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JUNE TIME.

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Sunshine and blue sky and trees of living green,
Hill and dale bedecked with flowers of every hue and sheen;
Songbirds and butterflies on gorgeous wings a gleam,
Music of the rippling brook, and drowsy murmuring stream;
Moonshine and starshine and winds that softly sigh,
Airy clouds of fleecy white, that idly wander by,
Old friends and new loves now meet with hearts atune
To all the beauties of the earth and sky—and this is June.
Mrs. J. Frank Hammond.

PATRIOTIC PARADE.

Next Wednesday, June 14, Omaha is to have a gigantic patriotic parade in which all citizens are invited and urged to participate. It is to be called the Flag Day Parade, that day having been designated as Flag Day by His Excellency, the President of the United States. The purpose of the observance of Flag Day and of the parade is to arouse national enthusiasm for the flag and to engender and nourish patriotism.

As this is the first civic observance during our residence of twenty-five years in this city, in which an invitation has been extended to Colored citizens, in common with all other citizens, to participate, we note it as a hopeful sign and urge upon our people to take their full part and share in this parade.

The Colored American, it must be frankly admitted, has very little ground, so far as his treatment in this country is concerned, for being patriotic. Pernicious, degrading and discriminatory laws are enacted and enforced against him with the sanction and permission of the government. His property, civil and personal rights are in many sections wantonly overridden and disregarded. He is virtually told that he is not wanted in the United States army, as in the reorganization and enlargement of this arm of the service no provision is made for his admission. He is not admitted to the navy except as a servant. Prejudice which the government helps to foster hedges him about on every side. He is barred from West Point and Annapolis government schools.

These facts, and they are facts, which cannot be denied, would seem to furnish reasons why the Colored American ought not be patriotic. And yet, here is a most remarkable anomaly:

With the least reason for being patriotic, the one group of "our people whose stalwart Americanism and patriotism cannot be questioned," to quote the words of a distinguished Southern bishop spoken to us a few months ago, "are the Colored people."

This is a remarkable fact. So we as a people need no Flag Day or patriotic parades to awaken or deepen our patriotism. But, at the same time, there is a wide-spread feeling that the country at large needs a pa-

triotic awakening. There are those who believe that parades and demonstrations will help accomplish this. We ourselves, personally, have our grave doubts as to the permanent effects of such demonstrations. And yet we would be the least to gainsay that they have their value.

Justice and equality of opportunity to all classes of citizens, the constant teaching and practice of brotherliness, helpfulness and kindness are, in our judgment, the chief factors that will count in making men lovers of their country; anxious to live worthily for her and of her, and, if need be, to die for her.

We as a group of American citizens, regretting that we are set apart and proscribed, must never hesitate, however, wherever and whenever we can to take our full share in all the privileges of our citizenship. It is up to us to do our full duty always and everywhere, no matter what "the other fellow" does. So as citizens of Omaha, let us all take part in the Flag Day parade, Wednesday, June 14, everybody looking his best and acting his best and carrying the flag, the banner of his country, join the parade.

Let us have the best looking group in the whole parade.
"All Ready! Forward, March!"

The Centimeter is the name of a new publication which was issued June 1, under the editorship of Mr. Fred Williams. The first number is most creditably gotten out. We like the tone of the little sheet and the courage and spirit which animate the editor in issuing it. Mr. Williams lost his eyesight some months ago and not wishing to be dependent upon his friends has hit upon the expedient of publishing a weekly paper. This is a most praiseworthy spirit and we wish the venture success.

Henry R. Richmond, who is special correspondent for the World-Herald at the republican national convention, is certainly giving the readers of that paper some real live interesting reading. Incidentally, in a recent article he was kind enough to give The Monitor prominent mention which we appreciate.

Opportunities are constantly multiplying for our people becoming homeowners. There are three or four Col-

ored real estate firms whose advertisements appear now or have appeared from time to time in this paper who no doubt can give you just what you want. Consult them.

Which will it be "Teddy R." or Charlie Hughes? Between the two were we to choose, 'twould be Teddy R. not Charlie Hughes.

Mr. John Grant Pegg left Tuesday evening for Chicago to attend the Republican National Convention.

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W. G. MORGAN

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