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Chicago Ministers Slap The President

White M. E. Ministers Denounce President's Segregation Policy.

Set Pace For Brethren of Color in Action.

It was pleasing to the members of the race to see the ministers of the white race take a stand against President Wilson on race segregation at its regular meeting Monday.

The resolution on the race question read:

"Whereas, we believe class or race discrimination tends to produce dis-

should promote harmony and peace and inspire the greatest loyalty of each member of the body politic without discrimination against nor preference for any class, sect or race; and

"Whereas, in every call for the nation's defense, the colored soldier has responded promptly and most courageously,

- From The Chicago Defender

N. E. Teachers At Okmulgee

The third annual session of the Northeast District association of colored teachers met in Okmulgee Friday and Saturday, November 27th and 28th.

On account of the late arrival of most of the trains and the time required for locating the teachers while in attendance the first session was not held until the afternoon of Friday.

The teachers assembled promptly and manifested great interest from the very first. Through their Mr. Stevens the people of Okmulgee extended a hearty welcome to the association.

The program showed careful preparation. Beautiful selections were rendered by the Treble Clef Glee Club of Muskogee. The papers on "Civic Education" by Messrs McCree of Tulsa and Sneed of Muskogee and the address of President Hughes were the features of this session.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year. Mr. J. T. Smith of Muskogee, President; Mr. Ellis W. Woods of Tulsa, Vice-President and Mrs. R. H. Graham, Secretary.

At the night meeting excellent music was furnished by the Okmulgee High School Glee Club. Hon. Wm. H. Harrison, the speaker of the occasion delivered an inspiring address. His subject was "Visions."

Although the weather was very inviting, the Saturday morning session was fully attended. After a short musical program departmental sessions were held—each teacher going to his respective department.

The conductors were as follows: Primary work, Mrs. J. E. Porter; Grammar Department, Mr. W. H. Hill; High School, Mr. Ellis W. Woods.

The Saturday afternoon meeting was opened with music, after which the different committees reported and the incoming officers were installed. The session closed with a banquet to the association by Prof. Fort and his teachers.

The meetings were characterized by earnestness and enthusiasm. The papers and discussions were interesting and helpful. As a whole the teachers were eager to listen to the suggestions and experience of one another in order that they might get new ideas for their work.

CLARENCE A. GUILLOT, Reporter.

Southern White Man Speaks

Joseph C. Manning of Alabama Tells Race to Aid National Independent Equal Rights League.

(Special to the Chicago Defender.) New York, Nov. 27.—Rev. Byron Gunner, president of the National Independent Equal Rights league, has given out the following letter for publication:

Crawford House, Boston, Mass., Nov. 21, 1914.

Rev. Byron Gunner, President National Independent Equal Rights League Hillburn, N. Y. Dear Rev. Gunner: If ever before there was needed and demonstration of the effectiveness of an organization of, for and by colored people, in their own behalf, this has been shown by the league you have the honor to head as president. Your organization has awakened the country and forced the issue and has proven that "he who would be free must first strike the

Patrolman Smitherman Some "Sprint"

Outdistanced Spirited Steed In One Block And Captures Two "Dashing Young Beauties"

Patrolman J. H. Smitherman has made a record for himself as a "Sprinter" as well as a good officer otherwise. Last Tuesday evening he put on a running exhibition in which he was featured against a spirited house driven by two apparently intoxicated white women through the streets in the East End, attracting much attention by imitating the familiar Indian war whoop.

Patrolman Smitherman heard the whoop and a few seconds later saw the dashing steed pass ahead of him drawing a buggy in which rode the two pretty white girls. The patrolman took up the chase and caught them in a distance of one block. The girls offered to bribe him but they soon found there was "nothing doing". The patrol wagon was called and the dashing beauties hauled to police station. They put up bond which was forfeited.

8 Men to Go to Electric Chair In Ark.

Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 28—Eight men, four white and four negroes, will be executed in the electric chair within 16 days, beginning Wednesday next. Neal McLaughlin, who will be executed Dec. 2, will be the first white man ever sent to the electric chair in Arkansas.

Business League In Mass Meeting

The mass meeting held in the Dream land Theatre last Sunday afternoon under the auspices of the local Business League was one full of interest and well attended. Rev. Jas. A. Johnson was the principal speaker of the day and in his usual impressive way stirred the audience to repeated outburst of applause. He scored parents for neglecting their children, husbands for neglecting their family ties and mothers came in for a share of the same medicine. He also advised business men of the race to compete with other business men by giving as good material and service as the other fellow for the same money and in this way encourage race patronage.

Rev. Johnson advised the colored people of Tulsa to support the local Business League. "You can get anything Continued on page eight

President's Nov. Letter To Oklahoma Club Women.

Guthrie, Okla., Nov. 28 1914.—My dear Co-workers:

Reports from several points in the state inform me that the first or second Sunday in November was observed with religious services on behalf of Club Women with gratifying results. A few received the notice too late, and have put the service over to December 6, this is far better than not to have the service at all.

We at Guthrie had a splendid service; one of our local papers describes it thus: "The women of Guthrie are getting together as never before. This means advancement, each one seemed to enjoy the meeting. Some were heard to say: "It was good to be here."

This month I wish to say a word about finance. You remember we created several "Funds" the aggregate of which taxed each club \$5.00 five dollars per annum. This is the time to have entertainments and raise our money which, you remember, must be paid into the treasury on or before the first of May, without special notice.

The Minute money should be sent to the treasurer as soon as raised because we want to get them into your club as soon as possible.

We earnestly hope that each club or city federation will have one or more high class lectures or concerts by outside talent of National reputation. It is a great uplift, and inspiration to our home folks to have this talent come to us; as a matter of Race pride we should train our

several communities to show their appreciation for this class of entertainments, both by their presence and a willingness to pay at least [25] twenty five cents for a ticket. Let us not show ourselves small on this matter. It is our glorious privilege to bring the best to our people, let us put stress on this point.

We pay, willingly, when we go to the White man's entertainments, let us be equally willing to pay for Negro talent. Let the Club Woman Standardize amusements, both as to quality and value. We hope the time is near when the Federation shall be able to finance a Lecture Bureau, so that every town in our state can enjoy a few good entertainments each year.

We can persuade the Ministers and Layety that is for better for the good people to pay a reasonable price for the best talent to let their children, and the young church people spend nickels and dimes for questionable shows.

If the churches and the parents, will co operate with the clubs, we can finance these high class entertainments, where pastors, parents and young people may all be instructed and edified. We can in this way assist in solving the problem of amusements.

People must have recreation; if the good is not obtainable they will accept the indifference or bad.

Let Club Women furnish the Best Yours "For lifting as we climb"

JUDITH C. HORTON.

New "Jim Crow" Law Planned For Oklahoma

Would Give Discretionary Power to the Corporation Commission.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 1.—The enactment of a new "Jim Crow" law providing for separate but equal accommodations for the white and black races and giving the state corporation commission jurisdiction to determine the sufficiency of any complaints for alleged non-compliance with the law, is favored by Attorney General Charles West.

Attorney General West, in commenting today on the decision of the supreme court of the United States which practically upheld the validity of the separate coach provisions of the Oklahoma "Jim Crow" law, but which held that a negro could not be denied equal accommodations with white people as to sleeping and dining car service, stated that he had some doubts all along as to the provisions which were knocked out by the high court. The solution advocated by the attorney general today is practically the same as suggested by him in his brief when he defended the "Jim Crow" law before the supreme court of the United States.

Attorney General West contended in his argument that the federal constitution does not guarantee the negro chair car and sleeping car service unless he travels in such numbers and in such a manner as to create a reasonable demand for separate accommodations. Mr. West suggested that such cases, if denied these accommodations, the Negro should exercise his remedy of appealing to the interstate commerce commission if traveling interstate and to the state corporation commission if he possessed an intra-state ticket. The attorney general expressed the belief today that the amendment to the law suggested by him would make it wholly constitutional without a doubt by placing the discretion in the hands of the corporation commission to determine whether there was a sufficient demand for separate accom-

modations. The supreme court of the United States refused to take jurisdiction of the case involving the validity of the Oklahoma law, on the ground that it was not shown that the plaintiff McCabe and other Negroes had been denied accommodations by the railroads. Judge John H. Cotteral took the same view in the United States district court here and refused to grant the injunction prayed for, which was to prevent the railroads from running trains carrying separate coaches for Negroes and whites.

The coming session of the legislature will doubtless be asked to amend the present separate coach law relative to travel of Negroes and whites in chairs, sleeping and dining cars, so as to make it conform with the federal constitution.

William Harrison, a Negro lawyer of this city, represented the plaintiffs in the suit and argued it before the supreme court of the United States. He was the only lawyer presenting an oral argument and the supreme court room was filled with Negro auditors at the time of the hearing, it is said. Attorney General West and the Santa Fe railroad submitted their briefs defending the law, but did not appear before the court for oral argument.

G. O. F. INDORSES NEGRO FOR ALDERMAN.

CHICAGO, Nov. 28.—Oscar de Priest, a negro, was indorsed unanimously for the Republican nomination for Alderman by the regular Republican organization of the Second Ward last night. White and negro committeemen participated in the meeting. De Priest formerly was a County Commissioner.