

General Race News

THE FIRST REGIMENTAL BAND DELIGHTS CLARINDA

The Clarinda (Ia.) Journal of July 29th, speaks in high praise of the First Regimental Band of Omaha, which visited that progressive Iowa town in connection with the annual meeting of the Iowa lodges of the colored Knights of Pythias, held there July 27, 28 and 29. Clarinda itself has one of the best bands in Iowa, numbering thirty-five pieces, and its residents have been trained to appreciate good music. The Journal speaks of the Omaha band in these complimentary words:

"The principal feature of interest to Clarinda people is the band of the First Nebraska Regiment of Uniform Rank, of Omaha, Neb. This band gave a concert in the court house park yesterday afternoon, and played in front of the Journal office complimentary to this paper. The band is in charge of Captain W. M. Lewis and First Lieutenant Dan Desdunes, who is also the musical director. There are twenty-four musicians present in Clarinda and it is an excellent organization. Its repertoire is varied, the numbers ranging from the best classics to the raggiest rags. Some of the music is composed and much of it arranged by the leader, Dan Desdunes, whose excellent directing has attracted much favorable comment. The band plays together as a unit, are at the instant control of the leader, are good musicians and the results produced are very enjoyable. The members of the band live in Omaha, where they are employed at various trades. They have their own armory and have such a good reputation in Omaha that they are a regular feature at the Ak-Sar-Ben and take their regular turn in playing the Omaha municipal park concerts. They will give a concert tonight at the Chautauqua auditorium.

MADE SECOND LIEUTENANT IN THE BRITISH ARMY

Advices to The Age from London state that John G. Russell, a well-known clarinet player, formerly residing in New York City, has been commissioned as a second lieutenant in the British army and will soon see active service in the great European conflict now being waged.

This will not be Lieutenant Russell's first experience on the firing line. He was a member of a West Indian company that fought in the Boer war and also in West Africa. When a youth Lieutenant Russell lived in London and studied music at the Royal Academy of Music, making an enviable record.

Russell is a member of the Clef Club and the New Amsterdam Musical Association and for a while was a member of the Lafayette theater orchestra. Last April he sailed for London with an aggregation of colored musicians to appear at the Hippodrome. After working in vaudeville several weeks, he decided to become a soldier once more, and being a British subject, with a good army record, he was at once accepted and made a second lieutenant.—New York Age.

The will of E. E. Des Verney of Savannah, Ga., disposes of \$50,000.

The Delta Penny Savings Bank at Indianola, Miss., has been certified by the state banking department.

Mr. Charles McQueen of Texas has invented a weight motor house fan that goes automatically by winding, like a clock.

Dr. Charles H. Roberts, a leading dentist of New York City, has gone to Paris to work in the clinic for the soldiers.

E. C. Brown, who has conducted a successful banking business in Newport News, plans to open a bank in Washington, D. C.

Thomas Rutling, the first tenor of the famous Fisk Jubilee Choir, and its last surviving member, died recently at Harrowgate, England.

The Fair Publishing Company, backed by colored people, is said to be about to begin a series of weekly newspapers published in Philadelphia and distributed with local additions in Philadelphia, New York, Boston, Baltimore and Washington. W. W. Rouke is editor and Dr. A. T. Boyer president of the corporation.

OUR "LEADING" UNIVERSITIES. (Continued from first page)

themselves to be led hither and thither at the whim of those whom they are leading. The sensation produced by such a phenomenon must be similar to that aroused by the act of ascending Pike's Peak and falling skywards to the earth.

It is understood that the conception, the only reasonable conception, to be held is one that places the university as the center, the concentration, the outcome of the best thought, and mental endeavors of the country's foremost and most brilliant minds. It typifies the collected efforts of the nation's search after knowledge, and above all, after truth. If nothing more, it is looked upon as one of the most important factors in eliminating prejudices of all kinds, and in molding public opinion in conformity with the laws of truth and justice.

With this conception in such marked contrast to the facts as given just before, is it any wonder that exception should be taken to the widely applied phrase, "leading university"?

The fact that private corporations and business concerns are appreciating the economic value of the Negro, and are placing him in positions of trust and responsibility, regardless of the opposition of disgruntled underlings, is in itself an accentuation of the indifferent and pusillanimous position which the "leaders" have taken, and in which they attempt to fortify themselves.

A Strenuous Test.

A muscular Irishman strolled into the examination room where candidates for the police force are put to a physical test.

"Strip," ordered the police sergeant. "What's that?" demanded the uninitiated.

"Get your clothes off, and be quick about it," said the doctor.

The Irishman disrobed and permitted the doctor to measure his chest and legs, and to pound his back.

"Hop over this bar," ordered the doctor.

The man did his best, landing on his back.

"Now double up your knees and touch the floor with your hands."

He sprawled face downward on the floor. He was indignant, but silent.

"Jump under this cold shower," ordered the doctor.

"Sure, that's funny," muttered the applicant.

"Now run around the room ten times to test your heart and wind," directed the doctor.

The candidate rebelled. "O'ill not. I'll sta' single."

"Single?" asked the doctor, surprised.

"Sure," said the Irishman, "what's all this fussing got to do with a marriage license?"

He had strayed into the wrong office.

Visitor (who is being shown thru a lunatic asylum)—And may I ask who are those patients that are hammering under the beds?

Warden—Oh, those are motor car patients.

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