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NEWS FROM NEIGHBORING COUNTIES

MELUNGEONS, MYSTERY RACE, SETTLE IN HANCOCK COUNTY AFTER S. CAROLINA HEGIRA

East Tennessee's Race Said To Be Descendants Of Moors Crossing Atlantic Before Revolution—Social Recognition Refused In New Home.

By The Associated Press.

Nashville, Tenn., Junly 28.—In the mountains of East Tennessee lives a distinct race of people the Melungeons, a race as different from all others on the Western Hemisphere as the negro is different from the American Indian. Moreover this species of the human family is found nowhere else in America.

The history of this perculiar race race, few in numbers, whose origin is open to speculation, historians say. For many years they were thought to be Indians, or a mixture of Indians and white people, whence probably originated their name, Melungeon, means a mixture.

The history o fthis perculiar race as traced by the state department of history, reveals their primitive life in the following way:

So far as is known the Melungeons were found first in Hancock county, Tenn., on Newman's Ridge, soon after the Revolutionary War. Now they are settled in several counties, although most numerous in Hancock county. They are of about the same color as the mulattoes, but their hair is straight and they have intermarried with Caucassion race to a limited extent.

Judge Lewis Shepherd, who has made a close study of the Melungeons, extending over a period of years, says that in a case of law in which he represented a Melungeon girl the question arose as to whether the Melungons had negro blood in their veins. He added:

Negro Blood Denied.

"It was shown by tradition and the reputation prevailing among these people from the time whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary,' that they were descendants of the ancient Phoenicians, who built the city of Carthage and produced the great general, Hannibal. They moved from Carthage and after a time settled in Morocco, whence they crossed the straits of Gibraltar, and settled in the southern part of Portugal, whence came the celebrated Venetian general, Othello, who was immortalized in Shakespeare's great play, the 'Moor of Venice.' They were not tainted with negro blood, for the women of Carthage sacrificed their long raven-colored hair to be platted and twisted into cables for the ships engaged in the Punic wars.

"A colony of these Moors crossed the Atlantic before the Revolutionary War and settled on the coast of South Carolina. They multiplied rapidly and by their industry and energy they accumulated considerable property. The South Carolina people, however, would not receive them on terms of equality, and refused to recognize them socially and would not allow their children to go to school with the foreigners.

"In fact they believed they were free negroes and treated them as such. By the laws of South Carolina a per capita tax was levied against free negroes and the tax authorities continuously harrassed them by efforts to collect the tax. Under this rigid proscription of the proud people of South Carolina, their condition became intolerable and so they emigrated in a body and settled after a long and wandering journey through the wilderness in Hancock County, Tenn."

In 1890 or 1891 Miss Will Allen Dromgoole wrote of this strange race, the Malungeons, as she spells the word, in the Arena as follows:

"When John Sevier organized the state of Franklin, there was living in the mountains of East Tennessee a colony of dark-skinned redish-brown complexioned people, supposed to be of Moorish decent, who affiliated with neither whites nor blacks, and who called themselves Malungeons, and who claimed to be of Portuguese descent. They lived to themselves exclusively and were looked upon as neither negroes nor Indians. All the negroes ever brought to America were slaves; the Malungeons were never slaves; and until 1834 enjoyed all the rights of citizenship. Even in the convention which disfranchised them, they were referred to as 'free persons of color' or 'Malungeons.'"

Most Pitiable Of All Outcasts.

And again she said: "The Constitution Convention (of 1834) left these most pitiable of all outcasts; denied their oath in court and deprived of the testimony of their own color, left utterly helpless in all legal contests, they naturally when the state set the bond of their outcast upon them, took to the hills, the isolated peaks of the uninhabited mountains, the corners of the earth, as it were, where, huddled together, they became a law unto themselves, a race indeed sparate and distinct from the several races inhabitating the state of Tennessee."

Melungeons also are found in Rhea County, where they are quiet and orderly. They are to a considerable extent illiterate and mostly engaged in farming.

While most of the authorities believed that the word Melungeon, is derived from the Frnch, melange, a mixture, other think that it was originally Malangeon, the first part Malan, being derived from the Greek word, Malan, meaning black.

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Other spelling are Melangins and Melungins, with the accent on the second syllable and the g hard as in give.

Goddard Family Of Blount Plans Reunion Thursday

Capt. William Rule Chief Speaker At Gathering To Be Held At Rockford.

Special to The Journal and Tribune.

Maryville, Tenn. July 28.—The eighth annual reunion of the Goddard family will be held at the Presbyterian church at Rockford, this county, Thursday, August 9. The program committee, consists of James A. Goddard, Frank Goddard, Mrs. W. A. Dunlap, Miss Edith Goddard and Mrs. John A. Goddard.

After the reunion is called to order at 10 o'clock, by the president, H. S. Goddard, congregational singing, will be led by Rev. S. E. Stringham, and devotional exercises conducted by Prof. Volta Goddard, of North Dakota, Rev. Stringham will sing a solo.

The address will be delivered by Capt. William Rule, editor of the Journal and Tribune, who has been a special friend of the family for a number of years, and is present always at the reunions. He will be introduced by James A. Goddard.

A basket dinner will be served. The afternoon program will begin with a memorial service in honor of the memory of Nathan Goddard, present last year, and the oldest member of the Goddard family in this section. Mr. and Mrs. Goddard, who died recently, were the parents of Prof. Goddard, who will be present, coming from his home in North Dakota.

Readings will be rendered by Miss Beaman, of Knoxville, and Miss Helen Wallace, of Maryville. Talks will be given by various members of the family. Election of officers will be the last order of business.

The Goddards were among the early settlers of Blount county and the family is one of the largest in this section of the state. Many from a distance will be here to attend the reunion. H. S. Goddard is president and Dr. John A. Goddard secretary of the family group.

There will also be a reunion of the Myers family at the Bethel Baptist church near Townsend, on Friday. An all day program is being prepared for this reunion, with a basket dinner at noon. Among the features of this program will be addresses and a ball game in the afternoon between the married men and the single men of the Myers family.

Some of the largest families to be found in the state are in Blount county, and each year many of these families hold reunions.

AUTOMATIC FEED FOR VICTROLA INVENTED

Special to The Journal and Tribune.

Sweetwater, Tenn., July 28.—Roy Garding, who lives a short distance from Sweetwater, has invented an automatic phonograph, which may revolutionize the industry. The machine will play any number of records from one to one hundred without stopping. An automatic device places the records on the disc, starts the machine in motion, and after the record is played it automatically leaves the revolving disc and another record takes its place, the music being resumed after about ten seconds intermission. The machine is slightly larger than the regular cabinet phonograph but is very attractive in appearance. He has applied for a patent.

The spiny evergreen shrub is used for fuel in Brittany and the tender shoots for forage.

Coming of the crane in ancient Greece was considered the time for sowing seed.

Church Of God Head Exiles Elders Attempting To Suspend Overseer

Special to The Journal and Tribune.

Cleveland, Tenn., July 28.—Developements this week in the row in the Church of God threaten to put an entirely new face on the situation. A few weeks ago 10 members of the council of elders of the church undertook to suspend Rev. A. J. Tomlinson from his position of General Overseer on the grounds that he had failed to give a satisfactory accounting of the funds of the church during his administration.

Rev. Tomlinson refused to recognize the authority or the elders, and now strikes back with a vengeance. At a meeting of the council of Overseer and elders this week, which was attended by only two of the twelve elders, it was agreed that the other ten elders, by their refusal to live upto the teachings and doctrines of the Church of God, as laid down in the Bible, and by their heresy in insisting that they, as members of the Official Assembly created by the constitution, were the law makers of the church insead of the Word of God, had vacated their office as elders.

In addition to this action the general Overseer and many of the ministers and church members have decided that the adoption of the constitution under which the 10 elders opposing Tomlinson have assumed charge of the church property and government was not adopted by the assembly in accordance with the usages and practices of the church, and that there is no foundation for it in the scriptures.

Rebellion Is Asserted.

Mr. Tomlinson's friends announce that the church membership in many states is in rebellion against the government as set up under the constitution and that they have called on Rev. Tomlinson to continue to head the work of the Church of God as he has for the past 17 years and that he has headed the call.

The above developments present a clean cut issue between the adherents of the Church of God under the leadership of General Overseer Tomlinson, and the adherents of the Assembly of the Church of God under the leadership of ten of the elders of the church.

The Church of God now numbers about 23,000 members in 27 states, each of which is organized and has a separate Overseer. The sect have a number of peculiar beliefs and practices which distinguish them from the other denominations of the country, the chief of these being the practice of foot washing, the baptismof the Holy Ghost, the accepted sign of such baptism being talking in other tongues; the taching of healing by faith, the discouraging ofthe employment of physicians, and the discouraging of membership in secret organizations.

Monroe County Church Cradle.

Monroe county was the cradle of the denomination. Rev. Richard G. Spurling, a Missionary Baptist minister, together with a number of others met at Barney Creek meeting house in Monroe county on Thursday, August 19, 1886, and decided that the present day religions needed reformation. The following proposition was made to the congregation:

"As many christians as are here present that desire to be free from all man-made creeds and traditions, and are willing to take the New Testement, or low of Christ, for your only rule of faith and practice; giving each other equal rights and privileges to read and interpret for yourselves as your conscience may dictate, and are willing to set together as the Church of God to transact business at the same, come forward."

Eight persons, including the Rev. Spurling, responded, and banded themselves together under the name, "Christian Union."

The church was next known as the "Holiness Church," but at the second Assembly, held at Union Grove, Bradley county, Jan. 9-12, 1907, the name was changed to the "Church of God," and has been known by that name since.

Tomlinson Denounces Change.

The action of the assembly in adopting the constitution in 1921, which places the government of the church in the hands of the organized body known as the "General Assembly of the Churches of God" and which is composed of the General Overseer, twelve elders appointed for life, and 70 elders appointed for aperiod of five years, is denounced by Tomlinson and and his followers as being in direct violation of the principles of the denominations as set forth in their original declaration, which has been the practice of the church until the adoption of the constitution.

Rev. Tomlinson avers that the constitution establishes the "Official Body of the Assembly of the Churches of God" as the lawmakers ofthe church in place ofthe word of God, and attempts to place the ownership of all government from a theicracy to an oligarchy, and that this action never has been submitted to the churches for ratification, and it is nothbinding.

Mr. Tomlinson announces, that at the call of the members and chuches who have remained faithful to the early teachings of the church he will continue to go forward with the work of the Church of God regardless of any action taken by those who, he says have departed therefrom, and support the new government of the "Assembly of the Churches of God."

Action Is Promulgated.

The action ofthe General Overseer and two elders in council, when they decided that the other ten elders had vacated their positions as elders of the church was communicated duly and officially to the elders this week. In addition seven of the elders, heretofore nemed as the supreme judges with powers to hear appeals in all cases of disputes, were notified that as they were no longer elders of the church, their offices as judges being also vacated.

It is predicted that the courts eventually will have to settle the matter.

TAZEWELL DISTRICT PASSES EMORY QUOTA

Special to The Journal and Tribune.

Emory, Va., July 28.—The campaign in progress until August 15, to raise $200,000 for Emory and Henry College through the collection of pledges to the Christian education movement and through new gifts, is meeting with encouraging results but reports are not coming in as rapidly as desired, according to Dr. I. P. Martin, secretary-treasurer of the Christian education movement for this territory. Each district of Holston conference of the M. E. church, South, to which Emory and Henry belongs, has its own plan of campaign, headed by the district presiding elder.

Rev. W. S. Hendricks, presiding elder of the Tazewell district, reported his district paid up in full on subscriptions now due with an additional $4,600 in payments not yet due.

R. A. Daniel, of Chattanooga, has been appointed director of an intensive campaign to be conducted in the Chattanooga district. Bluefield district, the Rev. M. P. Carico presiding elder, will conduct an intensive campaign from July 9 to August 5.

UNIFORM ATTEST ACT HELD VALID

Supreme Court Approves Requirements In Suit On Note From Obion County.

Nashville, Tenn., July 28.—The constitutionality of the uniform acknowledgments law passed by the 1919 general assembly, was upheld by the state supreme court Saturday in an opinion read by Judge W. L. Cook.

The question of the validity of the law, which was one of the uniform acts recommended by the American Bar association, came up on a suit from Obion county, styled the First National Bank of Fulton, Ky. vs Guy B. Howard of Obion county.

The suit was brought to enforce the payment of notes totalling $6,000, acknowledgements to the transactions having been made under the 1919 law. The act was attacked on the grounds that the act itself was broader than the caption.

The court held, however, that the point was not well taken. The act also assumes the existence of probate officers in other states, the court held. The decree of the chancellor upholding the validity of the act was affirmed.

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