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Governor Praises Race For Notable Progress

Twelve Thousand People Attend the Opening Services of the Lincoln Jubilee Celebration.

FIFTY YEARS OF FREEDOM

Show Remarkable and Steady Advance—Racial Ability and Achievements.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 3.—The great exposition which demonstrates the wonderful achievements of colored Americans during fifty years of freedom was formally opened on Sunday afternoon, August 22nd, by a great religious service in the Coliseum, attended by twelve thousand people. The official opening was on Monday morning, when President Wilson pressed an electric button in Washington and thus signalized the opening.

This national half-century exposition and Lincoln Jubilee has attracted the attention of the colored race everywhere throughout the United States and Canada.

The opening exercises were marked by several notable addresses, the principal one being that of Governor Dunne of Illinois, who unreservedly praised the race for its notable progress.

Bishop Samuel Fallows of the Reformed Episcopal church, president of the half-century Illinois commission, opened the proceedings with a gavel cut from wood taken from Lincoln's home in central Illinois.

Governor on Platform.

On the platform were Governor Dunne, David E. Shanahan, speaker of the Illinois house of representatives; the Rev. J. W. E. Bowen of Gamon college, Atlanta, Ga.; the Rev. A. J. Carey, pastor of the Institutional church, Chicago; the Rev. Dr. J. T. Jenifer, historian of the Methodist Episcopal church; Charles F. Gunther of Chicago, who has loaned his Lincoln collection to the exposition; State Senator Dailey; Simeon W. King, former United States commissioner, Chicago, and many representative men and women in colored circles in Chicago and elsewhere.

One thousand colored men and women, who had organized themselves into a great chorus several months ago, sang national and religious anthems under the leadership of J. Gray Lucas. The great crowd outside, unable to gain entrance, took up the refrain.

Dunne Pays Respects.

In his address, Governor Dunne first paid his respects to the name of Lincoln and to Bishop Fallows and others who have labored for the success of the exposition.

"We meet today to demonstrate in the most conclusive manner the ef-

Let's Play MUF



Woodmen of the World Building.

fect of freedom on the human race," said the governor. "We meet to prove the worthiness of the black man for equality under the law. Fifty years ago, within the personal memory of many of us here today, the black man, before the law, was a thing and not a man; a chattel and not a human being.

Vast Progress of Race.

"De profundis ad astra. From the depths of poverty and slavery, a race has risen into the starlit heaven of liberty. In 1865, 90 per cent of the black race of America was wholly illiterate; today 70 per cent of the same race can read and write and possess the education given by the grammar schools.

"The aggregate wealth of the four million blacks in 1865 did not exceed \$1,250,000. Today these black men and their descendants own \$1,000,000,000 worth of property.

"In 1865 there was but one college open to the black man in the United States; today he maintains successfully 400. In 1863 there was not a black physician, lawyer or banker in the United States. Today there are over 5,000.

"In 1863 the black man had but one newspaper; today he has 400. In 1863 he had but 400 churches; today he worships God in over 30,000.

"Within fifty years the black man has been developing skilled and schol-

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The Sunday Meetings Draw the Color Line

Choirs of the Co-operating Colored Churches Invited to Sing, Then Told They Are Not Wanted.

IS SUNDAYISM PHARISAISM?

This Action Was Taken by Local Committee but Apparently Acting Under Instructions.

We did not intend to give the Sunday meetings any special advertising, and it will be noted that up to the present we have not even mentioned the name of the widely-advertised evangelist who is coming hither for a vigorous and protracted campaign in which it is confidently expected that he will turn this place upside down and overturn the customs of the people. We have not done so for several reasons, chief of which is that we do not believe in the sensational methods employed by the modern evangelist, in which methods it is claimed Mr. Sunday is an adept. The blatant familiarity with Diety affected by these men and their irreverent and frequently blasphemous expressions fill us with horror and shock our sense of reverence. We do not believe that the cause of true religion is advanced or can be advanced by such methods. Upon the contrary, we believe it suffers sadly and grievously from such methods oftentimes at the hands of those who, no doubt, believe that they are doing God service; for undoubtedly among those who employ such methods there are to be found many sincere and well-meaning men inasmuch as there are those who believe that good does come from these sensational religious campaigns, we have not tried to convince them to the contrary and so we have said nothing about either Mr. Sunday or the proposed meetings. So far as our own pastoral work is concerned we shall go on in the same quite unobtrusive way with the usual daily and Lord's Day services, happy and contented to do what little good we can.

We have been moved to break our silence with reference to the Sunday meetings by a most un-Christian spirit that has manifested itself at the outset and which we would be recreant to our duty to let pass unchallenged and unrebuked.

The promoters of the Sunday meetings invited the co-operation of the "evangelical churches"—whatever that may mean—nay, more, they insisted that before Mr. Sunday would consent to include Omaha in the field of his evangelistic labors, these churches must close up and co-operate. This co-operation included the choir of the respective churches. Among these choirs were St. John's A. M. E. and Zion Baptist, which contain many excellent voices. They

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General Race News

SUPREME LODGE, KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS, MEETS

Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 24.—What is called the finest meeting in the history of Negro Pythianism, and what was certainly the finest demonstration this city ever saw, closed here Saturday midnight, after much legislation, and after the supreme lodge, acting upon the recommendation of the committee of the whole, had revoked the charter of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and found John Mitchell, Jr., guilty of rebellion.

The findings of the supreme lodge do not, however, change the status of the litigation now pending in the District of Columbia courts.

The encampment proper tented more than 5,000 Pythian soldiers, and it is estimated that 15,000 visitors went out to see them. Governor Willis, who made a hit on the opening night in his welcome address, delivered before a great multitude, reviewed the soldiers, and said that the day was an inspiration to him. The daily press of the city declared that the parade was the grandest sight that this city of parades ever saw. Led by General R. R. Jackson, his staff and the famous Eighth regiment band of Chicago, the parade was witnessed by 100,000 people. The entire city, including the banks, city hall, state house and the white hotels and big department stores, were decorated.

Receiving the endorsement of every state in the jurisdiction, Supreme Chancellor Green was returned to his station by acclamation. All the officers, except the Pythian commission, were re-elected by unanimous vote.

The supreme attorney, S. A. T. Watkins, brought forth cheers when he reported that all lawsuits begun by white Pythians to deprive colored Pythians of their name and symbols had been ended months ago on motion of the parties beginning the suits.

337,000 Men and Women in Order.
During the last two years, aside from \$25,000 that passed through the office of the supreme chancellor for lodges under his jurisdiction, the grand domains handled \$500,000 in endowment funds, according to verified reports. There are now 250,000 Negro Pythians and 87,000 members of the Courts of Calanthe.

The city of St. Louis was unanimously selected as the next place of meeting and encampment in 1917, after the claims of that town were presented by Charles Brown. In adopting a resolution introduced by Ernest G. Tildrington, grand chancellor of Indiana, the supreme lodge pledged its uniform rank department to the service of the country in the event that war should ever overtake us.

Mr. F. T. Brawley, of Durham, N. C., has been appointed as a carpenter on the roll of mechanical experts at the Washington navy yard, and is the only member of the race to hold a position of the kind in this branch of the federal service. Mr. Brawley acquired his trade at Tuskegee Institute, and his high-grade efficiency is a fine testimonial to the thoroughness of the system of instruction given there.

SCHOOL CHILDREN'S EXHIBIT.

Chicago Has Holiday in Honor of the Colored Exposition.

Chicago, Aug. 24.—Exhibits of the handiwork of 2,000,000 Negro school children from all parts of the United States were placed on view yesterday, when the celebration of a half-century of Negro freedom formally was opened.

Among the leading exhibits were those of Wilberforce university, located near Xenia, Ohio, the oldest Negro institution in America, and Howard university of Washington, D. C.

In accordance with a proclamation by the city council, the day was a legal holiday in Chicago, and all municipal and county offices, with the exception of the police, fire and health departments, were closed.

Bishop Samuel Fallows, himself a federal soldier, presided at the opening. The exposition will continue until September 16.

ALABAMA DEFEATED VICIOUS SCHOOL BILLS

Montgomery, Ala., Aug. 24.—When the Bonner and Stewart bills were pending before the Alabama legislature last week, proposing to prohibit white teachers from instructing colored children, the Montgomery Chamber of Commerce, composed of white business men, in formal session assembled, adopted resolutions opposing the reactionary bills which had been introduced.

The Chamber of Commerce also appointed a committee composed of leading and important business men to interview members of the legislature in opposition to the measures.

They were defeated. The sun do move!

"THE BIRTH OF A NATION" SUPPRESSED

"The Birth of a Nation," Tom Dixon's infamous "Clansman" under disguise, got a "knockout blow" last week when the city authorities of Atlantic City ordered it taken off the board at the Nixon theater, where the film has been running for the past three weeks.

Following a protest on the part of the leading colored citizens of the city, which began when the film was first seen in the city, the mayor of the town saw the possibilities of what would be a serious race riot if the play was not removed from this city.

GIVEN SILVER TEA SERVICE.

Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 3.—One of the features of the connectional council of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion church, recently held at St. Louis, Mo., was the presentation to John C. Dancy, former recorder of deeds in Washington, D. C., of a \$200 solid silver tea service in appreciation of his twenty-five years' service as editor of the two leading church periodicals, the Star of Zion and Quarterly Review.

The presentation addresses were made by the Rev. L. W. Kyles and Bishop G. L. Blackwell.

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

Episcopal—

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

Methodist—

St. John's A. M. E.—Eighteenth and

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

Baptist—

Bethel—Twenty-ninth and T streets South Omaha. The Rev. J. C. Brown, pastor, residence 467 South Thirty-first street. Services, Morning, 11; evening, 7:30; Sunday School 1 p. m.; B. Y. P. U., 6:30 p. m.; praise service,

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

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

Science Notes

BY WILLIAM G. HAYNES.

CANNING COMPOUNDS

DANGEROUS TO HEALTH

Housewives Warned That Use of Preserving Powders Harmful and Useless.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 3.—Information has come to the department that the canning season has brought the usual demand on the part of housewives for salicylic acid and boric acid. These preparations are sometimes sold in the form of powder under various trade names and are recommended by the promoters for use in preserving canned goods in home canning. In the directions for use, the housewife is told to fill the jar with the fruit or vegetables, cover with water, and add a teaspoonful of the preserving powder. While it is true that these compounds may retard the decay of the fruit or vegetable, it is pointed out by the experts of the department that their use may be attended by serious disturbances of health. Salicylic acid is well known as a poisonous substance, and one of the evils which may accompany its use is derangement of the digestion. It is therefore plain that its extensive use in food may lead to disturbance of digestion and health.

The federal food and drugs act prohibits the use of harmful preservatives in foods that enter interstate commerce. The food law of nearly every state in the Union forbids the sale within the state of foods that have been preserved with harmful substances. Neither the federal or state food laws apply to foods that are canned in the home and consumed there. It would seem, however, that the housewife would not knowingly use, in the foods she provides for her family, substances that she could not use in foods for sale without violat-

ing the law, because these substances are injurious to health.

Artificial Preservatives Unnecessary.

Fruits and vegetables can be kept indefinitely if they are sterilized by heat and properly sealed, and there is no excuse, in the opinion of the experts of the department, for running any risk by using preserving powders, which may be injurious to health. The use of such powders in addition to the possible injury to health encourages uncleanly or careless work in canning. Reliance is placed in the efficacy of the preserving compound instead of upon cleanliness and heat.

The department has issued bulletins that give specific directions for the preserving and canning of fruits and vegetables without the use of preserving powders or canning compounds. These bulletins may be obtained without cost from the department of agriculture. Application should be made for Farmers' Bulletin No. 203 on canned fruit, preserves and jellies, and No. 521 on canning tomatoes at home and in club work. Also Forms N. R. 22, N. R. 23, N. R. 24, N. R. 34 and N. R. 37 of the office of extension work, north and west, states' relations service.—Office of Information, United States Department of Agriculture.

The preceding report from the department of agriculture needs no comment, but it may be of interest to know that the editor of Science Notes has recently had occasion to make an analysis of one of the popular canning compounds. Its approximate percentage composition was 75 per cent boric acid and 25 per cent common salt.

Perhaps the housewives will look at the matter in a different light if they know that when they buy a sufficient number of packages to obtain one pound of the compound, they are paying at the rate of 40 to 60 cents for material that can be bought in any drug store for 20 cents a pound. Boric acid sells for 15 cents a pound, and salt—well.

By way of emphasis, I desire to remind the readers that the bulle-

tins mentioned in the last paragraph of the report are sent free upon application; and that they are written in non-technical language, and will be found exceedingly helpful to those who do their own preserving and canning.

Antidote for Snake Venom.

India's annual loss of over 20,000 lives from snake bite has forced the production of an antidote serum. The Parel laboratory, Bombay, keeps a supply of cobras from which venom is extracted every ten days. The snakes are forcibly fed with egg flip through a tube. The venom is dried over lime and then dissolved in a salt solution. Increasing doses are injected in a horse until at the end of two years the animal can stand a dose 200 times the original one and is quite immune from the cobra poison. The serum from the blood of this particular horse is an antidote and is absolutely effective if injected in time. Many lives have been saved by its use. However, each bite requires an antidote made from the venom of the same sort of snake that inflicted the bite. The Parel laboratory is working to develop a greater variety of antidotes.—Scientific American.

In the Literary Digest for August 21, there appears an interesting description of a novel application of steam as a stage curtain. It is given as follows:

At the outdoor pageant given at Lexington, Mass., on June 21-24, to commemorate the one hundred years of peace between England and the United States, clouds of steam in front of the stage were ingeniously utilized to do service as a curtain. Says L. C. Porter, writing in The Electrical World (New York, July 24): "Across the front of the stage proper was run a two-inch pipe having 0.25-inch holes bored 2 inches apart. Live steam supplied to this pipe under 15-pound pressure from a 75-horsepower boiler. Just back of the pipe were placed 1,000 25-watt lamps in three rows—red, blue and amber, with some clear lamps mixed in. During the change of scenes the steam was turned on and changing colored light was thrown on the stage from the 1,000 foot lamps. The intensity was varied by means of dimmers, the lamps being controlled in three sections of 50 feet each. The result was a beautiful steam curtain, rising 30 feet to 40 feet in the air and constantly changing color, intensifying and then fading away, suggesting color without form. Not only was the effect exceedingly picturesque, holding the attention of the fascinated audience, but the curtain prevented the spectators seeing the changes of scenery being made behind it."

There appears in "Merck's Report" for August an article that is of practical value as well as of a scientific interest. Hosenberg (Amer. Med. Feb., 1915) says that cinnamon oil is an excellent remedy for warts. A drop of the oil is applied daily to each wart. In a few days they disappeared, leaving no scar. The application is painless, and the cost of the oil is nominal.

During the present war it has been found that soldiers have often been killed near the place of explosion of a large shell, and yet no wounds were found on the bodies. Where death could not be explained by the presence of poisonous gases, the cases have aroused quite a bit of conjecture as to the

real cause. A suggested explanation is as follows:

By means of a barometer it was discovered that the explosion of a shell caused a tremendous decrease in the atmospheric pressure in the vicinity of the explosion. This sudden decrease gives rise to a condition in the human body similar to that caused by the sudden ascent of a person to a high altitude (where the atmospheric pressure is much less than at sea level). Gases which are dissolved in the blood under normal conditions are forced out by the sudden decrease in pressure, and appear as small bubbles. These bubbles stop up the arteries and cut off the blood circulation, so that death occurs almost immediately.

OMAHA EXCURSION

TO STATE FAIR

Plans Completed and Large Attendance Is Predicted.

Omaha, Neb., Sept. 3.—"We want 250 cars for our excursion to the state fair on 'Omaha Day,' September 9," is the slogan adopted by the Omaha Auto club. At a meeting of twelve of the leading commercial and civic organizations of Omaha, held at the Commercial club on Wednesday, August 25, final plans were made to send the largest attendance ever brought from Omaha to the state fair. Besides the automobile excursion, special trains will be run to the Capital city to accommodate the thousands of Omahans who will celebrate Omaha day at Lincoln.

OPPORTUNITY FOR DENTIST.

Tuskegee, Ala., Aug. 27.—An excellent opportunity is offered to a well-qualified dentist to locate in a thriving southern city. Write the secretary of the National Negro Business League, at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, and enclose stamp for reply.

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"MUF."

No, gentle reader, this is not a new way of spelling m-u-f-f, the erstwhile pillow-shaped article of feminine apparel in which in former days when winds were chill and snow fell fast my lady was wont to thrust her dainty hands to keep them warm. It has nothing to do with either woman's or man's apparel although in truth it concerns the comfort of both man and woman. Young men and maidens, old men and children, will all take an interest in "MUF." It's a new game we want to have introduced in the progressive city of Omaha. Our associate editor, William G. Haynes, has imported it from Pittsburg, where everybody entered into the spirit of the game and thoroughly enjoyed it and incidentally brought to pass a much-needed improvement in the important matter of transportation. For genial good nature the people of the west have it on the east and in this virtue the people of Omaha excel. For this reason "Muf" will soon be popular here. We want the Commercial club and civic organizations to play the game. We want our newspapers to take it up and we want the Omaha & Council Bluffs street railway to root for the game.

Here are the requirements for the game of "Muf": A street car and a passenger. How the game is played: On boarding the car each passenger simply MOVES UP FRONT as far as he can. This is the game of "Muf."

Let us all begin to play it. On getting on street cars go as far front as possible and in getting off the street cars use the front exit. "Muf"—Move Up Front.

PLEASE TAKE THIS ADVICE.

We have been approached this week by a very pleasant young man with a most alluring proposition by which we may speedily become rich and that is, by investing the small ?()—to us with our limited stipend or salary or income, or whatever you care to call it—it is a large sum of \$10.00 in shares of stock in a gold mine in Colorado. Ten dollars is the minimum amount which one can invest in this sooner-or-later sure-to-pay-large-dividends gold mine in Colorado; but, of course, if one has more money to invest it is cheerfully taken.

Unfortunately, neither as editor or parson did we have \$10.00 to invest in mining stock or anything else, as it keeps us busy to provide living expenses for wife and babies. If, however, we are ever so fortunate as to have any money to invest we will invest it in real estate in Omaha or a little acreage somewhere else in Nebraska.

Our advice to our readers is this: If you have a few dollars saved up invest it in a home in Omaha or elsewhere in the state and fight shy of get-rich-quick gold mines.

Did it ever occur to you that if these propositions were such gill-edge investments as they are represented to be it is not likely that enterprising white men would be pushing them among colored people? Do you think they would have any trouble at all in securing all the investors wanted among their own people?

Invest in a good life insurance policy to protect your loved ones; put your savings in some reliable savings bank; buy a home or a farm—but fight shy of mining stock, which promises to pay large dividends within the next sixty days.

We are very sorry indeed to learn that the funds for street cleaning has been exhausted, for we had fondly hoped and vainly dreamed that before that dire calamity should befall North Twenty-first street between Nicholas and Clark street might be cleaned up. But now, alas! and alack! When will that rubbish be removed from the street that runs hard by—and finds it mighty hard to run by—our chamber door? Answer, Drexel, answer-truly, we implore.

We bid cordial welcome to the Letter Carriers who have shown such excellent taste in choosing Omaha for their convention.

Lynch law and prejudice promoting photoplays must go. Create public sentiment against them.

ATTRACTED LITTLE ATTENTION.

While the country was in a state of hysteria over the lynching of Leo Frank and the headlines of the daily papers were bold and black and their columns crowded with every detail of that awful affair, the following modest dispatch of five lines from Montgomery, Ala., appeared in an equally modest place in several papers; some failed to record it:

"Montgomery, Ala., Aug. 18.—Three Negroes, recently released from jail, where they were held charged with poisoning mules, were lynched near Hopehill early today."

Three Negroes lynched on the charge of having poisoned some mules, and that after they had been released from jail! But, perhaps, this little affair was pulled off in Alabama just to divert the attention of the country, or to somewhat relieve the strain. Yet, if that was the purpose, it was a miserable failure, for the lynching of the three Negroes attracted no wider attention than did

the original offense of poisoning the mules.—The New York Age.

LEO FRANK PICTURES BARRED.

Exhibitions of moving pictures of the body of Leo Frank as it swung from the limb of a tree near Marietta, Ga., after the mob had done its work, were stopped by the police. This is as it should have been. Any exhibitions that are inflammatory, causing friction between races, should be stopped. It is to be hoped that the owners of the "Birth of a Nation," who are Jews, will take note of this. Nationality, perhaps, did not enter the minds of the police, but at the same time that race would have felt called on to resent what would have been considered an insult had the exhibitions been permitted. What we are saying may not sit so lightly, but it is the truth.

There is very much money wrapped up in those "Birth of a Nation" pictures, and that's the rub, we think. But when a race of ten million is stirred as the Negro race is over these pictures, and when officials are condemning them as they have been in many localities, there is something wrong, and so very wrong that the money invested should not weigh against the perpetuity of the wrong.—The (Indianapolis) Freeman.

THE SUNDAY MEETINGS

DRAW THE COLOR LINE

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were notified by letter to attend rehearsal Wednesday night, but Wednesday morning the pastors of these churches were called up and notified that inasmuch as the committee feared the presence of fellow Christians of a darker hue might give offense to some of the weaker brethren, these choirs could not be used. The pastors passed on the word to their choirs and of course the members of the choirs had too much self-respect to attend. One gentleman who did not get the word presented himself, but as he is quite fair he was able to "pass," although he was at a loss to account for the absence of all the rest of St. John's choir members. He was justly indignant when he subsequently learned why his fellow choir members were not present.

Differing radically as we do from Mr. Sunday, we have no desire to do him an injustice. Personally he may not be responsible for this drawing of the "color line"—we say MAY NOT advisedly—but inasmuch as his personal representatives, his son, Mr. Welch and other workers are here, directing the preliminary arrangements for the meetings and are in daily consultation with the local committee, it would seem that they are only carrying out his wishes.

We suppose that the segregation method may obtain in seating penitents, or do they call them "mourners"? in the tabernacle. This will also be a concession to "the weaker brethren." It will be in exact keeping with the hypocritical and cowardly conduct of the committee, acting, of course, under autocratic orders which has excluded colored singers from the choir, after inviting them to take part. This may show superiority, gentle breeding, refinement and sanctity, but we fail to see it. To us it savors of the rankest Phariseism. Phariseism means self-righteousness and hypocrisy. And this is our honest opinion of Sundayism.

COLORED REPUBLICANS

OF MARYLAND ACTIVE

Baltimore, Md., Sept. 3.—Colored Republicans of this city are clamoring for more representation on the Republican State Central Committee. James N. Young is a candidate for re-election from the Fourth legislative district. He will be opposed by William F. Tydings. There will also be colored candidates in the First and Second legislative districts. In a number of counties there are colored members of the committee.

BROOKLYN WOMAN IS

OLDEST PERSON IN N. Y.

The oldest person in the state of New York, according to the state census bureau, is Mrs. Susan Gillis, 571 Classon avenue, Brooklyn, a colored woman, 115 years old, who has a daughter living at 84 years of age, a grand-daughter 42 years old, and a great grandson and great grand-daughter aged 18 and 17 years, respectively.

Theodore Spiering, the noted violinist, who has made known many new violin compositions, has presented Coleridge-Taylor's "Ballade" in leading cities in Germany. In London, Mr. Spiering has played the composition with the late Coleridge-Taylor at the piano. The "Ballade" was first played in America by Mr. Clarence Cameron White, violinist, of Boston, Mass., with Mrs. Maud Cuney Hare at the piano.

It will be remembered that we published in our Education number a picture of Dr. Isabella Vandervall and noted her excellent record at the New York Medical college, where she led her class throughout her course. We regret to say that the Hospital for Women and Children at Syracuse, N. Y., would not admit Dr. Vandervall as interne when they discovered that she was colored, but peremptorily repudiated their contract and did not wish her even to spend the night at the institution after her day's travel to a city where she was unacquainted.—The Crisis.

Among the prizes recently given by the New Orleans Item, a white daily, for writing the best letters, one was won by Mrs. C. B. Spears, a colored woman.

THOUGHTS.

Examine your thoughts, my brother,

For thoughts, 'tis said, are things
That oftentimes bring us sorrow—
Like a viper when it stings,
And true it is, like boomerangs
They hit the mark, your aim,
Then turn again to right about
And cause the sender pain.

Examine your thoughts, my brother,

For by seeking you shall find
That some thoughts weaken virtue,
While others build the mind;
'Tis therefore true that words with stings
Have power to make us moan,
Since every word is compassed
With vibrations like its own.

Examine your thoughts, my brother,

Let peace be their golden goal;
For, though you win the world with strife,
You jeopardize your soul:
So, barb not your thoughts with anger
Nor tip your words with sting;
For whate'er we bring to another,
The same to ourselves must bring.
—John Twamley.

Events and Persons

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

Miss Mattie Helms of 2701 Corby street left Sunday night for Chicago.

Mrs. S. T. Phannix and children of 3209 North Twenty-third street, returned Tuesday from a four weeks' visit to Chicago, where they spent a delightful time as the guests of Mrs. Phannix's brother and sister. Among the pleasant features of their visit was their attendance at the Lincoln Jubilee Exposition.

Mr. H. A. Chiles left Saturday night for Kansas City, Kan., to take a course in the school of embalming.

Walter Scott, aged 39, died at the city emergency hospital Sunday, August 29th. The remains were shipped to Atchison, Kan., Monday, by the Banks-Wiles undertaking firm.

A very pleasant surprise was tendered Mrs. John A. Smith, 2512 Lake street, Saturday night by a number of her friends. It was Mrs. Smith's birthday anniversary and she was the recipient of a beautiful cut glass vase.

Mrs. Josiah Brown gave a card party at her residence, 1514 Burdette street, Monday afternoon, complimentary to Miss Mary L. Goodchild of Chicago and Mrs. Austin Kellar of Little Rock, Ark.

Master Bertrand Dillard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther J. Dillard of 501 South Twenty-fourth avenue, left Sunday night to enter Lincoln Institute, Jefferson City, Mo.

Allen Jones, formerly connected with G. W. Obee & Co., undertakers and embalmers, wishes to announce that he has opened his new parlors and sanitary morgue at 2314 North 24th street, where he is now ready to give prompt service to day and night calls at reasonable prices.

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Mr. Lee C. Allen and son Howard returned Saturday night from a visit with his parents at Paxico, Tex.

Mrs. W. W. Peebles and son William, and her sister, Miss Paul, returned Wednesday morning from an extended eastern trip, spent pleasantly in visiting relatives in Chicago, Buffalo, Washington and Philadelphia.

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Mr. Arthur Rice has gone into partnership with Mr. T. Betts, who is conducting a grocery store at 2102 North Twenty-sixth street.

Miss Winnie Stewart and Miss Susie Lee of Clarinda, Ia., who were visiting friends in our city, returned home Saturday.

Mrs. Edward Howard, 2237 Seward street, was seriously injured Monday

morning by being thrown down in alighting from a street car at Nineteenth and Cuming streets. She is being attended by Dr. Gordon.

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Mayflower Tent No. 46 will hold a picnic at Golden Sheaf park, Twenty-fourth and Patrick avenue, Monday, September 6th. This being Labor day the public is cordially invited to spend a pleasant afternoon with the children of Mt. Tabor.

MRS. SARAH SEVERE, Q. M.
Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Mohammitt returned home Wednesday morning after a six months' absence in California. En route home they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Sprague of Denver.

The quilting bee which was held Wednesday at the Negro Woman's Christian Home was quite a success. Mrs. Lillie Black, Mrs. Florence Riggs, Mrs. M. D. Marshall, Mrs. Fredricks and Mrs. Henry Moore proved themselves quilters of olden days. Dinner was also served.

The Columbia, Mo., delegation of the U. B. F. and S. M. T. remained over a few days to see Omaha. They were entertained at a dinner party by Mrs. M. D. Marshall at her home, 2605 Grant street. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Samuels, Mrs. Besie Woods, Mrs. Minnie Foster, Prof. Logan and Mrs. Katie Moore Fields, all of Columbia, Mo., and Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Botts. After dinner Prof. Logan called a seven-passenger touring car and took the party for a drive through the main parts of the city. The party left on the 6 p. m. train for their home, declaring Omaha the best city of the west.

Miss Elizabeth Wanzer was a house guest of Mrs. M. D. Marshall for a week and was delighted with her visit to Omaha. Miss Wanzer left for her home in Kansas City Friday night over the Burlington.

At St. Philip's cooking class next Thursday Mrs. Wallace will demonstrate canning fruit and making jellies.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bents of Memphis, Tenn., have returned to their southern home after a pleasant visit with the families of his two brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bents of 1121 North Nineteenth street and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bents of 1404 North Nineteenth street.

MEDICAL INSPECTOR OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

York, Pa., Sept. 3.—Dr. George W. Bowles of this city was re-elected as medical inspector of public schools at the meeting of the board of school directors, Thursday evening, August 12. That Dr. Bowles' services as medical inspector of public schools for the year 1914-1915 has been entirely satisfactory is corroborated by his re-election for the years 1915 and 1916. Associated with Dr. Bowen in the work of medical inspection are five of York's leading physicians, all of whom are white, viz., Dr. A. A. Long, S. K. Pfoitzgroff, B. F. Spangler, L. M. Hartman and George W. Brose.

OMAHA CHARITY CONCERTS POPULAR

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Omaha, Neb., Sept. 3.—The management of the Omaha Retailers' Charity Concert course, at which five of the world's greatest attractions will appear, has found it necessary to fix a time limit for sale of tickets for the course. No season tickets will be sold after September 15. After this date prices for single admission will prevail.

The sale of season tickets has been unprecedented and the merchants of Omaha, who are standing sponsor for the event, wish to give their friends throughout the state opportunity to enjoy this great musical festival at the unusually low prices originally fixed for the series. Lucius Pryor, care of the Brandeis stores, is manager of the concert course.

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TALK HAPPINESS.

"Talk happiness. The world is sad enough
Without your woes. No path is wholly rough.
Look for the places that are smooth and clear
And speak to those to rest the weary ear
Of earth, so hurt by one continuous strain
Of human discontent and grief and pain."

How much good advice in these simple lines. Truly the world is sad enough without your woes. Will you not brighten it by telling of the pleasant, the beautiful, things of your life? No life is wholly devoid of happiness. There is in each life much for which to be joyful.

Much of the misery of the world is imaginary. As we think, so often we even are. Then let us think of the beautiful things in our lives, talk of our happiness and happiness will be ours.

FRIENDS THAT COUNT.

The friends that love us always,
In good times and the bad;
The friends that love us always,
Are the friends that keep us glad.
The friends that cling in tempest
As they do in calm are those
That have made the paths of hardship
Seem the path of song and rose.
The friends that love us always,
When we go their way or not,
Are the friends our hearts remember,
When the others are forgot.

The friends that stick the closest
When trouble grows the worst;
The friends that love us always
Just the way they did at first—
They are the crowning jewels
Of the coronet we weave
In the dream of tender moments
When the troubles start to leave;
We revere their names forever
And we see their faces clear.
The friends that love us always
Whether sun or shadow's near.
—Anonymous.

Dear boys and girls, the summer passed. I hope each of you have had a pleasant vacation and that you will go back to school determined to do your best every day. The only way to make good credits at the end is to begin the very first day by doing your best and each day thereafter doing the same.

We are all watching you, the world is watching you, for in you are bound up the hopes of the future. You are the men and women of the years to be and how quickly time flies. We want you to be good, we want you to be efficient, we want you to be great!

While we would have you feel that we are expecting much of you, yet we want you to be real children, too. We would not rob you of one happy moment, of one childish joy. In the words of the poet:

"One lesson I may leave you,
Be good, sweet child,
Do noble deeds, not dream them all day long,
And life and the vast forever shall be one grand sweet song."

HIS PHILOSOPHY.

(By Wilbur D. Nesbit.)

I don't see why it isn't good
For me to eat a lot of cake,
An' candy, too, because it would
Perhaps give me the stomach ache.
But when it's something that you like
Your chance for it is mighty slim.
Dad says it always seems to strike
Along that way with him—
He says that in this life of his
That's how such things most always is.

I don't see why I've got to be
Right in my seat each day at school,
Nor why it always must be me
That's punished when he breaks a rule.
There's other girls that's just as bad,
That somehow don't get caught at all.

Dad says that he thinks that it is sad,
But's that the way our luck will fall.
He says it nearly knocks him dumb
The way such things most always come.

I don't see why the things that's good
Are nearly always bad for me—
Dad says he's never understood
Just why that's how it's got to be.
But he has noticed all the while
That what we want and what we get
Are things of very different style.
And he can't see just why, but yet,
He says that in this life of his
That's how such things most always is!

THE TEST OF EDUCATION.

A professor in the University of Chicago told his pupils that he should consider them educated, in the best sense of the word, when they would say yes to every one of fourteen questions he should put to them. It may be of interest to you to read the questions. Here they are:

Has your education given sympathy with all good causes and made you espouse them?

Has it made you public-spirited?

Has it made you a brother to the weak?

Have you learned what it is to be a friend yourself?

Can you look an honest man or a pure woman straight in the eye?

Do you see anything to love in a little child?

Will a lonely dog follow you in the street?

Can you be high-minded and happy in the meaner drudgeries of life?

Do you think washing dishes and hoeing corn just as compatible with high thinking as piano playing or golf?

Are you good for anything to yourself? Can you be happy, alone?

Can you look out on the world and see anything except dollars and cents?

Can you look into a mud puddle by the wayside and see anything in the puddle but mud.

Can you look into the sky at night and see beyond the stars? Can your soul claim relationship with the Creator?

COLORED BOY SAVES GIRL.

Paterson, N. J., Sept. 3.—Little John Sisco, 139 Sixteenth avenue, is being hailed as Paterson's hero. On Wednesday, August 11, he saved the life of Miss Josephine Domico, a white girl, who was in danger of being carried over the Passaic river falls.

OMAHA WELCOMES LETTER CARRIERS

Festal Season Planned When Convention Meets Here Labor Day.

Omaha, Neb., Sept. 3.—Thousands of electric lights will turn night into day as a welcome to the national convention of letter carriers which meets in this city on Labor day. The street decorations and illuminations will be carried out with that uniformity and taste which characterizes all leading events in Omaha. A record attendance of the men of the mail sack is predicted. Special trains will be run conveying letter carriers from all leading cities within 200 miles of Omaha in order to give them the advantage of the annual Labor day holiday.

SAVING FAMILY'S REPUTATION.

The following selection suggests the question, "Is our family reputation safe?"

John's father taught his children

that paying is as much a part of religion as praying.

Consequently John, aged 6, never went to church without his contribution. One Sunday, as the wardens began to take the collection at the morning service, John looked along the pew to see if the various members of the family were provided with a contribution.

Noticing a guest of his sister's employed, he whispered: "Where is your money?"

"I have none," was the reply. Time was short and the necessities great. In a flash the little chap met the emergency by saying:

"Here, take mine; that will pay for you and I'll get under the seat," and flinging his nickel into her lap he disappeared under the pew, where he remained until the singing of a hymn—and the reputation of the family was saved.—Church and Home.

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Water the Gloxinia.

WORK-A-DAY NOTES

By L. M. BENNINGTON.

If the season is a dry one some of the plants in the garden will have to be watered if you want flowers from them. Especially is this true of gloxinia.

Use enough water to penetrate all the soil in which their roots grow, and see that it is kept moist.

Watering today and neglecting for a week to come isn't the proper thing. Save the suds from wash day for this purpose. The snap in the water will benefit the plants.

Be sure to supply substantial supports for your dahlias. If this is not done you will likely find them broken some morning after a sudden wind or a hard rainstorm. The stakes should be at least four feet tall—allow an extra foot and a half for insertion in the ground and they should be at least an inch through, and of good sound wood. Paint them a dull green and they will not be unpleasant.

GOVERNOR PRAISES RACE
FOR NOTABLE PROGRESS

(Continued from first page.)

arly men in all the professions. He has enriched literature by nearly 6,000 books and periodicals, and given 7,000 compositions to the music of the world.

Negroes Great Farmers.

"Above all, and beyond all, in so far as the rank and file of the colored race is concerned, he has been developing an aptitude for the tilling of the soil and the acquisition of the same. There in the cultivation of his own soil he becomes in truth his own master.

"The percentage of black farm owners and farm workers within the last decade has been enormously increased.

"The percentage of increase among the black man, strange to say, is nearly double the increase among the white man in the acquisition and development of the farm, and this development has gone on in spite of race prejudice, race hatred, and, in many cases, in spite of unjust laws.

"Let us then do honor where honor is due; let us congratulate our black fellow citizen upon the splendid progress he has made politically, religiously and economically.

ly obtrusive. Tie the stalks to them with broad strips of cloth instead of strings. The latter will cut into the tender branches when they are whipped by the wind.

DO NOT OMIT THE SHRUBS

By JULIE ADAMS POWELL.

One corner of my garden shaded from the hot sun is devoted to herbs. If you have never had a herb bed this is a good time to plant one. I am going to add several herbs to mine this year and I give the list of those most useful. In some cases it is best to buy the plants, and such I note.

Three sage plants.
Three clumps of chives.
Two lavender plants.
Six roots of mint.
One package summery savory.
One package thyme.
One package winter savory.
Two plants of tarragon.
One package dill for flavoring.

"Let us extend to him the hand of encouragement and sympathy, and let us hope that the progress that he has made within the last half century, wonderful as it is, will be but the forerunner of the greater progress to be made in the years yet to come."

The exposition will close Sept. 16. Everything shown is the handiwork of a colored man or woman. The exhibits cover a wide range, from vehicles made in manual training schools in the South and elsewhere to electrical appliances and women's needlework. There are paintings, examples of sculpture, and many other examples of genuine merit. Music will be a daily feature supplied by the Eighth regiment Illinois National Guard band and the jubilee chorus.

WEAK IN FRENCH.

Miss Ellis, the teacher of French, looked at Bertie in surprise, and said: "I'm surprised that your French is so weak, Bertie. Now, think for a moment, Chapeau. What is that?" Bertie remained silent, apparently lost in deep thought, but to no purpose.

"Well," said the teacher, impatiently, "what does your father throw up when he's merry?"

Bertie brightened.

"His job, ma'am," he replied.

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News of the Lodges and Fraternities

Masonic.

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

Zaha Temple No. 52, A. E. A. O. U. M. S., Omaha, Neb. Meetings the fourth Wednesday in each month. N. Hunter, Ill. Potentate; Charles W. Dickerson, Ill. Recorder.

Shaffer Chapter No. 42, O. E. S., Omaha, Neb. Meetings first and third Friday in each month. Maggie Ransom, R. M. Elnora Obee, Secretary.

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

Keystone Lodge No. 4, K. of P., Omaha, Neb. Meetings first and third Thursday in each month. N. Hunter, C. C.; Edward Turner, K. of R. S.

Omaha Lodge No. 2226, Grand United Order of Odd Fellows. Meeting nights, the first and third Thursdays of each month. Lodge rooms, 2522 1/2 Lake street. C. M. Johnson, N. G.; J. C. Belcher, Cor. Secretary.

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

COLOR LINE HAS KEPT GREAT MEN OUT OF GAME

The color line drawn so tightly around major league baseball has barred from major league fields three of the greatest pitchers the game has ever produced.

One of the trio, John Donaldson, pitching semi-professional ball in Kansas City, recently pitched thirty innings without allowing a hit or run—a record without parallel.

"If Donaldson were a white man, or if the unwritten law of baseball didn't bar Negroes from the major leagues, I would give \$50,000 for him—and think I was getting a bargain," said John McGraw, of the Giants, after seeing Donaldson pitch several games in Cuba.

Donaldson, just before establishing his record of pitching thirty innings without being hit, struck out twenty-five men in a twelve-inning game—an average of better than two strike-outs per inning.

Donaldson just now is twirling for the All Nationals, a Kansas City team composed of players of all nations and an outfit that baseball experts claim is strong enough to give any major league club a nip-and-tuck battle.

Frank Wickware is another Negro pitcher who would rank with Walter Johnson, Joe Woods and Grover Alexander if he were a white man. Wickware performed some marvelous pitching feats in and around Schenectady, N. Y., and has since moved on to Chicago, where he has become a sensation among the semi-pros.

Wickware has marvelous speed, a wild set of curves, and wonderful control. And he has a trick that has made him feared among batters. He

throws what seems to be a "bean ball," but his control is so perfect that he never yet has hit a batter in the head. But when the batters see the ball, propelled with mighty force, come for their heads, they jump away—and the ball, taking its proper and well-timed curve, arches over the plate for a strike.

Wickware has compiled a wonderful strike-out average. He figured in about thirty games over a stretch of three years from 1912 and struck out something like 250 batsmen—an average of about eight and one-third to a game. In one game he fanned fifteen men. He has allowed on an average of only five hits to a game for the last twenty games pitched, and over a stretch of fifteen games he allowed twenty-six runs, less than two runs to a game.

In Cuba there is a Negro pitcher by the name of Mendez. He is known as "the Black Matty," and his work has been almost as brilliant as that of the "Big Six" of the Giants. Mendez is only of medium height, but he has terrific power in his arm.

The Cuban Negro has a canny brain and he has always used it. He has mixed his fast ball with his slow one, has an assortment of beautiful curves, and perfect control.

OAKLAND PUTS BAN ON "BIRTH OF A NATION"

Oakland, Cal., Sept. 3.—The citizens' vigilance committee of Oakland, Cal., headed by the Rev. S. W. Hawkins, Fr. D. R. Wallace, Dumar Jones, E. Marshall, B. H. Godfrey and Attorney Lawrence Sledge, have succeeded in having "The Clansman" or "Birth of a Nation" stopped from showing in the city of Oakland.

Baltimore, Aug. 19.—One of the most spectacular and threatening fires that has visited Baltimore for years broke out in the heart of the city early last Saturday morning, destroyed the furniture factory of Goldstrom Bros., and damaged St. Elizabeth's home. Three hundred colored orphans in the home were rescued by the firemen and policemen. The flames then spread toward Mercy hospital, giving the firemen a hard fight before they were subdued. Two firemen were injured by the collapse of the Goldstrom building. The damage was \$150,000.

Early in the spring over five hundred soldiers competed in a race at Aldershot, England. The king acted as starter and the queen presented the prizes. The race was won by Private Stewart, a colored soldier from Jamaica.



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