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Florida Nuns Will Test Unjust Laws

Three Who Teach in Private School for Negro Children are Arrested.

GOVERNOR ORDERED ARREST

Because of Petition Sent Him Advising That the Law was Being Violated, Instructed Sheriff to Make Arrests.

St. Augustine, Fla., May 19.—The law recently enacted in Florida prohibiting whites from teaching in Negro schools is receiving its first test here in the case of three Sisters of St. Joseph's Convent, who were arrested by the sheriff, acting under instructions from Governor Trammell on Monday, April 24. They have been conducting a school for Negro children in their private building on De Haven street.

Sister Mary Thomasine, Sister Mary Scholastica and Sister Mary Benignus were the three nuns arrested and when they were brought before Judge Jackson the court ordered them released on their own recognizance. Sister Mary Thomasine refused to accept her release and she is being held a prisoner at the convent, in custody of Father O'Brien.

When the law was enacted by the Florida legislature, the Sisters of St. Joseph consulted eminent lawyers as to the constitutionality of the law. It was the unanimous opinion of the lawyers consulted that the law was unconstitutional and so the school was continued. The nuns have been teaching schools for Negro children in St. Augustine for several generations, their work being entirely gratuitous and their only object the educational and religious guidance of the Colored youth.

They were not interfered with, even after the passage of the law, until some weeks ago a petition was sent to Governor Trammell, advising him that the law was being violated. This petition was evidently for the purpose of bringing about a test case on the constitutionality of the law.

The case cannot be handled in the local courts as it is a state law, and so it will come before the Circuit Court at this term. It will probably be carried through the State Supreme Court to the United States Supreme Court before it is finally settled.

CLOSED \$67,000.00 DEAL

The Fontenelle Investment Company closed a deal Thursday of last week with C. A. Williamson Co., taking over the Edgewood Park addition which overlooks Carter Lake. The club house which is situated on the grounds will be awarded to the Fontenelle Company after a certain number of lots have been sold. The lots range in price from \$55 to \$750, and some of them can be bought on the plan of \$1 down and \$1 a week.

Something To Make You Think

How Men May "Fight For Themselves"

(The Omaha Nebraskan)

The Crisis, a Negro organ, pays a deserved tribute to the valor of the Colored troops on the Mexican border and says: "So in America, in Europe and in Africa black men are fighting for the liberties of white men and pulling their chestnuts out of the fire. One of these bright mornings black men are going to learn how to fight for themselves."

But they are "fighting for themselves" when they make the splendid record they are making in Mexico. They were "fighting for themselves" when they made their record in Cuba. They were not then, nor are they now, "pulling white men's chestnuts out of the fire." They were and are fighting for a country that is theirs as it is the white man's and in whose history and achievements they will have a part commensurate with the contributions they make.

The Crisis gives its people very poor advice when it intimates that the interests of the Colored race lie along lines of "fighting for themselves" in the sense plainly meant by the Crisis.

To be sure, the Colored race has had many obstacles to surmount but the race has advanced and will advance in accordance with the efforts of its intelligent members to contribute to the general good, to build for civilization and to do their part in the most effective way.

When such plays as "The Birth of a Nation" give offense let the race show itself superior to the touch of such humiliations and, bearing it with dignity, win the respect and sympathy of white men who cannot give approval to such taunts.

There is but one way for any individual or any race to push forward. That way is so plainly marked that it need not be stated.

The conduct of the Colored troops in Mexico has done much to break down prejudice and win respect for the Negro race. So the generally fine conduct of Omaha Negroes—so often commented upon by observing men—is doing much to do away with this prejudice.

"Upward and onward," not through force but through civilization's instrumentalities, through faithful service as soldiers and good conduct as citizens—that is the motto and that is the course for every individual and every race who would win the spurs.

Prejudice and Art

We have said several times in this column that in art the Negro encounters less prejudice than in any other field of endeavor. If a Negro writes a great poem or a great book, or paints a wonderful picture or composes real music, his color is little or no hindrance to his gaining recognition and appreciation of his work. This is one of the paradoxes of American prejudice. It is more difficult for a strong, able-bodied Colored man to break through the New York labor union, and get a job to carry a hod than it is for a talented Colored composer to get a hearing for his music in Carnegie Hall or Aeolian Hall.

There has just been completed at Jacksonville, Fla., a new armory for the First Regiment of the National Guard of that state. This armory was opened last week. It was christened by a musical festival given under the auspices of the Ladies' Friday Musicale, and the work that was rendered was "Hiawatha's Wedding Feast" by Coleridge-Taylor. A well known Southern tenor of Atlanta, Ga., was engaged to sing the famous "Onaway, Awake, Beloved." Does it not seem more than strange that the opening of an armory in a city of the far South should be celebrated with the rendition of a musical work which was created by Negro brain?

The Jacksonville papers extolled Coleridge-Taylor's music before and after the performance. Jacksonville society turned out and made the event a gala one. Those who took part and those who listened were enraptured by the divine art of a black man. Yet, Colored citizens were denied admission. Denied admission to a building paid for out of the public funds. Such are the inconsistencies of prejudice.—The New York Age.

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Church Elected Delegate-at-Large

The Colored Republicans of Tennessee Win Notable Victory in State Convention.

RACE LEADERS ARE UNITED

Impossible to Ignore the Arguments Advanced or Desert Such a Capable Organizer Admission of Congressman Sells.

Nashville, Tenn., May 19.—All Tennessee is celebrating the victory won by R. R. Church, Jr., in the Republican State convention held at Nashville, May 3. The Negro emancipated himself. Ending a campaign that claimed the attention of every element in the Republican party, Mr. Church was elected a delegate-at-large to the coming Chicago convention. For the first time since 1892 a Tennessee Colored Republican has been given a place as a delegate-at-large to a National convention.

It is not too much to say that the victory achieved by Mr. Church in the name of 75,000 Colored Republicans, is the most notable in the annals of Tennessee politics. He had the active support of only one of the State leaders, former Governor Ben W. Hooper, nominee for the United States Senate.

Two hours before the meeting of the convention, Mr. Church was told that there was no hope for him and his people. Then in a most remarkable conference, in which all the big leaders took part, the slate was broken. Congressman Sells said that it was impossible to ignore the arguments advanced or desert so fine an organizer as Mr. Church had proven himself to be. For the first time in the history of Tennessee politics all the Colored leaders stood together, supporting Mr. Church every inch of the way. Among those active in the fight were J. C. Napier, A. N. Johnson and A. W. Fite, of Nashville; T. H. Hayes, Wayman Wilkerson, Bert M. Roddy, F. M. Nesbitt, O. W. Williams, the Rev. R. J. Petty, J. H. Brown, J. B. Martin, A. F. Ward, H. R. Saddler, of Memphis; Roscoe Simmons, of Louisville, and P. H. Brown, of Hopkinsville, Ky.

HUNTINGTON FUND CLOSE TO \$500 MARK

Huntington, W. Va., May 19.—A fund containing \$419.91 in cash and unpaid subscriptions to the sum of \$50, an aggregate of \$468.41, has been raised by Colored people of Huntington for the Booker T. Washington Memorial Fund. The campaign which was waged for this purpose concluded Sunday afternoon in a big rally held in Carnegie Hall. However, the committee has decided to continue its efforts until the amount of \$500 originally suggested as Huntington's subscription, is all raised.

General Race News

OPENS SCHOOL OF DRAMA

New York, May 19.—The management of the New Lincoln Theatre, 135th street and Lenox avenue, launched another innovation when they announced the opening of a school of dramatic art for the benefit of aspiring young Colored people who desire to become fitted for a career on the stage. It will be remembered that it was at this little theatre, the first dramatic stock company whose members were exclusively Colored, first made their bid for public favor, and the success of the unusual venture was phenomenal. The owner of the theatre, Mrs. Maria C. Downs, and the director, Billie Burke, have conceived the idea that the future will open up a large field for the Colored actors and actresses, and in order that talented members of the race will be prepared to meet the demand when it arrives, it is their intention to devote the coming summer months to the development of all promising material. The project should receive the utmost encouragement, for it is a most praiseworthy undertaking and reflects great credit on the promoters. The pupils at the Lincoln Theatre Dramatic School will be taught in all branches of the theatrical art, and there is no doubt that considerable good talent will be unearthed. It will be interesting to watch the results. This is the first attempt of its kind that has ever been made, and it is undoubtedly a step for the advancement of the Colored people in dramatic art.

LYNCHED IN JAILYARD; BODY HUNG TO A POLE.

Lawton, Okla., May 19.—Not content with shooting the Negro to death, a mob of several hundred men tied the body of Carl Dudley to an automobile and dragged it through the streets to the outskirts of the city. The body was then hung to a telephone pole.

Dudley was charged with shooting James Hayes, a policeman, who died from the wounds. When first arrested Dudley was taken to the army post at Fort Sill for safe keeping, but next morning the army officers turned him over to the city. The mob formed that night, and quickly overpowered the sheriff. A deputy attempted to protect the Negro but he was forced aside.

The man was taken to the jail yard, stood up against a brick wall and fifty or more shots fired into his body.

And yet troops are sent into Mexico to hunt Villa, the outlaw!

ELECTED SECRETARY OF EPISCOPAL DIOCESE

At the forty-ninth annual council of the Diocese of the Episcopal Church, which met in Omaha Wednesday and Thursday of this week, the Rev. John Albert Williams, who has been the assistant-secretary for a number of years, was unanimously elected secretary of the Diocese.

Mrs. A. D. James, Mrs. S. B. Canty and Mrs. John Albert Williams were the delegates from the Church of St. Philip the Deacon to the annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary which was held in All Saints Church Tuesday. Others attending were Mrs. Volney Carter and Mrs. C. H. Hicks.

WORK STARTED BY NEW JERSEY FILM COMPANY

Jersey City, N. J., May 19.—The Frederick Douglas Film Co., a corporation composed of some of the leading Negroes of the State, has started actual work on its first photo play, a three-reel drama, "Winning His First Suit," which will show various phases of Negro progress since emancipation.

The leading characters will be portrayed by Jersey City people, Mrs. Ida Askin, Miss Florence Snead and Frederick Quinn being cast for the leading roles. The pictures will be staged by the Centaur Studio of Bayonne, and the scenes of the play will be laid in Virginia. The Rev. W. S. Smith, an active member of the Douglas Film Co., spent several days in Virginia selecting the prospective settings for the pictures, and the players, with the camera man and manager left Jersey City Tuesday night. They were met in Washington by Mr. Smith and taken on Wednesday to the points in Virginia selected for the pictures.

The play is expected to be released June 15, or not later than July 1. Officers of the company are: Dr. W. G. Alexander of Orange, president; Dr. L. A. Lawrence of Elizabeth, vice president; A. R. Mayor of Jersey City, secretary; Dr. George E. Cannon, treasurer.

OVER \$5,000,000 INSURANCE IN FORCE.

Durham, N. C., May 19.—The seventeenth annual statement of the North Carolina Mutual and Provident Association shows a continued and healthy growth of the company. The total income for the year ending December 31, 1915, amounted to \$461,641.41, an increase of nearly \$12,000 over 1914. The balance from 1914, \$152,891.03, shows a total of \$569,532.44.

The company has a net ledger balance of \$166,944.53, with gross assets of \$169,690.89. The legal reserve is \$126,823.71, special reserve, \$25,428.68 and surplus, \$17,437.50. There is on deposit in approved securities with the insurance department of North Carolina, \$100,000, to secure the payment of all claims against the company. There is in force more than \$1,000,000 in insurance.

Officers and directors are John Merrick, president; C. C. Spaulding, vice president and general manager; A. M. Moore, secretary and treasurer; E. R. Merrick, assistant secretary; J. M. Avery, assistant manager.

Contributions From Nebraska for The Booker T. Washington Memorial Fund:

Our race-over the United States are contributing to the Booker T. Washington Memorial Fund. The fund is placed at \$2,000,000 for the endowment of Tuskegee Institute. The Colored people are asked to give \$250,000 towards this fund. The Monitor will receive and forward subscriptions.

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WHITMAN, NEBRASKA.

Mrs. Henry Moss, who has been quite ill, has recovered. They intend to move back to their ranch this summer.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson May 7th. The infant lived only a short while.

Mr. Arthur Bray has purchased two more carloads of steers. He is making preparations to remodel his home in the city.

Mr. J. W. Thompson purchased a home in the city. He placed an order with Mr. Pegg to buy him a carload of two-year-old heifers. Mr. John Grant Pegg visited his ranch here last week. A number of friends entertained him at a fishing party. He left Mr. Charles Moore in charge of his place.

A surprise party was given Tuesday evening May 16, under the leadership of Mr. Fox, complimentary to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hon. A pleasant time was spent by all. Sammie, the little five-year-old daughter of Mrs. Hibbs, sang a charming song to her aunt and uncle, wishing them many happy birthdays. She also sang "Brighten the Corner." Those present were Mrs. Penn, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Shanklin, Mrs.

Howard, Mrs. James, Mrs. Hibbs, Mr. and Mrs. Fox. Presents were presented by those present. An electric lamp was presented by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Belcher.

Mrs. Robert T. Walker gave a very delightful house party at her residence, 2121 North Twenty-seventh street, Wednesday night for the benefit of the Helpers.

SCHOOL NAMED FOR BENJAMIN BANNEKER

Baltimore, Md., May 19.—The Department of Public Instruction for the city of Baltimore has decided to name all of its public schools after its most noted or prominent men or characters, and the public school on the corner of East Federal and Carter streets will be named in honor of Benjamin Banneker, the Negro astronomer and mathematician, author of the first American Almanac, who assisted to survey and lay out the District of Columbia, who was entertained at the White House by President Thomas Jefferson and at his home in Monticello, Virginia.

A beautiful tablet has been unveiled in the school house to perpetuate his memory and in honor of the Colored people of Baltimore.

Many white and Colored citizens took part in the exercises. The closing address was made by Assistant Superintendent Roland Watts, after which the school children sang as only Negroes can sing, "The Star Spangled Banner."

The occasion was inspiring and will remain for a long while in the memory of those who were fortunate enough to be present.

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CHURCH'S VICTORY AND ITS LESSON

The Monitor extends hearty congratulations to Robert R. Church and the Colored republicans of Tennessee upon his election as delegate-at-large to the national convention which meets in Chicago in June. This victory is a most significant one as demonstrating the power of effective organization and race loyalty and as illustrative of the fact that white political leaders are beginning to realize that they are dealing with a new type of American Negro who knows his strength and his rights and is rapidly learning to use his strength to obtain his rights.

For nearly a quarter of a century the Colored people of Tennessee, although constituting the majority of the republican vote of the state, have been practically ignored by the republican leaders. They have been given no recognition in any way since 1892. Doubtless, these shrewd leaders were not slow to recognize the fact that the Negro vote was not organized or united and took advantage of this condition, as they always have and always will wherever these conditions obtain.

Be that as it may, the race in Tennessee, as they are doing elsewhere, is awakening to the situation. February 1, a meeting was called in Memphis and the Lincoln Republican club of Tennessee was organized. The plan of organization was well conceived and carefully worked out. Strong men of the city and state threw themselves whole heartedly into the movement. They selected as their leader Robert R. Church, Jr., a splendid type of well-prepared, progressive young Negro manhood. In their choice of a leader they showed wise discrimination.

Mr. Church is a young man in his early thirties, of splendid physique and carriage, with a university training and endowed with a most attractive personality. He has brains, administrative ability, character, courage, education, wealth, personality and with it all common sense. Prime requisites all for effective leadership. The race rallied to him.

The convention for the election of delegates was held in Nashville, May 3. Only one of the state leaders (white), former Governor Ben Hooper, actively supported him. Two hours before the convention convened Mr. Church was told that there was no hope for him and his people and that therefore he should withdraw. A conference was held in which all the big leaders took part. It was convincingly shown that 75,000 Colored voters were unitedly uncompromisingly back of this young man who fully measured up to any test or standard

that might be demanded. The arguments and showing won. The slate was broken. Congressman Sells, who first opposed, admitted that it was impossible to ignore the arguments advanced or desert so fine an organizer as Mr. Church had proven himself to be. Mr. Church was nominated—and received an ovation. His victory reflects credit upon the race in Tennessee, and will prove an inspiration to our people everywhere, because it shows what united action can accomplish.

One of the most significant facts about this victory is this: For the first time in the history of Tennessee politics, ALL THE COLORED LEADERS STOOD TOGETHER, SUPPORTING MR. CHURCH EVERY INCH OF THE WAY. This is a most hopeful sign. It shows that we are at last beginning to learn that all our weakness lies in discord, all our strength is in our union, and that if we are to gain our rights, not only civically and politically, but commercially and industrially, we must unite, concentrate and cooperate.

This is the lesson that the race should learn from the political victory of Mr. Church in Tennessee upon which we sincerely congratulate him and his loyal supporters in that state, and to which we have called attention not so much an independent and isolated event, but rather as being indicative and symptomatic of a most encouraging stage of growth in the recognition of our racial potentialities which must be used for our betterment along all lines.

Unite. Concentrate. Cooperate. Win.

The Fontenelle Investment company, one of our local race enterprises, has taken over the Edgewood Addition which offers a good opportunity for a large class of our wage earners to become home owners to realize their ambition. There is no reason why our people should not take hold of this proposition and build up in the section proposed desirable and sightly homes.

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This is natural, and it is well that they can look on the bright side of life. But they should know also that life is not all play. There are duties to be performed, and real happiness comes only after work well done. Happiness is not found when sought as the chief thing in life.

Entertainments cease to entertain. The clever companion does not please always unless there are sterling qualities of character back of the cleverness. Work is the blessing of mankind. There ought to be some earnest

purpose, some worthy aim for the heart of everyone.

Live not for the present moment. Live to be and do. There are consequences to all our acts. Folly sown brings a bitter harvest which none can escape reaping. There are innocent joys to which all, especially the young, are entitled. But it should be learned that living to some worthy purpose brings the truest enjoyment. —The Milwaukee Journal.

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Events and Persons

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News for This Department Must Be Received by Wednesday Night.

Mr. P. H. Jenkins, who has been very ill, is able to be out again and has gone to work in his shop.

Mr. James Peoples was married May 8 to Miss Bessie Hopson of Independence, Kansas. The bride was the recipient of many beautiful gifts. They reside temporarily at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. A. Stevens.

Mr. Frank Blackwell left Friday of last week for Chicago.

Will N. Johnson, Lawyer, Southwest Corner of Fourteenth and Douglas Sts. Douglas 4956.

Mrs. Taylor Holmes, who was visiting her sister, Mrs. M. Thompson, left this week for her home in Kansas City, Mo. She spent a very pleasant time in Omaha among her many friends and relatives. Mrs. Holmes conducts a dry goods and notion store known as the Handy Colored Store.

The Knights and Daughters of Tabor will give a public installation at Zion Baptist Church Tuesday night, May 23. Admission, members, 25c; public, 10c.—Adv.

Bertha J., the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jones, of 2211 North 27th street, died Sunday afternoon of pneumonia. She was buried Tuesday afternoon at the Forest Lawn cemetery. The Rev. John Albert Williams officiated. The G. Wade Obbe Co. had charge of the funeral.

Mr. Roscoe Miller is quite ill.

The Crescent Whist Club met with its president, Mrs. L. Rountree, last Thursday. The first prize was won by Mrs. White, the booby by Mrs. Oglesby. The hostess was presented with a beautiful hand-painted plate. Their next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Taylor, 2829 Miami street.

Industrial Fair and Carnival will be given under the auspices of the St. Douglas Co. U. R. of K. of P. at the Mecca Hall, 24th and Grant Sts., beginning Monday, June 5, and closing Saturday, June 10. Music, comedy and drama featured by the best home talent under the direction of Mr. Andrew Reed. Change of program each night. Opening address by Mayor James C. Dahlman, assisted by Hon. John L. Kennedy. There will be other prominent speakers. For concessions see Commanding Captain Frank Golden, Webster 448. General admission, ten cents. Watch for program later.—Adv.

Mr. Silas Robbins, the well known attorney, underwent a very serious cranial operation at the St. Joseph's Hospital Thursday of last week. He is slowly improving.

Frank Henderson, the twelve year old son of Mrs. Susie Henderson and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Brooks, died Saturday, May 6, at their home, 108 So. 28th St., of leakage of the heart, after an illness of seven months. The funeral was held from the residence Monday afternoon. The interment was at Forest Lawn cemetery. The Rev. W. T. Osborne officiated.

Friday evening, May 12th, at the Alamo hall, the Owl Club held their big annual ball. The hall was tastefully and beautifully decorated. More than one hundred guests thronged the floor. The Autumn Leaf Club of Lincoln, and Mrs. Holmes of Kansas City were the out-of-town guests. The music was furnished by Desdune's Orchestra and it was really "some music."

Mr. W. D. Sandiford left Friday morning for a short visit to Excelsior Springs.

The Elite Whist club met at the home of Mrs. J. S. Smith, 2924 Blondo St., Wednesday, May 10. Mesdames J. S. Smith, Jasper Brown were the hostesses. Luncheon was served at 1:30. Mrs. Gregory scored the highest number of points, winning the first prize.

Mr. Charles Bird and John Broomfield motored from Omaha yesterday morning to Excelsior Springs by the way of Kansas City, in Mr. Broomfield's new White. They were piloted down by Harry Buford. They will spend about two weeks at the Springs.

Margaret Ruth, the nine-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Grant Pegg, who has been very ill with pneumonia, is very much better.

Mr. Bob Robinson returned Thursday of last week from a short business trip to Kansas City.

"Mother's Day" was observed with impressive services at the N. W. C. A. home Sunday afternoon. Rev. Griffin Logan made the principal address. Each member lionized her mother by bringing a potted plant which will be used to beautify the grounds of the home. The N. W. C. A. is one of the local charitable organizations endorsed by the Welfare Board. The art needlecraft class was started at the home on May 13. For any information concerning it call Mrs. T. S. Riggs, W. 4523. Through the efforts of Mrs. J. H. Smith, the home has received a highly appreciated gift—a handsome buffet—given by Mrs. Wm. Vincent, who recently moved to Chicago to reside.

Cecelia W. Jewell,
Corresponding Secretary.

Mrs. F. P. Greenlee of New Haven, Mo., is a guest at the home of her brother, James G. Jewell.

Mr. Ben Slaughter left Tuesday for a two-weeks' visit to Topeka, Kans., where he will visit his parents. He will also visit Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Hattie M. Davis has opened a manacuring parlor in the shop of Mr. P. H. Jenkins.

Mr. Geo. McKoin of St. Louis, Imperial Potentate of the A. E. A., Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North and South America, will be entertained by the Shriners of Zaha Temple No. 152, of Omaha Saturday and Sunday.

"Above the Clouds," melodrama in two acts, was presented Thursday night of last week before a large audience at the Zion Baptist Church.

The play was thoroughly enjoyed by every one. The audience remained attentive and interested through the entire performance. Mr. Andrew Reed as Philip Thorne and Miss Hazel Perry as Grace Ingalls were exceptionally fine. Both displayed an artistic skill seldom seen in amateurs. As Titus Turtle, a humorous role, Mr. Cecil Alexander kept the audience in constant laughter. He got the most out of every funny line and he succeeded in "getting over" each humorous situation. Mr. Vernon Roulette was very convincing in the part of the unsophisticated country youth. Miss Rozella Haynes as Susie Gaybird, Tom Roulette as "Chips" and Edward Miller as Nat Nayles an "impromptu poet" brought out each humorous climax. Miss Beulah Britton handled the role of Lucieta Genish "a romantic maid". Mrs. Alice Jones as Hester Thorne, Mr. W. S. Brown as Amos Gaylord and Mr. Fred Clark as Alfred Thorpe were most realistic in their portrayal. The two solos "Mother" and "Mother's Rosary" sung by Miss Ethel Terry were very well received. "The Perfect Day" a solo by Hazel Perry, was sung with good effect.

Mrs. Henry Buford has opened a studio of dancing at her residence, 3510 Blondo street. Classes Monday nights. For information call Webster 2023. Children's classes Saturday afternoon.—Adv.

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Feeding where there are cases of typhoid and other enteric diseases, it brings into our homes on its hairy feet and in its amazingly constructed stomach, the germs of these deadly disorders. Wherever it walks, it leaves a trail of them, depositing them everywhere in the numerous "f y-specks."

Beyond a doubt this active little household Mercury, winging its way from the sick room to the dining table, is responsible for the spread of many malignant diseases.

At first thought the fly appears to be very fastidious in its personal cleanliness. In amazement we have watched its systematized washings, rubbings and brushings! How can this apparently neat little insect leave such a trail of virulent poisons across our food?

Let a house fly walk over a plate of cold meat which has been boiled and jellied. In a few days, springing from each tiny footprint, a growth of bacteria may be plainly seen. Try it—it will make you shudder—and think!

The table may be spotless, the silver handsomely chased, the china of the latest design—the guests may be witty, wise and beautiful, but the house fly, with its germ-infested feet, makes it a banquet of death.

By the medical world the house fly has been condemned as being the most active and harmful of all man's foes, carrying death to more human beings than have all the beasts of prey and poisonous reptiles put together.

What a fearful charge! But wait! A member of the United States Public Health Service is authority for the statement that the "story of the danger of disease from the house fly has been only half told." Think of it—only half told!

What must we do?

As soon as settled warm weather comes, flies begin to breed. Garbage, damp, moldy cloth and paper, decaying vegetables, in fact, any fermenting animal or vegetable matter serves as a breeding place.

If there are flies about, find their breeding place, and remove it.

Drive all flies out of a sick-room, especially where there are cases of contagious diseases. Let not one escape.

Cart way, bury or burn all decaying matter about your homes.

Screen all foods, whether in the house or on sale at the stores.

Cover tightly all garbage; scald cans often.

Watch your sewage system closely. It must not leak. It should not be exposed to these active little pest carriers; screen every door and window.

And after you have taken every precaution—still you will have flies!

The problem is a vexatious one. It is much more than this, it is fraught with real danger. What are you going to do about it?

A common sense fly paper, open to no criticism on the score of danger from poison, a harmless, always ready

weapon in your war of extermination, is one of your most valuable allies.

Defying fly traps, swifter than the nimblest pursuer armed with a "swatter," your household foe, so minute yet so mighty, cannot resist the lure of its appetite. Harmlessly buzzing, it swoops down hungrily upon the appetizing meal spread in its very sight—and it never gets up from the table!

While you are complaining about them, flies are multiplying. Statistics showing what mischief they are already responsible for will not serve to rid you of them.

Be enthusiastic in your active campaign against these enemies of the family's health and happiness!

When there has been a real awakening to the perils of the germ-distributing dynamo called the house fly, it is doomed.—People's Home Journal.

DREAMS

By Rosamond L. McNaught.

A humble woman stands at her tubs
The whole of a summer day;
With splashes and shakes, and wrings
and rubs,

She washes and washes away.
And think you the duty an ugly
thing?

A stupid grind it seems;
And the worker does not smile or
sing;

But—over the tubs she dreams and
dreams.

Above her sewing a woman bends,
And cuts and bastes and fits;
And over mistakes that she sometimes
mends
Perplexed brow she knits.

Then at her machine, past the set of
sun,

She stitches the long, long seams;
And though her task is a homely one,
'Tis illumed with the flame of a
woman's dreams.

With a "Rock-a-by-by" a woman
swings

Her babe in a rocking-chair;
And she lays her hand, the while she
sings,

On the darling's silken hair.
Both maid and nurse, she is tired to
death,

But her face with glory beams!
For, quickened by balm of the babe's
soft breath,

She strings in the dusk a chaplet
of dreams.

DISOBEDIENCE

By Frances McKinnon Morton

I am convinced as I grow older and see more of children and am better able to project myself into their world that it is very rare to meet with actual intentional disobedience in young children. Very young children fail of a full understanding of the requests made of them, and many poor little tender hands have been smacked when their owner was ignorant not only of his offense but more than that, still in ignorance of the meaning of the original request. The feeling that a parent has been cruel or unjust rouses anger, ill-will, and fear, in a child, and finally out of this mental disease there grows the desire to deceive—to withdraw the inner self from the misunderstanding

parent. It is safe, in our dealings with very small children, to go on the general principle that none of them really wish to displease or to be disobedient. One very frequent cause of disobedience in little children is the bad habit so many of us have of giving commands in the negative rather than the positive form. A little child does not understand the meaning of the word "don't," and as it represents no concrete object it is not a word easily defined to a child's limited intelligence. One baby that I knew, when asked if she understood "don't" replied naively, "Yeth, it'h the smack word."

SOME DONT'S.

Don't lose faith in men because one man whom you have placed upon pedestal has disappointed you. Your mistake was in putting any man on a pedestal. It is like putting children in dress parade before your company. They go to "acting up" just at the wrong time. When you put your friend on a pedestal you expect too much of him. You expect him to be superhuman and hold him to account when he does just about as other men would do under similar circumstances. It will be better if, instead of elevating any one man above the human ken you raise men generally to that common level where you can accept them generally as pretty good folks after all with their inconsistencies and their weakness. None of us has wings and few of us have horns.

Politics is a game and whatever the religious professions of men may be, if they have a political machine, they play the game according to the old time rules. None of them play it according to the scriptures.—The Omaha Nebraskan.

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Science Notes

BY WILLIAM G. HAYNES.

HOW TO STERILIZE

A TOOTHBRUSH.

The controversy regarding the desirability of the tooth-brush, both sides of which have been represented in these columns, seems to have emphasized at least this one valuable point—that the tooth-brush, if used at all, must be clean. In the Dental Summary (Toledo, Ohio), Dr. Hugh W. McMillan, a Cincinnati dentist, gives some directions regarding the proper sterilization of this common utensil, which few users seem to think requires protection of any kind from the wandering germ. Dr. McMillan thinks that it is now generally conceded that an unsterile brush may be a greater hindrance than a benefit to the health of a mouth. The tooth-brush, he says, is tolerated because a satisfactory substitute or a suitable sterilizing agent for it has not been discovered. He goes on:

"Almost everybody agrees that second to thorough mastication of coarse foods, a sterile brush properly used is the best agent that we can employ for stimulation of the gums and cleaning the teeth. The whole problem is to find a method of sterilizing which can be accomplished quickly and easily without destroying the brush by boiling or strong antiseptics, which will furnish the brush in a dry state preparatory to using, and which will not consume an appreciable length of time in consummating.

"After considerable thought for a simple and efficient method of mouth-hygiene, the following plan seems to solve most difficulties. The patient is advised to keep an approved tooth-brush and a salt-cellar (preferably aluminum) as his mouth-hygiene equipment. After properly brushing his gums and teeth, sufficient salt is sprinkled in a glass of warm water to make a normal salt solution (approximately half a teaspoonful of salt). This is used as a mouth-wash. The brush is then held under the running water and cleansed as thoroughly as possible. Salt is then sprinkled upon the brush. The salt is dissolved on the wet brush and penetrates thoroughly to the center of the tufts of the bristles. The brush is then hung in the usual place. When it is again needed, the water will have been evaporated, leaving a deposit of salt crystals in and around every bristle. Can you imagine germs living in such environment? Use the brush as it appears, covered with salt, or, if too salty, knock off the excess salt and apply your favorite powder.

"This procedure thoroughly sterilizes and toughens the bristles, can be done without loss of time, and provides on the brush an efficient antiseptic for promoting mouth-hygiene."—Literary Digest.

WHO IS OUR NEIGHBOR?

Devotion to "my family," "my friends," "my city," and "my country" still dominates us, but no longer exclusively so. Thanks to our ubiquitously inquisitive press, we are given the opportunity to sympathize with people across the continent or around the world, to understand them. When we learn to talk over a wire, we learn to see beyond the horizon of our vision. Thus it was that a man in Massachusetts reached out and saved

the life of a small boy in the Bahamas whom he did not know and had never seen. The story is told by the Brooklyn Times:

Down in Nassau, in the Bahams, a Negro lad of ten years swallowed, or started to swallow, a seed of the native sapodilla, and it caught. The seed is nearly an inch long, with a barb on each end, and the barbs held it fast in the boy's bronchial tubes. The local surgeons were unable to aid him, no steamers were plying between a nearer port than New York, and the victim's parents were too poor, anyway, to employ skilled aid.

An Episcopal clergyman of Boston, whose name is Charles N. Field, heard of the case and went to the rescue. He arranged to have the boy sent here on a liner that stopped in the Bahamas; he cut the red tape at the Customs House, Ellis Island, and Quarantine, and he got that boy to St. Luke's Hospital just twenty-four hours before death was due, according to the specialists who now have him in charge. They say the obstruction will be removed and the boy will live.

Ten years ago, who would have thought the life of an illiterate Negro in an alien country worth saving at such a cost? What physician would even have estimated the possibility of an operation outside the charity hospital in the community in which he resided? The fact that modern surgery is advanced far enough to accomplish such remarkable work, and the more important fact that men of the type of Charles N. Field are here to stretch the limit to save a human from unnecessary death, is the best proof available that the world can be made worth while for all, if individual responsibility for its condition is shouldered by all.—Literary Digest.

SOUTH SIDE

The South Side A. M. E. Church held their third quarterly meeting Sunday, May 14. Although the presiding elder could not be present, it was the most successful quarterly meeting in the history of the church. Rev. Mr. Edwards, of Council Bluffs A. M. E. Church, preached a soul-inspiring sermon at 3 p. m. and presided over the Communion table. Rev. J. H. Nichols preached morning and evening. The quarterly conference was held Monday evening, May 15, with Rev. Mr. Edwards presiding. A good report was read from each auxiliary of the church. The financial report from each and all departments excelled any quarterly we have recorded of the church.

Gate City Lodge No. 6674 G. U. O. of O. F. paid to G. W. Wade Obee Undertaking Co. the amount of \$80 for the funeral expenses of the late A. W. Parker, who died March 12, 1916, this being the full amount due for burial from District Grand Lodge No. 8 of Missouri.

The Allen Chapel A. M. E. Church, will hold a grand rally Sunday, June 18. We must raise \$500.00 on this date. Join one of the clubs, or write your name on one of the books presented to you by one of the officers of the church. God loves a cheerful giver and will double your gift. Rev. J. H. Nichols, the pastor, is struggling to do a great and much needed work on the South Side. He is a God-fearing man and deserves our hearty co-operation.

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Masonic.

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

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

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

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

Omaha Lodge No. 146, A. F. and A. M., Omaha, Neb. Meetings first and third Fridays of every month. Lodge room 1018 Douglas street. Will N. Johnson, W. M.; Wynn McCulloch, Secretary.

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

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Friendship Temple, No. 347, meets the first and third Friday afternoons at 2:30 each month at Twenty-fourth and Charles streets, in U. B. F. Hall, Mrs. Ella Johnson, Princess; Mrs. M. A. Walker, Secretary.

Iroquois Lodge No. 92, I. B. P. O. E. of the World meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month, 24th and Charles streets.

General Scott, Exalted Ruler.
Jas. W. Scott, Secretary.

VOTES REPORTED BY CONTESTANTS IN THE FREE TRIP CONTEST

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Oletha Russell	150
Blanche Lawson	146
Hazel Hall	127
Ruth Jelts	66
Pearl Ray	65
Olga Henderson	31
Ozelia Dunning	27
Anthone Edwards	No report

Henry W. Black represented St. Philip's Church as a lay delegate at the Diocesan Council of the Episcopal church which was held at Trinity cathedral Wednesday and Thursday.

Henry W. Black, who was called to St. Paul, Minn., by the death of his mother, returned here Tuesday night.

"BE KIND TO ANIMALS WEEK"

Is Being Observed Throughout the Country.

The following item is therefore timely:

How One Woman Helped.

Editor Our Dumb Animals:

A few days ago, while a boy was leading several horses along a slippery street, one of them, becoming frightened, jerked loose from his rope halter, and ran onto the pavement. He fell on the icy sidewalk, rose, and fell again, but struggled to his feet though his hip was injured. The young driver, leaving the other horses alone, went to help him back, but the nervous animal refused to walk, fearing another fall. A Colored woman, from her doorway, called to the boy to wait a minute. Soon she brought a box of ashes which she spread around the horse's feet. Getting another box, and telling the young man to lead the horse, she walked ahead, sprinkling the ashes in front of him. Finding firm footholds, the horse walked back to the waiting group.

One who witnessed this incident praised the woman for her kind and sensible act. She replied that her heart ached for the poor horses, ill-treated by ignorant and often cruel drivers, and that she did all that she knew how to relieve their suffering or to prevent it. When questioned she answered that she would be glad to give humane literature where it was badly needed, and expressed a wish to join the S. P. C. A. When taught how, this kind woman will form Bands of Mercy among those whom it is difficult for others to reach.

The humane cause needs many such ardent, sensible workers.

ANNIE E. HENKELS,
Philadelphia, March 7, 1916.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OUR READERS.

To encourage young writers, we shall be pleased to publish short contributions each week under this column. Of course, the right is reserved to select only those that are the most creditable.

IN MEMORY OF MARIE LAWRIE

For many years I've had a friend,
A friend so dear to me,
That when I think of her today
It makes me sad as sad can be.

For years she was my schoolmate,
As up life's path we trod,
For years she was my playmate,
And now, she's 'neath the sod.

She was a girl beloved by all,
As happy as a lark was she,
And every home she entered,
She was welcome as could be.

Every day to her was pleasant,
And she always wore a smile,
Life to her and those about her,
Always seemed to be worth while.

Now, having left us for a while,
Though linger long we may,
We're bound to meet her once again
Upon the Judgment Day.

Rest thou peacefully friend Marie,
Until we meet above,
And sing again as oft before,
The triumph song of love.

—Madeline Roberts.

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