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LINCOLN NEWS IN BRIEF

Mrs. Lizzie Reid has returned from Omaha and accepted a position at Hoeshell's bakery department.

Rev. John Albert Williams, editor of The Monitor, was in the city last Thursday attending the special Council of the Diocese of Nebraska, in session at Holy Trinity church.

Mrs. E. C. Stepany is able to be out again after some illness.

Mrs. Della Alexander is yet confined to her home and is quite feeble. Father Evans Corneal is confined with illness.

Mr. A. J. Sellers has been confined with toothache, which he has had for about ten weeks.

The Zion Baptist church, Twelfth and F streets, Rev. H. W. Botts, pastor: Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday at 12:30 a. m.; F. Young, superintendent. B. Y. P. U. services at 6:30 p. m.; M. Griffin, president. You are welcome.

Covenant services were held at Mt. Zion Baptist church last Sunday morning. In the evening Rev. Mr. Botts preached an interesting sermon on "Baptism," after which Mrs. Jennie Johnson and Dr. W. R. B. Alexander were baptized, witnessed by a fair crowd. In the evening preaching and communion services were held. The members expressed themselves as having enjoyed the day's services.

A committee has been named to work up the Thanksgiving dinner and entertainment, which promises to be unexcelled.

Mrs. Josepha McWilliams will entertain on Thursday evening, November 18, complimentary to Mr. and

NEWSLETTERS

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Crews left Tuesday night for Excelsior Springs, where they have gone to spend the next two weeks.

Mr. Bus Robinson is much improved since last week, and is making splendid progress with his part of the Shrine program.

Mrs. Opal Westberry, who was very ill last week, is getting along very nicely.

Don't forget to reserve your seats for the big Shrine banquet, at Washington hall, November 19—the big event of the season.

SOCIETY

THE BURCKHARDTS ENTERTAIN
Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Burckhardt, 1236 Washington street, entertained forty-eight guests Thursday evening, November 4, from 8 to 11 o'clock, at a reception complimentary to Mr. and Mrs. William Jenquenz, who will leave in the near future for Los Angeles, Cal., to make their home, accompanied by Mrs. James O'Donnell, who will spend the winter visiting her daughter.

Miss Mabel Scott of Beatrice presided at the punch bowl, assisted by Miss Beatrice Jefferies. Candy, assorted nuts and ice cream were served. The color scheme was old rose, carried out in the lights, and the rooms were decorated with palms, carnations, Ophelia and roses. Several pleasing musical selections were given by Mrs. Izeta Malone.

PLEASANT RECEPTIONS

One of the prettiest affairs of the season was a reception given at the home of Rev. and Mrs. O. J. Burckhardt, 1236 Washington street, last Thursday evening, complimentary to Mr. and Mrs. William Jenquenz and Mrs. James O'Donnell, who will leave soon for Los Angeles, Cal.

Pink roses and chrysanthemums were used as decorations throughout the attractive home. Punch was daintily served the guests by Miss Mabel Scott and Miss Beatrice Jefferies.

The guests were delightfully entertained during the evening by Mrs. Claude Malone, who charmingly rendered several vocal and instrumental selections.

About 10:30 o'clock refreshments were served by Misses Scott and Jefferies, assisted by Mrs. Al Taylor.

Each one of the guests upon departing wished Mr. and Mrs. Jenquenz success and happiness in their new home. Mrs. James O'Donnell will return after several weeks' visit with her daughter, Mrs. Eva Smith.

The members of the Optimistic Set gave a reception Monday afternoon, November 8, at the home of Mrs. M. E. Williams, complimentary to Mrs. William Jenquenz and Mrs. James O'Donnell. The afternoon was devoted to

cards and needlework guessing game. Prizes were awarded the two guessing the largest number of stitches correctly. The first prize was awarded Mrs. Al Taylor and the second to Mrs. J. A. Patrick. Both of these young ladies presented their prizes to the honor guests, Mrs. Jenquenz and Mrs. O'Donnell. Two pretty bouquets of flowers were also given them by the club members. A three-course luncheon was then served, the ices being in the form of turkeys.

THE ROUND TABLE

While I am musing, I recall the words of that old Roman who said, "I came, I saw, I conquered." This may be the sentiment of the victorious republicans. However, it remains to be seen what use the victors will make of their opportunity. As a churchman, "The Scribe" sees the hand of a kindly Providence leading this nation to the open door of opportunity; query, will it enter?

I now return to the consideration of the legitimacy of "Prince Hall" or Negro Masonry in this country, quoting freely from the writing of Brother Harry A. Williamson, deputy grand master of the grand lodge of New York state, Free and Accepted Masons (Prince Hall).

"Two objections against the Negroes are: That the formation of African lodge was an error, and further, that it died a natural death about 1813. Both assertions are quite satisfactorily contradicted as follows: Brother Robbins in his report to the grand lodge of Illinois, in 1876, says: "We believe, and we think we have shown in former reports, that the original legitimacy of African lodge is beyond question; and that its members were robbed of their rights when the grand lodge of Massachusetts was formed in 1792."

From the proceedings of the white grand lodge of Ohio for 1876, page 17: "Your committee deems it sufficient to say that they are satisfied beyond all question that colored Free Masonry had a legitimate beginning in this country as much as any other Free Masonry; in fact, it came from the same source."

The most unusual comment made by a latter day writer upon the subject is from the pen of Rear Admiral M. W. Baird, past grand master of the District of Columbia, who states in an article written for Bulletin 36, published by the International Bureau for Masonic Affairs at Neuchatel, Switzerland, that: "It was thought by many that the action of that military

lodge was intended as an insult to the Americans in making Masons of their former slaves."

No facts were quoted to substantiate such a conclusion. The good brother forgot there was no legal enactment in effect against the ownership of slaves at that time; also that "free Negroes" were descendants of foreign-born parents, or from the intermarriage of Negroes and Indians. Wherefore the insult?

The first governing body among the Negroes was styled "African Grand Lodge." In 1808 the name was changed to the "Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts," in honor and memory of the pioneer Negro Masons. I call attention briefly to some of its work, as follows: On the 16th of February, 1812, it issued a warrant for the establishment of Boyer lodge No. 1 in New York City. In the year 1826 it created Celestial lodge No. 2, Rising Sun lodge No. 3 and Hiram lodge No. 4, all in the same city with Boyer lodge. A partial list of the grand master of Prince Hall grand lodge is as follows:

- Nero Prince, 1807 to 1809;
 - George Middleton, 1809 to 1811;
 - Peter Lew, 1811 to 1817;
 - Samuel H. Moody, 1817 to 1826;
 - John T. Hilton, 1826 to 1827.
- The foregoing data, together with the statement that 450 meetings were held from 1807 to 1846, is conclusive evidence that the lodge did not become extinct as has been charged.
- In concluding this lengthy article, we may add that in our next article we will discuss some of the objections raised by our white brethren.
- We who are of darker hue realized long since that race and color prejudice is rampant in this country; yet we are developing a new Negro, one that has grown tremendously from the teachings of the late world war. Patriotism to the core: giving freely without murmur his life for a land that fosters lynching of his kind. He demonstrates to the world, to friend and foe, the one fact—the Negro is a man.

"The Scribe" feels honored in being numbered among the group that lift as we climb. "THE SCRIBE."

STOP! READ! IMPORTANT!

As this is the last time you will have an opportunity to learn just what has been planned for Friday evening, November 19, at Walsh hall, we take this liberty to remind you that this is simply an "at home" party, at which the doors of Islam Temple No. 65 have been thrown open to admit all true believers, their families and friends of their families, that they might come, rest and refresh themselves for a brief moment ere continuing their journey, in the shadow and under the protection of the dome of the Temple. We particularly invite the noble

brethren who dwell peacefully in the Temple of Zaha, at Omaha, to leave only the watchmen necessary to insure the protection of their Temple, to interrupt for a moment their serenity, and make this pilgrimage to the Oasis of Lincoln.

We wish to remind all of the extent to which the committee on general arrangements has gone to make this wonderful festival occasion. First, there will be served an old-fashioned fried chicken dinner, with trimmings, prepared under the direction and su-

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