

**South Side Notes**

Word was received November 22 from Erma Jefferson, who enlisted in the army about a month ago, and now stationed at Newport News, Va., by his mother, Mrs. Marie Denman, that he was promoted from private to corporal of Company H. He is getting along nicely, having good health. He thinks his company will winter in Virginia.

Lloyd and Willie Gray of 1211 Missouri avenue have purchased an automobile.

The Bethel Baptist church choir gave a pleasant surprise to their pastor, Rev. Thomas Taggart, and wife at their home, Twenty-eighth and Corby streets, Saturday, November 17. He was the recipient of a supply of provisions and presents.

Mrs. Sallie Broomfield of 4920 Railroad avenue has been quite sick this week, but is some better now.

Don't forget the entertainment given at the home of Mrs. Alice Nelson, 2410 P street, Saturday evening, November 24, for the benefit of Bethel Baptist church.

Mrs. George Johnson, who was taken to the South Side hospital about two weeks ago, is reported a little better.

Don't forget where to get your Thanksgiving dinner at Allen Chapel, A. M. E. church, Thanksgiving Day from 12 p. m. until 11 p. m., 25 cents.

Mrs. Bessie Johnson will give an entertainment at her home, Twenty-eighth and Drexel streets, Saturday evening, November 24, for the benefit of Bethel Baptist church.

The Missionary Society of Bethel Baptist church will hold a bazaar Thanksgiving week with Thanksgiving dinner on Thanksgiving Day.

**Lincoln Department**

A splendid musical recital was given last Thursday evening at Mount Zion Baptist church by a group of Lincoln's most talented artists, consisting of Mesdames Ruth McWilliams, Stanley and Edwards, Miss Nina Vanderzee and Messrs. Harrison Miller and B. Robinson, assisted by Miss Marie Overstreet of Atchison, Kan. A program of unusual merit was greatly enjoyed by the large audience present, which crowded the house.

Mr. Louis Nelson, who has been quite ill for the past week, is greatly improved and has returned to his work at Jenquenz's Sanitary Lunch Room.

A party, consisting of Mrs. James Dean, Mrs. Clyde Malone, Mrs. P. A. Abner and Mr. Boyne, enjoyed Tuesday, an ideal fall day, hunting in the woods near Lincoln.

Mr. Louis Holmes left Friday morning for a short stay in Huron, S. D. Aramanth Chapter No. 2 will hold its regular meeting Tuesday night in the lodge rooms in Masonic hall.

The young ladies of Mount Zion Baptist church will give a "Who Is Who?" rally for the pastor in the near future. Miss Allyn Bell is leader.

Miss Marie Whitfield of Washington, D. C., who is field secretary of the Home and Foreign Missionary Society, gave a splendid lecture last Tuesday evening. A collection of \$15 was given her.

The members of the Baptist Sunday School recently purchased and presented a new aisle matting to the church at a cost of \$30.

The Daughters of the Tabernacle will give a patriotic drill December 12 at Masonic hall.

Dr. Ernest E. Graves was taken very suddenly ill Monday with pneumonia.

The members of the L. L. S. Kensington Club were very pleasantly entertained Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. D. E. Nichols, 2951 Starr street. After the regular business meeting the ladies enjoyed a pleasant social hour and refreshments were served by the hostess. The club will meet December 1 with Mrs. James Dean, the president, at her home, 905 Rose street.

Mrs. Monroe Williams was quite ill during the past week, suffering from an attack of la grippe.

Invitations were received in Lincoln during the week to the marriage reception of Miss Cozzetta Kingsberry of 1327 Euclid avenue, Kansas City, Mo., and Dr. Ernest E. Graves of Lincoln, to be held at the bride's home in Kansas City on Wednesday, November 28. The groom is a popular young dentist of Lincoln and the bride, during a recent short visit here, completely won the hearts of all who met her.

**NINE JURORS FOR ACQUITTAL THREE FOR CONVICTION**

(Continued From First Page) not change his face as this accusation was made. During all of Netheway's long direct examination and cross-questioning Smith watched his accuser with a look that at times was tinged with amused contempt. As Netheway sprang up to make the direct accusation Smith's face wore this look.

Scruggs Makes Good Impression. Attorney Scruggs in his argument

for the defense won most favorable commendation as did also Attorney Seacat.

Attorney Scruggs contended that Netheway by his conduct and words clearly showed that he knew something serious had happened or that he was expecting something to happen. In other words that his actions indicated a guilty knowledge either as principal or accessory. It was strange that Netheway, who testified that he thought his wife had gone to her sister Ada's, that he never went there or even called up there but called up the other sisters. Why this significant and important omission? A man who had been married nineteen years would hardly show the apprehension that Netheway showed if his wife were forty-five minutes late unless he knew there was something sinister lying behind that tardiness. There were tracks of two persons leading out of a cornfield that ran within one hundred feet of the Netheway home to the place where the body of Mrs. Netheway was found. Why did he say that there had been foul play before his wife's body had been found? What unerring instinct took him to the place where the mutilated body of his wife lay? Mrs. Netheway had not been raped or violated; neither was robbery the motive. Some other motive must be found. Smith had no motive. Not a bit of evidence had been found to in any way connect Smith with this dastardly crime.

**Seacat Strikingly Dramatic.**

Attorney Seacat met the allegation made by the state that Smith is a degenerate by asking the jury to compare the appearance of Smith and Netheway and judge for themselves which of the two looked most like a degenerate. He reviewed with incisive logic the evidence introduced by the state and showed how that there had been absolute failure in making out a case against the accused. He, too, dwelt on Netheway's strange conduct as shown by the state's witnesses and also himself. His argument took on a strikingly dramatic attitude when turning from an impassioned appeal to the jury to give his client justice and decide the case on evidence, he turned toward Smith and said:

"Charles Smith, if I believed that your black hands were stained with the blood of this woman I would myself demand that you die for it."

"Amen," said Smith solemnly—the first word he had spoken and the first show of emotion he had given since he took his seat in the prisoner's box.

Ray J. Abbott, deputy county attorney, opened for the state and demanded the extreme penalty for Smith, declaring that the chain of circumstantial evidence lacked not a single link to convict him of the crime charged.

L. J. Platt of the county attorney's office closed for the state in a highly dramatic appeal for conviction, in which he detailed minutely the theory on which the state bases its case. No witness testified that Smith actually was seen in circumstances which unequivocally branded him as the murderer, and the state frankly declared its reliance on circumstantial evidence for conviction. Smith's attorney told the jury it was being asked to "guess away his life."

Smith's counsel made no effort to play upon race prejudice except to declare that the charge that Smith wept when he was being brought back from Blair showed nothing more than that he recognized, "by the light of history," what the colored man charged with the nameless crime has reason to fear, whether guilty or innocent.

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