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KEEPING UP PROPERTY

It is gratifying to note the peculiar pride our people are taking in improving their property and keeping it in an attractive, sightly and good condition. This is especially true of the ever-increasing number who own, or who are buying, their homes. It is also true, in a large measure, of those who are tenants and are permitted to occupy respectable-looking houses. But very naturally a mere tenant does not take the same pride in the house he occupies as he would were he the owner.

Of course there are many unsightly shacks, which are a disgrace to a progressive city, which are occupied by our people—and not necessarily a shiftless class either—and yet many of these places show that they are occupied by people with a love of the beautiful for familiar flowers and clambering vines are generously used to brighten up the premises and modify the unsightliness.

As a rule, our people whether homeowners or tenants, are taking pride in keeping up the appearance of the property for which they are responsible.

This is as it should be. A people proud of their personal appearance and proud of their home surroundings are a progressive people.

Unfortunately, we have among us slouchy and shiftless people; but the great bulk are progressive and self-respecting and the proof of this is the pride our people show in keeping up their property.

WHY HER TAXES WERE HIGHER

One of our women went to pay her taxes a few days ago and found that they were eight or nine dollars higher than those of last year. She wondered why. She was told that this was due very largely to the fact that playgrounds, bathing places, etc., for the benefit of the children were being maintained by the city. Having children of her own, she thought this a good thing and cheerfully paid her increased taxes. A few days thereafter her fourteen-year-old son, a manly and gentlemanly lad, went with some of his schoolmates, as had been his custom, to the Municipal beach, and was not permitted to go in bathing with his chums as he had always done before, because of a "Jim Crow" rule recently put into effect. Is it any wonder that the mother of this boy was indignant?

It may be well to warn public officials that if they think our people are going to stand for this kind of business, their thinking apparatus stands in urgent need of repairs.

If you have anything to dispose of, a Want Ad in The Monitor will sell it.

The Church Advocate of Baltimore, Md., which has the unique distinction of being the only journal in the United States published in the interests of the work of the Episcopal Church among Colored people, contained in its July issue a most complimentary full page article on the Editor of the Monitor. We were deeply touched by the words of our good friend, the Rev. George Freeman Bragg, Jr., D. D., who is the talented editor of The Advocate. We sincerely thank him for his graceful tribute and shall do our best to deserve it.

The professional prohibitionists are being probed and punctured in "Public Pulse" by our friend and namesake, Father John Williams. It may be that we are partial, but it looks to us as though this vigorous octogenarian keeps his many opponents busy dodging his vigorous blows. One opponent, in particular, is rapidly developing into a high vaulter.

Segregation in the enjoyment of municipal privileges will not be tolerated and that must be distinctly understood. The Monitor gives fair warning that we will fight it from start to finish and will fight any man or set of men who advocate or are responsible for any measure or measures curtailing us as a people of our lawful rights and privileges.

If Colored Americans misbehave themselves or violate the law they should be arrested and made to pay the penalty of their crime just as any other law-breaker; but the offense of the individual must not be charged up to the race or group of which he is a member.

Hats off, gentlemen, to German ingenuity and resourcefulness. The successful cruise of Der Deutschland from Bremen to Baltimore must command the admiration of the world.

If there are any weeds around your home, get busy and hew them down.

Live as much as you can in the open.

Can you swim? Better learn, then.

If your subscription is due, pay it.

Swat the 'skeeter.

Be pleasant.

LINCOLN, NEB.

Mrs. Willier Clark has returned home after a visit in Wichita, Kans. She was accompanied home by Mrs. Wm. Clark, her mother-in-law.

The O. S. Club will meet at the residence of Mrs. Earl McWilliams.

Mrs. Wm. Williams has gone to visit friends in Iowa.

Mrs. Van Bowding and little Lela Mary have returned home after spending a few days in Wichita, Kans.

Mrs. John Galbraith has returned home after visiting Kansas City and Lexington, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley entertained a number of their friends Thursday evening, July 6th, in a very delightful manner. Japanese lanterns, cozy nooks, with natural flowers about the yard and porch, made a pretty set-

ting. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley received a great many compliments for a most pleasant evening.

Mrs. Seraha Browning, of St. Joe, spent a few days in the city.

Mr. Will N. Johnson has returned to Omaha after spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. Laura Johnson.

Mrs. E. D. Shipman has gone to Omaha to spend the week with Mrs. Martha Smith.

Miss Mary Green, of Brownsville, Nebr., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Joseph Burton.

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