

What-Not Column

(By Robert P. Edwards)

What was the "Free African Society?"

In 1787 Absalom Jones and Richard Allen of Philadelphia led in a movement to found an organization among the race, the purpose of which was to support one another in sickness, and assist widows and fatherless children. This organization was formed without regard to religious tenets, but the persons were required to live an orderly and sober life. It was known as the "Free African Society" and the following interesting clause is a part of one of its articles of organization. i.e. "We deem it necessary that the children of our deceased members be under the care of the Society, so far as to pay for the education of their children; also to put them out apprentices to suitable trades or places.

With whose assistance did Simon Bolivar liberate South America from the yoke of Spain?

In 1811 the illustrious Bolivar undertook his great task of shaking off the yoke of Spain, and securing the independence of South America. He fled to Jamaica, and being unsuccessful in obtaining assistance, he repaired to Haiti, where Pétion gave him a most cordial welcome and assisted him with men, arms, and money. Bolivar's first expedition with Haitian volunteers was unsuccessful, and he feared lest Haiti refuse further assistance; but to his surprise Haiti rushed him reinforcements, which finally turned his disasters to victory and the spirit of liberty marched on to the redemption of South America.

Who was Pushkin?

Alexander Sergeyevich Pushkin, the great-grandson of a Negro General to the armies of Peter the Great of Russia, was the greatest of Russian poets and the founder of the realistic school of Russian fiction. He was also a member of the Russian aristocracy and even held court title under Czar Nicholas I. It is interesting to note that despite the determination of the Bolsheviks to annihilate all memories of Russian aristocracy; the statue of Pushkin still stands in the heart of Moscow, the present capital, and is revered by all within whose veins flows Russian blood.

What was the "Legal Rights Association?"

"The Legal Rights Association" was a society formed for the purpose of ascertaining the legal status of the colored man in the United States. It was organized in the city of Baltimore, Md., about 1832, by Hezekiah Grice, and was entirely composed of Colored men.

What nation halted Cambyses and his Persian hordes' attempt to dominate the world in 524 B.C.?

In 524 B.C. Cambyses, son of the great Cyrus, seeking to complete the world conquest of his father, overran Egypt with his vast army, and proceeded to sweep down on Ethiopia; but he found the Ethiopian equal to the Egyptian in refinement and intelligence, and superior in military skill. His attempts, by means of spies and various other designs proved unsuccessful; he sought to give drawn battle, and was terribly defeated at the oasis of Amman in the



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Libyan desert.

Where and what is Liberia?

Liberia is a Negro republic of western Africa, on the upper coast of upper Guinea. It was founded by the American Colonization Company. The first expedition of 86 emigrants was sent out in February, 1820. The suffering that slavery brought upon the Negro aroused his friends and following the plan of Wilberforce and other Englishmen, Liberia was founded as a refuge for the colored men who would avail themselves of its blessings.

Next Week's Whatnots

When were slaves first landed in America?

What reference did President Thos. Jefferson make to slave trading in his message of 1806?

When did the emancipation of slaves occur?

A motor car, driven by a girl, in trying to avoid a collision, ran over a man. The girl rushed to his side. "Poor man!" she said, stooping over the victim. "Have you a wife?" "No," he groaned. "This is the worst thing that has happened to me."

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