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¶The Hon. W. C. Matthews, assistant United States District Attorney of Boston, Mass., has retired from office at the close of his term.
¶Dr. J. H. Boothe, a prominent colored physician of Philadelphia, died recently.
¶Before 30,000 persons at the Tournament of Roses in Pasadena, Cal., Howard Drew, the colored sprinter, recently won five races and received two silver cups.

FOREIGN

EAST INDIAN soldiers are now, for the first time, eligible for the British military decoration known as the Victoria Cross.
¶It is said that Liberia has removed from the supreme court Justice T. McCants Stewart without trial. The cause or the changes are not clear.

COURTS

THE supreme court of the State of New York has upheld the case of L. L. Wilson, a colored woman, against a restaurant keeper who refused to serve her food.
¶The National Benefit Insurance Co., by a decision of the Court of Appeals of Kentucky, has gained the right to do business in that state.

THE GHETTO

IN Atlanta, the white Alkahest Lyceum Course sold balcony tickets to colored teachers and then gave them seats in the gallery despite their protests.
¶A committee of Washington colored ministers are protesting to the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Co. on account of posters caricaturing the race. Friends are asked to write the company and support this protest.
¶The city of Richmond has finally allowed a colored church to buy a former white church, but has ordered it to change its entrance so that its worshipers shall not enter from a "white" street!
¶It is claimed that in Baltimore segregation is a boom to real estate sharks who are raising the rentals at least 20% in the restricted Negro districts.
¶The juvenile court in Philadelphia sentenced a colored boy to Seydert Institute. The school refused to receive him but the judge stood firm and declared that as a public institution, the school must admit the boy.
¶Mrs. Laura Loving has been fined \$100 and costs in a Richmond police court for moving into a "white" block.
¶The General Educational Board has capitalized the word Negro in its recent report.
¶The Wendell Phillips High School of Chicago is trying to separate white and colored students in social functions.
¶Percy Brown, a Negro of Texarkana, Tex., shot and killed a white man who, with others, had been terrorizing the Negroes and shooting into their homes at night. Many of the Negroes left the county but this Negro killed his assailant and to the great astonishment of the colored people, was freed by the court.
¶The question of the Negro regiment in the New York National Guard is now before Governor Whitman. His attitude is said to be favorable.
¶The Supreme Court of Minnesota has decided that churches do not come under the civil rights law and may, therefore, "Jim-Crow" their colored members, if they wish. This relieves much anxiety.
¶The Supreme Court of the District of Columbia has twice adjourned in honor of distinguished colored men: once in 1878 in honor of John F.



Cook, and recently in honor of the late J. F. Bundy.

CRIME

SINCE our last record, 8 Negroes have been lynched as follows: Pete Morris, at Blakely, Ga., suspected of killing a white man; Dan Barber, his son and 2 daughters, at Monticello, Ga., for resisting arrest; Ed Johnson, Vicksburg, Miss., for stealing cattle; Herman Neally, at Huntsville, Ala., for accidentally wounding a white man in the knee and Doc Hartley, at Greenville, Ala., for burglary.

¶A mob killed Dr. A. B. Culberson, a white physician of Evans, Ga., for assaulting the married daughter of a prominent citizen.

MEN OF THE MONTH

LEADERS OF POSTAL CLERKS

ARISING out of the attempt to segregate Negro employees of the Post Office, there has been formed at Chattanooga, Tenn., a National Alliance of Postal Employees. Twenty-six clerks representing fourteen states made the permanent organization and elected Henry L. Mims of Houston, Tex., as president, C. B. Shepperson of Arkansas, vice-president; R. L. Bailey of Indiana, secretary; A. H. Hendricks of Georgia, treasurer and Irvin Butler of Tennessee is auditor. Frank A. Carter of St. Louis was elected editor of the official organ, which will be known as the Postal Alliance Magazine.

The Alliance issues insurance at cost to its members, indemnifying against loss of time, accident and accidental death. The organization has the approval of the Post Office Department and is now placing before the Department a plan by which the colored clerks may have the privilege of taking up directly with the higher officials, the grievances of the members.

With reference to the segregation movement being forwarded by the white clerks of the South President Mims, and officers of the Alliance refuse to "try their case in the papers," but it is known that the Alliance is going to make a strong fight before the post office officials to see that none of the rights of the Negro clerks, guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States, shall be denied them. The organization will contend that all promotions fairly earned in competition with white clerks, be given to the men whose records are the best, regardless of color.

Nothing less than a square deal will be satisfactory to the officers of the Alliance, and this they believe they will obtain when the colored clerks' side of the segregation question is fairly presented to the higher department officials. The motto of the organization is going

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