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MAJOR LYNCH TAKES ISSUE WITH CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Two Classes Commercialize the Race Problem.

Chicago, Ill.—Thousands of the older generation of people throughout the country, will remember the Hon. John R. Lynch, as a part of the south's "Reconstruction" period; as a member of Congress, for several terms, from the state of Mississippi; as the temporary chairman of a National Republican convention held in Chicago, many years ago; as a Republican leader of his home state, Mississippi, for many years, and finally, as a major of the United States army until placed upon the retired list a year or two ago. Few men living are so thoroughly capable and such an authority on the subjects discussed in the following communication to the Chicago Daily Tribune, as is Major Lynch:

Speaking of the photoplay called "The Birth of a Nation," the Tribune says:

"It is in all essential episodes grounded on historical fact, representing the struggles of that terrible time in the south when the whites, back from war, saw their government taken over by the newly enfranchised blacks controlled by the northern carpetbaggers. What happened with the Negro ascendant and how the white re-established his supremacy is shown with obvious natural sympathy for the south, and no doubt with such heightening of effect as dramatic art has a right to employ. It presents what the south says and the north of our day, at least, is inclined to believe to be the truth."

Exactly the reverse of this is true, for there never was a time when any one of the state governments of the south was taken over by the newly enfranchised blacks controlled by the northern carpetbaggers. That some mistakes were made during the progress of reconstruction will not be denied. How could it be otherwise? The war had just come to an end. Sectional animosity was bitter and intense. "The Republican party was looked upon as the enemy of the south. No white man could identify himself with the Republican party at that time in any one of the southern states without running the risk of being socially ostracised and publicly characterized as an enemy to his section, his state, and his race. Notwithstanding these things, not less than 25 per cent of the white men of that section—men who were to the manor born, many of them ex-Confederate soldiers, identified themselves with and became leaders of the Republican party. These, in the main, were the men that the newly enfranchised blacks selected as their leaders and whose leadership they loyally and faithfully followed. I do not hesitate to assert that the reconstructed state governments at the south were the best governments these states ever had before

Think on These Things

"Smile awhile, for while you smile another smiles—and soon there's miles and miles of smiles, and Life's worth while because you smile."



MAJOR JOHN ROY LYNCH, U. S. A.

or have ever had since. There never was a time when there was actual physical "Negro domination," or even carpetbag domination, in any one of the reconstructed states.

The play to which you refer, instead of being "grounded on historical fact," is grounded on historical misrepresentation, without having a single actual fact as the basis of its existence. It is fiction pure and simple, painted from a diseased and prejudiced imagination, with a false and deceptive background as a basis upon which to stand. Such a play could not be otherwise than mischievous in its inception and dangerous in its results, even if the scenes depicted were a truthful reproduction of actual occurrences. But when it is or ought to be a well known fact that the alleged scenes are pure fabrications with not a single background of truth to support them, their production can hardly be

less than criminal. In the main they are false, slanderous, and malicious. They are calculated and intended to engender and intensify race prejudice and race hatred. In the interest of peace, order, truth, justice, and morality they should be suppressed. No good can come but much harm may result from them. It is, therefore, the duty of the authorities to suppress them, just as they would suppress any other nuisance that is calculated to incite crime and general disorder in the community.

In this connection allow me, as a southern man, to say, and to say whereof I know, that there are just two classes of white people at the south who keep this so-called race problem constantly before the public. The first class is composed of those who commercialize race prejudice simply for the dollars and cents they

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AMERICAN CIVILIZATION AGAIN IS DISGRACED

Two Innocent Men Murdered by a Blood-Thirsty Mob—Ponder the Facts.

Marion, Ga., July 9.—The hot-headed spirit of the mob has again besmirched the state of Georgia. Silas Turner, a white planter of Gray, Ga., was found dead on Thursday at his farm home. Immediately, as is always too easy, it was concluded that he had been murdered by colored men. A posse was immediately organized, and search was instituted. Colored Americans, of course, were their prey. Not far down the pike road leading to Marion, Will Green and his son, a boy of 17 years, were encountered. Their color was enough to prove their guilt. They were immediately "roped" by the infuriated mob, and notwithstanding their pleadings and protests, they were strung up on the limb of a nearby tree and their bodies riddled with bullets. Contented with having avenged (?) the murder of their white brother the mob dispersed.

Lynch Wrong Man.

According to information received here today, the authorities have made an investigation and positively learned that Green and his son were innocent victims of the mob. It is said that they were at their home miles from the scene of the murder when it occurred. Now suspicion has been directed to John Richey and Thomas Brooks, whose whereabouts on the day of the murder have not been satisfactorily accounted for by the authorities. This information has again aroused the mob spirit, notwithstanding the accepted view that two innocent Americans have been executed by the mob for the alleged murder.

Governor is Not Immune.

At this writing the authorities are undecided on the question as to whether farmer Gray committed suicide or met his death by foul means.

Meanwhile the mob spirit is rampant, and it is feared that if Richey and Brooks are caught they will meet the same fate as did Green and his 17-year-old son.

Verily, Georgia is cursed with the spirit of the mob. Even the Governor of the commonwealth is not immune, as witness the mob's conduct in the case of Governor Slaton on account of commuting the sentence of Frank.

CHARLES ROSS OPENS OFFICE IN LINCOLN.

Mr. Charles Ross, who was graduated from the law course in the University of Nebraska in June has opened an office in Lincoln. He was for three years guard on the 'varsity football team and three years weight man and high jumper on the 'varsity track team. When Kansas university drew the color line on Ross, Nebraska forced them to yield by threatening to break athletic relations.

General Race News

THE RACE PRESS POWERFUL

As a Molder of Sentiment and Lever for the Advancement of the Race.

A MOST VALUABLE ADJUNCT

(By SAMUEL R. ROSEMOND in the Pittsburgh Courier.)

Recently there has been much discussion as to the value of the Negro press, particularly as a medium for uplift. To those conversant with the possibilities of the press without especial reference to any particular race, it is apparent that a medium for expression such as a newspaper or magazine, cannot be other than a valuable adjunct, not only to those intimately identified, but to all. At this time all mankind is in great measure dependent upon the press. It is an influential factor in commerce, and through its columns alone can one become conversant with the daily happenings affecting not only one set or race, but mankind in general. While the general press contains a smattering of the things affecting all the people, of necessity in abbreviated form, for if fails one must look to the press which is particularly and intimately identified with his own peculiar group. For this reason the Negro press is daily performing a wonderful work in the interest of the race. Through it alone can details be published of events which are, to us, most vital. Through it alone can matters be set out in such fashion as to acquaint even the least intelligent of its importance.

Negro journalism should be encouraged whenever possible and it should be loyally supported and patronized. Its pages contain not only race news, but advertisements generally, of the business of any and all races who are anxious for Negro patronage. In this way the scope of its influence is broadened. Copies of publications carrying advertisements must be sent regularly to the advertisers. In this manner the general news matter carried in all race papers comes under the notice of the advertisers. If it be legitimate, clean and wholesome, it creates within him broader conception of the Negro, his problems and the manner in which he grasps opportunities for individual as well as racial advancement. This knowledge, naturally gives him a better working idea and the working idea makes of him, the advertiser, a better citizen in that he grows to view the Negro not as the representative of any special race, but as his fellowman.

Business is the medium through or by which man must be judged. It were necessary, therefore, that we as a race transact our business along business principles. This means as well the establishment of a better working basis between the races, and ultimately becomes beneficial in no small way.

Much must be said in favor of the Negro press. Much credit must be accorded to it for the friendliness which it has engendered among those of the opposite race who are keenly alive to the responsibilities which surround us and which can alone be made known to the world at large through the medium of the press. And, too, while in many localities special attention is given to the dissemina-

tion of racial news items, at the same time a close observance of the law of nature which says, "first to yourself be true, would undoubtedly result in the perfection of a powerful mouthpiece through which all news pertaining to the race might be set out in a clear, concise fashion that all might read, and thereby arrive at a conscientious determination to do that only which will result in good for the race.

The legitimate Negro publication needs your support, moral and financial; it needs your co-operation. If you are interested, then identify yourself with all things which have a tendency for Negro uplift.

No better evidence can be noted of the power and influence of the Negro press than the recent campaign to secure the enactment of the Equal Rights bill at Harrisburg. This paper endeavored to give to the Negro of Pennsylvania every item of news obtainable relating to the stages through which this effort passed; it has endeavored to acquaint the people with the various forms and methods of chicanery practiced by the politicians to thwart the effort to secure their rights; and it means to continue to keep them informed on the subject to the end that a general education to the creation of a broader interpretation of the meaning of rights, and a deeper respect therefor may result.

The Negro press has passed its initial stage. It is growing rapidly in strength and influence; it must continue to grow until it becomes a power in the effort to better the condition of the millions of black folks who find domicile within the confines of this great United States.

Captain Lincoln C. Valle, chief of Roman Catholic bureau of exhibits at the National Half Century Exposition and Lincoln Anniversary Jubilee to be held in the city of Chicago, is traveling in the interest of this exhibit. Captain Valle reports great progress among all classes of people, throughout the nation in behalf of this great, and possibly the most unique exposition ever given at any time in the history of the world.

Four young colored men graduated from Harvard this year. Harry S. Keeland was graduated from college with a record of excellent work in chemistry; W. T. Cunningham graduated in business administration; and L. T. Wright became a doctor of medicine after a successful course; F. D. Brown received his degree in dentistry in March.

William A. Pledger, son of the late Col. W. A. Pledger of Georgia, has enlisted in the English army and is fighting with the allies in France. He served in the United States army in Cuba and the Philippines. Mr. Pledger enlisted at Cardiff, Wales. It is said that forty-three colored Americans are in his company and more are going.

J. W. E. Bowen, Jr., A. B., Wesleyan, and A. M., Harvard, has just been appointed Fellow of the American university at Washington, D. C., with a stipend of \$400 a year. He will continue his work in history and economics at the Harvard graduate school for the degree of Ph.D.

LOUISVILLE SEGREGATION CASE GOES TO SUPREME COURT

National Association for Advancement of Colored People Backing the Appeal.

New York City, July 13.—The Segregation case against which the Kentucky court of appeals recently decided unfavorably by holding the Louisville ordinance valid was initiated and carried up to the highest court in Kentucky by the Louisville branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, cooperating with the national office. The decision in this case was given while a representative sent from the New York office of the N. A. A. C. P. to investigate the segregation case was in Louisville, and a mass meeting was immediately called in Quinn chapel, the Rev. Mr. Harvey pastor. At this meeting it was voted to carry the case up to the supreme court of the United States and the local branch immediately organized a committee of one hundred and more, under twenty-five captains, to raise part of the necessary funds.

The National Association has been encouraged by the recent decision of the supreme court in declaring the Grandfather laws invalid. It offered its aid to the colored men who brought the Grandfather case from Maryland, and in the Oklahoma case had through its president, Mr. Moorfield Storey, filed a brief which was all that could be done since no argument was advanced. The Oklahoma case was one between the United States on the one hand and certain registrars of voters on the other, arising from an attempt on the part of the United States government to punish the defendants for complying with the provisions of the Oklahoma amendment. The Government as party to the case was represented by its solicitor general. The brief which Mr. Storey prepared was presented to the court by his friend, Mr. Jackson H. Ralston, an eminent lawyer of Washington, whose application could not fail to command the respect of the Court. It is the intention of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to carry a succession of cases to the supreme court of the United States until it has succeeded in placing that court on record on the race question before the country.

Keeping Him Guessing.
"Where's your engagement ring, Margie?"
"I've hid it. As long as George ain't sure he can get the ring back he won't break the engagement."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Question.
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"Yes, son."
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**ONCE NOTED BLACK PIANIST,
MIND GONE, IS MAGICIAN OF
THE PIANO AT INGLESIDE**

(World-Herald, Sunday, July 11.)

At the state hospital at Ingleside Neb., is a black man who has often been pronounced by musical experts of note, all over the United States and abroad, as the wonder of the musical age for one of his race, Professor George Franklin McPherson, who was born at Marietta, O., July 4, 1864. He is insane and always will be on



Prof. George E. McPherson, Mind!!! Musical Wonder of Ingleside State Hospital.

every subject except music. When it comes to music he is perfectly normal and knows the piano as few men do.

This man plays nothing but high grade classical music, which he does every day of his life in the large reception room of the hospital. He plays the most difficult pieces from the old masters from memory, yet so perfectly does he handle the keys that no criticism of his work has ever been made during his several years residence at the state institution by the many well known musicians who have visited him, and for whom he always willingly entertains. Whenever the governor of the state, or other officials, are guests at the institute Prof. McPherson supplies the music, and no one would know he is insane were they not told. In appearance he

is neat and uses good language when discussing music. At other times, in talking, he rambles.

Son of Slave Parents.

Prof. McPherson is a son of slave parents and was taken into the orphans' home of Washington county, Ohio, when 9 years old and at once began to take music lessons under the supervision of Mrs. J. L. Palmer. He remained there until he was 17, when, owing to his unusual advancement in music, and his other studies, he was sent to the Oberlin, O., academy of music to become the private pupil of Prof. Edward Baxter Perry. Two years later he was pronounced an expert by his teacher and at 19 began his career as a teacher and public performer. From 1885 to 1888 he was solo pianist with the original Nashville students, an organization of national fame.

Later he traveled abroad and played in all the large cities of Europe, appearing before crowned heads. When he returned to America he had accumulated a good-sized fortune, which he had not realized, so busy had he been with his musical work. And it was this fortune that caused his downfall, for he began to learn how to spend money with a lavish hand. As he now expresses it, during his normal periods, "wine, women and songs brought me where I now am."

Later he braced up and located in Omaha where he again began to teach music. Among his pupils were several young men and women from the best families. He successfully taught for over five years and then, at a high salary, in 1893, took a position with a well known piano company having an exhibit at the Chicago world's fair, as its demonstrator. During the fair, in competition with many other piano performers, he took first prize for piano execution.

Has Noted Musical Companion.

Then came another period of dissipation and his mind was dethroned. For fourteen years now he has spent practically all his time in an insane asylum. With him at the Ingleside institution he has Prof. Hans Albert, formerly of Omaha, one of the most noted violinists throughout the middle west for many years. Prof. Albert lost his mind a few years ago while giving a performance at Colorado Springs, Colo., and was brought later to Ingleside. He frequently accompanies McPherson on his violin, but Albert no longer has the wonderful

touch with the bow that once brought him fame in the musical world. He wears his hair long as he did when a resident of Omaha. Of the two men, McPherson is mentally the brighter. Albert plays a part of the time in the hospital band, while McPherson accompanies on the piano.

Superintendent M. W. Baxter of the Ingleside institution, who has had many years' experience in handling people with diseased minds, and who is an acknowledged authority on such subjects, says that both McPherson and Albert will die in an insane hospital, as there is no possible chance for either to recover. Neither of the men is violent, on the contrary, being easy to handle, and are consequently granted many privileges that would not be possible had their minds drifted into other channels.

HANDICAPPING THE BABY.

"A baby who comes into the world has less chance to live one week than an old man of ninety, and less chance to live a year than one of eighty." This aphorism is borne out by the Department of Labor's field study of Johnstown, Pa., based on all the births in one calendar year. The conditions revealed are undoubtedly typical of those in hundreds of our industrial cities: bad as they are, they are no worse than those shown in the 1913 report of the New York state health commission, which contrasted the health of the state as a whole unfavorably with that of its metropolis. In brief, the Johnstown babies died during the first year at the rate of 134 per 1,000, and of these 108 died in the first quarter. Unsanitary environment was largely responsible, for in the worst-drained ward the rate rose to 271; the part played by housing is shown by the fact that in well ventilated homes the rate was 28.1; in poorly ventilated, 170; while the mortality rate where a midwife was in attendance, was nearly twice that where a physician was called in. What could be done by better wages, thus stopping the overwork of mothers, by inspection of milk supply, and by the teaching of visiting nurses, is set forth in figures as nearly eloquent as figures can be.—New York Evening Post.

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can make out of it. The second class is composed of those who utilize race prejudice for the purpose of securing political distinction and official recognition which they could never secure through any merit of their own. It makes no difference with these people how much harm to the public or injurious is done to any people or race as long as they can accomplish the purpose desired. They know there is not a particle of truth in anything they say or produce relative to this matter but what difference does that make to them? The office-seeker finds that this is his best paying political asset. What is the use, then, of considering or discussing the tariff, the financial or any other subject or question as long as this mythical race question will answer the purpose? They find that this is the one question upon which they can hold the white men of the south in abject political submission and upon which the average white man at the north can be easily fooled and deceived. As long as the country believes, as you seem to believe, that these things are true and that public sentiment must uphold them and approve methods that are criminal and practices that would be otherwise indefensible for the purpose of preventing "Negro domination" just so long will this state of affairs continue. Let us hope that the eyes of the people will eventually be opened and that justice and fair play for all will be the accepted rule of action in all parts of our country.

JOHN B. LYNCH.

Author of "The Facts of Reconstruction."

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We are interested in making Omaha a beautiful city. Unsightly spots here and there mar the beauty of our city and make a bad impression upon the thousands of strangers whom this year we expect to welcome within our gates. Many of these unsightly spots are being removed and we are confident that our city commissioners are anxious to remove and will take whatever steps may be necessary to remove these eyesores and blemishes, wherever found, if called to their attention. We, therefore, respectfully beg leave to call our commissioners' attention to one of the most unsightly sights in Omaha and pray them to take such action as the case demands.

We invite them to come out and inspect Twenty-first street between Nicholas and Paul, which is being used as a dumping ground for building refuse and rubbish. The array of broken tile, brickbats, rusty corrugated steel, scraps of timber and other refuse which the tall and stately weeds, growing with tropical luxuriance, refuse to hide, is a sight to make a slovenly slattern weep. It's hideous. It's disgraceful to allow such a condition of slovenliness to continue. The condition may not be unsanitary, but it is certainly unsightly, and to us the grotesquely hideous is unsanitary.

It is claimed that this refuse is stored or dumped on private property, because the street at this point is only thirty-three feet wide. The plat shows that it is the city's intention to make the street fifty-five feet wide. If, then, this is private property, one of two things should be done: either the city should acquire it, clean up and open the street, or compel the owner or owners of the property to fence in this unsightly rubbish and hide it from the public view.

The city officials owe it to the city which they are anxious to faithfully serve to see to it that this rubbish is removed or fenced in as a protection to the taxpayers, because should there be an accident here the city would unquestionably be liable for heavy damages.

There may be more unsanitary places, but there can be no more unsightly place on an Omaha public thoroughfare than that to which we now publicly, but most respectfully, call our city officials' attention. Twenty-first street between Nicholas and Paul. Clean it up. It's unsightly, if not unsanitary, and dangerous for public vehicles.

LESSONS FROM A LIFE.

Major John Roy Lynch, U. S. A. retired, whose cut appears in this issue, and whose recent letter to the Chicago Tribune will be read with

interest, furnishes an excellent example of a man who has risen from lowly life and adverse circumstances to a career of usefulness. He was born a slave in Concordia Parish, La., Sept. 10, 1847, the son of Patrick and Catherine L. Lynch. His father was an Irishman. His mother was a colored woman. Lincoln's proclamation brought him freedom. Being of an inquiring mind and studious habits he found a way to acquire an education. His life reads like a romance. He was elected to membership in the Mississippi House of Representatives, 1869-73, being speaker thereof in 1871-73. He was a member of the 43rd, 44th and 47th Congresses from the Sixth Mississippi district; a delegate to several national Republican conventions, and presided as temporary chairman of that honorable body in 1884, a coveted distinction. He served as fourth auditor of the treasury in 1889-93. He was appointed major and paymaster (U. S. V.) July 1898, and served through the Spanish American war, after which he was appointed captain and paymaster, U. S. A.; promoted to major September 13, 1906, and retired September 10, 1911. For a number of years he was stationed at Omaha, where he made, as everywhere he has been, scores of friends, who will be pleased to see this good picture of him and to read the accompanying article from his pen. Major Lynch resides in Chicago and is devoting himself to literature. His "Facts of Reconstruction" is an entertaining and instructive volume which is being widely read and should have a place in all our homes. He has about completed his second work, being a fascinating volume of reminiscences, some chapters of which we have had the pleasure of reading in the manuscript.

We hope that Major Lynch may be spared many years to be an inspiration to the younger generation who are too prone to think that it is useless to set their faces toward the heights.

This is the thought that always comes to us as we review the careers of our men and women who have achieved success in any given field of honorable endeavor: **SUCCESS AWAITS THOSE WHO ARE WILLING TO PAY THE PRICE.**

"The heights by great men reached and kept,

Were not attained by sudden flight; But they while their companions slept

Were toiling upward in the night."

Are you willing to pay the price? Which do you prefer—SLEEPING or TOILING?

In each of our issues we have published a good deal about prejudice-promoting photoplays and jitneys. Our reason for this is not to wait until these photoplays with their objectionable features come to Omaha and then protest against their production, as we certainly will, if they come; but to advise the public of their distastefulness and danger before they come, so that there will be a sentiment against them. Other cities do not want them and Omaha does not want them. So much for the prejudice-inciting photoplays. And as for the jitneys, here as elsewhere there has been a disposition upon their part to draw the color line, contrary to the laws of this state and the ordinances of this city governing common carriers. The time to call attention to such matters is in their incipency, not when they have become entrenched and buttressed with custom.

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EX-SENATOR JOHN M. THURSTON

The Hon John M. Thurston has always been counted among the staunchest and truest friends of the colored people. Many, therefore, who are readers of The Monitor will be interested in the following graceful tribute paid him by Edgar Howard in a recent issue of the Columbus Telegram and join sincerely in the wish with which the article so eloquently closes:

"I wish I might have had a stenographer take down the eloquent little talk which ex-United States Senator Thurston made at the friends' meeting between Omaha and Columbus boosters at the Elks' club room last Thursday night. It was a gem of eloquence, a beautiful tribute to the worth of Nebraska pioneers, a glorious testimony to this prairie commonwealth and to the men and women who have carried the banner of Nebraska here at home and beyond the state lines. His comparison between the naturalness of the men of the agricultural West and the artificiality of the men of the dollar-worshipping East would be of value to the people of both localities. His eulogy of the men and women who had large part in transforming the domain of the prairie dog and the Pawnee into the abode of the most literate citizenship under the sun would be worthy a golden page on the records of the Nebraska Historical Society. His plea for acceptance of his belief that not men alone, but also the guiding hand of the God of the Universe has had something to do with making this America of ours a

sweet oasis of peace in the present desert of world-war, would, that plea could have been read in printed words, be a sermon worthy repetition by every priest of every creed. I recall a day when Nebraskans flung their caps in the air in the presence of this great orator. That was when his cap of distinction was overflowing. And now in the day when the once famous man is in the garb of commonality, bereft of the purple of fame, it is still my part to be complimented by opportunity to sit at the feet of brilliance and absorb freely of its effulgence. I am glad that John M. Thurston has returned to spend the remainder of his days under the Nebraska skies, and I shall be hoping that all his pathways may be bordered by the flowers of good remembrance, scattered by the thousands who in the old days were charmed by his eloquence or recipients of his bounty."

PRESS COMMENTS.

Reaping the Harvest.

Editorial from Georgia will carry tidings of dissatisfaction over the commutation by the governor of Lee Frank's sentence to life imprisonment. They believe that the executive should not have interfered with the provisions of the court and believe it so strongly that they have made several attempts to lynch the governor. This lawless mob spirit isn't a new thing at all, it is only breaking out in a new place. A habit once formed is hard to break. It grows and fastens itself deep in all it becomes a very part and parcel of an individual. The white men who lynched and encouraged lynching of members of our race will gather for their posterity, the lynching of white law abiding citizens, by lawless white men, as the fruition of such a policy.

Georgians are simply harvesting the seeds sown by their ancestors and sanctioned by the state in failing to discharge her duty in upholding laws. —The Chicago Defender.

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Events and Persons

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

Mrs. J. W. Dorsey and Miss Mona Downing of Brooklyn, N. Y., spent Tuesday in the city en route to California. They were guests for the day of the Rev. and Mrs. John Albert Williams at St. Philip's rectory.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Williams, 2414 Blinney street, entertained Mr. Richard B. Harrison of Chicago at breakfast Friday morning and also gave a whist party in the evening.

The ladies of the Pleasant Hour Social club, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Isaac Bailey, gave a delightful picnic at Krug's park Wednesday afternoon. As originally planned, the outing was to have been at Elmwood park, but the deluge of rain Wednesday morning was accountable for the change of place. Members of the club and invited guests numbering all told about forty had a pleasant afternoon.

Elaine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Smith, 2726 Blondo street, reached the dignity of five years Tuesday. In honor of the occasion, eleven of her little friends were present at a very delightful children's party in the afternoon of that day. Fun! Well, they had it.

St. Philip's cooking school is held every Thursday afternoon in the Guild rooms at 2:30 o'clock. Its advantages are open to all who desire to attend.

The First Regimental band, Dan Dredanes, director, delighted an audience of 5,000 people in Riverview park Sunday afternoon, at one of the popular band concerts the city is providing for its citizens.

Jewett Alexander, formerly of Omaha, but now of Red Oak, Ia., spent Wednesday and Thursday in the city visiting his brother Roy and other friends.

A lawn social for the benefit of the Negro Women's Christian Association Home for the Aged will be given at the residence of Mrs. H. R. Roberts, at 2610 North Twenty-eighth avenue, Thursday evening, July 22nd. The patronage of the public is earnestly requested.

Lawn Social, Thursday, July 22nd. Be sure to attend.—Adv.

July 22nd, the date. Twenty-sixteen Twenty-eighth Avenue the place. Lawn Social. Benefit Old People's Home.—Adv.

Mrs. W. Smoot of Washington, D. C., and Miss Amelia Alexander and Miss King of Baltimore, Md., spent Tuesday in Omaha en route to the Pacific coast. They were the guests of Mrs. Annie Reed of South Sixteenth street.

Mrs. Robert Godet and Mrs. L. Anderson of St. Paul, Minn., were Omaha visitors Friday. They were on their way to California.

St. Philip's Lawn Social Monday evening at Mrs. Buford's, 3510 Blondo St. Phone your friends.

Mrs. L. M. Bentley-Webster, first-class modern furnished rooms, 1702 N. 26th St. Phone Webster 4769.

Mrs. C. H. Hicks, 2020 Clark street, was taken seriously ill Monday and is still confined to her bed.

Mr. and Mrs. Hazel Nix, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Green desire to extend their sincere thanks to friends for their many kindnesses and floral offerings during their recent bereavement.

Mrs. Isaiah Jackson, 2212 North Thirtieth street, is still confined to her home with illness.

Will H. Johnson and Mrs. Emma Cruse were married Wednesday afternoon by the Rev. W. J. M. Scott, pastor of Mt. Moriah Baptist church.

FINDING YOUR PLACE.
THIS IS AN AGE OF SPECIALIZATION. The man or woman who drifts into the stream of life and knows not either how to paddle or to steer the boat, is soon lost in the eddy and sunk out of sight. You must know some one thing as well, if not better, than your competitor. Efficiency comes by long practice at the same thing. There was a time when one man made a shoe complete; he knew a little of all parts of the making. But the completed shoe showed up very crude compared to the shoe of today, when each part is made by an expert; and so through every trade and branch of business the cry is for experts.

With the closing of the school year come thousands of young men and women into the marts of trade seeking employment; a small portion only having fitted themselves for a special line of work; the others must accept what is offered, whether it be to their liking or not. How many really know just what they are best suited for? How much good shopkeeper material has gone into the making of a poor doctor? Failures can be traced almost invariably to a lack of knowledge of the subject at hand. Because someone else seems to prosper in a certain profession or business is no reason why you can do the same thing. Perhaps that is their forte, you may succeed along another line where they would fail. This can be verified daily by noting the change in the same store under different management.

It isn't always an easy matter to find your place in the scheme of things, and sometimes when we do find it, pride steps in and wrests it from us. It is but natural when we start out into the world to feel we should accept nothing but the highest positions, but let it not be forgotten Rome was not built in a day, and it is no disgrace to start at the bottom and work up; when you do reach the top a foundation will have been built strong enough to keep you there.—The Chicago Defender.

A PRAYER FOR PEACE.
O! Prince of Peace,
Look down with pity on a wicked world,
Bid warfare cease,
And let Thy spotless banner be unfurled
Above each blood-stained battlefield,
Where nations, in blind fury, wield
Their deadly weapons now
Against their fellow men.
Restore the kindly plough
Unto the earth, and then
Let ev'ry desecrated acre yield,
In sweet increase,
The fruits of peace.
Wrest from the hand of man the sword,
And to his heart bring peace, O, Lord.

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THE OBJECT OF A SERMON.

"Bishop McDowell tells of a Methodist minister whose wife used to ask him early in the week what was the subject of his sermon for next Sunday. One day she quite changed the current of his ministry by asking not for the subject but for the object of his sermon. It would be like dynamite in some church sessions if elders and pastors would sit down squarely before the question: 'What is the object of our being here? If the Lord will give us ten years to work here in this spot, what do we mean to have done by that time? What is our program? We hold services and seek members. Run an organization—why?'—United Presbyterian.

A little four-year-old, a most attractive little fairy, suddenly lost interest in Sunday school. She had enjoyed so much learning about Moses that her mother could not understand the change of attitude.

"Why don't you want to go, daughter?" she asked.

"Oh," was the astonishing reply, "I don't like to go to Sunday school since Moses died."

Teacher—Now, Johnny, can you tell me what became of Noah and the ark?

Johnny—The baby sucked all the paint off'n Noah, and Pa stepped on the ark and washed it.

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ECONOMY IN THE HOME.

So fundamental is the matter of saving that it long ago came to be called economy, a term which originally meant the management of the house. As the importance of the principle grew into recognition, the word was applied to business and to the affairs of state.

The disposition to save is usually accompanied by a certain careful estimate of values, and those who have this disposition will be found spending their earnings for essentials and so applying their savings that they may grow into a source of income. Thus it becomes true that to him who hath shall the more be given. On the other hand, how often we see the hardly earned wage of toil spent on trifles!

As a race, we practice little self-denial. Imitation is one of our strong characteristics. We prefer a pleasure-ride in a rented automobile than on the trolley car; the latter being within our means and the former making us ridiculous indeed. We often wear expensive clothing at the sacrifice of necessities, and in many ways beyond our means imitate the people for whom we labor. In old age we reap need, dependence and poverty, the fruits of wasteful living.

In the average home the woman has almost entire management of expenditures, and hence a great opportunity for saving. Winifred Harper Coolidge says: "Women should look upon housekeeping as just as much of a business as conducting a factory or managing a railroad, and should study efficiency of operation, watch the debit and credit accounts, improve their plant and dignify the status of their work."

With the children, woman's influence is almost unlimited. If early in life, by precept and example, they are taught the lessons of economy and thrift.

Not all of us have "made good," to be sure, but it is never too late to begin. The savings bank offers opportunity to young and old to form a nucleus for investment. Building and loan associations are also a favorite means of saving. The accumulation of property begets and fosters a sense of responsibility. This lends dignity to character and lifts one above many of the grosser temptations of life.

They who would be real benefactors must earn and save, serve and conserve in things material, mental and moral.

We are not raised the first day to the summit of perfection. It is by climbing, not by flying, that we arrive there.—St. Bernard.

The glory of life is to love, not to be loved; to give, not to get; to serve, not to be served. To be a strong hand in the dark to another in the time of need, to be a cup of strength to a human soul in a crisis of weakness, is to know the glory of life.—Rev. Hugh Black.

Lovely Lady—Oh, Professor! you must come to our affair tomorrow. All my friends are coming, though they say they haven't a rag to wear.
Professor—I shall be delighted.

The proper way to make an estimate of ourselves is to consider not only what we value or despise in others.

THE LITTLE CHAPS.

By LOUIS E. THAYER.

It's a comfort to me in life's battle,
When the conflict seems all going wrong.

When I seem to lose every ambition
And the current of life grows too strong:

To think that the dusk ends the warfare.

That the work is done for the night.

And the little chap there, at the window,

Believes that his daddy's all right.

In the heat of the day and the hurry,

I'm prompted so often to pause,

While my mind strays away from the striving.

Away from the noise and applause,
The cheer may be meant for someone;

Perhaps I have lost in the fight.

But the little chap waits at the window,

Believing his daddy's all right.

I can laugh at the downfalls and failures.

I can smile in the trial and pain,

I can feel that, in spite of the errors,
The struggle has not been in vain.

If Fortune will only retain me
That comfort and solace at night.

When the little chap waits at the window,

Believing his daddy's all right.

THE CIGARETTE HABIT.

With scarcely a single exception, from the Commissioner of Education down, all superintendents, school boards and teachers who have to do with the education of boys, are implacable foes to the cigarette habit. President David Starr Jordan of Leland Stanford University even forbids college men from using cigarettes anywhere on the university grounds.

H. H. Seerley, Principal of Iowa State Normal, says: "After making a study of several hundred boys running through a period of ten years, I have not met a pupil that is addicted to the habit that will go through a single day's work and have good lessons."

"Pupils under the influence of the weed are constant subjects of discipline, are not truthful, practice deception, and can not be depended upon."

Even more appalling, if possible, than the wreck of health and mind, is the effect of the cigarette habit on a boy's morals.

Judge Lindsey, of Denver—and the boy never had a better friend than Ben B. Lindsey, speaks emphatically: "I have been in the juvenile court nearly ten years, and in that time I have had to deal with thousands and thousands of boys who have disgraced themselves and their parents, and who have brought sorrow and misery into their lives; and I do not know of any one habit that is more responsible for the trouble of these boys than the vile cigarette habit."—Purity Magazine.

Safety First in the Ministry, Too.

"And—ah—what salary would you expect?" asked Deacon Klutchpenny of the church at Hardscrabble.

"Seven hundred dollars a year without donation parties," replied the applicant for the pastorate. "Eight hundred and fifty with!"

Culinary Hints and Recipes

BY E. W. PRYOR,
Steward Omaha Commercial Club

Albumen.

The purest form is found in the white of an egg. It is also found abundantly in the flesh of chickens, rabbits, fish, beef, and is a constituent of all sorts of meat in a greater or lesser degree.

When chopped beef or chicken meat is set over the fire in cold water, the water becomes milky while heating, caused by the albumen flowing out of the meat.

When boiling heat is reached the milky appearance is changed to perfect clearness of the water, and the albumen has risen to the surface in the form of scum.

Now then drop the chicken, ham or leg of mutton in boiling water, at once the albumen of the outside cooks instantly and keeps in the joints.

To make soups or stews where the substance is required to be extracted, put in cold water.

What then are the two great principles of cooking?

To keep in the albumen and other juices, put in boiling water.

To draw out the albumen and other juices, put in cold water.

Albumen is also used in large quantities in manufacturing especially in calico printing.

Cherry Salad.

Remove the stones from canned cherries (preferably white) and insert in the cavities thus made filberts, from which the brown skin has been scraped. Arrange in nests of lettuce leaves and serve with mayonnaise or French dressing.

Potatoes are much improved if peeled and laid in cold water overnight. It saves time in the morning and they are whiter and nicer in consequence.

For the week beginning July 11:
Veal Birds With Giblet Dressing.

Select best veal steak, cut one inch thick. Divide this into four parts. Season.

Giblet Dressing.

One-half teaspoonful chives, chopped; one-half teaspoonful parsley, chopped; one tablespoonful browned flour, two tablespoonfuls butter. Place this with the giblets, which have been chopped fine, into skillet and cook till tender. Put about two tablespoonfuls of this dressing into each piece of veal and roll, pinning at each corner, which will look like a bird if done properly. Bake slowly until very tender. Decorate with the bloom of celery and carrot.

To be demonstrated July 22 at St. Philip's Guild room.

MRS. J. W. WALLACE.

Fond Mother—Dobbie, come here, I have something awfully nice to tell you.

Bobble (age 5)—Aw—I don't care, I know what it is. Big brother's home from college.

Fond Mother—Why Bobbie, how could you guess?

Bobbie—My bank don't rattle any more.—University of Nebraska Aw-gwan.

Teacher—Appropriate means fit. Can you give me an example?

Willie—No, I can't; but our old cat can. She has 'em.

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Letters from Our Readers

Communications for this column must be brief and always signed.

2223 North Twenty-fifth St.,
Omaha, Neb., July 13, 1915.

Rev. John Albert Williams,
Editor The Monitor.

My Dear Sir and Friend:

It is with much pleasure that I join your army of friends in applauding The Monitor, as it enters the scene of action in this community. Newspapers are like (not only ministers of the Gospel) but missionaries who are instruments of either good or bad—all supposed to be good. In this case the life of the worthy editor in this community needs no comments. Therefore the permanency and success of The Monitor is assured.

Our papers of the past have not had the moral and financial support they were entitled to. It takes money to run any business, also moral and intellectual support. The Race needs to purge itself of selfishness, spite, jealousy and imaginary grievances.

It is to be hoped that in this age of enlightenment and progress we of this community will wake up, look up and help up, for the time is not far distant when a test of our strength and numbers will be made. Let us not be weighed in the balance and found wanting, but let us be ready to gird on our armor and able to measure arms with our fellow men.

Any service I can be to you, you have but to command.

Affectionately and cordially yours,

HENRY W. BLACK.

313 Clifton Place,
Brooklyn, N. Y., June 28.

Rev. Sir and Dear Friend:

Your circular letter of June 25 came today. I still value your teaching of years ago and to have something from your pen now is most gratifying. I cannot conceive of anything but success for The Monitor with your personal attention.

Please find enclosed \$1.00, my subscription. Also please accept for yourself and Mrs. Williams the hearty

wishes for good health and success in all your undertakings.

Sincerely yours,

STEPHEN T. BROOKS.

St. Paul, Minn., July 12.

My dear Father Williams:

Owing to the fact that I have been using my spare time "keeping ahead" of my work in the city architect's office here, I am just now sending my appreciation of several things you have recently done for me.

I received "The Monitor" last Monday and I assure you that it appealed to me very strongly as being "mighty good reading." Further that it is an artistic piece of typography. You and the people of Omaha, and all its other readers are to be sincerely complimented on your publication.

Sincerely yours,

CLARENCE W. WRIGHTON

Omaha, Neb., July 10.

The Rev. John Albert Williams,

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City.

Dear Sir:

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The Farmers Trust Co.,

Beatrice, Neb., July 10.

The Rev. John Albert Williams,

Dear Mr. Williams:

Thank you for one of the first copies of The Monitor.

I am enclosing \$1.00 for one year's subscription, and with all my heart I wish you perfect success. My wife joins heartily in this wish.

Very sincerely,
S. C. SMITH.

Science Notes

BY WILLIAM G. HAYNES.

The Phone.

An interesting feature of the telephone was brought out in a recent lecture given by Dr. Millener, at a meeting of the Nebraska State Pharmaceutical Association. The transmitter is so constructed that the vibrations produced by a speaking voice cause a thin diaphragm to come into contact with a small mass of powdered carbon. When a high-pitched voice has been producing vibrations for a period of time, such as would be consumed during the average housewife's daily "chat," the result is sometimes a packing of the small carbon particles in such a manner that further communication is difficult and often impossible.

Now comes the remedy. When the angry husband arrives at the phone and finds it out of commission, he immediately proceeds to swear voluminously at "Central" or the wife, as the case may be—and incidentally repairs the phone. The reason is that the slower vibrations of the heavier voice of the man tend to loosen the

carbon particles again. Of course, the same result may be obtained by briskly tapping on the receiver or transmitter if one or the other is out of order.

Graphite.

Rich families with poor relatives occur among minerals as well as among people, for the aristocratic diamond has a brother in the "black lead" of the common lead pencil. "Plumbago" is another name under which this lead is known. Properly called, it is graphite, a form of carbon. Carbon, in turn, is disguised under many titles, some of which are: Soot, bone-black, lamp-black, charcoal, coke, coal and diamond.

A brief comparison of two forms of carbon, namely, graphite and diamond, bring forth several interesting facts. Graphite is an excellent lubricating agent because it is in the form of fine flakes which create a smooth film on the moving surfaces and reduce friction. On the other hand, diamond dust is used for polishing, or wearing away material by friction, on account of the extreme hardness of the diamond. Diamond is practically colorless, but his brother, graphite, can lay no claims to such distinction, for the jet black derby hat, the ebony-hued kitchen range, the new-

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ly-polished shoes, and the tell-tale evidence of the common lead pencil are mute witnesses to the fact that graphite is sublimely black.

Diamond and graphite are both found in nature, and are both produced by artificial means, only the latter, however, on a commercial scale. Although called "artificial" diamond and "artificial" graphite, these manufactured products are identical with the natural ones.

Butter Substitutes as They Really Are.

Contrary to popular belief, butter substitutes, better known as margarine and oleomargarine, are not manufactured from garbage, hotel waste, or such material. Factories wherein these products are made are models of modern sanitation. The raw materials, chiefly beef tallow and vegetable oils, such as cottonseed oil, coconut oil, sesame oil and the like, are carefully refined by methods that avoid the use of chemicals.

Very briefly, the process of making margarine is this: The carefully purified oils are blended at a suitable temperature, then churned up violently along with "pasteurized" skim milk. After the churning, the mass is cooled, washed, salted if necessary, and "worked" to rid it of water.

Margarine has almost the same com-

position as fresh butter and contains the same amount of fat, besides being just about as wholesome and nutritious. The only harm comes when a dealer attempts to get butter prices for margarine, for the cost of production of margarine is so low that it brings it within reach of those who cannot afford butter either for cooking or eating purposes.

The list of recent inventions includes a watch crystal of celluloid or other equivalent elastic, transparent, unbreakable material, which in practice is sprung into an undercut groove or rabbet in the watch bezel, reducing the initial cost to the manufacturer and avoiding the cost of replacing broken glass crystals by the user.

One more step nearer the unget-out-of-order-able watch!

No one ever convinced a boy under fifteen that the time was ever coming when he would think more of a girl than of a dog.

A great deal of the suspicion of boys is based on their natural-born preference to playing in the barn loft rather than on the front porch.

There is some hope for the boy who has to be driven into the bathtub, but none for the boy who has to be chased away from the mirror.—By Frances I. Garside.

News of the Lodges and Fraternities

Masonic.

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

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

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

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

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

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

BRAVERY.

Be brave!

The day will dawn, however dark the night;
The right will win, however fierce the fight;
The end is sure, however far from sight.

Be brave!

Not ours to shirk or shrink, to doubt or dread;
Not ours to turn from hardships seen ahead;
Not ours to falter, whereso'er we're led.

Be brave!

The road will brighter grow through-out its length;
The load will lighter grow through added strength;
The goad will turn to helpful staff at length.

Be brave!

With crown of thorns Truth self adorns her own;
On scaffold, cross and gibet rears her throne;
Her altar stands where each must stand alone.

Be brave!

The coward lives and dies an abject slave;
The fearful is a tyrant, fool and knave;
Omnipotence is only with the brave.
—American Citizen.

Convincing.

Hazel—But do you really and truly love me, Harold?

Harold—I assure you, Hazel, I love you as much as I love myself. Greater love than that no woman could ever dare hope for.

"Why don't you organize with us Turks and Bulgarians and Servians to demand your rights in the United States?"

"I haven't any special rights in the United States," responded the other quietly. "I was born here."—Louisville Courier Journal.



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