

# Among the Churches

## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH NEWS

Sunday was quarterly conference at St. John's. This was, indeed, an enjoyable day. Presiding Elder King preached the morning sermon and Rev. J. A. Broadnax of South Omaha preached the sacramental sermon.

At quarterly conference Monday night reports read from the various organizations of the church were more favorable than ever before.

The church is now in a better spiritual and financial condition than ever before.

The Willing Workers' club met at the church on Friday. After business was transacted a very enjoyable sociable time was spent by all.

Dr. Robert Williams left last Tuesday for Kansas City, where he will attend the commencement exercises of Lincoln High school and also join his brother Maceo, who has been attending the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston.

Lieutenant and Mrs. J. W. Bundrant of Camp Dodge, Ia., spent Sunday in Omaha.

Mr. Frank Blackwell left Sunday evening for Excelsior Springs.

Mr. William C. Ricks spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Camp Dodge, Iowa.

Bishop H. B. Parks of the Fifth Episcopal district will preach at St. John's Sunday morning.

## NEWS OF MOUNT MORIAH BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. M. H. Wilkinson, Pastor.

Sunday will be communion in the morning and preaching at 8 o'clock.

The month of May was very successful, with many additions to the church. The amount of money raised for the month was \$189.34.

Our rally will come off June 30, at which time we hope to go over the top.

Don't forget the banquet and bazaar to be given by the Kansas club June 7 at the church.

The play, "Chain Down Satan," that was to have been given Thursday, May 23, was postponed until June 11.

The Swastika Art club will give a rally Wednesday afternoon, June 12, at the home of Mrs. H. L. Anderson, 2914 Lake street. All friends are cordially invited. Refreshments will be served free.

The sick list includes: Aubell Anderson, 708 North Forty-fifth street; George Walker, 1404 North Twentieth street; Mrs. E. W. Smith is able to be up and out again.

## BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. T. A. Taggart, Pastor.

Sunday morning covenant service, 10:45; B. Y. P. U., 6 p. m.; Sunday night preaching at 8. Visitors welcome.

The Mission Circle meets Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Lulu Whidby, 5019 South Twenty-ninth street.

Mrs. Helen Vaughn, who has been sick for some time, suffered a backset and is quite ill.

Mrs. Smith of 3006 V street is somewhat improved.

"The Eastern Star lodge will hold its annual sermon Sunday afternoon at Bethel Baptist church. Rev. T. A. Taggart will officiate.

## COMMUNITY CHORUS AT GROVE M. E. CHURCH

The Community Chorus will hold its regular weekly rehearsal Sunday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock in Grove M. E. church, Twenty-second and Seward streets, instead of St. Philip's church. All members are urged to be on hand promptly, as the first concert is to be given this month.

## ST. LUKE'S MASONIC LODGE

Rev. Frank Wilson of Topeka, Kan., G. M., F. and A. M., was in Omaha the night of May 25 and set up a new number of Masons, known as St. Luke's No. 14, with twenty-six members. St. Luke's lodge, No. 14, will meet the first and third Monday nights in Knights of Pythias hall, Twenty-fourth and Charles streets. All members take notice.

J. E. JOHNSON, Secretary;  
H. C. WATTS, Treasurer.

## CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our grateful thanks and appreciation for the kindness shown to us in our bereavement by the death of our beloved wife and mother, Mrs. Lucy Walters.

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## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many friends for their kindness shown us in the time of our bereavement in the loss by drowning of our dear son Willie. We appreciate also the floral gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Zethro Brooks.

## THE NEGRO SOLDIER

THEY shall go down unto Life's Borderland,  
Walk unafraid within that Living Hell,  
Nor heed the driving rain of shot and shell  
That 'round them falls; but with uplifted hand  
Be one with mighty hosts, an armed band

Against man's wrong to man—for such full well  
They know. And from their trembling lips shall swell  
A song of hope the world can understand.

All this to them shall be a glorious sign,  
A glimmer of that Resurrection Morn.

When age-long Faith, crowned with a grace benign,  
Shall rise and from their blows cast down the thorn  
Of Prejudice. E'en though through blood it be,  
There breaks this day their dawn of Liberty.

—Joseph Seaman Cotter in the June Crisis.

## BOY SCOUT NEWS

### Troop 23

Since we are living in a growing age, an age of precedents, an age of instruction, it would be well for us to look forward for the best interest of our boys. And I know of no better addition to the boys' present opportunities than scouting, for scouting will bring out all the qualities there are in a boy and will give him a natural acquaintance with nature that he will not get otherwise.

What others say about scouting: "I have noticed a great change in my boys since they have taken up scouting and think others should give the boys a boost."—Mr. A. P. Simmons, barber.

"Scouting is helpful to any boy who wants to broaden his usefulness."—Mr. Northern Jenkins, citizen.

"Stick to it until the people realize its benefits to boys."—Mr. Daniel Desdunes, bandmaster.

H. L. ANDERSON, Scoutmaster.  
FLOYD MAXEY, Scout Scribe.

### WHAT IS A SCOUT?

A Glimpse of the Life of a Boy Who "Belongs."

(Written by Guiou Taylor, a Scout.)

A scout can tell north, south, east or west by the signs. He can tie knots that hold. He can sight nut-bearing trees from a distance. He can mend a tear in his trousers. He can tell you which fruits and seeds are poisonous and which are not.

A scout can kindle a fire in a forest on the wettest day and very seldom uses two matches. If he has no matches he can still have a fire, because he knows the secret of rubbing sticks and starting a fire. When the fire gets started, what a meal he can prepare outdoors! Just watch him and compare his appetite with a boy who lounges at a lunch counter in a crowded city.

A scout never flinches in the face of danger, because he knows that at such a time every faculty must be active. He knows what to do in case of a fire or panic or shipwreck. He trains his mind to direct his body to act. In all emergencies he sets an example of resourcefulness, coolness and courage, and considers the safety of others before himself.

### LEAGUE PROTESTS LYNCH LAW TO PRESIDENT WILSON

(Boston Post, May 24, 1918.)

Aroused by the lynching of five Negroes because of a killing episode the National Equal Rights league sent to President Wilson today a telegram of protest calling attention to the reported heroism of two Negro soldiers in France. The telegram read as follows:

"Boston, Mass., May 23, 1918.

"The President, White House, Washington, D. C.:

"At the very time that the Red Cross is asking every American worker to give one day's wages for its humanity work, five Colored Americans are fiendishly murdered by a white American mob, one of the lynched being a woman. Simultaneously General Pershing announces two Colored soldier heroes victors in bloody combat over twenty Germans. France gave them the Croix de Guerre. Will you, their president, recognize their heroism by publicly exerting your personal influence against lynching of their women?"

"NATIONAL EQUAL RIGHTS LEAGUE.

"Byron Gunner, President.  
"William Monroe Trotter, Secretary.  
"William D. Brigham."

# IN LIBERTY'S NAME

Memorial Day Finds the Nation Battling for Freedom of the Whole World.

MEMORIAL DAY was born of a war fought that this nation, under God, should have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, for the people and by the people shall not perish from the earth.

A half a century and more has passed since that immortal utterance. Now the nation is again in arms, to fight that "the world may be made safe for democracy."

Then, the young republic, struggling upward toward its vision of freedom, learned through the bitter travail of Civil war that the nation could not exist half slave and half free. The vision has broadened with the widening years. Then it was for the freedom of a race the nation fought. Now the sword is drawn for the imperiled liberty of the world.

The natal day of our independence we have been wont to celebrate with loud acclaim and vaunting pride. Memorial day ever has been our time for solemn contemplation. Another Memorial day is at hand, and as America lays its flowers on the graves of its soldier dead, it hears again that revered voice from the slopes of Gettysburg bidding us to be not unmindful that "it is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us, that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain."

A beautiful, a poetic symbolism Memorial day had come to be to us: The people who walk with slow steps in the quiet cemeteries, the children in their white dresses who with loving hands place wreaths "alike for the friend and the foe," the venerable men who are the links that bind us to an age long gone, and, as we believed, forever gone, when nation warred with nation and blood just grey in heart that had thrilled at the sight of the same flag.

And now with what a new and sudden significance has Memorial day been vested. With what different thought will they go "lovingly laden with flowers." How much more reverently than in those conventional days that already seem so far away will the little flags be planted on each patriot mound. And who is there, when tears clear and soft as a benediction, is sounded for those who "dream of battlefields no more," will not remember that on a neighboring hill on the morrow from that same silvery bugle will leap the reveille for another generation of freedom's soldiers?

If solemn memories of the past and earnest thought for the future bring that new birth of freedom, who shall say that those who have died in vain for whom flowers will be spread in far Memorial days to come?



### TRIBUTE TO PHIL KEARNY

Comte De Paris Knew and Loved Famous Soldier Who Gave His Life for His Country.

It was after the review that I had the personal acquaintance of the officers with whom I was to have the good fortune to fight for a cause which was already dear to me. All made me cordially welcome, but it was with Kearny that I found myself most at home. He it was who could speak to me of the French army in Algeria in 1849 and of the memories left by my family in that country. He did so in terms which deeply touched the heart of the exile the son of the Duc d'Orleans. Kearny had participated in one of those campaigns on African ground which brought out strongly the merits of the French soldier. He had also associated himself with the triumphs of France in the Italian campaign of 1859.

His abrupt speech and impetuous manner denoted a proud disposition, and a character incapable of flattery or of dissimulation. But though at first his manner was not always fitted to attract, one soon learned to appreciate the noble qualities of his heart, the firmness of his will, the accuracy of his judgment, the truthfulness and grandeur of his soul.

If he did not spare his soldiers at the decisive moment, he spared himself still less, and by his example obtained from his followers truly heroic efforts. —Philippe, Comte de Paris, in The Century.

### IN MEMORY

The flags are flown half-mast today,  
The bugle's note is still;  
We celebrate the fame of those  
Who rest upon the hill.  
They fought and conquered;  
Honor be  
To those who bravely died  
That freedom might prevail  
with us,  
And peace with us abide.

# FOLLOWING FALSE GODS

By S. STANWOOD MENKEN,  
President of the National Security League.

Just as the test of the individual is best found under the stress of great trial or play of passion, so nations prove themselves in time of war and are able to judge,



S. Stanwood Menken

not alone of the qualities of which their peoples are composed, but also the measure of confidence which should be placed in their leaders. It has been said that Americans don't have to prove that they are the "greatest people on earth" for they admit it; and yet, when we look back over our history and consider how we have met great problems—such as slavery, by a great war; tariff, by fourteen bills and a like number of panics; conservation, currency, banking, anti-trust and railroad questions, by making the same matters of politics—it may be doubted whether we are quite as great as we think we are. In considering how we exercise our judgment, we should remember the extent to which we have devoted ourselves to the education of the young and the large sums we have spent at all times for public schools and for colleges. When we look back, and see the mistakes we have made, it would almost appear as if we had failed to apply much that had been taught us in school and college, or that perhaps the school and college had not taught us how to solve great political measures. Then, again, the thought comes to us of whether or not we have not had false leaders, and have not clung to false gods.

### Corporation Wrongs.

We all remember the outcry against vested interests of the capitalists. There have been great wrongs done by many corporations—some of their franchises have been obtained by corruption and theft and great injuries have often been done to the rights of the people; and so, when we found times hard and things going wrong, we have vented our anger upon corporations and upon the capitalists who controlled them. In many cases we allowed ourselves to become angry with a class or with certain individuals and expended our strength on our temper, rather than upon a study of the cure of the conditions about which we complained; and in many instances we punished corporations for the wrongs of their predecessors in ownership, much as sins of parents are visited upon their children.

Demagogues, knowing the public mood, appealed to prejudice and ignorance in discussing public matters and made issues like currency, anti-trust laws and the railroads political footballs, just as if the question of whether money could be saved by joining together companies and providing for economy in purchases and sales was political. Of course it was a matter of economics (which is the science of commerce). Such matters call for a conference between representatives of farmers, laborers, scientific students of world conditions, and manufacturers and purchasers of goods, to consider and determine how goods can be produced with a fair wage to the employee, a fair profit to the employer and the maximum benefit to the public.

### Future Problems.

In Europe they have taken these questions up in this careful way and the result has been of great benefit. Now, and in the future, America will have to deal with countries that are short of resources through the exhaustion of war and have, of necessity, to get down to rock-bottom. The thrifty, intelligent, industrious European is apt to be a good merchant, and we are going to have a hard time competing with him for commerce and for world position, so we must consider all of our problems more carefully than ever before and cast aside those men who attempt to lead us away from a thoughtful, dispassionate view of great questions.

Graft and neglect in local communities of political duties by the average citizen are responsible for the misgovernment that breeds disrespect, where we should have pride because of the efficiency of our people. The first concern of the citizen in every community must be to see that it is governed in a way that will assure the approval of clean thinking men and women. The mechanics governing a city require the same kind of clear thought and careful work as that given to shop work or farm planning, and every good American must feel that at this time there is nothing more worth while.

If we do these things well, we will not have to worry about the foreign-born loving America, because living conditions here will be so excellent that they simply cannot help it, especially when they are given not alone good government and healthy conditions surrounding home and work shop, but also education, opportunity and a charter of liberties which will mean happiness to them, if we perform our duties as citizens.

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