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#### SALOON OR BOOZE JOINT

THE SALOON was admittedly a bad thing. But we seriously question whether, with all its evils and abuses, it was not better than the illicit booze joints which are scattered promiscuously about the city. The saloon was an open and seen institution. It was licensed and this license carried with it certain conditions and regulations. The beverages dispensed by it could be inspected. The booze joint is hidden, or supposed to be. It is not licensed or in any manner whatsoever regulated. Its poisonous, craze-producing concoctions are under no inspection and consequently the keepers of these places can sell their patrons any vile stuff they please and they are weaklings and fools enough to buy. Drunken men and women are a more common sight in some sections of our "dry town," than they were in the halcyon days of the saloon. In substituting these illicit, unregulated booze joints for the saloon, have not our zealous reformers simply "swapped the devil for a witch?" These booze joints in our judgment are worse than the saloons, and heaven knows they were bad enough. Cannot these illicit booze joints be driven out of existence? Broadly speaking, they exist in many sections of Omaha. In some sections they are apparently thicker than in others. If booze joints cannot be driven out of existence or at least banished from respectable neighborhoods, then restore the saloons, for of the two evils they are the lesser.

#### AND THE BAND PLAYED

DESDUNES' famous band is again coming in for well-deserved praise, not only for its delightful music, but for its cool-headedness. Last Wednesday a storm of tornadoic force broke over the city. It wrought considerable destruction of property in the southwest section of the city. It was peculiarly terrifying in the vicinity of Ak-Sar-Ben field where large crowds had assembled for the June races. Hundreds in the grand stand became terror-stricken. Desdunes' band, which is playing an engagement there, stuck to its post and at the height of the storm continued to play and is credited with having averted a panic. The music had a soothing and reassuring effect. Colonel Duncan paid the band the compliment of saying that it displayed the spirit of brave and true soldiers. When one recalls that the band-leader and some of his men narrowly escaped death in the terrible tornado here twelve years ago, the coolness displayed upon this occasion is even more praiseworthy. Emergencies test men.

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### THE NEGRO'S CONTRIBUTION NOT NEGLIGIBLE

A moment's thought will easily convince open-minded persons that the contribution of the Negro to American nationality as slave, freedman and citizen was far from negligible. No element of American life has so subtly and yet clearly woven itself into warp and woof of our thinking and acting as the American Negro. He came with the first explorers and helped in exploration. His labor was from the first the foundation of the American prosperity and the cause of the rapid growth of the new world in social and economic importance. Modern democracy rests not simply on the striving white men in Europe and America but also on the persistent struggle of the black men in America for two centuries. The military defense of this land has depended upon Negro soldiers from the time of the Colonial wars down to the struggle of the World War. Not only does the Negro appear, reappear and persist in American literature but a Negro American literature has arisen of deep significance, and Negro folk lore and music are among the choicest heritages of this land. Finally the Negro has played a peculiar spiritual role in America as a sort of living, breathing test of our ideals and an example of the faith, hope and tolerance of our religion.—Du Bois, "The Gift of Black Folk."

Mr. Edwin Todd journeyed to Topeka, Kans., last Friday, where he took to himself a helpmate, Miss Margie Johnson of that city. The young couple have returned home and will be at home at 663 South Twentieth street.

Mrs. Alice Brown of Kansas City, Mo., spent a few days in the city enroute to Omaha to attend the New Era association.

Rev. M. C. Knight is preparing to go to Los Angeles, Cal., June 20th. Hence a special rally and services will be held next Sunday in viting friends to assist him.

Remit for your paper!

Friends and relatives gathered at Masonic Hall Saturday night to pay especial honor to the many graduates who have labored so faithfully and so well. The five from high school: Thelma Hammond, Valeria Crews, Ruth Hickman (Frankfort, Kans.), Florence Reed, Henry Botts, jr.; four from State University: Gladys E. Brown (Omaha); Clyde W. Malone, junior certificate; Lucille Bivens (Omaha); Azalia Black (St. Joseph, Mo.). Prof. Scott, dean of the English department of University of Nebraska, was the speaker. The hall was decorated in combining colors of the two schools, cream and black, red and white, the work of Mr. Sid Thomas. Refreshments were served by the hostesses who are to be congratulated on this successful event.

The L. L. K. club will give a one o'clock covered dish luncheon at the residence of Mrs. Lorraine Dorsey, Thursday in honor of Bishop Carey and Rev. and Mrs. M. C. Knight. The club was entertained last Monday night at the home of Mrs. C. Walker. Business meeting and plans for the observing of the club's twentieth anniversary in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Harding entertained at dinner Mrs. M. McCowan, Mrs. Ada McWilliams and Mr. and Mrs. O'Donald Sunday afternoon.

The funeral of Mr. Reuben Murray was held at Quinn Chapel, Rev. M. C. Knight officiating. Our hearts go out in sympathy to this bereaved family.

Miss Mary Burden is visiting friends in Kansas City, Kansas.

The Esther Day Services of Princess Hattipha and Amaranth chapters held in Masonic hall Sunday afternoon were very impressive. In spite of the rain a goodly number were present. Mrs. Cotton, post matron of O. E. S., visiting friends in the city, was present. A short program was rendered—Addresses by Messrs. Young and Evans; solos, Miss Johnson and Mrs. Izetta Malone; remarks, Mrs. Williams and Matron Mrs. Huston; paper, Mrs. R. E. Edwards. Chairman of program committee, Mrs. John Collins.

Francis Thomas, son of Mrs. L. B. Thomas, sustained a broken collar bone and bruised shoulder when he fell from his bicycle. At present he is doing nicely.

#### PICKENS SPEAKS SUNDAY

Sunday at 4 o'clock a mass meeting under the auspices of the Omaha Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will be held at St. John's A. M. E. Church, Twenty-second and Willis Avenue. Sunday afternoon was chosen because it was believed that it was a time that would meet the convenience of most people who are anxious to hear William Pickens speak. St. John's church is commodious and centrally located. The following program will be rendered:

"America" by audience, lead by orchestra and chorus. Invocation, Rev. C. A. Williams, pastor of St. John's. Remarks by chairman, Rev. John Albert Williams. Solo by Miss Edna M. Stratton. Introduction of speaker by Rev. Russel Taylor. Address by William Pickens, Field Secretary N. A. A. C. P. National Negro Anthem by chorus and audience.

#### MOSAIC TEMPLARS HEAR ANNUAL SERMON

The Mosaic Templars of America attended Pleasant Green Baptist church, 22nd and Paul streets, Rev. Z. C. McGee, pastor, last Sunday afternoon for their annual sermon. There was a good attendance. The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. S. Williams, pastor of Salem Baptist church, and made a marked impression. State Grandmaster McQueen introduced Dr. A. L. Hawkins, master of ceremonies. An interesting program was rendered. A duet was contributed by Mesdames Lela Montgomery and Libby Harris of Royal Chamber; a vocal solo by Mrs. Drewery of Pride of the West Chamber and a paper by R. C. Campbell. The order is steadily growing.

#### REUBEN MURRAY KILLED BY FALL FROM WINDOW

An improvised safety attachment becoming loosened, Reuben Murray, 25, colored, 3211 Burt street, was fatally injured at 2:30 Friday afternoon when he fell from the sixth floor of the Union Outfitting company building, 16th and Jackson Sts. He died at 5:30 o'clock at Lord Lister hospital.

He was employed by the National Window Washing company. The metal hook at the window, to hold the window washers, was too large for his own hook to catch on, so he improvised a clasp to his belt, which broke.

Julius Ogorodnick, 2006 Maple St., working with him, heard Murray exclaim "Oh," and saw the fall. It was also witnessed by Kenneth George, 2320 Howard street, an oil station employee across the street.

Murray is survived by his widow and one son, Riehalt, 3; four brothers and two sisters also survive.

The funeral was held Monday afternoon from the Western Funeral Home and the body taken to Lincoln for burial.

His father, Pendleton Murray, died less than a month ago.

#### ESTHER DAY SERVICES AT CLEVE TEMPLE C. M. E. CHURCH

The five local chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star attended Cleve Temple C. M. E. church last Sunday afternoon for their Esther Day services. An instructive sermon was preached by the Rev. J. S. Blaine, pastor, on "Womanhood the Star of Destiny".

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