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# **Fundamental Civil** Rights to Be Guarded

The Shifting of Population From North to South Presents New Problems.

CONGRESS NEEDS. WATCHING

Roy Nash Summarizes Important Task to be Assumed by the National Association.

The new year presents the opportunity of a generation for advancing the status of colored people. Heretofore the only place where the Negro was sure of a living was in the South, which not only pays twelve or fifteen dollars for a month in the cotton patch, but throws in lynchings, insults and disfranchisement for good measure. Now, however, as a result of the stoppage of immigration, over half a million faborers have already come North, finding employment chiefly in the steel mills and on the railroad gangs. In the spring of 1917 will come a greatly accelerated ex-

To see that this migration is not too much hampered by the police and town councils of southern cities; to drive home the growing conviction in the South that the time has come when they must make it a place where Negro labor wants to stay and work; and to be vigilent lest the prejudices, which will inevitably follow the Negro in his migration, rob him of the fundamental civil rights which he now enjoys in the North-this is the great task before the National Association for the Advancement of Colored people in 1917.

### The New Opportunity.

This is the new opportunity; the old perils persist. With the South in the saddle at Washington, the present Congress must be watched and fought if the Negroes in the District of Columbia are not to be segregated and jimcrowed, and the constitutional rights of the colored man still further diminished. Senator Vardaman's joint resolution calling on the attorneygeneral to submit to the Supreme Court all information bearing on the validity of the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments is but one of a dozen moves aimed at the Negro's civil status which this association will undoubtedly have to fight. And upon the outcome of the Louisville segregation case, which will be reargued before the full bench of the Supreme Court by our national president, Moorfield Storey, depends the status of the entire colored population in a dozen great cities. If we lose, the Negroes in Baltimore, St. Louis, Louisville, all through the South, and within a few years probably in New York, must accept the status of the Jews in the darkest ghettoes of Russia.

### A More United Front.

The last son of William Lloyd Garrisoc died last week; the present generation knows not the name of his HEY, YOU FELLOWS, CUT IT OUT!



-Chapin in St. Louis Republic-

# Slaves Once Sold In Nebraska

Newman Grove Reporter

indications that slaves had been bought and sold in the state at one time. History gave no mention of it whatever. But as a thorough student he began an investigation, more to satisfy his curiosity than anything else. He wrote to various places where he thought information on the subject might be forthcoming, such as the State Historical society, etc., but nothing definite could be given. They, however, encouraged him to continue the investigations and finally he traced a case of this kind to Nebraska City. The clerk of the district court of that city after going over the records, first claimed he could find no indications of anything of the kind, but later wrote:

"Since my reply to your recent letter, I find the return of the sheriff in the 'Slave Sale Under Execution:'

" 'Sheriff's Return-This writ came to hand Nov. 15, 1860, and was served

COLORED SOLDIER WINS IRON CROSS

The Golden West, a Hungarian magazine, makes a note of the fact that Leon Welchin, a Colored soldier fighting in the Austrian army, has been | years.

That slavery was actually practiced by levying on the following described in the state of Nebraska in its early property, towit: One Negro man days will probably be news to most named, Hercules; one Negro woman, Nebraskans, but is nevertheless a named Martha, Slaves, and belonging fact. H. Halderson, a local attorney, to charles F. Holly , said levy being in the course of his studies a couple made on the 17th day of November, of years ago, found what he thought 1860. I caused a notice to be phlished in the Nebraska City News according to law (See Execution) that I would offer the above described property for sale at public Auction in front of the Court House in Nebraska City in said County on the 5th day of December, A. D., 1860, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 3 o'clock p. m., of said day and at the time and place specified in said notice. I first offered Hercules and there being no bidders for him, I then offered the said Hercules and Martha together and sold the same to William B. Hail for the sum of Three Hundred Dollars, he being the highest bidder and that being the highest sum bid for the said property the same was sold to him. WILLIAM P. BIRCHFIELD.

" 'Sheriff.'

"The case is entitled: 'William B. Hail vs. Charles F. Holly,' and this return is found in Execution Docket 'A,' page 149.

decorated with the Iron Cross for bravery under fire. Welchin led a charge against the enemy and, altho wounded, pushed on until his aim was accomplished. He is a West Indian who has lived in Austria for many

# The Justice of God in History

By the Very Rev. William R. Inge,

Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, England.

"Behold the Lord stood upon a wall made by a plumb-line with a plumbline in his hand,

"And the Lord said unto me: 'Amos, what seest thou?' and I said, 'A plumb

"Then said the Lord: 'Behold, I will set a plumb-line in the midst of My people, Israel; I will not again pasby them any more."

Amos, a keeper of sheep and a dresser of vineyards, in the country about Tekoa, was the first of the literary prophets and one of the profoundest moral revealers of any age. He was not afraid of the face of clay. He dared to say before any man, or any group of men, what he actually thought. He understood the movements going on around him as clearly as he understood the hbaits of his sheep.

'He read each wound, each weakness clear,

He struck his finger on the place; And said: Thou ailest here, and here."

But the great thing, after all, which he announces in his plumb-line figuse is the fact of an unescapable, inexorable, pervasive law of moral gravitation in the universe. There is no caprice about moral results. You cannot hoodwink the forces which fuifil events.

"By no clever trickery," wrote one of our sound present-day teachers, "can profligacy or low living come into possession of the beatitudes." There hangs the plumb-line, dropped as from the hand of God and by it every deed is tested. There is no favoritism, no wheedling, no capricious exception. If the life is unplumb, if the deeds and policies of it swing away from a line of rectitude, nothing can save the structure from collapse nothing but a rebuilding of it in conformity with the moral laws of

The man himself, as William James says, may not "count" his wrong deed. "and a kind heaven may not count it; but it is being counted none the less. Down among his nerve-cells and fibres the molecules are counting it, registering it and storing it up to be used against him when the next temptation comes."

Apparent "success" and a seeming "efficiency" that brings coveted "results" are poor substitutes for a rightly-fashioned life. "The world with its crasser judgments may approve the men who seem to hit the desired goals," concludes Professor Rufus Jones, "but the triumph is dearly bought if it has been won by the sacrifice of the growth of the soul itself."

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# General Race News

### THE EXPLOITATION OF HAYTI

The following Associated Press clipping will explain why the army and navy have been so active in Hayti under the Wilson regime. They have fought the little black republic and naw they mean to plunder it.

"The entrance of American capital into Haiti was announced recently in news that a charter had been secured under New York laws by the Haitian-American Corporation, backed by New York, Chicago and Cincinnati interests. The company will have \$6,000,000 preferred stock of \$100 par, 60,000 shares of common and the same amount of founders' stock without par value.

The corporation, it was learned, has secured control of the railroad, electric light plant, wharf and warehouses of Port au Prince, the capital and principal seaport, and of the electric light property at Cape Haitien. Sugar land in excess of 20,000 acres has been bought or leased, according to the announcement, and a "centrale" with a daily capacity of 2,000 tons of cane will be installed shortly."



BLANCHE THOMPSON, With "Smart Set" at the Brandels Theater, February 16-17.

# COLORED GIRL DELIVERS STINGING REBUKE TO RACE CRITIC

At the graduation exercises held in Los Angeles High School, one of the white graduates delivered a bitter attack upon the race in America. A member of the graduating class, Miss Myrtle Anderson, asked permission to answer and the same was given. In a perfect oration Miss Anderson responded with a most stinging reply. Her speech is a gem of thought and reason and received tremendous applause from the crowded theatre.

John Ruskin Cigar, 5 cents. Biggest and Best.

### POLICE OBJECT TO SALE OF NEGRO PAPERS ON STREETS

Birmingham, Ala.—An indicated effort to stop the sale of papers published by Colored men was seen in the action of one of the city detectives, Goldstein, who ordered a Colored man, vender of Negro papers, to go to the office of the chief of police, as he did not want "Negro papers sold on the streets any more."

The vender, however, had taken out a business license, and other than being kept for two hours, cooling his heels in the chief's office was not interfered with.

### HINDU WRITES ON

RACE PROBLEM

Lajpat Rai, a Hindu writer of international fame, has just published a book in Calcutta entitled, The United States of America. It is an examination into American life and history written for Hindus and covers a wide range of observations. One of the longest chapters of the book is devoted to the race problem and in it he scores the American people for their unjust prejudices toward the black race. He says, in substance, that if America really means to live up to her ideals she must take a different attitude toward her Colored citizens and the Colored citizens of the world.

### GRECIAN CIVILIZATION AFRICAN IN ORIGIN

Sir Arthur J. Evans, the famous archeologist who was elected president of the British Association last October and startled Europe with his claims of the African origin of European civilization, delivered another address before the Hellenic Society of London and reiterated his statements. In the introduction to his address he says, "The truth is that the old view of Greek civilization as a kind of 'enfant de miracle' can no longer be maintained. Whether you like it or not, classical students must now admit that the ancient Grecians were a dark people and not Aryans (white)."

# COLORED CHEF GAINS NATIONAL FAME

Hannibal, the Colored chef, who is cooking for the faomus diet squad of New York policemen, is now known all over the United States. Over half of the squad have gained weight on the twenty-five cent a day bill of fare and while anyone may be able to cook the simple menu, the police say that Hannibal cannot be beaten on the range.

# ROMAN CATHOLIC PAPER DEMANDS HELP FOR RACE

The True Voice, a Roman Catholic weekly of Omaha, came out with a double column front page article last week calling upon the Roman Catholic Church and laity of the north to extend a welcoming hand to the Colored people who are now leaving the South. It was in a similar vein to the article appearing in America, a few weeks ago.

All news must be in before Wednesday noon, in order to appear the following Saturday.

### EDISON LIKES SWAUNEE RIVER BEST

A Sun reporter visited Thomas Alva
Edison recently and asked for an interview before his seventieth birthday, which is this month. The wizard says that of all his inventions he loves the phonograph best. When asked what music he cared the most for, he

remarked that out of over seventyfive thousands records he has heard, his favorite is The Swaunee River and like heart songs.

Go to Gordon's Drug Store, 24th and Burdette Sts., for Brown Skin Powder, Dr. Palmer's Skin Whitener Soap and Skin Whitener. Webster 6174.—Adv.

# Colored People Intending to Come North or West---Take Notice

FARMERS, farm laborers, skilled and unskilled workmen, who intend leaving the south should protect themselves against swindlers and chance con-

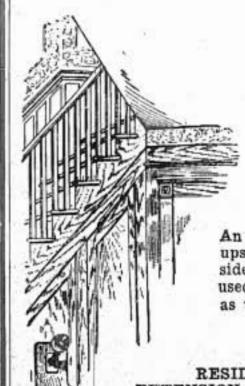
ditions. The Monitor has taken up this problem and is able to be of service to you.

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# Do You Run Down Stairs to Answer the Telephone?

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# Our Women and Children

Conducted by Lucille Skaggs Edwards

BE CANDID WITH
YOUR CHILDREN

(By Ella Wheeler Wilcox, in New Yourk Journal.)

Two girls in their teens with vague ideas concerning the laws which govern the relations of men and women, were led into paths of folly by mature men. Both children (for they were only children in years) were innocent-minded and ignorant of the evil paths they were entering. Each was instructed by her betrayer to keep silent concerning what had occurred ,and to say nothing to her mother.

Now herein lies a tremendous warning for every girl, and indeed for every boy in the world. Whoever tells you to keep any act a secret from your mother or your rightful guardian, rest assured that person is your worst enemy, and the act they bid you commit is a folly or a sin.

Do not trust any older person who endeavors to extract a promise of secrecy from you in regard to your conduct. There is never any necessity for secrecy in the conduct of a young girl or a young boy.

There is never an excuse for concealing from the parents or the protectors of the young any act. Remember this always and shun as you would shun a leper the man or woman who bids you do or say anything which is to be hidden from your family or your teachers.

Meantime, parents, do your part toward saving the children entrusted to your care from such dangers and such evils as befell these two young girls, whose lives were blighted through ignorance. Tell your little girls and your little boys the necessity of keeping their bodies pure and clean, and warn them of the dangers which lie in permitting any unwholesome thoughts or acts to mar their conduct.

It has invariably proven to be a fact that children who are so instructed and so trusted by their parents in early childhood develop healthfully and wholesomely in body and mind, and escape the perils and pitfalls which so frequently blemish the lives of those who have been kept in utter ignorance with a mistaken idea that it insured innocence.

### IF ONLY WANTS CAME TRUE!

By John Morrison.

If only wants came true, 'twould be The finest world I know;

And I would do the greatest things,

And make things happen so!

And school would never keep at all,

Not the whole year through,

But every day would be for play—

If only wants came true!

I'd be the pitcher of the nine,
And pitch two games a day;
And every time I came to bat
I'd knock the ball away
Beyond the fence in center field;
And what would people do?
They'd shout in joy, "Om, he's the boy!"—
If only wants came true!

There's be a Christmas in each month, And skating all the year, And yet good swimming all the time—

Though folks might think that queer.

And then I'd sit up late at night,
. And have no chores to do;
And what a heap of things to cat—
If only wants came true

And then when I grew up I'd be
The driver of a van,
Or else a sergeant of police,
Or else a motorman;
I'd buy a circus and a farm,
And have an airship, too.
And then I'd fly across the sky—
If only wants came true!
—Youth's Companion.

### MOTHER'S LITTLE HANDS'

By John Wanamaker.

I see them today just as plainly as I did that day long ago when they beckoned to me coming up the walk after the first day of school.

Such little hands they were, and so soft and yet so strong—and so cool on a boy's face when he was sick, soothing him to sleep in the long, dark nights.

There were never any other hands just like them. Such dear, quick hands, too, they were; for they guided my first steps and caught me from falling, and in the after years smoothed away many a hurt.

Even now, Mother dear, your blessed hands are more than a dream to me.—Ex.

NEGRO SONGS FOR-

EVER POPULAR

The folk songs of the race are growing more and more into popularity. The Brooklyn Community Chorus on last Friday, had 3,00 trained voices lead 10,000 in singing "Old Black Joe" and "Old Kentucky Home." On Thursday evening the Hampton Quartet appeared at Carnegie Hall, New York, and sang to a packed house. All the well known race songs were sung and the quartet was assisted by Roland W. Hayes, the famous Colored tenor of Boston. Philip Hale of the Boston Herald, wrote of these songs: "Unique and inimitable, it is the only music of this country except that of the Indian which can claim to be folk music. In it the Negroes pour out their joys and their sorrows in a naive but wonderfully moving fashion."

### ST. PHILIP'S NOTES.

Dr. Craig Morris, M. F. Singleton and Henry W. Black compose the parochial committee on the church pension fund. These gentlemen will cooperate with the Diocesan Committee of which Dean Tancock is the chairman, in raising Nebraska's quota of \$20,000 of the \$5,000,000 which the Episcopal Church in the United States is to raise by March 1, for giving a pension to the clergy of the Episcopal Church at the age of 68. St. Philip's apportionment is \$200. The fund is being raised by voluntary subscriptions.

The Woman's Auxiliary met .with Mrs. J. F. Smith, 2414 Binney street, Thursday afternoon. They give a Valentine social next Wednesday afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. George Watson, 2716 North Twenty-eighth avenue.

Boys, watch the work of Fred Houston. He is one of the best barbers in Omahs. At Jewell and Phannix, 105 So. 14th.—Adv.

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

### RETURNS FROM KEOKUK

The Rev. John Albert Williams returned Saturday afternoon from Keokuk, Ia., where he went Tuesday on the invitation of his warm friend, the Rev. John C. Sage, rector of St. John's church and vicar of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, to deliver two adcresses and a sermon. On Wednesday night Father Williams delivered a lecture at the People's Institute on "Slouch, Slouches and No Slouch," which was most favorably received. The excellent Institute band of sixteen members under the directorship of Fred D. Fields, contributed several delightful numbers. Thursday night a dinner was given by the people of St. Mary's for the congregation only. The band again contributed several as preciated numbers, and Fr. Williams spoke on "The Church, God's Family." Friday morning, the Feast of the Purification, he celebrated the Holy Communion at 7 o'clock and although it was twenty-two below zero, ten persons were present. In the evening at 8 o'clock, he preached to a large congregation and the Rev. Fr. Sage delivered a brief address.

Fr. Sage, in addition to the exacting work of his large parish St.
John's, is doing self-sacrificing and
telling work for our race in Keokuk.
Aside from the spiritual care of our
people Fr. Sage organized the People's Institute to provide amusements
and recreation for the young men of
Keokuk under good surroundings in
opposition to undesirable places bidding for the patronage of our youth.

During his visit Fr. Williams was most hospitably entertained by the people of Keokuk.

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### THE LOOMING CLOUD

We believe we are safe in saying that our race regards with mingled emotions the break with Germany and the probabilities that may arise. At heart we are a loyal and patriotic people and our country has always found us ready and willing to serve her in all crises and will today. We cannot help feeling, however, that we are the people who do not count. For several years there has been all manner of talk about preparedness, but it meant nothing for us. Only recently a Texas congressman exploded a bomb at the naval hearing when he suggested that Colored men be accepted in the navy, a bomb that sent Josephus to his hole in a hurry. The same reception awaited the race when it was proposed that the Colored regiments in the regular army be increased. Even the pseudo-military camps at Plattsburg, N. Y., which received volunteers from all over the United States, balked the moment a black face presented itself.

Yes, it seems that we have always been the people who do not count. But let the United States be plunged into war, which we hope may never happen, as always the Colored volunteers will be among the first to respond. We will prove loyal, never fear, because somehow we cannot prove otherwise. Someday a reckoning must come, for reckonings always come, and disloyalty will never be a stain across the escutcheon of the African race.

### BUSINESS ETHICS

In every profession and business pursuit there is an unwritten code of honor known as ethics. It is a code that presupposes that every person who elects to follow any trade or profession will deal justly towards his patrons and towards his fellow competitors. We have regretted to learn that some of our business men have not been as careful to observe the business gentility as is to be expected of honorable men. Competition, it is true, is the life of trade, but it means competition by gentlemen, clean, honest and above board. Omaha is a growing city and there is work for all of us to do. Let us not forget the ethics of our respective professions. For those who do forget there is a penalty. Success may seem to come for a while, but it is success that is builded upon the sand. The only man who can really succeed is he who deals fairly with his public and fairly with those who tread the winepress with him.

# COMBADES IN ARMS

"Comrades in Arms" is the title of an illustration just released by the International News Company. It pictures a pretty French girl and a black soldier together carrying boxes of ammunition. Over the picture occurs

the following words, "These 'two soldiers of France,' one a woman munition worker, the other a French Senegalese private, are carrying boxes of ammunition from the machines to the point of transportation to the army base." Both are smiling and the smile upon the face of the girl appears to be contented and happy. No doubt thousands of prejudiced Americans will get all "het up" over the "attempt to encourage social equality."

# Obvious Observations

When the German submarine note reached the United States the other day stocks and food stuffs tumbled like Humpty Dumpty. Wish three or four such notes would come this way so as to knock the daylights out of H. C. L.

It is said that Germany counted on a war with this country when she determined upon her naval course. It is probable that our entering the war would be more of a help than a hindrance. We couldn't lend so much assistance to the allies.

We venture to remark that the over zealous sheriff who has to pay \$45,000 bucks for hurting an innocent Colored man, will sure watch his step hereafter.

We suspected something crooked in the way Uncle Sam went after little Haiti and now we find we were right. Did you buy any stock in the company that advertises itself as controlling everything in Haiti worth two bits?

What has become of Mexico? We searched the paper with a microscope last week and couldn't find a word about it.

The Rockefeller Foundation has delivered a clean knock-out to the study of the classics. . Well, we guess it is up to the persons of African descent to pass them along as they have al-

Thanking you for your kind attention, we will now shut the door and blow out the gas.

### SONG OF SOLOMON

### Doctors.

- 1. Open thine ears, O my son, whilst I tap to thee a tra-la-la on my trusty tambourine.
- 2. I sing to thee of doctors, the purveyors of pills, sweet medicines and health.
- 3. They are a good bunch, O my son, but the public often handeth them the hot and heavy.
- 4. If thou grabest off a chunk of pneumonia, thou art due to be tucked up in the white blankets five weeks, but if the medicine man getteth thee not up and out in five days thou sayest he is punk and a quack.
- 5. If perchance thou gettest a grip on the grippe and herr doctor doth not chase it away pronto with a dose of dope, thou ringeth up another M. D. and handeth the first the hammer.

6. Of course, O my son, I know that betimes the doc doth tell thee thou hast appendicitis when thou hast but belly ache; heart trouble because thou eatest rarebit at twelve bells; and rheumatism when thou art tired out; but doc doeth his best.

7. Disease doth not always haul around a brass band and banners telling its name.

8. It is a secret demon that huggeth the dark and devious ways and liketh not to come out in the open.

9. Just give old doc a chance and by and by he will locate the pathy even as Sherlock locateth the pussy-

10. Yes, give old doc a chance, O my son, and forget not to slip him a bean or two so that he mayest keep out his shingle.

### EVOLUTION PROVING

IMMORTALITY

The above is the title of a new edition of a book written by John O. Yeiser, a well known local attorney, and a copy of the same has been presented to The Monitor for review.

The question of immortality is one that has been paramount with man ever since he has learned to reason. That there is some other sort of existence beyond the portals of the shrouding grave is the hope, if not entirely the belief, of every rational creature. Thousands of men have written to sustain this hope and thousands more will write in the future. Mr. Yelser has called evolution to his playing. Mrs. Silas Johnson, 2518 aid and with deft treatment of the Lake. Phone Webster 248 .- Adv.

facts of this branch of scientific study, he has built stone upon stone for a foundation for belief. The book is eminently worth buying and reading many times over. It abounds in beautiful thoughts and consoling phrases. We choose the following as one esrecially beautiful.

"In the same manner that food is necessary for the stimulation of the cell development of the body, so is the accumulation of mental nutrition contained in truth, and knowledge, and good deeds, necessary to cultivate a greater life, or soul. The things we think-the thoughts we receive and throw off or remember and forgetare to the soul what food is to the body. They carry, as conveyance, a soul element, which, when retained becomes a part of the soul life-part of man's mental nature and character. . . . . It is certain one cannot carry into the great beyond any part of his vast wealth accumulations, but there is a marvelous hope and a grand possibility that the accumulated knowledge of good things, or everlasting principles, in harmony with that which lives, may be taken as a part of the intellect, because it must become a part of the enduring soul."

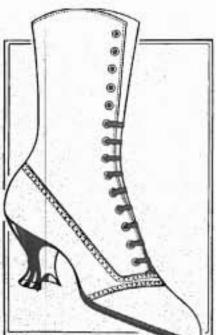
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# Events and Persons

The North Side Needle Club met with Mrs. William Lacey, 2434 Patrick avenue, Wednesday.

We will try to make a general cleanup on subscriptions within the next two weeks. Please have a smile and some change when our genial collector presses the electric button.

The Elite Whist Club met with Mrs. Solomon, 2615 Maple street, Wednesday, January 31. The prize for highest score was won by Mrs. L. C. Sayles.

Volney Carter, who was called to Omaha by the illness and death of his wife, resumed his run on the Overland Limited between Chicago and Oakland Wednesday morning. He has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. F.

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Mr. and Mrs. George H. Johnson and Mrs H. Evans returned to Atchison, Kan., Wednesday.

Alger, the seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Adams, of 2502 Taylor street, has been taken to Clarkson hospital for medical treatment. Little Alger injured his spine last May.

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

Mrs. Ida Jones, after a lingering illness, died at St. Joseph's hospital Thursday, February 1. The funeral was held from the family residence, 2211 North 27th avenue at half past three o'clock Sunday afternoon. The Rev. John Albert Williams officiated. Interment was in Forest Lawn cemetery. The Western Undertaking company had charge of the funeral

When you need a good clean shave, see P. H. Jenkins, 1313 Dodge street. -Adv.

A luncheon will be given at the home of Mrs. Gertrude Ashby, 2111 Poppleton avenue, February 15, by the Don't Worry Girls' Club. The public is invited. Luncheon will be served from 12:30 to 10 p. m. Estella David, president .- Adv.

Mrs. W. L. Turner, of 2813 Cuming street,, who has been very ill and confined to her bed for the past two weeks, is slowly improving. Her father, John L. Stewart, who was summoned by wire from Kansas City, Mo., Sunday because of her illness, has returned to Kansas City.

Miss Ardelia Bowen and G. W. Wat son were married at the residence of his brother, Mr. George Watson, 2716 North Twenty-eighth avenue, Sunday afternoon, January 28, by the Rev. W. F Botts of Zion Baptist Church in the presence of relatives and a few friends.

A dinner will be given in the Guild rooms of St. Philip's Church, Monday evening, February 19. Committee in charge, Miss Paul, Mrs. Joe Brown and Mrs. Donley. Adults 35c, children 15c.

Hamilton Evans, an old resident of Omaha, but who has been making his home with his daughter and son-inlaw, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Johnson, at Atchison, Kans., died there Wednesday, January 31. The body was brought to Omaha for burial, the funeral being held from the Grove Methodist Episcopal Church, Sunday afterncon, with internemt in Forest Lawn. The Rev. G. G. Logan officiated. Willes and Banks had charge of the funeral.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Washington of 2515 Maple street, who has been very ill, is im-

Mrs. Freeda Penn is quite ill at the Methodist hospital.

Are you going? Where? To the Don't Worry Girls' luncheon. Meet us at Mrs. Ashby's February 15 .-- Adv.

Are you going to spend 35 cents with the Don't Worry Girls' Club? Don't forget the date, February 15, at Mrs. Ashby's. The Don't Worry Girls will serve you a nice luncheon for 35 cents .- Adv.

Nate Hunter returned Saturday from Mulberry, Kan., where he was called by the death of his sister, Mrs. Anna McCleary.

Howard Livingston is ill at his residence, Twenty-eighth and Ohio streets.

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The Phi Delta girls met at the residence of Mrs. White last Monday night and held an election of officers. Their next meeting will be held at Mrs.

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

A benefit exhibition for the Grove M. E. Church will be given at the Alhambra, Twenty-fourth and Parker, next Monday. The picture will be, "The Double Devil," starring William Hurt. Admission 5 and 10 cents.

Andrew Reed of the Western Funeral Home received his certificate as licensed embalmer Wednesday, together with a letter congratulating him for his high mark, which, according to the state officials, is one of the highest ever attained in this state. Mr. Reed has also just finished a course in dermutology and is now prepared to give the greatest possible expression and beauty to the faces of deceased per-

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

James F. Flemister delivered the memorial address to the K. of P. Lodge in remembrance of the late Hamilton, Evans. The address was beautifully written and delivered and was well received.

Mrs. James Griffins, 25111/2 North Twenty-sixth street, gave birth to a baby girl Tuesday, January 30. Mother and baby are both doing well.

Ernest Banks is in Lincoln, Neb., and employed at the Lindell hotel.

William Wakefield, better known as "Red," who was burned to death last week, was buried from the Western Undertaking Chapel Wednesday afterncon. Interment Forest Lawn.

The Big Twelve Whist Club met at the residence of Silas Johnson for its regular monthly tournament Wednesday night. A delightful luncheon was served and many high scores made.

Ray A. Parker, formerly of Omaha, is now running as dining car conducter from Detroit to Green Bay, Wis.

St. Valentine entertainment and postoffice will be given by the Calendar System Tuesday, February 13, at Zion Baptist Church, Twenty-second and Grant streets. Program by Omaha's best talent. Refreshments served. Adneission 10 cents .- Adv.

A masquerade valentine ball will be given at the Alamo February 14.

Charlie Mitchell, who lived in Omaha several years ago, stopped over on his way east from Oakland, Cal. Oakland is now his home and he says that the many Omahans out there are doing

Oletha Russell, Notary Public and Public Stenographer, 413 Karbach Blk. Douglas 3607.Adv.

Green Johnson is the only colored man on the Grand Jury.

morial celebration will be held Tuesday night, February 27. Watch for

The recital given by Madam Demby at Grove M. E. Church Tuesday night was not as largely attended as it deserved to be. Madam Demby has a good voice and charming manner, and greatly pleased her audience. The local talent ably supported her.

John Ruskin Cigar, 5 cents. Biggest and Best.

The dance of the Ideal Club given last Thursday night was a fair success, despite the fact that the mercury hugged the 22 mark below zero. Two stoves labored in vain to heat the big ball, but when Adam's orchestra struck up their sensational music the crowds forget the temperature and kept warm ty swinging around the floor. The veil queen Zeeditu proved to be Mrs. Henry Chiles, and so many guessed correctly that the prize, a two-pound box of O'Brien's chocolates, was passed around to all the guests.

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### MOUNT MORIAH BAPTIST.

Recently the Mount Moriah Baptist Sunday School elected officers for the year 1917 as follows: Superintendent, Mr. H. L. Anderson; assistant superintendent, Mrs. L. Lewis; treasurer, roary 21. The public is invited.

The monster Frederick Douglas Me- Mrs. C. Menary; organist, Miss V. Hibbler; litrarians, Masters William Dudley and Floyd Maxey.

The B. Y. P. U. also eletced officers as follows: President, Mr. G. W. Hibbler; vice president, Mrs. M., H Wilkinson; secretary, Miss Gladice Taylor; assistant secretary, Miss Madeline Lafayette; treasurer, Mr. H. L. Anderson; organist, Miss V. Hibbler.

N. W. C. A. NOTES.

The N. W. C. A. held a large and interesting meeting at the home Wednesday afternoon, February 7, when the election of officers took place. Mrs. James G. Jewell was re-elected resident, Mrs. Alphonso Wilson vice president, Mrs. Irvine Gray secretary and Mrs. J. H. Smith treasurer.

There was also an election of the board of directors. Mrs. A. L. Bowler, Mrs. H. R. Roberts and Mrs. Irvin Gray were elected for three-year terms; Mrs. N. Hunter and Mrs. C. H. Hicks for two-year terms, and Mrs. J. H. Smith, the founder of the home, to life membership on the board.

Reports read by the secretary and treasurer showed the home to be in better financial condition than ever before in its history.

There will be a regular meeting at the home Wednesday afternoon, Feb-

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# Editor Takes a Trip; Omaha to Denver

Interesting Chats With Friendly Fellow Passengers.

I promised to tell you how the "Off the Tray" lunch gave me a chance to enlighten a courteous gentleman upon the opportunities of employment for our people. And do you know that little as we may think about it, I really believe that there are many white people, just like this German-American, who do not know that the field of employment for Colored people is a restricted field.

### His Name a German One.

This man's name was something like Fichte. That's not just it; but very near it. I thought I would remember it because of its similarity to that of the German philosopher, which whose system of philosophy I became more or less-LESS would hit it best-familiar during my collegiate days. But the name, just here, is unimportant. When he told me his name, I said:

"That's a German name, isn't it?" "Yes," he replied; "I was born in Germany, but came as a boy to this country. I'm no German-American, however; but an American. This is my country. It's good enough for nie."

A Type of the Loyal Foreign Born. He, I take it, is the type of many

Americans of foreign birth, who loving the land of their nativity, where many of their kindred still abide, yet, with painful tugging at the heartstrings, will be loyal to America, should occasion come for unsheathing the sword to defend American lives and honor, if placed in jeopardy by the kaiser. From this may God forefend us! But who can tell what the future has in store?

### He Was a Booster.

My chance acquaintance sat in the seat behind me. He told me that his home was in Sterling, Colorado, "the best town in the United States." He was a booster, and I love to meet a booster, don't you? A booster has an optimism about him which is inspiring. A knocker always makes me tired, very, very tired. What shocking slang!

In this connection, I'm reminded of the story of the good woman who took her daughters to task for using slang, semething after this fashion:

"Girls, slang is very vulgar and no daughters of mine must ever use it. It's vulgar and undignified and you must cut it out. If the time should ever come when you hear your mother using slang then you may do the same; but I will not fall for such language now. You must cut it out, for you can bet your sweet life that I'll never stand for slang."

This booster from Sterling was in the cattle business. But what about that "Off the Tray" conversation? I'm coming to it.

### Handsomest People on Earth.

Two nice looking waiters came in bearing the trays. And by the way, did you ever notice what a nice looking bunch railroad and hotel waiters are? They can't help their good looks. They come by these naturally, for we are the handsomest people on earth. These two waiters were gentlemsmly, nice looking chaps.

Said our Sterling friend, "This tray lunch is a great idea, isn't it?"

"Yes," I replied, "I think it is. Strange, it hasn't been put into operation before."

"It takes time to work around to

all these things in every line of business. Those waiters are bright looking fellows. How is it you always see Colored men in that line of business? I never see white men doing it, but always Colored men. Why is it, can you tell me?" he asked.

"Do you really want to know?" I

"Sure I do; because it has always puzzled me. I've often wondered

I told him that it was because our people were in a large measure restricted to this class of employment because of prejudice which excluded them from other fields of employment. I told him that among the men employed as waiters and porters on railroads are college graduates and men who have qualified for work in trades and professions, but being unable to obtain employment in their chosen line they turned to this as the best field for supporting themselves and families.

He said, "That isn't right. A man ought to be given a chance to earn his living in any line of work for which he has qualified himself. If he can do the work, he ought not be barred by his color. It's dead wrong to do that."

"Do you mean to tell me?" I asked, "that you really don't know that it is difficult for Colored men to get employment outside of certain limited occupations?"

"No, I didn't know that. I thought that Colored men were so largely employed in this line of work, because they preferred it to any other kind."

"Not much. This is honorable work, like all honest labor; and gives employment to thousands of our people, but a great many men are employed at it not from choice, but from necessity. Some of them would prefer employment in other lines of work for which they have qualified themselves if they could only get it, but prejudice shuts them out."

"That's a shame," said the man from Sterling.

"Well, some day an intelligent, industrious man may apply to you for work. If you have a job for a man, give him a chance. Don't turn him down, simply because he is Colored,"

"You bet I won't," said the man from Sterling. And he spoke like one who meant what he said.

### THE FINAL CENSORSHIP From the Star of Hope. -

Some hold that mortals on this earth-But play their parts in mock designs,

Like actors who were false from birth And parody the finest lines.

And then departing come no more, But leave behind to greet the next, A hiss or moan, or echoed roar

From audience less pleased than vexed.

If it be true that man but once Shall play his part or walk the stage-

A Caesar be, or mimic the dunce In cap and bell, or ape the sage, Is not there somewhere in the sky, Beyond the starry footlight's glow

Pleiad's choir, enthroned on high A Censor who has judged the show?

And having judged shall ring it down, The lights and shadows of this play-

The tinselled motley of the crown That Caesar wore in Cleo's day; And call another, better show Where there is neither fault nor

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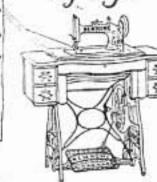
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day Mght Forum will celebrate the births of Lincoln and Doughas Tuesday, February 13. The prinseipal speakers are: Mr. S. L. Patton, on "Abraham Lincoln"; Mr. Henry Black, on "Frederick Douglass." Special music by the Mendelssohn Quartet; saxophone solo, Mr. Thomas Perkins; vocal duet, Mrs. Linnie McKinney and Miss Duvall; vocal solo, Mrs. C. H. Huston; piano solo, Mrs. Hibbs.

Rev. W. T. Osborne will preach a special sermon Sunday morning. Subject, "Heart Purity: Change Your Hitching Post."

Mr. Payton Brooks was buried Sunday from the Western Undertaking Farlors.

Among the sick are Mesdames Mildred Campbell, Mead, Hall, Carrie Belle Turner, Lulu Wheeler, Adverta Randall, Addie Hibbs.

Mr. Roy Fouts is at his post again as organist of St. John's, after several weeks' illness.

The Bible Class will meet Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. H. Jones, 2706 Lake.

The Willing Workers met at the church on Friday afternoon. After routine business lunch was served.

At the Tuesday Night Forum Mr. Silas Johnson's address on "Deeds and Not Words" was treated from a very interesting viewpoint. He cited many great events that had been accomplished by a single thought put into action. The audience very much appreciated the address, also the classic piano solo by Mrs. Clarence Singleton, the contralto solo by Miss Corine Thomas and the well rendered piano solo by Mrs. Thressa Mitchell, all of v-hom received applause. The literary digest was indeed a literary treat. The information given his hearers on topics of interest and importance on race and national questions was valuable and instructive.

Mr. Patton will address the Forum upon the important facts in Mr. Linceln's life and administration. The ladies will serve a fish dinner on Tuesday evening. Dinner committee-Mesdames George Woods, J. S. North, B. Napier, Queen Jackson, Anna Reed, Martha Jackson. Refreshments-Mesdames W. S. Metcalf; Ed King, W. E. Carter, Walter Bell, Teana Pryor, Alma Jones. Ushers-Messrs. E. W. Moore, G. N. Moss, W. P. Ray.

New members to the missionary compaign: Mr G. N. Moss, Mr. Campbell, Mesdames Laura Hicks, Nora Gray, Stella Thompson, Odessa Jackson, Susie Perry, Maggie Tillett, Ida Lindsey, Mattie Jackson, Darlene Duvall, Mary Steward, E. Nolden.

Mrs. Maude Ray's club still leads in attendance.

# ZION BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES

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The Rev. W. F. Botts, Pastor.

Don't forget to keep boosting the Ladies' Gymnasium Class, every Friday night from 7:30 p. m. until 9 p. m. The Calendar System will give a

Valentine and postoffice entertainment February 13. Don't forget the date.

The display of the Ladies' Tailoring Class will be held soon. Look for the date. Come out and see what the ladies can do in the tailoring business.

The Progressive Club met with Mrs. A. F. Flannigan, 2915 Erskine street; Thursday evening.

The sick of the church are: Miss Edna Cox, Mrs. Griffin and Mr. E. Davis.

Ladies, bring new members to the Gym Class Friday evening. They will

# South Side Notes

(Mrs. Lulu Thornton, Correspondent)

Mrs. Sara Severe, who has been quite sick for about a fortnight, is much better.

Mr. William Mitchell, who has been traveling in South America, France, Spain and a portion of Africa, returned February 1 to New York. In a letter to his mother, Mrs. Jos. Mitchell, he tells of some thrilling experiences and says he considers himself fortunate in safely returning to the U.S.

Mrs. Eugene Parks left this week for her home in St. Joseph, Mo., after visiting with relatives here about two

Mrs. Hattie Osborne, who has been sick with an attack of bronchitis, is much better.

The baptizing of Bethel Baptist Church that was to have been February 4, has been postponed until the first Sunday in March.

Mrs. Ida Riddles is quite sick at her home at Twenty-fifth and S streets.

The Bethel Baptist Mission Circle met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Hilton, Thirty-third and U

The Ladies of the South Side met Thursday atfernoon at the home of Mrs. Riley Williams to organize an art class. Those present: Mesdames D. W. Pierson, L. W. Winston, Riley Williams, Alice Crittenden, Dennis Todd, John Gibbs and Miss Frankie R. Jackson. These ladies hope to make this a permanent organization and do much toward beautifying their homes.

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There will be a Valentine party Wednesday, February 14, at the Baptist Church.

P. Turner of Omaha, who has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Prunella Ross, has been ill, but is improving. He will return to Omaha soon.

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After arriving in Omaha I found out that Messrs. Banks & Wilks had taken charge of the body of my nephew, Cecil Smith. I immediately called upon them to make arrangements to bury the body. However, before they would attempt to proceed with the funeral they demanded of me the cash money or the turning over to their lawyer an insurance policy of 8:'00, which I carried for my nephew and of which I was the beneficiary. The insurance company, however, refused to enter into such an agreement. As I did not have the cash that they demanded to bury the body I called upon another firm of undertakers, Messrs, Jones & Chiles. This firm informed me that they were willing to wait for their fee until I had collected the insurance money which was due me. I accepted their terms and upon receipt of the insurance money I paid nothing dragging or tedious about it. them their fee in full.

Before Banks & Wilks would allow demanded \$25 for embalming and \$10 tion and should be liberally patron for two days' storage, a total of \$35. | ized.

This amount had to be paid them befor the body was turned over to the letter firm.

I take this occasion of publicly thanking Messrs. Jones & Chiles for the efficient way in which they handled this matter for me and for the extreme kindness and consideration shown me in my sad bereavement.

Very respectfully yours,

MRS. M. L. CESSNEY. . -Paid Communication.

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father: race prejudice is scarcely less bitter in the North than in the South. But the growing enmity toward the Negro is solidifying his forces in selfdefense, and the appointment of James Weldon Johnson, contributing editor of the New York Age, as field secretary for this association, is a practical guarantee that the unanimity of opinion expressed last summer at the Amenia Conference by the leaders of all schools of thought will work out during 1917. A more united front than colored Americans have presented to their enemies heretofore will result. Nineteen hundred and seventeen may see, also, the beginning of an organized Negro party, which, if the exodus continues until two million colored voters are in the North, will be a considerable political force.

The ancient and peculiarly American institution of lynching will probably receive a setback during 1917, not so much because the N. A. A. C. P. has just raised a small fund which will enable us to put the facts of the more spectacular burnings before the American people, but rather because the combination of the boll weevil and northern opportunity have made the mob an expensive luxury, and the South is becoming convinced that the day is here when they may be lynchno their own precious pockethooks.

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