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## NEBRASKA SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TO WASHINGTON FUND

As pointed out in these columns some weeks ago a nation-wide effort is being made to raise a fund of \$2,000,000, known as the Booker T. Washington Memorial Fund. This fund is to be used for the endowment of Tuskegee Institute which was the creation of Dr. Washington and which has done such a splendid work of uplift among the members of our race in the Southland.

Colored Americans are asked to give one-fourth of this amount, or \$250,000. In New York the fund among the Colored people was started, we believe, by a dime contributed by a little boy by the name of Russell Gibson. Nearly two hundred and fifty children have contributed their pennies and dimes to this fund so that the children have raised and contributed through the New York Age about \$25.00. Adults having caught the inspiration from the children have also given their contributions.

What New York is doing for this Memorial Fund, cities all over the country are doing. We believe that Omaha ought to have a share in Memorial Fund. Not only Omaha, but Nebraska. The Monitor has started this fund and urges our readers to show their race pride by sending in their contributions for it. Up to the present we seem to have overlooked it. We received for this fund only \$1.25. It ought to have been by this time \$125.00. Contributions need not be large; but we believe that all of us who appreciate the work that Dr. Washington did and the place that he held in this country should have a share in this memorial.

We, of Nebraska, should contribute. Don't you think so?

## PERPETUATE THE CHORUS

We desire to congratulate Mrs. W. T. Osborne upon her success in undertaking and carrying through a big thing, for such was Queen Esther both as an oratorio and a drama. It is no easy task to undertake the assembling of the number of people required for the cantata and assume the financial responsibility required to present such a chorus and dramatic spectacle.

The people who took part are to be congratulated upon the persistency with which they stuck to the work before them. All were successful in having such a conductor as Ben Stanley. Queen Esther shows what our people can do in a musical way. The chorus should be kept intact, others should enroll in its membership, and from time to time we ought to have the pleasure of hearing some of the grand oratorios which uplift and inspire. Our race in Omaha

has marked musical ability. It simply needs organization, cultivation and direction. We hope that a permanent choral society will be the outcome of the successful rendition of Queen Esther.

Our suggestion would be that such an organization be confined to oratorio and chorus work, without adding or attempting to add dramatic features. We believe that more effective work can be done along these lines.

By all means perpetuate and enlarge the Queen Esther chorus.

A large number of pupils, fifteen in all, belonging to our race are to be graduated from the eighth grade in June. Good for you, boys and girls. We shall have something more to say to you and about you later. Prepare yourselves as fully as you can in every way for useful work in the world.

Unite. Concentrate. Co-Operate.

Start to save something weekly.

Keep down the weeds.

Swat the fly.

Buy homes.

## VOTES REPORTED BY CONTESTANTS IN THE FREE TRIP CONTEST

### Help Your Favorite.

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## MOTHER AND MOTHER'S DAY

By J. William Shields

There is an appropriateness in the selection of the month of May in which to pay tribute to mother, living and dead. All of the fragrant perfumes of early summer come to us in May. Above all the months of the year, May is welcome for her modesty, her tenderness and her smiles which bring with them human happiness. May is symbolical of motherhood. The woods and gardens are filled with delicate essences. The hours of a May day aquiver with the laughter of time and the inexorable rhythm of fate surcharges the world with harmony.

The true purpose of "Mother's Day," as observed Sunday, May 14, was not so much to honor motherhood

in general as mothers in particular. Its observance should be made as personal as possible, each one giving a thought to "the best mother who ever lived—my mother." Also it should be a day of service rather than praise, of reunion rather than gifts.

Many of us have strayed away from home and mother and stepped aside from her teaching when she held us on her lap, with silvery locks adorning her smiling face, and uttered these words: "My boy, or my girl, yield not to temptation."

Oh, what a grand blessing to have a home and a mother.

Mother and home they are one. They are the beginning of all. Wherever we go, whatever we do, however long we live, when God wishes to speak, He speaks through home and mother. May God bless her!

Had I the power to gather the blue of our skies and all the green of our lovely meadows and the sunshine which sheens our waving fields, I would bind them into a coronet of beauty, deck it with jewels of our love and reverently place it on the brow of motherhood.

## GEORGIA ELECTS DELEGATES

Savannah, Ga., May 26.—This state has elected delegates to the national Republican convention at Chicago in June. Delegates at large are Walter H. Johnson, Columbus; H. A. Rucker, Atlanta; Henry Blun, Savannah; J. W. Lyons, Sol C. Johnson, First district, who is secretary of the Republican state central committee, will represent his district. He is one of the best known newspaper men in the city.

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