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WILLIAM VAN DERZEE

THERE recently passed to his reward at Topeka, Kansas, a man whose life was an inspiration to all who knew him and who wrought nobly despite a great physical handicap. We refer to the Rev. William H. Van Derzee. Blind for years, he was a successful pastor. No word of complaint escaped him. Sunny, cheerful, bright, he radiated sunshine wherever he went. He was deeply interested in young people and many who are filling useful careers owe it to the inspiration and encouragement they received from this lover of mankind. He reared a family of sons and daughters who are filling useful stations in life. Proud of his race, he urged them constantly to seek the heights which are achieved only along the pathway of righteousness of life and faithful service to mankind and in this he set a shining example. The world is richer for the life of William Van Derzee.

A WIDE-AWAKE NEWSPAPER

THERE have come recently to our desk several copies of a well-edited and live-wire race weekly published in Los Angeles, Cal., by Fred C. Williams, formerly of Omaha. It is the Pacific Defender and the manner in which it has gone after certain matters of racial interest in the City of the Angels sustains its title of "Defender," but the adjective "Pacific" which means "peaceful"—is hardly applicable. Many Monitor readers will recall the interesting series of articles that Mr. Williams wrote for us during an extensive southern trip some years ago when he made The Monitor a household word from Oklahoma to Louisiana. Mr. Williams is blind, too, and yet he manipulates a typewriter well and has a vigorous and delightful style. The Monitor wishes The Pacific Defender a long and prosperous life.

TWO EXAMPLES

IT IS RATHER remarkable that two of our editorials should be about men who have lost their eyesight and yet who did not give up to idleness or despair, but have devoted themselves to useful service. How their example should shame those who possessed of all their faculties are so prone to whine and complain of their lack of opportunity. The two men to whom we have referred are striking examples of what men can do in spite of physical limitations.

NEBRASKA WILL BE IN IT

THE republicans have nominated Coolidge and Dawes for standard bearers. The democrats, if they are wise, will not overlook Nebraska in their quest for presidential material. Governor Charles Bryan is being groomed and he is not a bad bet. While no mention has been made of him in that connection, Gilbert M. Hitchcock is a man of presidential dimensions. Keep your eye on Charles Bryan and Gilbert M. Hitchcock in the New York convention. Our guess is that New York and Nebraska will be the combination.

THE REPUBLICAN PLATFORM

THE national republican platform is picturesquely platitudinous, pleasingly passive, perspicuously placid in its presentation of political problems and perplexities which it proposes to

propound to the profound perspicacity of the polygeneous populace for the promotion of peace, prosperity and plutocracy.

BOOK ON BEAUTY CULTURE BY WELL KNOWN OMAHAN

Mrs. Kathryn Wilson, who has for several years conducted one of the most successful and popular Beauty Culture Parlors in Omaha, and who has been much in demand as a teacher of the art, has just published an attractive book, entitled "The Successful Hair Dresser, a Complete Course in All Branches of Beauty Culture." It is the text book of the California Sun Parlor, which is the name of her school. The book contains twelve lessons, dealing with the care of the hair, of the face, hands and feet, as well as practical suggestions on operation and shop management. What will make the book popular with the average woman, is the fact that it teaches her to marcel her own hair. This Beauty Culture Text Book, which is unique in its class, should have a large sale.

THE WEEK'S EDITORIAL: WHITE PRESS.

(From the Indianapolis Star, of June 4.)

NEGRO PROGRESS FOR YEAR

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, with headquarters in New York, is an organization whose purpose is in a legal and orderly way to secure members of the colored race the protection of law when discrimination is threatened or accomplished and by the promotion of good citizenship to secure interracial harmony. Its annual report, a summary of which was recently published, shows activity along various lines and that considerable progress has been made in securing peaceful adjustment of wrongs. Though the Dyer Anti-Lynching Bill has not yet been made a law, the fight made in Congress and the publicity given to the lynching evil have had their influence through the realization by the public that it is not the lives of Negroes alone that are concerned, but the honor of America and the brutalizing effect of the crime on the white race. Known lynchings decreased in 1923 to twenty-eight from sixty-one in 1922.

Among the forward steps noted is the action of the unanimous vote of the Harvard board of overseers that in the administration of rules for admission Harvard college maintain its traditional policy of freedom from discrimination on grounds of race or religion. This was in opposition to President Lowell's policy of exclusion. One curious episode was that of the establishment of a government hospital at Tuskegee, Ala., for the care of Negro veterans. It was not at first proposed to place it at Tuskegee, and the authorities there did not want it, but opposition to it was so great in white communities that on government request 300 acres were set apart for its use on land of the institution, Dr. Moton, head of Tuskegee, first stipulating that at least a part of the staff of physicians and nurses should be Negroes.

It is by systematic, orderly methods of securing justice to the race that reforms will be brought about in the surest way, and the association, which is large and evidently wisely managed is proceeding on a proper course.

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A PRAYER FOR DELIVERANCE FROM RACE PREJUDICE

By Mornay Williams

(For the Associated Negro Press)

O GOD, who hast made man in Thine own likeness and who dost love all whom Thou hast made, suffer us not, because of difference in race, color or condition, to separate ourselves from others, and thereby from Thee; but teach us the unity of Thy family and the universality of Thy love. As Thy Son, our Savior, was born of an Hebrew mother and ministered first to His brethren of the House of Israel, but rejected in the faith of a Syro-Phoenician woman and of a Roman soldier, and suffered His cross to be carried by a man of African, teach us, also, while loving and serving our own, to enter into the communion of the whole human family; and forbid that, from pride of birth and hardness of heart, we should despise any for whom Christ died, or injure any in whom He lives. Amen.

A MAN FULL OF FAITH AND GOOD WORKS

The Rev. William Henry Van Derzee, a former resident of Omaha, and well known to many of the older inhabitants, died recently at his home in Topeka, Kansas, as a result of injuries received when he fell into a sewer ditch that was being dug.

The Rev. Mr. Van Derzee was born May 1, 1850, at New Baltimore, Green county, New York, and fell asleep on April 24, 1924. He was married to Matilda Ann Adams at Providence, R. I., to which union was born three girls and two boys, all living. He came to Omaha, in 1883, engaging in his business of contracting and building. In 1888, his eyes, which had always been poor, failed him and he yielded to his conviction of long standing to enter the ministry. Although, as a boy of 15, he had given his heart to God and had surrendered his all—when eyesight failed, he faced a new surrender, learning that faith really begins where sight, physical or mental, ends. His first pastorate was the white Methodist church at Norfolk, Neb. He later united with the Church of Christ and served for six months as an elder, following this with a two years' pastorate. In 1895, he moved to Lincoln, Neb., where he opened the first colored Christian mission in Nebraska, devoting his whole time to this work without remuneration. This mission was later organized as the Third Church of Christ. He laid his wife to rest in 1904 and was obliged to resign the pastorate in 1905 on account of failing health.

In 1913, he was united in marriage to Mrs. Melcenah Davis, of Keokuk, Iowa. In 1914, he accepted the pastorate of the Atchison Christian church. Since 1917 he has resided in Topeka, where he has served as senior elder in the congregation. He leaves Mrs. Melcenah Van Derzee, his wife, Topeka, Kans.; Mrs. Anna R. Coffee, a former teacher at Tuskegee, later in Topeka, now of Frankfort, Kans.; Mr. Perry F. Van Derzee, a radiotician of Boston, Mass.; Mr. William E. Van Derzee, a baker of Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Ruth E. McWilliams, musician and teacher, now of Bigelow, Kans.; and Mrs. Alice C. Burton, also a musician and teacher of Ashabula, Ohio.

The Rev. Mr. Van Derzee in spite of his blindness, which he insisted was no real handicap, had travelled extensively, preaching and lecturing, going alone a great deal of the time. He also wrote many poems and gospel songs. Recently he has been an active agent of the Comer Mfg. Co., in addition to his work of religious leader, so active, in fact, that an especial expression of regret was read at the cemetery service by the field agent of the company, commending him for his extraordinary work under physical handicap. The Rev. Mr. Van Derzee had used a typewriter for ten years, which enabled him to keep up with a heavy correspondence.

Beautifully impressive were the funeral services, held at the West Side Church of Christ, the sermon being preached by the Rev. W. S. Sims, pastor, assisted by ten of the city pastors. The musical offering consisted almost wholly of the compositions of the deceased and the following one of his poems was read:

"Thy Will Be Done."

Thy will be done, dear Lord, I pray,
For Thou hast taught me this to say;
And as my lips these words express
Grant that my heart shall acquiesce
In nothing more and nothing less.
Thou art my friend.

Thy will be done, for it is best;
In doing it there comes a rest,
A peace that stills the troubled wave
That drives the darkness from the grave
And reassures Thy power to save.
Give me that peace.

Thy will be done, nor is it sealed
But to the world Thou hast revealed
Infinite plan that shows Thy care
Infinite wisdom everywhere,
Infinite heritage, I share.
Oh, blessed hope!

Thy will be done and be Thou still
The Custodian of my will;
Keep it in accent with Thy love
True to the pattern Thou hast shown
And flexible to Thine alone.
And all is well.

Then as we serve in fullest trust
Wavering not, for He is just,
We may expect a constant Friend,
One who is able to defend
And to preserve us to the end.
His will be done.

The lives of his children and of his innumerable host of friends have been immeasurably enriched by his indomitable courage and extraordinary sweet spirit; he inspired many with his graciousness and his usefulness to a higher plane of living. The Upper Room Bible Class which he had organized in North Topeka and taught for two years, received a great share of his careful instruction and loving care. The class was strictly non-sectarian and had members from all denominations. Their text book was the bible alone. Many through his example and teachings have caught a greater vision of the Master.

His home going brought to a close an earthly life of rare beauty and sweetness; his falling asleep was a conspicuous triumph of faith and hope.

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FINDS RADIO WAVE SLOWER THAN LIGHT

Navy Astronomer Offers an Amazing New Theory.

San Francisco, Cal.—The discovery that the radio wave travels slower than light was announced by Capt. J. J. See, professor of mathematics in the United States navy, government astronomer at Mare Island navy yard, and well known authority on the theory of ether.

According to Captain See the radio wave travels around the globe with a velocity of 165,000 miles a second, while light travels 186,000. Captain See considers that his discovery in the velocity of the propagation of the radio wave about the earth may prove the most notable step in the development of the wave theory since Roemer's original discovery of the velocity of light in 1675.

Outline of Theory. An outline of the chief conclusions communicated to the London Times is condensed below:

"1. The mean velocity of the wireless wave was found to be about 173,000 miles per second. This figure is about 13,000 miles per second less than that of light, but ten years ago we did not suspect the cause.

"2. In March last a wireless signal was sent from the sending station near New York to Warsaw, Poland, and reflected back in 0.054 of a second of time. The double distance is 8,500 miles, and the transmission comes out about 158,000 miles per second.

"3. The mean of the two independent determinations of the wireless wave is 165,500 miles per second.

Phenomenon is Explained. "4. What is the cause of this? The aether or particle of ether is only one-four thousandth part as large in diameter as the hydrogen molecule, so that compared to ordinary molecules of the size of oranges the aethers would be like smoke from a cigar, and moving with a velocity of 204,000 miles per second. The wave travels through the solid earth as well as through the air and free space above the air, but is much resisted in the solid globe. As the ether is 689,321,600,000 times more elastic than air in proportion to its density—thus almost infinitely elastic—the medium cannot suffer a break in its continuity, yet the movement above the earth is held back by the slower movement of the wave in the earth. The resistance in the globe thus acts as a drag on the wave at its base. The result is that the wave bends around the earth, as long known yet heretofore not generally understood.

"5. This bending is quite analogous to the change of form of water waves as they run ashore—the top of the wave gains on the base. "The results are of interest in connection with the wave theory of magnetism and the cause of universal gravitation, because they bear on the cause of the fluctuation of the moon's mean motion."

Insanity More Frequent Among College Students

Washington.—Going to college is among the dangerous occupations, according to information presented before a joint conference of the National Research Council and the Personnel Research federation by Dr. Donald A. Laird, associate professor of psychology at Colgate university. One man out of every 1,400, between the age of twenty and twenty-four, goes insane, according to the latest census reports, while only one woman out of 1,800 of the same age loses control of her reason. Doctor Laird has found that among college students the incidence of mental disorder is much higher, being one out of every 1,000 of students in the colleges he studied. "There may be more mental breakdowns among college students," Doctor Laird said, "because they live a competitive intellectual existence, and any mental handicap is quickly noticed."

Gives Antitoxin Forcibly to Cut Diphtheria

Lebanon, Pa.—Having forcibly administered antitoxin to members of the faith tabernacle, a cult of faith curers, local health authorities are hopeful of checking the spread of diphtheria, which in three weeks has caused the deaths of nine persons. All the victims were members of families of the faith tabernacle and all, the authorities declared, had been denied medical attention. Five of the deaths occurred in the family of Mrs. Charles Roth, her husband and four children dying since April 21. One of the children died while the funeral of another was being held. Mrs. Roth had refused medical treatment for her family. She and four surviving children were inoculated, although she would not give verbal consent, but submitted without protest.

Find Bones of Miocene Mammal in California

Bakersfield, Cal.—What are believed to be the most complete portions ever discovered of a squalodont, a mammal that existed in the Miocene age from one-half million to two million years ago, have been found by Charles Morrice, a student of prehistoric life, on Shark Tooth mountain, near the Kern river oil fields. Reconstruction of the squalodont, Morrice said, has been made in Germany, Australia and England from much less portions of the mammal than he has found.

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MAKE SURVEY OF PENNSYLVANIA NEGROES

(By the Associated Negro Press.) Philadelphia, Pa., June 20.—A survey of conditions affecting the Negro race in this state has been started by the state department of welfare, under instructions from Governor Pinchot. Two Negro educators, Forrester B. Washington and Prince L. Edwards, have been appointed to go over the field and report to the governor. Work will be started at once. It is planned to improve living conditions among our people in this state, encourage them to go on farms, increase their educational facilities and avoid the clashing of Negro and white interests.

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(N. A. A. C. P. Service.) St. Louis, Mo., June 20.—Edward L. Snyder, local representative of a large insurance company, in a recent course pursued in the New York insurance school, was graded 100%.

Nate Hunter left Thursday for Des Moines, Ia., to attend Grand Commandery. He will return Saturday.

MALONE IS CHOSEN TO NOTIFY PRES. COOLIDGE

Cleveland, Ohio, June 20.—Aaron E. Malone, president of Poro College, St. Louis, was chosen by the Missouri delegation as Missouri's official representative to notify President Coolidge of his nomination for President of the United States by the National Republican Convention.

This duty is regarded as a signal honor in as much as only one person from each state makes up the committee which notifies the president of his selection, and a like number is chosen to notify the vice-president of his selection.

Crucifixion Victim's Foot Found in England

London.—Gruesome proof of the practice of crucifixion among the Romans has just been bare at Folkestone by excavators at the site of the Roman settlement there. The bone of a foot dug up has a hole through it as if pierced by a nail.

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Nebraska Civil Rights Bill

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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 Nebr., 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 a more private part of the house. Ferguson vs. Gies, 82 Mich. 338; N. W. 718."

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