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Oppose Site, While Colored are Accepting the Segregation if only Get Good Site As Whites Have—Law Got Through Congress But is Sanction of Segregation and Should be Opposed—Chicago Defender Leads in Urging Opposition to the Jim-Crow—Comes Under Sec'y. Weeks.

Washington, D. C.—A racial question in the national capital which promises to grow to sizable proportions, has developed around a proposal for a bathing beach for the city's colored population on the Tidal Basin opposite the Lincoln Memorial.

To understand just what this means is necessary first to know that approximately one-third, or more than 150,000 of Washington's inhabitants are colored. It is necessary also to understand that the point at which it is proposed to build this beach is immediately opposite the Potomac park golf course and along the Potomac park boulevard, where the city's elite prefer to drive on hot days to get the comparatively cool breezes that waft across the water from the Virginia shore.

The thought of a bathing beach at this point, which would be frequented by thousands of the city's poorer folk of color, is enough to give a lot of capital fashionables apoplexy. It mustn't happen, they say. Awful! Dreadful! What is our capital coming to, anyway?

White Women Oppose Site, Appeal To Weeks.

Voicing this viewpoint, Mrs. John D. Sherman, president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, has written Secretary of War Weeks, under whose jurisdiction this park improvement would come, demanding that he take a "firm stand" against the proposal.

Mrs. Sherman foresees grave international difficulties should the beach be developed at this point, as in doing so it would be necessary to cut down or remove a number of the cherry trees presented the capital 20 odd years ago by the Mikado of Japan.

"It would come with very bad grace on the part of the government of the United States," she says, "to cut down any of the wonderful trees given us by Japan."

Furthermore—"The drive around the Tidal Basin is one of the most famous in the world. You can readily see what a collection of parked automobiles would do there, particularly on Saturdays and Sundays. There would surely be trouble."

The problem of a bathing beach for the city's colored third has been complicated by the fact that representatives of the colored population have been resolute in refusing to consider a beach in any location except along the Speedway or in Potomac park.

Colored's Argument But Jim Crow by Congress is Hurtful.

The white man's bathing beach is in the Tidal Basin, they say, so why not the Negro's? This is the capital of the United States? And isn't the black man equal of the white under government? By this very thing they choose, as particular appropriate, the site across from the majestic marble memorial to the Great Emancipator.

Sentimentally, the white population hasn't any answer to his argument or any similarly appropriate alternative as to the site.

But practically, the proposition of this bathing beach is one that is stirring the racial prejudices of the town as nothing has done for decades. If it is to be settled without

BENEDICT NEWS.

By Gilroye Griffin.

During the Christmas holidays many students returned to their homes throughout South Carolina, to spend the six days given them with their home folk. On re-entering school they indicated that they had enjoyed a very Merry Christmas. Those who remained on the campus certainly enjoyed the holidays. The girls indulged in a jolly hike; the boys were entertained in various homes of the city, and what might be called a climax was reached on Saturday evening December 27, when the boys and girls were given a social by the faculty.

On New Year's Day the philanthropic spirit of the students was manifested; when, despite mud and water, clouds and cold, a band of about thirty girls tramped to the Old Folks' Home burdened with baskets filled with gifts for the aged people there.

At twelve o'clock on the same day the entire student body assembled in the College Chapel to celebrate the sixty-second anniversary of the issuing of the Emancipation Proclamation. The program rendered was indeed a fitting and worthy memorial of that great event and not only served as a reminder of what the race has accomplished but also as a prophecy in parable of what it shall attain. The students received inspiration encouragement and sound advice from the Orator of the Day.

The most important news around Benedict's Campus and all the discussions for that matter are weighted with the fact that examinations commence Monday, January 12, 1925. Despite this trying time, however, student activities, from which the student body derive much benefit continue to attract attention. The various societies and fraternities are convened at least once each week. The Phi Sigma Fraternity engages the members of the College Department; the Douglass Debating Club calls the men of the High School its own; the Ministerial Union attracts aspiring preachers and a goodly number of other students; the Y. M. C. A. is doing a good work among all the men of the College and the Y. W. C. A. is open to the girls.

Insofar as the students are concerned, there is another feature of school life which entertains and at the same time develops talent—the rhetoricals. These exercises began soon after the foot ball season closed and have brought to light many future orators. The declamations have been characterized by an eloquence which rivals if it does not reach that of the original delivery. Patrick Henry has again exclaimed: "Give Me Liberty, or Give Me Death;" John Adams has again urged the adoption of the Declaration; Webster has again pleaded his law cases and defended Massachusetts' rights; Calhoun has again occupied the floor; Emmett has vindicated himself twice this year and Cassius has again railed on Caesar. These oratorical efforts are made every Monday at the 11:30 Chapel Service.

Quite a flutter has been evident around the College in recent days. The cause is a yet small heap of stone and lumber placed opposite College Hall. Many are seeing the new Science Hall rise from this small mass of material which is increasing day by day.

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soreness, it will require all the tact, diplomacy and common sense those in authority here can muster.—The Boston Guardian.

Mrs. Helen Nelson-Pompey Passes Away.

Surrounded By Loved Ones, She Succumbs to the Grim Monster in Philadelphia. Funeral and Interment Held Here.

A blanket of gloom passed over Columbia last Tuesday, Dec. 30, when news of the death of Mrs. Helen Pompey spread rapidly over the entire community. Mrs. Pompey who had been making her home in Philadelphia since March of last year, began complaining about a month ago. Later, she was advised that an operation would be necessary; after all that loved ones and friends could do, had failed, this operation was performed Dec. 24, successfully. But it was afterwards detected that other complications had taken place. She fought bravely, yes valiantly, but patiently against the attack, which proved fatal; and on Tuesday last, the great monster death, claimed all that was mortal, of our loved one.

The body was carefully prepared for shipment and burial by Miss Parker, one of the efficient female undertakers of Chester, Pa.

Notice was sent by request of the family, to Mr. T. H. Pinckney, one of the oldest and most reliable undertakers of this city.

The body accompanied by the mother, two sisters and one son, reached the city on Friday, where the husband, two aunts and a second son awaited the sad arrival and to share in the bereavement.

The funeral of the deceased took place at Wesley Church, Sunday at 2:00 P. M. The large congregation, the many and beautiful floral offerings, especially those contributed by the

father and sons, Gov. and Mrs. Thomas McLeod, and Lawyer and Mrs. W. D. Melton, bespoke the esteem in which Mrs. Pompey was held.

The funeral services were very beautifully carried out under the skillful management of Mr. Pinckney.

Statements made by Mrs. Pompey to her loved ones, and those interested in her spiritual welfare, assures us, that our loss, though great, is heaven's gain.

She leaves to mourn her loss, a devoted husband, a faithful mother, two sons, two sisters, one brother, two aunts and a host of friends. Mr. Arthur Pompey, Mrs. Helen Nelson, Arthur Pompey, Jr., Nelson Pompey, Mrs. Allie Berk, Mrs. Sue Hampton, Mrs. Amy Broom, Mrs. Annie Mitchell.

As fades the evening hours,
So faded this fair flower,
Her sainted soul gone on
To rest above.
Kissed we the chastening rod,
Bowed to the will of God,
And 'neath the low, green sod,
Laid we our dear.

No more on earth to dwell
And claim our love,
Our darling one gone home,
To rest above.

Lowly her casket lies,
But far above the skies,
Righteous hands grasped a prize,
When Helen went home.

Mrs. E. E. Sims, is the home guest of Dr. and Mrs. D. H. Sims. The Leader wishes her a very pleasant stay.

The Leader was shocked to learn of the death of Miss Sarah White, one of the teachers of B. T. Washington High School. She passed away after an illness of a very few days.

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