

# THE TWO COURSES OPEN

## ONE TO BE CHOSEN. THE DEPOSITORS ARE ACTING.

"I had a personal talk with one of the Receivers and it was a straight talk with him. I asked him the pointed question: If they could pay fifty cents on the dollar, if they retained charge of The Mechanics Savings Bank. He replied to my question, 'No.'"—Extract from Col. C. R. Keiley's remarkable address at Fifth Street Baptist Church, Tuesday night, September 25, 1923.

"I want to impress upon you the difference between a live Bank and a dead something. It is up to you to say whether it shall be a scare-crow or a monument. If you don't sign the waiver, you will be a fool. You will be giving up an opportunity to do one of the greatest things to help your own people."—Extract from the great analytical address of Banker James D. Lecky at the Fifth Street Baptist Church, September 25, 1923.

THE WAIVER GUARANTEES THE DEPOSITORS FIFTY PER CENT., OR HALF OF THEIR MONEY AND AS MUCH MORE AS SHALL BE REALIZED UPON THE BANK'S PRESENT ASSETS AS A "GOING INSTITUTION." THERE IS NO ROOM FOR DISCUSSION. AS MR. LECKY WELL SAYS, ONE'S OWN SELFISHNESS WOULD DEMAND THE SIGNING OF THE WAIVER. WHILE ONE'S OWN PATRIOTISM WOULD COUNTERSIGN THE ACTION.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

Richmond, Virginia, September 25, 1923.

"Advisory Committee, Col. C. R. Keiley, Chairman, "Baptist Ministers' Conference Committee, Rev. T. J. J. Mosby, D. D., Chm. "Gentlemen:—I am writing to express the hope that some plan may be worked out by which the depositors of the Mechanics Savings Bank may be saved from any considerable loss. I wish to commend you for your efforts in endeavoring to protect the depositors and the good name and financial standing of the institution. I sincerely hope that it will be possible to reopen the doors of this institution, and that it may again enjoy the confidence and patronage formerly bestowed upon it.

"Very truly yours,  
"GEORGE AINSLIE, Mayor."

### ADDITIONAL SPORTS

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#### DEMPSEY AND KEARNS WISE.

PROVIDING AGAINST RAINY DAY  
(Preston News Service)

Los Angeles, California, Nov. 28.—Jack Dempsey and his manager, Jack Kearns are playing the game not only for the present but they are providing against a rainy day. Unlike most prize fighters these men expect to be able to turn this easy money to good account.

According to latest reports they are investing in real estate and, if the judgment of realtors are to be accented, are making some very profitable investments.

head—"present day football demoralizes educational institutions" Dr. Patton.

(Preston News Service)

Pittsburgh, Pa., Nov. 27.—College football if left unchecked, will either reach the point in the next few years where it will have to be greatly modified or it will be completely abolished.

The College sport with practically everything in the hands of the professional coach, and with the problem of providing seating accommodations for the immense crowds attracted to the games, is becoming less and less an undergraduate activity, and is now largely a form of amusement for the alumni," says Dr. Patton.

Some of the old timers are inclined to think that many of the Negro schools in various parts of the country are placing too much stress on football. They seem to think that the colleges have run mad with the idea of keeping their schools in the limelight by athletic activities, so much so, that the essential thing—scholarship is slightly neglected.

Nations that spent most of their time and energy developing strong men physically lasted but a short time in the world history and accomplished very little of lasting benefit to future generations.

The commercialism that has also crept into the formerly purely amateur college sports has also a very decidedly bad tendency and cannot but greatly hurt the future standing of the games. The big thing to be considered in college sports is the development of strong bodies and minds among the students. The development of the mind is primarily the function of the college, although development of body is essential. More attention should be given to developing every student into strong men and women instead of a few for the varsity team. Let school heads consider this fact, also.

#### "NEGRO TENOR ARTIST OF FINEST CALIBRE."

Singing of Roland Hayes Compares Favorably With Any in Country.

(Richmond, Va., Times-Dispatch Nov. 20, 1923.)

Those who were fortunate enough or farsighted enough to go to the City Auditorium last night were rewarded by hearing one of the finest concert tenors Richmond has listened to within the memory of this column, which extends throughout a period of a good many years. Few of those generally known as patrons or lovers of music were there; they could not have known what manner of recital it promised to be; they could not have heard of the singer. Why? Was he a French, German, Russian, English or Italian singer of great gifts, but of little reputation? No. He was an American Negro, about whom our people in this section have known nothing or at most very little. He is an American Negro born in Georgia and "raised" there—what an ironical commentary!—and he is one of the most finished recital artists before the public today.

#### GIVEN CLOSE ATTENTION.

As a matter of straight reporting Roland Hayes is a young Negro, with the features, color and hair of our darker colored people and with none of the marks that denote an admixture. Apparently he is modest though he has perfect poise, and he is as totally devoid of affectation as any other artist who is quietly certain of himself. Again reporting, last night's audience gave him the closest attention at all times; when it was necessary, say almost breathless and at the end of each number cordially applauded him. Speaking editorially and from many years of intimate knowledge of our own colored people in the audi-

## Successive Stages in the Effort to Vacate the Receivership and to RE-OPEN The Mechanics Savings Bank of Richmond:

DEPOSITORS meet in City Auditorium, with Rev. W. T. Johnson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, chairman and pledge support to the Movement, agreeing NOT TO DISTURB their DEPOSITS, but to ADD to the MONEY they have THERE.

BAPTIST MINISTERS' CONFERENCE Endorses Plan for VACATING the Receivership and appoints a Committee to assist in the Movement. President Evans Payne, D. D., presiding officer with Rev. T. J. J. Mosby, D. D., chairman of committee.

HON. OLIVER J. SANDS, President American National Bank, the Only Creditor Outside of Depositors, agrees to GRANT A REASONABLE TIME for the Bank to PAY \$26,000.00.

WHITE CITIZENS Accept Appointment on an ADVISORY COMMITTEE, with Col. C. R. Keiley, chairman.

MEETING OF DEPOSITORS held at the Fifth Street Baptist Church under the direct supervision of the Committee of the Baptist Ministers' Conference of Richmond and Vicinity, with Rev. T. J. J. Mosby presiding. Hon. C. R. Keiley and Banker James D. Lecky deliver addresses. The Meeting ENDORSES PLAN submitted.

MAYOR GEORGE AINSLIE sends Letter Expressing His APPROVAL of the EFFORT to SAVE the Colored Depositors' Money.

GOVERNOR E. LEE TRINKLE sends Letter to Chairman C. R. Keiley, Expressing the HOPE that the Depositors and the Stockholders of the Mechanics Bank shall be PROTECTED.

RECEIVER JOHN RANDOLPH TUCKER and RECEIVER JAMES W. GORDON Express PERSONAL APPROVAL of the FIFTY PER CENT. WAIVER and Request that the Plans be Submitted in writing to be Transmitted to HIS HONOR, WILLIAM A. MONCURE, Judge of the Chancery Court of Richmond.

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ARRANGEMENTS NOW BEING MADE to Handle the STRAND THEATRE Proposition and to BRING REVENUE into the VAULT of the BANK.

ence, it is fairly certain that only modest and polite restraint on their part prevented the applause from being an enthusiastic rather than merely cordial. For Roland Hayes unquestionably served all the enthusiasm that an Auditorium full of white people certainly would have displayed. Last Sunday, this column said in part: "Most of us old timers have long clung to the idea that the Negro voice does not lend itself happily to schooling that its appeal lies in its natural and untaught quality, just as we used to believe that only such men as Blind Tom, who played by ear, could become famous as instrumentalists. In the matter of composition Coleridge-Taylor and Burleigh taught us better long ago; in the matter of composition and direction and piano-playing, Dr. Detz at Hampton Institute, opened our eyes and ears last year. Now it may well be that Roland Hayes will give us further instruction in the matter of a highly schooled Negro singer."

#### PURE LYRIC TENOR.

That is precisely what he gave us last night, in addition to the sheer delight of hearing a beautiful voice used by an artist skilled in interpretation. His voice is pure lyric tenor, but in the lower register heavier more solid than that of most lyric tenors, and throughout its range, which is abundant for the demands he made upon it last night, it is warm and rich, smooth and of finest texture. Suppose he had that to begin with, though he hadn't all of it to begin with.

He has been so schooled by somebody, or many somebodies, that he is able to forget the mere voice, its placement, its production and the like and use it as an accustomed instrument for the conveyance of thought, for the expression of emotion. To brace the voice and the schooling, he has the intelligence that must, finally, make the completed artist.

#### SPIRITUALS UNEXCELLED

His program last night ran from old songs of Paradise and Purgatory, through an air of Handel—and his Handel singing is marked by as lovely and limpid a legato as John McCormack's—through Schuman and Strauss (in excellent German), through the Dream aria from Massenet's "Manon" which was a veritable masterpiece of soft singing to a group of "spirituals"—

which he sang as I believe, no other singer in America can sing them. And with the exception of two or three in stanzas of fluting in one spot in his voice the entire program was something, very like a lesson in the art of singing especially of half-voice singing and of interpretation. One of his outbursts of "spirituals" which was one of two arranged by himself, is more nearly like the "spontaneous outbursts of intense religious fervor"—which few of us nowadays have ever heard in meeting houses in the country—than any other these ears have heard. And when he sang that and "Steal Away to Jesus" the man seemed lifted out of himself—schooled singer and highly trained musician though he is. That is incidental, however. Not relatively, but positively speaking of there is a lyric tenor capable of giving a more admirable recital in America today, I do not recall him.

—DOUGLAS GORDON

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#### LUTHER WILLIAMS GO TO TRIAL AT DECEMBER TERM

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 28.—Luther Williams, chauffeur, will go to trial at the December term of Guilford Superior court on a charge of murder in connection with the death on the night of November 15th of Edna McSwain, 25 years of age, who was apparently struck and killed by an automobile just east of the country court-house.

When police officers arrested Williams early on the morning of November 17, charging him with murder, he told them Miss McSwain with his automobile and that the occurrence frightened him so badly he did not stop his car. There were no eye-witnesses.

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