

COLORED PEOPLE FORM FRATERNAL INSURANCE SOCIETY

There has recently been incorporated and chartered in Nebraska a Fraternal Insurance Society, composed entirely of colored people.

Among the officers of this Society are Mr. J. H. Riddle, long prominent in insurance work in the state of Texas; Rev. M. H. Wilkinson, Colored State Missionary of the Baptist Church; Dr. L. E. Britt, physician and surgeon; Rev. L. S. Williams, pastor of one of the large churches; and Dr. R. C. Riddle. The society provides hospital relief for its members; it issues a burial certificate and life insurance certificate in addition to the burial certificate of from \$100 to \$1,000. When the society held its first joint meeting Mr. W. B. Young, formerly state insurance commissioner of Nebraska, was present, and gave them some timely advice and suggestions. He said among other things:

"There has been no other Insurance Society such as this one, admitted to do business in this state before.

"Knowing as I do that this organization is rightfully authorized to operate, I feel that I should urge you to patronize it. I know that the founders are right, because I went over the plans and by-laws myself. I also had Mr. McClurg, my assistant at that time, to go over them also. Therefore I signed the charter, which the Society now has in its possession.

"Success in insurance depends entirely upon good management of the officials of the society. Each one of you should carry a policy in this company. It should be of interest to you, no matter what your financial standing may be. When I went into the army I was extremely glad that I carried a large amount of insurance, so that in case I never came back my wife and babies would be taken care of. You should be proud of this society, the first of its kind in Nebraska, and the state should be proud, also, that her colored citizens have entered upon such a constructive plan.

"You are starting right and you should make it your business to keep right. The leaders of this society are trying to build something worth while and you should keep in mind that this is the only organization of its kind in this state that is legally authorized to do business. Not only should you be proud of this society yourself, but you should tell others about it."

Plans have already been made for the entry of this society into other states and applications have been prepared and filed in that behalf. Mr. W. B. Young, former state insurance commissioner of Nebraska, is acting as Actuary for the society. The officers of this society believe that this organization offers insurance at the most reasonable rate to be had by colored people in the United States, and does not class colored women for higher rates or less insurance. Total membership including two subordinate houses in Texas and one in Iowa, up to date, is more than six hundred. Its headquarters are in Omaha, Nebraska, at 2401 Patrick avenue, where the hospital of the society is located.

Bobbie Brown, Supreme Deputy, Sons and Daughters of Mercy. —Advertisement

ALLEN CHAPEL A. M. E. CHURCH

Twenty-fifth and R Streets—Rev. O. J. Burckhardt, Pastor.—Phone Market 3475.

The pastor preached at 11 a. m. on the "Preparation for Christ's Second Coming" to an appreciative audience, followed by praise service. A delegation from Lincoln who came up especially to attend the service took part and expressed themselves as having received a spiritual blessing. Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Williams and Mr. Burns made up the delegation with other strangers from about the city. Our Sunday school is still progressing under the directions of Superintendent Mr. Carter, also our League work is growing more interesting; Miss Ruby Reed makes a good president, her work is helped by P. M. Harris' interest. At 8 p. m. P. R. Warner gave a talk on his thrilling experiences while in Africa. He held the people for hour and half and then we were not tired of hearing the story. He is getting out a pamphlet that will give this story. We are anxiously waiting for it. He tells the story of "Accepting Christ" out upon an island in Cuba. Sunday morning the pastor's subject will be: "The Special Work of the Messiah".

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Goode were in the city last week visiting old friends. They were very active in church and society work before they moved to Sioux City where Mr. Goode is foreman in a packing house. Mrs. Goode spent some time with Mrs. Jefferson and other friends.

NOTICE

Cornerstone laying of C. M. E. church at Twenty-fifth and Decatur streets April 29th at 2:30 P. M. by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska and its Masonic jurisdiction. All Master Masons in good standing will meet at Masonic hall at 1:30 P. M.

By order—
R. H. Young, G. M.
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W. P. WADE, D. D. G. M.
M. L. WILSON, G. Secretary.



"MOONSHINE VALLEY"—WILLIAM FOX PRODUCTION

WILLIAM FARNAM

plays in the above picture at the Gayety the first half of next week in conjunction with Fred Webster's Musical Comedy Co. Last half: Colleen Moore in "When Dawn Came".

FARNAM COMING HERE IN THRILLING WESTERN

A thrilling story of the west, "Moonshine Valley," a big William Fox production with William Farnam as the star, will come to the Gayety theatre Sunday.

The popularity of Farnam grows greater with every new picture in which he appears. In "Moonshine Valley" he has a beautiful background for his work—most of the scenes in the play are laid in the western foothills.

In addition the entertainment will include Fred Webster's Musical comedy company in "The Dress Rehearsal." On Thursday the entire program changes.

PROCLAMATION

The Sons and Daughters of Mercy Anniversary Day, Sunday, May 20th.

By the power invested in me, I do hereby set aside Sunday, May 20th, as the Anniversary Day of our Order. All members must abide by Section 2, Article 10.

For further information, write to the Supreme Secretary-Treasurer, or see your subordinate President, or call Webster 0633.

(Signed) R. C. RIDDLE, Supreme Sec'y-Treasurer. —Adv.

N. Y. TIMES RAPS FLORIDA PEONAGE

"Peonage is the Last Stand of Slavery," Says Prominent New York Paper

Crusader Service. New York, April 20.—Branding the Florida peonage system as "the last stand of slavery," the New York Times carries the following editorial on the expose of the Florida system in its April 9th: "FLORIDA'S PEONAGE SCANDAL—Stirred to action by the Tabert exposure the Governor of Florida has recommended that 'the private lease of county convicts be abolished.' The legislature has ordered an investigation of the abusive treatment of young Martin Tabert, a North Dakotan, which resulted in his death in a Leon County lumber camp. An end was put to the leasing of state convicts in 1919. Why

the county system was not done away with at the same time only certain employers of labor on a large scale and conniving politicians could explain. A state senator has lately been a beneficiary of the slavery of whites and blacks which is as revolting in some of its features as was Negro slavery in the old South. Tallahassee, the capital of Florida, is in Leon county. It is inconceivable that the conditions of the county leasing of convicts were not known there: the wretched housing, the forced labor in remote clearings, in fetid swamps, on sun-baked roads, the beating with leather straps of the weak and ailing, the vile food and the filth in which the mixed gangs of blacks and whites lived. Here is an entry from the diary kept by a companion of Martin Tabert:

For a month and a half we never got water with which to wash our faces and didn't take a single bath. We could not shave and our hair, hands and clothes were sticky with pine sap. The day Martin got his beating in my presence he received twenty or thirty blows. I could not look even directly at him, as we were not permitted to look when prisoners were being whipped. If we look we get it too.

Doubtless there were people in the state of Florida who classed all the unfortunates as dangerous criminals, not amenable to human treatment. Tabert was not debased or degenerate. The offense for which he received a jail sentence, converted into hard labor in a lumber camp, was for stealing a ride on a railroad. For this offense he was leased out for the term of ninety days.

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In the County Court of Douglas County, Nebraska.

In the Matter of the Estate of Jennie M. Kinney, Deceased.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in said Court alleging that said deceased died leaving no last will and praying for administration upon his estate, and that a hearing will be had on said petition before said Court on the 20th day of April, 1923, and that if they fail to appear at said Court on the said 20th day of April, 1923, at 9 o'clock A. M. to contest the said petition, the Court may grant the same and grant administration of said estate to Horace Kinney or some other suitable person and proceed to a settlement thereof.

BRYCE CRAWFORD, County Judge.
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