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Will Omaha Permit Dixon's Photo Play?

"The Birth of a Nation" Condemned
By Many People Is Interdicted
In Several Cities.

REASONS BARRED FROM OHIO

Proclaims Doctrines Which Cost War
Justifies Klu Klux Atrocities
Maligns Negro Race.

"The Birth of a Nation," a powerful photo play, based upon Dixon's pernicious prejudice-breeding book, The Clansman, has been engaged for "an indefinite run" at the Brandeis theater, this city. The engagement, unless it is prevented, is to begin Sunday, November 14. The press agent states that "this picture has created a furore wherever it has been staged," which is undoubtedly true. It has been the cause of riots in Boston and Philadelphia. The mayor of Atlantic City, N. J., ordered its presentation stopped there because of the bad feeling it was engendering; many other cities, east and west, have placed it under the ban. Thoughtful men and women like Moorfield Storey, ex-president of the American Bar association; Oswald G. Villard, editor of The New York Evening Post; Dr. Washington Gladden, Rabbi Kornfield, Jane Addams and others, not alarmists or fanatics, have condemned it as false to history and dangerous to public safety, and the board of censors of Ohio, after a week's deliberation, during which strong influences were brought to bear upon them to license its production in the state, barred it from the state of Ohio.

We opposed "The Birth of a Nation" being booked as a municipal attraction for our auditorium and the city authorities sustained us in our objections. We are opposed to its production at the Brandeis theatre. There are doubtless legal methods by which its production may be prevented. In our judgment, there is a better way, and that is a calm, dispassionate appeal, which we now make, to the sense of justice and fair play upon the part of the men and women of Omaha, whom we believe can be relied upon to oppose anything that is distasteful to any large group of our citizens.

When the State Board of Censors, October 18, refused a permit to "The Birth of a Nation" to show in the state of Ohio the chairman of the board gave out the following remarkable and conclusive statement of the board's reasons for barring the show from Ohio, and the board's decision is final:

"It will not be disputed that it has a great dramatic value and is stupendous from the standpoint of camera achievements. On the other hand, by no stretch of the imagination can we get away from the fact that it reflects unfavorably upon the

We Appeal to Our Omaha Friends to Prevent This Play

"The whole tendency of the motion picture drama, 'The Birth of a Nation,' is to arouse loathing and contempt of whites against blacks."
From editorial in Kansas City Times, October 26, 1915.

"Not only does it rekindle the feeling of sectional hatred, but it strongly tends to arouse prejudice and hatred among the coming generation against a race that is living in our midst."

From official report of Ohio State Board of Censors, October 8, 1915, in barring play from Ohio.



HARRY BUFORD POLICE CHAUFFEUR

Omaha boy who is making good on the police department.

colored race. The entire latter half is devoted to scenes and subtitles portraying colored men engaged in all sorts of vicious conduct toward the whites of the south during the Civil war and the reconstruction period following. There are many mob scenes where Negroes are in the most repelling way attacking white citizens, and scenes where Negro men are forcing their attentions upon white women and are engaged in all sorts of ridiculous and knavish conduct, not only as individuals, but as a race. True, they were in many instances led by what the film terms 'scalawag carpetbaggers,' but this only further reflects upon the government of that period. While the picture is based upon some historical facts, many phases are exaggerated in such a way that the child, unfamiliar with the real facts of history, would, upon viewing the film, immediately conclude that the result of the Civil war was the greatest crime in the annals of history, rather than the prevention of human beings driven by the lash and sold upon the auction block. The entire film would seem to proclaim the very doctrine which it cost a half million lives

and billions of dollars to eradicate.

"Not only does it rekindle the feeling of sectional hatred, but it strongly tends to arouse hatred and prejudice among the coming generation against a race that is living in our midst, 120,000 of whom are in Ohio. I consider it wholly unwise, unjust, dangerous and harmful to officially approve a film that reflects upon them and incites hatred toward them, retarding them in their progress, as this film does.

Can't Be Purged.

"The play also represents the Ku-Klux Klan in such a manner that their conduct is applauded. It tends to justify that organization in capturing Negroes and, as masked vigilance committees, trying them at night, convicting them of supposed outrages, executing them and placing their bodies at the doors of state officials who sympathized with their cause. Without discussing the justification of their methods of that day, the spirit that urged their activities at that time is the same that prompts such appalling conduct in recent

"Birth of a Nation" Condemned By Press

The Kansas City Times, Leading
Daily Newspaper, Deprecates
Its Presentation in Missouri.

A GRAND SCENIC SPECTACLE

Has Tendency to Arouse Loathing
and Contempt of Whites
Against Blacks.

When leading newspapers of the country, not given to hysteria, but sane and sober-minded moulders of public opinion, sound a note of warning against the dangerous tendencies of a heavily-capitalized and popular photoplay film, there must be something wrong with that film.

The Kansas City Times, one of the leading daily papers in the state of Missouri in its issue of October 26th, published an editorial on "The Birth of a Nation." It was this widely-read and influential paper's estimate of Thomas Dixon's motion picture play adapted from his novel called the "Clansman." The Times regrets that Kansas City is compelled to suffer from the evil effects inevitable from the production of the picture in that city. Here is the editorial comment of this great metropolitan daily:

"It is a wonderful spectacle, this 'Birth of a Nation,' that is showing in motion pictures in Kansas City this week; a scenic marvel. And yet what is to be thought of an author who would deliberately bring all the resources of his art to bear on a spectacle founded on race hatred? Who would seek popularity by inflaming the worst passions of the human heart?

"The South went through some wretched and terrible experiences in the reconstruction period. Mr. Dixon has picked out and invented some dramatic and revolting episodes and made them typical. In doing this he has succeeded in picturing the Negro as wholly degraded and bestial, with unlimited possibilities of evil.

"Although he expressly disavows any application to the conditions of today, the whole tendency of the book and the motion picture drama is to arouse loathing and contempt of whites against blacks. The applause which the pictures evokes shows the intensity of the feeling.

"At best the dramatized version of 'The Clansman' is bound to aggravate a problem that is bad enough with no additional complications. So far as Kansas City is concerned, it would help if the play could be still further censored, and if applause could be done away with altogether as is in the case of war films."

Attend Protest Meeting Sunday

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General Race News

JAMES L. CURTIS GOES TO LIBERIA

New York City, Nov. 5.—President Wilson announced on Monday, October 25, the appointment of Counselor James L. Curtis, of New York, as American Minister-Resident and Consul General to the Liberian government, to be stationed at Monrovia, Liberia, succeeding the Hon. George W. Buckner, of Evansville, Ind., lately resigned.

Mr. Curtis owes his appointment to the good offices of Bishop Alexander Walters, who was tendered the position by the president in September. Bishop Walters declined to accept, but in declining asked for the consideration of Mr. Curtis, at the same time strongly endorsing his claims. The appointment of Mr. Curtis is a recognition of his services in behalf of the democratic party in New York, with which he has been affiliated for some years.

The former incumbent of this office, Dr. Buckner, left Monrovia in April on leave of absence and returned to this country. While at home he tendered his resignation to the president, but no publicity had been given to that fact other than an announcement by the Evansville Courier that such was Dr. Buckner's intention. It is believed that Mr. Curtis will fill the position acceptably and with satisfaction to all parties concerned.

REFUSED SERVICE IN RESTAURANT, MANAGER FINED

Grand Rapids, Mich., Nov. 5.—As compensation for an insult, the jury in Judge McDonald's court has rendered a verdict of \$75 in favor of Joseph J. Adams. George A. Fraam (white), proprietor of a restaurant and ice cream parlor, was the defendant. Adams was refused service at the parlors one evening while in company with two young women. The judge reminded Mr. Fraam, who said his father was an abolitionist and Union soldier, that Mr. Adams was an American, and that as long as he was a judge on the bench in that or any other state, such as he would have to respect all patrons that came into their places of business. If he wanted to do otherwise he must move his business down South, because Michigan would be a bad place for him.

ARKANSAS JAILER DEFIED MOB OF 200

Marion, Ark., Nov. 5.—The nerve and courage of Deputy Sheriff Williford, who also acts as jailer, frustrated the plans of a mob of 200 white men, who were intent on lynching Gene Judah, a Negro, confined in the jail under charge of criminal assault on a young woman at Earle, eighteen miles from Marion.

The mob rode up to the jail at 2 o'clock in the morning and by a pretext got the jailer to open the door. But when the mob attempted to force its way in, Williford thrust his pistol against the leader's side and forced him outside. Then he locked the door and defied the mob, assuring them that he would defend the jail as long as his ammunition lasted.

The members of the mob were cowed by his bold stand and left in their automobiles, going in the direction of Earle.

RICH INVESTMENTS FOR NEGRO CHILDREN

Muskogee, Okla., Nov. 5.—Much interest has been excited by the announcement that the Severs block, located on Broadway, running from Main to Second streets, the most prominent business location in the city, has been purchased for Luther Manuel, a little 12-year-old Negro boy, by his white guardian, at a cost of \$120,000. The investment was sanctioned by Judge Leahy.

Luther Manuel is a youngster whose income from oil lands is piling up at the rate of \$25,000 to \$30,000 a month.

A similar investment was made for Sarah Rector, 15 years old, who has been called the richest Negro child in the world. The Bib Fike apartment and business block, South Second street, was bought for her for \$57,000. This is in a Negro section, but Severs block is in a locality where everything and everybody passes.

DIES AT ATLANTA, GA.

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 5.—Captain Christopher C. Wimbish, formerly surveyor of customs of the city of Atlanta, died early Monday morning, October 18, at his home, Ellis and Fort streets. He was sick just thirty-six hours.

Captain Wimbish was one of the old school of Georgia Negro republicans, and was chairman of the Fifth congressional district for a number of years. He represented the district at four national conventions, and was appointed surveyor of customs by President Harrison. President McKinley appointed him to the same position and he was a clerk in the Atlanta postoffice at the time of his death.

INDIANS AND EQUAL RIGHTS

Hampton, Va., Nov. 5.—There can never be a question of greater importance to the people of the United States than the one of equality before the law. This question will be laid directly before the next congress at Washington concerning the Indian. The Committee on Indian Relations of the Constitutional Convention, held in New York, have made a strong recommendation to abolish all tribal courts. Indians are not citizens of the United States until they are subject to the general jurisdiction of its laws. Congress has the power to restore them to citizenship which will carry with it equality before every court in the nation.

The sentiment to give all men equal justice—discussed in Southern Workmen Hampton Institute.

ANDERSON GETS APPOINTMENT.

New York, Nov. 5.—Governor Chas. Whitman has appointed the Hon. Charles W. Anderson of New York city as supervising agent of the agricultural department, with headquarters in New York city. The appointment became effective November 1, 1915.

Mr. Anderson was until recently collector of internal revenue in New York city, which position he held under three presidents. As collector his record was A No. 1, his office handling more money, probably, than any other office in the revenue service.

COLORED ATHLETES AT CORNELL

The colored freshmen at Cornell university are beginning already to win their laurels in the field of athletics. Mr. Seabrook, formerly of Manual High, Brooklyn, is giving a repetition of his good work in New York city high school athletics. He has had no trouble in excelling in his event, the quarter-mile, so far, and Mr. Waller, of boys' high school, Brooklyn, is a close second. Mr. Daly, the well-known cross-country man, also of New York city, is among the top-notchers in freshman cross-country runners. Mr. McCoy of St. Louis, is trying out for coxswain of the freshman boat crew.

Frank Judkins, New York city's high school cross-country champion, competed in the New York state cross-country championships at Cornell university, Saturday, October 26.

RURAL SCHOOL FUND LEFT BY BROOKLYN MAN

A bequest of the estimated value of \$10,000 to Booker T. Washington for use in community, country and rural Negro schools is contained in the will of the late Christopher G. Painter of Brooklyn, who died in California June 20. The will as filed for probate in the surrogate's office in Brooklyn. The estate, under the will, goes principally in equal shares to the testator's widow, Mrs. Ruby B. Painter, and his mother, Mrs. Alice A. Painter.

INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT OF FISK

Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 5.—Elaborate arrangements are being made for the inauguration of Payette Avery McKenzie as president of Fisk university, the exercises running from November 6 to 9.

The inauguration exercises proper will be held Tuesday, November 9, at 10:30 a. m., with an address by Governor M. G. Brumbaugh of Pennsylvania.

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News of the Churches and Religious Topics

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Mt. Moriah—Twenty-sixth and Seward 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. Dotts, pastor; residence, 2522 Grant street. Telephone Webster 5838. Services: Devotional hour, 10:30 a. m.; preaching, 11 a. m.; Sunday School, 1 to 2 p. m.; pastor's Bible class, 2 to 3 p. m.; B. Y. P. U., 6:30 p. m.; choir devotion, 7:30 p. m.; preaching 8 p. m.

Episcopal—

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

vices daily at 7 a. m. and 9 a. m. Fridays at 8 p. m. Sundays at 7:30 a. m., 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 12:45 p. m.

Methodist—

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, 1:30 p. m.

Grove M. E.—Twenty-second and Seward streets. The Rev. G. G. Logan, pastor. Residence, 1628 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 5914. Services: Sunday, 11 a. m. and 8 p. m., preaching; 12 noon, class; 1:15 p. m., Sunday School; 7 p. m., Endeavor; Wednesday, 8 p. m., prayer and class meetings. Everybody made welcome at all of these meetings.

Jubilee Exposition Shows Remarkable Advance of Race

The most historic exhibition ever opened for the inspection of the public in many ways was the Lincoln Jubilee Exposition of Half a Century of Negro freedom, which was held in Chicago a short time ago, writes Bishop Samuel Falows of the Reformed Episcopal church.

From President Wilson down, leading public men showed a proper appreciation of the necessity for and value of this exposition. The president has been our patron. Governor Dunne and the Illinois legislature made it possible for us to get state financial assistance to the amount of \$50,000, while the citizens of Chicago donated \$25,000 more.

The exposition demonstrated what the Negro has accomplished in his fifty years of freedom. It was divided into twelve departments as follows: Education, religion, industry, social progress, music, sociology, military, liberal arts, professional, fraternal, athletics and miscellaneous.

Out of the mass of statistics regarding the Negro prepared by the commission the following are interesting:

Population:	1863	1915
Slave	3,953,760	
Free	487,900	9,828,294
Illiteracy—		
per cent.....	90	27
Value of		
property.....	\$1,200,000	\$1,000,000,000
univ.	1	400
No. college		
graduates.....	30	3,000
No. lawyers,		
physicians,		
bankers	0	3,000
No. of news-		
papers	1	400
No. churches.....	400	31,393
Value of		
church		

property	\$ 500,000	\$ 65,000,000
Members of		
churches	40,000	3,207,305
Children in		
schools	25,000	2,000,000
Land owned		
by Nebraska		
Negroes		25,000,000
Hospitals,		
training		
schools		61
Banks owned		
by Negroes		72
Value prop-		
erty owned		
by Negro		
secret so-		
cieties		\$9,000,000
Per cent of		
Negroes in		
gainful oc-		
cupation		62.2

The exposition was international, national and state-wide in its interest and scope. Liberia sent an exhibit, and appointed Professor Starr of the University of Chicago as its official commissioner. Haiti also sent an exhibit. From all the states where Negroes dwell, from 400 schools and colleges—especially the industrial and agricultural colleges—from state departments and from the national government we had exhibits which formed the greatest collection of its kind ever made.

The United States patent office sent 1,000 of the devices patented by Negroes. From the library of congress there were 400 books written by Negro authors. We had Charles F. Gunther's Lincoln collection, the most complete of its kind, including the Lovejoy press, which was thrown into the river at Alton, Ill., by an angry mob. The press was in operation.

NEW BANK AT MOUND BAYOU.

Mound Bayou, Miss., Nov. 5.—The opening for business of the Mound Bayou State bank the 21st with \$10,000 capital stock and \$2,000 surplus fully paid in, complying with the

guarantee act of the state of Mississippi, is noted as a gain for the race and a high compliment to the thrift and integrity of its founders. This is the second bank in the state operated by race men to open under the new law. The officials are G. T. Montgomery, president; C. N. Miller, vice president; W. R. Kyle, secretary and treasurer; Charles Banks, general manager.

Mississippi has seven banks owner and operated by men of the race: The Mound Bayou State Savings bank, Bluff City Savings bank, Bank of Mound Bayou, Delta Penny Savings bank, Delta Savings bank, Penny Savings bank and Southern Savings bank. The above indicates race progress from its highest angle. Economy is the basis of racial development along permanent lines.

WIN MUSICAL COLLEGE DEGREE.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 5.—Hilbert Earl Stewart received his bachelor's degree from the Chicago Musical col-

lege. He first attracted attention at the age of 13 when he played the pipe organ of the institutional church, of which his father, Rev. R. E. Stewart, was pastor.

In June, 1913, he received his teacher's certificate, and in the annual piano competition was the first piano student of his color to receive a gold medal from the college, having won out over a class of seventy members.

Last June Mr. Stewart graduated from the regular course with a year's average of 98. Since last October he has been teaching piano.

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WILL OMAHA PERMIT IT?

We had hoped that after the city authorities had refused to permit the booking of "The Birth of a Nation" as an attraction at the city-owned auditorium, upon the showing that its exhibition was being strongly resented by colored Americans and their white friends throughout the nation, no effort would be made upon the part of any of the play houses in the city to bring it here. We had hoped so, but at the same time we were not over sanguine that our hopes would be realized. For this reason we have brought before our readers from time to time information dealing with opposition to this photo play in other parts of the country. It was with design that this was done. The Monitor prides itself upon the fact that it is being read by many of the best men and women of both races in this city—by men and women of influence and standing, whose good opinion we prize, and upon whose intelligent and hearty co-operation we must and do depend for that which makes for good in the community. We know, therefore, that they are in a measure at least advised of how distasteful this great picture play is to us as a people, and will resent its presentation.

Indeed it was one of our readers of the other race who took the pains to call our attention to the fact that "The Birth of a Nation" had been booked by the Brandeis theater, and added that its presentation here should be prevented.

Lest it may be thought that the colored people are too sensitive about this photo play, we have published on the front page of this issue an editorial from The Kansas City Times, which cannot justly be charged with being biased on behalf of the colored American, and the finding of the Ohio State Board of Censors, which was given after careful consideration of the whole case.

We submit this evidence first to the board of censors, then to the authorities, and then to fair-minded people of our city and ask, "Should 'The Birth of a Nation' be shown here?"

WILL OMAHA PERMIT IT?

IT CAN BE DONE.

We suggested that the colored people of this community pay for the Old Folks' home, thereby demonstrating our ability to do something for ourselves. We agreed to receive acknowledgments in our columns and pay over to the treasurer of the home any contributions, large or small, sent to us for that purpose. It therefore gives us pleasure to state that we have received a letter from Mr. E. W. Pryor endorsing our proposition and enclosing his check for \$5 to start this fund.

Send in your contributions for the Old Folks' home. Let us pay for it by Christmas. It can be done. Let us do it. The fund starts with \$5. The fund is started. Watch it grow.

Efficiency is the keynote of the day. Unless our people take every opportunity which presents itself to make ourselves proficient and efficient in every occupation which gives us honorable and honest employment, we will lose out. Competition in all lines is intense and we must measure up to our competitors. We must be able to deliver the goods. Never be satisfied with mediocrity; strive to be the best in your line.

In reading over our social columns have you ever noticed how large a place dancing and card parties holds in our life? Would it not be well to do a little more along intellectual, artistic, sociological and musical lines? There is plenty of ability among us going to seed. Amusement, amusements and recreation have their legitimate place in every human life, but here, as elsewhere, there should be symmetry and proportion.

WILL OMAHA PERMIT

DIXON'S PHOTO PLAY?

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times as to cause Negroes to be lynched, making the lynching day a day of celebration. The same spirit prompted masked men to take Leo M. Frank from the custody of the law and execute him. Films which present scenes of this character in a manner which to the onlooker seems to be justified cannot fail to be harmful.

"It is also true that there are a few scenes on the end of the last reel of said film that show the colored race in a favorable light. But to my mind, after considering all that has gone before, it is similar to forcing a very nauseating concoction down the throat of a man and then giving him a grain of sugar to take the taste out of his mouth.

"The objectionable features above described, including the plot, scenes and subtitles, are so interwoven throughout the entire film that I consider it impossible to eliminate said objectionable matter."

If this be true, will Omaha permit Dixon's photo play?

What He Thinks Remarkable.

"Do you think there is anything remarkable in love at first sight?" asked the romantic youth. "Not at all!" answered the cynic. "It's when people have been looking at each other for four or five years that it becomes remarkable." — Pearson's Weekly.

OLD FOLKS' HOME FUND.

No one is authorized to solicit for this 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.

Acknowledgments.

Nov. 1, E. W. Pryor \$5.00

APPROVES PLAN.

Omaha, Neb., Nov. 1, 1915.
Editor Monitor:

I heartily approve of your suggestion that we, the colored people of this community, pay for the Old Folks' home, which the Negro Women's Christian association is purchasing on Pinkney street. It gives me pleasure to inclose herewith my check for \$5 to apply on this fund.

Respectfully yours,

E. W. PRYOR.

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Events and Persons

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News for This Department Must Be Received by Wednesday Night.

A party of friends surprised Miss Lattie M. Bryant on her birthday anniversary, Monday night, November 1st, at her residence, 2209 North Twenty-eighth avenue. Fourteen guests were present and a most delightful evening was spent.

Miss Thelma Amelia Burrell, who who has been ailing for several weeks as the result of an attack of pneumonia, is improving.

Mrs. M. A. Hayes of 1826 North Twenty-third street entertained a few friends Monday night in honor of her birthday. The rooms were prettily decorated with roses and chrysanthemums. The refreshments served were oysters, cream and cake and wine. The evening was pleasantly spent at whist. The prizes were won by Mrs. C. H. Hicks and Dr. D. W. Gooden. Fourteen guests were present.

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The First Regimental band has made some marked improvements in the band room at Twenty-fourth and Patrick avenue, putting in new racks with attached lights. The following members of the band donated their services in making the alterations and improvements: Dan Desdunes, Vernon and Thomas Roulette, Harlan Harrold, Lewis McCleary, Herbert Glover and Roy Monroe.

The reception tendered the Rev. and Mrs. W. B. M. Scott at Mount Moriah Baptist church Thursday night of last week was a most delightful affair. The program as published was carried out to the letter. The Rev. Dr. Logan proved himself a most witty master of ceremonies. The speeches were well chosen. The guests of honor were seated under an artistic canopy where they received the congratulations of their many friends and well wishers. With wonderful thoughtfulness, they had brought some of the wedding cake, which was passed with other refreshments to those present.

The Omaha Colored Women's club held their regular monthly meeting at the residence of Mrs. Alice M. Smith, 2407 Blondo street, Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. After an hour of business, at which the president, Mrs. Lenora Gray, presided, a cafe luncheon was served by the hostess and Mesdames Brownlow and Gray. Twenty-five members were in attendance.

The Jolly Twelve will give their annual ball at Alamo hall Tuesday, November 16. Visitors from Topeka, St. Louis and St. Paul will be present. Everybody cordially invited.

The Rev. Arthur Chard, rector of St. Luke's church, Hastings, Minn., a fellow student of Fr. Williams at the Seabury Divinity school of Fairbault, Minn., preached an exceedingly practical and helpful sermon last Sunday morning at the Church of St. Philip the Deacon. Bishop Partridge, who was scheduled to preach here and to speak at Trinity cathedral Sunday night, was unable to reach the city.

Mr. Ernest Settles of the firm of Thompson & Settles, manufacturers and jobbers of bootblack supplies, will leave November 15 for Kansas City, Mo., where he will take charge of the Kansas City branch of the business.

Mrs. Joseph La Cour left Thursday morning for San Francisco to visit the exposition. Her daughter Margaret, who has been attending the University of California at Berkeley, will return to Omaha with her mother about Thanksgiving.

Miss Algernon Marie Pryor, who left Omaha a short time ago for Washington, D. C., made two pleasant stops en route to the national capital. She spent a week in Chicago as the guest of Mrs. D. F. French, and a week in Pittsburg as the guest of Mrs. Charles Waters, the mother of Mrs. E. P. Pryor. In each city she was most delightfully entertained.

Mr. Charles D. Shelton left Friday for Lincoln, Neb., where he expects to spend a few days.

Mrs. Lillian Perry and the Harold brothers gave a clever two-act comedy at Zion Baptist church Tuesday night.

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Mr. George A. Saunders, brother of Mr. William Saunders of Thirty-eighth and Camden, died Monday in the tuberculosis ward of the Douglas county hospital. The funeral was held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the undertaking parlors of Jones & Chiles. The Rev. W. F. Botts, pastor of Zion Baptist church, officiated. Interment was in Forest Lawn cemetery.

Sam L. Patton of 2426 Patrick avenue was called to Topeka Thursday by the death of his nephew, James Hamilton, 18 years of age, the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hamilton of that city.

The Big Twelve Whist club was entertained Wednesday night at the residence of Mr. Silas Johnson, 2304 North Twenty-ninth street. This club has been in existence and met regularly during that time for six years.

The Rev. Dr. I. L. Thomas of Baltimore, arrived in the city Thursday evening from St. Joseph, Mo., delivered his entertaining lecture on "The Negro and His Money, or Fits and Misfits" at the Grove M. E. church Friday night and left this morning for Oakland, Cal.

Prof. White and company of Lincoln gave a play entitled "The Julian Serenaders" at Grove M. E. church Friday evening, October 29. Two members of the company were absent and on that account the play fell far short of expectations.

Mrs. Fred Early of 1622 North Twenty-second street was taken suddenly ill Thursday night.

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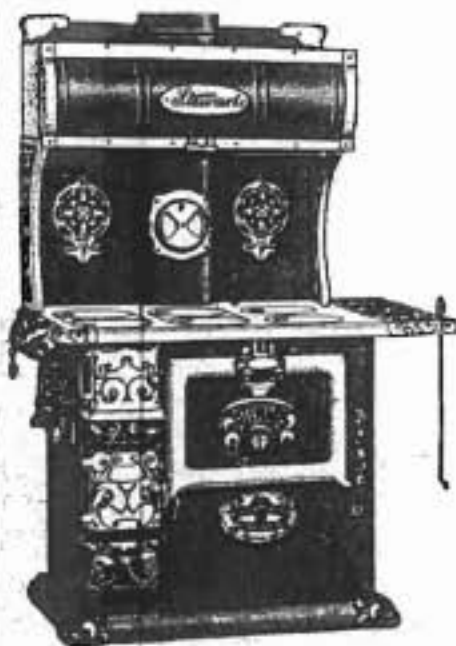
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THE TRAINING OF CHILDREN.

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Not one denies that a child's first right is to its mother. If this be true, then surely every mother, in justice to her heritage of motherhood, should make herself fit to guide and to give of herself to the child she has borne. Your child may have a goodly heritage but how precious it should be guarded, for the inherent good and evil tendencies give to each individual a conglomerate ancestry and make of man, a creature of great complexity. A child is born; he has a right to intelligent care. He grows and into a world of his own making. The spirit of investigation is within him. Let this be fostered and the trend of growth, even in the earliest childhood, be directed toward ultimate strength, both mental and physical. The underlying thought in the training of a child should be, not to destroy evil tendencies which have been developed, but to prevent them.

The foundation of high principle is laid in the early years, and the mother's responsibility in making the foundation a solid one is great indeed. A child may learn the great moral law of cause and effect. There should be no reward without effort. Moralizing is a small part of morals. Allow your child to have a standard within himself, not making it a detached thing, a thing apart.

Ignorance is responsible for a great amount of wickedness in this world, but bad example and parental neglect are responsible for vastly more. The greatest obstacle that obstructs the way to virtuous living and morality is the suffering which the lack of it brings.

Teach moderation; it is a great social virtue and indicates good sense and good taste. Allow your child the right of individuality. For every one, at some time before life is done, should "smite the chord of self; that trembling passes in music out of sight."

You may establish a code of etiquette which refines the manners, but it is the courtesy within which stamps the well-bred man and woman. "It is easy in the world to live after the world's opinion; it is easy in solitude to live after our own; but the great man is he who in the midst of the crowd keeps with perfect sweetness the independence of solitude."—Mrs. MacKlem, in *Home Life*.

Is True Freedom but to break
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And with learned heart, forget
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All the chains our brothers wear.
And with heart and hand to be
Earnest to make others free!

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Rather than in silence shrink,
From the truth needs must think,
They are slaves who dare not be
In the right with two or three.

—James Russell Lowell.

KEEPING AT IT.

There is a very old but very good story about a boy who was engaged one winter day in putting a ton of coal into a cellar. His only implement was a small fire shovel. Noticing this, a benevolent old gentleman expressed his surprise and commiseration. "My son," said the old gentleman, "you surely do not expect to put in all that coal with that little shovel?"

"Oh, yes, I do," replied the boy, cheerfully; "all I have to do is to keep at it."

There is a lesson in this story for young and old, and it is exemplified in the lives of the great men of the world. It is a mistake to suppose that the best work of all the world is done by people of great strength and many opportunities. "Keeping at it" is the secret of success.

Never be in too great haste. Too many boys spoil a lifetime by not having patience. They work at a trade until they see about one-half of its mysteries, then strike for higher wages. Such men are looked upon as blotches and slouches.

When learning a trade, my boy, don't move like a rusty watch. Act as if your interest and the interest of your employer were the same. Employers will not willingly lose good employees. Be honest and faithful. There is the secret of success.—*The American Boy*.

DAWN'S RECOMPENSE.

By Margaret Houston.

He begged me for the little toys at night,

That I had taken lest he play too long;

The little broken toys—his sole delight,

I held him close in wiser arms and strong;

And sang with trembling voice the even-song.

Reluctantly the drowsy lids drooped low,

The while he pleaded for the boon denied.

Then when he slept, to dream-content to know,

I mended them and laid them by his side;

That he might find them in the early light,

And wake gladder for the ransomed sight.

So, Lord, like children, at the even fall

We weep for broken playthings, loth to part.

While thou, unmoved because thou knowest all,

Dost fold us from the treasures of our heart.

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Science Notes

BY WILLIAM G. HAYNES.

THE EFFICIENT HUMAN MACHINE

There is much talk about business efficiency these days. However, any kind of efficiency that does not call for a sound, well-adjusted, smooth running human machine will never be anything else but a spurious efficiency, economically disastrous. The efficiency slogan, to be effective, has got to be a kind of subtitle to the health conservation slogan—which latter is the greatest idea twentieth century medicine has thus far evolved. What can be the use in expecting ideal efficiency in the face of such facts as these: Every third or fourth of us has been dying between fifteen and forty-five, life's economically most productive years of tuberculosis. Consider here the waste—almost too great for the mind to grasp—resulting from our sufferance of this one entirely preventable disease. One among eight of our women dies most cruelly of cancer, after suffering through many months to several years; many such unhappy women have kept working until this physical impairment has made them give up their tasks. Apart from the anguish all must sympathize with, what an economic loss is here presented. Of 20,000 applicants for life insurance, imagining themselves to be in sufficiently good health to get policies, 43 per cent were found to have some kind of heart or kidney or artery ailment. Six hundred and fifty thousand working people die annually of preventable diseases.

The Germans years ago worked out scientifically the relation between human impairments and accidents, with the result that they have cut down the latter at least 50 per cent. The best surety against industrial accidents is an alert mind in a virile body; on the other hand, the sure preliminary to accident is an exhausted, devitalized human machine. The corollary here is that a wise corporation, soulless if you like, will ever seek to establish the essential parallelism of efficiency and humanity.

The simple truth is, we Americans are the most extravagant people in or out of civilization, and in nothing more so than in our flesh and blood resources. It is precisely as if many thousands of us were falling blindly over a horrendous precipice, at the bottom of which we have placed the best-equipped ambulances in the world, to take us off to the most magnificent hospitals in the world—after we have been hurt. Why is there not now a guarding rail around the edge of that precipice? Why are not the danger signals hoisted? So that the finest machinery in the cosmos shall not be smashed beyond repair and carried forthwith to the scrap heap; or have to be mended to 70 or 50 or 30 per cent of its former efficiency, and with a much shorter daily running time than if it had remained whole and unimpaired.

What, then, is such a railing? What are the danger signals? They are manufactured according to specifications prepared in the science of preventive medicine, and they are figured out on the basis that an ounce of prevention is worth tons of regret, of most unnecessary suffering, of vast material loss. The main idea is to unmask the masked symptoms—the only way to do which is by exhaustive, at least annual, examinations of employees. By such means is real efficiency attained; the productivity of plants increased, and

length of days assured the valuable employee. Besides, through such periodic examinations the employer will learn how to place his impaired men; how little occasion there will be to discharge them utterly. He will not send a man with a leaky heart to paint a high wall; a weak-lunged man he will take out of a dusty shop and put to outdoor work, and so on.

But here one sounds a warning note. Isn't it a dreadful thing to reveal such impairments? Will not the working man be terrified to learn the truth? Such an argument is about as logical and as merciful as if one should say: "Don't, for heaven's sake, put a lighthouse on those rocks; it would reveal to those aboard ship the awful peril they are in!"—Scientific American.

NOTHING MORE TO INVENT?

Someone poring over the old files in the United States patent office at Washington the other day found a letter written in 1833 that illustrates the limitations of the human imagination.

It was from an old employee of the patent office, offering his resignation to the head of the department. His reason was that as everything inventable had been invented, the patent office would soon be discontinued and there would be no further need of his services or the services of any of his fellow clerks. He, therefore, decided to leave before the blow fell.

Everything inventable had been invented! The writer of this letter journeyed in a stage coach or a canal boat. He had never seen a limited train or an ocean greyhound. He read at night by candlelight, if he read at all in the evening; more likely he went to bed soon after dark and did all his reading by daylight. He had never seen a house lighted by illuminating gas. The arc and incandescent electric lights were not to be invented for nearly a half century.

If he had ever heard of electricity, he thought of it as the mysterious and dangerous fluid that strikes from the clouds during a thunderstorm. That it could be harnessed to do man's will had never occurred to him.

He never heard the clicking of a telegraph sounder. The telephone would have seemed as wonderful to him as a voyage to the moon. Motion pictures would have reminded him of black art, and the idea that a machine could be invented whereby man would fly above the clouds like a bird, ascending and descending at will, would have seemed to him merely absurd.

The modern printing press, the linotype machine, which seems almost to think; the X-ray, by means of which surgeons diagnose disease and injury and lay out their work with scientific certainty, these things were yet to be invented long after he was dead. He could not imagine the automobile, now so common that they cover the streets and roads of all the world.

He could not dream that a cannon would be made to throw a projectile more than twenty miles, that repeating rifles, revolvers and machine guns would be invented, that steel monsters of the deep would speed invisibly under the seas with the power to send a giant ocean liner to the bottom within a matter of moments.

He lacked the imagination to see all the thousands and tens of thousands of comparatively small inventions that have come into being since his day, some of them for good and some for evil, but all telling a story of progress of one sort or another. Probably in this he did not differ from most of his fellowmen in his day. It is very likely most of his friends

agreed with him that the limit of invention had been reached.

He seems unfortunately deficient in imagination and in optimism, as we read of his letter of resignation in the musty files of the patent office. But let us not take too much unction to our souls. We are quite as ignorant of what the next eighty years may bring forth as he was of the future of American inventions.—Scientific American.

Harry Buford, Police Chauffeur Making Good

Among the young colored men of Omaha who are making good in their chosen line of work, an important place must be given Harry Buford, who for four years has been police chauffeur and in that position has won an enviable reputation for resourcefulness, quickness of decision, bravery and intelligence, and received the commendation of his superiors.

Harry is the only son of Henry A. and Lizzie Buford of 3510 Blondo street, and has had quite an interesting career. He was born at Atchison, Kan., July 10, 1888, and was brought to Omaha by his parents in 1891. He attended the public schools of this city, but he always had a "hankering for machinery." The first automobile he ever saw had a fascination for him. The driver left his car for a short time and Harry began an investigation, which was rudely interrupted by the return of the driver, who kicked the young investigator off the sidewalk. But nothing daunted Harry, made up his mind that he "would run one of them things" someday. He kept his word. He learned so well that he was sent to the West Indies by the western branch of the Apperson automobile company to introduce their cars. He traveled through the islands and subsequently went to Haiti, where he drove the first car ever seen on the island with the president of Haiti as his guest. It was not an easy matter to persuade that distinguished gentleman to ride, but once in the car he was so well pleased that he offered Harry a position as his official chauffeur, which was declined with thanks because the numerous revolutions were rather trying on even Harry's nerves, and he has got some nerve. Returning to Omaha Buford was appointed police chauffeur in 1911 where he has made good.

The following list of headlines of articles appearing from time to time in the local newspapers will give some idea of the work young Buford has done:

"Chauffeur Turns Detective;" "Harry Buford Stops Mad Race of Runaway Team;" "Laundry Theft Foiled by Buford;" "Buford Drags Boy From Wheels of Auto;" "Chauffeur Buford Is Some Slugger;" "A Baby, a Boy and a Dog Too Much for Sympathies of Buford, Called to Kill Sick Canine, But Tells Boy Where He Can Buy Medicine;" "Two Light-Weight Omaha Policemen (Buford being one) subdue a Scrapper;" "Parts of Omaha Flooded by Near Cloud-burst; Police Chauffeur Buford and Patrol Conductor Burchardt Wade Hip Deep in Water, Rescuing People;" "North Omaha Bandit and His Partner Caught." This last item refers to the work done by Buford a week or two ago, a report of which appeared in last week's issue of The Monitor and for which he was complimented for his intelligent and quick work by the department, with which, because of wit, kindheartedness and good nature, he is a general favorite.

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White Degenerate Attacks Colored Child

Hutchinson, Kan., Nov. 5.—Klick King, a white man, 62 years old, is in jail charged with rape upon a little 8-year-old colored girl, and the white people have refused to go on his bond.

King is a huckster, and it is charged he lured the little girl to a secluded spot and criminally assaulted her. He was discovered in the act by two white men, one of whom went for an officer, who arrested King.

The man denied any knowledge of his crime, pleading drunkenness, but the officer asserted that he was not drunk, as did the other witnesses. He is being held to await action by the grand jury.

Aged Negro Killed; White Men Indicted

Grays, Ga., Nov. 5.—The Jones county grand jury has indicted Jim Green and Woodall Green, white men and cousins, for the murder of an aged Negro, Lonzo Green, and his son.

Several weeks ago a white farmer, Silas Turner, was killed and four Negroes were lynched as a result. The following day old man Lonzo Green and his son were trying to reach their home at Wayside when they were shot to death by white men. Investigation by the grand jury resulted in the indictment of the two cousins.

Woodall has been arrested and is in jail, but Jim Green has not been apprehended.

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