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Colonel Dennison Gets Appointment

Popular Jurist and Military Leader Made Assistant Attorney General of Illinois.

APPOINTMENT IS APPROVED

The Leading White Dailies Editorially Commend Recognition of Splendid Race Representative.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 2.—Comments of a very favorable nature have been heard from many quarters on the appointment by Attorney General Brundage of Colonel Franklin A. Dennison as assistant attorney general. That the appointment is generally approved is evidenced by the favorable editorial comment of the white dailies not only in this city but throughout the state. The following editorial from the Springfield, Ill., News-Record is a fair sample of the comment concerning his appointment:

"Corrupt politicians often give appointments to unworthy Negroes in order to build up a political machine. They elevate the worst element of the Negro race and discourage the better element.

"Attorney General Brundage is not that sort of a politician. He selected a representative of the Colored race last week, as a member of his staff, and he chose a man who is high minded, above corruption and in every respect typical of the progressive Negroes who are working for the benefit of the race.

"Colonel Franklin A. Dennison, of Chicago, who by the action of Mr. Brundage, becomes an assistant attorney general, has striven to help Negroes go forward. His life and achievements are an inspiration to every Colored boy. His appointment is a recognition of merit."

GREAT CITY OF EGYPTIAN RELICS

The Brooklyn Museum announces a gift of Egyptian relics made in memory of Charles Edwin Wilbour, one of the greatest American archeologists. It contains some wonderful statues, heads, pottery, etc., and will prove very valuable to students of the darker races. The Brooklyn Museum has now the finest collection of any museum in the United States with the single exception of the University of Chicago.

RISK LIVES TO SAVE COLORED WORKMEN

St. Louis, Jan. 2.—Fifty men narrowly escaped death when tons of molten iron exploded in the plant of the Mississippi Iron company here last week and scattered flames throughout the structure. Seven Colored employes were trapped in the burning building, their escape cut off by the flames, but they were heroically rescued by white workmen. The loss is \$40,000.

GREAT FUTURE OF COTTON PICKERS ON EXHIBITION

The exceptionally good example of Winslow Homer, "The Cotton Pickers," is now being exhibited in the handsome new galleries of J. W. Young, Chicago, along with thirty choice modern art pictures. It was painted in 1876 and purchased by a wealthy cotton spinner of England. The late Hopkinson Smith discovered it and had an American buy it. The picture represents two comely Colored women in the cotton fields and has been reproduced for the first time.—American Art News.

Colored Woman Elected Assistant Postmistress

Mrs. Elnora Gresham Made Assistant House Postmistress.

An interesting contest before the representatives in the house caucuses of Friday and Saturday was that in which the assistant to the legislative postmistress was involved. Ten candidates were aspirants for the place, eight of them being from Des Moines. The applicants included two Colored women, Mrs. Elnora Gresham of Cedar Rapids and Mrs. Frances M. Hall, of Des Moines. The contest finally resolved itself into a three cornered affair between the Colored women and their white opponent. A combination of the Gresham and Hall strength resulted in putting the Cedar Rapids woman over a winner. This is the first instance in the history of the state of Iowa, a Colored woman has been elected to fill a position in the Iowa Legislature. Mrs. Gresham has the indorsement of the commercial club of Cedar Rapids, the lieutenant-governor-elect and the Iowa Federation of Colored Women.

PAVLOWA SUGGESTS AN AMERICAN BALLET

Madame Pavlowa, the famous Russian dancer, has finished her American engagement and in an interview suggested that America, or more particularly, the United States, have an American ballet. She says that the activity and vitality of the native Negro and Indian dances afford a wide range for the building of a national dance that will compare favorably with anything that Europe has produced.

POLLARD SCORES AGAIN

The Outing Football Roll of Honor, of the Outing Magazine, again chooses Pollard on its roll of heroes. The person choosing the roll says, "Among backs the writer hands the award for first honors of those he has seen to Pollard of Brown. Even Oliphant of the Army has nothing on this Colored boy."

NEW YORK SUN KNOCKS OHIO JUSTICE

A man in Lima, Ohio, who took part in an attack on the Sheriff with intent to lynch a prisoner, and who was first sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary, is to get off with a public apology for his violence.

This is a new idea in penology. Public apologies for murderous assaults should make rapid headway. Instead of twenty years the convicted wrongdoer will have another alternative—a public apology publicly made once a year for the rest of his natural life. A capital apology will be the new capital punishment.—The Sun.

Omaha Lands Another Big Plum

General Booking Offices of World's Largest Race Feature Film Company Locates in Omaha.

Los Angeles, Calif. (Special to The Monitor)—The Lincoln Motion Picture Company (Inc.) of this city, the largest and only Negro Film Company in the World producing with regularity photo-plays written, directed and acted entirely by Colored people, has recently been incorporated in this State at a capitalization of \$75,000.

Organized and headed by Noble M. Johnson, the leading screen artist of his race, as well as a talented playwright and director; this company in its six months of existence has produced and released through its own exchanges the two leading Race feature plays before the public, "The Realization of a Negro's Ambition," two reel society drama of the Far West; and "The Trooper of Troop K," a sensational and thrilling three-reel picturization of the historical Carrizal fight. With ten copies of these two plays in daily use, and a third production being produced, the national demand for the productions of this company has made the step of incorporating a necessity.

The releasing organization is about completed, with general booking offices in Omaha, and branch exchanges in the various centers as follows: Chicago, 3129 South State St., Tony Langston, manager; St. Louis, 3411 Lawton avenue, W. H. King, manager; New Orleans, 531 South Rampart St., D. Ireland Thomas, manager; Atlanta, 192 Auburn avenue, R. Black, manager; Philadelphia, 526 South 16th St., Clarence Edward Wells, manager. with negotiations under way for a New York office.

The incorporators and directors are Noble M. Johnson, J. Thomas Smith, Clarence A. Brooks, G. Johnson and Dudley A. Brooks.

EDITOR ANDERSON HONORED

New York, Feb. 2.—James H. Anderson, founder and editor of the Amsterdam News, was the guest of honor at a testimonial banquet given by the Manhattan Citizen's Committee at the Central Casino Thursday

Verdict In Favor of Negro Stands

Finding of Federal Jury Against Tennessee Sheriff For \$45,000 Must Be Paid.

IS MAN'S HOME HIS CASTLE?

Notable Decision Given by Southern Judge. Comments on Terrorizing Conditions Besetting Race.

Nashville, Feb. 2.—In a lengthy opinion, and one which scored the actions of the defendants, Judge J. E. McCall, of the federal court, has denied the petition of former Sheriff J. A. Reichman and certain of his deputies for a new trial, with the exception of the posseman, J. W. King. The latter will have his petition granted.

Mr. Reichman and the deputies formerly on his staff, together with the other possemen against whom a verdict for \$45,000 was recently rendered in favor of Mathew Harris, Colored, formerly residing near Capleville, will appeal from the decision. Deputies of the sheriff blew up the Harris home with dynamite about a year ago in the effort to arrest Manuel Harris, nephew of Mathew, and who, it developed later, was not in the house. Harris was frightfully mangled by the explosion besides being wounded by some of the shots fired into the cabin.

In his decision Judge McCall declares the conduct of the deputies "without authority of law and in fact in violation of the law."

The opinion quotes from Chatham's speech on general warrants as follows: "The poorest man may in his cottage bid defiance to all the forces of the crown. It may be frail; its roof may shake; the wind may blow through it; the storm may enter; the rain may enter; but the king of England may not enter; all his force dare not cross the threshold of the ruined tenement."

The opinion includes the statement: "I shall not omit to state that it is undisputed and proven by the mouths of Lee and Lisbon (two of the deputies) that Mathew Harris was thoughtful enough to thank them that they were considerate enough not to kill him.

"None but those who reside in a community with a large Colored population can appreciate the fright that seizes the inmates of a Negro cabin when there comes a rap on the door after dark. What terror stirred the bosoms of Mathew Harris and his family, who were innocent of any wrong-doing, when following the rap came the information that the house was surrounded by officers, with the request that he come out, no one but Harris and those with him may know. The verdict is large, but not so large as to evince caprice, passion or prejudice."

General Race News

DOCTORS DRAW COLORED LINE

Tuberculosis Sanatorium Physicians Would Bar Dr. Giles.

Chicago, Feb. 2.—Members of the medical staff of the municipal tuberculosis sanatorium have refused to allow Dr. Roscoe C. Giles to sleep in the dormitory or eat at the table with them. Recently Dr. Giles passed the examination for junior physician at the sanatorium, standing first on the list. The board of trustees have met twice and tried to settle the difficulty but failed to arrive at a decision. Dr. Giles made a protest to Alderman DePriest, who in turn protested to the Health Commissioner, Robertson. The position pays \$100 a month, board and lodging.

BIG MONEY FOR BARTENDER'S NEGLECT

New York, Feb. 2.—Because the bartenders in the cafe of John Rheim, 21 Courtland street, were apparently too busy to notice two Colored men standing before the bar waiting to be served, the proprietor will have to pay \$1000 damages for alleged violation of the civil rights law, according to a decision of the Appellate division of the Supreme Court. The Municipal Court had previously turned down the complaint of the two men. The complainants were Eugene L. Moore, business manager of the New York Age, and David E. Tobias, lawyer.

MAJ. JACKSON GETS BIG BERTH

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 2.—Maj. Robert R. Jackson has been honored in the legislature by being appointed on the committees on appropriations, military affairs, local option and apportionment of which he will have charge or redistricting the state for election purposes.

He has introduced a bill prohibiting the exhibition of pictures showing lynchings and the burning of human beings.

WEST INDIAN NATURALIZED

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 2.—Renouncing his allegiance to George V. King of Great Britain and Ireland, James Nathaniel Hoyte, chef at the New Academy, procured his first citizenship papers from County Clerk Hopkins on Thursday afternoon. He was the first Colored man to apply for naturalization papers in the courts of Sussex county. He was born in the Barbados Island and came to the United States in 1903.

WAR MAKES JAPAN A CREDITOR NATION

The existence of the European war is making Japan a power among the nations of the world financially. She has bought over \$257,500,000 English securities exclusive of her loans to the British government and over \$195,500,000 in other securities. Besides she has paid several thousand millions on her war debt and if the war continues much longer this debt will be wiped out entirely. Such finance places Japan on a secure financial basis and means that she will do much in dictating future Asiatic policies.

WHITE JOURNAL WRITES SCATHINGLY ON LYNCHING

The Rip-Saw, a monthly published in St. Louis, and of which Eugene V. Debs is editor, writes at length upon the lynching record recently published by Tuskegee. The editorial closes with the following scathing arraignment of American civilization.

"If, as scripture teaches, they who take up the sword should perish by the sword, then they who stain their hands with innocent blood by committing the cowardly crime of lynching should themselves fall victims to the same ignominious fate.

The community that tolerates lynching, especially of an innocent victim, is still in the brute stage of its development. It is even lower than that for there are no brutes in the animal kingdom that wantonly kill their own kind for the mere sake of gratifying the brute lust of killing.

When one reads of these unspeakable crimes in the high noon of what is called Christian civilization in the supposedly most advanced nation on earth, one is painfully impressed with our white degeneracy instead of our vaunted white supremacy and a man who is really white almost feels as if he should take off his hat when he meets a Colored man and apologize to him for the crimes of his race.

From the time the first Negroes were stolen from their native land by heartless white pirates and traders in human flesh until now, the Colored people have been the victims of infinite cruelties and crimes at the hands of their white superiors, (!) and now that they are no longer in chains, no longer owned as chattels, the only way to impress them with the 'supremacy' of white civilization is to turn blood-thirsty mobs loose upon them, innocent though they be, and hang them and even their wives and children to trees and let them dangle there for the glory of their cold-blooded murderers.

Oh, yes, we are a Christian nation and we are highly civilized; we have our pious faces set like flint against violence and anarchy, for we believe we who have established "white supremacy," we believe in LAW AND ORDER."

PLAN BETTER HOMES FOR THE COLORED POPULATION

Philadelphia, Feb. 2.—Need of better housing for the Colored population of the city was emphasized at the annual meeting of the Octavia Hill Association in the Custis Building last Monday. The board of directors decided to raise funds for building a number of houses in the district now occupied by Colored people.

NEGROES RESCUE WHITE MAN

Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 2.—Louis Papas (white) barber by trade, jumped into the St. John's river here last week at the foot of Liberty street with the evident purpose of suicide, and but for the heroic intervention of two Colored men who jumped into the river and rescued him he would have succeeded. He will recover.

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By Elizabeth Carrington Young.

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It blooms and blows
In cold and snows,
Now, will you tell me, whether
This blossom white
That doth delight
Our hearts, and cheers us ever,
Is flower rare,
Or baby fair,
Or both of them together?

He who is made by an opportunity
is usually the one who made the opportunity.

Whenever you can look at yourself
and be satisfied, you should begin to
suspect yourself of moral blindness.

There are hundreds of overworked
stomachs to every overworked brain.

What Happy Hearts are those that
find a true
Delight in Many Things, a Need of
Few!

Most of us believe that clouds have
a silver lining, but few of us make
any effort either to turn the clouds
round or to get behind them.—Ex.

WHERE GOOD AGENCIES FAIL

No matter how specific the drug,
how effective the medicine, it cannot
cure when administered too late. No
matter how potent the influences and

agencies used to change habits and
characteristics, they are without effect
if applied after habits are formed
and characteristics stamped. Then
every energy should be spent to mold
and shape little characters while they
are young, while impressions are easily
made and may be made deep.

We hear much and see many evidences
of the wrecking of parental control.
So many parents do not hold and direct
their children as they might. The home
in too many instances loses its place as
the center of influence and in as many
instances parents themselves are to blame.

Often the trouble lies in the lack of
a gentle, yet firm control while the
children are young. A child soon
learns if "no" means "no," or if it
means nothing at all. A little time,
a little patience then more time and
more patience. Year after year, and
finally you secure an understanding
of the child and win its confidence.
The confident of your child! Nothing
is dearer to the parent's heart than
to hold this sacred trust.

Chum with your children, study
them, open your eyes to their faults
then you can help them. If you
leave them to themselves, to choose
their companions, their readings,
their amusements, then blame no one
but yourself if they go wrong. Know
where your children are at all times.
Trust them, to be sure, but strengthen
this trust with watchfulness. Win
them, save them while they are with
you, for when they have grown up,
prayers and tears, advice and preaching,
aids and offerings, pleadings and
intercessions—all good agencies—may
fail.—L. S. E.

A TALK ON DRUMS

Holland Harrold.

In recent years there has developed
a specialized line in the musical profession
called "Fly Drummer." He cannot be
a faker, as of old, but a legitimate
musician.

It is a mistaken idea with many
that schooling is not necessary, but it
is and the better the schooling, the
better the drummer. He must get
all conceivable hits under his control
and become an artist. Dances, orchestras,
vaudeville and the movies demand
such drumming and his art is in demand.
The "fly" side of drumming is the comedy
side and the comedy side of life, which
gives us clean moral relaxation, has been
proven to be psychologically necessary
to human advancement. Shakespeare gives
us tragedy as well as comedy and all
the great musicians, even Beethoven
and Wagner, give us humorous as well
as serious compositions. Life holds
majors as well as minors and most of
us prefer the majors. Dancers come to
rejoice and make merry, and here the
"fly drummer" must do his best to aid
the vaulting spirits.

The eternal question which the prospective
pupil asks is, "How long will it take
me to learn the drums?" To my judgment
no answer can be made, inasmuch as
the student's innate musical ability,
his ability to concentrate and the amount
of time given to practice are the necessary
considerations. In my home town it is
often difficult to obtain good teachers,
especially for Colored students, and one
is often thrown upon his own resources.
His

only chance is to develop self-criticism
and to follow closely the text of some
good standard method on drums.

Prof. James Reese Europe, who
traveled with the Castles, had the best
trap drummer I have ever heard. This
may be only a personal opinion and may
not stand, because one great artist may
excel in some points and be deficient
in others, but I mean as an all around
performer. As in all other things, an
equal may always be found and sometimes
a superior. No man, perhaps, can remain
forever the greatest.

My teacher, Mr. Hoffman, an Omaha
musician who has been residing in
Council Bluffs, has always maintained
that sensational drumming was a failure
to the profession and often cautioned
me against carrying such a repertoire
of effects on a job. By all means I
should obey him while under his instruction,
but since leaving him I have permitted
my own ideas to prevail. Mr. Hoffman
is perhaps the best technical drummer
in the city and I gave him credit for
giving me his clean-cut professional
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OPENING OF THE WARDEN HOTEL

The Warden Hotel, the Colored Fontenelle,
held its opening on last Thursday night.
A large crowd was in attendance and
all were delighted with the effort made
by Mr. Warden and wife to give Omaha
a really first class hostelry. The building
contains thirty-five rooms, every one of
which is thoroughly furnished in complete
detail. Nothing is missing and every
Colored Omahan should make a special
effort to visit The Warden. As a business
proposition there is no possibility for
failure. Omaha has several small hotels,
but we may call the Warden a really
large one and one that will compare
favorably with any west of Chicago.

We congratulate Mr. Warden and wife
upon this splendid effort and predict
much success. A cafe in connection
is also worthy of mention and those
who have patronized the former Warden
Cafe on Fourteenth street will know
that the same delicious and tasty meals
will continue to be served at the new
location.

OWL CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

The Owl Club held its annual election
of officers recently, the following members
being chosen for the ensuing year: L. N.
Peoples, president; A. M. Harrold, vice
president; James Peoples, secretary;
Clarence Gordon, reporter; Simon Harrold,
treasurer; and Charles Garrett, "Big Chief."

COLORED NEBRASKAN

GIVEN FARM

Tom Mason, of Nehawka, Nebraska,
inherited a farm of 160 acres from the
late Governor Pollard, father of present
Congressman Pollard. Mason has been
employed in the Pollard family for years
and received the above inheritance for
faithful service.

MONUMENT TO

NEGRO SOLDIERS

Representative Dyer, of Missouri,
recently introduced a bill in Congress
to provide a commission to secure plans
and designs for a monument to the
Negro soldiers ("who fought in the wars
of the country," and asks that \$100,000
be appropriated for that purpose.

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TRYING TO FOOL THE PEOPLE

The Omaha Electric Light and Power Company owes it to the citizens to live up fairly and honestly to the terms of the contract which was ratified at the recent election. One of the terms was reduction in light rates to 6 cents per kilowatt-hour for electric current used. That was to have become effective January 1. Now comes this company before the city commissioners and asks authority to charge 6½ cents per kilowatt-hour, with a reduction of half a cent for payment within ten days of rendering the bill.

Four of the commissioners, Messrs. Dahlman, Hummell, Jardine and Withnell voted "yes;" while Butler and Parks voted "no." Kugel was absent. By a vote of four to two the city commissioners have granted permission to the Electric Light Company to raise the rate. This is, in our judgment, a questionable proceeding. It is a most clever ruse to fool the people. It is this method of playing fast and loose with the plain letter and meaning of contracts which has brought public service corporations into disfavor.

We supported the Electric Light contract and were an important factor in helping to carry the election, because we believed it to be advantageous to the city, and private consumers. We believed that a 6 cent rate meant a 6 cent rate, clear and straight.

Commissioner Jardine's "explanation," as reported in the World-Herald of January 30, shows that his conscience hardly sanctions his vote. The other commissioners voting for the raise have not given "explanations" but our opinion is that second thought will convince them they have voted unwisely.

Commissioners Butler and Parks are absolutely right in their opposition to this raise. The Electric Light Company is violating both the spirit and the letter of the contract which was ratified at the recent election and if they want to hasten municipal ownership they are going at it in the right way.

It never pays to fool the public.

JULIAN STREET ON THE NEGRO

In Collier's, for January 27, Julian Street, well known journalist, begins a series of articles upon The Negro. Every one should read them for the reason that such literature upon the race question has not appeared before. Mr. Street writes with a fairness of an impartial judge, but his deep sympathy for the race is apparent in every line. To him the race is as great a race as any other and he pictures the shortcomings with as sympathetic a hand as he delineates the great achievements. No fairminded man can read the first article without leaving it with a friendly feeling toward the race and a firmer hope for its ultimate triumph.

Mr. Street closes with these words: "A few years more of Negro progress and it will be only a very blind or a very cruel white man who will fail to extend a hand—not necessarily the hand of social equality, but certainly the hand of good will and helpfulness—to the black man struggling out of the morass."

We shall try and arrange to republish this article in installments for the reason that we want our readers to become acquainted with it. Another man of the stamp of Ray Standard Baker has taken up our cause and we thank him for his favor. It means much.

FIGHTING JIM CROWISM AND DISFRANCHISEMENT

The program mapped out by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for this year is a vigorous fight against "Jim Crow" cars and disfranchisement.

The Association believes that by concentration of its fire much will be gained. We agree with this view.

Our race everywhere is growing in intelligence, integrity, ability, wealth, self-respect and genuine worth. This being true we are not satisfied and should not be satisfied with the efforts in vogue in certain sections of this country to humiliate us and deprive us of our just rights.

Moreover, the toleration, without protest, in any section of our country of certain indignities, permits the evil to spread. Those of us who live in more favorable localities cannot hope to enjoy the privileges dear to us if we regard with indifference the indignities heaped upon our people elsewhere. For this reason the National Association should have the hearty support of the race throughout the United States.

The recent election of President Wilson made possible by the stolen votes of the South has at last aroused republican leaders to the necessity for taking action against disfranchisement. This will aid in the fight against disfranchisement. Carefully prepared and vigorously pressed suits for violations of Interstate Commerce Law, as applied to interstate passengers, will undoubtedly enlist the friendly and powerful support of the railroads, in eliminating the present glaring injustice and dishonesty of the pernicious "Jim Crow" car system.

Let the race in Nebraska and the great Northwest vigorously support the National Association in its fight against Jim Crowism and disfranchisement.

GROWING IN THRIFT

Have you ever noticed how many of our people in this city are buying homes, saving money and giving other evidence of thrift? It would surprise you to know how many have bank accounts.

Another gratifying fact is this: Our people are showing commendable discretion and judgment in patronizing those banks and saving institutions which are giving some recognition to our people in the matter of employment, or by giving advertising patronage. The banks in this city which have the largest number of Colored depositors are those who give this recognition.

Let the good work go on. We have been too long inclined to be spend-thrifts. We are glad to chronicle the fact that so many are getting the saving habit.

SONG OF SOLOMON

Knocking.

1. Listen, O my son, while I string my banjo to the tune of rebuke.
2. There is one gentle art our race hath learned to a frazzle and a fare-you-well and that is the art of knocking.
3. They use not a hammer, O my Son, but an ax and use it most royally.
4. Whenever a black man would try to do he is hammered to a cute finish.
5. If he succeed the mob handeth him the noise that he is a robber and a thief and that he hath the swelled noodle and the high eyed go-by.
6. If he faileth, they giggle with glee and whisper joyfully, "I told you so."
7. Racial praise for a grand race effort is as rare as an oasis in the Mojave desert.
8. Thou must know, O my Son, that a little praise to a man or woman for something rightly done is like gasoline and motor oil for a struggling automobile.
9. Lay aside thine axe and get thee a horn and learn the tune of the rooting rah rah.
10. Thy race needs it, O my Son, in its travel towards the high lights and great plateau.

COLORED NEWSPAPERS

The newspapers of the race are constantly lauding the merits of our men and enterprises. They are setting before the world the many achievements of the race in all the vocations that tend to make man honorable and worthy of distinction; the essential thing for it is the noble acts or accomplishments that the white papers as a rule fail to print, or give an obscure place. And yet we have met men who will openly declare that it doesn't mean anything to advertise in a Negro paper, and that the short comings of the Negro paper is that they don't fight the white man's burden. However, as Winston and thousands of others have won, so will the Negro news journals win, and the race must finally recognize them as their greatest defender in championing and fighting a righteous cause for all the people.—Searchlight.

OBVIOUS OBSERVATIONS

Caranza, the big chief of Mexico, and Villa, the big bandit, both are telling the Mexicans that they made the Americans trot back across the border. Now for some real fun.

Last week one of Omaha's Colored citizens of local fame told us that after he had devoured a two pound chicken, three pounds of fried potatoes, twenty-one biscuits, a plate of hot cakes, two bowls of cereal, and five cups of coffee, in the morning, he had just then begun to develop an appetite for breakfast. And what is more, we believe it. We all call him "Jim."

The tiny rivulets are running down the streets and the birds are twittering in the warm sunlight and—are we dreaming?

Have you read Julian Street's article on The Negro in Collier's? Read it and you will find it is one of the finest things you have ever read.

Wilson's peace note was a gem. Now let him study up something nice to deliver to the senate on the race problem.

The Colored race in America is doing some great things these days, but you will find the record of their achievements in your own journals.

We thank subscribers for paying up their subscriptions so willingly and our inside secret is that we are constantly planning for a bigger and better paper.

Thanking you kindly for your attention, we will now proceed to investigate the price of prunes.

A GROWING QUESTION

We wonder when Robert Smith, clerk of the District Court; Michael Clark, the sheriff; and Harry Pearce, the register of deeds, are going to give our people those positions to which we are entitled. In the language of Dunbar, "Speak up, Sam; 'spress yo' self."

Those who are familiar with the Bible will recall the words of the Psalmist, which read: "I said in my haste, all men are liars." Wonder if he could have foreseen "the leak investigation" at Washington?

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Mr. Editor: Please allow space in your valuable paper to say that too much encouragement cannot be given the women of our community who have the ability and tact to hold together an organization of women and through them accomplish much good for the race. A more influential woman could not have been selected to take up the splendid work of the Old Folks Home, where the matchless organizer and president, Mrs. Martha Smith left off than the one selected, Mrs. James G. Jewell. She is holding the organization together and continuing the work grandly. The luncheon given by Mrs. Lawrie, who has always stood by the Home, under the management of Mrs. Jewell, was a marked success.

The house kept filled and there was a continuous coming and going of interested women anxious to help the worthy cause. Mrs. Jewell, in her pleasing manner, greeted all and made each feel that it was a duty that fell upon every Colored woman in Omaha to help support the Home. Being much impressed by the method and ease the worthy president, the members of the Home and Mrs. Lawrie handled the guests at luncheon, I felt the flowers of encouragement now would do more real good toward impressing others to give to the community and to the glory of God the benefit of their talents. The churches and organizations of Omaha are calling for women who can do, and we have the ability and real leadership lying dormant among us that if utilized could accomplish great uplifting good among our people. We are pleased to say that many are coming to the front and giving to the public something worth while at the Tuesday Eve Forum at St. John's A. M. E. Church.

Mrs. W. T. Osborne.

Subscribe for The Monitor.

Events and Persons

Miss Pansy Caldwell, daughter of Mountain Johnson, has come to Omaha from Denver and expects to make this city her future home.

Elmer Morris, an Omaha young man and graduate from Creighton Pharmacy College, will open a drug store at 1904 North 24th street this week or the early part of next. Mr. Morris has the best wishes of The Monitor for this business venture.

We will try to make a general clean-up on subscriptions within the next two weeks. Please have a smile and some change when our genial collector presses the electric button.

A mistake was made last week in omitting the name of Miss Cordella Johnson as one of the recent High School graduates. Miss Johnson has the hearty congratulations of this paper and its friends.

Leon Smallwood, Jr., won first prize for an essay at his school this week.

Miss Constance Wigington left Omaha Sunday for Chicago, where she will join her mother.

Go to Gordon's Drug Store, 24th and Burdette Sts., for Brown Skin Powder, Dr. Palmer's Skin Whitener Soap and Skin Whitener. Webster 6174.—Adv.

Mrs. B. O. Davis and daughter, Ethel, of Washington, D. C., arrived in Omaha Monday p. m. They are guests of Sergeant and Mrs. Philip Letcher.

Mrs. George E. Miller, of Lincoln, Nebr., was in the city last week to visit her uncle, G. W. Pleasant, who is quite ill at 2305 North 27th.

The Shriners' Annual Ball. Remember all. At Alamo Hall. Hear the call: "Balance All." February 8. Buy your tickets early.—Adv.

Anthony Scott, of Topeka, Kas., died Monday night at St. Joseph's Hospital. He was the father of E. G. Scott, who, with his wife, Mrs. Maude Scott, left Tuesday to attend the funeral.

Mrs. Volney Carter, wife of Volney Carter, died Thursday night at St. Philip's rectory after a protracted illness. She was buried from St. Philip's Church, of which she had been a devout communicant for nearly twenty-five years. The interment was at Forest Lawn and the funeral under the proficient charge of the Western Undertaking Company. Her husband has the sympathy of his many friends in his bereavement.

Keystone Lodge No. 4, K. of P., Omaha, Neb. Meetings first and third Thursday of each month. M. H. Hazard, C. C.; J. H. Glover, K. of R. S.

Miss Ruth Alexander and Miss Cuma Watson attended the senior banquet of the Commercial High School at the Hotel Loyal Friday evening, January 26. After the banquet the evening was spent in dancing. Both girls reported having a most delightful time.

The coming event will be the Shriner's Ball at Alamo Hall, February 8.—Adv.

Among those attending the funeral of Mr. Andy Brown from out-of town were: Mr. and Mrs. Preston Graves, of Lincoln; Mrs. Jeanette Marshall, Mrs. Delsena Ellis, Mrs. Blanche Overstreet, Mr. Zach Johnson, and Mr. Arthur Patrick.

Miss Dora Johnson, of Kansas City, is stopping with friends at 2304 No. 25th street.

When you need a good clean shave, see P. H. Jenkins, 1818 Dodge street.—Adv.

Mrs. Edna Jackson, niece of Mrs. Annie Banks, is quite ill at 912 No. 20th street.

Uncle Sam Hardin, of 946 North 27th, is confined to his bed with la grippe.

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A beautiful prophecy party and luncheon was given Thursday evening, January 25th, in honor of the two Central High School graduates, Misses Venus Cropp and Cordella Johnson, at the residence of Mrs. Wm. C. Ricks. A delightful evening was enjoyed by all.

Will N. Johnson, Lawyer, 109 So. 14th Street. Douglas 5841.

All news must be in before Wednesday noon, in order to appear the following Saturday.

Any sick in the city who need aid, no matter of what creed, should call Mrs. J. H. Glover, Webster 2255, of the Missionary Society, St. John's A. M. E. Church.

Smoke John Ruskin 5c Cigar. Biggest and Best.—Adv.

Charles Shelton, 3410 North 29th, was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital Sunday night for several weeks' treatment.

Mrs. General Scott gave a matinee party last Thursday for Mesdames John Jackson and Myrtle Simmons, of Kansas City, Kas., after which a five course luncheon was served at her residence.

Weeping Willow Lodge No. 9596, G. U. O. of O. F., meets second and fourth Thursdays of each month at U. B. F. Hall, 24th and Charles. M. H. Hazzard, N. G.; T. H. Gaskins, P. S.

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Mrs. Frank Stewart, 3015 Mander-son, who has been ill with severe tonsillitis, is convalescent.

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The Y. G. P. C. held their meeting Thursday, January 25, at the home of the Misses Hendricks, 3211 Pinkney. A delightful luncheon was served. The next meeting will be held February 1 at 2517 Miami. Miss Beatrice McGowan, president; Miss Ethel Brown, secretary.

Boys, watch the work of Fred Houston. He is one of the best barbers in Omaha. At Jewell and Phannix, 105 So. 14th.—Adv.

ST. PHILIP'S NOTES

A dinner will be given in the Guild rooms of St. Philip's Church, Monday evening, February 19. Committee in charge, Miss Paul, Mrs. Joe Brown and Mrs. Donley. Adults 35c, children 15c.

The Altar Guild met with Miss Paul Tuesday evening.

ST. JOHN'S A. M. E. CHURCH NOTES

Sunday is 25c day for the Trustee department.

Among the sick of the Church are Mesdames E. L. Jackson, Geo. Mack, Gertrude Tucker, Anna Tucker, I. A. Hughes.

St. John's Sunday School feels proud of three of their girls who graduated: Misses Cordella Johnson and Venus Cropp from Central High School and Miss Cuma Watson from Commercial High School.

Miss Corinne Thomas was one of the popular participants on program at the Social Settlement last week. So well did she render her contralto solo that she was compelled to respond to the second round of applause.

The Tuesday Night Forum still draws large crowds. A very large appreciative audience listened to the solos that were well rendered by Mrs. Ida Baker, soprano, whose clear sweet voice held her audience spell bound and Mr. Perry who showed marked ability and training, and Rev. W. T. Osborne delighted the audience in his rendition of "Beautiful Hills." Mr. G. W. Parker, speaker of the evening, interested his hearers as he unfolded events after events of history of the race, teaching many facts that were not generally known. His address was received heartily by an enthusiastic audience.

Program for Tuesday eve, Feb. 6. Instrumental solo, Mrs. Clarence Singleton.

Soprano solo, Mrs. C. H. Hustor. Address, "Deeds and Not Words," Mr. Silas Johnson.

Mezzo soprano solo, Mrs. Walter Brown.

Literary Digest. Contralto solo, Mrs. Fingers.

This program will be a treat to the public as it will be the first appearance of each participant at St. John, and every number will prove interesting, instructive and entertaining.

Dinner, chicken and greenings, greens and bacon.

Committee on Dinner, Mesdames Delia Brown, Mary Thomas, Eva Walker, J. S. North, Lulu Rountree.

Refreshments, Mesdames W. S. Metcalf, Anna Ricks, Walter Brown, Thos. Hutchinson, J. S. Turner.

Entertaining and Usher Committee, Mesdames Emma King, S. K. Brownlow, Mary Steward, Bell Taylor.

New members who have joined the Missionary Campaign, Mesdames J. S. North, Bessie Thomas, Georgia Mounts, Ida Baker, Lulu Strather, J. Burrows, Belle Johnson, Henry Black, J. D. Lewis, Ella Roe Jackson, Flora Rhodes, Ed Patton and Mrs. Douglas.

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Editor Takes a Trip; Omaha to Denver

Do you know what "a tray lunch" is? I mean on a railroad train.

Well, let me tell you that it is one of the luxuries of modern travel on the up-to-the-minute Union Pacific System. I don't know what other roads have inaugurated this convenience, and the Union Pacific has had it in operation only a few months. It will not be long, however, before other railroads will put the same plan into effect.

I have called it "one of the luxuries of modern travel." You will agree with me that this is a statement of sober fact, if you will only recall some of your traveling experiences.

Have you ever been "as hungry as a wolf"—and isn't it astonishing how hungry, voraciously hungry, one gets to be riding on a railroad train?

Do you remember that feeling of relief and of joyous anticipation when the brakeman, or porter drawled out: "Po-oh-du-unk next station; ten minutes for re-ee-freshments."

You and your fellow passengers—male passengers chiefly—the women in traveling, never seem to be as hungry as men—hustled off the train and made a Marathon hike for the lunch counter, generally some distance from your car. Nearly out of breath you ordered:

"Doughnuts and coffee" or "sandwich and coffee."

You said to the fellow next to you, "Say, Jones, this sandwich is great, but gee whizz! this coffee is hot."

Jones replied, "These doughnuts are O. K., but I've got to let this blame coffee cool a little before I can swallow it; wonder why they make it so deuced hot, when a fellow's got such little time?"

"All aboard," shouts the conductor.

"Say, man, that's the shortest ten minutes I ever saw."

You desperately struggled to gulp down a little more coffee and still munching on the undevoured portion of sandwich or doughnut, you rushed back to your train and spent several precious minutes trying to figure out by what system that railroad computes time, when its trains stop "ten minutes (?) for lunch" at Podunk.

Have you ever had this experience? Well, then, you'll agree with me that the "off the tray lunch" is not merely a convenience, but one of the luxuries of modern travel.

What the Tray Lunch Is.

After you have had ample time, to go into the diner and get your meal there, if you prefer it, announcement of the fact having been previously made by means of a printed notice giving prices of viands to be served, two waiters from the dining car pass through the train bearing trays from which you can buy a cup of coffee, sandwiches of various kinds, doughnuts, rolls or pie. You buy what you want right "OFF THE TRAY." You have ample time to drink your coffee and eat your sandwich or pie, without being in mortal fear that you will miss your train.

It was in connection with this "off the tray lunch" that I had an interesting conversation with a German-American, not, however, a member of the German-American alliance, about the opportunities of employment for our people. He asked me a question, which gave me a good chance to give him the enlightenment he sought.

I'll tell you all about it in the next issue.

PRESIDENT WILSON AND THE NEGRO

We clip the following from the New York Sun, in which the Sun gives an excerpt of President Wilson's short address to the American Federation of Labor:

Closing Rifts in Body Public.

To the 400 members of the American Federation of Labor who called on him at the White House on Saturday, President Wilson said:

"Nothing alarms America so much as rifts, divisions the drifting apart of elements among her people, and the thing we ought all to strive for is to close up every rift, and the only way to do it, so far as I can see, is to establish justice not only, but justice with a heart in it, justice with a pulse in it, justice with sympathy in it."

This sentiment must have been accepted by the Federation as an endorsement and approval of their recent action in favor of the unionization of Negroes in the South, a departure from the historic policy of unionism that has attracted much attention. The rift, divisions, drifting apart, of black Americans and white Americans has been the cause of grave forebodings among thoughtful men for years, the drawing together of black Americans and white Americans of which the new attitude of the Federation is evidence as a matter of profound significance.

It is to be assumed that Mr. Wilson's contribution to the movement will take the form of an acceleration of justice, social, legal and moral, for the Negro; and in certain sections of the country if the Negro can get justice he will be rejoiced to accept it, even though it lack heart and pulse and sympathy.

In view of the fact that the American Federation of Labor, whom the president was then addressing, was organizing Negro unions in the South the Sun thinks that the president had in mind the good of the Negro. The Independent hopes that he did. We do not forget that Mr. Wilson is the president of all the people, not a part; he can not be the white man's president and not be the Negro's and while the Independent is not a member of the Democratic Party, it believes there are good men in that party as well as in the Republican Party, and we trust that after more than three years and a half of experience as president of this great nation, the vision of the president has broadened and that he feels that he should be the president of the Negro as well as anybody else. That is all the Negro asks for; a square deal because they are American citizens.

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On a winter, the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church can look back over the closed month with much rejoicing. In certain respects, all things did not measure up, because of the inclement weather. Nevertheless, nothing serious has taken hold of us. We had baptism the first Sunday in the month, at which time one was a witness. Total addition, four. The spiritual tide was good. We were compelled to drop three from the roll of members. The

SOUTH SIDE.

(Mrs. Lulu Thornton, Correspondent)

Besheba Council No. 12 of Sons and Daughters of Jerusalem, South Side, gave a delightful surprise pound party for their Most Excellent Queen, Mrs. Sadie Todd, 2612 Jackson street, for her efficient service. She was the recipient of an abundant supply of provisions, which was highly appreciated.

Mr. Henry Arduna, who was hurt last week while at work, is much better, but still unable to go back to work.

Mrs. Sara Severe is quite sick at her home, 4421 South 21st St. On last Monday evening she suffered a complete nervous prostration. She is also troubled considerable with her heart.

Mrs. Mabel Carrick, of 5308 South 27th street, has been quite sick this week, but is better. Her baby is also sick.

Tribe No. 4 of the Allen Chapel A. M. E. Church Building Fund, gave an entertainment last Wednesday

Church is trying to see that all the members "walk." When they have to be "carried" unnecessarily, the Church gets tired of the burden, which is Scriptural, and puts them down.

The Silver Leaf Club has been organized January 4th at the residence of Mrs. C. M. Simmons, and Mrs. E. Watson elected president; Mrs. C. Falls, vice president; Mrs. Anna Wilkinson, secretary; Mrs. Mary Woodson, assistant secretary; Mrs. C. M. Simmons, treasurer.

Our plans are all completed for our

evening at the home of Mrs. L. Pagram, 2627 Y St. The house was crowded most of the evening. The entertainment was a decided success in every way.

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EXHIBITIONS OF PREJUDICE

As a race, we are very sensitive on all matters where there is the least suspicion that we are the objects of prejudice. It requires but very little to arouse our resentment and too often our actions and expressions show this poisonous affection, with the result that what we say or do to offset the conditions of which we complain loses much of its effectiveness because we are as guilty as those whom we accuse.

This is peculiarly true of many of us in our public utterances on the platform and in the press. We show a racial venom toward those whom we charge with ill-treating us. Instead, we should be jealous of our mental attitude, for if we allow our minds to harbor prejudice, our reasoning becomes illogical and so defective as to operate to our detriment to such an extent that we are more than apt to fail to make a clear case. We, too, often refuse to remain open-minded and considerate of the other fellow's side of the argument; if we did not we would no doubt discover that there was some measure of justice in his attitude and that if conditions are to be improved there is something for us to do in correcting our own defects at the same time we are pointing out his.

Under such circumstances, a clear understanding can only be reached by dispassionate discussion of the questions at issue. If we indicate we possess poisoned minds and show racial animosity in considering them, we can

expect nothing less from the other fellow and, in fact, deserve little more than his contempt. Logical conclusions reached through unprejudiced reasoning invariably give results; they exert a compelling influence that cannot be set aside. Racial issues are debatable and the side which presents the clearest case through logical processes will win every time. To be logical we must consider matters from unbiased standpoints and this cannot be done with warped intellects.—J. M. Batchman, St. Louis.

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Keep off the date. Last notice. February 8. Where? Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, 26th and Seward. What? Greatest lecture of the opening year by Rev. M. H. Wilkinson, "Why to Marry, Who to Marry, When to Marry." Everybody is coming. Why? Because everybody is talking about it, and wants to hear it. To all it is instructive, inspirational, and preventive. Single and married. Let not the married say that it belongs not to them. They might have to marry again.

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GREAT BRITAIN HAS "NEGRO PROBLEM"

For the first time in its existence Great Britain is really confronted with a "Negro problem." It is true that the empire for decades back has contained millions of Colored people, but it was comparatively easy to deal with them when they were thousands of miles away.

But this time the "Negro problem" comes close home to the British people, where heretofore it concerned only their ruling class.

Thousands of Kaffir laborers have been drafted to England to do the rough and unskilled work necessary to set the white man free for fighting. Thousands more are coming, and the "problem" is looming up as one for British labor, rather than for British capital.

The General Trades Unionists' Federation of England views the inundation with alarm, and strives to find relief in the usual "resolution," declaring that it "views with grave anxiety the proposal to import and substitute Colored for white labor." It also expresses the fear that the proposal is but a preparatory step on the part of capital toward the exploitation of labor after the war.

The Federation may rest assured that that is exactly what it is—if they permit it to become so. The capitalists, most undoubtedly, are getting the checker board ready to play the game of black versus white. The blacks don't know any better. If the whites do, they will recognize that it is their move first, and that it is up to them to block the game at the start. But they can't do it with fear and "grave anxiety." Nothing short of a plain and blunt refusal to play the game will settle once and forever this "problem."—N. Y. Call.

DR. HILL DEFENDS CONSTITUTION

Dr. David Jane Hill, former Ambassador to Germany, delivered a very stirring address at the Lawyer's Club, New York, in answer to attacks made upon the Constitution by certain Southern leaders. One of the most striking excerpts is as follows:

"But I have no right to speak in generalities," he went on. "I will, therefore, let the honorary president of the National Popular Government League—an extensive organization, embracing, I believe, several hundred thousand supporting members, formed to promote the initiative, referendum

and recall and the 'Gateway Amendment'—speak for himself. This gentleman, Senator Owen of Oklahoma, having declared in a meeting of the league recently held in Washington, that it is unparalleled impudence for the Supreme Court of the United States to declare unconstitutional 'any act of Congress,' and being reminded that he might be held in contempt for his remark, is reported to have said: 'Let them dare to summon me, and I will start a row that will shake this continent to its very foundation; adding, 'Do we want gatling guns sweeping the streets of our cities?'

"I offer no interpretation of these remarks, and I refrain from comment upon them, further than to say that if this society is contemplating revolution and fortresses a use for gatling guns, it is more dangerous even than I supposed it to be."

NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR RACE

"The new year presents the opportunities of a generation for advancing the status of the Colored people. Heretofore the only place where the Negro was sure of a living was in the South, which not only pays twelve or fifteen dollars for a month in the cotton patch, but throws in lynchings, insults and disfranchisement for good measure. Now, however, as a result of the

stoppage of immigration, over half a million laborers have already come North, finding employment chiefly in steel mills and on railroad gangs. In the spring of 1917 will come a greatly accelerated exodus."—The Survey. (Dec.)

NEGRO LABOR WANTED AT DOVER, NEW JERSEY

Dover, N. J.—For the first time in the history of this town the stove works here is employing Negro labor. There is every desire on the part of the white citizens to assist in the establishing of the Negro in the community life, and they are doing all possible to secure the best class for the openings that are being made. There are already some eight or ten Colored men employed by the stove works.

The report has been verified that the Wharton Furnace Co. is going to start up here and intends employing from three to four hundred Colored men. For more than a century there has been no industrial opening for the Negro in this community, but the men at the head of the industries are realizing now that there is ample skilled labor to be supplied by members of the race.

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