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GRANDFATHER CLAUSE UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Oklahoma and Maryland Suffrage Restrictions Illegal—Supreme Court Decision Unanimous.

Washington, D. C., June 30.—The "grandfather clause," by which Southern states have disfranchised hundreds of thousands of Negroes, while permitting any white man to vote, received its death blow from the Supreme Court of the United States on Monday, June 21.

The decision of the court that the "grandfather clause" was unconstitutional was unanimous, and is virtually the first ruling by the highest court on this point. The court has side-stepped this issue several times, but the question is now answered so flatly in the negative that it is doubtful whether any further laws aimed at disfranchising the Negroes will include the "grandfather clause."

This decision invalidates the "grandfather clause" of the Maryland law, only recently adopted, and applied only to state and city elections, and the similar clause in the Oklahoma law, which applied to all elections. The Maryland law was an attempt to avoid any national issue on which the case could be taken to the Supreme Court.

Chief Justice White announced the decision, holding that it was a violation of the fifteenth amendment to select an arbitrary date, such as 1866, in fixing the qualification of voters. The decision, it is believed, will reach the "grandfather clause" legislation in many southern states.

For more than fifteen years the "grandfather clause" has been inserted in constitutions of southern states. The most popular form has been to exempt from educational and property tests for voting those who could vote in 1866, 1867 or 1868, thus allowing the tests to apply to those who did not vote at those dates.

The Oklahoma Idea.

The Oklahoma "grandfather clause" provides "that no person shall be registered as an elector in this state or be allowed to vote in any election herein unless he is able to read and write any section of the constitution of the State of Oklahoma, but no person who was on January 1, 1866, or any time prior thereto, entitled to vote under any form of government, or who at that time resided in some foreign nation, and no lineal descendants of such person shall be denied the right to register and vote because of his inability to so read and write sections of said constitution."

In Maryland the clause was inserted in laws governing elections in various cities. In 1908 it was inserted in the law governing municipal elections in the city of Annapolis. It authorized the registration as voters of all taxpayers of the city assessed for at least \$500; all duly naturalized citizens, all male children of naturalized citizens 21 years of age and "all

citizens who before January 1, 1868, were entitled to vote in the state of Maryland or any other state in the United States at a state election and the lawful male descendants of any person who prior to January 1, 1868, were entitled to vote in the State of Maryland or in any other State of the United States at a state election."

Various arguments were advanced to meet the attack that these clauses violated the fifteenth amendment of the constitution, providing that "the right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of race, color or previous conditions of servitude." Another line of argument was that the clauses did not "deny" or "abridge" the right of Negroes to vote, as for-

bidden by the fifteenth amendment, but it merely discriminated against them by allowing those not Negroes to vote without meeting the qualifications imposed ostensibly upon all. The Supreme Court brushed these ingenious arguments aside and, going direct to the core, held the grandfather clause as invalid, being violative of the fifteenth amendment of the constitution.

The effect of the decision is far-reaching. It sounds the death-knell of the notorious attempts of state legislatures to overrule the policy not only of a superior legislative power, but of the nation itself.

"To hold otherwise," said the court, "would be placing the seal of approval upon a mere form of words to make a part mightier than the whole."

Think on These Things

"Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are good, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."



RICHARD B. HARRISON.

Talented Dramatic-Reader, who will be heard in recitals at St. John's A. M. E. Church Tuesday and Thursday nights.

PITTSBURGH CITY COUNCIL GOES ON RECORD AGAINST PREJUDICIAL PLAYS.

STRICT CENSORSHIP DEMANDED

(From the Pittsburgh Courier.)

The Pittsburgh city council went on record Tuesday, June 15th, against photo plays reflecting on the race and took a firm stand against such photo plays as the "Birth of a Nation" being permitted to be shown in Pittsburgh.

The Pittsburgh Courier first called attention of the council to this photo play being shown here and appealed to Mr. Enoch Rauh to introduce a resolution against it and William N. Randolph, president of the Pittsburgh branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, drafted a resolution and gave it to Councilman Garland and with the assistance of Mr. Enoch Rauh, who made a strong speech in council on Tuesday against permitting such photoplays, which he characterized as an outrage. The resolution passed by a unanimous vote to request the Mayor and those in charge to make a rigid censor of these photoplays and not permit such plays as the "Birth of a Nation" being shown in Pittsburgh. The Pittsburgh council is to be congratulated on going on record against such plays that are derogatory to any race and we feel very grateful for their action.

The colored people have never been aroused to such a pitch all over the country since the Brownville affair, as they have been about these photoplays that are doing the race so much injustice and they should be stopped at any cost.

No race has gotten justice without fighting for their rights and we are glad to note the fighting spirit that has been aroused by the colored citizens in demanding their rights and justice to the race.

The various associations in Pittsburgh have allied themselves and are sending out an appeal to all the various white organizations throughout the city, asking co-operation in the suppression of the "Birth of a Nation," and like plays, and they are to be commended for their action.

What the various organizations among us should do when it is announced the photoplay, "The Birth of a Nation," is going to be exhibited here is to get out an injunction and fight it by all fair means and use all resources to have it suppressed.

Copy of Resolution.

"WHEREAS, The colored race has been humiliated by the exhibition in various cities of this country of moving picture films which are not true to the life of these worthy citizens of this republic, and

"WHEREAS, No race of people in modern times has made greater progress in civilization and are more worthy of praise, rather than libel, for the upward climb they have made

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General Race News

CANADA'S ONLY NEGRO KING'S COUNSEL DEAD

Amherstberg, Canada, June 22.—Delos R. Davis, K. C., who died here recently, was the only Negro barrister in Canada ever made a King's Counsel. He was also the first member of his race to be admitted to practice law in Canada. He died at the age of 68.

Mr. Davis was the son of a Virginia slave who escaped to Canada by the underground route in 1850. His parents settled in New Canaan, Colchester North. He went later to Ypsilanti, Mich., where he taught school and solicited insurance. He was admitted to the Canadian bar in 1887 and practiced in Amherstberg until 1909, when he retired. He was made King's Counsel by Sir James Whitney in 1908.

In 1887 Mr. Davis organized the township of Colchester and held many public offices in the community. He leaves six children, Fred H., Delos R. Jr., James, Wava, Bertha and Dora all living in Amherstberg.

OPENING EXERCISES OF THE NEGRO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

Diaz, Ark., June 20.—The opening exercises of the Old Glory Industrial College, a negro institution, were held at the Old Glory park Sunday. Eminent speakers, both white and colored, were present and delivered addresses.

The opening speech was made by the Rev. L. W. Heaton, Rector of St. Paul's church of Newport, who made a very impressive talk in behalf of the Negro race. The school was founded about a year ago and is being promoted by prominent Negroes of Jackson county, and the enterprise has the endorsement of most of the business men of this county. The college has purchased eighty acres on the north side of the old Sink farm just east of here, and a nice park has already been laid out and speakers' and band stand erected.

The school buildings and dormitories will be built this fall.

The school will be for both girls and boys and various trades will be taught, also scientific farming, while the girls will be instructed in domestic science, as well as other work.

SEGREGATION MIXUP IN LOUISVILLE BLOCK

Louisville, Ky., June 22.—The opinion of the Kentucky court of appeals holding the segregation law valid has caused an interesting question to come up in this city. A block where in the white residents were slightly in the majority a few weeks ago now has a slight Negro majority, brought about by the moving out of a white family.

The question is, whether that house shall be rented to Negroes, since they are in the majority in that block, or to whites, since white people last occupied the house. Attaches of the city attorney's office are of the opinion that the property may be rented to either white or colored persons, but if rented to Negroes then it may not be ever rented to whites as long as Negroes are in the majority in that block.

NEGRO APPOINTED AS A SPECIAL POLICEMAN

Evansville, Ind., June 22.—For the first time in this city a Negro, Ernest Tidrington, has been appointed as a special police officer. The appointment was announced on June 17 by Edgar Schmidt, chief of police, and it goes to the Board of Safety for ratification.

CHURCH IS PAID FOR CIVIL WAR DAMAGES

Fredericksburg, Va., June 22.—A treasury warrant for \$1,200 has been received by the Shiloh Baptist church from the United States government in payment of a claim for damages sustained by the old church during the war.

W. H. SWAZEY WILLED \$10,000 TO TUSKEGEE

Salem, Mass., June 22.—The will of the late William H. Swazey of Newburyport, filed for probate here last Saturday, makes, among other bequests, one of \$10,000 to Tuskegee institute.

In calling to order the Home and Foreign Mission board of the A. M. E. church in the chapel of the American Bible Society, Wednesday morning Bishop Charles Spencer Smith of Detroit, Mich., said the European war was a menace to foreign missions, giving it at least fifty years' set-back.

"God does not suffer a permanent vacant place in nature," said Bishop Smith, "and the present war finds on the firing line the artists, poets, sculptors, statesmen and thinkers of the continent, and when the war is ended there will be many vacancies that God will fill from some source, and I believe it will come from the darker races."

His Greatest Feat.

A correspondent of the New York Sun quotes a remarkable tribute of a Negro preacher to a white preacher who had consented to occupy the black brother's pulpit one Sunday. He said: "Dis noted divine is one of de greatest men of de age. He knows de unknowable, he kin do de undoable and he kin onscrew de onscrutable."—Christian Intelligencer.

Justice.

A Sunday School teacher had been telling her class of little boys about crowns of glory and heavenly rewards or good people.

"Now, tell me," she said at the close of the lesson, "who will get the biggest crown?"

There was silence for a minute or two, then a bright little chap piped out:

"Him wot's got t' biggest 'ead."—Tit-Bits.

Modern Warfare.

Uncle Ephriam's sympathies were all with the Allies. "Man," announced he, "has you heard 'bout them Allies? They's got a gun what kin hit you if it's twenty-five miles off."

"Lawds, that ain't nothin'," sneered a colored partizan of the opposite camp. "De Germans, dey kin hit you 'der jess has yo' address."—New York Post.

Sooner or later we all learn the cost of a lie.

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from their former position of servitude to that of first class American citizens, therefore, be it

"RESOLVED, That the Mayor be and is hereby requested to direct the Director of the Department of Public Safety to inaugurate a rigid censorship of all films in which this race is depicted and to prevent the exhibition of such reels as 'The Birth of a Nation,' or any similar moving picture which tends to bring disgrace, criticism or scorn on the colored people of our city.

"Resolution in Council June 15, 1915, read and adopted.

(Signed) "ROBERT CLARK,
"City Clerk.

"Presented by Robert Garland."

Some New Toilet Goods Prices

50c Pompelan Massage Cream 29c
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"Dripped Coffee."

Is there anything in the whole range of food substances more enjoyed than a delightful cup of dripped coffee at breakfast?

How important, then, is the art of making good coffee, entering as it does so largely into the daily life of the American people.

Java and Mocha make the best coffee. It should be ground neither too fine, for that will make it dreggy, nor too coarse, for that will prevent the escape of the full strength of the coffee juice, but a medium proportion which will not allow the hot water pouring to run through so rapidly, but which will admit the water percolating slowly through and through the grounds, extracting the whole strength and aroma.

Four essentials necessary to the making of good coffee are best coffee, perfectly clean coffee "sack" and coffee pot, and fresh boiling water.

Absolute cleanliness is as necessary for the "interior" of the coffee pot as for the glittering "exterior."

So commonly are these overlooked, and yet science teaches us that the chemical action of the coffee upon the tin or agate tends to create a substance which collects and clings to every crevice and seam, and as a matter of fact, in course of time, will affect the flavor of the coffee.

In view of these facts, wash the "inside" of your coffee pot every day, as you do the outside, and you will cease having bitter or muddy coffee.

Cup and Spoon Measure.

A cup means the common size of white cup generally used and holds one-half pint of liquid.

Water—A pint is a pound; a cup is one-half pint; therefore, a cup of water is eight ounces.

Milk—A cup of milk is one-half pint, or eight ounces.

Eggs by measure—A cup of yolks

or whites, or both mixed, is one-half pound, equal in weight to five large eggs. It takes nine whites to fill a cup, it takes thirteen yolks to fill a cup.

Eggs by count—Ten eggs average a pound; five eggs fill a cup.

Mock Lobster Salad.

Select medium sized pineapple. Divide into four equal parts, leaving the green on, for tinning. Shave away the heart. Divide each quarter lengthwise, then crosswise, forming dice of about a quarter inch.

Into the openings place slices of banana or other fruit.

Form small strips of pimento on the top. At the blunt end place a maraschino cherry with small piece of watercress.

Serve on lettuce with French or mayonnaise dressing.

The above to be demonstrated at St. Philip's Guild room Thursday, July 8.

MRS. J. W. WALLACE.

War Relief.

"My dear, I've an idea," said old Mrs. Goodheart to her caller. "You know we frequently read of the soldiers making sorties. Now, why not make up a lot of those sorties and send them to the poor fellows at the front?"—Boston Transcript.

The Lower Orders.

"A man walked right in front of our limousine yesterday and was quite badly hurt."

"Still, don't you think the pedestrian class is less sensitive to pain than we are?"—Life.

"Casey," said Pat, "how do yez tell th' age of a tu-u-rkey?"

"O! can always tell by the teeth," said Casey.

"By the teeth!" exclaimed Pat. "But a tu-u-rkey has no teeth."

"No," admitted Casey, "but O! have."—London Opinion.

The man who makes a fool of himself because he doesn't know any better, has a license from nature to do so. The man who makes a fool of himself in trying to fool others, places himself beyond the pale of human pity or sympathy.—Scarboro.

News of the Churches and Religious Topics

Directory.

Baptist—

Mt. Moriah—Twenty-sixth and Seward streets. The Rev. W. B. M. Scott, pastor.

Zion—Twenty-sixth and Franklin (temporary location). The Rev. W. F. Botts, pastor; residence, 2522 Grant street. Telephone Webster 6369.

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—

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

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.

Science Notes

BY WILLIAM G. HAYNES.

It is with arms outstretched in welcome, and a smiling promise of great things to follow, that Science greets the readers of The Monitor in general, and of this column in particular. Let it be well understood, however, that the appeal of this column is not to the particular, but to the general.

This is why: Briefly defined, Science is systematized knowledge. Knowledge, to a greater or less extent, is a common possession of all mankind, and hence brings all mankind at least indirectly in relation to Science and her achievements. The popular conception of a scientist is one that holds himself to be a man burdened with age and gray hairs, working in a laboratory and surrounded on all sides by the most complicated and intricate machinery that the imagination can create. Truly, it is said, he is a scientist.

Like other peculiar species, scientists are evolved, or in other words, they grow—no, not on trees, but in the extent and quality of their knowledge. Wherever there is evolution, or growth, there likewise may be found the different states, or degrees, of advancement, before the final stage of maturity is reached. Therefore, in the evolutionary progress of the scientist, it is to be expected that all grades are to be met with before the finished expert is confronted. The business man who plans his work along methodical lines, the housekeeper who arranges her daily tasks to save steps and labor, the common laborer who uses his tools with the object of obtaining maximum efficiency, are all scientists to the extent that they are systematizing their knowledge. And so it is that Science appeals to the interests of mankind in general.

In modern years the position of a nation is in a large measure dependent upon its contribution to scientific development. Science is so closely related to individual and national life that nations are prone to mark the height of their civilization by the quantity and quality of their scientific endeavors. Whether this be the true method of comparison or not, it must be admitted that the promotion of civilization and the advance of science go hand in hand.

If the busy reader cannot measure

this advance, he can at least keep in touch with its movement. This requires a little more than a glimpse at the fundamental principles of the great inventions and discoveries; and, as a rule, these principles are comparatively simple when stripped of their technical garments.

It is just this task of describing the efforts and results of scientific activities that is to be undertaken in future issues. The column will be composed of abstracts from recent scientific journals setting forth important inventions and improvements of general interest in as plain and simple language as possible. Special effort is to be put forth to mention the productions of the inventive geniuses among our race.

Further than that there will be, from time to time, brief discussion or explanations of some of the modern world-wide movements that are often heard of but little understood. What, for instance, is meant by "Eugenics," or "Scientific Factory Management"?

On the other hand, the small things are not to be overlooked, for they, in reality, are often the largest. Take the little word, "why." Did you ever stop to consider what an unlimited field of thought that little word opens up? No, of course not. A few examples will suffice. Why does yeast make the bread rise? Because the cook puts it in? Not quite. Then why do we sneeze? Why do balloons go up (sometimes)? Why do we sometimes become accustomed to a disagreeable odor, after smelling it for a considerable length of time? Why is it said that matter and energy are indestructible? Why do some oranges grow without seeds. Why can fish breathe in the water? Why don't we fly off the earth, since it revolves at such a high rate of speed? Why can't we strike a safer match like we can an ordinary match? To enter a more profound field of thought, these are worth pondering over: Why is each individual unlike every other individual in many respects? Why do we live? Why do we die? And finally, just plain "Why?"

In conclusion, let it be known that any contribution or any suggestion from the readers will be a most encouraging assistance to the editor of this column.

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MAKES DARING TRI

Belgian Newspaper Man Tells of Escape Into Holland.

Humble Heroes Who Make a Living in Expediting Passage of Those Who Wish to Go to Holland—Trying Night Watch.

Rotterdam—Willy H. Benedictus, a well-known Belgian newspaper writer has arrived here after a daring trip through the German lines guarding the frontier of Belgium.

To get out he employed one of the men who are making a living by the perilous business of expediting the passage of those wishing to leave the conquered kingdom. They arrived at a hamlet on the frontier late at night.

"The man at whose house we put up, is one of the humble heroes who during the war have sprung up from the most unexpected quarters," said Benedictus.

"Before the war he might have been something of a poacher but since the summer he has been of incomparable use to his country in allowing hundreds of young men to leave Belgium and join the army. He began by taking me for a spy on account of my beard. 'Beard,' he said, 'may be false. But my guide gave him the password. That satisfied him, and we waited what the night was to bring us.

"Three other young men were to pass also, one of them a Russian, had waited for five days in the peasant's little house.

"Our host took us at about midnight to a spot I shall remember till my dying day. Imagine a road of ten yards or so in width running between the sharp ascents of two clifflike little hills. One of the cliffs is Belgium the other—Holland. All we had to do was to run down one of the cliffs, cross the road and climb into the other steep bank. But easier said than done!"

"For hours we crouched behind our cliff awaiting the signal, which our leader was in no haste to give. I cannot answer for the others, but for my part I was growing nervous. It is known that the sentries fire at once if they see anyone. And their shouting rather got on my nerves.

"There were two of them—two landsturm men—walking to and fro on the road. We saw clearly every line of their faces, as the moon was full, and the big men guarding an invisible line and halloing to each other from time to time, were ghostly.

"Isn't the full moon a drawback for us?" I asked our guide. "By no means; if there were no such moon you could rush into the sentry's arms, as a young fool did last week!"

"We had to wait the moment when the sentries were a hundred yards from each other. It struck half-past two at a neighboring church; the sentries exchanged, or rather shouted, the password; the signal was given, and off we darted. We threw ourselves down the cliffs and the ten yards of the road were covered in two strides. But the climbing up the other cliff was no joke. We had just to take hold of the jutting stones; but we thought not of the difficulty. Something pushed us on—the feeling of immediate danger. I know not how I came to climb up and to run some hundred yards out of danger. Even then the well-known buzzing of the bullets were heard around us. The sentries must have seen our shadows crossing the road. Something else was heard. . . . I shall always swear it was a woman's cry, shrill and piercing in the cool night. . . . then something like a wail, and all was again silence."

Selfish Man.

This is the season of the year when a man would like to intern his wife with his mother-in-law, and slip away for a few days' fishing.—Boston Globe.

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The first editorial in the first issue of The Monitor gives opportunity for explanation and forecast. We take it to tell WHY we have come TO BE and WHAT we hope TO BECOME.

The Monitor has come into being to satisfy a popular demand, to meet an urgent need, namely, that of a special publication and mouthpiece for the colored people of this community. And this need, it is only fair to point out, is the result of education along this line on the part of others, to whom full credit should be given for their laudable endeavors. We have been educated to appreciate the value and usefulness of a publication of our own by The Progress, a pioneer in this field, published for some years by F. L. Barnett; and The Enterprise, founded by the late G. F. Franklin, and continued, until a few months ago, by T. P. Mahamitt; not forgetting two or three other later and shorter-lived publications like the Afro-American Sentinel, published by Cyrus D. Bell, and The Progressive Age, by G. Wade Obes. All these publications, whatever their faults or limitations may have been, have had their influence in educating our people to appreciate the usefulness and need of such race journals. This is especially true of the two first-named. Moreover, it may be just as well to point out, in passing, that these publications, limited in resources though they were, gave employment to some of our boys and girls, who otherwise might have been unemployed. Let us remember this.

The necessity for a local weekly, such as The Monitor aims to be, is due to the fact that colored Americans, like other race groups in our polygenous, or many-raced nation—which is still in the process of nationalization—form a distinct and well-defined social group, having their classes and gradations, with their separate social and religious activities. Their standards and ideals, in corresponding classes, are those of the communities in which they live. PROVIDED that they are permitted to

come into helpful contact with those standards and ideals; but at the same time, there is a large inner circle of activities which belongs exclusively to themselves. These need to be noted, discussed, directed and encouraged or reproved, as the case may be. This is the province of the newspaper of the special group. The larger daily, and we in this community are favored with a fair-minded and friendly press, thinks and speaks in the terms of the whole community—not of any particular class. The special group, the special interest, must have its special organ.

Then, again, there may arise matters affecting the rights of a particular class which, in the larger community life the daily serves, may be overlooked. Then it becomes the duty of the special organ to speak.

The peculiar place unfortunately assigned to the colored American, even in the most favored communities where he is found in any appreciable number, makes it expedient that he shall have a newspaper of his own, devoted especially to his interests. It has its educational value for him and also for his white neighbor, if he will read it. Papers of this class can be of good service in a community.

The Monitor hopes to fill an honorable and useful place in its chosen field in this community, full of splendid possibilities. It will strive to gather news of interest, local and general; it will give from time to time illustrated articles of our homes and people; it will publish articles from special writers to make its readers think; it will welcome short letters on timely topics from its readers. Its editorial policy will be independent, frank and fearless, courteous and kind, sane and conservative. We shall strive to make it a paper of such a high standard that it can be read with pleasure and profit in any home in the land.

ENCOURAGING SIGNS.

We have abundant grounds for encouragement in the growing sentiment in many parts of the country to remove causes of irritation by forbidding the presentation of moving pictures and plays which misrepresent our race and create prejudice. In this connection the action of the Pittsburg, Pa., city council, noted on the first page of this issue, is significant and highly gratifying to all lovers of truth and justice. Similar action has been taken in other cities. Should an attempt be made to show these photoplays here, we know that our mayor and city commission will fall in line with the authorities of Boston, Chicago, Pittsburg, Cleveland, St. Paul and other cities in forbidding their presentation with the objection-

able features against which protest has been made.

Equally gratifying and significant is the recent decision of the supreme court in declaring the unconstitutionality of the "grandfather clauses" in the constitutions of Oklahoma and Maryland. The decision of the court was unanimous. No less significant than the decision has been the hearty endorsement by the press of the country of its righteousness and justice. Of course, there have been some notable exceptions, but their number is relatively negligible. The majority favor it and the consensus of opinion upon the part of the leading newspapers of the country is to the effect that the decision strikes the death blow to those discriminatory laws which favor one class of citizens above another and in so doing are subversive of the fundamental principles upon which democracy rests.

Let us do our full duty and never doubt that day will break and right will triumph.

It is with pleasure that we publish as our first cut that of Richard E. Harrison, the talented dramatic reader, who gives two recitals at St. John's A. M. E. church next week. Mr. Harrison and the editor were born in London, Ontario, Canada, about the same time and were boys together. Subsequently both families removed to Detroit, Mich., where the friendship continued. Richard carried the London Advertiser and the editor of The Monitor had his first and only thrill as "a millionaire"—have you ever had it?—when, as a lad of seven or eight years of age, he earned his FIRST FIVE CENTS selling Advertisers. It is with great pleasure, therefore, that we have the opportunity of thus publicly welcoming Mr. Harrison to Omaha, the great city of the west, in which for twenty-four years we have been permitted to labor in our chosen calling.

There are some features of this publication of which we are particularly proud. We have been fortunate in securing the co-operation of Mrs. Lucille Skaggs Edwards, who is to serve as editor of the special department, "For Our Women and Children"; of Mr. William G. Haynes, who will be the editor of "Science Notes," and of Mr. E. W. Pryor, who will edit "Culinary Hints and Recipes." What each has said in this first issue indicates the ability with which these departments will be conducted.

Personally, we prefer to ride in the street cars. They are good enough for us. But if we should desire to ride in a jitney, we wish to have that privilege. And that reminds us to call our readers' attention to the fact that Omaha has a good street car system. The company gives good service and is improving and extending its service as rapidly as can reasonably be expected.

The ordinance to regulate jitneys, which was recently passed by the city commission, places them in the same class with other public vehicles for the transportation of passengers. Any discrimination, therefore, upon their part which is not applicable to all passengers alike is unlawful. A hint to the wise is sufficient.

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Events and Persons

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News for This Department Must Be Received by Wednesday Night.

"A Day in Flowerdom."

The bright and pretty two-act opera, "A Day in Flowerdom," which was given under the direction of Mrs. Silas Johnson at Washington Hall, Monday night, June 28, for the benefit of St. Philip's church, was an artistic success and deserved a larger audience. The forty children who participated reflected credit upon themselves and their teacher. The opening scene, representing a flower garden, with the children impersonating the different flowers, was a beautiful sight. The dancing of the graceful minuet was well done. Those taking the principal parts were:

Flora, Queen of Flowerdom, Etta Davis.

Papa Jacque Rose, Mayor of Ros Arbor, Andrew Logan.

Mamma Jacque Rose, his wife, Mattie Childs.

Pink Rose and White Rose, their daughters, Portia Richey and Rosie Bright.

Miss Moss Rose, a spinster, Florence Murray.

Mr. Pansy, Master of Ceremonies, Howard Allen.

The other children taking part were Arminta Terrill, Marcia Parks, Bessie Childs, Olga Henderson, Ludelle Parks, Beatrice Taylor, Derenice Williamson, Fay Irving, Gladys Irving, Grace Macklin, Aurora Rountree, Ruby Walker, Walteretta Seals, Margaret Bell, Robert Green, David Parks, Sybert Hanger, Clifford Penn, Leroy Childs, Kenneth Moore, Artie Watkins, Leslie Rountree, Emil Obee, George Obee, Raymond Bell, George Macklin, Weldon Solomon, Chumbert Logan, Narissa Richey and Gerald Edwards.

Those contributing special numbers to the program were Messrs. William Botts, Walter W. Bell and Andrew Singleton; the Misses Madeline Roberts, Camille Simpson and Elaine Smith, a little child of five years, whose singing was the feature of the evening.

Death of Mrs. Mary J. Allen.

Mrs. Mary J. Allen, widow of the late Captain Robert Allen, died at her home, 3216 Pratt street, Wednesday evening, June 23rd, in the seventy-fifth year of her age, after a month's illness. The funeral was held from the residence Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, interment being in Forest Lawn cemetery. The services were conducted by her pastor, the Rev. H. E. Hess, of First Memorial Methodist Episcopal church, assisted by the Rev. Thomas C. Webster, a former pastor and friend of thirty years' standing, who preached the sermon; and the Rev. G. G. Logan, pastor of the Grove Methodist church. The Rev. Mr. Webster dwelt upon the beauty of the Christian life and the comfort that comes to one who believes that our life is hid with Christ in God, not only here but hereafter. He paid a high tribute to the consistent life of the departed, characterizing her as one "whose character was unblemished, her life beautiful and her example and memory a benediction." The pallbearers were her two sons, George and Robert Dewey; her son-in-law, Jesse C. Collier; Charles W. Dickerson, F. L. Barnett and M. F. Singleton. Mrs. Allen is survived by two sons, two daughters, Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Collier, and several grandchil-

dren. Many friends of both races attended the funeral.

Death of Mrs. Addie Braxton.

Mrs. Addie Braxton, wife of James Braxton of Alaska, died suddenly at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Henry L. Nix, 2623 Erskine street, Saturday night, June 27th. Mrs. Braxton who was the daughter of the late Jeremiah and Mrs. Mary E. Smith, was born at Leavenworth, Kan., Jan. 29th, 1874, and was reared in Blair, Neb. She was as kind-hearted a little woman as ever lived. The funeral was held from the residence Friday afternoon, June 2nd, at 2:30 o'clock, interment being in Forest Lawn cemetery. The Rev. John Albert Williams her pastor, officiated. She is survived by her mother, her sister, Mrs. Green, of Baltimore; her daughter, Hazel (Mrs. Henry L. Nix), and many relatives.

The Williams Jubilee Company of Chicago gave a delightful program before a large and appreciative audience in the Grove Methodist Episcopal church, Twenty-second and Seward streets, Tuesday night, June 29. The program consisted of plantation melodies, jubilee songs, popular selections and selections from the operas. Every member of the company, and there are eight of them, is an artist. They give a high-class entertainment. The audience was delighted from first to last. The company was most generous in responding to encores. At the close of the concert a reception was held in the Sunday school room and refreshments were served.

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A cooking school will be held in the Guild rooms of St. Philip's church by Mrs. J. W. Wallace, formerly of Kansas City, Mo., an experienced cooking teacher, during July, August and September. The school will open with a demonstration next Thursday afternoon, July 8th, at 2:30 o'clock. All women, and girls from 12 years of age upward, are invited to attend. Those desiring to do so may enroll in the class at that time. No charges for the lessons; the members of the class pay for material used. This is an effort to help those who wish to learn.

The friends of Mr. Clarence W. Wigington will be pleased to learn that he has received an appointment as architectural draughtsman in the city architect's office of St. Paul, Minn. Mr. Wigington took the civil service examination for that position. Out of eight, two passed. Mr. Wigington was one of the two, being the high man. His friends will rejoice in his good fortune and wish him continued success.

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The Rev. W. M. B. Scott, who has been supplying Mount Moriah Baptist church at Twenty-sixth and Seward

streets, has accepted the pastorate of that congregation and has entered actively upon his work. Mr. Scott is a native of Jamaica, the British West Indies, and has had pastorates in Wilmington, N. C., and Colorado Springs, Colo.

Pan Desdunes' Regimental Band, which has been engaged with others to give concerts at the parks during the summer, gave their first concert in Municipal park, Thirty-first and Harney, June 27th. A large audience enjoyed the program and were enthusiastic in their applause. Among the numbers given was one of Mr. Desdunes' own compositions.

Mr. Richard D. Harrison of Chicago, who is one of the most talented dramatic readers in the country, will give two recitals at St. John's African Methodist Episcopal church, Eighteenth and Webster streets, Tuesday and Thursday nights, July 6th and 8th. You will miss it if you don't hear him. Admission, 25c.

Mrs. J. W. Hudson and her grand daughter, Luchalia Hoag, of Sioux City, Ia., was an Omaha visitor Monday, being en route to Des Moines to attend a meeting of the executive committee of the Iowa State Federation of Women's Clubs, of which she is a member.

Mrs. W. W. Peedles and son William, and Miss Lena Paul, her sister, are visiting relatives and friends in Buffalo. They will visit Dr. Peedles' parents in Washington, D. C., before returning home.

Zion Baptist church will give their annual picnic at Miller Park Monday, July 5th. Everybody is invited. Take Florence, Forest Lawn or North Twenty-fourth street cars.

Professor Waddle's Ladies' Band gave a concert in the Masonic Hall, Lincoln, June 18th. There was a large attendance and the concert was highly appreciated.

Mrs. Joseph Lacour and Mrs. Hudlin were called to Des Moines last week by the death of their father, Mr. Blagburn, an old resident of that city.

St. Philip's annual lawn social will be held at the residence of Mrs. Henry Buford, 3516 Blondo street, Thursday evening, July 15th.

Mrs. Green and children of Baltimore, Md., have been called to Omaha by the death of Mrs. Braxton, Mrs. Green's sister.

Sergeant William Chambers of Lincoln, Neb., is the guest of Sergeant Isaac Bailey, 2814 Pratt street.

Mrs. Robert T. Walker is visiting her mother and other relatives at Niagara Falls.

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GREETINGS TO OUR WOMEN.

To extend to you our greetings is a pleasure indeed, and since we are coming face to face, as it were, with so many of our friends with whom we became acquainted through the Woman's Aurora, we feel very much "at home." With the cooperation of our old friends and of the many new ones whom we shall meet through the Woman's Column of the Monitor, we hope much good may be accomplished and much inspiration may come into many lives.

We will inform you of what our women and young people are doing, we will publish such articles as we feel will be helpful to you, and we will endeavor to entertain the children.

We wish each mother, each woman to take a personal interest in this column; any response or comment will be given our earnest attention. The problems that confront us are many and vital. If, then, this department be of the least service to you, our effort shall not have been in vain.

VACATION—ITS PURPOSE.

School has closed. Vacation is here. Many of the older children have found employment, but the majority will be at home all the long summer days.

Relaxation from the strain of hard and continued study is the main purpose of vacation, but relaxation does not mean idleness. Idleness in children, even as in adults, produces decline physically, mentally and morally. There must be play, but there must also be study or work of some form suited to the age and needs of the child. Gardens—flower and vegetable—appeal wonderfully to children and are both profitable and instructive. Some little task in the work of the home may be assigned. Few children will, unaided, properly employ their time so the guidance of the parent is imperative, that they fall not into sinful, unprofitable ways. One has said: "No amount of argument can disprove the facts of evolution which show the dependence of a sound mind upon a sound body and statistics prove that healthful, continuous occupation is a means of salvation for young and old, poor and rich."

GREATNESS IN SMALL THINGS.

One of the greatest mistakes made in our thinking, and especially among the young people, is to suppose that there is no place for heroism in commonplace affairs.

Aspire, if you will, to the seemingly "big" things; but you must bear in mind that the majority of us must be content to be heroes and heroines in the humbler walks of life.

The true Knight Errantry finds its battlefields in the lowly plains of life. The Son of Mary went about His obscure and lowly business of teaching and healing in the same spirit with which He fought the foes of God and man at Gethsemane. More chivalrous deeds have been performed in the school room and in the home than on the battlefield.

Greater far than the hand that scepters empires is the hand that rocks the cradle and leads little children into paths of righteousness. Greater far than the hand that holds within its grasp the revenues of a continent is the hand that changes the prairie into bread for the hungry

and "flowers for the poor man's child." When the final roll of heroes shall be called, names that were never heard in senate halls or public forum shall flash out into light brighter than the stars.

Congratulations to Miss Irene Newman, who graduated from Commercial high school, and to Messrs. Lawrence Parker and Othello Rountree, who received diplomas from Omaha Central high.

Miss Newman will take special studies at Central high next fall. Laurance Parker will enter Nebraska State university and Othello Rountree will enter Howard university at Washington, D. C.

St. Paul, Minn.—Completing the four-year course in three years and taking highest honors in a class of twenty-five is the achievement of Catherine Deaver Lealtad, a colored girl of St. Paul, who was awarded on the 10th of June, the senior Noyes scholarship prize at Macalester college.

This is the second time Miss Lealtad has led her class. Three years ago she was valedictorian at Mechanic Arts high school.

She will go to Washington, D. C. next fall to teach in the National Training School for Women.

Newark Evening News—Besides receiving the degree of doctor of medicine, Miss Isabella Vandervall carried off honors at the commencement of the New York Medical college and Hospital for Women, held in the Astor galleries of the Waldorf-Astoria. Dr. Vandervall was the first colored student to matriculate in the college since its organization fifty-two years ago. She received the prize for having maintained the highest efficiency during the four years of the college course.

Miss Vandervall has been officially notified of her appointment as an intern at the Hospital for Women and Children at Syracuse, N. Y.

New Orleans, La.—Mother Katherine Drexel of Philadelphia, Pa., founder and Superior of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for the evangelization of the Indians and Negroes, has purchased an extensive property in New Orleans for the establishment of a new convent and industrial school for the training of Negro children.

The property was formerly occupied by the Southern university. The purchase price was \$28,000.

Mrs. Ruth Standish Baldwin, known throughout the country as a staunch friend of the Negro, and who has devoted her time and contributed large sums of money to aid the race in its progress for betterment, has tendered her resignation as chairman of the Executive Board of the National League on Urban Conditions Among Negroes.

Mrs. Baldwin is the widow of the late William H. Baldwin, Jr., president of the Long Island Railroad, who was a great admirer of Booker T. Washington and who was active in philanthropic work up to the time of his death, which occurred about nine years ago.

Mrs. Baldwin was forced to give up her work on account of ill health. The last sentence in her letter of resigna-

tion would make a high and broad platform for all who are interested in working for our race. We repeat that sentence here:

"Let us work, not as colored people nor as white people for the narrow benefit of any group alone, but together as American citizens, for the common good of our common city, our common country."

THE CHILDREN'S CORNER.

If you would be heard at all, my lad, Keep a laugh in your heart and throat;

For those who are deaf to accents sad Are alert to the cheerful note. Keep hold to the cord of laughter's bell,

Keep aloof from the moans that mar;

The sounds of a sigh don't carry well, But the lit of a laugh rings far.

—Strickland W. Gillilan.

Vacation Dos.

Learn to swim.
Help your skin to breathe.
Take a bath once a day.
Let the dog and the cat alone.
Play in the shade.
Give your stomach a rest between meals.

"Pull the bar" before going to bed.
"Cut" the hoky-poky man and the ice-cream cart.

Work in the garden every day.
Watch the flowers grow.

"Did the Children All Pass?"

The long term is ended, the "finals" are o'er;

I'm watching the little folks pass: my door,

As fresh as the snowflakes on midwinter day.

Or apple blossoms scattered by breezes of May.

Like sparrows they chatter, like honeybees hum;

Were I blind, I should know that vacation had come,

As far as I see them, adown the long street.

They call out to schoolmates wherever they meet:

From his school, from grammar, from primary class;

One question floats backward, "O say, did you pass?"

In fancy tonight I can enter the door Of the homes of the wealthy, the homes of the poor:

The children are hungry; but supper must wait.

For one who from store, or from office, comes late;

And O what a rushing when voices shall call.

"There's papa, his step you can hear in the hall!"

They scamper with this thing; they take away that:

They hand him his slippers, then hang up his hat.

He's brushing his hair, but he turns from the glass,

To mamma and asks, "Did the children all pass?"

There's kissing and praising, and such an ado;

There's chaffing and laughing, to think they got through;

But heavy the shadow on homes where instead

A little child sobbing, is taken to bed. None cruelly censure, or whisper of shame,

For love fain would carry the burden of blame,

And soberly asks, "Did we do all we could,

Or see that each lesson was well understood?

Or with lass

To save all this sorrow of failing to pass."

Tonight I am thinking of years that shall come.

When under the coffin shall be dumb;

When angels shall lean from the battlements high,

Unhooting the glory that reigns in the sky—

They're watching their children and loving them yet.

For love is immortal and can not forget.

For days have been many, the years have been long;

Temptation has met them, and some were not strong;

And large shall be punished by the answer, alas!

To the question they ask, "Did the children all pass?"

—L. H. Case.

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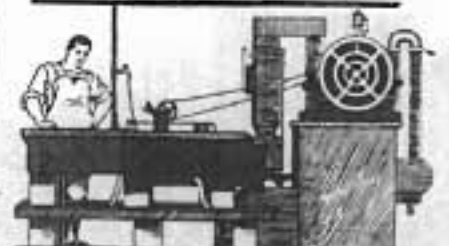
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Letters from Our Readers

Communications for this column must be brief and always signed.

Supreme Court Decision.

To the Editor of the Monitor: The recent decision of the United States Supreme Court declaring null and void the so-called "grandfather" clauses added to the constitutions of the States of Oklahoma and Maryland has caused ten millions of Negroes to have a greater feeling of security and protection in this wonderful government under which we live and of which we are a vital and integral part.

In the first reading of this memorable decision, resultant gratefulness and happiness, arouses our enthusiasm to such a high pitch that we feel like wiring our grateful appreciation to those nine men in Washington who, true to the great and sacred trust placed upon them, placed the majesty of the law above human prejudices and customs, and decided that those war amendments written into our Constitution after a bitter and bloody struggle, were not placed there in fun and play, but were the deliberate judgments of the best brains of American manhood, and are not to be lightly observed, but must be rigidly and strenuously enforced.

But what a travesty upon the moral atmosphere of a country when men must be commended for doing a duty! We do not praise a man for caring for his family; that is his bounden duty and he is supposed to do so. We commend men for performing the unusual feats of life; feats wherein one uses his personal or moral safety in an effort to aid and protect his fellow man. Hence, after this mature view we do not wire Washington but at once enter this field of speculation and wonder what it all portends.

While we can see naught but good in the knocking out of these pernicious Jim Crow laws of said Southern States, we are not unmindful that mandates of our higher courts wherein the rights of Negroes are upheld and expounded, are not always observed in spirit and in deed.

Synchronous with the advent into the political world of that self-important group of men, now defunct, known as the Progressive party, every fad and whim that weak and jingoistic minds could fathom, were heralded before the American people, and unfortunately some of them were enacted into law. This condition soon brought about a feeling of contempt and disregard for conservative and lawful methods, and, I might add, even sane ideas, and seemingly each man became a law unto himself, a judge of his own deeds and even the acts of his fellow man. This feeling of apparent disregard for lawful procedure and lawful methods is something which still finds lodgment in the breasts of many Americans and it is this factor which Negroes should now reckon with and prepare to fight. Indeed, no right-thinking Negro believes this recent decision of our Supreme Court will be a panacea for all the ills we suffer in our attempt to secure the universal suffrage to which we are rightly entitled.

It is to congress and a higher-minded executive to which we must now look for a strict enforcement of this decision. We cannot be too careful in our support of the members of our next national congress, and our president, for in the writer's view much, if not all depends upon their attitude and their acts. We know the South-

ern man too well to believe that he will submit in humbleness to this mandate.

In any event the first great difficulty has been successfully surmounted and we look with great hopefulness to a bright future, where all men will join the vast vanguard of humanitarians and the brotherhood of man and the fellowship of God will reign supreme throughout the land.

W. W. PEBBLES.

FRIENDS.

Short, simple word, isn't it? And yet it means so much. Look back into the days of your childhood. Run over the list of your classmates in the old-fashioned school house where there was not much formality at recess, but a whole lot of genuine friendship. Has it been lasting? Few of us know. Most of us grow up and drifted away. Only the memory is left, and we wonder whether or not we are even thought of by those who at one stage of our existence we felt sure were as dear and dear that separation from them would be almost intolerable. Boys, girls, relatives and parents. All to us, were the salt of the earth. Perhaps there is the same affection in human beings in the city that there is in a country town, but I doubt it. At least the community friendship is not so apparent. And in the smaller towns disapproval and gossip is given in a whisper, while in a city it is not only roared off on the public highway but ballyragged in the public press.

But summing up life as a whole, you have but few real friends. That's why they should be nursed and cherished, for once lost, the charm is broken and can never be cemented again except upon the surface.

Human beings are so prone to knock. Nine people out of ten carry a hammer, and in many instances use it thoughtlessly and without intent to injure. But the bruise shows just the same. Many a silent heartache is caused by a slip of the tongue. Humanity is deceitful. We pretend a whole lot of things that are not real. We put on a bold front and attempt to make the world believe that certain discourtesies are overlooked. But down in your heart there is a puncture that is bleeding. You inwardly breed a feeling for revenge. But if you are big and broad, you pass it by in the hope that you can forget it. The hottest corner of hell would be none too warm for the scandal-monger.

The biggest hypocrites in the world frequently pass as saints. They affiliate with some crowd that pretends to have high ideals, get favorable mention in the press and proceed to serve the devil in the garb of a Christian. But they will get theirs just after the undertaker gets his.

But YOUR FRIEND is the biggest asset you have. Cling to him or her. Let nothing occur to kill the germ.

A friend is the person who will come to your rescue, right or wrong, and without hope of reward. A friend is the person who will not listen to a slobber-mouth denounce you behind your back. A friend is never jealous of you. A friend thinks of you occasionally. A friend boosts you and your business. A friend is there with consolation in your hour of sorrow or reverses. A friend sincerely hopes you will succeed. A friend remains loyal under all circumstances. Some one has truthfully said that a friend is a person who knows all about you and loves you still. Scarce articles, aren't they? And yet nearly everybody has a few. I extend greetings to all of mine, and sincerely wish for them all the good things this world affords, including health and happiness.—Tanner's Magazine.

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Miss Lillah McCarthy recently enacted the leading role in a Greek play at the dedication of the Lewisohn stadium presented to the College of the City of New York. The picture shows Miss McCarthy in the role of Hecuba in "Trojan Women of Euripides."

RATS COME HOME TO ROOST

As Result of Experiments Southern Doctor Claims Rodents Have Domestic Instinct.

New Orleans.—Folk who butter their cat's paws to keep them home can easily achieve the same results with their rats by cutting off their ears. At least this is what Doctor Creel's latest experiment seems to prove.

Doctor Creel contended that the home instinct was as strong in rats as in newly wed husbands.

Doctor Creel took for a subject a big, healthy, gray rat, trapped in Westwego. Put to sleep with ether, the animal's ears were docked with an office punch. It was then taken to City park and released from a cage.

When last seen alive it was disappearing into a clump of trees back of the Greek temple on the far side of the lagoon, still staggering a bit from the effects of the ether. Three weeks later it was found dead in a trap in Doctor White's district, five miles from the spot where released. From the direction of travel and its nearness to the Stuyvesant docks, it is thought that it was seeking means to cross the river to the Westwego home.

HE STOLE KEYS OF THE JAIL

Reaches Through Grating, Lifts Keys From Hook and Makes His Escape.

Huntington, Ind.—Fred Dearmond, held in the Huntington county jail for trial on charge of assault with intent to kill Mike Milchens in this city, escaped from jail. His partner, Thomas H. Cole, confessed and was sentenced to Jeffersonville for complicity in the same offense. Dearmond left a note to W. E. Scott, sheriff, describing his escape. Using a small wire, he reached through the cell grating, lifted the ward keys from a hook, unlocked the door and left the jail building through a window. He wrote that he had had the keys twice before, but deferred his escape until a more opportune time.

News of the Lodges and Fraternities

Masonic.

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

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

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

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Wistful.

The archbishop had preached a fine sermon on married life and its beauties. Two old Irishwomen were heard coming out of church commenting on the address.

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