

GLEANINGS

WHICH TELL THE STORY OF AFRO-AMERICAN PROGRESS.

Negroes in the Cuban Army. Four soldiers of the Cuban army in every ten are Negroes, and seven in every ten are Negro blood in their veins.

Gov. W. Y. Atkinson, of Georgia, (deserves credit for the interest he is taking in the convict lease system of his State.)

LaFayette, Ind., doctors are interested in the case of Leland Braggs, a 12-year-old colored boy of that city, who is slowly turning white.

Louisville, Ky., has a population of Afro-Americans which number between 30,000 and 40,000, and who have 28 churches, with 18,000 membership, 9 public schools, 1 hospital, 7 lawyers, 52 teachers, 12 physicians, 1 druggist, 7 grocers, 2 tailors, 20 restaurants, 13 saloons, 3 newspapers, 20 barber shops, 3 carpenter shops, 3 blacksmith shops, 20 teachers.

Summer Bryon, the popular young pianist, of St. Louis, returned to his home from a two years' foreign tour on the 15th. He was tendered a reception at Stolle's hall by the leading citizens. During his travels he has played before vast audiences in Germany, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Holland, Belgium and France.

Major Taylor, who won a valuable lot at Matthews, Ind., as first prize offered by George Caterson in a 75-mile road-race, the only colored contestant, last year, has returned from Middletown, Conn., where he has been employed the past year by the Mungler Bicycle Co., and accepted a similar position with the Hay & Willitt Bicycle Co., Indianapolis, Ind.

Miss Mabel Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Johnson, of San Francisco, won the first prize for the best essay at the closing of the Cosmopolitan grammar school. This is the second time that a colored girl has won the Denman prize at this school, Miss Aimes M. Ray, of Sacramento, being the first.

Bishop Benjamin Franklin Lee, D. D., LL. D., Ph. D., is president of the board of directors of Payne Theological Seminary, president of the Corresponding School of Theology and Superintendent of Ministerial Education of the A. M. E. Church, and Bishop B. W. Arnett, D. D., is historian of the A. M. E. Church.

Dr. W. E. B. Dubois has resigned his position as Professor of Ancient Languages at Wilberforce University and has been appointed Assistant in the Department of Sociology, for one year, in the University of Pennsylvania, to take charge of a special investigation into the condition of the colored people of Philadelphia.

Mrs. S. E. C. Pettet, wife of Bishop C. O. Pettet, D. D., of Newbern, N. C., one of the most brilliant women of her race and a very flowery writer, is editor of the Woman's Column of the Star of Zion, published at Charlotte, N. C.

A delegation of 100 Afro-Americans from near points called upon Maj. McKinley at his home in Canton the 3rd inst., and received a hearty welcome. Robert Penn made the presentation speech, to which McKinley responded.

Miss Ada Harris, one of Indianapolis' prominent school teachers, has invented and patented a hair straightener which is quite a success. Miss Harris has also had her straightener patented in Canada.

Clarence G. McKoin, of St. Louis, is the youngest colored lawyer in that city, being only 23 years old. He graduated June 18th at the St. Louis Law School, receiving the degree of LL. B.

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