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THE MANAGEMENT.

LINCOLN HAPPENINGS

Items of Interest Reported by The Monitor's Genial Correspondent, Willis W. Moseley

The State Superintendents and Teachers Association of the New Era Baptist Sunday School Convention of Nebraska convened at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Lincoln, Nebraska, Friday, Feb. 24th, at 6:30 p. m.

The visiting superintendents and teachers upon their arrival were taken to the church, where supper was served at 6:30, after which the program was begun, and was as follows:

1. Song, by the Association.
2. Invocation by Rev. H. W. Botts, Lincoln.
3. Biography of Bible Characters.
4. Joseph, by Miss F. Maxey, Zion.
5. Stephen, by R. L. Lewis, Omaha.
6. "How Far Should the Church Engage in Reform Movements?" Opened by Rev. W. A. McClendon of the A. M. E. Church, Lincoln.
7. "How Can We Best Bring Men to Christ?" Opened by Mrs. Fanny Young, Superintendent, Lincoln.
8. Demonstration as to How to Spread the Gospel, by Supt. D. G. Shaw, Zion, Omaha.
9. Solo, by Mrs. Odessa Patrick, Lincoln.
10. Remarks, by Rev. H. W. Botts, Lincoln.

The program was carried out in a precise manner. The number of subjects were discussed and many thoughts were advanced for good.

Many questions were advanced through the question box, which were nearly all answered with due satisfaction.

State Supt. H. L. Anderson of Zion Baptist, Omaha, was in charge, and Miss F. Moxey, Secretary.

All parties concerned expressed themselves as highly pleased with the meeting, hoping that it will ever live and draw into it many other superintendents and teachers of the state. The church was well filled with appreciative folks.

Visitors present from Omaha were: H. L. Anderson, State Supt., Zion; D. G. Shaw, Supt., Stine Whiteslaw, R. L. Lewis, Mrs. Gorham, Mrs. L. M. Irving, Miss F. Moxey, Miss G. Ratliff, all of Zion; Mrs. D. W. Gooden and Mrs. Carrie Robinson of Mt. Moriah, and Mrs. Jennie Bolden of Zion.

Mrs. Gorham of Omaha remained and worshipped at Mt. Zion Sunday.

Rev. W. A. McClendon filled his pulpit last Sunday and gave wholesome sermons to his folks. The Sunday School and Endeavor Society held their services. Fair crowds were in attendance.

Rev. A. J. McAlister and his congregation held a rally last Sunday, as the pastor soon leaves for annual conference. Rev. W. A. McClendon of the A. M. E. church preached a fine sermon in the afternoon. Many of his members and Rev. H. W. Botts and a number of his folks were in attendance. The rally was a success.

The Optimistic Club will give a social at Masonic Hall on Friday night, March 17th.

Rev. H. W. Botts delivered two fine sermons to his folks last Sunday. The Sunday School held their service and an impressive report was brought in from the setting of the Supts. and Teachers Association of the State. Next Sunday will be rally day at the church and Rev. W. A. McClendon will preach at 3 p. m., and be accompanied by his folks. Rev. McAlister and folks promised to be present. The B. Y. P. U. held their meeting and carried out an interesting program.

Mr. Marion Thompson was reported confined at home with illness the past week.

The A. M. E. Choir is preparing to render a Cantata on Easter.

Mrs. Dehila Alexander is reported doing fairly with her limb at this time.

Get acquainted with the Episcopal Church by attending services Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at St. Philip's Church, 1121 North Twenty-first street.—Adv.

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LOVE MELLOWS PRIZE FIGHTER

Girl Brings Desire for Education to Former Terror of the Boxing Ring.

IS SEEKING ANOTHER DEGREE

"Kid" Wedge, at 41, Enters Harvard Almost Penniless, to Obtain Ph.D. Degree—Left Lumber Camps to Be Pupilist.

Boston.—A story of great love, of a career of hard battles in the ring, and of a winning fight against tuberculosis came to light at Harvard university a few days ago when Frederick "Kid" Wedge, forty-one years old, of Arizona registered in the Harvard graduate school of education, where he is to study for his Ph. D. degree.

Fifteen years ago the name of "Kid" Wedge was one to be feared in the timber lands of the Middle West. For years he had fought in the rings of that region. At twenty he left the woods, where he worked with lumbering crews, and took up the fighting game for his profession. In the next six years he fought 68 battles and won 65 of them.

Romance Entered Life. Then, when he was twenty-six, came his romance. He met the daughter of a Wisconsin doctor. She was a graduate of a Nebraska college, and far removed from Wedge's station in life, but they were married. Then he realized the great difference in their intellectual standards, so he gave up the ring to secure an education with the money he had earned as a prizefighter. For six years he attended a preparatory school, where he did 12 years of elementary work to prepare for college.

He entered the University of Nebraska, but the war interrupted his work. He went to Camp Grant as a boxing instructor, and there another obstacle appeared. The doctors pronounced him an incurable victim of tuberculosis, with but six months to live. He went to El Paso, Tex., to begin a different battle, and in a year he was a well man.

Won Degree of A. B. Then he entered the University of Arizona and finished the work he had begun at the University of Nebraska. He was given his degree of A. B. He was forty years old then, and became principal of the high school at Benson, Ariz. That was the position he held until the end of last year, when he resigned to go East and continue his studies.

He made the trip of thousands of miles in freight cars and "on the rods." He started with \$10 traveling expenses, and reached Cambridge with 65 cents in his pockets. When the next semester opens at Harvard, after the mid-year examinations, "Kid" Wedge, former boxer, former lumberman, former hobo, and former flying consumptive, will open up the books that will make him a doctor of philosophy.

WAR PRISONERS SENT HOME

Between May 1, 1920, and Dec. 31, 1921, 441,829 Were Repatriated by Joint Commission.

Geneva.—Prisoners of war to the number of 441,829 were sent to their homes between May 1, 1920, and December 31, 1921, by the joint commission of the League of Nations and the International Red Cross.

The repatriated men were prisoners belonging to various European states interned in Russia and Russians interned in various European countries. A small number of prisoners still remain in Russia, but as far as the joint commission can learn they are men who have no preferred, for personal reasons, not to join the convoys of repatriated prisoners.

The commission considers that its work ended December 31 and all agreements pertaining to it will be renewed on March 15.

URGES BRITISH EMPIRE RADIO

Wireless Commission Advocates Building of Stations in Colonies and in China.

London.—The wireless telegraph commission has recommended to the government the construction of stations in England, Canada, Australia, South Africa, India, Egypt, East Africa, Singapore and Hongkong. A year was devoted to study of the question. The average cost of the stations is estimated at not more than £160,000, normal value \$800,000, but those in England, Egypt, Singapore and Hongkong would aggregate about \$853,000, or \$4,265,000. Recommendation is made that two wave lengths be fixed for each transmitting station, and that each center be equipped for receiving from several stations in the chain simultaneously.

Long Ride on Wheels. Sunbury, Pa.—To travel 900 miles to Florida on a bicycle without mishap was the experience of William Burrell, aged sixteen, of Sunbury, whose parents received word recently that he had arrived safely. Young Burrell is a mechanical genius and found no trouble in finding work at garages along the route. He will leave soon on the second leg of his journey to California. He intends to ride his wheel the whole way.

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MEXIA TYPICAL MUSHROOM CITY

Texas Town Grows From Sleepy Place of 3,000 to 30,000 Inhabitants Over Night.

OIL BOOM IS RESPONSIBLE

Hundreds Are Forced to Sleep Out- Doors and There is but One Bathroom in the Place— Prices Are High.

Mexia, Texas.—Mexia, which has come into so much notoriety through the sending of state troops here to put an end to outlaws, the sale of illicit booze and restore order, is a typical mushroom city.

Overnight a tented city arose. From an apparently sleepy little town of 3,000 population in October, 1921, where old settlers farmed for a living and eked out a bare existence from their lands to a bustling city of 30,000 people, and all in a few months, this is the recent record of Mexia, an old-time Texas town, which is feeling the effects of one of the numerous oil developments in the Southwest.

The population now consists of an assortment of oil field followers and thousands of men and women seeking employment. Consequently because of the exorbitant prices charged for a room, if one were lucky enough to secure one, hundreds of men, favored by the long continued mild winter, are sleeping on the grass along railroad tracks, public parking places and, in fact, anywhere they can.

Beds in Tents Costly. Overnight a bed in a tent marked "A place to flop" soared from 50 cents a night to \$3. A night in a crude plank structure where one didn't know his bed-fellow or the hundreds of others in the single room cost \$5.

Rail traffic jumped hundreds of per cent. There are two trunk lines, the Houston & Texas Central and the Trinity & Brazos Valley, leading through here, and passenger traffic is very heavy, while freight trains are frequently seen running three abreast, so heavy is the demand for oil machinery. One road is said to have spent \$600,000 in enlarging its facilities.

The water situation is not altogether what could be desired. Getting a bath here is quite an experience, if indeed not a task. The old saying, "If you want to do something big—wash an elephant," certainly has found parallel in Mexia.

But One Bathroom. This luxury may be found, outside the woodland creeks, only in a downtown barber shop. The bathroom is a stall in a wooden-floored, plank-in enclosure. The plain, pine planks are slippery, but the proprietors of the house have found that it is not necessary to maintain first-aid kits because the board floors are warped enough to allow the bather a foothold.

But as for oil. There are a solid six miles of new derricks, drillers, outfits, tents, wooden buildings and people where once there was the open prairie. A survey of all local lumber men shows that buildings completed or contracted for since October 1 total between \$3,500,000 and \$5,000,000.

Gambling and drinking halls filled with dancing girls are open every night, and one may buy openly "red" and "corn" whisky at 50 cents a drink. Fortunes are lost overnight at the dice and roulette tables.

FLOOD BENEFIT TO FARMERS

Water Left Fine Silt of Good Earth on Impoverished Lands in Washington.

Sedro Woolley, Wash.—A fine silt of very fertile earth layer from two to five inches deep was left on the inundated farm lands when the flooded Skagit river subsided to its regular channel.

The layer of silt had added great value to the valley lands, according to owners. The flood, which was the most extensive known here since the early homestead days, lasted from December 10 until the middle of January.

The rise of the river was attributed to torrential downpours in the foothills and mountains through which the Skagit flows. The heavy rain washed immense amounts of rich top soil from the hills into the flood and all this material was carried into the valley and deposited.

BLINDNESS DECREASES IN U. S.

Cases Drop From 57,272 in 1910 to 52,617 in 1920, Say Census Figures.

Washington, D. C.—The number of blind persons in the United States decreased from 57,272 in 1910 to 52,617 in 1920, according to figures for the last census announced by the census bureau. The decrease was attributed in part to advanced methods for treatment in blindness and also to education of the public in preventing blindness.

Blue Eyes Mean Soft Bones. Copenhagen.—The bones of persons who have blue eyes are more fragile and more liable to fracture than those whose eyes are of other colors, according to investigations made by Dr. Olaf Biogvad and Dr. Holger Hasselmann.

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COLORED FOLKS IN OMAHA ARE PROGRESSIVE

(Continued from Page One) group; the Y. M. C. A., which has recently begun to organize, promises good results, and the Medical Society, composed of the colored physicians, dentists and pharmacists.

There are two weekly papers, owned and published by members of this group. The Monitor and The New Era. Both papers are clean, well edited journals and they serve their group with ability and courage.

In music, members of this element have been markedly successful. They have several teachers of instrumental music and the violin, a number of successful orchestras, two bands and several capable pianists and vocalists. A growing tendency is also manifest toward better music. This is especially true of the Community Chorus and the larger choirs.

As home owners and home buyers the Colored People have made considerable progress in recent years. They are now paying taxes on real estate holdings of the value of two and a half millions of dollars; they are entering more and more into gainful occupations; they have well trained doctors, lawyers and dentists; their own skilled artisans, caterers, dress-makers, milliners, and, like the more numerous group among us, beauty and hair culturists.

About two thousand five hundred colored children are in the public schools of the city, and several are attending Omaha and Creighton Universities.

Contrary to the popular notion, this group has many fine minds, and many of the families live in excellent dwellings and in them cultivate the finer and better things of life. And these, perhaps, give more in service to their fellows than an equal number of any group on earth. They strive, too, to impress the value of being honest, thrifty and industrious, and on the side of law and order and the enforcement of law. They are grateful for all that their white friends have done for them throughout the passing years, and those who help them now; and, surely, they may ask, in the light of justice and right, because of what they have done and given in peace and war in the years that are gone, and what they sacrificed on the altar of mankind in the Great War, that they may have a fair opportunity, the right to work and the chance to rise. All of the thoughtful men and women of both races should desire these things. Through understanding and co-operation we shall attain them.

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DAN DESDUNES BAND SCORES BIG TRIUMPH

(Continued from Page One) This was the program:

1. America the Beautiful, Chorus and Band.
2. Tannhauser Overture, Wagner.
3. Negro Spirituals, Mr. H. L. Preston and Chorus.
4. Steal Away, N. Clark Smith, Chorus and Band.
5. Old Favorites (Selection), Seredy.
6. Vocal Solos: (a) Little Darnell, Novello; (b) Wid de Moon, Moon, Moon, Cook; Madam Lena Curry.
6. (a) The Highlander's Patrol, Laurendeau; (b) The Sheik, Ted Snyder.
7. Cornet Solo, Rock of Ages, (Air Varie) Barnhouse; Mr. Jeff Smith.
8. Barber of Seville, Overture, Rossini.
10. Vocal Solo, Old Pal, Jerome; Mr. Levi Broomfield.
11. Camp Memories Selection, Seredy.
12. Spirit of America, Zamecnic.

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP THE DEACON

John Albert Williams, Pastor
Last Sunday morning at 11 o'clock a large congregation was present and witnessed an impressive service when nine young girls, between the ages of twelve and sixteen; two women, who are in charge of the branch, and three girls, under twelve, were formally admitted as members and associates and candidates of the St. Philip's Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society, an international organization with a membership of 500,000, by the priest of the parish. The applicants were presented by Miss M. Marsh, national secretary of New York, and pledged themselves to fulfill the obligations of the society, chief of which are purity in thought, word and deed, unselfishness and helpfulness of others. Each was then individually admitted by name, after which the girls knelt and repeated the prayer of the Girls' Friendly Society and the priest gave the blessing. Following the ceremony, Miss Marsh gave an exceptionally helpful and instructive address on the aims and purposes of the organization, whose motto is, "Bear ye one another's burdens."

Those admitted as associates were Mesdames William W. Peebles and John Albert Williams; as members, Nathalie May Brown, Emily Elizabeth Allen, Della Louise Howard, Melva Mary McCaw, Margaret Murray, Madeline Shipman, Thelma Shipman, Constance Belle Singleton and Ernestine Evelyn Singleton; and as candidates, Dorothy Allen, Margaret Dickerson and Catherine Williams.

The church services will be at the usual hours, holy communion 7:30 a. m.; Church school, 10 a. m.; Holy Eucharist and sermon, "Catholic, Not Roman or Papal," 8 p. m.; evening prayer and instruction.

Confirmation classes for children on Friday afternoons at four o'clock, for adults, Friday and Sunday nights.

LOYALTY TO COUNTRY

In the early morning of a spring day of 1918 healthy, manly colored boys began to assemble in Washington Square, New York City. Thousands of them were formed in a military procession and marched up Fifth Avenue amid the cheering of the multitude. The places of business were decorated with the National emblem, and when they reached Murray Hill they were stopped in front of the Union Club, where the Governor of the State descended, accompanied by his official retinue, and passed to this company of colored troops their colors and said to them that they should bring them back with honor.

The survivors of this company, some of them having paid the supreme sacrifice, came back to their country, bringing the colors with honor. They all offered their lives to save the world for democracy and to save the civil and personal freedom of every man, woman, and child in the United States. In the heart of hearts of these brave colored boys rested the hope that their acts of bravery would also free them and give them a little higher standing in the community in which they lived. They had the hope that while they were fighting to make the world safe for democracy and save civilization they might also win a little freedom for themselves. What has been the record? They were honorably discharged from the service, and within one year from the time they were discharged ten of their number were lynched, not one of the ten for rape. —Wm. Chalmers, Ohio.

Services on each Lord's Day as follows: Sunday school, 9:30 a. m., morning services, 11:00; B. Y. P. U. and evening services, 8:00. Prayer and praise services every Wednesday evening at 7:30. Services were good throughout the day last Sunday. We rejoice that the pastor who has been ill for some time was able to be out. He delivered excellent sermons at both morning and evening services. We are also glad to see some of our sick members out again. We still have many who are confined either to their homes or some hospital on account of their illness. The Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. are growing rapidly under efficient leadership. Several visitors worshipped with us last Sunday. Everybody, especially strangers in the city, are welcome and invited to make this your home church. Covenant meeting followed the administration of the Lord's Supper will be held next Sunday.

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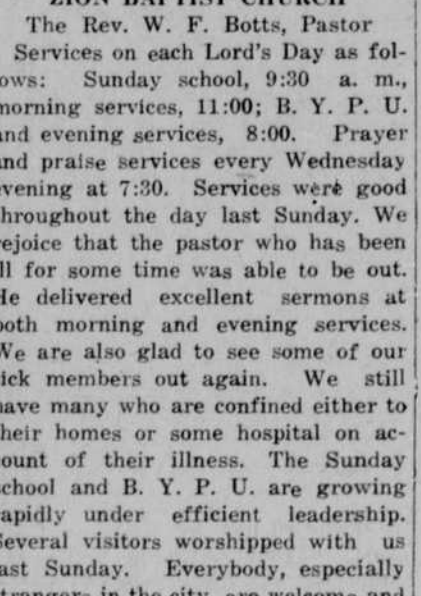
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Excellent and soul-inspiring services were held Sunday. Evangelist Brown delivered three stirring messages filled with thought and spiritual inspiration. Many conversions were made. The people are becoming deeply stirred for their soul's welfare in our two South Side churches uniting in this religious campaign. Next Sunday, March 5th, will be quarterly meeting. A great time is expected. Pastor and people looking for the presence of all Methodist preachers and their flocks. Friday night will be "Love Feast," following the observance of the day as a fast day. All strangers are cordially invited to attend all services. The sick folks of the congregation are improving, especially Mrs. Jefferson and "Father" Mitchell.

THE BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Thos. A. Taggart, Pastor
The pastor preached a splendid sermon last Sunday evening. Rev. Mr. Davis preached Sunday morning, his theme being "Christ the Sin Bearer." The services were well attended all day. Next Sunday morning the pastor will preach on the subject, "Time Will Tell," and at the evening service on "In the Shadow of Death." The Mission Circle met at the Church Hall Thursday evening and planned to play the Slab Town Convention in the near future. The sick of the church are improving. Next Monday evening the Pastor's Aid and Literary Society will have a big time presenting a Mock Trial, a murder case on circumstantial evidence. Everybody welcome, admission free. Refreshments served.

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Russell Taylor, Pastor
The Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society is meeting regularly each week and working hard in the preparation of useful and fancy articles for their bazaar which is to be held about Easter. The pastor is delivering a series of sermons on the Apostles Creed. Topic Sunday, "The Holy Ghost." The usual services will be held at the appointed hours Sunday.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation for the many kindnesses and floral offerings shown by our many friends and neighbors during the recent illness and death of our beloved son and brother, Herman Washington, 3915 North 30th St., who departed this life Friday, February 24, 1922.—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Washington, parents; Misses Hazel and Joella Washington, sisters; Frank Washington, brother.

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