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A GOOD INVESTMENT

We wish to call the attention of the readers of The Monitor to an advertisement appearing in this issue for the Hungerford Potato Growers' Association. We have carefully investigated this company and believe that they are affording people of small means an exceedingly safe and profitable investment. So impressed are we with it that we have requested the company to set aside fifteen plots of five acres each especially for Monitor readers.

For a payment of \$25.00 down and five dollars a month for about two years, this company sells you a five acre tract and agrees to farm it for you and give you two-fifths of the crop. The staple is potatoes and so reasonable are they in their estimate that they have figured the potato crop on the basis of fifty cents per bushel, a price at which potatoes will probably not sell again for many years to come. At the gathering of the second crop your land is paid for, the deed delivered and an income started. There have been several companies started upon this plan and all have made good, but this is the first making a specialty of potatoes and what is best is that the land is right here in our own state.

We commend this investment to our readers and hope that at least fifteen will avail themselves of this opportunity to make a good investment in an easy way. The company is putting out a booklet which explains the plan in detail and the same may be had at The Monitor office or at the company's office on the north-east corner of 15th and Howard streets. We seldom have such opportunities made us because of our limited means, but this is well worth consideration. Four of Omaha's Colored citizens have already taken tracts and we believe that after the matter is investigated there will be many more. Get a booklet and learn a way to make a little money other than by the sweat of the brow.

LENT

Next Wednesday is Ash-Wednesday or the first day of Lent, a penitential season of forty days' duration, commemorating Christ's fasting and temptation in the wilderness, which will be observed by millions of Christians throughout the world. Some will observe it earnestly and sincerely, others perfunctorily and as a matter of custom or fashion.

But to those who will keep this season in the spirit in which it is intended to be observed as a time of spiritual stock-taking and growth in true religion, which is the chief fact and should be the chief concern of every normal man or woman, none but the most prejudiced must admit that such a season will prove most helpful.

We are all too prone to become absorbed in and dominated by materialistic pursuits and ideals. Lent diverts attention to more spiritual

things and many who may not admit it feel its influence.

There seems to be a wide-spread feeling that the observance of Lent is only for Episcopalians, Roman Catholics and Lutherans. That it has proven a valuable help in spiritual growth to the people of these communions would seem to indicate that people of other communions would also derive benefit from its observance.

IS THE MILLENIUM

ABOUT TO DAWN

We are tempted to ask this question from some extraordinary happenings of late. In Arkansas a white man has been sentenced to the penitentiary for ninety-nine years for assaulting a Colored girl. In Arkansas, mind you!

Then in Tennessee, in Tennessee, the supreme court has sustained a decision of the lower court in awarding a fortune to a Colored woman, who was the common-law wife of a white man and the mother of his children, the testator having stated that he felt it his duty to provide for his children and their mother. At another place in the South a Negro accused of assault was acquitted of the charge by a white jury! Think of it!

Is the millenium about to dawn? Or is justice beginning to take her rightful place in the hearts of Americans?

The death of Bishop Walters removes one of the race's greatest men who wrought nobly and unselfishly for his people and humanity.

The careers of men like Douglas, Washington and Walters should be an inspiration to our youth.

SONG OF SOLOMON

Money.

1. Harken to me, O my beloved son, whilst I ukele to thee a threnody upon my little ukelele.

2. I ukele to thee of money, mazuma, simoleons, cush, jack, long green, filthy lucre and all other syn-money and needest it muchly.

3. Some have called it the root of all evil, but they were usually the ones who lost it all at poker, black jack and craps, O my son.

4. In the palmy days of nineteen seventeen plus, O my son, thou needst money and needst it muchly.

5. I wot me of a time when a bean would buy a boarding house, but that time hath gone glimmering down the greasy speedway of time.

6. So wot I of a time when a thin dime would buy a peck of potatoes, but a dime potato nowadays needeth to go under the microscope to separate it from an atom of dust.

7. Methought the Dem. Congress under the National Dome would investigate why a silver bone hasn't more rubber, but they are busy investigating the leak that proves to be a bursted dam.

8. The other day, O my son, I hied me forth to buy some eggs, but when the seller quothed me the price I took my shekels and bought a diamond instead.

9. Again I one-stepped to the butcher to buy some porterhouse, but I have not the heart to tell thee all.

10. And now farewell, O my son, farewell. I must lay aside my ukelele and figure on breakfast. I must eat one more meal ere I die and I have but a twenty spot to my name.

Obvious Observations

Hello warm weather! Please stick around and get on regular.

Even China is going to break with Germany unless the U-boat policy is modified. If things keep up the Kaiser will sure need a place in the sun, because he won't have one on earth.

Spring is coming and advertising will pick up. Watch The Monitor for the dealers who want your spring trade.

The "Honorable" Claude Kitchin has put the Mason-Dixon line back with a vengeance and the Reps. are all worked up over it. They might have known that a white Southerner can be nothing else but a white Southerner, no matter what happens.

The peanut is supplanting cotton as the southern staple, says the Literary Digest. What will the poor boll weevil do now?

The grand jury has sent a chill down the spines of many of Omaha's citizens. They say there is a big bunch of indictments ready, but we should worry. As long as men obey the law they can say howdy to a policeman without a tremor.

Germany says she means to starve England, but she can't do it when 1100 vessels reach and leave Liverpool every week.

Now when we get through paying the coal man, the grocer, the butcher, our clothiers, and finish paying our taxes, we think we will have enough left to buy a stogie or a stick of gum.

Thanking you for your most earnest attention, we will now look up the number of ships der Kaiser sunk yesterday.

THE ORPHAN OF RACE

The following bit of verse is clipped from the New York Sun:

They call me "Colored" and I take my place

Beside the dusky savage seated there;

He sees the movements of my maiden grace

And woos the silken wonder of my hair.

An orphan girl am I, sad and alone,

An orphan girl unclaimed of any race;

I wonder if in heaven I shall be "known"

And have to wear a poor mulatto's face.

Mabel W. Stevens.

Call In Or Call Us Up

Will you please call in at our office and get one of our books explaining our plan under which we will sell you a farm on comparatively the Building and Loan plan. Explaining how we sell a five acre potato tract upon the payment of only \$25 down and \$5 per month. Explaining how we go on and work this farm for you, developing it into a veritable garden and at the same time give you two-fifths of all crops raised upon the land, which two-fifths, in a couple of years, ought not only pay the difference between your monthly payments and the price charged for the land, but should give you back every dollar you have paid in. If the price of potatoes still stays up as they are, it should even do better than this, but even if potatoes drop to 75c or \$1 a bushel after a year or two, even then, your investment should pay you from 33 1/2 to 166 per cent.

Let up explain this proposition to you. Get one of our books, read up on what we are doing for the wage-earner. Our books are free for the asking. Please come in today or Telephone Douglas 9371.

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