

# News Notes of the Nation's Capital

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Washington, D. C., July 16.—The three newspapers of Washington are a unit in sounding the slogan: "Bruce-Must Go!" \* \* \* The Emancipation Exposition at Richmond, Va., is a sorry disappointment, as everybody said it would be. \* \* \* Mrs. Amanda S. Gray, Phar. D.; Mrs. Coralie F. Cook, Mrs. Josephine B. Bruce and Miss Loia Jonnson are among those who will go from here to the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco. \* \* \* President Daniel Freeman of the Local Business league, expects to carry a big delegation to the Boston meeting of the National Negro Business League. \* \* \* Prof. Elzie S. Hoffman and his concert band gave a highly enjoyable "mid-summer night's festival" Monday evening at Green Willow Park, Anacosta. \* \* \* The colored G. A. R. veterans are to be warmly received when they come in September. Several committees are at work on the arrangements to entertain them in suitable fashion. \* \* \* Mr. F. D. McCracken, who spent several years here as the private secretary of Congressman F. D. Stevens, of Minnesota, has gone into the insurance business in his old home town, St. Paul, Minn. He has been appointed agent for the St. Paul and Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company. This company is authorized railroad insurance corporation for several of the principal lines running through St. Paul and the Great Northwest. With Mr. McCracken's wide acquaintance with the railroad men of both races, he is sure to make business hum. \* \* \* Rev. W. Bishop Johnson, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, was tendered a "going away" reception Monday evening in the main auditorium of the church, in recognition of his thirty-three years of continuous service as shepherd there. He is to have a three months' vacation.

The order exchanging troops now on the Mexican border for those in the Philippines has been reissued by the Secretary of War. Among other changes, the 9th Cavalry is to leave the border for the Orient, starting about August 5, and the 24th Infantry is to take their place on the Rio Grande, leaving the Philippines about August 15.

An early consideration of the change in the appointing power of the Board of Education will be urged when Congress convenes. The District Commissioners will then name the Board, as it should do, and thus bring it nearer to the people. Several changes in the personnel of the Board will follow, it is believed. The matter must be settled early in the winter, to the end that the budget for the annual appropriations may be prepared by the Board authorized by the Commissioners. \* \* \* The National Correspondent of the Public Stenographic Company is the latest addition to the business life of the race hereabouts. It will supply news letters and give stenographic reports of speeches at meetings in the interest of colored people, supplying the same to the newspapers at a moderate charge. If the company can get enough papers on their staff that will pay them \$1.00 each weekly, the venture ought to be a success. No first class newspaper should be without a Washington correspondent. \* \* \* To illustrate the truism that the best way to keep a thing a secret is to let a high-purposed newspaper man know all about it. Just notice the deep silence that pervaded S. Tutt Whitney's correspondence relative to an unfortunate incident that occurred a few days ago in the stage circles of Philadelphia. The happening was a big piece of "news," but Whitney was as loyal to his chosen profession of acting as he was to his side-issue of reporting the news of that profession; hence, there was no exposure of what would ordinarily have been a sensation. The curtain fell as the discreet Whitney "took his pen in hand," and the matter is—in the language of the State Department—"a closed incident." 'Tis better so! \* \* \* The famous Griffin sisters, although going to much expense and trouble, did not get to open their 9th Street Airdome after all. The location was ideal, convenient to two car lines, and in the heart of the fashionable set of the great northwest. A big sign, forecasting the grand opening of the park had already been flung to the breezes and the promise of a license had been given, when a stipulation relative to running water and other costly improvements was put up to them by the authorities, and the well-laid plans of the Griffins came to naught, as they did not feel justified in risking any more money on the project. Miss Emma Griffin, says nevertheless, like the German Kaiser, the team of Griffins is unbeatable, and though checked for the time being, they will make another effort in Washington before long and give to the people here a theater of which they will be proud. The Griffins have returned to vaudeville and have been drawing the crowds in Memphis, Tenn.; Indianapolis, Ind., and Chicago. Miss Mabel suffered a slight stroke of paralysis some weeks ago, but is rapidly recovering. The sisters send regards to all Washington friends. \* \* \* J. Ottoway Holmes, one of our leading business men, still holds the lease on the Fairyland, 19th and L. streets. It is a good stand and only needs an expert-

enced manager to make money for the leaseholder. \* \* \* The Four Song Birds, comprising the quartette that made such a hit with The Smart Set, captured the folks at the Howard a fortnight ago. The members of the team were Miss Hattie Akers of this city, Miss Carrie King and the Jackson sisters. Their singing and acting was the best that has been presented here by a similar aggregation within memory, and they "stopped the show" at each performance. The quartette was trained by that music master, S. Tutt Whitney. \* \* \* Whitney's Smart Set is expected to, open here late in August in the new musical comedy, "George Washington Bullion Abroad." \* \* \* Martin and Motley, returning to vaudeville after a long run at the head of their own company in the south, are at the Palace Airdome, with Dudley's to follow. \* \* \* The B. P. O. E. of the world are rallying around the banner of T. Gillis Nutter, of Charleston, W. Va., for re-election as Grand Exalted Ruler. At the Chicago convention, which opens August 31, he will have at his back 90 per cent of the delegates that are to come from nearly every state in the Union and from the islands of the sea. It will surprise no one, conversant with the inside "dope," if Mr. Nutter is re-elected by acclamation. At this writing, no opposing candidate has been able to muster more than a corporal's guard and the united voice of the order is for Nutter. Both lodges of the District of Columbia—the Columbia, No. 85, and Morning Star, No. 40—will be for Nutter from start to finish. Mr. Frank P. Williams, esteemed leading Knight of Columbia, No. 85, said to your correspondent, when he learned that Nutter's hat was in the ring: "You can say for me that, as far as I can see, there is nothing but Nutter in the field. I hear from the leaders all over the country, and all join in urging the re-election of Nutter—he is the man we need at this critical juncture of our history. There is no sense in changing commanders in the midst of a battle. I say 'let well enough alone' and follow a 'safety first' policy. Nutter will have a solid delegation from Washington, and as Washington goes, New York, New England and Virginia are pretty certain to go. Baltimore is for Nutter, and they work in harmony with Pennsylvania, Delaware, the Maryland counties and West Virginia, as well as with us. I think I represent the views of Exalted Rulers Bundy and Taylor, of the district, when I say there is no way on earth to beat T. Gillis Nutter for Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks. There will be no fight at Chicago. It will be a 'love feast,' with Nutter as the central figure."