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## Monitor Takes Up Migration Problem

A Systematic Plan for Aiding Those of  
Race Who Would Come North  
or West.

### AN ASSISTANCE MUCH NEEDED

An Effort to Prevent Exploitation of  
Colored People and Save Them  
from Injury and Insult.

Ever since the starting of the race exodus from the south, The Monitor has been a close student of all the conditions and problems relating thereto. The European war suddenly produced a demand for Colored labor for which the race was not prepared. Every nation of Europe that sends immigrants to America has a well planned organization which looks after their respective citizens when reaching our shores, but the unexpected conditions before mentioned found the Colored people of the north and west totally unprepared to give aid and assistance to their southern brothers. Labor agents, sent out by northern industries, plunged into the south and brought Colored people out by the thousands, the result being that the south has awakened to her loss and determines to prevent it. Laws have been made and drastically enforced against labor agents, while innumerable indignities have been heaped upon members of the race who have tried to leave. Colored people have formed various associations in northern cities to look after Colored people coming to their particular city, but there has been no national effort to handle the situation. This The Monitor proposes to do.

Our plan is simply to bring the employer into direct communication with the labor he desires and have this labor brought to him quietly and without publicity. We are in communication with many of the greatest industries of the north and west and will be able to render real help and prevent the indiscriminate flow of labor into many large cities now overcrowded. The task will be a tremendous one, but the system which we have worked out will, we believe, prove effective.

The Monitor will not attempt to create false impressions and dazzling hopes in those of the south who would come. This country north of the Mason-Dixon line is alive with competition and only by honest industry, character and hopefulness can new comers conquer. We only promise that in the north and west will be found better opportunities, a better home, a better job, a better chance for the children. And last, but not least, will be the chance to exercise the full duties of citizenship and to hold one's head up and feel himself a man.

### BANK DISTRIBUTES \$10,000

Portsmouth, Va., Jan. 4.—Christmas checks to the amount of \$10,000 were

distributed this week by the Mutual Savings Bank for Colored people. There were 1,200 members of the bank's savings department who received checks under the Christmas fund arrangement.

### ADOPTED BABY IS NEGRO, TIME SHOWS

Chicago, Jan. 4.—Somewhere in Chicago lives a wealthy family with an adopted baby that has turned out to be a Negro. The baby was brought from New Orleans by the couple. Thomas H. Agney, superintendent of the Louisiana Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, said the couple came to him six months ago and wanted a baby. He was unable to supply one, but learned later they secured one elsewhere. Saturday he received a letter that the baby, when first taken, was white, but had turned dark and now has kinky hair.

## No Negroes For the United States Navy

Secretary Daniels Embarrassed and  
Disappointed by Suggestion  
Coming From Texan.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Jan. 4.—According to the Washington correspondent of the Cincinnati Times-Star, a paper which has been a severe critic of the present administration, certain features of the Negro question, in administration circles, are taboo. Secretary of the Navy Daniels recently appeared before the house committee on naval affairs to discuss the building program and to explain to the legislators the difficulties involved in getting men for the naval service of the government, says the correspondent. All sorts of suggestions were put forward—to increase the pay of the enlisted men, to give them bonuses, to offer inducements with regard to promotion. Finally Calloway, of Texas, dropped a match in the gasoline. "Wouldn't it be a good idea," he asked Mr. Daniels, "to get some Colored men for the navy?"

Mr. Daniels leaned toward the official stenographer in a confidential attitude. "Don't put this in the record," he said in a low tone, "I ask to be excused from discussing it," he said to the committee.

Another member suggested that the American Negro had proved himself to be a good fighting man. The secretary of the navy stood mute. Although the American navy is now short 20,000 men and is facing the probability of a still greater shortage when the new ships now under construction shall be ready for service, employment of the Colored man in the navy is not within the remedies regarded as debatable by the secretary. The question of securing crew complements for the vessels has become a serious one and failure to obtain them has resulted in assignment of several ships to the reserve list, in order that their crews might be transferred to newer and bigger ships in active service.

### OMAHA QUARTETTE MAKES GOOD AT KRUG

Walter Bell's Omaha Quartette was engaged for a split week run at the Krug last week, from Thursday until Sunday. Their repertoire of songs were up-to-date popular hits and were all enthusiastically received by the theatre goers. The management was especially pleased and promised the boys many future engagements.

### COLORED MILL EXPANDING

Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 4.—A knitting mill run by Colored people has prospered so that its capital has been increased and \$100,000 spent in improvements and machinery. When the improvements are completed it will give employment to a much larger number of people than at present.

## Attends Consecration Bishop of Colorado

Former Omaha Priest Elevated to  
Episcopate With Impressive  
Ceremonies.

The Rev. John Albert Williams left Saturday afternoon over the Union Pacific for Denver, Col., where he attended on Monday, January 1st, the consecration of the Rev. Irving Peake Johnson, D. D., as Bishop-Coadjutor of Colorado. The impressive ceremony took place in St. John's cathedral in the presence of 1200 people. Bishop Williams of Nebraska preached the sermon. In the long line of clergy were representatives of the white, the black and the red races. The Rev. Sherman Coolidge, a full-blooded Arapahoe, represented the red man, the Colored clergy present being the Rev. Henry B. Brown, rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Denver, and the Rev. John Albert Williams, of Omaha.

The Rt. Rev. Daniel S. Tuttle, primate of the American Episcopal church, was chief consecrator, the two co-consecrators being Bishop Paul Matthews, of New Jersey, and Bishop Griswold, of Salina. Ten bishops took part in the service. The bishop-elect was attended by his two brothers who are both priests.

Bishop Johnson began his ministry in Omaha, where he still has many friends who rejoice in his elevation to the Episcopate. He and Fr. Williams, of the Church of St. Philip the Deacon, have been close personal friends for many years.

Sunday morning Fr. Williams preached in the Church of the Redeemer, Denver. He returned home Wednesday.

Mrs. Arthur Anderson, who is arranging the cantata, King Saul, for the benefit of Grove Street M. E. church, invites the public to volunteer for places in the chorus. The cantata calls for many voices and the number has not yet been secured.

## Doctor Washington and Dinner Functions

His Recently Published Biography  
Throws Interesting Side Lights  
On Certain Events.

### PURELY BUSINESS MATTERS

Satisfied With the Social Gatherings  
and Opportunities of His  
Own Race.

As everybody, north and south, knows, Booker T. Washington, while he may have achieved fame by his work at Tuskegee, achieved the greater part of his notoriety at two or three dinners he attended. The most exploited of these dinners was, of course, the one at the White House with President Roosevelt, in 1901. Next to that was the dinner with Mr. John Wanamaker, at Saratoga, in 1905. A third was the dinner in 1911 with the king and queen of Denmark. They were embarrassing affairs, these dinners, both before and after taking, as we gather from the new biography just published by Doubleday & Page. Nothing else in Washington's whole life, we are assured pained him as deeply as the censure which the dinner with Roosevelt brought down upon the latter. As an invitation to a dinner at the White House is regarded as a summons that cannot be disregarded, Mr. Washington, we are told, had no choice, even if he had wanted one. But the consequences were not only embarrassing but dangerous. Both the President and his guest received numerous epistolary threats. Washington had enough letters threatening his life to fill a desk drawer. In one case, as was learned several years afterward, an actual attempt was made to carry out the threats. Say the authors of the new biography—Emmet J. Scott and Lyman Beecher Stowe:

"A strange Negro was hurt in jumping off the train before it reached the Tuskegee Institute station. There being no hospital for Negroes in the town of Tuskegee, he was taken to the hospital of the Institute, where he was cared for and nursed for several weeks before he was able to leave. Mr. Washington was absent in the north during all of this time. Many months later this man confessed that he had come to Tuskegee in pay of a group of white men in Louisiana for the purpose of assassinating Booker Washington. He said that he became so ashamed of himself while being cared for by the doctors and nurses employed by the very man he had come to murder that he left as soon as he was able to do so instead of waiting to carry out his purpose on the return of his victim, as he had originally planned to do."

Another incident growing out of the Roosevelt dinner has a humorous as well as an illuminating side. On a trip which Washington made in Florida, at a little station near Gainesville, a white man got aboard the

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# General Race News

## AFRICAN ORIGIN OF EUROPEAN CIVILIZATION

Sir Arthur Evans, famous scholar and archaeologist, delivered his presidential address before the annual meeting of the British Association in October, 1916, entitled, "On the Origin of Civilization in Europe." It has been commented upon widely and is of deep interest to all persons of African descent.

Sir Arthur Evans reviewed the latest discoveries in different parts of Europe and especially the remains of the great Minoan civilization, which was of African extraction, and one of the chief elements in the development of the Grecian civilization. He laid much emphasis upon this Negroid element. "One must never lose sight of the fact," said he, "that from the Early Aurignacian Period onwards a Negroid element in the broadest sense of the word shared in this artistic culture as seen on both sides of the Pyrenees." Again in his address he says: "Of the origins of our complex European culture this much at least can be confidently stated: the earliest extraneous sources on which it drew lay respectively in two directions—in the Valley of the Nile on one side and in that of the Euphrates on the other."

The Iliad, according to Sir Arthur, reflects the Minoan (African) people who inhabited Greece before the invasion of lighter races.—From Presidential Address, London.

## CHICAGO COMPOSER SPECIALIZES NEGRO MUSIC

Mr. Stock's tenth Friday-Saturday program featured a suite called "The American Negro," arranged by Thorwald Otterstrom, a well known Chicago composer. The feature was unique in that it was made up entirely of Negro compositions, with the exception of Weber's familiar overture to "Oberon" and Stephen's composition known as "Music for Orchestra."—Chicago Tribune.

## CAREER OF WENDELL PHILLIPS

In the Eastern and Western Review, Frank P. Stearns is writing an extensive biography of Wendell Phillips. In the installment published in the December number a very interesting account is given of the influences which caused the great Phillips, blue blood and patrician, to become an abolitionist and to cast his fortunes with those noble Americans who fought the curse of slavery.

## TOMBS REVEAL PAINTED BLACK FIGURES

Ancient tombs recently opened at Prevesa, (Greece) show colored figurines of men and animals, and many vases with human figures painted black. They belong to the Fifth and Sixth centuries B. C.—Am. Journal of Archaeology.

## NEW PORTRAIT OF JOHN BROWN

The new portrait of John Brown hung in the Copely Gallery has been approved by Dr. Edward Emerson as a good likeness, and it is very obviously a good piece of portrait painting in the manner of American portrait art of the middle of the last century.—Boston Transcript.

## COLORED PEOPLE LEARNING FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Many Colored people of Texas are learning the language of Bohemia, the Bohemian farmers having settled in solidly through a section of the state and insisting on conducting operations in their own tongue. The whites refuse to learn the language, but the Colored people are doing so. A similar development has been wrought in the Czech colonies in Virginia.

Since the war stopped the importation of Greek bootblacks, the Greek stand proprietors in Chicago have had to employ Afro-American aids. These Colored lads are learning Greek rapidly and proficiently.—Chamberlain's Magazine.

## CRITIC OF TRANSCRIPT PRAISES BRAITHWAITE

"As I have said in previous years, the twelve years of Mr. Braithwaite's labors have had much to do with the development of our poetry. And now we are at the turning of the ways. We have come to the turn when we must be possessed with the passion of this difference, if we are not to pause and decline, and it is this passion calling for a critic that affords Mr. Braithwaite the new fields for which, in my opinion, he is better fitted through sympathy and experience than any other man."—E. J. O., Boston Transcript.

## THE NATIVES OF RHODESIA

In the November Blackwoods, (London), Ethel Colquhoun Jollie writes a most pleasing article on "Some Humours of Housekeeping in Rhodesia." It is a careful and sympathetic study of the native black South African and closes with the following thoughtful words: "And so we come back to Rhodesia, and begin to plan tomorrow's tasks, and, as Walt Whitman says:

"I do not call one greater and one smaller,  
That which fills its period and place is equal to any."

## NO DISTINCTION IN BRITISH RECREATION HUTS

The Church Army Recreation Huts have been established on the Western Front, in Malta, Macedonia, Suez Canal, Egypt, East Africa, and Mesopotamia. The fundamental rule is that they shall be open to men of H. M. (His Majesty's) Forces, without any distinction of creed or nation.—London Graphic.

(The illustration accompanying this note shows all colors and classes of soldiers mingled together in one of these pleasure huts.)

## A STUDY OF AFRICAN RELIGION

Under the title, "The Black Commandments," Jean Kenyon Mackenzie gives an interesting study of the religious mind of native African tribes in The Atlantic for December. To escape the idea of a man made religion they have no, Thou shalt nots, but teach that God ties men with ten tyings in the "early morning" of his Christian day, and these begin, "He who made you forbids, etc." It is delightfully written and a very illuminating study.

## KANSAS FAVORS SEPARATION

Kansas City, Kansas, Jan. 4.—The city commissioners and Mayor Green have declared themselves in favor of a race segregation law. The mayor says he will wait until the U. S. Supreme Court hands down a decision in the Louisville segregation act.

Webster 248—Western Undertaking Company. Silas Johnson, funeral director.—Adv.

## MANY PATENTS BY NEGROES

St. Louis, Mo.—It was stated before the Federal Council of Churches held here recently that more than one thousand patents, representing inventions of Negroes, had been registered at Washington in the last fifty years.

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# Our Women and Children

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## CHRISTIANITY AND WOMEN

By Robert E. Speer, in Sunday School Times.

Christianity is the one religion which has taught the equality of woman with man, produced the unique institution of the Christian home, and set the child as a matter of social and religious principle in the first place. "To children," as Uhlhorn says in "The Conflict of Christianity with Heathenism," "the gospel first gave their rights. They, too, in antiquity were beyond the pale of the laws. A father could dispose of his children at will. If he did not wish to rear them, he could abandon or kill them. The law of the Twelve Tables expressly awarded to him this right. Plato and Aristotle approved of parents' abandoning weak and sickly children whom they were unable to support, or who could not be of any use to the state. Whoever picked up a child who has been deserted could dispose of it and treat it as a slave. The father's power over his children was limitless; life and death were at his disposal. Christianity, on the contrary, taught parents that their children were a gift from God, a pledge entrusted to them, for which they were responsible to Him. It spoke not merely of the duties of children, but also of the duties of parents; and since it invested these, as representatives of God, with something of His majesty and honor, it appointed to them the lofty task of educating their baptized offspring as children of God, and for His kingdom."

The non-Christian religions, including Old Testament Judaism, have been polygamous religions. Christianity is the one uncompromising monogamous religion. Therefore it has been the great creator of home. Divorce which in our time threatens the home is not a Christian institution. It is certain that our Lord never sanctioned it for more than one cause, unfaithfulness, and it is not certain that He sanctioned it at all.

## "GOING A PIECE"

By Strickland Gillilan

Always, when I went away—  
Were it night or were it day—  
You would "go a piece" with me  
To the corner maple-tree;  
Or, if I were going far,  
Where I'd catch my depot car,  
You have never known how sweet,  
Till I hurried home again  
Did this memory remain!

Through the travel loneliness  
Life was never pure distress;  
Never did my cup seem all  
Filled with wormwood and with gall.  
No, for everywhere I went—  
Homesick ever, as you know—  
Pining was with loving blent.  
For it comforted me so,  
When my heart looked back, to see  
You had "gone a piece" with me.

When my last trip I take—  
Lagging, for my loved-ones' sake—  
Faring forth into the murk,  
All the phantom shapes that lurk  
In the darkness round my way  
Will be terrorless if I  
(When the others come to say  
Through their transient tears,  
"Goodbye")  
In that twilight hour, may be  
Sure you'll "go a piece" with me!

## RULES FOR LIVING

1. I will not be provoking, if I know it.
2. I will not be provoked, if I can help it; or, if I am, I will not speak till I think it over, putting myself in the other fellow's place.
3. I will not be petty. I will pass over small offenses and small annoyances without fuss or comment.
4. I will not insist on my way because it is my way. If the other fellow's is about as good, I'll take it.
5. I will say what I think, and then drop the subject, especially if it seems a case of getting hot. Argument doesn't convince after that.
6. I will let the other fellow have the last word, the largest half, and all the credit, if he wants it.—Ida Q. Moulton.

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

Rev. W. T. Osborne, Pastor.

Watch meeting at St. John's was largely attended, visitors from Council Bluffs and South Omaha being in attendance. The Rev. W. T. Osborne preached one of the most spiritually uplifting sermons we have yet listened to on New Year's eve. Three persons united with the church. The offering was \$24.00.

Mesdames Shelton, Annie Tucker, Mother Baker, Addie Hibbs, Nellie Harrison and son, are among the sick.

The senior aid kept open doors at the church New Year's day. Many persons came and went, partaking of a dainty luncheon and leaving a silver offering. A neat sum was realized.

Week of prayer is being observed at St. John's.

Many persons enjoyed a hearty laugh at "Uncle Tom" on Thursday eve. The play was given by Andrew Reed for the Grant Brotherhood.

Mr. Melvin Freeman and Zerna Kendle were married at the parsonage New Year's night. Rev. Mr. Osborne officiated.

Mr. James Hieronymous and Miss Pearl Duncan were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carter Duncan, on No. 37th St., Tuesday eve. Rev. W. T. Osborne officiated. This made the seventh couple united by Rev. Mr. Osborne in the past few weeks.

The Willing Workers met at the church Friday afternoon. After the business hour they enjoyed a real New Year's feast.

The Missionary society wants 100 women to join them in their campaign. The captains are Mesdames Samuel Ray, Eva Walker, Anna Burton, Lulu Rountree and Eliza Turner. The president, Mrs. Osborne, is also getting volunteers. Any woman or girl member or friend of St. John's church is cordially invited and urged to join the club under the captain preferred and help us raise means for St. John's church and the cause of missions. This is a good opportunity for new members who have not yet had an opportunity to work for the church, also for those who have been resting for the past year or two. We want you all to help us in this campaign.

## COLORED WOMAN PRESIDENT

Stoughton, Mass., Dec. 26.—At a meeting of a Woman's Relief Corps, No. 99, held here yesterday, Miss R. Adelaide Washington, the local florist, and only Colored member, was unanimously elected president for 1917.

## EMANCIPATION CELEBRATION

A small group of people met at the Grove M. E. church, Monday night, to celebrate the Emancipation Proclamation. What they lost in numbers they gained in enthusiasm, because they were sincerely interested in commemorating the day which means so much to the Colored race in America. The meeting was opened by an invocation delivered by Rev. M. H. Wilkinson. M. F. Singleton made the opening address and was followed by Hon. Amos P. Scruggs, Attorney James Lewis of Denver, Rev. M. H. Wilkinson, George Wells Parker, and Rev. G. G. Logan. The Proclamation was read by Mrs. G. W. Parker. Several songs were sung by the choir.

## HIRAM GETS INTO HERO CLASS

When David Moore, 58, 1002 North Forty-ninth avenue, awakened with a coughing spell at 3 o'clock one morning recently he found his bed afire. He had put a hot brick in his bed to warm it.

More began to fight the fire. Hiram Greenfield, living across the street, saw the fire. He went to Moore's rescue and found the room filled with smoke and small flames. Greenfield called out the fire department and took Moore to his home. Moore was uninjured, but lost all his clothes.

## A STORY OF A PLUNK AND A HALF

This is the simple story of the debt of one fifty. Holland Harrold owed Laurence Parker one fifty, which Parker requested. Harrold said he would pay the one and a half if Adams would come across with the bone and a half which he owed him. Adams agreeable issued the ultimatum that the coin would be forthcoming if Parker would kindly slip him a like amount which he carried on his ledger. The debts were paid without further comment and without further coin.

## STEVEDORES STRIKE

Savannah, Ga., Jan. 4.—Nearly 400 Colored stevedores, affiliated with the International Longshoremen's Union, quit work when they were refused wage increases from 20 to 25 cents per hour.

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## EMANCIPATION CELEBRATION

About five thousand years ago a little nation of people went under bondage to the dusky Egyptians. For five hundred years they toiled for their masters and the land of Mizriam is checkered with massive monuments which the sweat and blood of this little nation raised to the vanity of foolish Pharaohs. The day of freedom came at last and able leaders carried them through to the Promised Land. That nation is scattered now to all the ways of all the winds. Under every flag they live and every tongue they speak, but with a wondrous unity they meet one day in every year to thank their Jehovah for bringing them out of the house of bondage. They have done it for almost five thousand years and will do it for five thousand more. They know what freedom means.

Fifty-three years ago freedom came to the black race in the United States. Those of the southland knew what it meant and the first of January, to them, is a holy day. We of the north are cold to such sentiments. A profusion of privilege has dulled our sense of gratitude to the Maker and Breaker of nations; our empty pride has chilled the chords of our hearts; our unblushing ignorance has made us ashamed of the hue that God has given us. We are unworthy of our race and of its ideals.

To fitly celebrate this day, the Rev. Dr. Logan, of the Grove M. E. church, invited the Colored citizens to join together on the night of January 1, to commemorate the Emancipation Proclamation. A mere handful was present. The professional men of the city, the ministers, doctors, lawyers, business men, and would-be leaders, were conspicuous by their absence.

Comment is not necessary. The few who were there were enthusiastic and warmly responsive to the memory of the great day for their race. After all it was a great meeting and spoke more eloquently than words of the short comings of men who want to lead.

## A GOOD LESSON

Last week a Colored man went to a white dentist of South Omaha named Kelly to have a tooth extracted. The extraction was a difficult one, after it was finished the dentist charged the man seven dollars. The patient objected, but threats of arrest caused him to settle the amount for which he asked a receipt. Later he sought both legal and dental aid, legal aid to try and recover the money paid and dental aid to check the hemorrhage and lessen the pain, the wound he alleged, not having been properly treated.

We hope this will carry its moral to many of our people. The average white dentist does not want Colored patients and if, by chance, he feels obliged to take them he usually charges much more than the regular

price. Omaha has several competent Colored dentists, all of whom were educated in and graduated from northern colleges the same as the best of Omaha's dentists. Patronize them and you will not run the chance of being treated as was this man the other day.

## THE CASE OF SANTO DOMINGO

Every now and then there have been rumors to the effect that the United States has had a little war of her own down in Santo Domingo. The State Department has kept everything secret and the Associated Press remains singularly silent, but the text of the censorship order is such as to confirm us in the opinion that the United States is attempting some high handed methods in this little country and is finding the natives in a righteous state of revolt. That Santo Domingo is powerless to defend herself goes without saying. The United States, under the leadership of Wilson, will see to it that the little black republic feels the strength of American arms. Her treasury will be robbed and her resources worked to the limit for a few money-mad Yankees, yet eventually the score will be settled. The United States must pay and pay with heavy interest. Belgium paid, England is paying as are all the rest of Europe's belligerent nations. Our country cannot escape with impunity.

## OUR FARM LOAN BANK

Omaha is to have a farm loan bank and the news has been a matter for rejoicing throughout the entire state, and it is well. Omaha deserves it and, we believe, is an ideal city for such a governmental institution. In connection with this bit of news we note that within six months it is expected that a force of three hundred clerks will be required to handle the business. How many of them are to be Colored?

We can not answer this question, but we do suggest that competent young Colored men and women investigate this matter and try for positions. We have not yet learned whether these positions will be considered as under the departmental service or not, but it is tolerably certain that the places will be filled through examinations. Any person seeking such preferment may rest assured that The Monitor is ready and willing to render any service that may be desired in assisting an applicant.

## SOUTHERN GRAFTERS

### BUSY AGAIN

The Sunday Sun announces that, in spite of the fact that the national deficit will be something like \$300,000,000 on July 1, 1917, the Democrats are planning to jam through Congress several measures that will be no less than robbery of the Federal Treasury. The three measures represent a \$120,000,000 grab, most of which will go south of the M. and D. line.

## LET THEM BE PUNISHED

Tuesday evening the daily papers reported the arrest of two Colored men who had attempted to secure and seduce a young woman through the medium of the help wanted columns of a daily paper. The men are unknown to us, but the crime with which they are charged is most reprehensible and deserves severe treatment. We sincerely hope that they will not escape their just reward by any underhanded methods. Criminals of that stripe should be put away for the safety of society and the well being of the race.

## SONG OF SOLOMON

### The Coal Man.

1. Harken, O my son, while I muse to thee a dainty ditty about the coal man.
2. He is the happy hombre who makes thee burn up good money and helps thee to deplete thy exchequer muchly.
3. The lower the mercury droppeth the lighter groweth his heart for he hath fond friends in the furnace and the kitchen stove.
4. They work for him time without ceasing and add many shekels to his bank account.
5. A coal man measureth a ton of coal by apothecary weight and not by the weight called avordupois, and his ton looketh large until it tumbeth into the bin.
6. And then it groweth still smaller, O my son, when it falleth into the fire. It burneth up like paper, the heat running toward the chimney and the ashes choking the grate.
7. But it doeth thee no good to holler, for he hath thee in his clutches and humeth to thee the merry ha ha.
8. Winter now will soon be passed, but still the coal man hath thee and mindeth not to let thee go.
9. As summer draweth near, he turneth his carts into ice wagons and thou needest him the same as ever. He hath what is known as mortal cinch.
10. The moral of this tale, O my son, is that thou become a coal man. Selah.

## OBVIOUS OBSERVATIONS

The holidays are now over and we will try to make love to the hay in order to recuperate.

How the Allies can ask restitution, reparation and security from the Kaiser after the poor scrap they have put across is more than we can understand.

Next week we will publish a verbatim copy of the censorship imposed by the U. S. in Santo Domingo, and if you can find one published by the military authorities of Europe that is any worse we'll give you a ten year subscription to The Monitor for nothing.

The Omaha Club set a record price for banquet waiters by paying them \$4.00 and giving them from two to four guests to wait upon. Hotel proprietors please take notice.

The first of January has come and we ask all Colored voters to watch the offices of Robert Smith, Michael Clark and Harry Pierce. Each owes us a place and they have all been reminded of the fact.

A Colored civic improvement club is to be organized soon. Every man and woman should join and set out with the determined idea of making Omaha a greater city and their race a more important factor of it.

Thanking you for your kind attention, we will now slide under the blankets and have a tete a tete with Morpheus.

## LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 1, 1917.

The Monitor:

Omaha, Neb.

Gentlemen: Enclosed please find check for one dollar and fifty cents in full for subscription to The Monitor for one year.

Very truly,

E. R. West.

2006 North 28th St.

Kearney, Neb., 1-3-17.

To Rev. John Albert Williams, editor Monitor.

Dear Sir: Please find enclosed \$1.50 for my subscription. I am now in Kearney where I feel sure I will be for awhile unless we go for the winter to California, in which case I will ask you to send the paper to some one in Omaha who does not happen to take it.

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Yours truly,

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## Events and Persons

Miss Mary Gatlin, of Grenville, Tex., is in the city visiting as the guest of her cousin, Beebe Houston.

Miss Bertha Boyd, long a resident of Omaha, sailed from San Francisco last week for Honolulu where she will make her home.

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. Gaskin, P. S. P. S.

W. P. Wade spent December 24, in Chicago as the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Arnold Black and her husband. He returned to spend Xmas with his wife.

John Denny is out of Omaha for a holiday trip. Xmas was spent in Kansas City, New Year's in Chicago, and he is now headed for the Gulf of Mexico around which he will sojourn for about ten days and return to Omaha.

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

Mrs. Leonard E. Britt, who has been suffering recently from a severe cold, took a relapse and is quite ill.

Mrs. Robert Wilson, 2701 Corby St., was called to her home in Memphis to the bedside of her father, Rev. D. J. Harges, who is seriously ill.

The Phi Delta Sorority met at the home of Miss Willimina Watson December 26. Instead of the regular program a miscellaneous shower was given for Miss Frances Irene Bell.

Little Melvin Harrison, who has been confined at a local hospital, is at home again and shows much improvement from his chronic affliction.

Lloyd Griffin, of Des Moines, Iowa, spent the holidays in Omaha as the guest of Miss Mae Jack, 1424 North 26th St.

Mrs. W. P. Wade is ill with la grippe.

Dan Desdunes' Orchestra, Webster 710, 2516 Burdette St.—Adv.

Mrs. J. R. Harrison, who has been ill for three months with inflammatory rheumatism, is able to be out again.

Mrs. Nettie Andrews, 2412 P St., South Side, entertained at dinner on New Year's day. Sixteen guests enjoyed the delightful six-course menu and spent the evening in story telling and music.

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

Harry Williams is on the limited to Los Angeles.

A. B. Webster, who has been in Chicago for a year or more, has returned to this city and is a page at the Omaha Club.

C. G. Woody, the popular head waiter at the Grand in Council Bluffs, was the recipient of many beautiful presents Xmas day.

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

Charlie Corpue is running on the C., B. and Q. from Chicago to Denver.

The Broomfield Buffet was closed on the night of December 31, the proprietor having decided not to ask for the issuance of a license.

Mrs. Daisy Thomas is quite ill at her home on Patrick avenue.

For Chills use our \$5.00 coal or your kind at Harmon & Weeth. Web. 848.

Mrs. Gertrude Ashby entertained at breakfast for Mrs. Wyatt Williams of Lincoln, Neb., Saturday morning.

Mrs. Edna Jackson of Topeka, Kan., is in the city as the guest of Mrs. Annie Banks.

John Woods was the host to a most delightful dinner party given at the home of W. P. Williams, 2620 Erskine, on Sunday night, December 31. Twenty-six guests sat down to a seven-course dinner and enjoyed the delicious viands to the music of an orchestra engaged for the occasion. The affair was formal and many beautiful evening gowns were in evidence. The evening was spent in games, toasts and social chat. In the early hours of morning the guests departed, full of praise for the charming entertainment provided them by their host.

The Atkisson Shoe Co. wish to call attention to their line of boys' shoes. This company bought heavily last year and is offering the best at prices unequalled in Omaha. Look for ad.

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W. H. Brunner, the well known barber, is again with P. H. Jenkins at 1313 Dodge. All old customers and friends welcome.

Mrs. Addie Johnson of 557 So. 33rd street died December 28th at her residence. She leaves a husband and several relatives. The funeral was held from St. John's A. M. E. church, Saturday. The Rev. W. F. Osborne officiated. Burial was in Forest Lawn cemetery. Jones & Chiles were the undertakers.

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Zelma, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Shields of 5214 So. 28th street, South Side, died Christmas morning and was buried December 27th at Graceland Park cemetery. Jones & Chiles were the undertakers.

Read Shaffer Chapter's ad. You have? Of course, if you have eyes you couldn't fail to see it.

Are you going January 9? Indeed, I am.

Miss Lela Dudley of 28th and Burdette streets, is seriously ill at her home.

Mrs. Georgie Graves, of 2803 Miama street, is quite sick. She is under the care of Dr. Edwards.

The Basket Stores will help you solve the problem of the high cost of living. Look up their price list for this week.—Adv.

Mrs. George Ray of Dundee entertained on New Year's Day at a family dinner. Covers were laid for twenty guests and the dining room was most tastefully decorated. Miss Irene Cockran was the pianist for the occasion. The only out of town guest was Charles Walker of St. Paul, Neb.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Gregory entertained several friends at whist and dancing New Year's night. The whist prizes were won by Mesdames James, Williamson, Johnson and Mr. Silas Johnson.

January 9th is the date. The Alamo is the place. Shaffer chapter's entertainment is the event. Desdunes' orchestra.

Mrs. David Ferguson and Miss Oleatha Russell entertained on Friday evening at the residence of Mrs. Eugene Russell, 4023 Seward, Mrs. John Bundrant of Minneapolis, Mrs. Zenobia Diggs of Parsons, Kans., and Mrs. Wyatt Williams of Lincoln, Neb. About forty guests were present and the evening was spent in dancing and cards.

Try Madam Baker's Wonderful Hair Grower, on sale at The People's Drug Store.—Adv.

The P. B. club gave their annual Christmas party at Peterson Hall, Friday evening, Dec. 29th. A six course luncheon was served to about thirty guests. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

Theodore Adams, of the Adams' orchestra, has gone to Tennessee where he will spend two weeks' visiting relatives.

Mr. Joseph Officer, a former resident of Omaha, but who has made his home in Toronto, Canada, for the past six years, is spending a few days in this city visiting with his old friends. He is the guest of James G. Jewell.

The North Side Needle Club met at the residence of Mrs. W. H. Jackson, 3532 North Twenty-ninth street, Wednesday, December 27, and spent a most enjoyable time. The next meeting will be with Mrs. M. Jenkins, 3508 Burdette street.

The Phi Delta Sorority held their Watch Night Slumber party at the home of Miss Blanche Nance, 2552 Spalding street. An elaborate five-course luncheon was served. At noon New Year's Day a breakfast was served by the hostess's mother, Mrs. Harry Crouch.

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. White entertained at a New Year's dinner at their residence, 1403 North Eighteenth St., in honor of Mrs. A. H. Thompson, of Kansas City, Mo. Covers were laid for twelve. The other out of town guest was Mrs. Lettie Miller, of Atchison, Kansas.

Mrs. C. H. Hicks, of 2020 Clark St., has been quite ill the past week.

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## DOCTOR WASHINGTON AND DINNER FUNCTIONS

(Continued From First Page)

train, shook hands cordially with Washington, expressed his pleasure at the meeting, looked Washington over carefully and ejaculated: "Say, you are a great man. You are the greatest man in this country." Washington mildly protested, but the man insisted, "Yes, sir, the greatest man in this country." Washington expressed the opinion that Roosevelt was the greatest man in the country, which brought out this scornful response: "Huh! Roosevelt? I used to think that Roosevelt was a great man until he ate dinner with you. That settled him for me."

As a result of this and other incidents, Washington concluded that "the curious nature of this thing we call prejudice—social prejudice, race prejudice and all the rest," makes any attempt to disturb it unwise. Yet four years later he was again the object of even more bitter censure for attending the Wanamaker dinner. His position on such matters was set forth by him in a letter to Edgar Gardiner Murphy, a southerner, author of "The Present South." Mr. Murphy was alarmed over these attacks and over their possible effect upon the work at Tuskegee, which he regarded as highly important. He wrote to Washington about his fears, and received a long letter. This is an extract:

"I have never attended a purely social function given by white people anywhere in the country. Nearly every week I receive invitations to weddings of rich people, but these I always refuse. Mrs. Washington almost never accompanies me on any occasion where there can be the least sign of purely social intercourse. Whenever I meet white people in the north at their offices, in their parlors, or at their dinner tables, or at banquets, it is with me purely a matter of business, either in the interest of our institution or in the interest of my race; no other thought ever enters my mind. For me to say now, after fifteen years of creating interest in my race and in this institution in that manner, that I must stop, would simply mean that I must cease to get money in a large measure for this institution. In meeting the people in this way I am simply doing what the head of practically every school, black or white, in the south is constantly doing. For purely social pleasure I have always found all my ambitions satisfied among my own people, and you will find that in proportion as the Colored race become educated and prosperous, in the same proportion is this true of all Colored people.

The dinner with the kind and queen of Denmark created embarrassments of a different kind. The king was interested in Washington's work because of its possible application to the large Negro population of those Danish islands in the West Indies which we are probably soon to possess. Here is the way this visit of the ex-slave to royalty was afterwards described by the ex-slave:

"As I entered the reception-room there were about twenty or twenty-five people who were to be entertained at dinner. I will not attempt to describe the elegance, not to say splendor, of everything in connection with the dinner. As I ate food for the first time in my life out of gold dishes, I could not but recall the time when as a slave boy I ate my syrup from a tin plate.

"I think I got through the dinner pretty well by following my usual

custom, namely, of watching other people to see just what they did and what they did not do. There was one place, however, where I confess I made a failure. It is customary at the King's table, as it is true at other functions in many portions of Europe, I understand, to drink a silent toast to the King. This was so new and strange to me that I decided that, since I did not understand the custom, the best thing was to frankly confess my ignorance. I reassured myself with the reflection that people will easier pardon ignorance than pretense.

"At a certain point during the dinner each guest is expected, it seems, to get the eye of the king and then rise and drink to the health of the King. When he rises he makes a bow to the King and the King returns the bow. Nothing is said by either the King or the guest. I think practically all the invited guests except myself went through this performance. It seemed to me a very fitting way of expressing respect for the King, as the head of a nation and as a man, and now that I know something about it, I think if I had another chance I could do myself credit in that regard."

### BURGESS-NASH COMPANY TO ENLARGE

The Burgess-Nash Company made Omahans a happy New Year's gift in their announcement that they are to double their space by the addition of a new structure on the present site of the historic Boyd Theatre. It should be pleasing to Colored citizens for the reason that the Burgess-Nash Company has always shown itself particularly friendly to them. This company has constantly advertised in The Monitor and none of our readers ever patronized it without having a feeling of sincere welcome. It was Mr. Burgess who employed Colored girl ushers at the Boyd and under his management any seat in the historic old house is at the pleasure of any of our race. It is this same spirit of fairness and justice that pervades the company establishment and we are proud to know that so deserving a firm is feeling the tide of prosperity and must enlarge. We congratulate the firm upon its success and are confident that its kindly feeling for all will be the chief factor for its continuance.

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## EVENTS AND PERSONS

Miss Hegwood, of Kansas City, Mo., spent the holidays with her sister, Mrs. W. H. Cruse, of 2616 Grant street. Miss Hegwood left for home Monday night.

Mrs. Joseph Taylor entertained the Crescent Whist Club at a five-course luncheon, December 27, complimentary to Mrs. A. H. Thompson, of Kansas City, Mo. After the luncheon whist was played, Mrs. Thompson winning the first prize and Mrs. P. W. White the booby.

Mrs. H. J. Crawford, who has been confined to her bed with pleurisy, is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Sayles and baby left Saturday for Chicago, Ill., and Gary, Ind., where they will visit Mrs. Sayles' brother and Mr. Sayles' sister.

Mrs. C. W. Dickerson, who has been quite ill with la grippe, is improving.

Mrs. Lillian Gully, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Irvine Grey, 2610 Seward street, left for her home in Chicago Saturday morning.

Mrs. George W. Dickinson returned from Colorado Springs Wednesday of last week with her daughter, Mrs. H. W. Black.

The Elite Whist club met at the residence of Mrs. T. S. Riggs, 3112 Corby street, Wednesday, January 3. Mrs. E. R. West won first prize.

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T. S. Riggs has returned from Joplin, Mo., where he visited his mother and sister. He also visited relatives in Kansas City and Baxter Springs, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Agee entertained a number of friends at an eight course Christmas dinner at their residence, 4701 Parker street. Covers

## SOUTH SIDE.

(Mrs. Lulu Thornton, Correspondent)

Mrs. J. H. Nichols, who has been very sick threatened with pneumonia, is slowly recovering.

Mrs. J. H. Andrews entertained New Year's day at her home, 2412 P street. Covers were laid for sixteen. The evening was spent in games and music. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs, Mr. and Mrs. S. Orvin, Mr. and Mrs. John Vaughn, Mr. W. J. Andrews, Miss Stella Jefferson, Mr. Cecil Wallace, Misses Thersa and Maude Orvin, Mrs. Hattie Orvin, Mr. Will Orvin and little Mildred Browne.

Mrs. Sallie Broomfield fell on the slippery walk in front of the home of her sister at 26th and P streets, this week and dislocated her shoulder. The shoulder has been replaced and though suffering much pain she is doing nicely now.

The Bethel Baptist church began a

were laid for twelve. Herman Phillips was toastmaster and a pleasant program of after dinner speeches was given by the guests present.

Mrs. Ida Withlow, wife of Charles Withlow, died at her home in East Fort street, East Omaha, December 26, and was buried from Jones and Chiles' chapel December 28, interment being in Gracelawn cemetery, South Side. The Rev. W. T. Osborne, pastor of St. John's church of which the deceased was a member, officiated. Mrs. Withlow was an old resident of Omaha. Her protracted illness gave abundant opportunity to her friends and neighbors to do her many appreciated kindnesses. Her white neighbors, who held her in high esteem, generously helped in making provision for her burial. Her husband survives her.

The Don't Worry Girls met at the home of Mrs. Estella David, 1211 Missouri Ave., South Side, Dec. 28. Owing to the disagreeable weather a few of the members have been somewhat indisposed. This week's meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Nannie Johnson, 1714 Williams street, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Dorn, 925 No. 27th, entertained a few friends at a sumptuous dinner party New Year's evening in honor of Norris Hodge, cousin of Mr. Dorn, and whom the latter had not seen for many years. Dancing and whist furnished the evening's entertainment.

Robert Severe, 4421 South 26th, was brought home seriously ill on Tuesday afternoon.

Rev. M. H. Wilkinson, of Mount Moriah Baptist church, will preach at St. John's A. M. E. church Tuesday night, Jan. 9. Rev. W. F. Botts, of Zion Baptist, will preach Thursday and Friday nights, Jan. 11 and 12, respectively.

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Mrs. W. Malone of 32nd and U street is quite sick.

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## COLORED ORCHESTRA

## SCORES TRIUMPH

The fight of the union musicians against Colored orchestras in Omaha has been a most interesting one and a fight which has interested not only the Colored people, but the wealthy white citizens of Omaha. It has been of about two months duration, the union generally getting the best of the Colored musicians until last Saturday night at the Yale Glee Club reception.

The arrangements had been made for the great social event some time ago and Olsen's orchestra, supposed to be the finest in the city, was employed. Adams' orchestra was also engaged, but Olsen issued an ultimatum that if the Colored men played he would walk out. Olsen was assured by the gentleman employing him that the engagement of the Colored players would be cancelled and the same was done. At this point, Mr. Luther Kountze, the Omaha millionaire, stepped in and told the Colored boys that they would play, but to keep the matter quiet.

Saturday night the elite of Omaha society was gathered at the Fontenelle and danced to the most excellent music of the Olsen orchestra until twelve. As the clock struck the midnight hour a dance had just finished and the crowd applauded for an encore. Suddenly the curtains of the stage were swept aside and Adams' orchestra of eight pieces struck up a sensational piece. The guests stood frightened for a moment, then turning their eyes upward they saw the Colored musicians playing like wild. Applause broke forth so intensely that for almost five minutes the guests clapped and shouted, forgetting to dance. Olsen's orchestra look up, frowned, folded their instruments and beat it.

It was a triumph for the Colored musicians. During every dance the Yale Glee Club members crowded about the players, especially attracted by the phenomenal trap playing of Holland Harrold. When the dance closed, Mr. Kountze came over to the orchestra, sat down and said to the orchestra, "Boys, you have made good. You have put across better music than has ever been given us in Omaha. Hereafter every function which we give at the Fontenelle, you will play. Send me your bill and I will pay it and give each one of you a bonus of ten dollars. I am proud of you. Good night."

It was a victory worth while.

## THE PLEASANT HOUR CLUB

The Pleasant Hour club gave their first New Year dancing party Wednesday night at the Alamo. It was a formal affair and many beautiful gowns were in evidence. Dancing began at an early hour and about ten o'clock over thirty couples were swinging happily to the spirited music of Desdunes orchestra. Promptly at twelve the Home Sweet Home waltz brought the close and the members and guests departed after a most enjoyable evening.

There will be a meeting of the Pleasant Hour club members on next Tuesday evening at the residence of Doctor J. H. Hutten. The annual election of officers and other important business matters will be taken up and all members are requested to come early.

## MT. MORIAH BAPTIST CHURCH

The month of December and year 1916 are ended, and yet not ended. There are very many kind remembrances of the same, that would be ungrateful on the part of the people and church to forget. Time and space

would not permit, however, to enter into details. Our membership has increased by four additions for the month. Money taken in from all sources reached the point of \$136.00. With all improvements we are glad to report that not one cent is due. Salary and current expenses are all clear, and we enter the new year with breasts uncovered, because there is none to endanger us, from being in debt along these lines.

The watch night service was a grand success. The congregation was overflowing, and many had to stand. Next Sunday morning will be covenant, baptism, fellowship, roll call and communion. At night the discourse will be, "Out of the Church—Out of Heaven."

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### COLORED FARMER HEADS KANSAS INSTITUTE

Lawrence, Kan., Jan. 4.—Edward  
Harvey, acknowledged to be one of the  
most capable scientific farmers in  
Douglas county, was recently elected

president of the Douglas county farm-  
ers institute. Mr. Harvey is a gradu-  
ate of the Kansas University in the  
class of 1894 and was a member of  
the football team. One of his legs  
was broken while playing for the Jay-  
hawkers.

### N. W. C. A. NOTES

The N. W. C. A. has received a  
check for \$75.00 from the Retailers'  
Association of Omaha, the amount  
allotted to Negro charities from the  
proceeds of the charity concerts of  
last year. The check comes at a  
most opportune time, and is gratefully  
received with deepest appreciation by  
the N. W. C. A.

Mrs. R. K. Lawrie will give a large  
kensington at her home, 114 No. 43rd  
Ave., Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 24,  
the proceeds of which will be given to  
the N. W. C. A. A lunch such as only  
Mrs. Lawrie can prepare will be  
served at 35c per person. The public  
is cordially invited to attend. Any-  
one desiring to make reservations for  
entertaining their friends may do so  
by calling Mrs. Lawrie, Walnut 733.

There will be a regular meeting at  
the home Wednesday, January 10.

### R. R. "COLOR LINE" ILLEGAL

Austin, Tex., Jan. 4.—A writ of  
error was refused by the Supreme  
Court in the case of the State of Tex-  
as against the Galveston, Harrisburg

and San Antonio railroad last week.  
The suit was instituted against the  
railroad companies by the state for  
alleged violation of the "State Jim  
Crow" law permitting Colored and  
white passengers to ride on the same  
sleeping cars. The court ruled that  
proof that white and Colored had oc-  
cupied the same car was not sufficient  
evidence to prove that other cars were  
not arranged and marked designated  
as required by law. While the con-  
stitutionality of the law as involved  
the court did not pass upon its valid-  
ity the case being decided on the ques-  
tion of facts.

### WEALTHY COLORED ARKANSAN DIES

Little Rock, Ark.—The not wholly  
unexpected death of John E. Bush,  
who died at his home in this city,  
1600 Chester street, recently, removes  
the heralded leader of the Negroes  
of Arkansas, and the wealthiest mem-  
ber of the race in the State. For  
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