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MIGRATION AND HOW TO MEET IT

WE COUNT ourselves fortunate in being able to present to our readers the address delivered by Mrs. M. H. Wilkinson, our talented townswoman, wife of the Baptist State Missionary, before the women's meeting of the National Baptist convention at Los Angeles. She was one of several contestants from various states in the oratorical contest which is held each year in connection with the annual meeting for the purpose of developing the women in public speaking. Mrs. Wilkinson selected a vitally important topic for her oration and was highly commended for her presentation of it. It furnishes food for thought and presents practical suggestions as to how each community should meet migrants from the Southland. It is to be hoped that Omaha will speedily put into operation some of the admirable suggestions made. We must help our brethren to adjust themselves to the new conditions which confront them. The educated and cultured members of our race will not need the same attention as those who have been denied these advantages.

PROVING HIMSELF A MAN

GOVERNOR WALTON of Oklahoma is proving himself to be a man of courage. There is no doubt whatever but that the Klan has been running things with a high hand in Oklahoma. The findings of the military court of inquiry has disclosed the fact that floggings and other brutalities have been inflicted upon citizens by the lawless knights of the sheet and slit pillow slip. It has been further disclosed that many peace officers, who are sworn to enforce the law of the land are members of this lawless organization, holding their oath to the Klan superior to that of the State. It is a question whether the State is sovereign or the Klan. Governor Walton has the hearty endorsement of all Americans who believe that law should be supreme.

PLAGUE SPOTS

THAT there are several plague spots that are flourishing in residential districts occupied by self-respecting and law-abiding citizens is quite apparent. Such resorts should be closed.

REPUDIATES HIM

JOHNSTOWN, Pennsylvania, has repudiated Mayor Cauffield, who apparently thought he was living in Czar-ruled Russia or some benighted Southern "cracker" settlement, where one can violate with impunity the constitutional rights of citizens. As one of six candidates for renomination at the primaries he ran a mighty poor fifth. In fact he hardly knew he was in the running. The intelligentsia of Johnstown repudiated him.

POLICY OR PRINCIPLES

THERE are certain perplexing problems which confront well-meaning, unprejudiced and fair-minded business men. They recognize the unfairness of a certain attitude or policy towards Colored Americans. When you talk with them, they frankly admit it and sincerely deplore it, but with equally brutal frankness, they tell you that they are powerless to change conditions. They fear a falling off in their profits, perhaps bankruptcy, if they act upon principle rather than upon policy. We sympathize with their point of view and acknowledge that there is a risk to be run in acting upon principle. We believe, however, that they overestimate the risk. May it not be true that "they have feared where no fear was?" Would it not be well for these men of principle and convictions to at least try to put their principles into practice? Right will eventually prevail. It takes courage of no mean order to do that which one believes to be right when it runs counter to popular opinion, practice and custom and yet, from time to time we find individuals who possess this kind of courage and by its manifestation left the cause of justice and fair dealing just a little higher. Policy or principle, which pays the larger dividends in the end?

The land owned by the race in the United States totals more than twenty-two million acres, or more than thirty-thousand square miles, an area greater than that of the five New England states, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island.

Marriage and the Hereafter.
"Marriage is like a future life. Of neither state can mortal man obtain any advance information worth a rap. He has to cross the threshold to find out for himself how matters stand."—From "Swansdown," by Duncan Swan.

GAYETY THEATRE HAS "BREVITIES OF '23"

Most Pretentious Booking Ever Offered For Ak-Sar-Ben Parade Week.

A promise of rare fun, together with a full measure of melody, fair womanhood, attractive stage settings and gorgeous costumes is given for the engagement at the popular Gayety theatre, week starting Saturday, Sept. 29, of "Brevities of 1923," which is rated as one of the top notch attractions playing Columbia Burlesque this season and was purposely booked for Ak-Sar-Ben Parade week.

In the cast that surpasses in point of excellence many of the musical comedy aggregations offered to the public at two-fifty and three dollars a seat at other theatres are such notables of vaudeville and burlesque as Lena Daley, Walter Brown, Jack Carlton, Harry Peterson, Jack "Smoke" Gray, Vic Kaplan, Alma Arliss and Olive Kennedy, Miss Daley, who was last season seen with "Brevities" in the steller role is again the featured member of the cast, together with Walter Brown.

Miss Daley, who through her winsome smile has become known as the "girl with the smile" will not only offer her superb dancing as a feature, but some gorgeous costumes, the plates of which were recently brought from Paris by Mrs. Kathryn Arlington, the well-known New York costumer. Walter Brown, with his imitable style of eccentric conversation and acting, together with his world famous comedy feet, is an absolute guarantee of unbounded comedy while the others in the big cast all contribute their full share toward making "Brevities of 1923" one of the truly delightful shows of the year.

There are 21 magnificent stage settings together with a myriad of wonderful costumes which will delight the eyes and hearts of both male and female members of the audience. These costumes are advantageously displayed by a chorus of specially chosen beauties who animate the numerous scenes with their beauty, grace, animation and ability. They are more than ordinary choristers in the fact of their all having a wee bit to do in the way of a chorus sung individually.

The attention of the ladies of this city is particularly called to the special matinees which have become such a popular feature of the Gayety theatre. With this attraction the appeal to the fair sex is particularly strong, not only in its dazzling array of the latest feminine wearing apparel, but in the clean comedy, the delightful dances and the tuneful musical gems. Wednesday's matinee will not start until after the historical pageant has passed the Gayety. Sunday's matinee begins at 3:00.

SOME FACTS WORTH KNOWING

Race Contributes More Than Million To Rosenwald Schools

During the first nine years (1912-1921) of aid to rural schools by Julius Rosenwald of Chicago, 1215 school buildings were erected through this means at a cost of \$3,985,000. Of this amount \$287,000 came from private subscriptions of white people in the communities where the buildings were erected, \$749,000 from Mr. Rosenwald, \$1,129,000 from private contributions of Negroes, and \$1,829,000 from public funds, state and county.

In 1920 Negroes in North Carolina paid taxes on \$53,901,018 worth of property.

In 1921 the Negroes of Georgia owned 1,838,129 acres of land valued at \$20,808,594.

The estimated value of the property owned by Negroes in the United States is \$1,500,000,000.

LINCOLN NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Emma Bailey arrived from Minneapolis, Minn., last week and is stopping with her mother, Mrs. Emma Clemens, and sister, Mrs. Nettie McDonald.

Rev. M. C. Knight and Mrs. Knight returned from annual conference last Wednesday. The Elder is preparing to take up his duties in earnest during this conference year.

Rev. H. W. Botts will arrive home this week from Los Angeles, Cal., where he attended the National Baptist convention. The pastor will be in his pulpit on Sunday, Sept. 30th.

Rev. O. F. Adair left last week for his home in Kansas.

Rev. O. J. Burkhardt is in the city this week enroute from annual conference to his charge in So. Omaha.

Rev. John Adams of Omaha preached for Rev. G. W. Carter at the Newman M. E. Church last Sunday morning, and the pastor at night. The Sunday School and Aid Societies had nice services.

Prayer and Covenant meeting was held at Mt. Zion Baptist Church last Sunday morning. The choir rendered a musical program at night. Special selections by Miss Opal Ashford and by little Miss Anna Johnson were fine. Special selections by other members of the choir were well rendered and the whole affair was very commendable. Quite a fair audience was present.

The men of the church will give a supper and a program at the church Saturday night, Sept. 29th.

The Busy Bee Women's Club of the church will give their supper and also a nice program on Tuesday night, Oct. 2. Keep these in mind.

Perry S. Williams left for Wyoming last week where he will be for some time.

Mrs. J. H. Jenkins, enroute from the National Baptist convention at Los Angeles, Cal., to her home in St. Louis, Mo., stopped over in the city to visit her brother and family here, and was struck with grief to find her brother, Robert M. Johnson, a corpse.

Mr. R. H. Johnson was called from Omaha on account of his father's death here last Friday. He was delayed until early Sunday on account of being out on a trip.

The following persons were in the city in response to the death of Mr. Robt. M. Johnson: Mrs. Rufus Johnson, Mrs. Tena Dyson, Messrs. John T. Saunders, H. Williams and B. M. Brown, all of Omaha.

Robert M. Johnson—Robt. M. Johnson, aged 80, departed this life at 11:30 a. m. last Friday at his home, 907 S street, after an illness of some days, as a result of a complication of diseases. He leaves to mourn his demise a loving wife, Mrs. R. Johnson; a sister, Mrs. J. H. Jenkins, of St. Louis, Mo.; a son, R. H. Johnson, of Omaha; a mother-in-law, Mrs. Julia McLemore; all of whom were present at the funeral.

The funeral services were held in Castle, Roper & Matthews' undertaking parlors Monday at 2:30 p. m., Rev. I. E. Smith presiding, being assisted by Rev. M. C. Knight. Lebanon Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M. had charge of the obsequies for Rough Ashler No. 2 of Omaha, of which deceased was a member. Members of Rough Ashler present were: John T. Saunders, W. M. H. Williams and B. M. Brown.

W. M. Geo. B. Evans, officers and members of Lebanon Lodge did well their part in showing appreciation to their associated deceased brother and his family in their hour of bereavement.

A large crowd of friends responded to pay their last respects to the deceased, and the name Uncle Bob, as he was commonly known by his train porter associates and others who knew him, will be keenly missed.

The Cliff Dwellers met at the home of Clyde Malone last Tuesday evening and the time was spent in various games. Refreshments were served in the wee hours of morning, after which the entire party motored about the boulevard of the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Aitfast and son have returned to the city. Mrs. Aitfast was formerly Mrs. Bertie Brooks.

BETHEL A. M. E. CHURCH

Rev. Frederick Divers, Pastor.

The Nebraska Conference of the A. M. E. Church is now a matter of history and the Rev. Frederick Divers has been returned for another year's work with Bethel. The services were good last Sunday morning and evening, and we had a meeting Monday evening at which we reorganized for the year, and outlined and agreed upon a plan of operation for the year.

The first thing on the program is a big revival to begin Sunday, Sept. 30. We have been fortunate enough to secure the services of Madam Lugasta Sims of Madagascar Islands, one of the most noted women evangelists of the day. She has been preaching since childhood, and has been the means of bringing more souls to Christ than possibly any other woman evangelist of today.

We are anxious to enlist the services of good personal workers in the meeting regardless of denomination. Come out and help us do a great work for Christ and our city.

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COUNCIL BLUFFS NEWS

Johnnie, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Meekins, 1600 Avenue D, was run down by the auto of Grant Van Sant, Wednesday morning, September 19, on Broadway while on his way to school and was confined to his bed for several days. He was badly and painfully bruised but not seriously injured.

B. S. Sutton, collector for The Monitor, has been spending a day or two each week in our city in the interest of that publication and has been very much pleased with the promptness with which delinquent subscribers are paying up. If he has not yet called on you, be on the lookout for him for he is on his way.

The month old baby of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Lane, 1004 South Twelfth street, is reported quite ill.

Mrs. Erma Jones of Chicago is in the city visiting her mother, Mrs. E. H. Madison, 1117 Avenue D. She will remain here indefinitely.

Rev. J. P. Jackson, pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church, is spending his vacation in Clarinda, Ia., and will participate in the special meeting of the Baptists while there.

Robert W. Bagnall, director of branches of the N. A. A. C. P., in company with Henry W. Black, president of the Omaha branch, recently visited the city and revived the local branch here with an efficient corps of officers.

Rev. W. M. Majors, pastor of Bethel A. M. E. church, attended the Northwestern Conference at Cedar Rapids, Ia., last week.

Mr. Sam Rose of St. Paul, Minn., has been in the city visiting friends.

The Morning Star Tabernacle No. 592, and Pride of Council Bluffs Tent No. 256, gave a fish fry at Tabernacle Baptist church last Wednesday night. The affair was a great success.

NEWSLETS

Colored Elks will make a contribution to the Japanese quake sufferers. Many Chinese and Japanese are members of the colored organization.

Siki, Senegalese battler, who recently came to this country expecting a fight with Dempsey, has accepted a vaudeville contract in New York from which he will receive 35 per cent of the receipts.

The State Legislature of Texas has passed a law prohibiting colored people from participating in Democratic primaries. There are no colored Democrats in Texas, but the new measure is in the nature of a preventive.

Upon a column at the stadium of the University of Illinois the name enrollment showed whites, 41,976; colored, 18,309. Dunbar High opened with 1,494; Armstrong Manual, 1,070; Shaw Junior High, 994; Randall, 258; Cardozo, 44. O Street Manual for Girls failed to report.

W. Freeland Kendrick, regular organization candidate for Mayor, won over Powell Evans, independent candidate, by 217,000 in the Philadelphia primaries Tuesday. Evans came originally from South Carolina and the colored people voted against him religiously for geographical reasons.

Dr. John E. Wood, D. C., Kentucky, was elected president of the National Baptist Convention (unincorporated), which met recently at Fort Worth, Texas. He succeeds Dr. Edward P. Jones, of Chicago. The voting indicated a spirited contest, Wood receiving 1,558 and Jones, 1,120 votes.

When Maud Muller, domestic, went to Philadelphia, she found her poetical agrarian pursuits at loss for a field of operation; so, instead of "raking the meadows sweet with hay," she raked the dressers clean of jewelry in the apartment where she was employed. Police are scouring the city, hoping to rake in the missing Maud.

TEXAS TRIES REPRISALS

Dallas, Texas, Sept. 28. — An attempt toward reprisals against Northern industries for finding placement for colored migratory labor from the South was disclosed today when C. B. Howard, general sales manager of the American Cotton Growers' Exchange, announced that all of the raw cotton of twelve states affiliated would be offered to European spinners. Howard stated that one-half of the combined depository of cotton had already been sold abroad.

AGRICULTURAL BULLETIN

Washington, Sept. 28. — The Agricultural Department will soon publish a monograph entitled "The Negro Farmers of the Tidewater Section," being the result of the studies of Prof. W. S. Scarborough, of that Department. Prof. Scarborough is a famous writer, author of a Greek text book, and former President of Wilberforce University. He was an appointee of the late President Harding, and his personal friend.

Stray Bits of Wisdom.
The just soul has no peculiar rank. He is a mendicant, a traveler, or a prince, according to God's will. His aim, his profession, is to be just.—George Sand.

Wise Men Analyzed.
The wise man is but a clever infant, spelling letters from a hieroglyphical prophetic book, the lexicon of which lies in eternity.—Carlyle.

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Nebraska Civil Rights Bill

Chapter Thirteen of the Revised Statutes of Nebraska, Civil Rights. Enacted in 1898.

Sec. 1. Civil rights of persons. All persons within this state shall be entitled to a full and equal enjoyment of the accommodations, advantages, facilities and privileges of inns, restaurants, public conveyances, barber shops, theatres and other places of amusement; subject only to the conditions and limitations established by law and applicable alike to every person.

Sec. 2. Penalty for Violation of Preceding Section. Any person who shall violate the foregoing section by denying to any person, except for reasons of law applicable to all persons, the full enjoyment of any of the accommodations, advantages, facilities, or privileges enumerated in the foregoing section, or by aiding or inciting such denials, shall for each offense be guilty of a misdemeanor, and be fined in any sum not less than twenty-five dollars, nor more than one hundred dollars, and pay the costs of the prosecution.

"The original act was held valid as to citizens; barber shops can not discriminate against persons on account of color. Messenger vs State, 25 Neb. page 677. N. W. 638."

"A restaurant keeper who refuses to serve a colored person with refreshments in a certain part of his restaurant, for no other reason than that he is colored, is civilly liable, though he offers to serve him by setting a table in some private part of the house. Ferguson vs Gies, 82 Mich. 588; N. W. 718."