

# THE MONITOR

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## MONITOR POTATO TRACTS SOLD

The Monitor has been informed by the Hungerford Potato Growers' Association that the fifteen tracts which it requested to have set aside especially for its readers have all been subscribed for by Colored people and that fifteen more will be set aside if we desire. We are glad to know of this and feel ourselves justified in the belief that our people know a good investment when they see one. The reason we requested fifteen plots together was for the reason that such number entitles a subscriber to represent the group and go to the land at harvest time and see that the company fulfills its promise—not that it will not, but that this opportunity is afforded every group of fifteen.

Last week the company was offered one dollar per bushel by speculators for this year's potato crop. The offer was refused because the company means to eliminate the speculator and let its members reap the advantages of the best market prices. This already means that the investment will yield more than twice the sum mentioned, inasmuch as the company's estimate is based upon 50 cents a bushel. We believe that the persons who have become members of this association are wise and that many more will join in the next few weeks. We are beginning to learn that we can never win by the labor of the hands alone.

## CARING FOR THE STRANGER

The Ministers' Alliance of Birmingham, Ala., has addressed religious leaders throughout the North requesting them to look after the thousands of our race who are leaving the South and will meet new conditions.

We believe the appeal is timely and ought not fall on dull ears. Every help should be given these people, who are bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh, to develop into the highest type of citizenship.

Many who come will belong to the progressive, well educated, upstanding class; many others, indeed the majority, will belong to the honest, well meaning but unlettered class. All should be given welcome, encouragement and opportunities for moral, social, intellectual and industrial betterment. This responsibility rests upon us. Let us measure up to it.

## A LABOR OF LOVE

Last month the National Federation of Colored Women's Clubs made appeal through the Crisis Magazine for something like \$40,000 to raise a mortgage from the home of Frederick Douglas, so that it might be to the American Negro what the home of Washington is to the nation. The effort is a most commendable one and we sincerely hope that all the Colored citizens will turn out to the memorial exercises to be held next Tuesday

evening at Zion Church, Twenty-third and Grant, and contribute a little toward the great purpose. It is a labor of love, an evidence of devotion to race, and above all an inheritance to pass on to generations yet unborn.

## A REQUEST TO SUBSCRIBERS

Many have been prompt in renewing their subscriptions. Many others are still in arrears. We are in urgent need of money to meet the cost of publication. We must have \$300 within the next ten days. A much larger sum than this is overdue from delinquent subscribers. Will those who owe see to it that they have their money ready when the collector calls? Or will you not mail the amount due by check or post office money order. If the number on the yellow label bearing your name which appears on your copy of The Monitor agrees with the Whole Number 87, of this issue, or is under that number, say 70, 65, 54, etc., it means that your subscription is due.

We will also appreciate it, if you will try to secure one new subscriber for us. Suppose you try. This will help us double our subscription. The Monitor is growing. Help us grow.

## SONG OF SOLOMON.

### Cigars and Women.

1. Open thy shell pink ears, O my son, whilst I solo to thee an aria upon my trusty trombone.

2. Cigars are like women and thou can't not tell from the wrapper what the filler is.

3. I have hied me to a shop of the Indian sign and bought me a smoke all bedizened with golden gilt, but after the match I have sworn plentifully.

4. I did dream of thirty minutes in Havana, spooning with the big black-eyed senoritas, but instead I thought myself in Gehema wrestling with the fumes of hades.

5. Again I have wandered in at the Sign of the Pipe and slipped a blue for a rough-coated weed, and the smoking thereof carried me to the gates of the Palace of Dreams.

6. So have I found it with my five hundred wifely experiences. Thou can't not judge by exteriors.

7. I have married me a damsel who was an explosion in salmon plush and ere the honeymoon faded from the blissful shores I have looked me up the statues and the time table to Reno.

8. Again I have ringed a quiet-faced maiden in calico and I have hoped that the honeymoon would mean eternity.

9. Beware, O my son, of cigars and women. The two-bit a piece may not have it on the one lonesome per.

10. The good cigar and the good woman are not always good advertisers. Selah.

## Obvious Observations

In a recent article Josephus Daniels of the Navy Department says that the present European war will be peanuts to the coming war between the white and black races, and that the black races will whip. Guess that is the reason why Joe won't let Colored men light in the navy. They might learn to fight too well.

An American says that England has captured 400 German submarines and has 186 chained together at Plymouth. How many of those things did Germany build, anyway? Must be near ten thousand.

The paper trust says that they will be good and cut the price if Uncle Sam won't come after them. Maybe they will, but whoever heard of a trust doing such a thing if left alone?

Did you sign for your five acres of Hungerford potato land? We did and spuds have gone up to \$3 per bushel since.

Violets are in the market and don't forget to buy the wife a bunch to let her know that you love her in the same old way. They only cost two bits, but the sentiment is worth a million.

At the corner of Sixteenth and Dodge they will show you how to

beat the coal man. Take a peek, because it may be worth while.

We hate the mud, but, oh, you warm weather!

Chicago says that she will be able to care for 10,000 Colored immigrants this spring. So will Omaha.

Thanking you for your wide-eyed attention, we will now take a match to yesterday's cigar butt.

## BENJAMIN BANNEKER CHOSEN AS GREAT AMERICAN

The Nebraskan, an Omaha weekly paper, has been conducting a column for great Americans to whom sufficient credit has not been given. One white subscriber recently called attention to the fact that Benjamin Banneker, the colored astronomer, has not been given his due place in the history of this country. The article is very good and inspiring, but perhaps the author has never heard that Banneker, besides being an astronomer, was also an architect. When L'Enfant refused to complete the laying out of the city of Washington was Benjamin Banneker who was called upon by Congress to complete it.

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# Call In Or Call Us Up

Will you please call in at our office and get one of our books explaining our plan under which we will sell you a farm on comparatively the Building and Loan plan. Explaining how we sell a five acre potato tract upon the payment of only \$25 down and \$5 per month. Explaining how we go on and work this farm for you, developing it into a veritable garden and at the same time give you two-fifths of all crops raised upon the land, which two-fifths, in a couple of years, ought not only pay the difference between your monthly payments and the price charged for the land, but should give you back every dollar you have paid in. If the price of potatoes still stays up as they are, it should even do better than this, but even if potatoes drop to 75c or \$1 a bushel after a year or two, even then, your investment should pay you from 33% to 166 per cent.

Let up explain this proposition to you. Get one of our books, read up on what we are doing for the wage-earner. Our books are free for the asking. Please come in today or Telephone Douglas 9371.

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