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From Fair Nebraska to Sunny Tennessee

Incidents of the Trip and Impressions Received by Editor on First Visit to Southland.

SAVING MONEY FOR CHRISTMAS

How the Solvent Savings Bank Started Many People on the Road Leading Toward Prosperity.

We were taken to task again this week for omitting our article on Memphis, and that in face of the fact that only two weeks ago we over-ran our allotted space and really thought we were trespassing upon the patience of our readers.

Anxiously Looked For.

One lady said to us: "My father anxiously looks for those articles every week and when they do not appear in the paper he and all the rest of us are disappointed. And then, besides, they are always too short. Why don't you make them longer?"

It's perfectly delightful to have people say such things and especially when you have good reason to believe that they mean what they say and are not saying so simply for the sake of saying something.

Of course, we are glad these articles are being read and enjoyed, as they are, by so many.

A very courteous and charming little lady who holds a responsible position in one of the large firms in the city which advertise with us said:

"Those articles of yours on Memphis are just dandy. I look for them every week."

Change of Diet Necessary.

Here then, is testimony from another source. And we hear so much of this that we really believe our readers in general do like the impressions of our southern trip. But at the same time, you know "Variety is the spice of life," and a change of diet aids digestion. The interruption of the series permits variety and change of diet.

Now About the Christmas Fund.

We promised to tell you something about the Solvent Savings Bank Christmas fund, didn't we? And we promised, honor bright, to do so before Christmas. How many weeks to Christmas? Just TWENTY-SIX! Think of it. The year's half gone. So, if you're going to do your Christmas shopping early, or save for your Christmas shopping, you had better get about it. Right here comes in a very pertinent question: HAVE YOU BEGAN TO SAVE A LITTLE MONEY FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS?

Christmas Presents.

Everybody and his brother likes to give some present at Christmas. Whether you stop to analyze the reason for this or not, as a matter of fact it is an unconscious out-growth of the world-consciousness of God's great gift of His only Begot-

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"Honor the Black Regiment"

Some Press Comments on Their Devotion to the Flag. Nation-Wide Enlistment of Colored Americans.

COLORED MEN OF COLORADO READY TO RESPOND

(Special to The Monitor.)

Denver, Col., July 1.—Should the call for volunteers be made the race in Colorado will be ready to respond. Denver and other points expect to furnish a Colored battalion.

KANSAS CITYIANS RAISING MILITIA

(Special to The Monitor.)

Kansas City, July 1.—The Colored people of this city are recruiting several companies of militia. They will be ready to respond to the call for volunteers whenever President Wilson may issue the call.

RACE MEN DESIRE TO ORGANIZE REGIMENT

Paducah, Ky., July 1. — Ollie Rodgers and Luke Merriwether, Colored citizens, who were in the Spanish-American war, are making an effort to organize a Colored regiment in Paducah. The regiment would consist of about 1,000 soldiers. There are about 6,000 or more Colored male residents in Paducah. The promoters desire to organize and offer the regiment for service in Mexico.

AMERICANS.

Every American will take pride in the gallant fight made by the men of the Tenth Cavalry against overwhelming odds in the ambush in Mexico. Captain Morey's account of their facing death singing bears out the history of Negro troops whenever they have been called on to fight for their country. They have always done their duty cheerfully and ungrudgingly. By accident of birth their skin carries an excess pigment. In spirit they are real Americans. — Kansas City Star.

TO RAISE \$110,000 FROM MEHARRY ALUMNI

Nashville, Tenn., July 11.—The faculty of Meharry Medical college has given \$2,400, the local graduates \$680 and other Nashville friends \$480 towards an endowment fund which has been launched by President Geo. W. Hubbard of the Meharry college.

Through an announcement made by President Hubbard this week it develops that campaigns are to be put on in Alabama, Kentucky, Georgia and Texas, where hundreds of Meharry graduates are located and each of the living Meharry graduates will be asked to contribute. The effort is being made to raise \$10,000 among the alumni.

ALABAMIANS EAGER TO ENLIST

Victor H. Tulane and other Montgomery, Ala., Negroes have opened an enlistment place for Negro volunteers. Upon receiving news that members of the Tenth United States Cavalry (Negro) had been killed Montgomery Negroes were eager for an opportunity to enlist and a full regiment will be offered for service the day the United States calls for volunteers.

Emmett J. Scott, secretary of Tuskegee Institute, says that former Tuskegee graduates will make up a regiment and that if the government will accept them he believes one hundred thousand sturdy Negroes will enlist.—Birmingham Age-Herald.

NO REASON TO APOLOGIZE.

And again, according to reports from Mexico, the Colored troops fought nobly. Our Afro-American citizens have no reason to apologize for their hyphen.—The Omaha Bee.

"NO COLOR LINE IN BRAVERY."

The history of America's "Tenth legion" may not be so replete with the glamor of historic splendor as was that of Caesar, but it has written some illustrious pages in the volume of American heroism and has proved that there is no color line in bravery. The black men in the ranks will have their names written in the records of the army side by side with the heroic officers of the Tenth cavalry who took part in the Carrizal ambush. The demand which is made for the release of the prisoners taken at Carrizal is for the release of men whose skins are black but whose valor is as "white" as that of any man who ever wore the uniform.—Kansas City Journal.

RESCUES TWO BOYS FROM DROWNING

Dover, Del., July 1.—Rev. J. Albert Sterrett, pastor of Calvary Baptist church, rescued two white boys from drowning in the Silver Lake, near Dover, Del., a few days ago. He was working in his garden near the place when he heard the cries of the boys and went to their rescue.

LABORERS COME FROM SOUTH

Norristown, Pa., July 1.—One hundred Colored men from Virginia and South Carolina have recently arrived here to work for the Pennsylvania railroad. They will be employed as laborers, doing the work which was formerly done by foreigners.

Nebraska Is Raising a Colored Battalion

Three Companies Are Being Recruited in Omaha and Another in Lincoln Has Band Ready.

OVER HUNDRED MEN ENLISTED

Recruiting Office Is Established—All the Officers Are Selected—Men Anxious to Go.

Permission has been received from Governor Moorehead to raise a battalion of Colored troops. Edward Turner and G. Wade Obee interviewed him early this week and he was quite enthusiastic over the movement.

Sergeant Isaac Bailey and others called a meeting of those whom they thought would be interested and the work of recruiting has begun. It is proposed to raise three companies in Omaha and one in Lincoln. Recruiting offices have been opened at 2518 Lake street, in charge of G. Wade Obee; at Dr. J. H. Hutten's office, 107 South Fourteenth street, in charge of Bob Robinson, and one on the South Side in charge of E. C. Underwood. The Lincoln office is in charge of Clinton Ross, the famous football star.

All the principal officers for the respective companies have been selected and include men who have either been in actual service or who have had military training. Sergeant Bailey and G. Wade Obee served together in the campaign in Cuba and in the Philippines and were members of the famous Tenth Cavalry. Bob Robinson, William Ransom, R. C. Price and Charley Bird have also seen actual service.

The battalion has a band under the leadership of Dan Desdunes, with Will Lewis as principal musician.

Officers of the organization are Major Isaac Bailey, Adjutant Edward Turner, Ellsworth Pryor, commissary; James Flemister, quartermaster; Captains, G. W. Obee, Bob Robinson and R. C. Price; First Lieutenants Griffith, George Gray and W. A. Watts; Second Lieutenants Charles Bird, E. C. Underwood and William Ransom. Captain Clinton Ross has charge of the company in Lincoln.

TO BE ORDAINED TO THE MINISTRY

Thomas A. Taggart will be ordained to the ministry of the Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock in Mount Moriah Baptist church, Twenty-sixth and Seward streets. Rev. J. A. Maxwell will be moderator. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. W. F. Botts. The charge to the candidate will be given by the Rev. Dr. Holler and that to the congregation by the Rev. M. H. Wilkinson. The ordination prayer will be offered by the Rev. Mr. McQueen, and the benediction will be pronounced by the ordained, the Rev. Thomas A. Taggart.