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Where Equality May Be Inferiority

AN Oklahoma court not many years ago, in handing down a decision in a Jim Crow car suit ruled that equality did not necessarily mean identity.

The promoters of a West Virginia Negro college are now urging the change on "equality of opportunity."

The word colored in the name of a cooperate existence may simply denote obvious physical difference, telling nothing of the character and nature of the product of the institution.

There is today no little bit of this kind of difference in the education of West Virginia resulting from the action of ill advised enthusiasts.

People vs. Special Interests

MANY charges have been made that Governor Hatfield is building up a political machine of gigantic proportions, that he is intimidating public officials and cracking the party whip over the heads of the members of the legislature.

The facts are these: The governor is bracing up the knees of weak officials where he finds them vacillating and about to cringe in the presence of powerful moneyed interests.

of the legislature meets with the approval of the citizens of West Virginia. These attacks upon the governor only strengthen him with the working people of the State and it will take only a few more of such to make sure his election to the U. S. Senate if he desires to go.

HON. T. Edward Hill, business manager of The McDowell Times, has made an excellent representative of the rights of the race at this session of the legislature.

KEEP your promise with men. Pay your debts and live within your means. Stop spending everything you make for clothes to wear and for extravagant living.

NEGRO ATTORNEYS

Appear Before Senate Committee. Protest Against "Full Crew" Bill

Able Speeches by E. H. Harper and A. G. Froe.

CHARLESTON, W. VA., Feb. 16.—The Senate Committee on Railroads held its final hearing on the "Full Crew" bill in the Senate chamber tonight.

Atty. A. G. Froe of Welch opened his speech by stating that he had no stones to throw at the Brotherhood and no bouquets at the railroads companies.

railroad companies to put them on; that if the B. of R. T. or the author of the bill desired to be fair they would have made the porter a part of the train crew.

The speeches were able, interesting and the Negro's side of the controversy was gone into fully. The closest attention was given the Negro speakers by both committee and audience.

In addition to the speeches made by Messrs. Harper and Froe much effective work has been done against the bill by Hon. C. E. Harman, member of the House of Delegates from McDowell; Atty. J. H. Love of Williamson, who represented the Negro railroad employees of that city; Messrs. L. O. Wilson, T. E. Hill, R. W. White, W. W. Sanders, J. H. Craggett, Ike Noel and Henry Richards.

MARTINSVILLE NEWS

Mr. James Preston died at his home on Church st., Saturday morning Feb. 6th after an illness of several months.

Mrs. Lucy Jumper is confined to her bed with pneumonia.

Mrs. Sileis Prouty, who has been confined to her room, is able to be out again.

A very surprising event took place at the home of Mrs. H. D. Penn on High st., Saturday evening, Feb. 6, when Miss Annie Mae was united in marriage to Mr. John Patterson, of Kimball, W. Va.

Mr. Ben Martin, of West Virginia, is here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rube Martin.

I. O. O. St. Lukes have paid off four death claims within the past four months, viz. Mattie Hairston, Dennis Hairston, Frances Hairston and Charlie Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hairston have built a new store house on Church st., and we wish them success in the grocery business.

Martinsville is yet without a school house for colored youths and now is the time for colored people to take steps in having the county appropriate funds for the erection of one.

Those wishing for The Times can see Harris Crosby on Barton st. He will also quote you prices on publication of articles and advertisements, as well as job printing.

Card of Thanks. Freeman, W. Va., Feb. 16. We wish to thank our many friends for their kindness and assistance during the sickness and death of our daughter, Katie.

FILE PROTEST AGAINST BILLS McDowell Editors Claim Full Crew and Experience Measures Are Unfair

The following protest against the "full crew" and "experience" railroad bills has been made to the railroad committee of the house of delegates and the senate by the publishers of The McDowell Times, a weekly newspaper published in the interest of the colored citizens of the coal fields adjacent to the Norfolk & Western railway.

Keystone, W. Va., Feb. 9, 1915. To the Honorable Chairman and Members of the Committee on Railroads, Charleston, W. Va.

Gentlemen:—As the publishers of The McDowell Times, a newspaper published in what is commonly called the "Black Belt," and which enters the homes of nearly 5,000 members of the Negro race in the state, and as one of the two mouth-pieces of the entire 61,000 Negroes of West Virginia, we must humbly protest against the passage of the bills known as the "Full Crew" and "Experience" bills.

Among the reasons for this protest are these: FIRST. The passage of the "Full Crew Bill" will force out of employment one hundred or more Negro porters, in order to give employment to one hundred or more white brakemen.

SECOND. Its passage will cause a cut in wages which will more seriously effect the Negroes on the N. & W. railway than any other class, because there are more than three hundred of the lower grades of work and the lower grades are always the first to get a wage cut, and the largest share of the additional cost of extra brakemen and conductors will be met by reductions in their salary and in dismissals.

THIRD. These bills were introduced by the brotherhood which does not permit Negroes doing the same class of work to become members, and has repeatedly attempted to entirely eliminate Negroes from all branches of the railroad service.

FOURTH. The "Experience Bill" will place the employment of labor upon the railroads into the hands of the Brotherhood and, judging the future by the past, the Negro railroad employees cannot expect a "square deal" at its hands.

FIFTH. Under this measure the Brotherhood will be able to dictate the employment of only its members and can force its demands by threatening a strike. The railroads would be at its mercy because they would not be able under the law, to employ any but "experienced" men, and enough to run the trains in West Virginia could not be obtained outside of the Brotherhood. The experience record is kept by the Brotherhood, but only of its members.

SIXTH. Such words as "Non-promotable" applies only to Negroes and "competent and experienced" to whites in railroad parlance.

These measures are not dictated by a desire for safety nor are they necessary, if the word of many men of long experience in railroad employment is worth anything and every Negro in the employ of the railroads of West Virginia are opposed to their passage, because they force the exactness of such laws will force them out of the railroad service in this state, as it has done in Ohio, Illinois and other states which have such laws.

That any organization of laboring men, which discriminate against other laboring men because of their color, that declares any class or race the God-given right of earning a living by the sweat of their brow should not be encouraged in their unfairness and prejudice by the legislature of the great state of West Virginia, elected to protect the rights of all races, classes and colors alike.

We most respectfully submit this protest, which not only has the endorsement of every informed Negro in the State of West Virginia, and pray that you honorable representatives of all the people will give neither unfair encouragement to so unjust, unfair, unequal for and unnecessary measure.

Respectfully submitted, WHITTICO & HILL, Publishers. T. Edward Hill, Legislative Agent.

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PAY US—SEND OUR MONEY

Are you a subscriber to The McDowell Times? Have you paid for it? What right have you to be drinking your belly full of "rot-gut" whiskey, getting drunk and acting a fool of the money you owe for this paper?

THE McDOWELL TIMES, Keystone, W. Va. Box 277

Notice to Take Depositions.

To Luther Hollie: Take notice that on the 27th day of Feb., 1915, at the office of S. S. Crider, in the town of Kimball, County of McDowell and State of W. Va., between 8 o'clock a. m. and 6 p. m. of that day, I shall proceed to take depositions of myself and others, to be read in evidence in my behalf in a certain suit in chancery pending in the Circuit Court of McDowell county State of W. Va., in which I am plain-iff and you are defendant, and if from any cause the taking of said depositions be not commenced on that day, or if commenced, if they be not completed on that day, the taking of said depositions will be adjourned from day to day, at the same place and will be the same hours until they are completed.

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Wash Huffmon, Mgr. Northfork, West Virginia.

Notice! One good printing plant for sale at Lynch Station, Va. Will give you a bargain. See J. C. PAYNE

The Home Pharmacy Opposite Col. a Baptist Church Princeton, W. Va. When in town call and see us.

To the Public We take pleasure in announcing that in the future Mr. N. S. Bohne will solicit for the McDowell Times. He is authorized to solicit job-work, advertising, subscriptions and to collect for same.

Backache Cardui The Woman's Tonic I took two bottles, in all, and was cured. I shall always praise Cardui to sick and suffering women.