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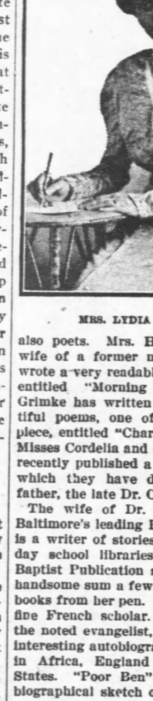

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CHIPS

Our old friend Lee Ormstead, of Springfield, Ohio, was in the city last week and paid his subscription to the Broad Ax.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Womack, have removed from 6048 South Park avenue to 6058 Calumet avenue; where they are now at home to their many friends.

The recital given at Bethesda Baptist church, Thursday evening by Miss Martha B. Anderson, assisted by the members of its choir, was a success in every way.

Mr. Julius F. Taylor, 5027 Armour ave., Phone Drexel 4590 is still confined to his home with illness. He is improving and expects to be able to be out again this coming week.

At a meetin gof the Board of Trustees of Provident Hospital during the week. Dr. Daniel H. Williams tendered his resignation.

STAGE NOTES.

Lottie Grady made her first appearance at the Grand, the management booked her for the entire week. Well knowing her drawing powers. The house being packed nightly. Her act was an all Rossiter Song Review. The closing number was easily the hit of the bill, entitled "Circus Day." As a mimic Miss Grady should prove to be above any of the present day mimics if she will give a close study to that line of acting.

J. Leubne Hill jumped from here to Washington. Opened at the Howard to a week of very poor business. He is thinking of selling out his interests in the "My Friend from Dixie."

The Pumpkin Colored Trio, better known to us as Sid Perrin, Goldie Crosby and Henry Saparo, are due here as they are finishing their last week of the "Gus Sun Time." They have had the longest and most consecutive booking of any Colored act in vaudeville and they have made an enviable reputation that they should feel proud of, what has been much satisfaction to the managers of the different houses they played, was that their act was always the best and their department was of the highest order. This trio intends to take a well deserved rest having been working since December. Mr. and Mrs. Perrin will resume house keeping on their arrival, although the act has been offered some excellent summer booking. Goldie has made up her mind that she likes State St., so what's the use.

Miss Fannie Wise has been offered time in the East, but prefers the Windy City.

Our real comedian, Mr. Claude Winfrey who has been East about 8 weeks has met with great success has indefinite booking. He is another product of the Pekin.

The new team, Hart and Johnson, late of Avery and Hart and late of Cole and Johnson, have met with pronounced success. The big time have seen the act to the extent of $700.00 per week.

This week at the Monogram, Henry Winfrey, of the Original Golden Gate Quintette opened with his Golden Gate Trio, consisting of a clever comedian, assisted by a dashing soubrette, the act was well received.

Mr. Clarence Powell famed for many seasons as the leading comedian of the Roscoe and Hollands Georgia Minstrels made his appearance in a local theatre. His appearance was a genuine surprise to his many friends. Especially those who remembered him only as "Dat Minstrel Man," but he cleverly showed his great versatility by jumping right off the reel and pulling over one of the best monologues that we have heard in many a day. I consider Mr. Powell an artist of the first volume, an artist who in a moment is able to discover what will please his audiences his personal appearance goes a long way with an intelligent audience, as he dresses his act in a manner that makes his comedy alone stand out and not the usual comedy costumes that our Colored performers adopt to create laughter. Mr. Powell is a gentleman on and off the stage, the W. V. A. have offered him some choice booking, while in our city Mr. and Mrs. Powell are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. March Craig on Forest Ave.

The Union Theatre at Indianapolis is now in the control of a Negro syndicate, the most of the stock being taken by members of the Knights of Pythians. Things took a decided change in the theatrical affairs of that city, previously the two theatres were owned by whites, namely the Crown Garden, and what was formerly the Walker Theatre is now the Union. The first owner of the Crown Garden had several successfull seasons catering exclusively to Negroes he acquired a small fortune out of the Crown. Then sold out went in another location opened up a fine theatre and has barred his Colored patrons, so it looks that, if this theatre, Union Theatre is properly managed that the lesson that they have been taught by the other white manager that they will in the future gather by their own fireside, Ernest G. Tidrington and C. W. Downs were in the city this week in the interests of their new Colored Theatre, both are leading business men and don't hesitate in declaring that the former owner of the Crown Garden has wounded the race feelings of Indianapolis Theatre goers and in the future will give their support to their own theatre, although the Crown Garden has underwent extensive alterations and has a new white owner, who has put in a Colored manager, it will not go with the Indianapolis people. Wait and see who wins Black or white.

The closing of so many Colored road shows has filled the city with good performers some of them are suggesting that an all star bill could be given every Sunday night at the Pekin, which would no doubt be appreciated as it would be a change from what the Grand and Monogram have been offering during the week. Let some one start it.

Irwin Miller and Geo. Harris played at Philadelphia for two weeks meeting with great success.

Green and Bailey a new team opened on the West Side Academy, Monday for 3 days, but their act was such a big hit that they were engaged for South Bend for the last half, were booked by the W. V. A., who are always willing to book Colored acts Billy McCarver will soon have a new partner in Miss Maud Turner, late of King & Baileys Chocolate Drops. Miss Turner has just arrived from England in explanation of this partnership. Mrs. McCarver has decided to take a long rest.

W. H. Dorsey the musical director at the Monogram laid off several days last week owing to sickness. He is at work again.

That Wrestling Wonder, Illa Vincent, has created a sensation, His showing against Zbyszko made him many new friends. He is engaged to wrestle Dr. Roller out of town this month.

Ada Overton Walker has made an extended tour of all the Western vaudeville houses.

Other well known acts that are in the West are Tom Brown and wife. Fiddler and Shelton, Cook and Stevens, Cooper and Robinson.

Miss Laura Bailey of the Cubanola Trio has been a great sufferer with stomach trouble, although she has continued to work every night. She insists on doing so, on account of the other members in her act, as she don't want to keep them idle although both of her partners want her to take a much needed rest. The trio is one of the best acts we have. The lady that plays the male character is an excellent impersonator and of fine stage appearance. This week the act is at the Palace.

Tim Owsley was in the city this week; he is manager of the Crown Garden Theatre, he feels very uncomfortable now that they will have a genuine Colored house at Indianapolis.

Louisville, Ky., has taken on a new lease of life and both theatres running at top speed.

Elvira Johnson is playing this week at the Crown Garden, making good.

The biggest quartette in the country are in town with them, is that old time Pekin Favorite, Mr. Sid Kirkpatrick, the entire bunch weighs over 900 pounds. Kirk has been around looking up the ladies. He is only willing to sing a solo until he has selected his own. The other members can't get him to rehearse these days. Some of them will find his auto number.

Ada Banks Davis at the Monogram in new gowns and an excellent medley her offering this week is on the refined order, and goes much better than her last effort. She has abundance of talent properly used.

Nashville, Tenn., has made a noise like a fish concerning its Majestic, owned by A. N. Johnson.

S. H. Dudley and the Smart Set are at Newark, N. J., this week, will open at Hertig and Seamons, 125th street, New York city, Monday. Their season will close there.

Carita Day, was home a few days last week. She is on the W. V. A. time.

Sammy Davis of Davis and Walker has contracted to play at the Grand.

Mr. Shellon Brooks is able to get around on crutches.

DOUGLAS HOTEL

is the newest and most up-to-date Hotel in the city offering the best rooms and accommodations to the general public "Men Only" this policy once adopted insures all that it can be no other than most reputable. among some of the up-to-date features are the perfect sanitary conditions, its absolute fire proofness, steam heating, electric lighting, bath rooms and the large office and reading room, writing desks. All the Colored newspapers on file for the use of transit and regular roomers. Everything is being done to make it homelike for men. The house is mounted with an efficient staff of Colored help although the house has only been open to the public a short time already many applications are now on file for rooms for the Republican Convention and the Colored Men's Business League delegates. We can recommend the owner to be a well wisher of the race and having full confidence in their desire to support this magnificent Hotel, costing $50,000.

Safety at Sea.

Despite the progress of invention it still seems to be worth while to pray for "those who go down to the sea in ships."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

It seems remarkable that, with the knowledge already gained of the incalculable value of the wireless telegraph as a safety provision at sea, so few vessels thus equipped should have but one operator.—Springfield Republican.

The one unsinkable ship has been traveling the seas these many years. Derelict destroyers search for her to blow her up after her crew has abandoned her. She is the wooden lumber schooner. But she has no palm gardens.—Hartford Times.

Town Topics.

Cleveland is now experimenting with pay as you leave cars. The conductor who carries a woman two blocks beyond her corner will have a fine chance to get her nickel.—Detroit Free Press.

"Do you remember what Pittsburgh looked like twenty-five years ago?" asks a newspaper of that city. Aren't there enough disagreeable things to think about without that?—Cleveland Leader.

The three story house in Philadelphia which was once the home of Benjamin Franklin has been sold for $900. What a real estate boom Philly has been having for the past century!—Washington Post.

Wireless Whispers.

The signal corps at Fort Myer, Va., can unpack its wireless machine, erect the antennae, forty feet high, and begin work in sixty-eight seconds.

On an automobile wireless outfit built for the Austrian army the motor used to propel the car may also be utilized to drive the electric generator.

The Marconi company and the Italian government have made an agreement to erect a large wireless telegraph station in the suburbs of Rome, with two towers 240 feet high and four 150 feet.

Bunched Hits.

Nevertheless it won't be safe to try kicking the umpire aroun'.—Cleveland Leader.

One reason a woman never really enjoys watching a baseball game is because she never can tell when the umpire ought to be killed.—Galveston News.

The season is young, but Muggsy McGraw already has been chased. If that man ever saw the dove of peace he would shoot it for a quail.—Detroit News.

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Industrial and Higher Education.

The difference between industrial and the higher educaion, as explained by Professor Kelly Miller, is that industrial education develops an instrumentality and the higher education a personality. Professor Miller is dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Howard university.

THE CRIME OF LYNCHING.

Attacks Foundation of All True Government, Says Dr. Jones.

Under the caption, "The Crime of Lynching Needs National Attention," the Southwestern Christian Advocate, ably edited by that fearless agitator for human rights, Dr. R. E. Jones, says:

"The recent reckless taking of life in various parts of the country is an imperative call upon the listless ears and the calloused conscience of the American people. The crime of lynching grows. Constitutional law and procedure weaken.

"Permit the former, and the latter necessarily follows. It does not matter what the color of the victim of the mob may be or the crime of which he is accused, when duly enacted law is set aside the foundations of all true governments are attacked and sooner or later means inevitable failure. During the recent session of the Washington conference a resolution was introduced by Dr. Ernest Lyon which was unanimously adopted.

"It called attention to the fact that the orderly operation of law and justice is seriously threatened by mob violence; that the practice of lynching human beings without a trial by law, and the more heinous and atrocious crime of burning men alive, are not only on the increase, but are no longer confined to any particular section of our commonwealth.

"It is a happy omen that President Taft in a very recent address before the alumni of Howard university and a great audience of colored people in Washington took 'Lynching' as his text."

COLLEGE MEN ACTIVE IN CITY OF BROTHERLY LOVE.

Iota Sigma Club In Musical Comedy. Bethel Church Honors Pastor.

By WHITTIER H. WRIGHT.

Philadelphia.—The Iota Sigma (Intercollegiates) club of this city recently presented the Mask and Wig club in "The Junior," a typical college play in three musical and comical acts, at St. Peter Claver's auditorium. The Intercollegiates was organized a little more than a year ago for the purpose of getting the colored students together, believing that such association would benefit each one and that student life would have more effect upon the community.

The club numbers twenty-five members and represents the following colleges—namely, University of Pennsylvania, Temple university, Medico-Chirurgical college, Philadelphia Dental college and the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. Among the activities of the club are to be found a basketball team, a track team, a baseball team, a tennis team and a glee club.

Miss Willianette Ferguson, soloist of St. Phillips Episcopal church, Richmond, Va., a singer of much promise, is on an extended visit to friends in this city. Since being here she has been in much demand and has won her way into the hearts of the Philadelphia Afro-Americans. Miss Ferguson possesses a rich soprano voice, which is very effective with the classics. She has received several offers in the line of her profession since being in the city, and it is rumored that she may remain here permanently.

"Mother" Bethel A. M. E. church held its fifth annual reception the latter part of April in honor of Pastor M. W. Thornton and family. The affair was liberally subscribed to and largely attended. A very interesting program was rendered. The pastor was presented with a purse of $86.

Dr. Thornton is now closing his fifth year at Mother Bethel, with the honor of being the only minister since Richard Allen that has held this charge in succession for such a number of years. In 1895 this young man was elected president of Campbell college, Jackson, Miss., which had been struggling for permanent footing for fourteen years. In less than two years he erected its first building on a plot of five acres of ground, gave it a full equipment and an enrollment of 200 students.

Dr. Thornton has built several churches, paid off several mortgages, raised thousands of dollars for the connection and added thousands to the church. He is identified with several successful business enterprises and is a strong representative of his church and race.

In 1892 he graduated from Drake university, Des Moines, Ia., and was the first Afro-American to receive a diploma from this institution. Campbell, Paul Quinn and the Philadelphia Bible colleges have in turn bestowed upon him the doctor's degree. He is an able writer and has been editor of several publications. Dr. Thornton is a life trustee of Wilberforce and president of the board of directors of the Philadelphia Bible institute.

Hampton as Demonstration Center.

At the recent meeting of the board of trustees of the Hampton (Va.) institute Dr. Frissell presented his annual report as principal. This year Dr. Frissell outlined in detail the position of the Hampton school as a demonstration center which is visited annually by over 20,000 people from all parts of the world—casual visitors, public officials, educators, social workers and philanthropists, students of race problems and educational methods.

Next International Conference in 1915.

At the closing session of the International conference on the Negro recently held at the Tuskegee (Ala.) institute it was decided to hold the next conference at the institute in 1915.

Earliest Transportation.

The earliest and simplest conception of transportation is a man astride a log propelling it through the water with his hands and feet.

Dog Meat.

While Amundsen and others differ as to the edibility, digestibility, flavor and appetibility of polar dog meat, old Uncle Hippocrates, the first great scientific observer of the world and one of the most accurate, reckoned a fat puppy as one of the greatest delicacies Greece offered.

Deep Breathing.

Air is to the body what coal is to the furnace. The deeper the breathing the more drafts are turned on and the brighter life burns.

Costly Fishes.

The most beautiful and costly fishes in the world come from China, says the London Mail, and the rarest of all is the brush tail goldfish. Specimens of these have sold for as high as £140 each, and in Europe the prices range fro £50 to £100. The brush tail goldfish is so small that a half crown piece will cover it, and probably there is no living thing of its size and weight that is worth so much money.

Rubber Tires.

Although rubber has been in use since 1745, it was not until 100 years later that it was applied to the wheels of carriages.

The Coffee Tree.

The coffee tree in the valley of the Amazon yields four times as much fruit as in Mexico. But it is not a native. It was introduced from Africa.

Flags.

It can hardly be doubted that flags or their equivalent were used very early in the world's history. Among the buried remnants of early races and civilization are found records of objects which were apparently used as ensigns. These are accepted as evidence that the ancient Egyptian soldiers were not without their standards. The Assyrians and Jews also carried something similar in design and purpose.

Queer Springs.

In Spain there is a spring of water said to cure lovesick people. Another queer spring is situated in Mexico, the waters of which cure alcoholic cravings, so the legend runs.

Sea Legs.

To keep your footing in a car or on a boat walk with your feet wide apart. This is all there is to "sea legs."

Fusel Oil.

Fusel oil is a byproduct produced in the distillation of alcohol from various substances, including grain, beet and cane molasses and wood. Its chief use in the United States is in connection with the manufacture of explosives. It is also used in making artificial fruit essences.

Trout and Salmon.

A trout is a trout from the day it is born, but not until it gets into the ocean is a salmon a salmon. While it lives in a river it is a parr.

Music and Flowers.

Professor Hans Teitgen of Munich has discovered that flowers are sensitive to music and betray their individual natures by expanding their petals under the influence of certain melodies.

Elephants In Siam.

The whole elephant tribe is looked upon with great veneration by the Siamese. The elephant is the symbolic animal of the country, and, though his ponderous strength is daily used in his master's service, he is man's colaborer, not his beast of burden.

Names In China.

In China married women preserve their own names after marriage, the name of a person being regarded as very important in that country.

A Famous Tea House.

The firm that exported the celebrated chests of tea which were sunk in Boston harbor is still doing business in London. The firm is the oldest established tea house in England.

Wedding Funerals.

In Japan, land of flowers, they hold funeral services at the home of the bride's parents the night she is married. This is to show that the young lady is dead to her father and mother.

Borneo's Marriage Ceremony.

In Borneo the bride and bridegroom sit on metal logs before the priest, who gives them cigars and betel while he blesses them. He waves above them two fowls bound together. The bridegroom then places the betel in his bride's mouth and a cigar between her lips. They are then married.

A Secret.

A clever woman once gave a very smart designation of a secret as something for one, enough for two, nothing for three.

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