

# THE MONITOR

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## Sons and Daughters of Jerusalem Meet

This Strong Fraternal Order Holds Well Attended Sessions at St. John's Church.

ARE PLEASED WITH OMAHA

Reports Show Order Making Satisfactory Progress in Every Department.

The supreme grand lodge of the Ancient Sons and Daughters of Jerusalem was opened with appropriate ceremonies in St. John's A. M. E. Church, Tuesday morning by Supreme Grand King, Harry R. Graham, of Kansas City, assisted by Mrs. Rosie Cavens, Supreme Grand Queen, of Kansas City, Mo.

Routine business was speedily dispatched including the appointment of important committees and the receiving and referring of reports. The Supreme Grand King gave his annual address, showing increase in membership and financial standing.

Among the features of the day were presentation of the photos of Son James R. Gordon, the father and founder, and Son H. R. Graham by Eureka Middle West, and of Daughter Nellie Robinson and Daughter Irene Faulkner, being received by Rev. H. Mayfield in behalf of the S. G. K. The presentation of the official pillow was made by Bethsheba council No. 12.

The asylum, or children's department was called to order by S. G. Q. M. Irene Faulkner. Remarks were made in this session by Son G. W. Hibbler, Lizzie McCathurn, S. G. V. Q. M., Rosa Cavens, S. G. Q., and Mother Carrie McDonald. The following officers were present:

Silas Johnson, S. G. V. K., Omaha; Carrie McDonald, S. Q. V. Q., Kansas City, Mo.; Colonel T. B. J. Robinson, S. Q. S.; Kansas City, Mo.; Georgia Woods, S. G. T., Kansas City, Mo.; Lillian B. Smith, S. G. R., Kansas City, Mo.; Alberta Ballew, S. G. A. R., Omaha; Rev. H. Mayfield, S. G. H. P., Kansas City, Mo.; Nellie Robinson, S. G. H. Ps.; Richard Young, S. G. M., Kansas City, Mo.; Myrtle Malone, S. G. R. S.; Julia Rose, S. G. L. S.; William Wooley, S. G. I. G.; Richard Gray, S. G. O. G.; Jennie Malone, S. G. R. C. B.; Pauline Harbine, S. G. L. O. B.; Nellie Robinson, S. G. O., Omaha; C. M. Johnson, S. G. O., Omaha; Jennie Woods, S. G. O.; Amanda Davis, S. F. B.

Board of Attendance—Felicie Washington, Nellie Perkins, Annie Graham, Frederick Early, Rena Gordon, F. B. Pearson, Sallie Todd.

Tuesday night the annual sermon was preached by the Rev. W. T. Osborne. St. Elmo Drill Team of Kansas City, under the command of Col. T. B. J. Robinson gave an interesting drill.

Reports of the supreme Grand Officers and Memorial Services at 3

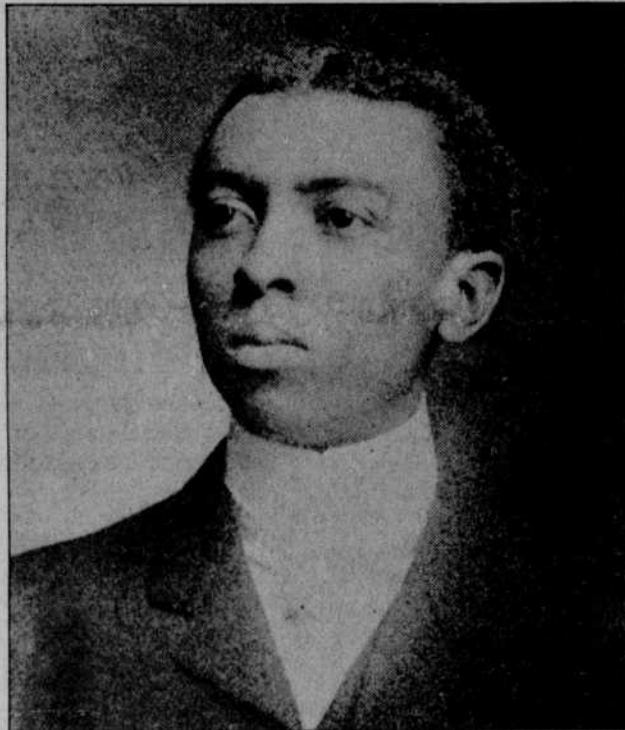
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## Amos P. Scruggs Appointed Weight-Measure Inspector

Mayor Dahlman Selects a Promising Young Attorney for Important Position. Appointment Meets with Approval.

Tuesday Mayor Dahlman appointed Amos P. Scruggs as city inspector of weights and measures to fill the vacancy caused by the death of John Grant Pegg and Mr. Scruggs' ap-

was employed as traveling salesman by various publishing houses until 1903 when he entered the Law College of the University of Illinois from which he was graduated in 1907 with



AMOS P. SCRUGGS  
Who Has Just Been Appointed City Inspector of Weights and Measures.

pointment was promptly confirmed by the commissioners.

The appointment of Mr. Scruggs has met with general approval upon the part of the race, as it is confidently believed that he will fill the position with credit and acceptability.

The inspectorship of weights and measures is the most important political position held by any member of the race in the west. It is the only one in which a Negro is head of a department. The use of an automobile also goes with the position. When interviewed by a representative of The Monitor Mr. Scruggs said: "I wish to thank the public for the interest taken in the contest. I will fill the duties of the office to the very best of my ability."

Mr. Scruggs is a fine type of a self-made man. He was born on a farm in Macoupin county, Ill., Jan. 16, 1875. He was one of a family of twelve. At the age of 13 the family moved to Litchfield, Ill. Young Scruggs attended the public schools of that city, graduating in 1896 from the high school. He worked his way through school as a porter in a barber shop. Upon finishing high school he

the degree of L. L. B. While in college he made a reputation as a debater and speaker. Soon after graduation he went to Chicago where he was employed by the Howard-Severance Publishing Co. of that city as salesman. While there he was married to Miss Mary Fitzpatrick. He moved to Omaha in 1908, where he decided to remain. He worked as waiter at the various hotels and clubs of this city until 1914, when he took the state bar examination at Lincoln. Since that time he has built up a good practice. He owns a modest home at Thirty-eighth and Camden.

SERVED ONE FAMILY  
MORE THAN 80 YEARS

Clarksburg, W. Va.—After eighty years in the service of one family, Mrs. Ellen Washington Brown died August 10, at the age of 92 years.

Mrs. Brown was a slave in the Baker family and remained with them after emancipation. She died in her home on the estate of Mrs. Lois Baker Musgrave. She was cared for by Mrs. Musgrave.

## American Mobs Murder Eight Persons

Urgent Need For Pushing Propaganda Against Brutal Lynchings of Accused Members of Race.

OMAHA SHOULD GIVE TO FUND

Individuals, Churches, Lodges, Societies Are Asked to Contribute. Bush Heads Fund.

Within the past ten days eight members of our race have been murdered by American mobs. Five of this number, two of whom were women, were accused of aiding a man by the name of Long, charged with shooting a constable, to escape. Subsequent investigation proved that the accused knew nothing of Long or his whereabouts, and were absolutely innocent of any wrong-doing save the atrocious crime of being Negroes. Six of these murders were in Florida, one in Texas, and the other in Georgia.

Two Murdered Weekly.

Before this article is in print it is quite possible, nay probable, that the number of mob-murdered victims will be increased, for during the last thirty years, or since 1885, the United States has witnessed with apparent indifference the murder of nearly two Colored Americans a week, or, to be exact, an average of 95 every year. This is according to the actual record. It is safe to believe that all the cases are not on record. But this is the record from 1885 to 1916, a total of 2,851, or 95 a year.

The Waco Horror.

In a supplement to the July Crisis, the gruesome story of "The Waco Horror," the burning of a sixteen-year-old boy by the name of Alexander in the presence of a mob of 15,000, was told with startling vividness, and depicted scenes of savagery unmatched by anything save snarling tigers and screeching hyenas in African jungles.

Raise Anti-Lynching Fund.

Moved by the horrors of that mob-murder, only a sample of hundreds of others which have disgraced this land, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People determined to raise a \$10,000.00 Anti-Lynching Fund, to be used for the suppression of these mob-murders of which members of our race are unfortunately so largely the victims. Two gifts of \$1,000 each, contingent upon raising the whole have been given by two philanthropic white men, Philip T. Peabody and Moorfield Story, of Boston. This fund has reached over \$7,000. By September 15, the remaining \$3,000 must be raised.

Mr. S. L. Bush called us up Sunday and said:

"I think the Colored people of Omaha ought to give to that Anti-Lynching Fund. If you will take charge of it, I'll bring you \$2.00 to start the fund."

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