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Chicago Women Reply to Prof. Kelly Miller

Members of the Frederick Douglass Social Center Disapprove of His Views on Suffrage.

WOMAN'S CAUSE IMPORTANT

Arguments Advanced Against It
Neither New Nor Weighty, Same
Used by All Advocates of
Special Privileges.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 26.—Recent utterances by Kelly Miller of Howard University in opposition to woman suffrage have not met the approval of the members of the Frederick Douglass Center, 2322 Wabash Avenue, an organization formed "to promote a just and amicable relation between the white and colored people."

A committee from the center, composed of Odilia Parker Wooley, head resident; Addie Robinson and Georgiana Whyte, has addressed an open letter to Prof. Miller, which is as follows:

Dear Professor.

The undersigned, appointed to address you in this manner by the Douglass Center Woman's club, wish to express their deep appreciation of your past services, not only in the educational field, but as an able and, hitherto, impartial advocate of human rights and of a growing democracy which draws no lines of race or sex or creed. It is because these feelings have been so strong that we are the more surprised and pained over your recent statement on woman suffrage. Up to this time we have followed your course without hesitation. We have listened to your eloquent appeals from the platform, have read your masterly essays in behalf of larger opportunity, as we believed, for every restricted class. Now we are filled with a deep sense of loss and mental confusion over what seems to us a grave moral defection.

We feel it hopeless to try to answer arguments like yours against woman's right to the ballot, which, begging your pardon, are neither new nor weighty. They are of the same nature as those which holders of special privilege always use in defense of class rights, the same as certain women suffragists use against the Negro's political and social advancement.

The cause of liberty is as wide as the earth's area. The friends of freedom must learn to walk abreast. When the attempt is made to turn one group against another, sucking the same goal, to exclude others from rights and privileges we ourselves have attained, the spectacle is a sorry one.

The woman's cause is as large and important as the man's, as the black man's, as the laboring man's. Sex has as little significance as race in just minds and in the distribution of

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Thoughts From Our Own Authors

"The highest function of a great name is to serve as an example and as a perpetual source of inspiration to the young who are to come after him. By the subtle law known as 'consciousness of kind,' a commanding personality incites the sharpest stimulus and exerts the deepest intensity of influence among the group from which he springs."

KELLY MILLER.



JOSEPH CARR, LL.B.
Attorney and Well-Informed Student of History.

Booker T. Washington

(Editorial in New York Age.)

Booker T. Washington is dead! The man who for nearly a quarter of a century stood before the world as the foremost representative of the Negro race, is no more. His death comes as a shock, for he had just reached the age when his powers for service to his race and to the nation were at their fullest development.

And yet, how much more fortunate he was than most men who have undertaken great things; he lived to see his dream come true. Perhaps, the fulfillment even exceeded his great dream, for with all of his optimism, with all of his faith—how, when he first looked over those bare, red hills of Alabama, could his vision have reached beyond the Tuskegee which crowns them today?

His life reads like a story from wonderland. It is as marvelous as a tale from the Arabian Nights. Born a slave, he was at Emancipation a mere ragged, penniless bit of humanity; but he lived to make himself the honored friend of rulers. He was born without a right to a name, but today there is, perhaps, only one other great living American whose name is so widely known throughout the world. He was born in the south when its laws placed him on a level scarcely above the cattle of the fields, yet he became the most illustrious citizen that the South has given to the nation since the Civil war. But more wonderful than the fame which he achieved

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Whites Not Negroes Are Responsible

Conditions depicted in Photo Drama
a Severe Reflection Upon
Dominant Race.

THE OMAHA WORLD-HERALD
Frankly and Fearlessly States Un-
popular Truths in Notes
Weekly Editorial.

In the issue of Saturday, November 20, the Omaha World-Herald, of which the Rev. Gilmore M. McRae, pastor of the United Methodist Church from Nebraska, is owner, published a full-page article and a scathing weekly editorial.

This scathing weekly play, "The Birth of a Nation," is now being run in Omaha, and in Omaha as elsewhere everywhere and respectfully Negroes are moved to protest against its presentation because they believe it of value to create prejudice against their race. In one sense they are right. The play does tend to create a prejudice against the Negro of the past and place with him the Nazis. Just in the same way does "Uncle Tom's Cabin" tend to arouse feeling against the whites of the antebellum South. Neither, it should be unnecessary to remark, is a strictly accurate and truthful and impartial record of that lamentable portion of American history with which it concerns itself. Even the most carefully and scientifically prepared history is replete with errors and unfairness, conscious and unconscious on the part of the writer, of both omission and commission. Quite naturally a novel, such as "The Chinaman," on which the play is based—a novel written from a violently biased viewpoint, must contain the same defects multiplied a thousand-fold.

Station a dozen of Omaha's best trained and most experienced citizens at Sixteenth and Farnam streets for an hour. Require them, on their departure, to write down fully and truthfully everything that they observed at that tiny pin-point on the map of Omaha—itself a pin-point on the map of the republic—within that little bit of time. You will have a dozen different reports, no two in exact agreement, some of them differing radically. What, then, can be expected of the written history of a continent, of a race? And how much less is to be expected of a dramatic plea such as "The Birth of a Nation"!

But there is another angle from which to consider this truly remarkable production. It shows us a certain element of the Negro population of the south after several generations of slavery. It shows us Negroes who had had no voice or share in the shaping of their own destinies, in the control of their own lives and activities. It shows us the Negro with no

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General Race News.

NEGRO TROOPS IN BALKANS.

The European press is singing the unsung praises of the famous French "Seventy-fives," Negro troops brought from Africa to fight the Germans in Belgium, but now transferred to the Balkans to stop the march of the Austria-Germans upon the Serbs. These Africans have distinguished themselves in battle every time they have been called upon to face the enemy, and so brave are they, and so effective are they in action, that the French have sent them to the Balkan front to save the Serbs.

We prefer the report as given by the International News Service to our continent, and herewith quote in part:

"At 2 o'clock the first Bulgarian shrapnel burst over the station. The ground between Valadvos and Strumitsa is stony and had been made soggy by rain. Four regiments of Bulgarian troops advanced across this space in close formation, after the German fashion. They were led by bomb throwers and Macedonian comitadjis, or irregulars. Many of the officers in the first line were Germans.

"When a few hundred yards away from the one end of the French line there burst forth suddenly a hurricane of bullets. The Bulgarians were mowed down in masses. The advancing line was bent, checked and tested.

"Then the French 'Seventy-fives' were turned loose and sent a storm of shells into the Bulgarian ranks with uninterrupted fury while machine guns crackled in horrid concert.

"The Bulgarian advance was immediately arrested. Not one out of the 400 or 500 Bulgars who reached the first French line escaped."

Just what these Negroes are doing for the French government, the Negroes of these United States have done for this government, and many victories won for the flag were Negro victories. Does it not seem strange, this loyalty of the black man everywhere? Regardless of the flag he serves, the soil he occupies, or the enemy, his loyalty is one and the same everywhere. His bravery makes him a preferred soldier, and his loyalty makes him treewatchy. If France and her allies win the struggle, France and the allies will take the glory. But the coming generations will know that some of the glory at least belongs to the sons of Africa.

Perhaps another war on this side of the Atlantic is needed to awaken this country to a full sense of its indebtedness to the black man. We hope the far-off arena, and the lesson coming to us therefrom, will prove sufficient for our country and our white brother.—The Pittsburgh Courier.

BURNED TO DEATH WHILE TEACHING

Hannibal, Mo., Nov. 26.—Mr. Henry Henly, son of Mrs. Anna A. Henly, a teacher of domestic science in the public schools here, was burned to death while performing his duty in the school at Jefferson City Monday, November 18, by the explosion of a can of oil. The body was shipped to Sedalia, Mo., for interment.

WASHINGTON SCHOOL BURNED.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 19.—The burning of the Cedar T. Washington school and many homes in that vicinity marks the new line of attack of our fat middle and numerous race prejudice. The site of the school is Thirteenth and Myrtle street, and an excellent one; the building was modern and upon the cottage plan, and there were 200 colored girls who attended. The East 35th Industrial company has endeavored without success to purchase the property, together with other homes owned in the neighborhood.

Mr. George Williams, who lives near the school, coming home about 11 p.m., discovered a fire at the school, and took no time to hurry home. But it, too, was afire. When he gave, left too late to save the building that had been laid, it is believed, by designing hand.

APPOINTED ASSISTANT MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Washington, D. C., Nov. 19.—Dr. A. M. Curtis, Jr., second son of Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Curtis of this city, has been appointed assistant medical director to the Tuskegee Institute Hospital and Training school, and has gone to Dr. Westcott's great school to resort for duty. Dr. Curtis is a graduate of the medical department of Howard University and served a year as an intern at Freedmen's hospital. He followed this on with post-graduate work at the city general hospital at Kansas City, Mo., from which place he was called to Tuskegee. Dr. Curtis will assist Surgeon-Chief John A. Quincy.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS IN THE CITY COUNCIL

Baltimore, Md., Nov. 19.—City Councilman Harry S. Cummings, of the Seventeenth ward, has just celebrated his twenty-fifth anniversary as his first election as a member of the First Branch city council. Mr. Cummings has served more than half of the years since as a member of that body, and last May was elected for another term of four years.

Cambridge, Mass., has a colored city councilman, Nehemiah Henry, and Annapolis, Md., one, J. Albert Adams.

WHY GO TO HAITI?

A white coffin containing a dummy body and an inscription which read, "When you see this, run. If you don't see it, run anyhow," was the manner in which a few white citizens of Jennings, Okla., had to warn the honest colored men to leave that community. Most of them have gone to Oklahoma City. Thus they are being forced into the large cities for protection. Another chance for the American government to interfere this side of Haiti.—National Baptist Union Review.

ELECTED TO CITY COUNCIL

Bridgeport, Ohio, Nov. 19.—The colored people of this city have every reason to feel proud of the fact that at the election on November 2 William Goode was elected to the city council here by a large majority over his white opponent.

JOSEPH CARR.

A man; the man who can afford to star continually, although he lives such a quiet and unostentatious life that he is seldom heard from and in both African nations of a warm circle of friends, is Joseph Carr, whose full report in this issue. A good face, yes, and it portrays the man.

Joseph Carr is one of the best-read men along historical lines, of any man in the city. You will notice that we do not qualify the statement by "local" or any other adjective. He has been an intelligent and enterprising student of history since boyhood. And his fund of historical knowledge is惊异ingly large. His eyes have been along comparative test that is to say, with a view of applying the lessons of the past and all of nations, races and dynasties to the Negro race, not only in America but throughout the world. He has dug up some mighty interesting facts, too, about the men from his own reading, which makes him an expert of the apocrypha. It is to be hoped that some day he will put these facts which he can tell so interestingly to his friends in some permanent form. He lays an claim to literary ability, but studies and studies and makes notes of what he reads simply because he loves to.

Joseph Carr was born February 13, 1877, in Boston, Mass., and is the second child and son of John and Maria A. Carr, who had been slaves and, although illiterate, were people of character and education. Joseph was sent to school, when four years of age, at Cambridgeport, Mass., and attended school until a little past seventeen, when he enlisted in the United States army, January 7, 1890. He was in the army for seventeen years, serving respectively as corporal, sergeant and post quartermaster sergeant, also acting clerk and sergeant major. He was honorably discharged August 26, 1897, and came to Omaha in September of the next year, where he has since resided. For a number of years he was janitor of the public library. He studied law in the Omaha School of Law in 1897-9, and passed the state bar at Lincoln June 17, 1899, and was admitted to practice.

Mr. Carr is a taxpayer and has devoted a good deal of his time to real estate. He is a pleasant, affable gentleman, kindly and charitable, and always anxious to interest young men and women in good literature.

LYNCHED FOR FREE SPEECH.

Aberdeen, Miss., Nov. 19.—John Taylor was lynched by a mob of masked men, for expressing an opinion concerning a (white) woman's wearing apparel. This is a new angle to mob activity; it is not the usual charge of "assault." The freedom of speech can never be a violation of law. At last the mob attacks the right of free speech! What next?

MISSOURI METROPOLIS TO BUILD Y. M. C. A.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 26.—A campaign is under way to raise \$125,000 for a Y. M. C. A., and Mr. Julius Rosenwald of Chicago has promised to give \$25,000 towards the building if \$125,000 can be raised otherwise.

Hopkins, a colored boy, is playing a star game with the Barnabozers, a St. Paul team. Solon of 1916 Minnesota fame, and McGovern, an All-American quarterback of 1909, are on the same team.

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News of the Churches

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M. Moriah—Twenty-sixth and Sewell streets. The Rev. W. B. M. Scott, pastor. Services: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; preaching, 11 a.m. and 8 p.m.; B. Y. P. U. at 6 p.m.

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

Episcopal—

Church of St. Philip the Deacon—Twenty-first near Paul street. The Rev. John Albert Williams, rector; residence, 1119 North Twenty-first street. Telephone Webster 4243. Services:

vises daily at 7 a.m. and 8 a.m.; services at 8 a.m. Sundays at 7:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; Sunday School at 12:45 p.m.

Methodist—

Allen Chapel, A. M. E., 181 South Twenty-fifth street, South Omaha. The Rev. John H. Nichols, pastor; residence, 181 South Twenty-fifth street. Services: Preaching, 11 a.m.; Sunday School, 1:45 p.m.

Grove M. E.—Twenty-second and Sewell streets. The Rev. G. G. Logan, pastor; residence, 3603 North Twenty-second street. Services: Sunday School at 10 a.m.; preaching at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Epworth League, 6:30 p.m.

St. John's A. M. E.—Eighteenth and Webster streets. The Rev. W. T. Osborne, pastor; residence, 613 North Eighteenth street. Telephone Douglas 3915. 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.

BOOKER TALLEFERRO WASHINGTON.

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is the actual work which he accomplished. Tuskegee stands as a monument to his tireless industry and dogged determination.

In the death of Dr. Washington the race suffers an immense loss. He had the nation for an audience. Whenever he spoke the nation listened. But the loss which his death incurs is not confined to the Negro race; it is one which the entire country suffers. He was a great Negro, but he was also more than that; he was a great American citizen. He was a citizen in which this country ought to feel the same kind of pride in having produced that it feels in having produced a Lincoln. In truth, if the lives of all the great men of this country were written out to be passed upon by the civilized world, not one would be a more impressive example to foreign peoples of the possibilities of American democracy than the life of Booker T. Washington. The whole history of the Republic can show no man, with the exception of Frederick Douglass, who rose to honorable fame in the face of such overwhelming obstacles. And his greatness need not be measured only by the depths from which he came; it may be measured also by the heights to which he attained.

His career affords many lessons to his own race. It is an example of how success may be won by concentrated energy and determination, in spite of intervening and surrounding difficulties. The traits of his character which stand out and which should ever be set for emulation were his power of devotion to an ideal, his great simplicity, his large optimism, his ability to overcome discouragement, and his skill as an organizer and builder. His great love for his race and his pride in being a Negro will be an inspiration for many generations to come.

No less important, perhaps more so, is the lesson to the white race. Dr. Washington's life was a justification of his famous plea, "Let down your buckets!" Here was a man born under conditions which made him a chaffeur, without early training at home or in school, a member of a proscribed and despised race, hemmed in, held back, pushed down; yet by his own will and worth, he made his life one of highest service to his race, his country and his age. Should not America then, in viewing this man's life, learn that the race to which he belonged is an almost untapped source from which may be drawn high and devoted service for the national welfare? Should not the white people of this country realize that in their midst there is a race possessed of powers and talents which can contribute to the glory of the nation?

The life of Booker T. Washington should inspire the resolve to make of these United States a democracy in reality as well as in name; to strike down the barriers of prejudice and pride and hate and injustice; to grant to every man, high or low, black or white, the right and opportunity to develop and give the best that is in him.

He is dead, but his name will not fade. He will stand typifying the dream of true democracy, that the lowest may rise to stand with the highest. His place in history will long serve as a beacon to those who start life handicapped. Tennyson had in mind such a character when he wrote of the man:

"Who breaks his birth's invidious bar,
And grasps the skirts of happy chance,
And bears the blows of circumstance,
And grapples with his evil star."

CORRECT LIVING.

Some persons say they can live as correct outside of the church as in it. Do they realize that they are living on an inheritance of morality and responsibility handed down from previous generations? There is a great deal of late left over piety in the world bequeathed by godly ancestors, owned by father or grandfather, and easily squandered.—Bishop Babcock.

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ATTORNEY H. J. PINKEETT MISQUOTED BY THE OMAHA DAILY NEWS

Friday night's Omaha Daily News contained a purported interview with Attorney H. J. Pinkett, in which he was represented as stating in substance that "The Birth of a Nation" was not seriously objectionable, save in two very minor and unimportant parts, and urging all to see it.

While frankly admitting everyone's right to his own opinion, the colored people of Omaha felt very indignant indeed that this position should be the free public school system of the south by a man of Mr. Pinkett's south, where, as is well known, there training and advantages in the fare had been more before.

"Out of that period came such men as Douglass, Langston, Bruce, Elliott and Pinckney, who have been an inspiration to colored youth throughout the years that have passed. And thanks to a generous north, schools were established all over the southland, and she gave the very flower of her youth to teach the Negro how to re-establish family life and become a useful part of society. How well they have succeeded, the Negro's progress attests.

"May we not fairly ask of the English-speaking race, which has done so much to spread the spirit of liberty in the world, if they would not make a better case for their claims to greatness by refusing to further handicap the already unfortunate Negro by exploiting his weakness through a highly-developed photographic art? Are you not strong enough to be just?

"It is a small thing to cripple a man and then chide him for his failure to win the race, as gaudy scenes in this play would do. At best, the lot of the Negro in America today is hard enough, and such plays as 'The Birth of a Nation' and 'The Nigger' should be suppressed, that it may not be made more difficult.

"H. J. PINKEETT."

"AN ORDINANCE IS PENDING."

"We have no ordinance at present to reach it. If we had one, of course I would see that it was enforced."

This statement was made to us by Mayor Dahlman, in whose sincerity we have had the utmost confidence, Saturday morning, November 6.

An ordinance was introduced the following week, was favorably reported, but has been held up at the behest of a sentiment-defying outside corporation, until they are about ready to leave town.

The city authorities are reminded that this movement on their part is regarded in a most unfavorable light by nearly 1,800 voters.

It will require lots of explanation THAT WILL NOT SATISFACTORILY EXPLAIN.

"Two colored were open to the

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Advertisement from last page.

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Do not forget that we suggested some weeks ago that our people here pay for the Old Folks' home. The Monitor has started a fund to help on the good work. The contribution of \$1 has been received. Don't hesitate to send in your contribution because you think it is too small.

"They bemoan." This was the favorite and persistent slogan of our碌ouristic predecessor, The Enter- pise, published for many years by T. P. McCormick. That slogan was oftentimes. Many of our people were induced to undertake hair-buying, for the good work going on.

We have dedicated a great deal of our space in this issue to editorial and personal comments on the life and work of Booker T. Washington, believing that the spirit would be of interest to our readers who might not otherwise see these tributes to a great man and leader. Of course, what we have been able to find space for forms a very infinitesimal part of what has been said and written. As a fact we must gain inspiration from the fact that one of our own late and less fortunate and adverse surroundings to such a commanding place in American history. It should be an inspiration to every Negro youth to make the best and most of his opportunities.

James Johnson, a young colored man who plays on the Y. M. C. A. football team (white) of O. City, Pa., has been re-elected captain of the team.

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Events and Persons

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

Mrs. L. M. Bentley-Webster, who underwent an operation a short time ago at the Lord Lister hospital, is very much better and will be home the first part of next week.

Mr. John R. Pegg of Tepuka, Kan., is visiting his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Grant Pegg.

Miss Hazel Hall, who was seriously ill last week, is very much better.

The funeral of Mrs. Nora Mealey was held Saturday afternoon from the G. Wade Obee undertaking parlors.

Mr. Clyde Beal and Mr. James Taylor married in Lincoln Sunday.

The funeral of Louis Wyant was held from the undertaking parlors of G. Wade Obee company.

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Mr. and Mrs. Gibson of Garinda, Ia., are the guests of Mrs. Picken of Sherman avenue.

Mr. Charles Shelton returned home from Lincoln Monday night.

The first annual ball of the Colored Friends of Omaha was given Friday evening, November 19, at the Alamo hall. The affair was a great success.

Professor and Mrs. J. W. Bundrant gave a theatre party Saturday evening, complimentary to Miss Allie B. Freeman. In the party were Miss Corinne Thomas and Dr. George Parker. After the theatre an auto ride around the city was enjoyed by the party.

The remains of Mrs. Gussie Campbell were shipped by Banks & Wilks, November 23, to Kansas City, Mo., for burial.

The following program was given Friday evening of last week by the New Era Dramatic club: An excellent talk, "Our Effort," by Dr. George Parker; a violin solo, by Paul Moore, and a trio, by Professor and Mrs. Bundrant and Miss Corinne Thomas.

Mrs. Annie Reed entertained at dinner Sunday Mrs. Goff and her guest, Mrs. Burton, of Denver, Colo.

Mrs. Slaughter of Detroit, Mich., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Thomas Reese, at 2723 Miami street.

The Thanksgiving Day matinee dance given by Messrs. E. Walker, James Peoples and H. Harold at the Alamo hall was a great success.

A memorial service for the late Booker T. Washington will be held at Zion Baptist church, Twenty-sixth and Franklin streets, Sunday afternoon. An appropriate program will be given.

The Progressive club, of which Mrs. Cindy Davis is president, gave a four-course dinner Thursday of last week at the home of Mrs. J. H. Russell for the purpose of raising money to buy a new roof for the Zion Baptist church. It was a great success. About 150 were present.

The Owl club held their weekly meeting last Tuesday night. Much important business was transacted.

Mrs. Ollie Anderson, wife of Mrs. L. Davis, is very much improved and will go to Tonka Sunday to visit her mother, Mrs. L. Gilley.

Miss Rosema Jane Mussey who died November 19 was buried at Forest Lawn cemetery Monday afternoon. The funeral was held from Mt. Moriah Baptist church. Rev. W. B. M. Scott officiated. Jones & Chiles were the undertakers.

Charles Edward, the 2-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Brooks of 2427 Parker street, died November 22 with pneumonia. The funeral was held from the same November 24. The Rev. W. T. Botts officiated and Jones & Chiles had charge of the funeral.

Miss Wilson of Lafayette, Ind., a graduate nurse of Provident Hospital, Chicago, and a classmate of the Misses Anna McLendon and Pearl Duncan, is in the city at the residence of Mrs. Brown, Thirty-sixth and Parker streets. Miss Wilson has been appointed as a nurse in the City Emergency Hospital where Miss McLendon has been serving with such efficiency and acceptability for several months. Indeed, it is due to the fact that Miss McLendon has been so proficient in that institution that another nurse of our own has been added to the hospital staff.

Thomas F. Mason of Nehawks, Nebr., the only Negro mail carrier in that thriving little city, accompanied by his mother and his sister, Ella, motored to Omaha for Thanksgiving day and were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dorris Thornton, 2818 Miami street. His father, Thomas F. Mason, who is at present visiting the California exposition, is the superintendent of ex-Congressman Pollard's large and famous apple orchard, which is one of the largest in the country. It will be of interest to our readers to know that Mr. Pollard has announced his candidacy for the republican nomination for governor.

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Mrs. D. James entertained the Social Hour club Wednesday afternoon. Luncheon was served at 1:30, after which the afternoon was spent in needle work.

Charles Ward, a laborer, shot and killed his bride of two weeks, who was formerly a Mrs. Stewart, in their room on North Eleventh street Sunday night and then committed suicide. The bodies are at the undertaking rooms of Banks & Wilks from which the funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The members of the Church of St. Philip the Deacon, following their custom of several years, very bountifully provided for their pastor and family's Thanksgiving dinner. A generously-sized turkey and the necessary accompaniments were important items of the gifts so thoughtfully provided and gratefully appreciated.

Mrs. Anna Ray of 2111 North Twenty-sixth street, is on the sick list.

Mrs. H. A. Chiles returned last Saturday from Thonakon, Ga., where she buried her mother.

Messamies C. Jelby, S. Gray and G. Ashby spent Monday, November 9, in Lincoln in the interest of the State Home for the Aged Negro and Orphan Children of the state, lately purchased by the State Federation of Women's Clubs.

A "Bazaar Kurmene," under the auspices of the Woman's club, will be given December 16 and 17 for the benefit of charity. A change of program each night. Grove M. E. church.

Card of Thanks.
Mrs. Sarah Lockman and her brother Werner Bradwine, wish to express their thanks to the friends who showed them so many kindness during the sickness and death of their daughter and wife, Alberta Alexander.

A CARD OF THANKS.
I wish to thank my friends for the star which was given to me last week.

HARRY BUFORD

CHICAGO WOMEN REPLY
TO PROF. KELLY MILLER

(Continued from last page.)
natural or acquired rights, like those of citizenship. We have counted you among the believers in a human universalism that makes no exception of class or individual. It is with profound sorrow that we see you step down from this level to another where you are content to seek a good for yourself and your particular group which you deny to another; and that other one which has afforded your race great aid and inspiration, and deserves a better return.



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AGAINST THE CURRENT.

Those who have a purpose in life are striving toward that purpose; those who are courageous, ambitious and patient and are trying to lift themselves and others upward are steering their life vessels against the current, while those who are satisfied with going downward, who are waiting for something to turn up, those who are without ambition, without bravery and do not even attempt to push forward, are drifting with the current.

Courage is one of the major elements that help to push forward. Many do not possess it, hence the power to resist the current is lost. We must possess the courage to hold on. All vessels steering upstream must encounter the winds, must contend with the waves that beat against them, before they reach a successful landing.

A dead fish will float with the stream, but it takes a very lively one to swim against a strong current. We reach success by persevering. If the causes of all the failures in the world were found, it would be seen that they were mostly due to the loss of self-confidence. It takes self-confidence to pull out and act independently, to keep one's grip and climbing qualities.

"Live for something; have a purpose. And that purpose keep in view; Drifting like a helpless vessel, Thou canst never live by true."

Success seldom comes by chance. Luck should be spelled by prefixing a "P." Work, strive, persevere! He pays dear who succeeds where others fail.

L. H. E.

YOUR NEIGHBOR'S FEARS AND CARES.

Many of our worst troubles arise from thinking of what others may be thinking about us. We wonder what the neighbors are saying. Often our imaginations get to work and when we see two acquaintances talking we make ourselves the subjects and build up all sorts of gossip and misrepresentation. If we happen to hear our names mentioned casually, we jump to the conclusion that we are being ridiculed or condemned. This is one of humanity's oldest ailments and it has done more to bring gray hairs, produce insomnia and make wrinkles than any dozen diseases. The pity is that the whole thing is so unnecessary.

Even if people do gossip about us we ought to be strong enough to ignore it. You do not stop work because there are a few noises around. You work all the harder and conquer the distractions. If you did not you would never earn a living. God gave us minds to lift ourselves. It happens that in nine cases out of ten the others are thinking less about us than we are about them, and in most of the other tenth they are not saying anything that would hurt. There is a quaint old Scotch blessing to church-goers that has these very nice lines:

The one that's in the seat wi' ye Is stronger now than you may be, A' have less got their fears and cares. Take any side of the problem you will and you will find that your

neighbors think no more ill of you than you do of them, and that always they have just about the same fears and cares as yet have. When we get into the mood of suspecting our neighbors we should read the fifth chapter of First Corinthians: we should read it all and read it often, but we should keep very clear in our memory the last three words of the fifth verse, which are, "think on me evil." -W. M. W.

A PRAYER.

Mister of sweet and loving love,
Give us the open mind,
To know religion means no curse,
No lies, these being kind.

Give us the comprehensive sight
That sees another's need,
And let our aim be set things right
Peace God inspired our creed.

Give us the soul to know our kin
That loves in Rock and head,
Our voice to fight man's unrighteousness
Against the beast and bird.

Give us a heart with love so freighted
For all created things,
That even our unspoken thought
Beats braving on its wings.

Give us religion that will cope
With life's colossal woes,
And turn a radiant face of hope
On troops of pigmy foes.

Give us the mystery of our fate
In thoughts so warm and white,
They stamp upon the brows of life
Love's glorious seal of light.

Give us the strong, courageous faith
That makes of gain a friend,
And calls the secret word of death
"Beginning," and not "end."

Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

OLD FOLKS' HOME FUND.

No one is authorized to solicit for The Monitor's Old Folks' Home Fund. Contributions must be sent or brought to the office of The Monitor. A receipt on a printed form will be given to each contributor. His name and the amount will be published in our columns. As soon as \$100 is received it will be turned over to the treasurer of the Negro Women's Christian Association to be paid on the property, and a copy of the receipt from the treasurer and from the real estate agent to whom payment is made will be published in this paper.

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TRIBUTES FROM PROMINENT MEN AND WOMEN.

Jane Addams.
"I have known Mr. Booker T. Washington for many years and have had the pleasure of twice visiting Tuskegee.

"I regard him as one of the great educators of his time and as the originator of educational methods which are destined to have far-reaching results upon the education of all nations in this country as well as in Europe.

"His death is a great loss to educational and social forces in America which have had few exponents of his ability and originality."

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Science Notes

BY WILLIAM G. HAYNES.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

Is it possible for an irresistible force to meet an immovable body?

A. As a logical quibble it is possible to conceive of an irresistible force and of an immovable body, but only as a logical conception. No such force or body exists anywhere in nature. Both of these must be infinite in quantity to be irresistible and immovable. Anything less could be overcome. Thus we reach the inference as a logical conclusion that such a combination is a physical impossibility.—*Scientific American*.

(13094) R. G. asks: If I suspend a certain heavy object on a spring scale exactly on the equator, the indicated weight will show the difference between the force of attraction and the centrifugal power of our globe. The same scale with the same object brought to one of the poles, the attraction towards the center of the earth—now not being counteracted by the centrifugal power which at the poles is equal to zero—will cause a stronger declination on the scale. A different weight ought to be obtained also if the experiment, for reasons of convenience, is made between two points not so far apart north and south as those above mentioned.

A. You are quite right in your statement that a body, when weighed with a spring balance, will weigh more at the poles of the earth than at the equator, because of the absence of centrifugal force at the poles. This force is 1/280 of the weight. It will weigh more at the poles because it is nearer the center of the earth at the poles. At points intermediate between the equator and the poles it will weigh more than at the equator, the weight increasing as the body is carried away from the equator.—*Scientific American*.

EDITORIAL COMMENTS FROM PRESS OF COUNTRY ON DEATH OF WASHINGTON

MAN OF EXTRAORDINARY NATIVE TALENT.

(The New York Times.)

Dr. Washington was a man of extraordinary native talent which, considering the quality and extent of his achievement and its relation to the highest interests of the Republic, may well be called genius. Taken in connection with his character, the loftiness and scope of his moral purposes, the complexity of his task, and the obstacles he had to overcome, his career is one of the most remarkable that our history affords. It is doubtful if any American, within the forty years of his active life, has rendered to the nation service of greater or more lasting value than his.

A GREAT LEADER.

(New York Evening Mail.)

America is poorer because of the death of Booker T. Washington. He was a great leader who saw fundamentals clearly. By the work of his hands and his own will and determination he rose from the poverty and ignorance that hemmed in his race. He was one of the first Americans, black or white, to recognize clearly that civilization is built not upon cultural studies, but upon an economic foundation. He held that each individual acquires his basic character

qualities and the fundamental virtues that make him a useful member of society through useful, purposeful work with the hands.

THE SECRET OF HIS SUCCESS.

(New York Evening Post.)

In Booker T. Washington the country loses not only a leader, but one who was in his person a real triumph of democracy.

If there was any secret of his success in overcoming the terrible obstacles which confronts every man of color, it lay surely in his unfailing optimism, his dogged determination to let no obstacle stand him, and to be himself above mankind in humanization. He was bold enough to see early in life that the men who lost us another because of some difference in natural attributes, injuries himself, and not the object of his venom. No disappointment could discourage him; if one benefactor dropped out, he found another for the place; if his audiences were small and the returns disappointing, why there was other audience to be found. And so he speedily typified in his person all the great work that Hampton and Tuskegee and a host of other schools were doing for his race, and proved beyond dispute how that work of bringing light to those that would otherwise sit in darkness bears enormous fruitness not only for the blacks but for the entire Republic. Thus thousands who heard him speak realized for the first time what talents, what possibilities of individual usefulness, in latent among our colored fellow citizens, and others found in his "Up From Slavery" a real tract for democracy and for the brotherhood of man.

NATIONALLY FAMOUS.

(The New York Press.)

Born the fatherless son of a slave woman, Booker T. Washington became nationally famous and universally respected. He was the guest of one president, the host of another. Washington was a master of arts by virtue of a degree conferred upon him at Harvard, and a doctor of laws of Dartmouth college. He was acknowledged the greatest educator the Negro race ever produced. Possibly he was the greatest man in all history with Negro blood in his veins.

HE WAS A MAN.

(The Pittsburgh Leader.)

The death of Booker T. Washington deprives his race of the sympathetic labors of a man who has done more for his people than Abraham Lincoln did when he set them free from the shackles of bondage to the Southern plantations.

Lincoln did no more, could do no more, than apply the cutting file of executive power to the chains that bound them in bodily slavery to their white masters. That was much, but infinitely less than what Booker Washington has done.

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In time to come, when the merits of Booker T. Washington's lifetime are gone over by the student of human progress, it will be forgotten that he was a black man, born in slavery.

No one will think of whether he was white or black. No one will care. He will be held as one who loved his fellow men far beyond the ordinary limits of fraternal warmth.

They will recognize one quality and that will be enough, whether the subject have a black skin or white.

"He was a man."

IMPOSSIBLE TO MEASURE INFLUENCE.

(Detroit (Mich.) Free Press.)

It is impossible to measure the influence Booker T. Washington exerted upon the progress of civilization during his lifetime. The undimmed standards by which we gauge the results of an educator's work do not apply to his case, for the culture of Tuskegee has been more far-reaching than that which characterizes most educational institutions generally. He made his influence upon those who passed directly through his hands, as all college students do, and three times that have been in very large number since the attendance at the school in the one year is more than 1,000. But the one of his graduates who is a teacher, sent out to disseminate through the ranks of the Negro people the forces of uplifting culture in a certain line or by the founder of the college, and in this light the ultimate influence of the man upon the world becomes one of the marvels of our era.

For the advance of the Negro race in the United States, it is to be borne in mind, has been, from the moment of slavery conditions, the slave being neither and having nothing to do with the race is and has today. It is not to be supposed, of course, that the average level of the Afro-American people has been raised through the long sweep of distance which Booker Washington covered in his personal up-climb. He was a singular exception, even among our people. But the race level has gone up to a marvelous extent from its starting point, and for this aggregate advance the educator now dead should be given a large degree of credit in addition to what he deserves for his individual development.

Estimated in gross, it may be that the influence of this son of a slave woman and an unknown father has been the greatest of all American forces for progress in our generation. His computation is beyond finite minds. Only the Supreme Judge can know the answer to the question. But at least we mortals can bid farewell to the departed man with deep respect and an acknowledgment of his to us unmeasurable value to our time.

"A PIONEER."

(Raleigh News and Observer.)

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 14.—Booker T. Washington should be recognized as a pioneer in leading his race into paths along which it had the best opportunity of advancement. In emphasizing the value of industrial undertakings to the Negro, he rendered a service to that race and to the white man.

"His work at Tuskegee has proved of value to the South and to the nation. He has been a wise counsellor of his people. His efforts have been a source of uplift to the Negro, whom he has emancipated from many things which shackled. The career of Booker T. Washington gives him first place among his race in America."

"LABORED FOR REAL GOOD."

(Little Rock, Ark., Gazette.)

Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 14.—"Booker T. Washington commanded himself to the people of Arkansas because he labored for the real good of his race. He taught his people the nobility of labor, and those who have listened well have prospered in the South, where the industrious Negro never lacks work."

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News of the Lodges and Fraternities

Masonic.

Rough Asher 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.

Zeta Temple No. 53, A. F. & A. M., Omaha, Neb. Meetings the fourth Wednesday in each month. N. Hunter, Ill. Potentate; Charles W. Dickerson, Ill. Record.

Shaffer Chapter No. 45, O. E. S., Omaha, Neb. Meetings first and third Friday in each month. Maggie Hartson, R. M.; Elvira Obey, Secretary.

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

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

Keystone Lodge No. 4, K. of P., Omaha, Neb. Meetings first and third Thursday of each month. C. Lewis, C. G.; A. Marshall, K. of R. S.

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

Omaha Lodge No. 2226, Grand United Order of Odd Fellows. Meeting nights, the first and third Thursdays of each month. Lodge rooms, 2522½ Lake street. T. S. Montes, N. G.; J. C. Belcher, Cor. Secretary.

Publicists are still trying to eliminate the hyphen in all America except the Afro-Americans. Why not eliminate the hyphen for all the nations? Why leave any hyphenated in the land of the free and the home of the brave?

A PLEASING RECITAL.

We are naturally a race of music lovers, and Thursday night at the recital of Miss Allie Freeman, under the auspices of the Negro Women's Christian Association, we demonstrated this fact to ourselves. The women of the association deserve a great deal of praise. They have set a standard in high class entertainment which the people of Omaha should not lesser.

Every number on the program was well given and well received. Miss Freeman, who is the niece of Mr. R. W. Freeman, rendered a difficult program with ease, and a fine appreciation of the music.

Among the numbers given by her was "Let Us Cheer the Weary Traveler," a selection composed by an artist of our own race, Samuel Coleridge Taylor.

The others taking part in this recital were Miss Darlene Duval, a mezzo soprano with a voice of volume and sweetness; Mr. Rufus Lang who sings a bit baritone; Miss Irene Cockran, a soprano, rendered a solo, "When the Heart is Young," which was exceptionally well received, and Prof. J. W. Burdette gave, by request, an excellent rendering, "The Minstrel," from Pae.

The program follows:

- 1—Cavalier Artisan Richard A. Green Lane
- 2—Miss Allie H. Freeman
- 3—Solo—"Oh, Eyes That Are Weary" Brackwell
- 4—Miss Darlene Duval
- 5—Solo—"Sing Me to Sleep" Irene
- 6—Mr. Rufus Lang
- 7—Prael and Peasant—(Overture) Farnie
- 8—(a) Song of the Sunflower Farnie
- 9—(b) Song of the Daffodil Farnie
- 10—(c) Song of the Jasminite Farnie
- 11—Miss Freeman
- 12—Recalling (by request)—"The Murderer" Prof. J. W. Burdette
- 13—"Let Us Cheer the Weary Traveler" S. Coleridge Taylor
- 14—Miss Freeman
- 15—Solo—"When the Heart is Young" Dudley Buck
- 16—Miss Irene Cockran
- 17—Prelude in C minor Prof. J. W. Burdette
- 18—Rachmaninoff Miss Freeman

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