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SIMMONS CAPTIVATES LARGE AUDIENCE

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them and keep them a credit to you. "Never apologize for being a Negro. The American Negro has no need to apologize. He has a noble record to maintain. He is not asking the American white man to take him into his parlor. He is not trying to pull him down. He is simply saying to him, 'Go up higher on the ladder, so that I may stand upon the rung upon which you now stand.'"

"The Negro American is standing by the side of the American white man in this great conflict to win liberty for the world that he may share therein. He is fighting by his side on the blood-stained fields of France, for milk for the white babies of Belgium, knowing that when the American white man returns to the United States he who nobly fought for milk for the white babies of Belgium cannot and will not withhold mercy from the black babies of Dixie."

It is by such thrusts as this that Colonel Simmons drives home truths that America needs without giving offense.

"When the war broke out the Germans said, 'Why are you Negroes so eager to fight for America? Don't you know that the white people of America despise, abuse and mistreat you?' I replied, speaking for my people, 'Yes, I know it; but we don't want you to butt into our family affairs. I'll settle him.'"

He told with great effectiveness of how the government could protect Austrians and yet with a wonderful inconsistency failed to protect its native-born citizens, and said that this would not and could not always be.

He told of how loyally Negroes are subscribing for Liberty bonds and war savings stamps, and yet are compelled to ride in Jim Crow cars. He said he saw a Mississippi Negro give his check for \$35,000 for the fourth Liberty loan and then ride home in a dirty Jim Crow car, and then asked with dramatic earnestness, "Do you think that America, the greatest country on earth, is going to continue to reward such loyalty and devotion after this manner when the justice loving white man comes to himself?"

He riddled with scorn the claim that Germany is the home of science, art, culture and greatness. He showed how that the telegraph, the telephone, the submarine and scores of other inventions were the product of the white American's brain. And then with one of his flashes of wit he said: "And where do you find people interpreting the religion of the Master and practicing it—in Germany? No, in America. You find the true interpreter of the religion of the Master not your German, but the American Negro. And keep on practicing it and in growing in all things that make for righteousness, and eventually we will come into our own under Old Glory, which, despite many shortcomings, has done much for us and made us all that we are and will be. Patience and duty mark the pathway of our racial and national advancement."

PEACE AND THE COLORED AMERICAN

By the Rev. Geo. Gilbert Walker, M. A. Galveston, Texas.

THE Colored American is looking forward with longing and supreme interest to the end of the war and the conclusion of peace.

The end of the war will mean the ceasing of the horrors and bloodshed which have burdened and sickened the world. It will mean the putting down of the cause of it all, and the final routing of the menace to free institutions.

The end of the war will mean the triumph of those principles of democracy and justice for which the allies are contending, and the actualization of which will mean the salvation of mankind.

The Colored American has placed upon the altar of liberty his wealth, his labor and his life.

The issues are world issues, issues of humanity; and therefore they are his issues. When the ruthless menace to justice and democracy shall have been rendered impotent forever, when the great war for human rights shall have ceased, when peace shall have come, the Colored American believes that for him, as well as for all the world beside, will begin a new era of a renewal and an imperative emphasis of the things for which he so anxiously yearns, and for which he has contended so long and ceaselessly.

The democratic imperatives of justice, liberty, opportunity, will find emphasis in the new alignment of relationship of the races in this country. We, in the new era, will discover the actualization of positive and practical Americanism.

What are some of the things which will come to pass in the new regime? They are not new things. They are not new ideas or principles. They are practical and positive applications of those things which history and experience and common sense have

Among the Churches

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. T. A. Taggart, Pastor.
 Sunday school at 9 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m. by Rev. J. A. Harris.
 Sunday night the pastor will preach on the subject, "A Lost Ball in High Weeds." Preaching starts at 8 o'clock sharp.

B. Y. P. U., 5:30 p. m.
 The Mission Circle meets Thursday afternoon in the T. D. C. hall, Twenty-ninth and T streets.

Mrs. Octavia Vaughn of 5420 South Twenty-seventh street is ill.

Mrs. Lucille Price is expected home from the hospital some time this week.

The Rev. Brother Jackson and a number of his members of the Tabernacle Baptist church in Council Bluffs worshipped with us Sunday night. We were glad to have them with us and hope they will come again.

The members of Bethel Baptist church and the Ancient Sons and Daughters of Jerusalem presented the pastor with a neat little purse on his second anniversary.

ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. W. F. Botts, Pastor

A goodly number answered the "go-to-church" call last Sunday, both morning and evening. There were two good sermons by the pastor. The Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. both had

proved to be absolutely necessary to the happiness and progress of mankind.

The constitutional rights and privileges of citizenship can no longer be withheld from citizens of this country. The new democracy makes that imperative. The right to share personally in the government of, by, and for the people, is a mandatory right of free institutions. For the principles of free political institutions the United States is laying down its all.

The American nation is contending that the door of opportunity shall not be closed in the face of any of mankind. The chance to live, and to live well and in security shall be accorded every American. Equal opportunity in the spheres of labor, commerce and general living—practical and positive opportunity—is at the foundation of national progress and well-being.

A greater and more glorious spirit of sympathy and confidence is growing and shall continue to grow between the Colored and the white American. We are beginning to understand each other and to believe in each other as never before. We are beginning to have faith in each other's integrity and manhood, of the things which make men worth while, we are coming to see that each of us has a fair share. In the realms of labor, commerce, education, on the battle fields, and in the things of sacrifice and humanity, we are realizing that the white American and the Colored American each participate successfully and adequately.

We are learning team work in life. We are learning to respect each other, to trust each other, to co-operate in the things which make for national development, righteousness and power.

We are bringing things from the clouds to the ground; we are taking them from the realm of theory and doctrine into the field of practice and utility. We are making them work. We are demanding and realizing a pragmatic democracy, a living, doing, experiential democracy.

With the dawning of the new era comes an understanding, a new determination; an understanding of the grandeur and holiness of American ideals; a determination to make them true for all men, black and white alike.

MEDICAL OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO ACTIVE SERVICE

Washington, D. C., Nov. 14.—Announcement is made that a number of Colored physicians, who have been serving as privates in the military service, have been given commissions as lieutenants in the army medical corps and have been assigned to active duty in several of the Colored schools where units of the students' army training corps are established and young Colored men are receiving instructions in collegiate and vocational branches, in connection with their training in military science and tactics.

Lieutenant Fred D. Ramsey has been assigned to Tuskegee institute, Alabama, and Lieut. Robert D. Foster to Morehouse college and Atlanta university, Atlanta, for duty with both institutions.

The following assignments have also been made: Lieut. J. M. Gill, to Branch normal school, Pine Bluff, Ark.; Lieut. J. I. A. Webb, to Negro Agricultural and Technical college, Greensboro, N. C.; Lieut. J. N. S. Taylor, Hampton institute, Hampton, Va.; and Lieut. W. H. Calhoun, to McHerry Medical college and Fisk university, Nashville, Tenn., the last named serving with both of the Nashville colleges.

interesting sessions, proving that both young and old felt that it was good to be here.

All auxiliaries are active once more, viz., the Progressive club, Mission Circle, Wide-awake Twenty-four and several others. Let each one come out and find his place to work.

This is a church with a hearty welcome to all.

ST. JOHN'S A. M. E. CHURCH

The Rev. W. C. Williams, Pastor.

Sunday services, both morning and evening, were nicely attended. The pastor preached at the morning service and Rev. Mr. Rodney, a native of South Africa and now pastor in Council Bluffs, at the evening service.

The total collection for the day plus the class dues was \$200.96.

The Ladies' Aid met Thursday afternoon in the lecture room of the church.

The High Church Council was held Monday evening in the lecture room. A large number of the members were in attendance.

The doors of the new parsonage were flung open Friday evening to the public. Every one when leaving expressed having spent a most enjoyable evening.

Every one is welcome to our church and Sunday school services.
 CORINNE THOMAS

COUNTY COMMISSIONER UNITT THANKS VOTERS

I desire through The Monitor to return sincere thanks to the Colored voters who helped elect me county commissioner. I shall endeavor to faithfully discharge the duties of the office and I want you to know that I fully appreciate the support given me. Gratefully yours,
 CHARLES UNITT.

ENTERTAINS AT A COLONIAL LUNCHEON

Mrs. M. D. Webb of Pittsburgh, Pa., who leaves soon for home Red Cross duties, was delightfully entertained by Mrs. A. J. Davis, 2612 Corby street, at a colonial luncheon Tuesday afternoon, November 5. The decorations were red, white and blue, which were also carried out in the desert in the form of colonial slippers, liberty bells and lifesavers. Covers were laid for twenty.

LOCAL BRANCH N. A. A. C. P. HOLDS SUCCESSFUL MEETING

The local branch of the N. A. A. C. P. held a successful meeting Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Grove Methodist Episcopal church, Mrs. James G. Jewell, president, presiding. Seven new members were enrolled. Some local matters were discussed and referred to appropriate committees. The election of officers, which, according to the constitution, must be held in November, was postponed until Sunday afternoon, November 24. Next Sunday night at 8 o'clock a special meeting will be held at St. John's A. M. E. church, Twenty-fifth and Grand streets,—formerly the Mecca,—at which time an interesting program will be given. The chief address and subject for discussion will be on the subject, "Knowing Your Own Community," and will be opened by Attorney Amos P. Scruggs.

PATRIOTIC BALL DRAWS LARGE CROWD

Despite the fact of many postponements caused by the influenza ban the patriotic ball, given under the patronage of the Crispus Attucks chapter of the U. B. F. hall Monday night, was a marked financial success. A large crowd was in attendance. Desdemon's orchestra furnished the music. The hall was attractively decorated with American flags.

WANTS TO HEAR FROM BROTHERS

Robert Baum, 2009 North 25th street, Omaha, Neb., is anxious to learn the whereabouts of his brother, Wade Hamilton Baum, who formerly resided at Centralia, Ill., and whom he has not heard for eight years. Should this notice come to the attention of Wade Baum or of any one who can give any information concerning him they will confer a favor by communicating with Robert Baum, 2009 North 25th street, Omaha, Neb.

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