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Farm Property Value One Billion Dollars

Statistics Surprising in Showing the Race's Stupendous Success in Securing Rich Tillable Land.

THERE ARE FOURTEEN NATIONS

Numerically Greater than the Colored People in the United States of America.

Dr. Booker T. Washington, in his splendid address, replete with common sense, sound advice and encouraging facts, delivered before the National Negro Business League in Boston, recited some surprising statistics which show that despite opposition the reproach of our being a landless people is being rapidly rolled away. It is worth while to know that the colored people of this country own farm land aggregating more than one billion dollars in value. This fact was brought out by Dr. Washington, who said:

"We have not the figures covering all the Negro's wealth, but the federal census bureau has just released a document which gives the value of the Negro's farm property alone as \$1,142,000,000. From 1900 to 1910 the Negro's farm property increased 128 per cent. In 1863 we had, as a race, 2,000 small business enterprises. At the present time the Negro owns and operates about 43,000 concerns with an annual turnover of about one billion dollars. Within fifty years we have made enough progress in business to warrant the operation of over fifty banks. With all that I have said we are still a poor race, as compared with many others, but I have given these figures to indicate the direction in which we are traveling.

During the last six years we have experienced as a race not a few business failures, including the closing of several banks. We must not let these failures discourage us. We must remember that it is with a race as it is with an individual; that it is only through seeming failure, as well as success, that we finally gain that experience and confidence which are necessary to permanent success. With all that I have said we should remember that we have but scratched the surface of industrial and business success. Our future is before us, not behind us. We are a new race in a comparatively new country. Let any who may be inclined toward pessimism or discord consider with me for a few moments the opportunities that are before us. It is always of more value to consider our advantages rather than our disadvantages. In considering one's opportunities it is worth while not to overlook the size of our race.

The Race's Opportunities.

There are only fourteen nations in the world whose population exceeds the number of Negroes in the United

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States. Norway has a population of only 2,400,000; Denmark, 2,700,000; Bulgaria, 4,000,000; Chile, 4,000,000; Canada, 7,000,000; Argentina, 9,000,000. When we contemplate these figures and then remember that we in the United States alone are 10,000,000 Negroes, we can get some idea of the opportunities that are right about us.

"Let me be more specific in pointing the way to these opportunities. If you would ask where you are to begin I would answer begin where you are. As a rule the gold mine which we seek in a far off country is right at our door.

Over a million of our people live in the Northern and Western states. In these states at the present time our people operate about 4,000 business enterprises. There are opportunities in the north and west for 8,000 business enterprises or double the present number. In the Southern states where the great bulk of our people live we have about 40,000 business concerns. There should be within the next few years 20,000 more business concerns.

"In all this, we should never forget that the ownership and cultivation of the soil constitutes the foundation for great wealth and usefulness among our people. I have already indicated that we operate about 800,000 farms. Within the next decade let us try to double the number. To indicate a lit-

tle more in the directions in which we should seek. There are now 4,000 truck farms operated by us; we ought to increase this number to 8,000. We ought never to forget that in the ownership and cultivation of the soil in a very large measure we must lay the foundation for our future.

"A landless race is like a ship without a rudder. Emphasizing again our opportunities, especially as connected with the soil, we now have for example 122 poultry raisers; the number should be increased to 1,500. We now have 200 dairymen; the number should be increased to 2,000.

Too Many Negroes in Cities.

"At present there are far too many of our people living in the cities in a hand to mouth way, dependent on someone else for an uncertain job. Aside from what the soil offers there are other opportunities in business. For example, we now own and operate seventy-five bakeries; the number can be increased to 500. From thirty-two brickmakers the number can be increased to 3,000. From 200 sawmills, we can increase the number to 1,000. From fifty furniture factories, the number can be increased to 300. Where we now have 4,000 dry goods stores and grocery merchants we should have in the near future 15,000. Where we now have 700 drug stores we should have 3,000. Where

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The Divine Mission of Negro In New World

To Help Win Personal Freedom for All Mankind and Final Triumph of Democratic Principles.

AS SAVIOUR OF WEAKER RACE

Organizes First Armed Resistance on Western Hemisphere—Joseph Carr Writes Interestingly.

Some day or other from some land, the tongue of some dusky warbler will woo the Goddess of Song and send forth in the inspired strain of an epic poem the coming of the Negro to America to free it from these twin curses, slavery and political oppression, that the white man, fleeing from yet clinging to, brought with him to oppress and degrade a weaker and defenseless race of God's children.

In the year 1492 America was discovered. The discoverers found here a gentle, inoffensive and hospitable people, who were called by them Indians. These natives wore trinkets of virgin gold, the sight of which awakened the cupidity of the Spaniards and then forced the natives to disclose the source of their golden trinkets, and then inhumanly enslaved and forced them to dig for this metal that these Spaniards might enjoy life free from the mandate of their Maker to "earn their bread by the sweat of their own faces."

Nature had not provided these natives with strong bodies and constitutions, hence in a very short time they disappointed their masters by dying so rapidly as to presage their early extinction, which has been their fate. Yet extinction was delayed and, due to another cause, absorption in another and stronger race of people that has crowded the then master race from the beautiful West Indian isles that he made a curse of to their aboriginal inhabitants.

Bishop Las Casas, filled with almost a divine pity for these frail natives and their deplorable condition, urged his countrymen to import Negroes from Africa to replace the natives and to labor in the mines, as they, the Negroes, were of a physique to withstand the hardships of slavery, and thus as a saviour of a weaker man, the Negro, from urgent necessity to the American Spaniard, in obedience to the Divine Will and for the ultimate benefit of the whole human race was ushered in as a native of this new world, to be at some future time when thoroughly understood the place of his glory.

Barely had the Negro set his foot in this, his new home, that he registered the first protest to the inhumanity of his captors in robbing him of his personal freedom by running away and getting with the Indians and organizing the first armed resistance to that curse of humanity, slav-

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General Race News

THE NEGRO BLIND.

Of the 57,372 blind persons in the United States, 8,849 are Negroes. This is to say that ninety-eight of every 100,000 Negroes have vision that is so defective, that they are unable to read. The number of blind whites is considerably lower (sixty-two) in each 100,000 of the population. The comparatively larger ratio of blindness for Negroes is due to two causes; most important the greater number live in country districts where trachoma and cataracts are allowed to go without treatment; and next, since the test of blindness is ability to read, the figures for Negroes include some aged folk who are illiterate and should therefore not be classed here.

The colored blind include 4,971 men and 3,878 women; more men since men as a rule follow the more dangerous occupations. Of these, 1,115 men and 265 women are gainfully employed. The occupations of the men include, as we would expect, musicians, newspaper carriers and chair caners, but in addition to these are farmers, 265; retail merchants, 42; clergymen, 52; wood sawyers and choppers, 106; hucksters, 4. The women are not represented among the blind clergymen, but there are laundresses, 29; nurses, 14; seamstresses, 6, and agricultural laborers, 57.

As if this were not sufficient and startling evidence of progress among the blind, we add finally, an author, two lawyers, two school teachers, two physicians and surgeons and one professional entertainer.

NOT TO BE MISSISSIPPIZED.

Columbus, O., Sept. 10.—The secretary of the State Medical Board recently prepared blank forms for applicants who wished to take the state examination to practice certain lines of limited medicine and surgery specified in a bill enacted by the Ohio legislature last winter. These blanks required the applicant to state if he was a citizen of the United States, and in that event he was required further to state his "race" and "complexion," and further required to furnish a photo. There being objections to these requirements on the part of colored citizens, Governor Willis sent for Ralph W. Tyler and discussed them with him. Mr. Tyler vigorously opposed the requirements and showed to the governor that such requirements would make possible injustice and discrimination for his race. Thereupon the governor immediately took up the matter with the secretary of the state medical board, and the following day sent a letter to Mr. Tyler advising him that these objectionable requirements had been eliminated. This is another big victory against discrimination for the colored citizens of Ohio in which Governor Willis took the side of the race, he stating that he did not propose that Ohio should be "Mississippiized or Alabamaized."

Professor Frederick Starr of Chicago university has been created a knight commander of the order of the Redemption of Ethiopia by the government of Liberia. He is given this highest honor which Liberia can bestow because of his services in placing her in her true light before the world.

ABILITY AGAIN WINS.

Providence, R. I.—Mr. William F. Pettiford, the trap drummer of Church's American band, is now playing the summer engagement with the band at Looff's Crescent Park. He is the only colored musician among the aggregation of twenty-five members led by the celebrated leader, cornettist and bandmaster, Bowen R. Church, and Mr. Clarence W. Spary, the distinguished trombone soloist of this city. Mr. Pettiford is also a highly valued member of Fay's orchestra and band besides a highly respected and valuable member of the local lodge of the Musicians' Union of this city. Bandmasters Church and Fay made many friends by recognizing merit and not color in selecting their musicians.

PENSION SINGALESE WIDOWS

Paris, France.—The French chamber of deputies, which recently discussed the bill of the Negro deputy, H. Diagna, representing Senegal, providing for the extension of general compulsory military service in France to colonial municipalities whose inhabitants enjoy French citizenship, was again presented in numerous new lights and complications at the session of the chamber on July 8. The question of how to apportion a pension in cases of polygamist Senegalese leaving several widows proved a poser for the deputies.

2,000 LETTER CARRIERS ATTENDING OMAHA CONVENTION

Nearly two thousand letter carriers from every state in the union are attending the biennial meeting of the National Association of Letter Carriers, which convened in Omaha Monday. The convention is the largest in the history of the organization, due to the admirable railroad facilities for which Omaha is noted.

New York City sent a delegation of more than thirty, while Chicago loomed up with 125. Other cities sent proportionate delegations. Omaha was fortunate to secure the convention, it being awarded the meeting in competition with Dallas, Tex., Pittsburg, Pa., Dayton, O., and Milwaukee, Wis.

Omaha's invitation was extended by the bureau of publicity, which had arrangements for the convention in charge.

GERALDINE FARRAR, SOPRANO, WILL SING IN OMAHA

The name of Geraldine Farrar brings at once to mind the beautiful face of the most fascinating personality America has yet given the art of music. Here is a girl, born and bred in New England, who in her early twenties could honestly claim that the world was at her feet. From her very debut in Berlin at the age of 19, a foremost prima donna, she has gone from triumph to triumph in opera and in concert until last winter the question of whether or not she would sing at the Metropolitan opera house in 1915-1916 pushed to a secondary place in New York papers even the European war. She will sing in the Omaha Auditorium on the evening of November 23, under the auspices of the Associated Retailers of Omaha in their charity concert course.

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Zion—Twenty-sixth and Franklin (temporary location). The Rev. W. F. Botts, pastor; residence, 2522 Grant street. Telephone Webster 5838. Services: Devotional hour, 10:30 a. m.; preaching, 11 a. m.; Sunday School, 1 to 2 p. m.; pastor's Bible class, 2 to 3 p. m.; B. Y. P. U., 6:30 p. m.; choir devotion, 7:30 p. m.; preaching 8 p. m.

Episcopal—

Church of St. Philip the Deacon—Twenty-first near Paul street. The Rev. John Albert Williams, rector. Residence, 1119 North Twenty-first street. Telephone Webster 4243. Services daily at 7 a. m. and 9 a. m. Fridays at 8 p. m. Sundays at 7:30 a. m., 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 12:45 p. m.

Methodist—

St. John's A. M. E.—Eighteenth and

Webster streets. The Rev. W. T. Osborne, pastor. Residence, 613 North Eighteenth street. Telephone Douglas 5914. Services: Sunday, 11 a. m. and 8 p. m., preaching; 12 noon, class; 1:15 p. m., Sunday School; 7 p. m., Endeavor; Wednesday, 8 p. m., prayer and class meetings. Everybody made welcome at all of these meetings.

Baptist—

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Grove M. E.—Twenty-second and Seward streets. The Rev. G. G. Logan, pastor. Residence, 1628 North Twenty-second street.

Allen Chapel, A. M. E., 181 South Twenty-fifth street, South Omaha.—The Rev. Harry Shepherd, pastor. Residence, 181 South Twenty-fifth street. Services: Preaching, 11 a. m.; Sunday School, 1:30 p. m.

Science Notes

BY WILLIAM G. HAYNES.

A most unusual cause of fire is described in the "Illustrated World" for September. Farmers in Washington, Oregon and Idaho had been beset by an epidemic of fires in the wheat fields. These fires always started in the threshing machines, and broke out with explosive force.

The fires and losses became so numerous and so great that detectives were secured to hunt for a "firebug." In the meantime the agricultural experts began a "still hunt" in their laboratories, and they found that the smut on the wheat was the cause. It was shown by experiment that smut when mixed with chaff and broken wheat, formed an explosive mixture. The strangest phenomenon was observed in noting the effect of moisture upon the mixture. The larger the quantity of moisture, up to a certain point, the more violent the explosion.

When there is friction between certain materials, there is also the generation of an electric spark. It happened in this case that the revolving cylinder of the threshing machine generated the spark, which in turn ignited the harmless looking, but frightfully dangerous smut.

While on the subject of fires, it would not be amiss to call attention to a novel fire extinguisher described in the Scientific American Supplement.

Extinguishing Fire With Kerosene.

What would you think if you got a hurry-up call for kerosene to put out a fire? Probably you would request a repetition of the order, thinking you had not heard aright, and when it was repeated without change you would feel justified in concluding that some one was mentally off balance or attempting a practical joke. But that would be because you never lived in Calexico, Cal., the metropolis of Imperial Valley, and by the same token knew nothing about cotton in the bale. Exactly such a rush order as this

under discussion recently went out from the cotton yard at Calexico to the Standard Oil company station at the same place. Now, the Standard man in charge knew a lot about kerosene, and something about cotton (as every one in the Imperial Valley does), and so he didn't ask for any repetitions or explanations. He saw to it that the order was filled with all possible speed—in this instance even putting forth a little extra effort. Perhaps he happened to recall, "For best results use Pearl oil." At any rate, Pearl oil is what he sent, and Pearl oil it was that extinguished the fire in the Calexico cotton yard. Due to a poor market, the Calexico cotton yard at the time of the fire contained a big part of the season's crop, which had been stacked there in the form of 500-pound bales, so the extinguishing of the fire was a vital matter to many of the valley growers.

To us whose chief interest is in how the fire was extinguished, it matters little how it started, though it might be stated that the presumption is that a boxcar tourist who had selected the cotton yard for a lodging for the night went off into Dreamland without extinguishing his "jimmy pipe." Now as to how the fire was put out: those who have never been any nearer to the cotton industry than a levee scene in a minstrel show undoubtedly will be interested to know how kerosene could be applied to extinguish fire in cotton bales. It is explained to the Bulletin in this way: a cotton bale has been subjected to a very heavy pressure; water will penetrate it but an inch or so, whereas kerosene will go clear to the center; a fire in a cotton bale does not blaze, simply smolders and eats its way into the bale; at the comparatively low temperature at which cotton burns, and where there is no flame, kerosene does not ignite, and that's the explanation. After the fire is extinguished the bands are removed from the bale and the burned portions of the cotton stripped off. It is said that the use of kerosene has practically no detrimental effect on the cotton, and after it has been spread out and aired for a few days all odor of the oil dis-

appears.

The Bulletin cautions all who experiment with kerosene as a fire extinguisher to proceed with extreme care.—Standard Oil Bulletin.

Electric Light as a Patent Medicine.

A shrewd attempt, by the exploiters of a new method of treating disease, to take the electric light companies into partnership is described editorially in the Journal of the American Medical Association (Chicago). This paper tells of a Chicago publishing concern which puts out a book on "Beauty and Motherhood," devoting considerable space to the self-treatment of disease by means of light. "The ordinary electric light of the home, if used properly, can cure many diseases, acute and chronic, and relieve pain promptly," the author of this work informs his readers. Electric light, besides being "very effective," is also warranted to "never harm." The editorial commentator goes on:

"Treatment by electric light, it appears, has been simplified to a degree achieved in the past only by the 'patent medicine' fraternity. No skill or experience is required. Just follow the simple directions given in 'Beauty and Motherhood.' Thus runs a leaflet—'which has solved the problem of bringing to public attention the virtues of phototherapy. The publishers of 'Beauty and Motherhood' write, to those public service corporations which furnish electric light, to the effect that they can show these corporations how they may increase the sale of electricity 33% per cent or more—without cost to you—by opening a new, large field for the consumption of electric current.' With the letter is enclosed the leaflet already described."

"Beauty and Motherhood" is published by a firm called the Medico Press. Following up the argument "in true patent medicine style," we are told, this enterprising firm goes on to say, in the letter mentioned above:

"With the people's interest in light treatments aroused, a new, vast field for the use of electricity is opened with unlimited possibilities for you. Thur. Mrs. A. J. —, of Chicago, after reading 'Beauty and Motherhood,' pro-

cured a 250-candle-power bulb, and is using it ever since. Her light bills average double the former figures. Besides, she is recommending the light enthusiastically to friends and neighbors.

"This is but one of the many instances in which 'Beauty and Motherhood' has either doubled or tripled the light bill of old customers, or forced electric light into new houses."

The organ of the American Medical association concludes its narrative and running comment with the following paragraph:

"Still further unfolding the scheme by which the electric light companies can notify their customers of the existence of this new cure-all, the letter continues: 'The Point is to Get This Book, "Beauty and Motherhood," into the Homes of Your City.' To do this, the publishers are willing to furnish advertising leaflets, which may be included with the next outgoing monthly bills.' Query: How many electric light companies will swallow the bait?"



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FACTS REFUTE THE CHARGE OF THRIFTLESSNESS.

The array of facts marshalled by Dr. Booker T. Washington and given in his splendid address before the recent convention of the National Negro Business League in Boston furnishes infallible proof of the race's progress, thrift and ability. It seems almost incredible that since freedom, handicapped as he has been, the colored American has acquired farm property amounting into the almost unimaginable sum of \$1,142,000,000. Think of it! ONE BILLION, ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-TWO MILLIONS OF DOLLARS! It seems almost incredible, and yet these figures are taken from the official census returns given by the United States government—and are therefore authentic.

This ought forever to silence the voice of detraction which charges the colored American with thriftlessness and shiftlessness. While it is true many are, and have, neglected opportunities of moral, material and spiritual advancement, no race making this showing can be justly charged with either incapacity, inefficiency or indolence. And it should be noted that these figures take into account only farm property. Add to this real and personal property, churches, schools, hospitals and charitable institutions and the billions of wealth controlled by an erstwhile practically penniless people is rapidly multiplied.

This material progress measures corresponding progress along moral, religious and intellectual lines. It should prove an incentive to all our people to bend all their energies toward making the best of their opportunities, being assured that we are indeed slowly working out our destiny and with it the destiny of America, to which, despite statements and sneers to the contrary, we have contributed and are contributing so much. Accomplished results, achievements, attained, encourage renewed and enheartened effort. Failure or belief in failure pales and weakens endeavor. These tangible facts of success should give us a firmer grip upon ourselves and renewed determination to press forward.

We desire to call our readers' attention to the fact that there are thousands of acres of good land in Nebraska that can be taken up under the Kinkaid and homestead laws. We would like to see more of our people acquiring these claims. Already there is a large and prosperous colony of farmers in Cherry county. Here and there a few others have taken up homesteads; but there is room for thousands more. Thrifty people anxious to build up for themselves and families estates that will insure them

from want and make for independence and self-respect will find golden opportunities in Nebraska. The virgin land is fertile and well repays the labors of the husbandman.

Our suggestion about playing "Muf" has won much favorable comment. If it is taken up, as it ought to be by our citizens, we shall soon see decided improvement in street car service. Instead of impeding the passage and blocking the entrance, the people will move up front. Have you begun to "MUF" yet? Why not? Don't you know what "Muf" means. Then you are not a reader of Omaha's great and rapidly growing weekly, The Monitor. "MUF" means MOVE UP FRONT—Muf, then muf.

The Twenty-fifth Infantry is to be complimented upon its protest against plays casting reflections upon the race such as it seems were shown in the barracks amusement hall, a report of which recently appeared in this paper, but they are to be condemned for the manner in which they protested. Disfavor could have been shown just as effectively and their protest as pronouncedly if they had not resorted to the antics of the hoodlum and the mob by destroying property. Rowdism is never defensible.

THE DIVINE MISSION OF THE NEGRO IN THE NEW WORLD

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ery. Nor was this armed resistance ever to cease until the sun was to cease to shine upon slavery in any form on any part of the earth. The struggle was long and fierce, the master and slave were to shed their blood in unstinted measure, a black pall of human suffering was to hang over the land, an inconceivable amount of treasure was to be wholly lost and human energies that might have brought about the much expected and desired millennium were fruitlessly expended ere the final accomplishment of one of the divine missions of the Negro in this new world.

In his fight for personal freedom, the Negro displayed a heroism that made him a much discussed factor in another fight, the ending of which was to be a glowing addition to the burden of debt under which he had and still was laying the human race. This was political freedom for the western hemisphere, from which it was to spread until in her duma the then barbarous Russia and in her representative assemblies the then sleeping China was to hear for the first time the voice of free men in free speech.

Do you notice how many of our race are passing through Omaha en route to the coast?

Letters From Our Readers

Mr. Sunday and the Color Line.

Editor The Monitor:

During one of Billy Sunday's recent theatrical performances in Washington, D. C., during which, according to his usual custom, he held his "inspired" familiar discourse with Christ and his Apostles, performed his inimitable burlesque stunts, making a Billy Kersands appear as an amateur in contrast to his clever acting, all the while vomiting his "blasphemous spume" right and left, and absolving the wicked of their sins and clothing the righteous in garments of white, with a strenuous eloquence, the degree of which was comparable only to the amount of the door receipts, it occurred to one Rev. William H. Grimke to write said self-appointed wingless angel a letter.

Rev. Grimke, smarting under the prejudice and restrictions to which his people were subjected in Washington, a result of the recent democratic invasion, deemed the time propitious to call Mr. Sunday's attention to a few of these conditions, and implore him to say a word against such unchristian practices on the part of his following.

Mr. Sunday had pleaded against all the ills to which man is heir, and in addition a few more that only the peculiarly active mind like Billy's could conjure up.

Rev. Grimke, embodying as he does the highest intellectual attainments and Christian manhood, it is superfluous to suggest that the letter was in like vein.

But Mr. Sunday, the assassin of the drunkard, the assailer of gambling, the foe of the house of ill-fame, thunderer against the rich, the enemy of the society woman, the grafters' nightmare—indeed, the Banquo's Ghost of all evil and corruption, held his tongue and was silent.

Does it come then as a surprise that the man who has had the temerity to preach against every conceivable form of injustice, who has plead the cause of the Jew in Russia, the heathen in China and Africa, the stunted, overworked, hopeless peasant of Austria and Servia, the child of Erin's Isle, and yet finds it wise to refrain from using that same power of condemnation against Atlanta's shame, Mississippi's barbarous crimes, Texas' daily lynchings, in a word, against the unjust persecution to which his fellow citizens in America are daily subjected, and of which Billy Sunday knows full well?

Is it a surprise, then, that he should condone the unchristianlike spirit of his committee of co-conspirators in refusing to permit the colored choirs to be represented at his meetings?

Here on Nebraska soil, rich in its sound traditions, where noble men and women gave their lives to enrich freedom's precious cause; here where the whites and blacks mingle together in harmony and peace in their various vocations in life, here comes Billy Sunday and his weak-kneed spineless committee to plant a seed of strife and bitterness.

Could Billy Sunday and his committee of "Christian gentlemen" come with me to that beautiful museum in Rome and gaze upon Correggio's wonderful creation, "The Adoration," could they but uncover their prejudiced eyes and behold the three wise men of the east as they kneel before the Christ Child with their offerings

of gold, frankincense and myrrh—the Greek, the Persian and the African. No color line there, Mr. Sunday.

How can this self-styled evangelist reconcile his color prejudice with his outspoken religious utterances? The Apostle Paul tells us that "God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that He is Lord of Heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made by hands; neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, seeing that he giveth to all life and breath, and all things. And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation."

No color line there, Mr. Sunday.

And further, we see that St. Peter says: "Then Peter opened his mouth and said of a truth, I perceive that God is no respecter of persons. But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness is accepted with him." No color line there, Mr. Sunday. And yet Mr. Sunday tells us he believes everything in the Bible.

Greater minds than Billy Sunday's recognized the justice of the brotherhood of man. Did Billy ever read the preamble to the constitution of the United States? "All men are created free and equal, and endowed with certain inalienable rights, among which are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

Finally, we commend to Mr. Sunday attention to the Ten Commandments. He will find the command to love thy neighbor as thyself. If Billy is not careful we fear that he will become scorched with the burning coals that he so vividly describes as the final resting place of those who violate God's laws. No color line there, either, Mr. Sunday. And no collection taken, either.

W. W. PEEBLES.

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 3, 1915.

To the Monitor:

Mrs. Martha Taylor Smith of Omaha, Neb., the house guest of Mrs. Geo. Chase of Buffalo, N. Y., sang at St. Luke's A. M. E. Zion church to a large and appreciative audience on Thursday, September 2nd, 1915. Her singing caused many to say and feel they ought to be a Christian. A gentleman of the other race stood outside and was so impressed he sent one dollar to the pastor, saying he was benefited that much.

We hope when our new church is erected Mrs. Smith will return to Buffalo and assist in the opening of the new church with her musical voice.

HENRY DURHAM,
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Events and Persons

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News for This Department Must Be Received by Wednesday Night.

Mrs. L. P. Blagburn has returned to Omaha after a protracted visit in the Southland and will make her home with her daughter, Mrs. Joseph La Cour.

Maudelle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Rix of South Twenty-eighth avenue, was married to J. W. Bondurant in St. John's A. M. E. church Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, the Rev. W. T. Osborne officiating. To the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, the bride, beautifully gowned in white crepe de chine, trimmed in pearls, carrying a bouquet of white bridal roses, entered on the arm of her father. They were preceded by the maid of honor, Miss Frances Shaw gowned in blue crepe de chene, and carrying pink asters, and the bridesmaid, Miss Corine Thomas, cousin of the bride, gowned in white voile trimmed in pink and carrying a basket of pink and white asters. The groomsmen were Mr. Llewellyn and Mr. Roscoe Miller. The church was tastefully decorated. A reception followed the ceremony.

They will reside temporarily at 2669 Douglas street. Subsequently Prof. Bondurant proposes to open a school to teach the modern languages.

Many beautiful gifts were received. The Monitor extends congratulations and best wishes.

Mr. Nick Chiles, editor of the Topeka Plaindealer, was an Omaha visitor last week.

Mr. D. Lewis has removed his undertaking parlor to 1809 North Twenty-fourth street, where he will faithfully and efficiently serve those in need of his services. Licensed embalmer. Open day and night. Webster 2069.—Advertisement.

Mr. Charles Madden of Chicago has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Black of 2823 North Twenty-fifth street for the past two weeks.

The First Regimental band gave another of its popular concerts at Municipal beach Monday night. A program of popular airs delighted the large audience present.

Mrs. Joseph La Cour gave a dinner dance at her residence, 2106 Grace street, Monday night in honor of her house guest, Miss Dorothy Flippin of Lincoln, Miss Iris Bell of Muskogee, Okla., and Miss Frances Shaw. Covers were laid for twelve of the younger set. It was a most enjoyable affair.

The Pleasant Hour club entertained its members and guests at a dancing party at Peterson's hall, Twenty-fourth and Burdette streets, Tuesday night. The music was furnished by Deadunes' orchestra.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Hieronymous of Ames avenue and Fortieth street, had as their dinner guest Sunday, Miss Mary L. Goodchild of Chicago.

Mr. Cato Griswold, who underwent a serious operation at Lord Lister hospital three weeks ago, is slowly improving and expects to be able to be removed to his home on North Twenty-third street this week.

Mrs. C. H. Harris, 2912 G. r. n. street, entertained at a breakfast for a few out-of-town guests Saturday. Those

present were Mrs. Cottrell of Oklahoma City, Mrs. Anna Lee and the Misses Beatrice Kyle and Louise Beeks of Los Angeles, Calif., and Mrs. James Turner.

The Misses Jennie and Vinie Hieronymous of 3929 Ames avenue left Wednesday morning for Chicago for a three weeks' visit with friends.

Mrs. Thomas Slater of Atlanta, Ga., is visiting her niece, Mrs. John A. Hardy of 3901 North Twenty-first St. Mrs. Slater was formerly Miss Lessie Bass of Omaha.

Mrs. Lucy Greenwood of Topeka, Kas., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Knott, 1146 North Twentieth street.

The Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Botts left for Chicago Tuesday to attend the National Baptist convention.

Mrs. T. Page of South Omaha entertained her two daughters, Mrs. Lillian Ivan, who has just returned from Lake Okoboji, Ia., and Mrs. T. M. Perkins of Omaha at dinner Sunday.

Mrs. Corpue, sister of Mrs. Ed Patton, 2610 Patrick avenue, left Sunday morning for St. Paul, where she will reside. Another sister, Mrs. G. A. Porter of Chicago, en route home from Denver, stopped over for a ten days' visit as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Patton.

Mrs. Joseph D. Lewis of 2604 North Twenty-fifth street entertained a few friends Saturday night in honor of Mrs. Alice Reeves of Emporia, Kas., also the home of Mrs. Lewis.

Mrs. H. K. Greenfield entertained at her residence, 1005 North Forty-ninth avenue, Dundee, Saturday evening, September 4th, at a dinner dance in honor of Mrs. Anna Lee, Miss Beeks and Miss Kyles of Los Angeles, Cal. and Mrs. M. Thompson of Des Moines, Ia. Besides the guests of honor those present were Mesdames F. Gray, Tony Jackson, F. Liverpool, William Rose and Della Wills; the Misses Ruth and Pearl Alexander, Doriene Duval, Marian Gordon, Marie Lawrie, Cordellita Johnson, Malvina Jones, Myrtle Gray, Teresa and Mary Ella Liverpool and Moss of Coffeetown, Kas.; and the Messrs. Shelly Cook, Julius Alexander, Lloyd Gray, Clarence Gordon, George Hawkins, Marvin Hale, Chas. Hill, LeRoy Richardson, Cunnigan Wilson, Clarence Day, M. Hemphill, Roscoe Miller, Frank Blackwell and H. K. Greenfield.

Mrs. H. R. Roberts and daughter, Madeline, who have been visiting Mr. Roberts at Seattle, where he is employed in railroad service, returned home Monday after a delightful six weeks' sojourn in that progressive western city.

John Grant Pegg, city inspector of weights and measures, returned Wednesday morning from a two weeks' trip to his ranch in Cherry county, Nebraska.

Mrs. A. F. Bryant of Tulsa, Okla., en route home from the California exposition, stopped over in Omaha Monday to visit Mrs. J. B. Hill, Twenty-fourth and Hamilton streets.

COLORED DELEGATES ATTEND LETTER CARRIERS' CONVENTION

The following colored delegates are attending the National Association of Letter Carriers' convention in session here this week: J. B. Greenwood and S. A. Ware of Atlanta, Ga.; A. B. Jackson, Birmingham, Ala.; Simon Johnson, jr., Jackson, Miss.; H. B. Daniels, Memphis, Tenn.; J. H. Dora and wife, Vicksburg, Miss.; P. M. E. Hill, wife and two children, Yazoo City, Miss., and J. H. Pemberton, wife and daughter, Clarinda, Ia. In addition these T. H. Sturgess and C. E. Stubblefield were members of the Sioux City delegation which came to Omaha Monday to take part in the parade.

A local committee, consisting of Carriers Henry W. Black, R. W. Freeman and Clerks John James and Geo. P. Johnson arranged a very pleasant informal reception Thursday night from 8 to 11 at Peterson's hall for these delegates and such members of their families as had accompanied them. The opportunity was thus given them to meet and to be met by many of Omaha's best colored citizens. Music, brief addresses, refreshments, social intercourse and conversation made the reception hours pass all too speedily for those whose privilege it was to attend this delightful affair. The ladies assisting were Mesdames H. W. Black, S. D. Brownlow, A. Bowler, C. H. Hicks, T. S. Riggs and M. D. Marshall.

Mrs. John Grant Pegg entertained at breakfast Saturday morning for Mrs. Reeves of Emporia, Kas.

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Inherited from a distant past our fathers dreamed of a day of sunshine and brightness. Looking forward, the peculiar precept of every human creature remains the gift of nature: the All-Wise Providence creating man as master of the earth with dominion thereover.

We find the humble slave plodding his weary way through hardship and toil, bearing the burden of centuries of unobstructed abuse, but with the hope of Tomorrow. We inherit not only the dark skin and kinky hair of our ancestral fathers, but precepts and longings. We yearn for better days to be. It is rational for the Afro-American at the bottom of the social ladder to be seeking, praying, and sighing for a means to ascend, higher and higher.

The laws of social phenomena, like the laws of gravitation, the world cannot change. To reach up in the world we must climb our own ladder, beginning at the base where social forces begin, like the child from the cradle we must develop strength within ourselves, the power to climb, the strength to grow, and the intellect to create and advance. The ability to stand still while the world moves on is not within us.

The world has grown from the hut to the mansion, and the mansion is not built to live in, but to grow from; from slavery to freedom we came not for the purpose of idleness, ease, comfort, laziness, dishonesty, but to labor

and work in the dignity of law and order.

Don't stop yearning, because you can't. Your inheritance in this world will not allow you to become satisfied at the bottom.

Achievements in this world based upon constructive effort are not going to crumble and fall, but shall be everlasting as the world.

The yearning of the humble slave was a noble spirit. It was the Divine spirit given unto man. Labor and reward; Labor and uplift; Labor and Life.

Everything that we do is important from the humblest to do the greatest work, whether we are exercising functionalities in the administration of law, science, medicine, mechanics, art, literature, or the simple routine of domestic work and common labor. The world's work must be done, and in it every man has a part. The truth of rational thinking will arrange the importance of all labor with respectable conditions.

The Afro-American is a factor in the great industrial unit of America and the world by inheritance. The hope of the slave parent of yesterday becomes the concrete foundation of the world's hope tomorrow. Uplifted into law the Divine spirit of labor, and the world moves on with its uplifting spirit.

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The "New York academy," a colored school of stenography and typewriting, has registered sixty-five students during the last year. Mr. R. W. Justice is the director.

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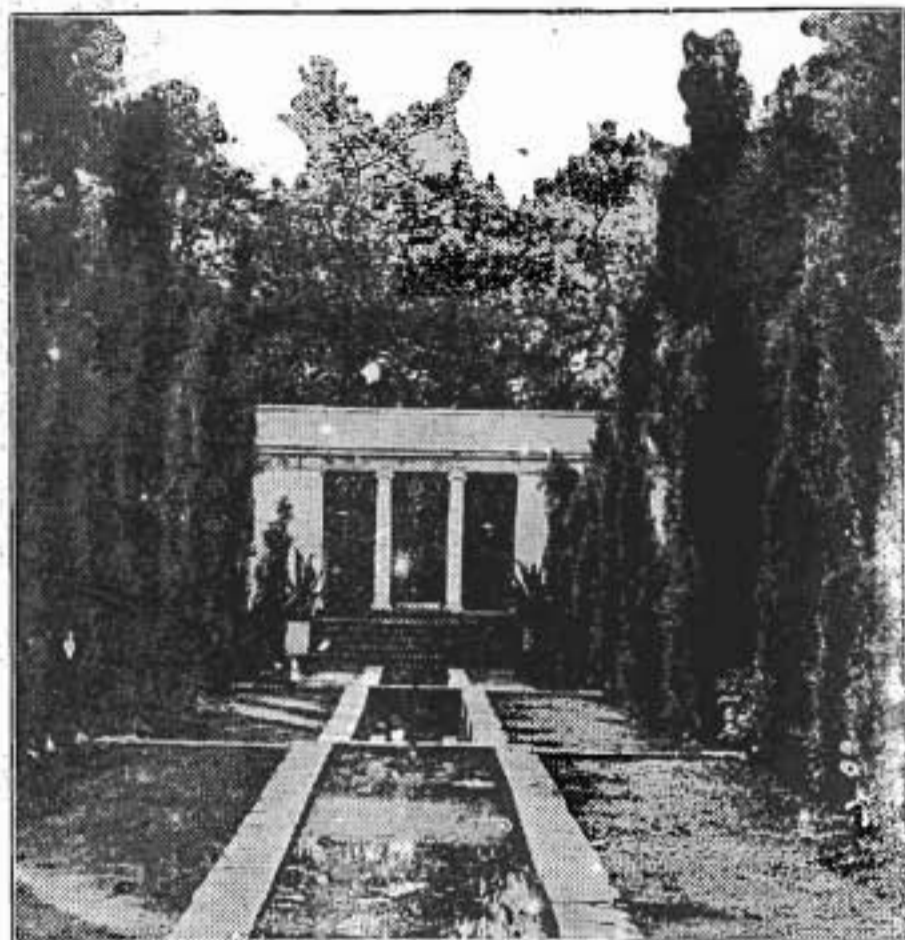


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Some look forward and prepare too much for pleasure to come, and do not expend any means on making the present the very best that it can be. They let the home grounds and surroundings remain shabby and unimproved, spending the extra money on property to be handed down to the children or putting it in the bank.

This is wrong when there is any neglect in home improvement. If the children need help, by all means, they need it now while they are helpless more than when they grow up and will be able to fully care for themselves, perhaps much better than we ever shall be able to care for them.

They need the comforts, healthfulness, and beautifying influences of good homes and surroundings in order to make them healthy, strong, beautiful and good. These are infinitely better than inherited real estate, personal property, or money.

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The grounds around the home should be well drained and graded to suit the location. The main open part of the space should be lawn of good grass and be kept mowed low at all times so that the air and sunlight may purify the soil.

Abundance of flowers, shrubs and trees are essentials for completing the picture, but flowers and shrubs must be massed in clumps and borders along the sides and the trees must be grouped in one place, somewhat removed from one side of the dwelling.

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Zaha Temple No. 52, A. E. A. O. 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. 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.

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.

Western Star No. 1, K. of P.—Meetings second and fourth Thursdays in each month. J. N. Thomas, C. C.; E. R. Robinson, K. of R. and S.

Mr. Andrew Reed entertained at his home at 1524 Dorcas street, Fri-well-to-bachelorhood party in honor of day evening, September 3, at a fare-Mr. J. W. Banderant. Those present at this most enjoyable affair were the guest of honor and the Messrs. J. A. Hill, John A. Smith, Paul Wington, Roscoe Miller, R. B. Covington, Lloyd Wheeler and J. Anderson.

The young people of St. John's A. M. E. church will give a lawn social and recital on the beautiful lawn of Mrs. J. S. Turner, Twenty-fifth and Erskine streets, Monday evening, September 13th. Mrs. Oletha Russell, chairman.

A mock conference will be held at St. John's A. M. E. church Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings, September 14-16. Mrs. Ella Jackson, "presiding bishop."

Mrs. James G. Jewel returned last Friday from Chicago where she went as a delegate to the National Negro Educational congress.

Mrs. James S. Turner of Twenty-fifth and Erskine entertained last Thursday afternoon at a musicale in honor of her sister, Mrs. R. C. Cottrell of Oklahoma City. An excellent program was given and the musical knowledge of the guests was tested by many clever musical charades. About forty guests were present, several out-of-town guests being among them.

The vacation cooking school which has been conducted by Mrs. J. W. Wallace, at St. Philip's church during the summer, will close on next Thursday. Mrs. Wallace is an au-

thority in her line and it is hoped that this successful agency can be continued later.

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