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Boston Gets Next Meeting of National Business League

Organization Will Meet in City Which Gave it Birth 15 Years Ago

Tuskegee, Ala., Jan. 8.—At the meeting of the National Negro Business League, held last August in Muskogee, Okla., invitations to hold the next meeting were received from and through the local Negro business leagues of Boston, Mass., Kansas City, Mo., and Chicago, Ill.

The executive committee decided to leave the matter of the final decision to a committee composed of Dr. Booker T. Washington, president; Hon. J. C. Napier, chairman of the executive committee; and Emmett J. Scott, secretary.

All these invitations were most cordial, but after weighing all matters carefully, it has been decided to hold the next meeting in Boston, Mass., in response to the invitation.

The National Negro Business League was organized in Boston, August, 1900, and so the fifteenth anniversary of the organization will be celebrated in connection with the coming meeting to be held there Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Aug. 18th, 19th and 20th, 1915.

The Local Negro Business League of Boston is more united than ever before, and all the forces are working together to make the coming meeting a memorable one.

The national organization working in earnest co-operation with the Boston Negro Business League No. 1, will do everything possible to assure at Boston a meeting in every way worthy of the progress and influence of the league during the past fifteen years.

Kansas Woman Likes The Star

Independence, Kans., Jan. 6, 1914.

Editor, A. J. Smitherman: This will inform you that I am so pleased with your paper, that I send one dollar for a years subscription to the Tulsa Star.

Yours Resp., Mrs. E. S. Lee Bond, 625 So. 16th St.

Fire Destroys The Owen Home

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Owens, corner Greenwood and Cameron was completely destroyed by fire Wednesday night. Mr. Owen is Grand Master of the Masonic lodge here.

U. S. Congress In Jim Crow Session

Spending Time and Money Passing Infamous Laws Against Negroes

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—A bill to prohibit intermarriage of whites and Negroes in the District of Columbia was passed by the house today by a vote of 230 to 60. Vigorous debate preceded the vote. Representative Clark of Florida, author of the bill, denounced intermarriage, declaring it worked harm to both races.

Republican Leader Mann and Representative Madden of Illinois opposed the measure. Mr. Madden said it would "leave many young girls at the mercy of brutes willing to take advantage of them, and then leave them to a life of shame."

Mrs. A. E. Ross 1104 S Guthrie donated a number of books to the Colored Library yesterday. The gift was very much appreciated.

Wright Funeral Draws Crowd

The funeral of Ezra Wright, the young man who fell down the elevator shaft at the Robinson Arcade and instantly killed was preached at the Mt. Zion Baptist church last Sunday by Rev. Whitaker. The funeral was one of the largest ever seen here. The young man's mother, who had just returned from the funeral of her husband in Mexico two days before her son was killed was prostrated with grief at her home and was unable to attend the funeral. The body was embalmed and buried by the Home Undertakers.

Booker T. Gives Lynching Record For Year 1914

Forty Nine Negroes and Three Whites Put to Death By Mobs in U. S.

Tuskegee Institute, Ala., Dec 31, 1914.—I find according to records kept by the Department of Records and Research of the Tuskegee Institute that during the year that has just passed 52 persons were put to death by mobs. Of this number 49 were colored and 3 were white. The number of persons lynched in 1914 was apparently the same as for 1913 and is the smallest number for a year since records of lynchings have been kept.

Although the number of lynchings has not increased, there appears to be an increasing tendency to lynch for any cause, however trivial, and also to disregard sex. Of the 52 persons lynched in the past year only seven, or 13 per cent, two white and five colored, were charged with rape. Three of those lynched were women. One of these women was only seventeen years old, and was charged with killing a man who, it was reported, had raped her. Another of the women lynched was accused of beating a child to death; while the third woman and her husband were charged with setting fire to a barn. In the presence of their four-year-old child they were put to death.

The crimes charged against the persons killed were: murder, 13; robbery and murder, 6; robbery and

attempted murder, 1; suspected of murder, 1; rape, 6; attempted rape, 1; killing an officer, 5; wounding officer, 1; murderous assault, 3; alleged murderous assault, 1; biting off a man's chin, 1; accused of wounding a person, 1; killing person in quarrel, 4; beating child to death, 1; trying to force way into woman's room, 1; stealing shoes, 1; stealing mules, 1; setting fire to a barn, 2; assisting man to escape who had wounded another, 1; being found under a house, 1.

I find that lynchings occurred during the year in fifteen States as follows: Alabama, 2; Arkansas, 1; Florida, 4; Georgia, 2; Louisiana, 12; Mississippi, 12; Missouri, 1; New Mexico, 1; North Dakota, 1; North Carolina, 1; Oklahoma, 3; Oregon, 1; South Carolina, 4; Tennessee, 1; Texas, 6.

—BOOKER T. WASHINGTON. ANNOUNCEMENT

To the Public:

To the friends and clients of the law firm of Martin-Roberts, I feel that it is but just to you to announce that, due to the fact Mr. Martin, the senior member of the firm has accepted the office of Deputy Sheriff, the partnership is dissolved. We wish to thank you very heartily for your patronage, and I beg your further consideration when you have legal matters to be looked after, that I may share with my other brethren in doing you honest, efficient service.

I am yours for the race, J. H. ROBERTS.

Business League Hears J. Milton Turner Speak

Ex-Minister to Liberia Talked More Than One Hour

Will Talk to Mixed Audience Sunday Afternoon Jan. 24th

The address of Hon. J. Milton Turner before the local Business League last Sunday was one of unusual interest, remarkable for its sound logic and its intrancing eloquence. Though past 74 years old, Mr. Turner has a wonderful control of his voice and a vocabulary very much out of the ordinary.

Mr. Turner took the liberty in prefacing his remarks to correct an error which appeared in the Star last week to the effect that he was minister to Liberia under President Cleveland, whereas it should have been said under President Grant. He also took exception to the Star's claim that he is the oldest Negro lawyer in the United States, referring to the late Hon. John Rock of Boston as a man who was a lawyer when he (Turner) was a boy. But it will be remembered that Mr. Rock is dead, therefore the Star's claim remains good.

In spite of the inclement weather quite a number of people were out to the noted speaker and all that heard it agreed that notwithstanding his age the old man is a master as an orator. He talked one hour and 15 minutes, discussing at length the relative status of American Negro and the American white man. With statesmanship diplomacy he touched upon the cause of the present strife in Europe, and its ultimate effect on the nations of the world, prophesying that even the United States would become involved in the conflict.

The Negroes of America, says Mr. Turner, will never come unto their own except through their own efforts, and these efforts must be looking toward the organization of capital.

Since his talk last Sunday a number of urgent requests have been made by both white and colored people that Mr. Turner repeat the address or deliver another one at some future date.

Mr. Turner has finally agreed to deliver another address to the citizens of Tulsa Sunday afternoon January 24, at the Dreamland Theatre. It is anticipated that standing room will go at a premium as every body will be anxious to hear this most interesting Character—ex-minister to Liberia, the first Negro to hold a diplomatic commission from the United States, lawyer and an orator of pleasing propensities.

Stole Shoes Off His Feet.

Dalton, Ga.—Bob Stinson, a resident of North Dalton, has received a visit from the person who stole candy from a baby and swapped a plugged quarter for change from a blind man's hat. This "real mean" man came upon Mr. Stinson asleep in a grove in the northern part of the city and stole the shoes off his feet. He awoke to find his feet chilled and himself with a violent cold. He had to walk home barefooted.

White Man Arrested On Forgery Charge

Crookedness in Connection With Valuable Oil and Gas Lease is Alleged.

BOND OF \$5,000 WAS MADE AT NOON TODAY

Young Oil Man is Said to Have Secured \$6,000 Through Sale of Lease Signed by Negroes Who Didn't Own it.

Robert Wilson, well known oil man, connected with the Pittsburgh Oil Company, was arrested Monday night by members of the sheriff's force on a charge of forging a deed to an oil and gas lease owned by Nathaniel and Rachel Washington, two Negroes, for which lease he received \$6,000.

He was immediately incarcerated in the county jail where he remained overnight and until nearly noon Tuesday before friends came to his rescue and went his bond, which was at first fixed at \$2,500 but later raised to \$5,000.

It was not necessary for the officers to make a search for young Wilson, as he went direct to the sheriff's office and gave himself up instead of undergoing the humiliation. He declares his innocence in no mild terms, saying that if the lease was a forgery, it was made so before it came into his possession. After appearing at the sheriff's office Monday afternoon for the purpose of giving himself up, he asked permission to consult the county attorney, which he did for nearly an hour, after which he was ordered to jail.

Two Negro men have been in the county jail several months on a similar charge, following the confession of a Negro woman who admitted on the witness stand at the hearing, instituted sometime ago by the Washingtons to have the lease set aside and declared illegal, that she played the part of the Washington woman when they went to Sapulpa to sign the deed and that she received \$13 for her services as a forger. One of the Negro men being held, is a brother to the Washington woman, and is said to have been one of the leaders in the forgery.

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