

Our Women and Children

Conducted by
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WE TOLD YOU SO

Secretary Lane, of the Department of the Interior, gives a list of topics, suggesting that they be discussed at the various commencement exercises this year. We quote the sixth topic in full as published in the Outlook of June 5th:

"The American Negro as a soldier; story of his contribution to the army and navy in earlier wars; his character as a soldier when well led; (Crispus Attucks and the Boston massacre; John Chavis and the revolution in North Carolina; services in the war of 1812; in the Civil war; in the war with Spain where Negro troops saved Colonel Roosevelt. His work at Battery Wagner, at the Crater, at San Juan Hill, Williams' 'History of the Negro Race in America' and other works.) The matter in parenthesis is suggested to be used as references.

The whole thing "reads good" to us—suggested by a cabinet member to the whole people of the United States; published in a leading magazine of this country; and even the word "Negro" appearing throughout with a capital "N;" all goes to prove that what we have said here before seems to be coming true.

We repeat that out of this war for freedom and liberty, justice will come to the Negro. How helpful to us and to this nation would be a careful study and a deeper appreciation of the Negro as a soldier. Some significant things have happened, more significant things will happen. We believe a new light is dawning so let us increase our efficiency, as workers, as thinkers, as lovers.

L. S. E.

THE PERFECT SEED

Your life was stunted and cramped,
little flower,

You had such a time to grow.
Day after day the sun beat down;
You longed for the sweet rains so;
And at times it seemed that your life
was spent,

But you struggled up and laid
The poor little pitiful bloom you had
On the altar unafraid.

'Twas, oh, so far from the dream that
you dreamed

As you pushed your way through
the sod,

Of a beauteous blossom, heavenly
sweet.

But this is the law of God;
From a blighted flower comes a perfect
seed,

Untainted by drought or frost,
For the seed is the fruit of the dream,
dear heart,

And oh, no dream is lost!

—Ex.

FACT AND COMMENT

Usually it is the worker that is too
soft rather than the worker that is
too hard.

Small Skill is gained by those who
cling to Ease;

The Able Sailor hails from Stormy
Seas.

No dwelling is a home that does not
hold food and fire for the mind as
well as for the body.—The Companion.

FLORENTINE PINKSTON PIANOFORTE RECITAL

Miss Ruth Seay.

Tuesday evening, June 12th, a large audience of friends and music lovers assembled at Mecca Hall to hear the pianoforte recital of Mrs. Florentine Pinkston.

Her program was intelligently interpreted. The dignity and breadth of her playing, together with the wonderful quality of her tone, the exquisite pianissimos and pearly runs, displayed her skill and mastery of her instrument in a striking manner.

Mrs. Pinkston's grace and amiability won for her the sympathy of the audience and she was received with great enthusiasm. Her return to Omaha was a triumph.

Mrs. Pinkston was assisted by Messrs. Rurus Long and George Wells Parker. Mr. Long, Omaha's well-known baritone, sang three songs in his usually splendid way. Mr. Parker gave a short address touching on the different phases of the present world war. Being a young man of unusual intelligence and ability, he presented these facts in a very forceful and impressive manner.

Taken as a whole, the recital was a great success and will live in the memories of Omahans as one of the events in the musical world to which they can point with pride. Mrs. Pinkston has made good and Omaha welcomes her back with wide spread arms.

ST. JOHN'S A. M. E. CHURCH NOTES.

Standing room was at a premium at St. John's Friday evening to witness the recital by Omaha students from Western University, under the direction of Prof. R. G. Jackson, with Miss B. Douglass at the piano. The students proved themselves well trained and masters of the situation. The large appreciative audience was delighted with the showing made by the Omaha girls and boys; \$95.50 was realized by the W. W. Club, at the door and on ice cream.

The Du Bois Dramatic Club will entertain in honor of Mr. J. Andrew Singleton at the parsonage Friday eve., June 22nd. Other honored guests will be Mr. L. Roy Kelley, who has been attending Rodger Williams University and the girls and boys from Western University.

Eighty-two persons have enrolled for the big cantata, "David, the Shepherd Boy," to be presented under the management of Mrs. W. T. Osborne in the near future. Prof. Ben Stanley, director, with Mrs. Florentine Pinkston at the piano. Prof. Stanley will meet the chorus Sunday afternoon, June 24, at 3:30.

Sunday is the final personal Rally Day at St. John's. The ladies are asked to contribute one dollar and the men one dollar and fifty cents.

Members and friends of St. John and the public at large are interested in the recital to be given at the Church by Mr. J. Andrew Singleton July 6. First because Mr. Singleton, as was the students who appeared June 8, and received the hearty support and encouragement, is one of our home boys who is striving to make a mark in life and needs our encouragement. Second, regardless of denomination, he always willingly aided on programs and in concerts to help any financial effort for any Church or organization; and we are pleased to say that Omaha has the real pride of encouraging its own. Mr. Singleton's efforts will not be an exception.

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ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH NOTES

Monday at 7:30 p. m. the Rt. Rev. Arthur L. Williams, bishop of Nebraska, visited the church for a special confirmation service. The confirmands were Mrs. W. M. Murphy, Mr. Frank Liverpool and Dr. W. W. Peebles. Just prior to the confirmation service Dr. Peebles, who was leaving early the following morning for the officers' reserve training camp at Des Moines, was baptized. The services were singularly impressive.

It is planned to begin as soon as possible neighborhood work of a practical nature, using the Guild Rooms for lectures, instructions and social gatherings.

VACATION

By Gerald Adams, Age 9.
Fourth B June 12, 1917.

The fifteenth of June is vacation,
It will very soon be here,
There are few more days of school-time,
The warmest days of the year.

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On the farm where my uncle lives,
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