

FRANCES SHAW WINS FREE TRIP

Wednesday evening at 12 o'clock, the most exciting and hotly fought contest which Omaha has ever witnessed closed with Miss Frances Shaw as winner, with 4459 votes and Miss Madeline Roberts second with 2148½ votes. Miss Shaw was awarded the Free Trip as first prize, and Miss Madeline Roberts twenty dollars in gold as second prize. The other contestants stood as follows:

Oletha Russell	387
Blanche Lawson	258½
Hazel Hall	226
Ruth Jeltz	118
Olga Henderson	106
Pearl Ray	80½
Ozelia Dunning	64

Over \$500.00 worth of coupons were turned in within three hours. A total of over \$800.00 was raised. A complete detailed statement will appear in next week's issue of the Monitor. About 400 people were present. Miss Cecelia Jewell presented an excellent program of five varied, well given acts. The headline feature, the Buford Ballet Company, a difficult dancing act, was well presented by the Misses Merriam Gordon, Hazel Perry, Venus Crop and Beatrice Majors. Mrs. Jessie Moss and Mr. Andrew Reed appeared in a clever one act sketch entitled "Somewhere," which literally "stopped the show." The Pavlowa Gavotte, an artistic dancing act presented by Mrs. Buford and Clarence Gordon, was exceptionally well done. Miss Darlene Duval pleased the audience in a selection of popular songs. Another classy dancing act which won the approval of the audience was presented by Miss Hazel Perry and Charles Hill. Mrs. Jewell provided a program of which Omaha should feel proud. Mrs. Martha Smith is another member of the association to whom a great deal of honor is due in helping to make the contest a success.

COLORED COOKS CANNOT GO WITH TROOPS

Mt. Gretna, Pa., July 15.—Twenty-five Negro cooks, employed in the commissary department of the Third Brigade, Pa., N. G., mobilizing here for the service in Mexico, have been discharged. Some of the men have been in the employ of the National Guard for many years. It is alleged that orders for this action came from the War Department at Washington.

THE COLORED SOLDIER IN AMERICAN HISTORY

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white feather or refused to charge the enemy when called on to do so.

General Grant's Testimony.

"You will recall Gen. Grant's testimony before the congressional committee on the conduct of the war of the rebellion. He said, in part: 'If the black troops had been properly supported by the white troops at the springing of the mines of Petersburg, that day we should have gone into Richmond.'

Fought in Revolutionary War.

"Baron von Clausen, a German army officer who visited this country during the revolution said: 'Of the 20,000 soldiers in Washington's camp, 5000 were Negroes and the best drilled and disciplined regiment was Col. Greene's Rhode Island regiment, three-fourths of which were composed of Negroes.'

In War of 1812.

"In the war of 1812, Commodore Perry on Lake Erie and Gen. Jackson at New Orleans have testified in

signed communications to the war and navy departments of their unflinching courage. Jackson's victory at New Orleans, which carried him to fame and the White House, he owed largely to the desperate valor of the black regiments under him. Jackson was boosted up the ladder of fame by the faithful, patriotic fighting Colored man.

Won Place in Army of Potomac.

"In the civil war, 187,000 Negroes were enlisted. They participated in 213 battles and engagements, and never permitted the union colors to be dishonored by cowardice or treachery. Their brilliant achievements at Forts Wagner and Olustee, Fort Hudson and Milliken's Bend made them welcome into the flower of the union army—the army of the Potomac in the closing months of those bloody conflicts in front of Richmond and Petersburg. In the battles of Wilson's Wharf, Deep Bottom, Chambers Farm and Hatcher's Run they won for themselves, immortal glory.

"So profoundly impressed was Gen. Robert E. Lee over the fighting qualities of the Negro soldiers that in a letter which he wrote to Jefferson Davis urging the passage of a bill authorizing their enlistment, then under debate in the confederate congress, he said:

"In our own country much of the desperate fighting at Port Hudson was done by those Negro soldiers under the leadership of Negro officers in those regiments recruited in Louisiana, which became popularly known as the Corps D'Afrique."

In Spanish-American War.

In the Cuban campaign many of the companies of Negro soldiers were led by Negro non-commissioned officers, and there is no doubt that, among the 300 Negro officers of volunteers commissioned during the war with Spain, there were men who would have measured up well in any emergency.

Funston Picks Colored.

In the present trouble with Mexico the Colored regiment, 10th cavalry, has won much praise in the newspapers and other publications. At the outset of the punitive expedition, it was the Negro troopers of this regiment that made up Col. Dodd's flying column in his chase for the bandit Villa. For days, the Colored soldiers not only ate in their saddles, but in them actually took what little sleep they got.

In Dodd's Column.

Col. Dodd and his flying column have on several occasions been almost within reach of the Villistas, but were held up because some new situation had arisen. It is said that Gen. Funston had chosen the Colored soldiers because of his confidence in their physical endurance and determination. With them, it was believed, mountain passes could be climbed, hard riding could be accomplished, and without a moment's respite, Villa could be captured.

Fought to Last Ditch at Carrizal.

In spite of this, however, the Colored troopers have kept up their courage. And, just as in previous wars, they have in this Mexican affair shown remarkable bravery, in some cases almost recklessness. In Carrizal many of them were slaughtered by Carranzistas and 17 were taken prisoners. There they were ambushed with their white officers, and fought to the last ditch. There is not a word from any of those superior in command that could lead one to think that disaster was due to lack of bravery or to the Colored men being thrown into panic.—From the Boston Traveler.

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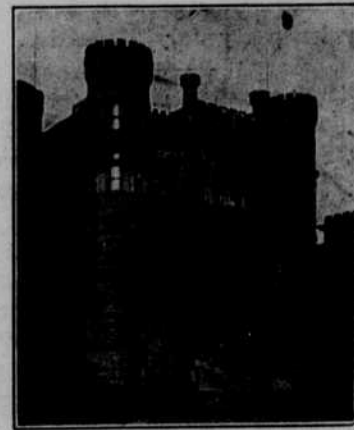
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