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# RESOURCES OF COLORADO

**Action Of The Denver Chamber of Commerce to Secure Information concerning the Resources of Colorado. Committees Organized to visit Schools. Who will Educate our people how to direct their Energies in order to receive greatest benefits?**

## TEACHING THE PEOPLE.

Doubtless very few of our people took notice of a very recent action of The Denver Chamber of Commerce. In the intensity of its desire to get down among the people, and that they should have first hand information of the valuable resources of Colorado, this body of wide-awake and hustling business men, organized a special committee to visit the schools and carefully explain to the pupils the geography of the state and the immense wealth awaiting the ambitious hustler. In this work the club has the hearty support and co-operation of Superintendent Chadsey. The few colored children in the favored grades will reap the benefit of this great work. The Colorado Statesman calls attention to this movement because we believe that thousands of our people are starving today because they are ignorant of what to do. They are ready and willing to go out into the world and make a place, but their dream is the far-famed mines of Golconda, where there are acres of diamonds at their feet, if they only knew. If they only knew that the labor of the agriculturist was more remunerative than that of any class, and carried with it a dignity and respectability unequalled by any class, the Negro would lay aside the foolish notion of dress and the siren song of fleeting pleasures and pile up for himself a wealth beside which that of the master class of other days would be as nothing. If they only knew where to find cheap land with water, they would go and the citizens of the state would gain in the tremendous strength of a great industrial class and the race would be improved by the development of better and higher types of man. Watching the other fellow is a great object lesson in methods of race building. He is forever teaching his people to know where the wealth lies. Our people are waiting patiently for an industrial Moses. Dr. Washington, the great apostle and advocate of skilled labor, cannot reach every locality. Who will teach our people?

## WHO WILL?

It is indeed a grave and a very serious question to properly educate the masses of our people into a perfect understanding of where to direct their energies in order to receive the greatest and most lasting benefits. Among the whites this duty very naturally and logically falls to the various commercial bodies, who see very readily greater profit to their various lines of business in the financial uplift of the less fortunate. Among our people the commercial men are either so deeply interested in their own development or they are lacking in that broad, liberal business sense that sees in a neighbor's success added profit for them. That the Negro business men of Colorado should awake to the vast importance of this work cannot be gainsaid. To have in this state thousands of prosperous and industrious farmers, means new and paying clientel for the lawyer, the doctor, and not many years hence, the dream of a Negro bank would be a realization. The Negro Business League of Colorado owes this much to the people. They should labor to help make the state for those who will live tomorrow. With the thousands of acres coming under cultivation each year, and the rush of thousands of settlers from the East and North, as well as Europe, but a few years and what is now golden opportunity will be gone.

## TONOPAH NOTES.

Among the festivities of last week was a social hop, given by the Tonopah Musical Club at El Paso hall, where only the "400" set was admitted. It was a series of their regular semi-monthly dance and the event proved to be one of much merriment. The officers of the club are J. W. Johnson, president; Frank Reed, vice-president; Bud Mills, secretary; John Shattou, treasurer; and they together with the other members spared no pains in making it pleasant for everybody.

A comet party was out a few nights ago and view Halley's comet from one of the high mountain peaks. It was along towards "getting up time" before the party dispersed for their homes.

Bud Mills is one of the popular business men of Tonopah. He is a congenial, good fellow and wields a big influence.

Among those who anticipate seeing the big fight at Frisco, are Bud Mills, F. E. Grey, J. W. Johnson and "Crying Kid."

## ALBUQUERQUE NEWS.

Rev. W. H. Prince and wife passed through the city last week en route to Raton, N. M., where they attended the District A. M. E. Church conference.

Francis Collsworth and her sister, Katie, left Tuesday evening for Los Angeles, Calif., for the benefit of the former's health, under advice from their family physician.

A mass meeting of the colored citizens was called last week by Rev. G. H. Byas at the Mt. Olive church for the purpose of making preparation for an Emancipation celebration, to be held on the 4th of August. We trust the colored folk will get busy and make the effort a record-breaker.

The Mt. Olive Literary Society is progressing nicely. Good subjects and fine debaters are on the program every Tuesday night. Everybody is invited to attend. Refreshments are served after the rendition of the program.

Mrs. T. Watson and her daughter, Mrs. A. Anderson and family, have arrived from Richmond, Cal. They are old residents of the city and will remain indefinitely.

Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Brinson and family will leave in a few days for an extended trip to the former's old home in Exinia, Ohio. Mr. Brinson is a clerk in our local postoffice and takes this trip during his annual vacation.

The citizens of New Mexico mourn the Territorial University, which was totally destroyed by fire last week.

The Duke City K. of P. lodge gave a swell concert and ball last week. The boys are receiving many congratulations for their systematic arrangement in pulling off this event.

W. T. Thornton, the well known cleaner, is arranging to close out his successful business and will leave shortly for San Diego, Cal., where he will reside permanently. Poor health is the cause for the change.

A grand reception and banquet was given by the members of the A. M. E. church last Monday evening, in honor of Mrs. Brinson, the even-

ing before she departed for her Eastern trip. The swell social set were out in full dress. The ladies were handsomely gowned for the occasion. Mrs. Brinson has for several years been the church organist, and the honor was justly due her. The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion. The crowd was served with a fine supper by Jeff Click. Nice toasts were made by Rev. Jones, Professor Lott and others. Mrs. Brinson was presented with a handsome summer cloak as a present from the trustee board for her efficient services as organist of the church.

## COLORED RAILWAY EMPLOYEES MAY LOSE THOUSANDS

Should Jack Johnson, the present champion heavyweight, lose his title to James J. Jeffries July 4th next when they meet in their 45 round battle for the world's championship, it will mean a loss of at least \$250,000 to \$300,000 to the colored railway employees of the United States. This is a conservative estimate and the chances are that the loss to them in case Johnson loses will be still greater. There are 8,500 colored porters employed by the Pullman Company, and at a low estimate there are over 13,000 colored men employed on the parlor cars, dining cars and as cooks on the various railroads, making fully 20,000 in all. It is a pretty safe prediction that practically every one of them will have a bet down on the big fight, for colored porters and waiters are "natural born gamblers," and it will be a poor kind of porter or waiter who will not back the colored champion. Figuring on the basis that every one of these men bets from \$10 to \$15, it brings the total up to about \$300,000 which is very conservative for many of them will bet up into the hundreds, and the chances are that the total amount bet by the porters and waiters will be nearer half a million than \$300,000. Aside from what these colored men will wager might be added what the colored population in general will bet (and there are many colored sports who will bet into the thousands), and it is safe to estimate that close to \$500,000 will be wagered this way, making in all close to \$1,000,000. —Seattle Republican.

A company of Negro men in Memphis has been recently organized for the purpose of establishing a home for aged ex-slaves. The chief promoter of the enterprises is Lymus Wallace, himself an ex-slave.

# RACE NEWS

GATHERED FROM VARIOUS SOURCES

Oklahoma has more Negro towns than any state in the Union, the largest being Boley with 3,000 population; Taft, with a population of about 900; Tullahassee with about 500; Red Bird with 350; Clearview, Rentiesville, Grayson with about 2,500, Gatesville and Wybark.

The Durham Textile Mills, the only hosiery mill in North Carolina run and operated by Negroes, has met with such success that it is going to double its plant and make Durham the center of Negro hosiery mills in the country. Durham seems to be sort of knocking the socks off the rest of the country, doesn't it?

Florence, S. C., May 24.—Before a large crowd, attracted by the novelty of the case, Logan Dowdy, a white man, was a few days ago sentenced to ten days in jail and to pay a fine of \$25 for stealing chickens from the hen roost of a Negro, Will Boyd. A board had been pulled off the back of Boyd's well-locked chicken house and the following day the missing chickens were found in a coop under Dowdy's house. One of them he had sold to a neighbor.

Richmond, Ind., May 24.—John Wright Johnson, personal friend and co-worker with Harriet Beecher Stowe in the campaign against slavery, died at his home in Fountain City last week. Death was due to the infirmities of age. Johnson, who was nine one years old, is accredited with having assisted Eliza Harris of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" fame to escape by means of the "Underground Railroad" and to have given Mrs. Stowe the facts for her story.

Brookhaven, Miss., May 20.—At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen this afternoon a reward of \$500 was offered for the arrest and conviction of any person or persons guilty of the burning of W. N. Bryant's property. Bryant is a Negro and published a newspaper here. Resentment against matter he printed led several citizens to drive him out of the place and apply the torch to his property.

Savannah, Ga. May 23.—Alfred M. Marshall, a cotton merchant, charged with murder, was placed on trial here today. While riding

in his automobile on April 1 Marshall ran down three Negroes, and two of them, Lee and Maria Washington, died as the result of their injuries. The defense presented a demurrer alleging that Marshall was not committing an unlawful act when he ran down the Negroes and that the indictment therefore alleged no crime.

Camden, N. J., April 25.—Immediately after Saturday's session of the New Jersey Conference of the New Jersey Methodist Episcopal church began the Rev. J. H. Morgan of Bordentown arose and announced that he had withdrawn his charge of embezzlement against Bishop Wesley J. Gaines of Atlanta. He added that he was exceedingly sorry for what he had done and asked the bishop to forgive him. The bishop declared his willingness to forgive, and the incident was closed after a general handshake all around. The embezzlement charge which resulted in a warrant being issued for the bishop on Thursday caused a sensation in the A. M. E. church circles.

A jury in Judge Delehanty's Court last week awarded Joseph I. Charles, colored, a verdict of \$2,000 against Policeman Daniel Nihill, the plaintiff charging in his petition that the police clubbed him. Charles testified that when Nihill was watching a house in West 27th street in which he lived the policeman pounded him with his club because he insisted on getting in. Inspector McCusky was a witness for the policeman, and said had directed Nihill to watch the house and warn persons who tried to enter that it was disorderly. The policemen testified that he had orders not to let any one enter, and he was merely obeying orders in keeping the Negro out. The Court declared that the jury's verdict was proper, and that policeman must be taught that they have got to obey the law. —New York Age.

**Especially Woman Nature.** Human nature is so queer that even the man who lives to be a hundred years old never fully understands it. —Sommerville Journal.

**Much Money in Junk.** Much money is made by the sale of old rope and string. Thousands of dollars are netted by the buying and selling of old fishing nets alone; but the amount is a mere bagatelle to the cash that is turned over in the handling of old cordage at the docks.