FLORIST AND UNDERTAKER.

The properly putting away the dead will always be a big business because "man is born to die." There are two undertakers of our people in the city doing good business, but without an apartment of flowers to make up the floral designs.

Such an annex is a profitable paying business in itself and would give employment to several of our women who are the most artistic designers in the world. Why the men engaged in the business of emblaming the dead have not added this most beautiful essential feature we do not understand.

A former citizen of Omaha, Mr. G. Wade Obee, who for years was the best and leading undertaker and embalmer of our people there, is in our city with the intention of locating permanently in the same work, and the Los Angeles Post hopes that he will add or rather start out with an apartment to make all of the floral wreaths and beautiful designs thus giving employment to many of the citizens who raise flowers in their yards. This act will be the incentive to creating a big industry, and many girls and boys who are now idle will find work of a pleasant nature.

The churches, private parties and all public affairs would have a certain place of our own for supplies at all times. This business would thrive with less effort than aiy other and should be pushed to the front at once.—Los Angeles Post.

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Length, ten inches. Distinguished by its piercing and oft-repeated crykildee.

Range: Breeds throughout the United States and most of Canada; winters from central United States to South America.

Habits and economic status: The killdeer is one of the best known of the shorebird family It often visits the farmyard and commonly nests in pastures or cornfields. It is rather suspicious, however, and on being approached takes flight with loud cries. It is noisy and restless, but fortunately most of its activities result in benefit to man The food is of the same general nature as that of the upland plover, but is more varied The killdeer feeds upon beetles, grasshoppers, caterpillars, ants, bugs, caddis flies, dragonflies, centipedes, spiders, ticks, oyster worms, earthworms, snails, crabs and other crustacea. Among the beetles consumed are such pests as the alfalfa weevil, cotton-boll weevil, clover-root weevil, clover-leaf weevil, pine weevil, billbugs, white grubs, wireworms, and leaf beetles. The bird also devours cotton worms, cotton cutworms, horseflies, mosquitoes, cattle ticks, and crawfish. One stomach contained hundreds of larvae of the saltmarsh mosquito, one of the most troublesome species. The killdeer preys extensively upon insects that are annoying to man and injurious to his stock and crops, and this should be enough to remove it from the list of game birds and insure its protection

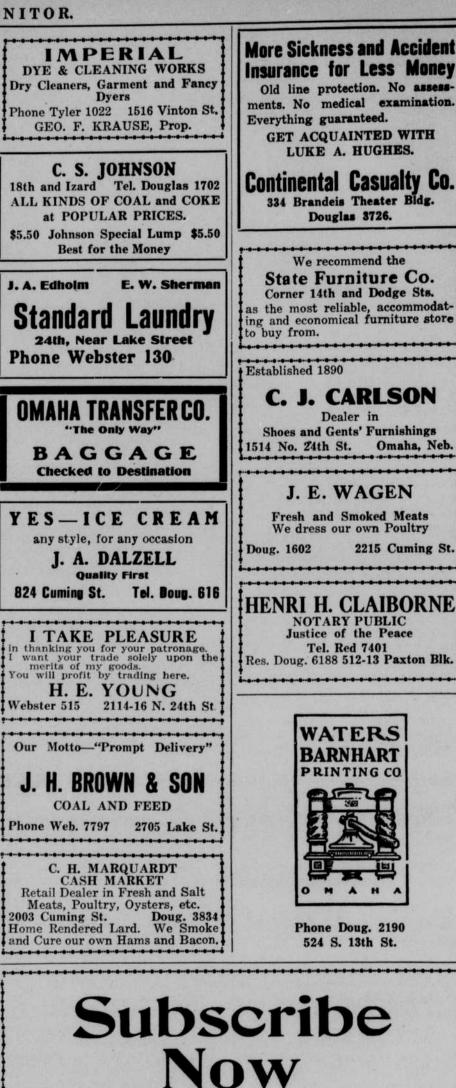
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OPEN CONFESSION OF MACON TELEGRAPH

We must leave the Negro in the South. The black man is fitted by nature, by centuries of living in it, to work contentedly, effectively and healthily during the long summers of semi-tropical and tropical countries. He has been with us so long that our whole industrial, commercial and agricultural structure has been built on a black foundation. It is the only labor we have, it is the best we possibly could have-if we lose it, we go bankrupt! Everybody seems to be asleep about what is going on right under our noses. That is, everybody but those farmers who have wakened up of mornings recently to find every male Negro over 21 on his place gone -to Cleveland, to Pittsburg, to Chicago, to Indianapolis. Better jobs, better treatment, higher pay-the bait held out is being swallowed by thousands of them all about us. And while our very solvency is being sucked out from underneath we go about our affairs as usual: Our police officers raid poolrooms for "loafing Negroes," bring in twelve, keep them in the barracks all night and next morning find that ten of them have steady, regular jobs, were there merely to spend an hour in the only indoor recreation they have; our county officers hear of a disturbance at a Negro resort and bring in fifty-odd men, women and boys and girls to spend the night in the jail, to make bond at ten per cent, to hire lawyers, to mortgage half of two months' wages to get back on their jobs Monday morning-although but a bare half dozen could have been guilty of the disorderly conduct. It was the week following that several Macon employers found good Negroes, men trained to their work, secure and respected in their jobs, valuable assets to their white employers, suddenly left and gone to Cleveland, "where they don't arrest fifty for what three of 'em done."

THE HALF-CENTURY MAGAZINE

Among our exchanges this week we have received a copy of the November Half-Century Magazine, a new publication, published in Chicago, of which a race woman is editor. It is a most interesting journal and will find a warm welcome in the homes of thousands of our people. The frontispiece of this issue is great. It represents a proud young football hero, plastered and bandaged after the gridiron battle, holding hands with a pretty little brown skin doll who is no less proud than the pigskin warrior. The look which she bends upon him is apparently worth all the court plaster and antiseptic gauze which decorate his head.



for

There are two strong stories, and an illustrated article upon the return of the Eighth Illinois to Chicago. Nine other special departments go to make the magazine a most valuable periodical. Under "What They Are Wearing," are several illustrated fashions, the models serving being types of our own people. Race news, drama, music, etiquette, beauty hints, humor, and domestic science, are the fields covered and that exceedingly well. We would suggest that Monitor readers write for a sample copy and see what fine work our race is beginning to do in the fields of journalism. The address is The Half-Century Magazine Publishing Co., 3708 Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

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