greatest nation on earth.

As usual Roscoe had many remarkable things to say according to his version of the matter. Booker T. Washington has replaced St. Peter at the Holy Gates because it was he who let Theodore Roosevelt in.

Simmons spoke for two hours and characteristic of him, his audience was alert during the whole time. Des Moines always welcomes him.

VICTORY IN THE COURTS.

Little Edna Lee, who several weeks ago was accused of stealing a watch from Mrs. A. Boamer (white) arrested and kept in jail for about 48 hours without bail and without any charge being filed, sued for \$1,000 damages for malicious prosecution. The Lee case was pushed very hard by Attorneys John L. Thompson and Geo. H. Woodson.

An able white lawyer defended Mrs. Boamer. The jury brought in a verdict for \$100 and cast for Miss Lee a great victory for Thompson and Woodson.

Chapped skin whether on the hands or face may be relieved in one night by applying Chamberlain's Salve. It is also unequalled for sore nipples, burns and scalds.

92 Div. Have Re-union

Brave Lads Who Wore Uncle Sam's Uniforms, to Hold Reunion Here.

An American soldier of color, near Pont-A-Mousson, France said to Colonel Simmons one day, "Colonel when we get back home I guess it will be our fate to be forgotten."

On Thanksgiving day of this year, the black boys, who wandered whether his buddies were to be forgotten, will, according to present plans, know that Roscoe Simmons has not forgotten the darker Americans who donned the "O. D."

A reunion of the Ninety-Second division, and all the colored soldiers in the great World War is to be held in St. Louis on Thanksgiving day and for the two days following.

The call for this great gathering of ex-soldiers will be issued next week and tentative program outlined. Col. Simmons, as president of the Lincoln League of America, will issue the call this week and at the same time a tentative program will be outlined.

A MESSAGE TO COLORED FORMER SERVICEMEN

(By Lieut. J. Williams Clifford, special representative colored soldiers and sailors war risk bureau, Washington, D. C.)

Washington, D. C., Oct. 2.—Now that the insurance business in the Bureau of War Risk Insurance is current, assurance is made that colored former servicemen or relatives and friends who write to this office will receive prompt and definite replies.

It is supposed that the colored veterans of the recent war who carried government life insurance while in the service may renege the same by forwarding two monthly premiums and a satisfactory statement to the effect that they are in as good health as they were at the time of their discharge from the service.

This may be done any time within eighteen months from the date of discharge, but since a man should never be without life insurance protection, it is advisable to former service men to reclaim their valuable government life insurance at once.

A new law has made government life insurance exceptionally attractive by enlarging the list of permitted beneficiaries to include parent, grandparent, stepparent, parent through adoption, wife or husband, child, grandchild, stepchild, adopted child, brother, sister, halfbrother, brother through adoption, sister through adoption, stepbrother, stepfather, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, a person who stood in the relation of a parent to the insured, for a period of one year or more prior to the insured's enlistment or induction, the children of such parent; parent, grandparent, stepparent or parent through adoption of the insured's wife or husband.

It is also supposed that the new law which permits lump sum payments at the option of the insured or converted policies (ordinary life, twenty payment life, thirty-payment life, twenty-year endowment, thirty-year endowment) will greatly increase the number of conversions into the permanent forms of government life insurance.

Any additional information desired by colored veterans of the world war concerning insurance, compensation, allotment and allowance may be promptly obtained by directing communications to Lieut. J. Williams Clifford, Bureau of War Risk Insurance, Washington, D. C.

Financial Loss Due to Colds.

It is estimated that the average man loses three days time each year from inability to work on account of having a cold. Much of this loss can be avoided by treating every cold as soon as the first symptoms of the disease appear. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has won a wide reputation and immense sale by its cures of this disease. Try it. You are certain to be pleased with its pleasant taste and the prompt relief which it affords.

He Doesn't Look Just Right



How We Have Uncle Sam in His New League of Nations Uniform. Designed for Him by Wilson & Cox, International Outfitters.

Dunbar's Wife Dismissed from School

Wilmington, Del., Oct. 8.—Mrs. Alice Dunbar Nelson, widow of the late Paul Laurence Dunbar, famous colored poet, was unceremoniously discharged from her position as teacher in the public schools of this city by the Democratic board for having attended the social justice pilgrimage to Marion, Ohio, October 1. Mrs. Nelson, who was among the colored delegation from the east that went to Harding's home, joining the thousands of other women assembling there for the purpose of social welfare, had been warned by her principal that if she attended this meeting she would be dismissed.

When she returned and presented herself at the school to take up her duties, she was informed that her services were no longer needed. She appealed to Dr. Conwell Banton member of the board, and was informed that the action of the principal would be sustained by the board.

Negro Historical Society

On the 18th and 19th of November the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History will hold its annual meeting at Washington, D. C. This will be a convocation of teachers throughout the United States now giving attention to research and instruction in this field. The management of the association is endeavoring to make this meeting one of the most representative ever assembled.

Among the speakers will be A. B. Hart, professor of history at Harvard university; Franz Boas, professor of ethnology, Columbia university; L. Hollingsworth Wood, president of the Urban League; Oswald Garrison Villard, editor of the Nation, and Col. Robert T. Kerlin of the Virginia military institute. These addresses will cover every phase of Negro life and history.

With its pleasant taste and the prompt relief which it affords.

Many Hear Blind Boone

Recitals in Auditorium, Corinthian and Kyles A. M. E. Zion Church.

Blind Boone, world noted musician, appeared in three recitals this week, Monday night at the Auditorium, Tuesday at Corinthian Baptist church and Wednesday at Kyles A. M. E. Zion church.

True to his reputation he rendered these recitals in a most excellent manner and received applause after applause from the audiences.

The recital at the Auditorium was under the auspices of the Asbury M. E. church.

Mass. to Have National Guard

Boston, Mass., Oct. 7.—It is gratifying to learn that as a consequence of the agitation covering several months permission has been given for the formation of a colored battalion, of same by the governor of the state. The Massachusetts Officers Association have been mainly instrumental in bringing this about while the representations that have on more than one occasion been made by Attorneys Wilson and Lewis carried their measure of influence in the matter. They brought to bear upon the authorities the fact that the Negro has made good within the last 40 years, and should be given a chance to widen his capabilities.

Rumor has it that Captain E. P. Morris has been named for the position of commanding officer of the branch to be formed, that it is understood that second lieutenant positions will be left open for men rising from the ranks. Such a measure should prove an incentive to recruits to join early and strive to qualify for commissions. Many of the war veterans have signified their intention to become affiliated with the battalion and it is expected that Boston and Cambridge will be the main centers represented.

THE AFTERMATH OF THE CHICAGO ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE A. M. E. CHURCH

(By Dr. W. H. Lowry.)

The withdrawal of Dr. W. D. Cook, former pastor of the Bethel A. M. E. church, Chicago and the subsequent organization of an independent church by Dr. Cook and a few of his followers signs of weakness and selfishness. Dr. Cook was appointed pastor of St. Paul's A. M. E. church, Des Moines, Iowa. This church is a new edifice, erected at a cost of \$65,000 and has a membership of 1,457.

Dr. Cook feeling himself humiliated by being removed from Bethel M. E. church, went into Chicago bent upon the "tom tom" and raved back upon the "jungle" and established an independent church. Now, this poly denominational race, that has been wrent asunder time and again by selfish ministers of the gospel who would rule or ruin, must train its youth to recognize a new denomination that has been created without a just cause and is wholly void of nutriment.

We are sorry that Dr. Cook did not have the stamina to stay in the conference and not only fight his way back to his former standing but also capture the highest honor within the gift of the general conference.

Rev. W. H. Griffin, former pastor of Hyde park A. M. E. church en route for California for his health, has accepted the appointment as pastor of St. Paul's A. M. E. church. This Christian gentleman would sacrifice his health to answer the call and go where God would have him go. The church has rallied to his support a hundred per cent strong and will repay him a hundred fold for the great sacrifice he is making. If he regains his health he will some day be bright light in the general conference of the great A. M. E. church.

Gov. Gardner of Mo. Appoints Commission

The Negro Industrial commission appointed by Gov. Gardner to investigate Missouri Negroes' general labor and industrial conditions, educational, housing and home life, health and living conditions with a view to Negro upliftment and betterment along all lines of good productive citizenship, was inducted into its special work today by the governor himself.

Prof. R. C. Bruce, founder and principal of the Bartlett Agricultural and Industrial school, the one leading vocational and "Country Life" school for Missouri and mid-west Negro people, which is located at Dalton, Mo., who is also president of the Missouri Negro Farmers' bureau and U. S. Agent-at-large, directing the colored U. S. Farm Agents and their work among Missouri rural colored people, was chosen as chairman of the commission.

Principal Bruce responded to the governor's address in an eloquent and forceful manner. His address was followed by addresses from the following persons: Prof. J. D. Coleman, Columbia, Mo.; Hon. Geo. Vashon, St. Louis; Mrs. Lucy Bledsoe, St. Louis, Mo.; Prof. Robert S. Cobb, Cape Girardeau.

This is the chance the national government has been looking for for years giving the Hawaiians, Porto Ricans, Philippines—a chance to discover, speak for and represent themselves. This act of justice on the part of Missouri law makers of the fiftieth general assembly and the governor, will greatly cheer and encourage colored people to greater economy, labor and thrift and will spur them to finer appreciation and endeavor for making themselves more productive and useful citizens.

MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE

The personnel of this commission is far above the average. It is composed of successful leaders and practical educators, independent tax paying businessmen and land owning intelligent farmers, settled and serious and capable men and women.

In chair, Principal N. C. Bruce of the Bartlett Agricultural and Industrial school, has the good name of being the equal in vision and solid works of the late Booker T. Washington, and superior to Washington in educational preparation. He is the Missouri champion corn and crops producer and also the world's record in the world's greatest crop—corn.

Prof. J. B. Coleman of Columbia, is a business man also grand treasurer of the National Agricultural and Mechanical Association. He is the Missouri army and leader and educator among his people. Messrs. Haskell, Maysville, Ribault, Ste. Genevieve, and E. Buckner, St. Joseph, are all land owning and successful farmers.

Mr. Robert S. Cobb, who was elected secretary with clerical force at the state capitol has been a successful teacher for several years and has also served as an army "Y" secretary in the recent war.

The governor has again shown wisdom in selecting this high type of colored men and women for this very necessary and important commission.

More Than Enough is Too Much.

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THE NEGROES IN BUSINESS.

The Negroes are realizing more and more the necessity of patronizing their own industries. White men who start small stores in Negro neighborhoods are very grateful to the Negroes for their patronage but after the store becomes self supporting their gratefulness fades away. Now black is a fast color and the more it is published the better it shines. If the Negroes will patronize their own industries one year they will outshine the stars.

Mrs. Edward Raifsnider, Wabash, Ind., says that she owes her good health to Chamberlain's Tablets. She suffered from distress after eating and constipation and was completely cured by the use of these tablets.

REPUBLICANS OPEN TENTH STREET HEADQUARTERS

Upon the recommendation of Attorney S. Joe Brown, member of the Republican Central Committee for committees have opened headquarters in the basement of the Union Congregational church at Tenth and Park streets to be in charge of Rev. Henry McCraven where they have installed a voting machine upon which instructions will be given to all men and women who call at any hour during the day or evening seeking information regarding any of the candidates also with reference to how to where and when to register and how to operate the voting machines. Ladies are especially urged to take advantage of this instruction.

NATURE GREATEST ADVERTISER; MUCH PROOF IN HISTORY.

Every improvement and every convenience and every comfort that the human race enjoys has come to us because some man, more observant and wiser than his fellows has seen and interpreted an advertisement of Nature. Do you realize that ever since water has been boiled, Nature has been advertising the power of steam? With your knowledge of steam you must wonder every time you see a steam engine work; why any one could have failed to see how steam could be used after Nature had advertised it in so many ways.

And yet for ages this power went to waste because no one could read and interpret Nature's message. In fact, steam and its habit of blowing off tea kettles lids and doing other little tricks like that to call attention to its power was looked upon as a nuisance.

SEVERAL WAYS TO MAKE BOSSY SMILE

Did you ever see a cow smile? Maybe it never occurred to you before that a cow did smile. Yet she is a pleasant creature, generous, given to gentle meditation, and even possessive of a sense of humor. The truth of the matter is, or at least we are so informed by a writer who speaks with special authority, that her smiles are caused by

NUISANCE PAY

Nearly everything that goes up in smoke may now be brought back to earth and put to some practical use, though not many years since smoke not only had no utilitarian value but was annually destructive of millions of dollars' worth of property. It was a hundred years ago that Herr Hofffeld, a teacher of mathematics in Leipzig, found that if he electrified a wire hung in a bottle filled with smoke rapidly cleared, leaving a deposit on the sides and bottom of the bottle.

of more food than is necessary for these purposes is the prime cause of stomach troubles, rheumatism and disorders of the kidneys. If troubled with indigestion, revise your diet, let reason and not appetite control and take a few doses of Chamberlain's Tablets and you will soon be all right again.

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