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CHARLES C. BELDEN

IN the sudden death Tuesday afternoon of Charles C. Belden, one of the city's pioneer merchants, Omaha loses the earthly presence of one of her foremost citizens and hundreds of people in all walks of life a sincere and warmhearted friend. Mr. Belden was one of those wholesome sweet characters whom to meet was an inspiration and a delight. He was a kindly, cordial Christian gentleman. Void of sham and hypocrisy he always rang true. Catholic-minded in his sympathies he loved his fellowmen, irrespective of race or creed. His sudden passing befitted his life. Active and energetic, despite his more than three score and ten years, the Master called and he was ready to depart. It is such men as Charles C. Belden, characters all too rare, who reveal to us human nature at its best and show the real nobility of man.

AN UNUSUAL INCIDENT

THE village of Mays Landing, New Jersey, and, incidentally, the United States of America, received a wonderful revelation recently. A Negro by the name of John Wesley Underwood, the sole representative of his race among its 2,500 population died. He had lived quietly and unobtrusively in the village conducting a small candy store, generously patronized by the children, whom he loved and by whom he was loved for his kindness and friendliness. Upon his death it was learned that he had bequeathed \$100,000 to the village to be used in educational and recreational advantages for the children of the town. Like Enoch Arden "the village never saw a grander funeral." All eulogized the philanthropic spirit shown by Underwood and declared that he had opened their eyes and taught his fellow villagers a wonderful lesson by which they hoped to profit. Unmindful of him as they had been he had not been unmindful of them and their children and of their needs. We cannot but wonder how far-reaching will be the influence of John Underwood's benefaction to the village which he claimed as home. It ought to be far-reaching.

UNANIMITY OF SENTIMENT

THE unanimity of sentiment of the race press on the Sweet case is strikingly significant. It shows the awakening of a racial consciousness which recognizes the fact that we, as a racial group, are facing a serious crisis in the United States which must be met fearlessly with a united front. There is the recognition of the sobering fact that we have a battle on our hands, not one that we have sought, but one that has been forced upon us. It is a defensive battle to determine and protect our status as citizens. This is the light in which the race press regards it. Editorial sentiment is unanimous in asserting that Dr. Sweet did the right thing in repelling the attack by a mob upon his home. They regret that this necessity was forced upon him, but they are proud of the fact that he met it like a man and refused to run like a cringing coward. The press truly interprets the growing spirit of determination upon the part of our people to defend our homes from lawless

THE NEGRO'S CONTRIBUTION NOT NEGLIGIBLE

A moment's thought will easily convince open-minded persons that the contribution of the Negro to American nationality as slave, freedman and citizen was far from negligible. No element of American life has so subtly and yet clearly woven itself into warp and woof of our thinking and acting as the American Negro. He came with the first explorers and helped in exploration. His labor was from the first the foundation of the American prosperity and the cause of the rapid growth of the new world in social and economic importance. Modern democracy rests not simply on the striving white men in Europe and America but also on the persistent struggle of the black men in America for two centuries. The military defense of this land has depended upon Negro soldiers from the time of the Colonial wars down to the struggle of the World War. Not only does the Negro appear, reappear and persist in American literature but a Negro American literature has arisen of deep significance, and Negro folk lore and music are among the choicest heritages of this land. Finally the Negro has played a popular spiritual role in America as a sort of living, breathing test of our ideals and an example of the faith, hope and tolerance of our religion.—Du Bois, "The Gift of Black Folk."

tional prominence of it, and the daily newspapers are giving space that brings our side of a sad national situation to the front page. If we, as a group, lay aside selfishness and measure up to the needs of the hour, we will get somewhere. "Rome Burns", this is no time to fiddle!
 Editor's Note—Associated Negro Press

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PROMINENT WOMAN TO LECTURE

Mme. Ecilla Mathis Carter, of Chicago, Illinois, noted lecturer, educator, and writer, will lecture at St. John A. M. E. Church, Thursday evening, Nov. 26, (Thanksgiving).
 Mme. Carter is the founder of the Carter charity and benevolent clubs dispersed



over the country. She is a graduate of Spellman Seminary and Tuskegee Institute, enthusiastic worker of the N. A. A. C. P. and National Federation of Women's Clubs. Her theme is a gospel of right-living, better homes, educated leadership, consecrated ministry and a trained youth, the hope of the future.

Her subject for this lecture "Listening In". Don't fail to hear her. Admission 25c. Auspices L. E. W. Board.

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LINCOLN NEWS AND COMMENT

The funeral of Mr. Robt. L. Brown, aged 71, who died last Sunday morning in State Hospital, was held in Alba Brown's undertaking parlor Wednesday afternoon. Rev. H. W. Botts officiated. Relatives and friends attended.

Mr. William C. Mathews of Boston, Mass., newly appointed special assistant attorney general, was in the city last week to assist Mr. Rush in the case of Messrs. L. B. Howey and Z. J. Dunn, bankers.

Rev. H. W. Botts spent several days at Beatrice this week looking after interest of small churches in his district.

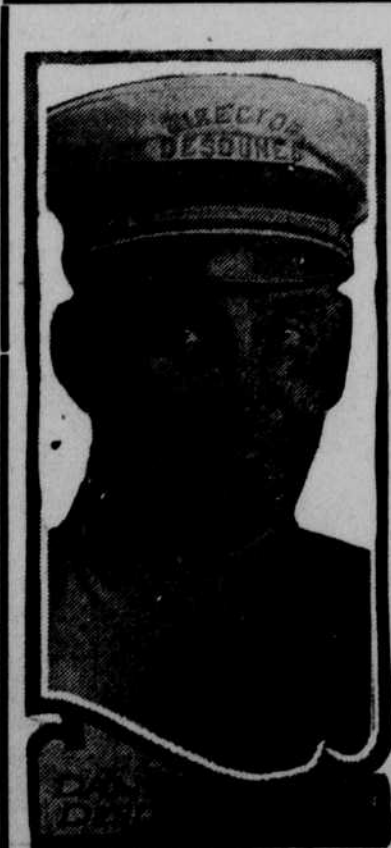
Those yet reported on sick list are Mrs. M. Vannel, convalescent; Mrs. J. W. Cooley, Mr. Ben Corneal, Mrs. Mary Nichols is able to be out again.

Father and son week was fittingly observed at Mt. Zion Baptist church last Friday night. A banquet had been planned by the Sunday school to which a number of fathers took sons and others borrowed sons. The occasion and feast was an enjoyable one. A brief program was afterwards given in the auditorium.

There will be union services at Quinn Chapel A. M. E. church Thanksgiving Day at 11 a. m. Rev. H. W. Botts of Mt. Zion will preach, after which dinner will be served at the several churches balances of the day.

The Utopian Art Club of Mt. Zion Baptist Church will send a program at the church on Thanksgiving night.

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By Mrs. Erma ones, Correspondent and Agent, 1117 Avenue D—Call 1682 and Give News.

Mrs. Ella Rose entertained the Art Club last Monday. A delightful luncheon was served.

Mrs. E. S. Madison had an Armistice Day guests the Rev. C. A. Moore and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Fletcher had an Armistice Day dinner guests Mr. and Mrs. John Mills.

Mrs. William Matthews and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Florence of Missouri Valley spent Sunday as guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Stewart.

Mrs. Liza Baker has returned from her trip to Chicago. Mrs. William Chesney has been called to St. Paul, Minn., by the death of her brother, Mr. Minor Fountain.

Miss Agnes Fountain has left for Kansas City to attend the funeral of Mr. James Johnson, father of Mrs. Eva Givens, a former resident of this city.

Rev. J. P. Jackson who has been ill is able to be out again.

The Pastor's Aid rally held at Tabernacle Baptist church was well attended. Mr. Charles Daves and Mr. Wilbur Stewart gave interesting talks. The Rev. Mr. Crowder of Omaha preached an excellent sermon and the Rev. Messrs. C. A. Moore, Cobb and other ministers also gave interesting talks.

Mrs. George Althouse left Thursday for Chicago and some parts of Missouri.

The well known Rev. Mr. McCoy of Atlanta, Ga., is in the city working for the Freedmen's Bureau of the

Presbyterian church. He is stopping with the Rev. J. P. Jackson.

A Harvest Home and Carnival Week is being planned by Mrs. Ida Giles for Tabernacle Baptist church Thanksgiving week. Mrs. John Turner is chairman of the Thanksgiving dinner. Everyone welcome.

Mrs. Eva Mae Bess, state organizer of the Women's Federation of Iowa, spent Saturday, November 14, in Des Moines organizing two junior and senior clubs. The Senior club comprises some of Des Moines prominent women, Mesdames S. Joe Brown, Woods, Patton, State president; and others.

Hollis Art Club will meet at Mrs. Paine's Monday and Mrs. Bess promises a wonderful program.

Mrs. Eva Mae Bess attended St. Paul's church, the Y. M. C. A. and other places of interest while in Des Moines.

Miss Alta McKelly and Mr. Bird-long were married last week.

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DEFENSE CHARGES THAT POLICEMAN KILLED BREINER

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 "Of course, you were not timing yourself that night, were you?" Darrow asked. The witness said he was not. "As a matter of fact, you were just as cool then as you are now?" "I'm not very cool now," said Wett-langer.

Several witnesses for the defense testified Tuesday and Wednesday as to the presence of a mob before the Sweet home, and of being themselves threatened with violence.

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