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SIX MORE OF HOUSTON ROTTERS LIBERATED RICH COLORED WOMAN TO BUILD RACE HOTEL

WILL BUILD LARGE HOTEL FOR COLORED

Colored Woman Who Made a Fortune on Patent Medicine Formula Will Now Invest \$1,500,000 For Her Race.

First-Class Hotel in St. Louis to Express Need of Her Race.

Readers who have seen the signs in negro sections of a city, "Poro College," or "Poro Beauty Parlors," do not perhaps realize that the woman who discovered or invented the mysterious Poro has accumulated a fortune. She is a colored woman living in St. Louis, Mrs. Evelyn Horton, and the product she manufactures will straighten the kinkiest hair.

The St. Louis Post Dispatch is authority for announcing Mrs. Horton's intentions to erect a combined hotel and theatre at a cost of \$1,500,000. The Post-Dispatch says:

Mrs. Horton's income from the sale of her products by 1800 agents throughout this country, Australia, South America and Liberia, is not known, but her home and business headquarters are impressive. Her reported real estate and bond holdings also indicate considerable financial success resulting from 18 years spent in the manufacture of products for straightening and growing hair.

A Monument to Her Success

Mrs. Horton, in announcing the proposed Hortona hotel, frankly admitted that it was to be a monument to her success as well as the expression of a thought for the needs of her race. "St. Louis offers no facilities to transient negroes capable of paying for comfortable hotel accommodations," she said. "Neither have we a first-class theater or shop. Hortona hotel will supply all these needs and, if successfully carried to completion, will fulfill a desire on my part to do something for the lasting good of my people."

Mrs. Horton was born in St. Louis 43 years ago, and is the mother of two grown daughters. It was while treating the scalp of one of her daughters, 18 years ago, that she says, she accidentally discovered the formula for growing and straightening hair.

Hortona hotel, as proposed, will be an eight-story, fireproof structure, with an exterior of mat brick and terra cotta. It will occupy 144 by 160 feet. Specifications include main and private ball and dining rooms, roof garden, Turkish baths, and 160 hotel rooms, 70 with bath. Provision is made for four shops on the ground floor, and seven suites of offices on the mezzanine.

Theater seating 1400

The theater plans call for seats for 1400 persons, and will be operated daily, except for three-week closing period in summer. Moving pictures and vaudeville from a national negro vaudeville circuit will be presented at prices ranging from 30 cents to \$1. It is the plan of the sponsors of the project to operate both theater and hotel with negro managers and employees, and to exercise care in the selection of office tenants and permanent guests in the hotel. It is significant that plans include no provisions for pool hall or bowling alley.

The hotel will be for both permanent and transient guests, with a minimum charge of \$2.50 per day. While exclusively for negroes, Mrs. Horton and her associates prefer to have the proposed institution known as a "racial" hotel, theater and civic center. The plans have been submitted to a local contracting firm, and it is expected that work will start in the spring.—Mid-West Hotel Reporter, 1-17-25, courtesy Northwest Hotel News.

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Pythians Reduce Rates at Hot Springs Sanitarium

New Orleans.—Announcement is made from the office of Supreme Chancellor Green that the Pythian Temple Sanitarium Commission, in order to popularize the Pythian bath house and sanitarium, Hot Springs, Ark., has decided to make temporary reduction of rates, effective Jan. 1. The reduction applies to the general public as well as to members of the order. The new scale is as follows:

Members of order—Inside rooms 75c a day, \$3 a week; outside rooms \$1 a day, \$4 a week.

Non-members—Inside rooms 75c a day, \$4 a week; outside rooms \$1 a day, \$5 a week.

Announcement is also made that at a conference of grand chancellors at Hot Springs, Dec. 29, there was projected a universal campaign for 50,000 new members, from Jan. 1 to July 1, 1925. A special dispensation for lowering the initiation fee has been granted to all grand lodges and grand court jurisdictions.



Bianca Saroya, dramatic soprano of the San Carlo Grand Opera Company, as "Leonora" in Il Trovatore at the Municipal Auditorium Saturday evening, January 31, 8:10 P. M.

Furnished front room for rent. Mrs. Yates Howard, 357 13th St., ATwater 3039.—Adv.

Stay off Easter Monday night. Adv.

Episcopal Church To Erect Training School For Women

Woman's Auxiliary Sponsors Project

Authorization for the expenditure of \$40,000 on a national school for the training of colored women as church workers has been given by the National Council of the Episcopal Church, and contracts will immediately be awarded for the erection of the schools at Raleigh, N. C., on the grounds of St. Augustine's school which is one of the twelve institutions in the South, conducted by the American Church Institute for the race.

It is expected that the new school will be finished and equipped for use at the beginning of the academic year of 1925-26. With the exception of \$5000 which will be raised by colored people of the South, the construction of this new school will be financed entirely by the Woman's Auxiliary of the Episcopal Church.

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Los Angeles Social Worker Visits Portland

Portland was fortunate in having as a visitor for a few hours Mrs. Georgia Robinson, policewoman of Los Angeles, Calif., who was here on official business. Mrs. Robinson is one of the pioneers in social work in California, having been in the department for nine years. Despite the fact that she is a very busy woman she finds time to take an active interest in club work and has contributed of her time and money to the East Side Mothers' Club and the Woman's Day Nursery and other uplift work. Wherever there is work to be done Mrs. Robinson can be found. While in Portland Mrs. Robinson visited some of the corrective institutions. As Mrs. Robinson is an ardent believer in supporting the press she found time to visit the office of The Advocate while here. She expressed regret at the fact that she could only spend a day here.

Press Association to Meet

The Negro Press Association will meet in St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 18th to 20th inclusive. A large number of editors are expected to attend.

Denverites Entertained Here

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Downing entertained at a delicious breakfast last Sunday morning, honoring Mr. and Mrs. George Morrison and Mrs. H. McDaniel of Denver, Colo., who played here at the Pantages theatre. Covers were placed for eight.

Launch Black Cross Liner in New York

Twenty Passengers Sail for Philadelphia and the West Indies.

New York, Jan. 19.—Three thousand men and women paid one dollar each for a ticket to see the Booker T. Washington, the first steamship of the Black Cross Navigation and Trading Company, Inc., which was open for inspection at Pier 75, North River, foot of W. 35th street, from 2 P. M. to 5 P. M. Saturday.

At 6:40 the vessel moved out into the river with 20 passengers on board and started for Philadelphia, whence she will go to Norfolk for coal and then to Cuba, Haiti, Colon and Kingston, Jamaica.

The steamship still had the old name, "Gen. George W. Goethals," on her bow, which will be changed when she gets to Norfolk. Capt. Jacob Hoirth, a Norwegian, was in command with two white officers and three white engineers. The remainder of the crew were Negroes.

After Mrs. Marcus Garvey had smashed a bottle of wine over the bow of the vessel and named the craft "Booker T. Washington," Bishop George Alexander McGuire delivered an address, in which he spoke of the advancement of the Negro race in America and the position Negroes can attain in the commercial world by being good citizens and leading steady, industrious lives.

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Episcopalians Honor Bishop Walter T. Sumner

250 Banquet at Hotel Portland; St. Phillips Mission Represented.

Honoring the tenth anniversary of the administration of the Rt. Rev. Walter T. Sumner as Bishop of the Diocese of Oregon, two hundred fifty guests assembled in the grille room of The Hotel Portland Wednesday at 6:30 at a five-course banquet.

A program was the feature of the occasion over which Dr. S. E. Joseph and Lay-Reader Blaine V. Coles jointly presided. The program was opened with a trio consisting of the cello, violin and piano, followed by addresses from several prominent churchmen and Mrs. Wilson Johnston, president of the Women's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Oregon. The Rt. Rev. Remington, The Advocate while here. She expressed regret at the fact that she could only spend a day here.

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Dean Kelly Miller Read Out of Republican Party

Wrote in Support of Rival Candidates

The persistent letter writing of Dean Kelly Miller of Howard University, has reacted to bring him into disrepute in the inner councils of the Republican party.

Last Monday, after careful deliberation, the executive committee of the State Central Committee of the Republican Party in the District of Columbia, officially read out of the party Dean Kelly Miller, professor of sociology at Howard University.

Dean Miller's Activity

During the last campaign, Dean Miller's facile pen found play in support of the Democratic candidate, John W. Davis, and the progressive candidate, Robert LaFollette. Having no vote and but a voice which he used to persuade the colored people to consider the merits of defeated and rival candidates, he has been removed from the ranks of the regular Republicans in the company of other prominent men who strayed afield.

There is a strong sentiment against persistent activity in politics by university men and women. Right or wrong, it is a fact.

to the national council was 42 years young and that the women were proud of their age because it represented 42 years of noblest effort. She urged co-operation and said the first two letters of co-operation stand for Christ Omnipotent and that they also stand for company which she liked to think of as representing His body, the church. Archdeacon Jay C. Black gave a report of the committee on appropriations, the gist of which was that \$5000 will be raised and placed into the hands of the presiding Bishop of Oregon to take care of the deficit of the church preceding 1924, the sum to be raised before the end of 1925.

Bishop Walter T. Sumner, the last speaker, expressed his happiness for the splendid fellowship and esteem which had been accorded him during his administration. He appreciated the company of Bishop Remington the more because of the fellowship and because the Bishop called him by his first name, for, he said: "I wasn't born a Bishop and I know something else besides Bishopsing." He liked to be treated as human, he said, and therefore welcomed those who knew him as "Walt". The burden of the Bishop's words was the building of the new cathedral to take the place of the one recently burned. Bishop Sumner declared the new cathedral would represent an idea—a tangible expression of faith in the great cause of Christ. He predicts a more wonderful progress of the Episcopal church during the next ten years than the past ten years have witnessed, and said that while there has been a good deal of dissatisfaction, there had been much happiness during his ten years as the Bishop of Oregon.

Freita Shaw, representing St. Phillips Mission, sang preceding Bishop Remington's address. She was accompanied by Carl Denton. An aria from the opera Aida and H. T. Burleigh's "Didn't It Rain" were the selections in which her voice was charming and which won a big ovation.

Seated at one of the tables among the guests at the banquet were: Mesdames Richard W. Peek, Jessie Ewing-Edwards, E. D. Cannady, E. P. Carr, Dr. C. M. Howe and Freita Shaw, and at another table were noted Mesdames J. Harris, Highby, D. Holder and Miss Margie Danley.

Surprises Her Brother

Miss Nellie Allen, daughter of W. D. Allen, gave a surprise dinner party honoring her youngest brother, Robert Allen, on his 12th birthday anniversary, Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the family residence, 675 East Madison street.

N.A.A.C.P. to Hold Lincoln-Douglass Celebration

At a meeting of the executive committee of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People held Monday evening, arrangements were completed for a Lincoln-Douglass celebration February 12th at First A. M. E. Zion church. The program will include some of the best local talent. A prominent jurist will deliver the main address, the Secretary of the Association, Lee C. Anderson, will speak on Douglass, there will be musical numbers and Miss Margie Danley will preside. The celebration bids fair to eclipse any of former date, and the Association urges all of those interested in the advancement of the race to work for the success of this meeting.



Mario Basiola, baritone, of the San Carlo Grand Opera Co., as Count di Luna in Il Trovatore, January 31, 8:10 P. M., at the Municipal Auditorium. Presented by the Elwyn Concert Bureau.

Miss Walker Donates \$25,000 to Hampton-Tuskegee Fund.

Largest Single Donation Ever Made by Any Person of Color for Negro Education; Committee Now Campaigning Reports Wonderful Success.

What is claimed to be the largest single donation from any person of color given for the cause of education was made yesterday by Miss A. Leilia Walker, president of the Madam C. J. Walker Manufacturing Company, who donated \$25,000 to the Hampton-Tuskegee Endowment fund.

It will be recalled that it was announced some time ago that a committee of former graduates of Hampton and Tuskegee would make a campaign tour of the country raising money for the endowment fund. According to the latest reports, those working in behalf of the institutions have been very successful.

Breaks Back

T. J. Cotton, a blacksmith, who formerly resided in Portland, but now of Los Angeles, while engaged in repairing a truck last week had the sad misfortune to have his back broken when the jack slipped and the truck fell on him. Mr. Cotton's condition is reported to be grave. Mr. Cotton has a wife and eight children.

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6 MORE HOUSTON MARTYRS RELEASED

20 Remaining Prisoners Transferred From Leavenworth to Military Prison, Warden Biddle Writes N.A.A.C.P.

One Released Man Calls at N.A.A.C.P. National Office to Express Thanks.

(N.A.A.C.P. Press Service)

New York, Jan. 23.—Six more Houston Martyrs, former members of the 24th Infantry, imprisoned for their alleged share in the Houston riot of 1917, were released on January 8 and January 15 of this year, it was announced today by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 69 Fifth Avenue, reducing the total number of these men still in prison to 29. Since the N. A. A. C. P. presented the petition signed with 125,000 names to President Coolidge in February of 1924, twenty-six men have been released. The men released on January 8 are: Fred Avery and William Mance. A week later, on January 15, the following were released: Henry Green, George Hobbs, William J. Hough and George J. Parham. Mr. Parham visited the National Office of the N. A. A. C. P. in person to express his thanks for the efforts that had been made in his behalf.

One of the men released January 8, William Mance, was originally sentenced to death, his sentence was commuted to life imprisonment after the N. A. A. C. P. appealed to President Wilson in 1918, and this latter sentence was commuted to 20 years, making him eligible for the parole which has now been granted. Of the 10 men originally sentenced to death, whose sentences were commuted to life imprisonment through N. A. A. C. P. action, six have now been paroled, as follows:

John Lanier, released Nov. 10, 1924.

Edward Porter, released Nov. 26, 1924.

John Gould, released Nov. 26, 1924.

John Geter, released Nov. 26, 1924.

Wm. Burnette, released Dec. 14, 1924.

Wm. Mance, released Jan. 8, 1924.

Daily Fashion Hint