

THE MONITOR

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State Supreme Court Sustains the Mayor

The Chief Executive of Minneapolis Upheld in Right to Revoke License of Photoplay.

A FAR-REACHING DECISION

Will Be Cited in Fighting "The Birth of a Nation" in Other Cities Where Attempts Are Made to Present It.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 10.—The supreme court of this state has just handed down a sweeping and far-reaching opinion upholding the right of the mayor of the city of Minneapolis to revoke the license granted by the city council for the exhibition of "The Birth of a Nation" at Shubert's theater in that city. The opinion was delivered by Mr. Justice Harmon in which the entire supreme court bench concurred.

The case has attracted nation-wide attention on account of the bitter fight made in the city council of Minneapolis on the occasion of the hearing before that body when application was made by the management of Shubert's theater for a permit to exhibit the film.

History of the Case.

About seven weeks ago the manager of the exclusive Shubert theater of Minneapolis applied to the city council for a permit to exhibit "The Birth of a Nation." When the application was made, notice of the date of the hearing before the city council was published as required by the ordinance, prominent citizens of both races appeared before the council, some protesting against and others advocating the issuance of the license. After two days' hearing the council granted the permit to the theater to exhibit the pictures. Mayor Nye, conceded to be one of the most liberal and fair-minded officials ever elected in Minneapolis, acting upon his best judgment and the advice of influential friends who had seen the picture, notified the management of the film that he would exercise the discretionary power vested in him by law, and revoke the license granted by the city council. He accordingly issued the order revoking the license. The theater management then took recourse to the circuit court of Hennepin county. A bill for an injunction was filed praying that a restraining order be entered to prevent the mayor from interfering. The city law department vigorously resisted the application made in the court. A full and complete hearing was had in the circuit court in which the merits of the picture and its effect upon the public mind were exhaustively gone into. The presiding judge ruled against the complainants and sustained the mayor by dismissing the bill. From the decree of the Hennepin county circuit court an appeal was taken direct to the state supreme

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Thoughts From Our Own Authors

Think oft of the hearts you may gladden,
The tears you may soon chase away,
The many kind deeds that the wanderer needs
To keep him from going astray.

—Mrs. N. F. Mossell.



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Why White People Should Read Negro Newspapers.

(Editorial in The New York Age.)

A correspondent writes to us from Tonopah, Nevada, saying that he is making an effort to get as many white subscribers as possible for The Age. At the same time he asks us to state some reason why white people should read Negro newspapers.

In the first place, we wish to say that our correspondent shows himself to be a wideawake man. How many agents of colored newspapers are there who realize that it is possible to interest white readers? That it is possible, even easy, is proved by the fact that The Age has among its subscribers a large number of white peo-

ple. The names of some of the white people who read The Age regularly would make an astonishing list.

There are several good reasons why white people should read Negro newspapers; one of them is that the white people of this country ought to know what the ten million colored people who live amongst them think of them. Sometimes our opinion of our white fellow citizens is very high; they would find that gratifying. Sometimes our opinion is just the opposite; they would find that instructive.

However, the principal reason why

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Colored Canadians Prevent Photoplay

Popular Windsor Theater Will Not Show Objectionable "Birth of a Nation" Film.

OFFICIALS ACT PROMPTLY

Management of Show House Announces Cancellation of Attraction.

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 4.—Fighting quietly but systematically since last Sunday night against the production of the photoplay, "The Birth of a Nation," in the Windsor theater, advertised for next week, the colored people of the city have scored a victory, James Harkus, manager of the showhouse, announcing, Wednesday night, the film had been cancelled.

When the leading colored residents read the advertisements in the newspapers Saturday of the proposed appearance of the film in Windsor, they immediately got together to prevent its coming, being convinced that the pictures and words accompanying them were an injustice to their race. They held a special meeting in the A. M. E. church, Mercer and Assumption streets, after the regular service, Sunday night, and decided to protest against the picture to the administration.

Mayor A. W. Jackson was waited on by a delegation, headed by James Nall, on Monday. On Wednesday afternoon a delegation, composed of I. C. Parker, James Nall and William H. Kelly, the latter acting as spokesman, waited on Maj. J. C. Tolmie, M. P. P., placing their protests before him.

Maj. Tolmie at once dispatched a telegram to Hon. W. J. Hanna, provincial secretary, Toronto, who is also at the head of the Ontario board of film censors, the message calling attention to the grievances of the colored people of Windsor and asking him to help them, if possible. Mr. Hanna sent no reply, but the manager of the theater was later advised by the company controlling the film that the engagement for Windsor "was off."

"We are indeed pleased to hear that the production is not coming to Windsor," said Mr. Kelly on hearing of the cancellation. "We feel that the film is unjust and harmful to the colored people, inasmuch as it portrays the Negro in the worst possible light, representing him as everything that is bad. We admit that there are bad men in the race, just as there are among the whites, but it is unfair for any author to embitter and prejudice the white race against the colored because of the acts of the comparative few who violate the law. The majority of the colored people in Canada and the United States are trying to be good citizens and we feel that that spirit should be encouraged rather than harmed by antagonistic films and other agencies."

General Race News

GRAND ARMY POST PUTS BAN ON "CLANSMAN"

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 10.—The Grand Army of the Republic in a strong attack has put the ban on "The Clansman," called by motion picture men the masterpiece of film drama. The post also recommends that the films be suppressed.

The resolutions adopted by the post were made public by George H. Thomas, Post No. 2, department of California and Nevada.

The order charges that "the film slanderously misrepresents the Federal soldier engaged in suppressing the rebellion and maintaining the integrity of the nation. It attempts to throw the mantle of respectability around the infamous bandits called the Ku Klux Klan. Its tendency is to engender hatred against the Negro race and against the colored troops who fought gallantly for their own freedom."

The Grand Army post winds up its broadside by characterizing "The Clansman" as being "false in sentiment, false in history, false in fact."

BONE FROM NEGRO MAY SAVE WHITE MAN'S LEG

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 10.—An experiment that is being watched with much interest is the grafting of a part of the bone from an amputated leg of a Negro boy to the fractured leg of a white man, which fracture had refused to knit properly.

This operation was performed at the Cooper hospital, where Alfred Menoken, a Negro boy of eleven, wounded by a gunshot so that a leg had to be amputated, and John Hyde, a white man of 56, with a fractured leg, occupied beds in the same ward. The refusal of Hyde's leg to respond to the usual treatment puzzled the surgeons and they finally decided to try the plan of grafting the bone from the Negro's amputated leg to that of the white man's fractured leg.

WEALTHY GEORGIAN DIES AT SAVANNAH

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 10.—The death of George S. Williams, 414 West Duffy street, on Sunday, November 2-, removes from life the first Negro who built a large office building for Negro tenants in Georgia.

Mr. Williams was in the United States mail service and invested his savings by erecting an office building on West Broad street. Ill health compelled his resignation from the mail service several years ago, since when he has devoted all his spare time to his large realty holdings.

DREW WILL COME BACK.

If reports from San Francisco and Los Angeles are true, Howard P. Drew, the greatest amateur sprinter the world has ever seen, will measure strides with Joe Loomis of Chicago at the big indoor meet of the Millrose association to be held in January. It is Drew's desire to beat Joe Loomis, who beat him at 100 yards at the exposition championships on the coast last summer. Since that defeat Drew took a much needed rest and has now resumed training. By the middle of January he expects to be on fine edge. It is probable that Roy Morse will toe the mark in the same race.

HARRISBURG UNVEILS MEMORIAL TO NEGRO

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 10.—A recent event that has attracted much attention was the unveiling by the city of Harrisburg of a memorial to the memory of Dr. William H. Jones, a Negro, who served several terms on the school board and was a man of wide popularity among all races.

This is the first time in Harrisburg's history that this city has so honored a Negro. The memorial is in the shape of a fountain at the entrance of the Twelfth street playgrounds, and the committee in charge of the dedication included both colored and white men.

The speakers included Mayor John E. Royal and Dr. Hugh Hamilton of the Dauphin County Medical association, and the ceremony was in charge of James E. Auter of the executive department of the state capitol.

BOOKKEEPER FOR WHITE FIRM IN MISSISSIPPI

Gunnison, Miss., Dec. 10.—Russell B. Sugarmon, a young colored man of this city, enjoys the distinction of being the only colored man in the state, and perhaps in the South, employed as bookkeeper by a white concern at a handsome salary.

The W. T. Burt Cotton & Planting company, whose business amounts to more than \$100,000 annually, has retained the service of Mr. Sugarmon in this capacity for the past nine years.

Mr. Sugarmon's qualities and business judgment have made many friends among both races. He has given such satisfaction to his employers that they have retained him over all other applicants.

COLORED MEN TO HAVE GOLF LINKS

Atlantic City, Dec. 3.—A golf course to be exclusively controlled by wealthy colored people of Philadelphia, New Jersey and New York is to be laid out just north of the boundary line of Pleasantville, midway between the two golf courses supported by Atlantic City.

B. F. Garrison of Pleasantville is supervising the creating of a nine-hole course, and says that there is sufficient interest in the plans to assure it of financial success. It will be located in Douglass City. A clubhouse, with private baths and cafe, will be erected.

COLORED GROCERS ORGANIZE.

The Co-operative Grocers' association, an organization of the colored grocers of Nashville, Tenn., is one of the results of Booster Trade week, which was held in that city. One of the purposes of this association is to standardize prices. W. H. Dixon is president.

Eugene Elmore, manager of the Lincoln theater in New York City, has donated \$200 to be divided among four of the local colored charitable organizations of that city.

Alfred H. Lockhart, who is said to be one of the wealthiest colored men in the Danish West Indies, has been visiting this country. He is the representative of the Standard Oil company at Saint Thomas.

McVEY DEFEATS LANGFORD.

New York, Nov. 23.—Sam McVey of Oxnard, Cal., outfought Sam Langford of Boston here tonight in a ten-round match. McVey was the aggressor in eight of the ten rounds, Langford gaining only the fourth and sixth. The weights of the heavyweights were: McVey 212 pounds and Langford 196.

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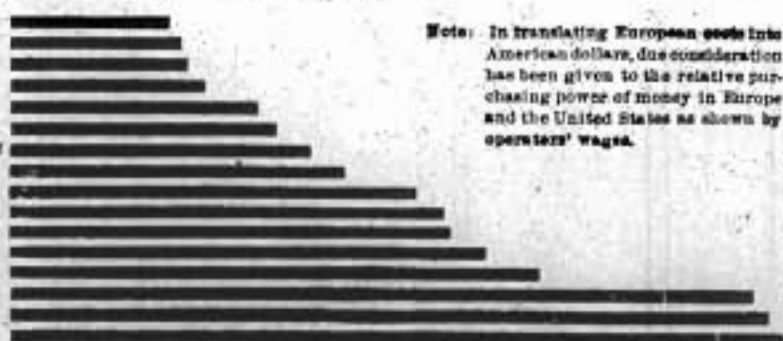
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WHY WHITE PEOPLE SHOULD READ NEGRO NEWSPAPERS.

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white people should read Negro newspapers is that it would make them better acquainted with colored people; and, with better acquaintance would come better understanding. The main cause of prejudice is ignorance. People of one race or nation dislike people of another race or nation because they do not know the best things about them. In every people there are more good qualities than bad qualities; and when those good qualities are known and appreciated, blind prejudice is bound to vanish.

Anyone who knows the Chinese only by the few Celestial laundrymen in his town is more than apt to have a contemptuous opinion of the whole race and to speak of them as "chinks." But when he learns that many of the inventions which have made human progress possible (notably the mariner's compass and printing from movable type, were originated by the Chinese; that the Chinese have produced great philosophers and sages; that in spite of all the modern advancement of Japan, the literature of China still constitutes the classics of the Mikado's kingdom, just as Greek and Latin literature constitute the classics of the western world; when he learns that most Japanese banks have Chinese cashiers, because honesty is considered a traditional virtue of all Chinese business men; when he learns that as a race the Chinese are exceptionally industrious, frugal and temperate; and that their civilization

on the whole, is the most remarkable that any branch of the human family has yet evolved, having endured for five thousand years or more, and been adequate for the general peace and happiness of the people, while scores of other civilizations have blossomed and perished; when anyone has learned these and other similar facts about the Chinese, how will it be possible for him to think of them only with contempt and speak of the race as "chinks" To do so would merely be a proof of his own inferiority.

The Chinese are on the other side of the world; but, in many respects, they are no farther distant from the white people of the United States than are the Negroes who live in this country.

Much of the prejudice against us arises from ignorance of our better qualities. Through a hostile or indifferent press the deeds of the worst elements in the race are made common knowledge. In many localities we are known and judged by those members of the race who are frequenters of police courts.

White Americans need to become better acquainted with colored Americans. They need to come into closer touch with the progressive, home-building, education-seeking elements of the Negro race; to come into closer sympathy with their aspirations and struggles. This they can accomplish in a large measure by reading Negro publications.

The remains of Mr. Samuel Jones who died Tuesday morning, are at the undertaking parlors of O. Wade Obee & Co. The date of the funeral will be announced later.

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Medicine Cases	\$1.00 to \$5.00
Photo Frames	\$1.00 to \$6.00
Folding Umbrellas	\$3.00 to \$8.50
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STILL OPPOSING IT.

We realize that we may be giving disproportionate space and a good deal of free advertising in our columns to the obnoxious photoplay which, through the regrettable and much to be pitied spinlessness of the city authorities, who have hitherto been wont to boast of their possession of considerable backbone, is being permitted to be shown without let, hindrance or curtailment of even its most objectionable features, in a local theater. This, however, is unavoidable.

It is quite necessary that our readers should be advised and that our city authorities, to whom we have turned in vain for relief, should not be left in ignorance as to how the fight is going elsewhere, how the issue is being met and how determined our people are all over the country not to cease their labors until this objectionable and prejudice-promoting film is suppressed or so completely changed that its baneful influence shall be modified.

We call attention to the fact that the supreme court of Minnesota has upheld the mayor of the city of Minneapolis in revoking the play's license. We believe that had our own mayor taken the same stand here when the playhouse refused to eliminate the most objectionable features, and it had gone to the courts, the courts would have sustained him. Nor would he have been compelled to act independently, as was the mayor of Minneapolis, for he would have had the support of—at least four of the commissioners. We are not blaming the mayor alone, although we are frank to admit that we confidently believed that we could count on him, but ALL THE COMMISSIONERS for their supineness and shilly-shallying in the matter of vital concern to our race in this community.

The success attending the efforts of the colored Canadians at Windsor in preventing this production, as reported elsewhere in this issue, is noteworthy as showing how widespread the opposition to this picture film is and the promptness with which the authorities acted. We have kept in close touch with this matter and we have noticed that in almost every case where the authorities REALLY WANTED TO ACT, ORDINANCE OR NO ORDINANCE, THEY SOMEHOW FOUND A WAY TO COMPEL THE ELIMINATION OF THE MOST OBJECTIONABLE FEATURES.

To our humiliation, Omaha, of which we are so proud, is among the notable exceptions. Why? WHY?

The Jardine resolution, introduced and passed at the request of the Rev. Messrs. Botts, Logan and Osborne and John Grant Pegg, RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE THEATER MANAGEMENT TO ELIMINATE

THE FEATURES OBJECTED TO, had less effect than a dog baying the moon. This action was tenderly considerate, but ineffective.

With FOUR OF THE COMMISSIONERS, to our personal knowledge, two of whom told us themselves, saying that the last scene at least should be cut out—the very thing we asked to have done—is it not a little strange that no way can be found to have this done? The commissioners who have so expressed themselves are Dahlman, Drexel, Jardine and Kugel. The play still goes on and is to "run indefinitely." Of course it will, for ought the authorityless city authorities care. Poor helpless chaps! Pity them, blame them not. They dare not offend a money-making outside corporation. Citizens, taxpayers and VOTERS, how about their wishes?

"Among Ourselves" is the name of a bright and well-edited bi-monthly publication just issued by the Brandeis Stores, under the editorship of L. R. Crawford, the firm's genial advertising manager. He has a large and efficient corps of associates. The first number scintillates with keen and clean wit and contains items of interest to the large store family for whom it is primarily published and whose mouthpiece it aims to be. The Monitor welcomes Among Ourselves into the journalistic family; and since it is seeking another name, we suggest "The Branstoma," which stands for the Brandeis Stores, Omaha, but also means the mouth or organ of speech of the Brandeis. Another good name would be "Inter Sese" or "Inter Nos."

Please don't forget that the editor and staff desire to patronize our advertisers and do some early Christmas shopping. Cash on your subscription will be appreciated. We have good faces, yes, we pride ourselves on being a pretty good looking bunch, but somewhere we have seen a sign which states that even good looking faces will not go into the cash register.

Remember that we would like to have TWO HUNDRED additional subscribers by January 1. This week we received ten. We need only 190 more to make up the 200.

REMEMBER—That the firms who advertise in this paper expect and appreciate YOUR PATRONAGE. Advertising is a BUSINESS, not a charitable proposition. If you wish to boost The Monitor—if you wish to help make it the best Race Paper in the country—patronize these firms and tell them that you saw their advertisement in The Monitor.

OLD FOLKS' HOME FUND.

No one is authorized to solicit for The Monitor's Old Folks' Home fund. Contributions must be sent or brought to the office of The Monitor. A receipt on a printed form will be given to each contributor. His name and the amount will be published in our columns. As soon as \$100 is received it will be turned over to the treasurer of the Negro Women's Christian association to be paid on the property, and a copy of the receipt from the treasurer and from the real estate agent to whom payment is made will be published in this paper.

Acknowledgments.

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Events and Persons

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News for This Department Must Be Received by Wednesday Night.

The Eureka Art class drill team met at the residence of Mrs. Lulu Rountree Wednesday night. Mrs. Lucinda Smith Davis is the captain and deserves much credit for her patience in drilling the ladies.

The Crescent Whist club, after a rest of one year, was called together Tuesday afternoon for their first meeting of the year at the home of Mrs. L. Rountree.

A "Krismas Kirmess," under the auspices of the Woman's club, will be given December 16 and 17 for the benefit of charity. A change of program each night. Grove M. E. church.

The North Omaha Woman's club was called together Friday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Josephine Harris, 2912 Grant street, for the purpose of making plans for their annual Christmas distributions. This club deserves much credit and praise, as it is one of the few Negro clubs whose work is to distribute charity to the needy, and make Christmas and Easter enjoyable for the unfortunate of our race who are at the county hospital. For nine years this club has made it a custom to give money, fruit, jelly and a small token to every Negro patient at the county hospital and to those of other nationalities as far as their supplies would allow.

Mr. Edgar Lewellyn and Miss Edith Hatcher were quietly married Thursday afternoon, December 2, at the home of the bride's parents. Only the family and a few immediate friends were present. They will be at home after December 10 at 2517 Lake street. The Rev. W. F. Botts officiated.

Mrs. J. W. Wallace was called to Kansas City Wednesday morning by the serious illness of her mother.

Helen Hagan—Early in February.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Broomfield and Bob Robinson motored to Excelsior Springs, Mo., Monday, where they will spend a week or ten days.

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The Elite Whist club met Wednesday with Mrs. Sidney Miller, 2616 Maple street. Luncheon was served at 1:30. The afternoon was spent in whist. The prize was won by Mrs. Joseph Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lemmy, who have been residing in Ogden for some years, have returned to Omaha, where they intend to make their home.

Mrs. Davis returned Monday from Muskogee, where she went to bury her mother.

Mr. J. R. Harrison, who underwent an operation for appendicitis recently, was able to resume his work last week.

Mrs. William H. Slaughter of Chicago, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Thomas Reese, 2723 Miami street, left Monday afternoon for Cheyenne, Wyo., where she will visit another sister, Mrs. Addie Ashford, for a week or ten days. On her return east Mrs. Slaughter expects to stop in Omaha for a few days.

The following program was given Friday of last week by the New Era Dramatic club: Instrumental solo, Miss Ozelia Dunning; solo, Miss Pearl Ray; drum selection, Mr. Roy Pettiford.

Mrs. Reuben Moore was taken suddenly sick Wednesday morning.

Mrs. J. W. Moss has been confined to her bed for a week, but she is very much better at the present time.

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Roy Lindsay, who has been sick for several weeks, is still very low.

The funeral of Frank Jones, who died at the county hospital Wednesday of last week, was held December 6 from the undertaking parlors of Banks & Wilks.

Miss Froeda Campbell, who has been in Chicago for several weeks, returned to Omaha Tuesday.

Mrs. T. Ross of 2307 North Twenty-seventh street, who has been ill for several weeks, is much better.

Mrs. Bessie Dudley entertained the Florence P. Leavit club Wednesday evening for the benefit of the Grove M. E. church.

Mrs. L. H. Graves, formerly of Council Bluffs, but now a resident of Seattle, Wash., arrived in Council Bluffs Thursday morning to be the guest of Miss Deborah Williams, 1415 Broadway.

Mrs. John Pinkston of Boston, arrived in the city Thursday morning to remain with her mother, Mrs. J. H. Crawford, of North Twenty-eighth St., who is recovering from a serious operation.

Mrs. Lola Marshall of 2414 Erskine street, entertained the Y. P. U. circle Monday evening. A very pleasant time was enjoyed. Refreshments were served. Mrs. M. D. Marshall, president; Mrs. E. Lewellyn, secretary.

Mrs. Estella Harris, with her two sons, expects to leave for Spokane, Wash., in a few days to spend the holidays with her sister.

A bazaar will be held at Grove M. E. church, Twenty-second and Seward streets, from Tuesday night, December 14, to Saturday night, December 18. The booths will be in charge of the various church societies. The proceeds are for the mortgage debt.

Mrs. Jasper E. Brown, Mrs. Kenner and Oliver and Miss Mamie Willis were called to Atchison Wednesday by the death of their father, who has been in poor health for several weeks.

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Must we tell the children that there is a Santa Claus? Are we teaching them to deceive?

A Reader.

Over and over again is this question being asked; the trouble is not with Santa Claus or myths in general, but the lack of imagination in this realistic age. Then, too, many have let the happy memories of their youth become absorbed in the practicalities of life. We hear, "All myths are lies and sooner or later the children will find this out."

We pity the man or woman who has not enough of the spirit of childhood to remember the joys of Good Saint Nick with his reindeer, his sleigh, and his jingling bells; who cannot tell of him with wink and shrug as parrying difficult questions; and who does not thank the mother who brought into his childhood days the joys of rhyme and myth.

One has well said, "To take Santa out of Christmas would be like taking sunshine out of day." If there is to be no Santa Claus, there must be no "Peter Pan," who never grew old, to place the cares of life far, far away and let us renew our youth again; no Jack to kill the wicked Giant; no Red Riding Hood; no brave Hiawatha. Following then, we must eliminate many interesting characters in history about which there is much doubt as to their having ever lived—William Tell, Guy Warwick, Joan of Arc. What, too, shall we "practicals" do about fiction and poetry? Must we not confine ourselves to "stern facts?"

It may be wrong to teach the little ones of "Santa," but the world would be infinitely poorer if there were no make-believes, no myths. Let us see if we cannot make out a case in favor of this jolly old fellow who has such magical power to charm the young and rejuvenate the old.

L. S. E.

THE SONG OF THE ROVING SONS

Just beyond the sunset's barriers,
Just across the Farthest Sea,
Lies the Land of Lost Illusions, lies
The Isle of Used to Be;
Lies the harbor that we sailed from
When the world was all atune
To the key of life's full flower, in
The symphony of June.

How they begged that we should
Tarry ere we launched our dar-
ing bark,
Setting sail from southern sunlight
To the realms of winter dark;
How they pleaded we should never
Brave the breakers and the
foam,
But should bide beside the hearth-
stone and should live a life at
home!

"No," we answered, "we must hurry,
For the Roving Sons are we,
We must make the great adventure;
we must sail the Seventh Sea;
We have done with sloth and safety
and the Little People's ways;
Better bitterness than languor; bet-
ter life than length of days!"

And we sailed and still are sailing
Underneath a starless sky,
Over wastes of waves uncharted,
Where we know not how nor
why;

Certain only we can never more re-
cross the Farthest Sea
To the Land of Lost Illusions, to the
Isle of Used to Be.

—W. R. Kauffman.

WASTING TIME.

If you waste money continually,
you will some day come to the end
of your money. Just so with time;
keep on wasting it and by and by
you'll come to the end of your time.

Time is money. If you don't be-
lieve this, try to borrow some, after
you have squandered your own sup-
ply of time.

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sleep and eight hours for other oc-
cupations. Most men and women who
are living successfully, have made
their success by right use of the
hours they do not spend in sleep or
at work.

It is silly to bewail your lack of
education when four hours a day
would give you the equivalent of a
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foolish to complain of lost health
when in your eight spare hours you
refuse to diet, exercise and take other
hygienic measures which are all that
most people require to be healthy. It
is childish to protest that you do not
get ahead in life, when you will not
make use of any of those extra eight
hours to qualify yourself for promo-
tion.

We all have to live on twenty-four
hours a day. The question is how to
get the most out of them. What are
you doing with yours?—Mother's
Magazine.

Miss Margaret Smith, who was ill
several days last week, is again able
to be out.

Clayton Jones, who died November
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Science Notes

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GERMANY AS NATURE'S COMPETITOR.

An admitted fact it is that no nation was better prepared than Germany to be isolated from the outside world and, in company with her allies, forming the group known as the central powers, compelled to rely almost entirely on her own resources. To her remarkable self-sustaining powers, Germany credits the Teuton chemist as having contributed in a greater degree than any other single factor. And since the German chemist has for years been establishing an ascendancy over the chemists of other nations, until we have come to look upon Germany and chemistry as synonymous words in the broader sense, this would seem logical.

While fully appreciating the skill of German chemists and their numerous past achievements, it is inevitable that scientific men the world over should be rather skeptical regarding the wonderful discoveries claimed to have been scored in the isolated empire since the opening of the European war. It is inconceivable that so many problems long baffling solution at the hands of the foremost scientists of the world should suddenly be mastered in the Teuton laboratories in so short a period as sixteen months. Admitting that the very urgency of the demand for synthetic products has spurred the German chemist to a point of frenzy and the will to conquer that have been unknown to other chemists, still, the great number of achievements and their remarkableness alone would give rise to incredulity; let alone the fact that Germany has striven both openly and in secret to secure the much needed commodities from the outside world in every conceivable way.

We have heard of the new gas used in the latest super-Zeppelins which is lighter than hydrogen and positively unflammable, eliminating at one stroke the very feature that has rendered lighter-than-air craft liable to accidental explosions at any moment, as well as most vulnerable to hostile fire; of the successful substitution of alcohol and benzol for petroleum, paper for jute, and newly-discovered formula for artificial leather and rubber; of the discovery of microbes that convert sugar into important life-sustaining fats; of wonderful compressed food that is at once both inexpensive and most nourishing; of explosives made from wood pulp, and other feats of chemistry too numerous to mention.

In view of the foregoing facts, the question naturally arises: Why does Germany exert every effort in her power to obtain the necessary materials and certain foodstuffs from the outside world? Is this not in direct contradiction to her boastful claims that, in German laboratories, and not on the sea and land, has the blockade of the allies been defeated?

The seeming mystery is simple of explanation. It is safe to assume—and to some extent is borne out by the United States consular reports—that the achievements claimed by the German chemists have actually taken place; but, and here is the vital point, in most instances the cost and difficulties inherent to the making of the synthetic products have been so great that they limit these discoveries to the laboratory, rendering them

practically valueless in the commercial sense. And in this respect the Teuton chemists are in a position that is not unique; recent years having witnessed the appearance of many substitutes for natural products, few of which ever ventured forth from the laboratory and into the commercial world, because of the cost of production.

Thus the work of Germany's chemists while commendable in the highest degree cannot hope to compete successfully with nature and to aid the central powers against the enforced isolation which the war has brought on them.

ARTIFICIAL PEARLS.

Large artificial pearls have been made by filling thin glass bulbs with a solution of fish scale nacre and they are very clever imitations. An easy way to detect them is to note the spot where the bulb was sealed. Liesegang has now made artificial pearls by another method. The glass bulb is coated on the inside with 10 per cent gelatin solution, allowed to dry only partially and then a small amount of sodium phosphate added and the coating dried very slowly. The iridescence is an optical phenomenon caused by minute wrinkles, parallel, formed on the gelatin.—Scientific American.

Event Extraordinary.

Mr. William H. Lacey, a trained artist of exceptional ability, will sing at the extraordinary entertainment at Mt. Zion Baptist church Friday evening, December 17. Mrs. W. T. Osborne has in charge the occasion and will be supported by the DuBois Dramatic club in a one-act comedy-drama, "The Veiled Lady," which shows—well, come and see what it does show.

Other trained artists in both vocal and instrumental music and in readings and sketches from Shakespeare will appear on the program. A committee from the trustee board of Knights and Daughters of Tabor succeeded in getting Mrs. Osborne to give this entertainment for the benefit of the Taborian lot.

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DR. CONDRA'S MOVING PICTURES AT NEBRASKA FARMERS' CONGRESS

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 4.—One thousand farmers of Nebraska attended the sixth annual convention of the Nebraska Farmers' congress, which convened in Omaha November 30 to December 2. This organization, while only six years old, and having started with a mere handful of members, is now a very large and influential body, which has a great deal to do and say about the destinies of the state. A very interesting program was given. Some of the important subjects discussed were "Marketing of Farm Products," by Hon. C. J. Brand, chief of office of farm marketing, United States department of agriculture; "The Relation of the State University to the Agricultural Interests of the State," by Chancellor S. Avery, University of Nebraska, and "Rural Credits," by Hon. F. G. Odell, secretary of the American Rural Credit association.

Dr. George E. Condra of the University of Nebraska brought his

moving picture films to Omaha the evening of December 1, and showed and explained important things in agricultural development. Dr. Condra is secretary of the Nebraska Public Welfare commission, which is doing effective work to make the people of Nebraska conversant with the resources and opportunities of their state.

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"Men may come and men may go" applies to the frequent changes that have been made in headwaiters at the various Omaha hotels. One hotel has proven an exception. It is The Merchants. The management of that hostelry has changed three or four times in the last twenty-two years, but despite change of management, there was one man whose services have been retained because of the satisfaction he gave to patrons—a most important consideration—and employers, and that man was Silas Johnson, whose cut it gives us pleasure to publish in this issue of The Monitor. He is a man who has "made good" in his chosen calling. And one of the chief purposes of these biographical sketches which we are publishing from time to time is to show that success in any given line of honorable employment is to be won only by competence and strict application to business.

Mr. Johnson became headwaiter at the Merchants hotel in 1893, when it was under the management of Paxton, Hulett and Davenport, and remained there, serving most acceptably in that capacity until a few weeks ago, when he resigned to accept the position of headwaiter at an increased salary at the new Hotel Castle. For twenty-two continuous years he held the one position, which is the record for headwaiters in Omaha. In point of continuous service he is the oldest headwaiter in the city, if not in the state, and he is not an old man by any means.

Silas Johnson is the son of Cyrus and Parthenia Johnson and was born in Owensboro, Ky., and is proud of his native state, although he is not fond of the beverage which has given that state distinction. For a few years he was in the employ of a railroad company. He has resided in Omaha for twenty-five years. In 1894 he was married to Miss Ida M. Bell, oldest daughter of Cyrus D. Bell, and they have a cosy and attractive home at 2304 North Twenty-ninth street.

Mr. Johnson has a wide acquaintance throughout the state. His cordiality has made him many fast friends. Being punctual and regular himself at business, he has insisted upon the same traits in his subordinates and it is a noteworthy fact that his waiters have been pleased to remain with him. He is a type of our self-respecting, home-loving, industrious citizens of which Omaha has many.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION TO MEET IN OMAHA EARLY IN YEAR

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 10.—The Nebraska Public Health association will meet in Omaha some time early in 1916. Public health officers of cities and towns, as well as physicians throughout the state who are interested in public health questions, will attend this meeting. This meeting is fostered by the State Board of Medical Examiners and the State Board of Health proper. Experts in public health and sanitation matters will be asked to participate in the meeting. The attendance at these meetings usually averages 250.

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"AN IRREPARABLE LOSS." (Birmingham Age-Herald.)

Birmingham, Ala., Nov. 14.—"In Booker T. Washington's death, Alabama and the whole South will sustain an irreparable loss. Well may all friends of education pay tribute to his memory."

STATE SUPREME COURT SUSTAINS MAYOR

(Continued from first page.)

court. The case was there submitted upon briefs and arguments of counsel for both parties.

The complete record of the evidence heard before the lower court was certified up together with prospectus, brochure, and comments, local and foreign.

The supreme court in the opinion just handed down reviewed the photograph and the alleged historical events that it purported to portray. The decision unreservedly sustains the right of the mayor to revoke the license, and held that the mayor properly exercised his power of discretion in refusing to permit the play to be exhibited.

"Courts will not interfere with a municipal officer upon whom is conferred discretionary power, unless it clearly appears that he has wontonly abused that power," says the opinion.

The learned justices, after reviewing the evidence and commenting caustically upon the attempt through the medium of "The Birth of a Nation" to revive issues long since forgotten and by that means incite hatred of one race against another held that the mayor wisely exercised his discretionary power in preventing the film from being shown in the city of Minneapolis.

The order of the circuit court of Hennepin county, dismissing the complainant's bill for an injunction was affirmed.

This is the first case involving the many legal attempts to prevent the exhibition of "The Birth of a Nation" that has reached and been decided by a state court of last resort. It is a signal victory for the opponents of Thomas Dixon's vicious attempt to stamp the whole male portion of the Negro race as rapists and renegades. The decision will be of incalculable benefit to the race and fair-minded whites in stopping the play wherever hereafter attempts to exhibit it are made.

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