

Events and Persons

Mrs. L. C. Sayles and little daughter returned Saturday from Little Rock, Ark., where she has been visiting her parents, Archdeacon D. E. Johnson and wife, and other relatives for the past three months.

Mrs. J. E. Smith of 1310 North Twenty-fourth street gave a surprise party to Mrs. C. A. Sheldon, 1424 North Twenty-sixth street, Monday night. Covers were laid for thirteen.

Mrs. True Hawthorne of Los Angeles is the guest of Mrs. C. H. Wilson, 1818 North Twentieth street.

The cornerstone of the new Pleasant Green Baptist church at Twenty-second and Paul streets will be laid by the six knights Sunday, June 2, at 4 o'clock. Sermon will be preached by the pastor at the church at 3 o'clock. Band will march from the church to the cornerstone.

FOR RENT—Seven rooms, modern except heat; \$18. Douglas 3607.

Mr. H. Biddix and daughter left Monday evening for a two weeks' visit in St. Louis and Nashville, Tenn. He will visit his parents in Nashville.

Leroy Kelly returned Saturday from Roger Williams university, Nashville, Tenn., after a very successful school year, to spend his vacation with his parents.

Mrs. Bettie A. Bostick is a student at the Poro college. She will complete her course in a few weeks.

The meetings of the Phi Delta Sorority were held at the homes of the Misses Blanche Nance and Gladys Jordan during the month of May.

Mr. L. N. Peoples has bought a bungalow in Omaha View.

A woman's day program will be rendered at the Mount Moriah Baptist church Sunday, June 9, at 4 p. m., under the auspices of the Women's clubs of the city. Everybody invited to be present.

Mrs. Mary Smiley of Topeka stopped with Mrs. Banks while in Omaha, where she was called by the death of her son, Bennie Hill, who died at St. Joseph's hospital, May 28.

Mrs. N. P. Patton had the body of her mother, Mrs. Rosa Brown, shipped from Fairfield cemetery, Marshall, Mo., and placed beside her father and sister in the family lot at Forest Lawn cemetery Wednesday morning by Silas Johnson.

William Wright, son of Mrs. Mary Wright, died May 11 and was buried May 13 from the chapel of the Silas Johnson Western Funeral Home. The Rev. C. W. Williams officiated. Interment Mount Hope cemetery.

Willie Brooks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Zethro Brooks, who was drowned Saturday, May 25, was buried from his home Monday afternoon, May 27. A large number of his little playmates, six of whom were the pallbearers, were present. Interment was at Forest Lawn. The Rev. C. W. Williams officiated.

Peter Turner died Sunday night, May 26, and was buried from Zion Baptist church May 27. The Rev. Mr. Botts and Rev. Mr. Wilkinson officiated. The body was shipped to Lincoln, accompanied by his wife and daughter, Mrs. Ross, by the Silas Johnson Western Funeral Home.

William Jackson, after a long illness of peritonitis, passed away Monday morning at the residence in which he was born, 2529 Wirt street. He leaves a wife and brother Edward of Omaha and a niece, Mrs. M. B. Jones of Kansas City, Mo., to mourn his loss. He was buried Thursday at 2 o'clock from his late home, the Rev. C. W. Williams officiating. Interment Forest Lawn.

A. Chisley, 1320 North Twenty-fourth street, left May 28 for Excelsior Springs, for his health.

Mr. Albert West was buried from the family residence Sunday, May 19, by Banks & Wilks. Interment Forest Lawn.

The body of Major Weston was shipped to Beverly, Mo., May 23, and the body of Bennie Hill to Topeka, Kan., May 30, by Banks & Wilks.

Mr. Oscar Liveran will be buried from Banks & Wilks' chapel Saturday, June 1, Interment Forest Lawn cemetery.

Among the recent newcomers to

Omaha are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dorsey of Pensacola, Fla. Mr. Dorsey is employed at the Morris Packing company.

Prof. J. Waddell of Wichita, Kan., is here to attend the funeral of Mr. William Jackson.

Mrs. Georgia McCoy of Lewiston, Mont., and Mrs. Annie Hinsbur of Milwaukee, Wis., returned home after a prolonged stay with their sister, Mrs. Ella Johnson, 3216 Charles street, who was recently very ill, but is now recovering.

The Rev. Mr. Mitchell, pastor of the First Baptist church, Claremont, Okla., is conducting a revival at the Grove M. E. church.

Charles Rollins of Nebraska City was an Omaha visitor Sunday.

CELEBRATES WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Tuesday, May 21, Mrs. R. K. Lowry gave a seven-course 6 o'clock dinner in honor of her twenty-eighth wedding anniversary. The table was beautifully decorated with cut flowers. The bride's cake in the center of the table was in the shape of a heart and was baked by Mrs. Florence Johnson and cut by the bride of twenty-eight years. Those present were the members of the North Omaha Crochet club and Mesdames West and Davis, sixteen ladies in all. The members of the club presented Mrs. Lowry with a hand-painted plate and a beautiful linen tablecloth. Mrs. S. Craig made the presentation speech and Mrs. Lowry graciously responded. At 8 o'clock most of the ladies went to the Pinkston recital as the guests of Mrs. Lowry.

LARGE GATHERING TO HEAR SIMMONS

Such a large gathering is in prospect to hear Roscoe Conklin Simmons, the noted colored orator, that the Auditorium had to be engaged for the occasion. As Mr. Simmons is supreme orator of the Knights of Pythias, the local knights intend to turn out in a body. Also Chief Grand Mentor Wilson of Topeka has granted a dispensation to the Sir Knights and Daughters of Tabor to turn out in a body and in full regalia. The Colored Firemen and Stationary Engineers' Protective association has also voted to attend as a whole. The admission will be 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for children. The First Regimental Band of U. R. of K. P. has promised a grand patriotic concert.

GERMANS BRUTALLY BRAND CAPTIVE ZULU

Boston.—Bearing the outline of an iron cross which was burned on his arm with an electric needle by German officers in Africa, John Mitchell, a Zulu, formerly a fireman on a British steamship which was captured by a German raider, told immigration officials here a story of torture. He escaped from his tormentors after the shells of General Smut's army had torn a hole in the prison stockade where he was lodged, giving him an opportunity to make a dash for freedom.

Mitchell said that when he was branded his captors laughed at his suffering and rubbed chemicals into the wounds, giving them a bluish color. Badly treated as he was, Mitchell asserted that other prisoners fared even worse. All were starved, he said, and many were beaten and flogged upon the slightest provocation.

After his escape from the camp Mitchell made his way to General Smut's lines and shipped on board a British steamship bound for this country.

U. S. NEGRO TROOPS ARE ON VERDUN LINE

With the American Army in Lorraine, May 28.—American Negro troops are holding a portion of the west line of Verdun, in conjunction with French forces, it is now permitted to announce.

Headquarters declares these Americans are "making an exceptionally good showing in the trenches."

For some time it has been known that American forces were operating in the Argonne region. This important area includes the big Argonne forest and the city of St. Menchold, six miles back of the line.

PERSHING'S COLOR-SERGEANT

What Became of That Last Piece of Bacon.

Washington, D. C.—The American expeditionary force in Mexico had moved ahead of its supply train and was running short of provisions. The coffee already had been cooked twice and the grounds were being saved and dried for a third boiling. The orderly of the commanding general had hoarded a little piece of bacon rind—the last bit of meat in the outfit. In the grease this would produce he planned to fry a few pieces of hardtack for the general. Evening came and the orderly set about preparing supper. He looked for his treasured bacon rind, but it was gone. He was still rummaging around in the mess kit searching for it when the general appeared. "Supper ready?" he inquired.

"Not quite, sir," the orderly answered. "I had a bit of bacon rind here, sir, but I can't find it."

"Oh," said the general, "I gave that bacon to the color sergeant of the Twenty-fourth infantry (Afro-American regiment) to rub on his heels. His feet are badly blistered, and there's nothing like bacon grease for easing sore feet. He needed it worse than I did."

The officer who gave up the last bit of bacon from his mess to ease one of his soldier's sore feet, and who gladly ate his hardtack dry in order that one of his men might be saved suffering, is the same officer who today is commanding the American expeditionary force in France—"Black Jack" Pershing.

OFFICERS FIGHT IN BLACK FACE AS PROTECTION FROM SNIPERS

Gentlemen, be seated! White officers of the 369th infantry, a Negro regiment, formerly the Fifteenth infantry of the New York National Guard, now in service in France, are having a "perfectly corking" time, according to a letter from Lieutenant Hamilton Fish, 2d, to a friend in this city. Lieutenant Fish says the officers have to keep blacked up while they are on duty to prevent German snipers from picking them off.

Burnt cork now is considered one of the most important parts of the white officers' equipment and the letter, it is understood, asked that a consignment be sent across. It was not until bullets from the snipers kept whistling about the heads of the officers that the latter realized a white target against a black background was enough to tempt even an amateur sniper. Then they decided to become brunettes. Lieutenant Fish says the Negro troops are on an important part of the battle line and doing great work.—New York Herald.

TURKEY BRINGS \$588 FOR THE RED CROSS

Palestine, Tex., May 24.—Jim Boyd is the proudest Negro in this county and he has good reason to be. Boyd is a great turkey grower and several days ago gave one of his prize turkeys to the Red Cross. It was auctioned off at Frankston and brought \$255 and given back to the Red Cross. Last Saturday the turkey was carried to Poyner and netted \$333 from an auction, and was given back to the Red Cross. It will be taken to Athens next Saturday and the following Saturday will be brought to Palestine and auctioned off here. It is believed the turkey will bring the Red Cross over \$1,000.

APPOINTED ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR IN U. S. NAVY

Cleveland, Ohio.—Elmer J. Cheeks, electrical engineer at the municipal lighting plant, has been appointed assistant inspector of electrical machinery for the United States navy department. Mr. Cheeks is thoroughly qualified for the responsible position to which he has been called. He is a graduate of Purdue university. Since graduating he has been employed as engineer at the municipal plant, which has loaned him to the government for this special work. He received his appointment through the recommendation of prominent members of the Cleveland Society of Engineers. His office will be located in the Rockefeller building.

LEGAL NOTICE, ED. F. MOREARTY Attorney-at-Law, Bee Building.

NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT DEFENDANT.

To Lena Downs, Non-Resident Defendant: You are hereby notified that on the 15th day of February, 1918, Edward Downs filed his petition in the District Court of Douglas County, Nebraska, the object and prayer of which is to obtain an absolute decree of divorce from you, on the grounds that you have willfully deserted him, and for more than two years last past. You are further notified that on the 15th day of May, 1918, leave was given the plaintiff by Hon. George A. Day, Judge of the District Court of Douglas County, Nebraska, to secure service on you by publication. You are required to answer said petition on or before the 24th day of June, 1918.

EDWARD DOWNS.

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Gate City Lodge, No. 6674, G. U. O. of O. F., meets the first and third Monday of each month at Petersen's hall, 24th and Burdette sts. W. H. Payne, N. G.; R. L. Woodard, P. S., 4912 South 26th st. South 4459.

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