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Negro Business League Holds Annual Session

Boston Birthplace of Organization Welcomes Hundreds of Delegates and Visitors from all Sections of the Country.

REPORTS SHOW GREAT GROWTH

Since 1890 Membership Has Increased Until Branches Are Nationwide. Dr. Washington President.

Boston, Mass., Aug. 21.—Ordinarily known as the "Athens of America," the seat of learning, the "Hub City," the "City of Culture," the "Bean City" and various other cognomens indicating that Boston is a city devoted to the cultivation of the higher refinements, this week the city has been possessed by a different spirit. The atmosphere has been charged with commercialism and the spirit changed from contemplation of poetic times to consideration of ledgers and how to bring the balance from loss to profit.

So far as the Negro business man of the country is concerned, for this week, "all roads lead to Boston," and consequently this quaint old town is having a new experience. Fifteen years ago the National Negro Business League was born in this town, and the Bostonians are amazed at the wonderful growth of the lusty child. From all sections of the United States, from practically every state in the union, men and women of the race whose endeavors and struggles along commercial lines have led to the building of solid and enduring mercantile enterprises came into Boston by every train and boat for the purpose of exchanging ideas and experiences.

Royal Welcome to League.

Boston and her daughter, Cambridge, opened wide their arms and gave the members of the League a royal welcome. It was a happy idea that brought this body here for the celebration of its fifteenth anniversary. It furnishes an object lesson to the great New England section of what is being accomplished by the race in the sections of the country most thoroughly impregnated with racial prejudice and restrictions.

It was a busy scene around at 121 Kendall street, the Boston local league headquarters, where Benjamin F. Jones, chairman of the housing committee, had his headquarters. Here is where the delegates came when they reached the city to register their arrival and to secure information as to stopping places, arrangements for the meeting, and whatever other advice or consideration was desired. Mr. Jones had an ample corps of assistants, and the large number of incomers were handled with expedition and given satisfactory service.

The Opening Session.

Wednesday morning at 10:30 all the streets leading to the convention hall, Garrison and St. Botolph streets, were

Think on These Things

"Honest work for today, honest hope for tomorrow,
Are these no more than the hearts that they sadden,
The lives they make dreary, the hands they make weary?
'Hush!' the tenfold of Heaven doth say,
'He that overcometh shall all things inherit.'"



JOHN C. PARKER, Letter Carrier.

unusually lively. There were to be seen wending their way to the hall men and women whose attire and carriage betokened that they came from many different sections, but the air of earnest anticipation which was shown in their countenances gave evidence of a common purpose and desire, and showed also that they were all alike in that they were representatives of a class that has achieved something in this world.

The opening session was called to order by Dr. W. Alexander Johnson, president of the Boston Local Negro Business League No. 1, the first branch of the parent organization. The Rev. Cassius A. Ward, pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist church, West Springfield street, Boston, offered the opening prayer. Welcome addresses were delivered as follows: On behalf of the convention committee of the Boston Negro Business League, Philip J. Allison, fourth vice president of the national organization; on behalf of the Boston Negro Business League, No. 1, James R. Hamm, first presi-

dent of the Boston League; on behalf of the citizens of Boston, Stewart E. Hoyt, chairman of the citizens' committee; on behalf of the business and professional men and women of Boston and vicinity, the Hon. William H. Lewis of Boston; on behalf of the city, his honor, Mayor James M. Curley.

After suitable responses had been made, committees were appointed on credentials, resolutions, auditing and nominating.

Wednesday night, Convention Hall was crowded by an immense audience which listened with hearty approval and commendation to the masterly address delivered by Dr. Booker T. Washington, the national president. He took occasion to earnestly appeal for the suppression of lawlessness with a wisdom and temper that the Boston Transcript suggests in an editorial comment should be emulated by all men.

Thursday and Friday were devoted to business sessions and in listening

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Prejudice Provoking Photo-Play Prohibited

Dixon's Riot-Inciting "Birth of a Nation" Will Not Be Booked Among Auditorium Attractions.

AUTHORITIES ACT PROMPTLY

Acting Mayor Butler Wires Manager Franke Not to Book Photoplay When the Monitor Objects.

"The Birth of a Nation," the Negro-defaming, riot-inciting photoplay of Thomas Dixon's "The Clansman," will not be presented in Omaha's Auditorium and it is a safe conjecture that it will not be presented in any of the moving picture theaters of the city, although that is another story.

It was announced in the local press of Saturday night and Sunday morning that Manager Franke of the Auditorium had left for St. Louis, Chicago, Milwaukee and New York to book attractions for the popular amusement course to be given in the Auditorium and that among these attractions would be the photoplay, "The Birth of a Nation."

On Monday The Monitor waited on Acting Mayor Dan H. Butler, Mayor Dahlman being absent from the city, and was courteously granted an interview. The following facts were laid before him:

This play shows a colored woman and a white man living an immoral life together; represents the best women of the colored race leading lives of drunkenness and debauchery; shows a repulsive-featured and low type of a colored man chasing a little white girl for immoral purposes; represents the same innocent little girl dying to save the honor and virtue of Southern white women; represents Silas Lynch, a Negro lieutenant governor, locking a white woman in a room and attempting to force her to marry him; shows colored men preventing white men from voting, and justifies the killing of Negroes by the infamous Klu Klux Klan, and then to divert attention from these admittedly objectionable features, as an afterthought, has added scenes from Hampton Institute to show the progress of the Negro.

That objections have been made to the presentation of this photoplay in Boston, where it incited a riot; in Chicago, where Mayor Thompson refused to license its presentation; in New York, in Milwaukee, where the censors permitted it to be shown after cutting out two entire reels, Mayor Bender stating that the law gave him no authority to prevent its production, but that the censors would see that objectionable features tending to foment race prejudice should be eliminated; in San Francisco, where certain scenes were cut out; in Seattle, where its presentation was forbidden; in Des Moines, where a state law forbids the presentation of any plays tending to promote race prejudice; and in many other cities.

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General Race News

THE NOBLER RACE?

(From Wednesday's News.)

Paterson, N. J., Aug. 11.—While 300 persons cheered him and prayed for him, a Negro boy swam out from a bank of the swollen Passaic river this afternoon into the rushing current until he was within a few feet of the eighty-foot drop of Great Falls and certain death, tied a rope about the limp body of Josephine Dermico, and held fast to her until willing hands pulled the unconscious girl and her rescuer to safety.

Atlantic Highlands, N. J., Aug. 11.—Asserting that a number of white bathers made no attempt to save a young Negro from drowning in Clapit Creek this afternoon, the Negro population of this place is indignant tonight. The drowned Negro was Harold Young, 19, of 135 West 132d street, New York City. Several Negro men and women who were on the beach at the time say there were a number of white bathers near by when Young sank, but that none of them went to his aid despite his cries for help.

These two items printed as above under the caption "The Nobler Race?" appeared in a recent issue of "The Evening Post," New York's fairest and most liberalminded daily newspaper. The noble-hearted Villard meant to drive home a much needed lesson by printing these news items together. Do you grasp his meaning?—Editor.

FRANK'S BODY SAVED FROM THE MOB BY NEGROES

Marietta, Ga., Aug. 17.—When Judge Newton A. Morris made his plea to the mob, asking that the body of Leo Frank, who was taken from the state prison at Milledgeville and brought to this town and lynched, be not mutilated, the only men he could find in the crowd of more than 5,000 who had the courage to support his request and take an active part in the rescuing of the body were two Negroes.

The Associated Press, after telling of the cutting down of the body, told the story as follows:

"At that instant the man who had voted 'no' ran forward and began kicking the body.

"Again and again, as a man grinds the head of a snake under his heel, did the man in his awful frenzy drive his heel into the face of Leo Frank, grinding the black hair of the dead man into the black dirt.

"Stop him! For God's sake stop him!" cried Judge Morris as he ran up to the man and begged him to stop.

"A Negro ran up to Judge Morris. 'Here I am, Judge,' he said. 'Here's the wagon.'

"Judge Morris gave orders and the Negro and another opened the back of the wagon and pulled out an undertaker's basket and started with it toward the body.

"Bring the body on, men," shouted Judge Morris. 'bring it on.'

"But none of them would pick it up, and Judge Morris, beckoning to the Negroes, wedged in and worked his way toward the body until the Negroes finally got hold of it and started toward the undertaker's wagon."

MORE CONVENTIONS FOR OMAHA

Two more big conventions have selected Omaha as the best place on the map for their annual meeting. The

Northwestern Hotel Men's association and the United Master Butchers of America will gather at Omaha next year.

"Protest and Then Simmer Down."

Omaha, Neb., Aug. 21, 1915.

To the Editor of The Monitor. Relative to the many opinions expressed by correspondents as to the effect of the Frank lynching, published in your issue of the 21st inst., permit me to venture my humble opinion.

It seems that most people in the north, particularly Negroes, do not seriously taken into consideration the characteristics of the native Southerner.

They forget that he is a product of an institution which flourished in this country for 250 years and which required a bloody, costly, four-year war to eradicate, namely, slavery. It is now fifty years since this transpired. Under the influence of this institution he grew up, generation after generation, obsessed with the idea that, because he was white, he was born to rule and the Negro to serve. This idea was, and is today, a part of the religion of the majority of the whites in the South. After the war, defeated, crushed but not conquered; slaves taken from him and all his institutions overturned and destroyed, he stood defiantly and asked his conqueror, "What next?" He has not forgotten nor forgiven the north for thus humiliating him. Notwithstanding the beautiful sentiments passed back and forth and from time to time at reunions, banquets, etc., about a "united country," "one flag," and all the rest of it, there is no sincerity in any of it.

In the north, when a particularly atrocious lynching occurs, the press, the pulpit occasionally, boils over in its usual indignant manner, and we Negroes protest and protest and then simmer down and quietly go on in our strenuous chase after the dollar, until the next lynching occurs, and repeat the performance. The Southerner knows this and he doesn't care two straws about it because he knows that the majority of northern whites don't care, and really sympathize with him. He also knows that the Negroes cannot help themselves.

Now, what effect will the Frank lynching have on the general situation? Absolutely none. True, he was a Jew and has a multitude of sympathizers. Much money will be spent in order to secure a conviction, but none will be secured. Why? Because no white man in Georgia can give any information in this case and live. No jury can be secured which will convict a single member of that mob, if he should be detected.

We should not forget that the commutation of Leo Frank's sentence was due wholly and directly to the petitions circulated in the north. And when Governor Slaton granted this commutation, it was a concession on his part, a southern man, to northern sentiment. The lynching of Frank was only an incident in the general spirit of latent hostility on the part of the majority of southerners who resent northern interference in their affairs. In a month from now, nobody outside of the immediate family of the victim will be concerned as to whether anyone is punished or not.

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Episcopal—

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Webster streets. The Rev. W. T. Osborne, pastor. Residence, 613 North Eighteenth street. Telephone Douglas 5914. Services: Sunday, 11 a. m. and 8 p. m., preaching; 12 noon, class; 1:15 p. m., Sunday School; 7 p. m., Endeavor; Wednesday, 8 p. m., prayer and class meetings. Everybody made welcome at all of these meetings.

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Grove M. E.—Twenty-second and Seward streets. The Rev. G. G. Logan, pastor. Residence, 1628 North Twenty-second street.

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SILVER JUBILEE OF THE MISSOURI JURISDICTION, ORDER OF EASTERN STAR

The twenty-fifth annual communication of the United Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, state of Missouri and jurisdiction, convened at St. Louis on the 21st, 22nd and 23rd of July, celebrating their silver jubilee.

The sessions were held in the Masonic Temple. It was a magnificent assembly, numbering nearly a thousand delegates and visitors, representing fifty-seven chapters, with greetings from almost every state in the Union, and so thorough and far-reaching has the work become that when a greeting from faraway South Africa came it seemed as though another mighty link in the gold chain of unity in the race had been welded into place. Such an earnest, happy, courageous greeting, it beamed like a smile and felt like a hearty hand clasp coming across the ocean.

The able and efficient manner in which the presiding officers, Mrs. Victoria Clay Haley, Royal Grand Matron; Mr. George H. K. Love, Royal Grand Patron; Mrs. Lottie Gamble, Royal Grand Secretary; Mrs. Alma Clark, Royal Grand Treasurer, and other officers preserved order and handed the vast amount of business showed how vigilantly had the year's work been done.

The numberless, knotty and seemingly unwieldy problems which arose were carefully and skilfully handled.

Among the visitors were: Mr. Nelson Cruse of Kansas City, Royal Grand Master of the Masons; Mrs. Mary Talbert of Buffalo, Royal Grand Treasurer of New York jurisdiction; Mrs. Ida Young, Royal Grand Secretary of Arkansas jurisdiction; Mrs. Adella Ross, Worthy Grand Matron of Rockport, Ill., the Illinois jurisdiction, and Mrs. Lucinda Day, the oldest Royal Grand Matron, who was a member when Missouri withdrew from the Ohio jurisdiction in 1890, twenty-five years ago.

The principal feature of the jubilee celebration was the exemplification of the three degrees of the Order of

the Eastern Star by three different teams. The St. Louis team demonstrated the Eastern Star degree in a highly creditable manner. The Kansas City team demonstrated the degree of the Amaranth in a beautiful and impressive style. The Queen of the South degree, presented by a team from St. Joseph, Omaha and Lincoln, was very classic. Mrs. Maggie B. Ransom of Shaffer Chapter No. 82 took the part of the queen admirably. Mrs. Kate Wilson of Omaha, Royal Grand Lecturer, deserves much credit for the success of the degree team work.

On Wednesday evening, the 22nd, at the Coliseum, an excellent program was rendered, the main feature being the grand march, which was led by four aged United States army veterans, followed by a guard of fifty-five school children bearing the flag, and executing various different figures of the star in all its beauty.

Miss Katherine White, one of St. Louis' most efficient school teachers, won much praise by her excellent work in training these children. It seemed that truly "a little child shall lead them," for it was a mighty army that followed; the hundreds of chapter members and orders representing the entire Masonic family, and last, an escort, forming a star, intertwined with colored ribbons, symbolic of the order, in the center of which the royal grand matron, Mrs. Victoria Clay Haley, was escorted to her seat of honor.

Right royally did St. Louis welcome her visitors. —Florence Riggs.

A wonderful object-lesson in self-help comes from Uganda, where some natives, under a native priest, built their own church, 300 of them walking 24 miles to carry back loads on their heads. So anxious are they to help each other that squads of Christians go to other villages to help build, and children support students in training for pupil teachers by making mats and pottery, and growing cotton and coffee.

It pays to advertise in The Monitor.

NEGRO BUSINESS LEAGUE HOLDS ANNUAL SESSION

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to reports and recitals of business beginnings and achievements. Among the speakers were W. F. Watkins of Montgomery, Ala.; S. G. Willis of Fredericksburg, Va.; R. O. Nizen of Elkton, Va., and Mrs. J. F. Weaver of Kansas City, Mo.

The committee on resolutions created some unfavorable comment by omitting the name of Mayor Curley of Boston from its resolution of thanks the omission being charged, it was alleged, to his refusal to bar the presentation of the photoplay, "The Birth of the Nation," from local theaters.

These officers were elected: Booker T. Washington, Tuskegee Institute, Ala., president; Charles Banks, Mound Bayou, Miss., first vice president; J. E. Bush, Little Rock, Ark., second vice president; John M. Wright, Topeka, Kas., third vice president; Philip J. Allston, Boston, Mass., fourth vice president; Charles H. Brooks, Philadelphia, fifth vice president; Emmett J. Scott, Tuskegee Institute, Ala., secretary; Charles H. Anderson, Jacksonville, Fla., treasurer; F. H. Gilbert, Brooklyn, N. Y., registrar; R. C. Houston, Fort Worth, Tex., assistant registrar; William H. Davis, Rosecroft, Md., official stenographer.

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PREJUDICE-PROVOKING PHOTOPLAY PROHIBITED

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That lovers of justice and fair play like Jane Adams, Moorfield Storey, the Rev. Dr. Donald, rector of Trinity church, Boston; Rabbi Stephen T. Wise; Governor W. S. Hammond of Minnesota; Mrs. Carter Harrison, who said it was the most awful thing she had ever seen, and it would arouse racial feeling; and others had been most outspoken in their opposition.

When these facts were laid before Mr. Butler, he said:

"If it is a play of that kind—Omaha doesn't want it; certainly not in our Auditorium; and I'll wire Mr. Franke not to book it and if it is already booked it will be cancelled."

The Monitor saw Mr. Butler again Tuesday morning and he told us that he had wired Mr. Franke, according to promise and had also written him.

In talking with Commissioners Kugel and Withnell Tuesday morning, they both expressed themselves as heartily in sympathy with Mr. Butler's action and we are quite confident that this is the sentiment of all the commissioners.

COUNCILMAN CUMMINGS ILL.

Baltimore, Md., Aug. 11.—City Councilman Harry S. Cummings, who has been undergoing treatment at Mercy hospital, is reported to be doing nicely. During his stay in the hospital a large number of his friends, white and colored, have made daily inquiries as to his condition. Councilman Cummings' arduous campaign for re-election last spring is believed to have shattered his health somewhat.

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"CONCERNS NOT EVEN THE SHERIFF."

In its issue of August 5th, the New York Age, commenting on the Temple, Tex., barbarity, which was witnessed by thousands of men, women and children, press reports stating that women searched in the ashes for charred bones of the victim, which they desired to keep as souvenirs, had this to say, under the above caption:

"Not satisfied with the fact that statistics show an increase in the number of lynchings for the first six months of the present year, some citizens of Texas, a few days ago resolved to raise the percentage with respect to cruelty. A Negro who was accused of murder—mind you, not rape—was taken from the court and burned at the stake. If we remember correctly, Texas was the American pioneer in this form of inhuman savagery, but it seems that she wishes not only to be recorded as the pioneer, but hailed as the reviver of a practice that would shame cannibals.

"But of graver import than the action of the Texas mob is the apathy of the country; some of the newspapers did not even carry this incident as an item of news, and we have yet to see an editorial protest against it.

It does seem like hollow hypocrisy that this nation is now standing as the protector of human rights before the world, that it is ready to raise armies and navies to uphold the principle of international law which guarantees protection to non-combatants aboard merchant vessels; even when those vessels belong to belligerents; and yet, the fact that within its own borders one of its own citizens is taken from the custody of the lawfully constituted courts and burned at the stake by a mob will not call for the raising of even a sheriff's posse."

The Age had not then seen the editorial of the Chicago Tribune or those of the FEW, exceedingly few, other dailies which had the temerity to condemn this atrocity. It would therefore modify its statement about editorial comment to that extent. Otherwise its indictment against the press of the country, speaking generally, for its apathy concerning mob-violence against Negroes must stand unchallenged.

We believe, however, that such apathy can no longer continue. We know how mercurial the American temperament is, how prone we are to forget the lessons which we should learn from chastenings which come to us in various ways, and yet with all this, we can scarcely conceive of the people or press of the country remaining apathetic or indifferent to mob-violence and race prejudice after the startling awakening of the past two weeks.

Patriotism demands, the humanitarian instincts of the American people require that against this too-long tolerated reign of lawlessness press and pulpit of this country cry aloud, spare not, lift up their voices like a trumpet and shew the people their transgression and their sins, until the righteousness and justice of this nation shall be recognized and praised throughout the earth.

But this reform must begin with the individual's proving himself to be too big, to be dwarfed by race or religious prejudice. It must come through personal restraint and self-discipline.

Our country's greatness or littleness; her strength or weakness, rests with every American citizen.

Our readers, not only at home but elsewhere, will be gratified to know with what characteristic and commendable promptness the city authorities acted when the fact that "The Birth of the Nation" is objectionable to a large group of American citizens was brought to their attention. The simple fact that this photoplay, wherever it has been presented, has been compelled to eliminate certain features because the censors believed that such features would stir up race prejudice ought to be sufficient to convince all fair-minded people that its presentation is anything but edifying. We want good legitimate entertainments here, but there ought to be no place in any well regulated city for plays or publications which foment class, racial or religious strife.

We have received many compliments on our special edition. We hope all our enterprising and progressive readers will coin their compliments into cash by buying several copies of this excellent number, of which we have several hundred on hand, and mail them to their friends. Give us a list of friends to whom you wish them mailed and we will mail them for you and collect 5 cents a copy from you. How many do you want?

Prof. Waddie's Ladies' Band made quite a hit in the parade of last Friday. The band, attractive in natty uniforms, in a decorated band wagon drawn by four white horses, won most favorable comment. It was quite a unique feature. The band goes to Lincoln on Labor Day.

The Brandeis Stores are excavating at the corner of Dodge and Seventeenth streets for a power and HEATING plant. From the depth of the excavation it looks as though that enterprising firm intends to get heat from below.

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Science Notes

BY WILLIAM G. HAYNES.

How Much Water Should I Drink in a Day?

(By Edwin F. Bowers, M. D.)

What advantage is there in water drinking, and how much should one drink in a day?

When we stop to consider that from 60 to 66 per cent of "us" is water, and that the only way to maintain that ratio—indispensable for the preservation of life, health and happiness, is to drink water, the advantages of water drinking are obvious. In fact, the drink habit is a most effective life-saver.

One reason that kidney disease, rheumatism, torpid liver, constipation and sundry other diseases and ailments are increasingly prevalent is because we are shy on our drinking. On an average, we consume less than one-fifth the amount that normally we should. To indulge in water sparingly is a vice. To riot and revel in it, and to flush the system to the point of super-saturation with it, are life-giving and health-giving virtues.

The function of water is to provide a solution in which our bodycells may float and move and have their being; for it enters the chemical composition of every tissue—even the hair, nails and bones. It forms the chief ingredient of all the body fluids, and maintains their proper degree of dilution. It furnishes the vehicle for excretion through two important channels—the skin and the kidneys—and assists materially in facilitating the removal of "end products" through the other two—the lungs and bowels. Therefore it is the most important means whereby the debris and clinkers clogging the human mechanism are eliminated.

Water keeps all the various inner surfaces of the body (such as the mucous and serous membranes) moist, preventing friction, and also the exceedingly uncomfortable condition that would result from their "drying out." It provides the blood and the lymph with a medium by which food may be carried to all the tissues in even the most remote parts of the body. It also serves to distribute the body heat, and by the process of absorption and evaporation through the pores it regulates the temperature.

For a Beautiful Complexion.

Water is the most economical medicine ever discovered, but it should be drunk freely and fearlessly in order to secure the best results. About three pints daily, or six "good" glasses, is a fair allowance for a normal adult. However if a beautiful, clear complexion is desired, water should be taken in larger quantities—say up to twelve glasses each day, for several weeks at least. Then the six-glass regime may be resumed.

In the various obstinate, disagreeable, or dangerous conditions caused by sluggish, torpid liver or inactive kidneys, this latter quantity should invariably be taken. In rheumatism, a glassful may, with great benefit, be indulged in once an hour. To make the dose more effective, a pinch of salt may be added to each glass.

Why Not Become Water Addicts?

Ice water, by the way, should be taboed, especially at meal-time, as it tends to suspend the action of pepsin. Also, ice water inhibits the activity of the nerves of the stomach, and lowers the blood supply that is so necessary to perfect digestion.

The reason we do not appreciate water at something approximating its full value is because of its abundance and cheapness. If it were sold in quart bottles, at a good stiff price per bottle, we might all be water addicts. And that might be the very best thing that could befall us.

For no one can be 100 per cent efficient with his system clogged, his blood loaded with impurities, and his emunctories stagnated from tissue rust. In the interest of health, happiness, and longevity, it is extremely important to drink daily half a dozen or more glasses of this health-giving beverage.

APPRECIATION OF OMAHA

WELCOME AND HOSPITALITY

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 23, 1915.

Editor Monitor: When one leaves his home to attend a convention or the grand session of a secret organization, the question question naturally arises, How will the delegation be received in this city to which we are going. When the three cars, filled with a part of the Missouri delegation left Kansas City, Mo., to be in attendance at the annual gathering of the United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of the Mysterious Ten of Missouri and jurisdiction, which convened in Omaha, Neb., last Monday morning, the question came to our minds, How will we be received in Omaha?

I have had the pleasure and honor of attending annual gatherings in almost every state in the union; have witnessed the opening and the welcoming of the same, but I wish to say that I have never at any time, or in any state, witnessed so magnificent a welcome as Omaha, Neb., has given the grand lodge and grand temple of the United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of the Mysterious Ten of Missouri and jurisdiction.

The welcome accorded this splendid organization by Omaha's chief executive, Mayor James C. Dahlman, stands without a parallel. The warm words of welcome, coming from this great man, will ever be remembered by men and women who constitute this grand old order. His words, which he has assured us, come from his heart, have reached the heart again and will find a sweet resting place in the hearts to which they have gone.

The beautiful arch, extended across the street just in front of the splendid court house, with the words, "U. B. of F. and S. of M. T. Welcome," brilliantly lighted when the shades of night had fallen, have produced a feeling within our hearts of deep and sincere appreciation for Omaha and its courageous mayor.

NELSON C. CREWS,

Grand Master of Masons,

Missouri and Jurisdiction.

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 25, 1915.

My Dear Father Williams: Allow me to say a few words in regard to your splendid publication, The Monitor. I have enjoyed reading each copy. The science notes by Mr. William G. Haynes are particularly interesting and instructive. The women's and children's department by Lucile Skaggs Edwards is worthy of special mention—in fact, all contributions are very enjoyable. Your paper is destined to become the leading colored newspaper in the United States. I wish you much success as editor of this newsy publication and to show how much I enjoy your paper I am sending you names of friends to whom please send copies of the special edition. I want my friends to know of the Negroes' progress in the great city of Omaha.

Yours very sincerely,

RAYMOND J. KNOX.

Events and Persons

In Which You Will Be More or Less Interested.
News for This Department Must Be Received by Wednesday Night.

Mr. Lee C. Allen left Saturday for Paxico, Kas., where he will visit his parents. His son, Howard, who has been spending his vacation with his grandparents on the farm, will return with his father.

Miss Clara Kellogg, who has been spending her vacation with her aunt, Mrs. Nettie Kellogg of 2218 North Twenty-ninth street left for her home in St. Louis, where she has been employed for a number of years as a most successful kindergarten teacher. Miss Kellogg has thoroughly enjoyed her Omaha visit.

Be sure to attend the lawn social at Mrs. Brownlow's Aug. 30th.—Adv.

Mrs. Grace Hutten, who has been attending the summer training school for teachers at the University of Chicago, returned home Friday. Mrs. Hutten is preparing herself for kindergarten work, which is her preference. Although she is qualified to teach other branches, having specialized in English both at Bellevue college and the University of Omaha.

Miss Jessie Wallace leaves tomorrow night for Jefferson City, to attend Lincoln Institute.

Miss Freeda Robbins, who graduated from Lincoln Institute at Jefferson City, Mo., in June, will leave next Wednesday for Carthage, Mo., where she will teach domestic science in the colored high school of that city. The best wishes of her many friends go with Miss Robbins for success in her chosen field.

Mrs. Mary Green of Kansas City, Mo., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Harry A. Williams, of 2414 Binney street. It will interest many to know that Mrs. Green is the widow of the late Rev. William A. Green, who as a young man was the priest-in-charge of St. Philip's Episcopal church of this city. She is employed as an investigator for the Associated Charities of Kansas City.

Allen Jones, formerly connected with G. W. Obee & Co., undertakers and embalmers, wishes to announce that he has opened his new parlors and sanitary morgue at 2314 North 24th street, where he is now ready to give prompt service to day and night calls at reasonable prices.

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Homer Robbins leaves Wednesday to re-enter Lincoln Institute, Jefferson City, Mo., where he has been a student for the past two years.

Mr. and Mrs. John Grant Pegg, of 4308 Patrick avenue, had as dinner guests Saturday, Prof. J. W. Bowser and the Misses Sweetmann of Kansas City and Prof. Tooney of St. Joseph, Mo.

Mrs. Georgia Flippin, who was the week-end guest of Mrs. Joseph La-Cour, and Miss Hudlin left Monday morning for her home in Lincoln.

Mrs. Lulu Hicks of 2716 Miami street entertained Tuesday afternoon from 3 to 5 in honor of her guests, Mrs. Jessie T. Jones and Mrs. Mary E. Monroe of St. Louis. She was assisted by the Misses Harrold and Newman.

A lawn social will be given August 30th at the residence of Mrs. S. K. Brownlow, 2810 Ohio street, for the benefit of the Star of Bethlehem Chapter No. 56.

Mrs. Lee C. Allen of 1410 North Twenty-sixth street gave an automobile party, followed by a luncheon Sunday afternoon, complimentary to Mrs. Austin Kellar of Little Rock, Ark., and Mrs. Flippin and daughter of Lincoln, Neb.

Mrs. Harry A. Williams, of 2414 Pinkney street, entertained a few of her friends Thursday evening of last week in honor of her sister, Mrs. W. A. Green of Kansas City.

Dr. Craig Morris left Saturday morning for a three days' visit to Kansas City, Mo.

Mesdames Silas Johnson and A. D. James gave a party at the residence of Mrs. J. F. Smith, 2726 Blondo, on Tuesday afternoon for the children who took part in the contest, "A Day in Flowerdom." A pleasant afternoon was spent by all.

Mrs. W. W. Spencer, 809 North Twenty-sixth street, gave a 6 o'clock dinner Saturday for Mrs. Emily Drow, Mrs. Eliza Lynn and Mrs. Anna Roberts of Kansas City, Mo., and Mrs. George Lipton of Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Alphonso Wilson of 521 North Thirty-third street, had as their guests last week the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Garnett of Macon, Ga.; Mr. George W. K. Love of Kansas City; Dr. G. R. A. Crossland of St. Joseph and Mrs. Sarah Dixon of Hannibal, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Hillon of Twenty-sixth and Maple streets had as their guests during the grand lodge of the United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of the Mysterious Ten last week, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Caston and Captain C. H. Tandy of St. Louis, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Williams and her daughter of Booneville, and Mr. H. A. Washington of Columbia, Mo.

Mrs. Isaac Bailey of 2814 Pratt street entertained a few friends Saturday night in honor of Mrs. Georgia Flippin of Lincoln and Mrs. Austin Kellar of Little Rock, Ark.

Homer L. Phillips, an attorney of St. Louis, Mo., was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Leonard E. Britt, 2519 Maple street, last week.

Mr. Alfred Hicks and his little daughter, Marguerite, of St. Louis, Mo., are the guests of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Hicks, of 2020 Charles street. Mr. Hicks came as a delegate to the grand lodge of U. B. of F. and decided to remain after its adjournment for a visit with his brother and family. He is most favorably impressed with the city.

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IT COUNTS.

There are, among those whom we meet from time to time, a few who gracefully acknowledge any lit e service rendered them. These acknowledgments sometimes come as a pleasant surprise when one has performed the same office for perhaps a score of others without recognition. If the "I thank you" were more common perhaps these individuals would not be so noticeable nor would they be so long remembered.

Courtesy cannot be put off and taken on; it is an outward sign of inward beauty. Like all good things, it may be counterfeit, but it is soon detected by the inward rudeness that, under pressure will betray itself. Good manners spring from a good heart. Perfect decorum of manners, indeed, has so much to do with the development of what is best in us that it and character are interdependent.

Many of the best things of life have no determinate value and for this reason they are often undervalued. The little amenities that make social life possible and pleasant are constituent elements in all achievements, political and altruistic, make it a point of honor to acknowledge every favor received. One does not labor for thanks or expect a great deal of appreciation for every little deed that is done, but the genuine expression of thanks brings cheer and encouragement.

The flower that looks up from the dusty wayside makes life brighter. Sometimes it is the almost unnoticed strain that gives to the music of the orchestra its sweetness. The worry and weariness of the day may be forgotten by some gentle ministry or delicate courtesy that comes like sunset glory after hours of gray dreariness.—L. S. E.

HOW DID YOU?

Did you tackle the trouble that came your way

With a resolute heart and cheerful,
Or hide your face from the light of day

With a craven heart and fearful?
Oh, a trouble's a ton, or a trouble's an ounce,

Or a trouble is what you make it;
And it isn't the fact that you're hurt that counts,

But only how did you take it?

You're beaten to earth? Well, well,
what's that?

Come up with a smiling face.
It's nothing against you to fall down flat

But to lie there—that's disgrace.
The harder you're thrown, why, the higher you bounce;

Be proud of your blackened eye.
It isn't that fact that you're licked that counts,

It's how do you fight, and why?

And though you be done to death,
what then?

If you battled the best you could,
If you played your part in the world of men,

Why, the critics will call it good.
Death comes with a crawl, or comes with a pounce;

And whether he's slow or spry,
It isn't the fact that you're dead that counts,

But only how did you die?

—Edward Vance Cooke.

THE "IT" OF THE HOME IS MOTHER.

The best teacher is a wise mother. She will thoroughly equip the child for the journey of life; she will place him on the right road, and she will fill his mind with such ideas of truth and justice as will enable him to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil. Thrice happy is the child who possesses such a mother. He may have other teachers in school and college, but none whose influence is so far-reaching and lasting as hers.—Thomas Hunter.

"As the mother so is her daughter.
"An ounce of mother is worth a pound of clergy."

A traveler and a native met upon the streets of Tokio, Japan. In the course of their conversation upon this wonderful land of the "Rising Sun," the native exclaimed: "But have you seen it?"

"It?" repeated the traveler, "what do you mean by it?"

"Ah; you would not ask had you seen it."

They met a few weeks later, after the American had beheld the gloriousness of the wonderful, indescribable "It" of Japan—the Holy Mountain, the marvelous Fujiyama, which rises thousands of feet above the level plain, snow-capped, reflecting the rays of the sun in a thousand varied shades, alone, majestic, incomparable, in its grandeur and beauty.

Little wonder that the admiring natives call it the "It" of Japan. It might as truly, among its kind, be called the It of the world.

There were few words exchanged, but the native was satisfied. The It was understood and appreciated by the traveler.

Months after the Japanese visited America, and from the Pacific to the Atlantic was eagerly searching for anything that would compare in natural beauty, with this marvelous holy mountain of his own land. The Yosemite, the majestic Rockies, the national park, Niagara, all were visited, but nowhere could he find the one thing worthy the name.

As he became known, the homes of America were thrown open to him. At last he awoke one day and exclaimed in his delight, "I have found it, the It of America, and it is greater than that of my beloved land. The It of America is her homes."

To this beautiful figure I would add but one word. The It of the home is the mother.—Emma A. Deake, M. D.

Culinary Hints and Recipes

BY E. W. PRYOR,
Steward Omaha Commercial Club

New England Luncheon Dish.

Cut potatoes in dices, put them in a cheesecloth bag. One pint of peas, eight French chops. Simmer the peas and potatoes in just enough water to cook them; broil the lamb chops; garnish a chop plate with mint, put the peas in the center of the dish; circle the potatoes around the peas; white frill on each lamb chop; stand the chops in a circle around the peas and potatoes, bringing the frill end to the top; place mint at the top of the frills. This is a most inviting and attractive dish when done correctly.

—MRS. J. W. WALLACE.

RESIGNS AS SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY

Washington, D. C., Aug. 26.—James A. Cobb, special assistant attorney in the department of justice, tendered his resignation on Saturday, August 14, and will enter into private practice of law about the middle of September.

Counselor Cobb was the first colored man to be employed as special assistant in the Department of Justice and he was the last one in the service. He has given all of his service in the office of the United States attorney for the District of Columbia, his specialty being the handling of cases brought under the pure food law. He has also handled a number of cases relating to naturalization matters and forfeiture of recognizances.

He was appointed by Attorney General Charles J. Bonaparte, under the Roosevelt administration, and he has served under three presidents, four attorneys general and four United States attorneys.

Karl Kooke, with Cook's Society orchestra and Clef Club Serenaders, is at 36 Chapel Street, Newport, R. I. They have entertained Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, jr., and Mr. and Mrs. E. Reynolds party on Sunday at Bailey's beach. They are booked for Mrs. John H. Hanan's at Shore Acres, Narragansett pier, and to entertain the battleship officers on their return from target practice.

Karl Kooke is an Omaha boy.

Young Morse of the Salem Crescent club was easily the star of the meet at San Francisco, winning the 100-yard dash in 9 4-5 seconds and the 320 yard race in 21 1-5 seconds, equaling the A. A. A. record.

The western trip of the Lincoln Stars of New York has been so far about an even break. The great Foster has been easy for them, but Wickware has been a hard nut for the easterners.

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The old calliopsis, "lady's breastpin" they used to call it, is a handsome plant, its long slender stems rendering it extremely useful for cutting, and the shades of gold and brown harmonizing nicely.

A mass of it next to the shrubbery in the background gives a most pleasing effect.

Some handsome forms of single dahlia may be secured by planting a packet of the seeds in pots early in the spring and transplanting the

Pansies.

young seedlings to the garden as soon as danger from frost is over.

The colors of some are very fine and to one liking the single flowers the plan is a good one of getting a variety at a small price; but unless started very early these seedlings rarely mature tubers that will keep through the winter, though they commence flowering almost as soon as the plants are started from the tubers.

The chrysanthemum-flowered asters are much more pleasing, both grown in masses and for cutting, than the quilled bouquet sorts. If but two kinds are chosen, let them be lavender and white with rose as a third choice.

When ordering seeds there is a strong temptation to order mixed packets, yet if the very finest specimens are expected, the surer way is to single out one or two of the choicest colors.

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John C. Parker was appointed on Omaha's letter carrier force in 1892, where he has given good service. He was born in Martinsburg, W. Va., in January, 1862, and removed with his parents to Chillicothe, O., in 1865. He received his education and remained there until he was 21 years of age, when he came to Omaha. Mr. Parker is active in religious affairs, having been for a number of years choir director and Sunday School superintendent of St. John's A. M. E. church, in which office he has been most efficient and faithful. Mr. and Mrs. Parker reside at 3829 North 21st street. He is an excellent type of our best citizenship.

OMAHA BOOSTS STATE FAIR.

At a meeting of officials of various business and civic organizations of Omaha held Wednesday at the Commercial club, it was decided to make a special effort to increase the attendance at the state fair on Omaha day, Thursday, September 9th. The unusual program of attractions presented by the fair management on this date will probably stimulate a larger attendance than on former record breaking Thursdays.

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News of the Lodges and Fraternities

Masonic.

Rough Ashler Lodge No. 74, A. F. & A. M., Omaha, Neb. Meetings, first and third Tuesdays in each month. J. H. Wakefield, W. M.; E. C. Underwood, Secretary.

Excelsior Lodge, A. F. & A. M., Omaha, Neb. Meetings first and third Thursdays in each month.

Zaha Temple No. 52, A. E. A. O. U. M. S., Omaha, Neb. Meetings the fourth Wednesday in each month. N. Hunter, Ill. Potentate; Charles W. Dickerson, Ill. Recorder.

Shaffer Chapter No. 42, O. E. S., Omaha, Neb. Meetings first and third Friday in each month. Maggie Ransom, R. M. Elnora Obee, Secretary.

Rescue Lodge No. 25, A. F. & A. M., Omaha, Neb. Meetings first and third Monday in each month. Lodge rooms, Twenty-fourth and Charles streets. William Burrell, W. M.; H. Warner, Secretary.

Keystone Lodge No. 4, K. of P., Omaha, Neb. Meetings first and third Thursday in each month. N. Hunter, C. C.; Edward Turner, K. of R. S.

Omaha Lodge No. 2226, Grand United Order of Odd Fellows. Meeting nights, the first and third Thursdays of each month. Lodge rooms, 2522 1/2 Lake street. C. M. Johnson, N. G.; J. C. Belcher, Cor. Secretary.

Miss LaFlorida Walker of 2608 Miami street, gave a party Wednesday evening in honor of Miss Clara Kellogg of St. Louis, Mo.

Mrs. H. Taylor of Topeka, Kas., is the guest of Mrs. Ella Harold of 2126 North 27th street.

Mrs. Gertrude Stuph, who was the guest of Mrs. Patterson, of 2130 North Twenty-seventh street, returned to her home in Chicago, Friday.

Mrs. J. R. Harrison of 1446 South Sixteenth street returned from Port Scott, Kas., Tuesday, where she had gone to visit relatives. Her father, Daniel Banks, returned with her and will make his home with her and her sister, Mrs. Minnie Page.

Miss Fay Robinson, who has been the guest of Mrs. George Macklin of 2615 Patrick avenue, returned to her home in St. Louis Tuesday.

Mrs. R. A. Seay of North Thirty-sixth street, who has been quite seriously ill this week is slowly improving. Dr. L. E. Britt is the attending physician.

Miss Christina Westerfield of Lincoln arrived in the city Wednesday to be the guest of Miss Frances Bell, 926 North Twenty-seventh avenue.

St. Philip's Sunday School picnic was held at Miller park Wednesday afternoon. The attendance was not large but all present had a delightful time.

Mrs. Thomas Perry, 2130 North Twenty-seventh street, gave a breakfast Tuesday morning in honor of Mrs. Monroe, P. G. M. E. Q. of the Royal House of Missouri and its jurisdiction, and Mrs. Jessie Park Jones of St. Louis and Mrs. Lola Payne of St. Joseph, Mo.

There will be a Labor Day picnic and barbecue given at Miller park by Mt. Moriah Baptist church on Monday, September 6th, to which all are cordially invited to attend.

Madame L. E. Brown, of Colorado Springs, Colo., will give a grand recital at Mt. Moriah Baptist church, Twenty-sixth and Seward streets, on Monday evening, August 30, 1915, at 8:30 p. m., at which the following program will be given:

Instrumental Solo
Miss Amelia McKinney.
A Bird from O'er the Sea.....White
Mrs. L. M. Brown.
The Old Cathedral.....A. Lamb
a. Marguerite.....White
b. Marguerite's Answer.....Cosner
Mrs. L. M. Brown.
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Mrs. L. Underwood.
Come, Buy My Flowers.....White
Mrs. L. M. Brown.

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