

Doings In "The Gate City" Of The South.

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TWO INSURANCE FIRMS IN MERGER.

Stockholders of the Standard Life Insurance company with upwards of \$27,000,000 worth of old-line legal reserve business in force Thursday night voted to merge with the Southern Insurance company of Nashville, Tenn., giving the new company, which will be known as the Southern and Standard Life Insurance company, combined assets of more than \$5,000,000 and outstanding business of upwards of \$75,000,000. This action was taken at the twelfth annual meeting of the local organization.

This is the first instance on record where two companies of such large proportions, one white and the other colored, have merged their names, stock, business and directorates for the sake of greater business and larger service.

Leading Negro business men from all over the country were present and gave their sanction to the merger, while President Will G. Harris, of the Southern Insurance company, with his executive officers, attended the meeting, which was held in Atlanta.

Herman E. Perry, colored, president and founder of Standard Life, read the proposal for the merger as presented by the Southern Insurance company together with such amendments as counsel for Standard Life had approved, and after statements from Mr. Harris as to the standing and reliability of his own company, the motion to merge was unanimously adopted.

The Standard Life Insurance company has a well organized agency force operating in thirteen states. Headquarters and working force of Stan-

dard Life, as well as its board of directors, will continue as heretofore. Atlanta Constitution.

CAR SERVICE BLOCKED.

Inter-urban car service between Atlanta and Marietta has been suspended as a protest against jitney service between these two cities. Marietta is a city of 8,000 people twenty miles above Atlanta. More than 2,000 people of Marietta earn their daily bread in Atlanta and since the installation of bus service between these two cities the street car company has suffered a severe slump in business. They claimed that they were losing money on the line, and because the city councils of these two cities were unreasonably slow in taking up the matter of having these jitneys discontinued, the company had some of the rails removed from the track. This action has proved a great disadvantage to the patrons of the line, making it necessary for those whom the jitneys cannot accommodate to come to the city by railroad.

Jitney abolition is being considered by council at this writing and it is thought that they will do something to aid the car company.

In the meantime Holt Gwinner, president of the Georgia Jitney Bus association, has called a mass meeting of bus owners, drivers and sympathizers, as well as the general public. A hot fight is expected before the end of the week as several members of council favor a referendum for the decision of the people.

BATTLING SIKI SEES ATLANTA.

Siki, the Senegalese prize-fighter, the conquerer of Georges Carpentier, the black man who speaks eleven different languages, the rowdy man of the ring, is in Atlanta. He will have

a fistie encounter with Happy Hunter, Atlanta Negro light-heavyweight, at the Auditorium Armory Tuesday night.

No sooner did the famous fighter eat a few Georgia sweet potatoes and two or three meals of rabbit before he felt "bully" and was ready for a wild rampage. So, on Sunday, in spite of the heavy rains, he decided to see the Gate City. He hired a taxi and beat it for parts unknown, and when he returned a huge bill was presented to him which made him feel like doing the usual stunt. But nothing serious happened. Ben Bluestein, his manager, politely paid the bill and decided the best way to keep his protégé in check would be to hire bodyguards to keep up with him. So two detectives were hired to follow Mr. Siki wherever he decides to go in order that the fight fans will be sure to see him when they go to the Auditorium Tuesday night.

Columbia Theological Seminary To be Moved to Atlanta.

The well known Presbyterian Seminary on Blanding street, Columbia, S. C., which has stood as a shrine to young white men of that faith for 98 years, will be moved to Atlanta soon. A 40-acre tract of land near Decatur has been donated and \$250,000 of the \$500,000 asked of the people of Georgia will be donated by citizens of Atlanta.

The school is owned by the Synod of Georgia, South Carolina, Alabama, Florida and Mississippi. It will be more centrally located in this city.

WHISKEY-LADEN BATEAU SEIZED; CREW CAPTURED.

A bateau, containing 200 gallons of liquor, which had drifted for three days down the Chattahoochee river, from the point in the mountains where it was made, was captured by prohibition agents Friday morning as the "skipper" and his "mate" were unloading the cargo on the banks of Fulton county.

Two men, wet through and half frozen from exposure, were arrested as they carried can after can to a waiting automobile. They gave their names as Early Moss and Minter Portre, of Dawson county, and made bonds of \$500 each. A tip from Dawson was their nemesis.—Atlanta Constitution.

Death of Mrs. Sylvia Wallace.

A telegram was received by Mrs. Margaret Stratton, 2317 Washington St., announcing the death of her sister, Mrs. Sylvia Wallace.

Mrs. Wallace was formerly of this city, but at the time of her death was living with her daughter in Kansas City, Kansas. She is the widow of Geo. Wallace and also the mother of the late Professor Harry Wallace. No word concerning the funeral arrangements has been secured as yet.

Georgetown Items.

In spite of the inclement weather, Sunday, Jan. 18, 1925, the Allen Christian Endeavor League of Bethel A. M. E. Church, of which Rev. J. L. Benbow pastor, held its regular service at 6:30 P. M. The service was opened by singing "He Leadeth Me," after which The Lord's Prayer was chanted. A beautiful and interesting lesson titled "Medical Missions" was deeply discussed, led by Mr. Chas. S. Browne. Timely and helpful remarks were made by our pastor, Rev. Benbow, followed by a beautiful solo, "Love Sends a Little Gift of Roses" rendered by Miss Mae Fraser, accompanied by Miss Maria Fraser.

Miss Jennie Young made a few interesting remarks. The President Mr. Lawrence Dunmore and Mr. Charles S. Browne and others are making this League the largest in the state. The League extends a cordial invitation to all.

The faculty and students of Howard High School are hard at work under the leadership of the alert and efficient principal, Prof. J. B. Beck. Interesting and profitable contests are being conducted each Friday morning. These contests, designed to demonstrate the work done by the competing grades, will continue the weekly series of exhibitions staged by each grade before the holidays.

Miss Jennie Young is again on the teaching staff, after an absence of a year.

Among many other good features Howard school is noted for marriage among its teachers. This school year will not be an exception for Miss Josie Taylor, one of the teachers, decided to make her permanent home in Georgetown, when during the holidays, she became the bride of Mr. Robert Jackson of this city.

The Youths' Improvement Club, of which Dr. Wm. S. Thompson is president is making rapid progress. This wonderful organization is doing much for the uplifting of the young people in our city.

The members are looking forth to

a grand "Masquerade Serenade" on Feb. 13. Owing to the condition of the weather for the past few days the members were barred from the Tennis courts.

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Douglass and Lincoln Were Friends

Springfield, Ill., Jan.—(By The Associated Negro Press)—The Illinois Historical Society has just published records which reveal an interesting phase of the relationship between Stephen A. Douglass the political rival of Abraham Lincoln, and the martyr president. So intense was the political enmity between these two men that it has become to mean the same thing in human discord that the story of Damon and Pythias does in human friendships.

But it is now learned that, despite their fights on the rostrum and the decline of Douglas due to the rise of Lincoln, the two men maintained a strong and tender personal friendship which was exhibited in many acts of kindness by the one for the other.

It is related that on the occasion of Lincoln's inauguration at Washington a rumor to the effect that Mrs. Lincoln would be snubbed by Washington society absented itself. When Douglas heard the report, he set to work to prevent any embarrassment to the president's wife and escorted her personally to the ball. There were many other times when occasions arose when he could show the president similar courtesies and he never failed to do so.

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