

LINCOLN NEWS NOTES

By W. W. Mosley.
C. C. Christman is reported seriously ill at his home.

Mrs. M. L. Todd is visiting her mother at her old home in New Brunswick, Mo.

Rev. Mary E. Palmer preached for Rev. M. C. Knight and congregation at Quinn chapel Sunday. Mrs. Palmer was formerly a resident of Lincoln years ago, but is now pastoring a church at Pasadena, Calif.

Zack Johnson is confined at home with illness at this time.

Lebanon Lodge, No. 39, A. F. & A. M., held election of officers last Tuesday. The following were named for the ensuing year: W. A. Johnson, W. M.; Wendall Thomas, S. W.; Wm. Hightower, J. W.; T. T. McWilliams, treasurer; C. R. Johnson, secretary; Mason Todd, chaplain; Fred Nevels, tiler.

Mesdames C. R. Johnson and Cora Thomas have returned from Leavenworth, Kan., where they attended the Grand Court session.

Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Mosby have returned to the city.

A. L. Corneal arrived in the city last week from Portland, Ore., and is visiting his sister, Mrs. R. H. Young, and brother, B. F. Corneal.

The several representatives and friends returned from Omaha Sunday after attending the New Era Baptist association convention. The 1927 meet will be held at Mount Zion Baptist church, Lincoln.

Mrs. Maggie Johnson, mother of John Johnson, is reported quite feeble at this time.

Official Call.

The twenty-first annual meeting of the Nebraska State Federation of Colored Women's clubs will convene at Mount Zion Baptist church on June 22-23, Lincoln. As the aim and purpose of the federation becomes more clear each year, and as the necessity for race women to study the vital issues of the day has become more apparent, we earnestly request all clubs to send a full delegation, each being entitled to representation in the State Federation by presidents, members of the board and one delegate for every ten members.

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COUNCIL BLUFFS NOTES

Morning Star Tabernacle, No. 592, will have its annual sermon at Tabernacle Baptist church, June 20. All are invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Geirge Althouse leave Wednesday for a few weeks' vacation. They will visit Chicago and points in Tennessee.

A delightful surprise party was given Rev. C. A. Moore and family by the members of the church June 12.

Mrs. Clarence Reeves has returned from her trip and reports a wonderful time.

The Union Missionary meeting has been postponed from the fourth Sunday to the first Sunday each month. The next meeting will be held the first Sunday in July at Beulah Baptist church. Everyone welcome.

Mrs. Mary Molten Hill has been removed to Jennie Edmundson hospital.

Mesdames J. P. Jackson, Nannie Redd, Ellen Rose and Alta Birdsong are improving nicely.

The jubilee week begins on the 28th of June at Tabernacle Baptist church and closes on the 5th of July with a barbecue.

Dwight Anderson represented Tabernacle Sunday school at Des Moines, Ia., which convened on the 15th to 20th of this month at Maple Street church.

Te Aid club gave a picnic at Mrs. Jeff Perkins, June 19, which was well attended.

KLAN FORCES JEW OUT

Birmingham, Ala.—(By the Associated Negro Press)—There has been much rejoicing here this week by members of the Ku Klux Klan who regard the resignation of Chester Bandman, a Jew, as principal of the Woodlawn High School, as a victory for them in a prolonged fight they have waged against him. He will go north to Pittsburgh, Pa.

MAKING THE OHIO GOOD WATERWAY

Will Have Nine Feet of Water in 1929 From Pittsburgh to Cairo.

Washington.—Nine feet of water in 1919 for 968 miles from Pittsburgh to Cairo. That aim of the Ohio River valley, it is announced, is two-thirds accomplished. Dams recently completed by the engineering corps of the War department now assure 9-foot water for 604 miles from Pittsburgh to Louisville, Ky.

"The first hundred years apparently are the hardest in the development of the Ohio," says a bulletin of the National Geographic society from its headquarters in Washington. "Next year, 1927, will be the hundredth anniversary of the government's efforts to improve the Ohio which began with channel clearing in 1827. The year 1929 will be the fiftieth anniversary of the first of the 52 dams and locks which are expected to make the Ohio more useful as a waterway.

Canoes Earliest Traffic.

"There will be celebrations of the Ohio's anniversaries. Probably there will be flotillas of boats. Each of the four great cycles of the Ohio's life as a waterway is known by a boat. But what a motley collection. The only thing they have in common is that they float. For a hundred years after the Ohio's discovery by La Salle in 1670, the native Indian canoe reigned supreme. The flatboat for 50 years. Then boat building flowered in the building of floating palace steamboats. But the Civil war stopped that. The Ohio river of today is chiefly a river of barges.

"The Ohio river's story falls easily into pageants. Land with Monsieur Celoron de Bienville at the bank where the Scioto comes into the Ohio. Watch him bury at the foot of a great tree an inscribed lead plate he brought from Montreal. His 200 Indians and soldiers of France have drawn up their canoes on the shore. They stand in battle array. Monsieur Celoron hammers an iron plate with the arms of France to the tree. That will warn the world and the English in particular, he hopes, that this is property of the king of France. Keep off!

"Monsieur recites a speech prepared by La Salle for such occasions. It ends with a lusty shout, 'Vive le Roi.' 'Vive le Roi' shout the soldiers of France in battle array and the startled silence of the woods echoes the French boast. Monsieur Celoron and his 200 paddled in the name of furs as well as kings of France but such a river could not waste its strength forever on the luxury of fur.

"The stage of the next Ohio pageant is about 40 feet long and 12 feet wide. It is the deck of a Kentucky broadhorn. If this flatboat had a roof over the whole 'deck' instead of half it would be a New Orleans broadhorn. The three families who have built this flatboat are going only as far as Marietta. Under the roof one woman feeds wood in a small clay fireplace. Others busy themselves preparing the evening meal. They work amid a clutter of chests and chairs and the simple needs of a pioneer household.

"They brought these precious possessions from New England in Conestoga wagons over the interminable ridges of the Appalachians to McKeesport. The families built the flatboat at McKeesport. It will never come back. The deck and the eight-foot sides will be the floors for their cabins in Marietta.

"One man is at the stern with a 40-foot steering oar. A lanky boy in the bow holds a 'gouger,' a short oar for use in swift water. In one hand he has a tin horn—every boat carries a horn. As the evening mists close down the boy blows the horn to warn any craft ahead. The reverberating blast of the horn is the echo and answer to 'Vive le Roi.' There are two 30-foot sweeps on each side of the flatboat. But these are for emergencies. The Ohio offers free transport on its swift current to any settler who will try his luck in the valley of the Mississippi, the largest valley in the world capable of inhabitation by man.

Chantey of the River.

"Flatboats of the Ohio were to the Middle West what the 'iron horse' was to the far West after the Civil war. 'As they float down the river the 'Pilgrims of the Ohio' sing:

'O, the river is up, the channel is deep,
The wind blows steady and strong,
Asplashing their oars the mariners keep

As they row their boats along,
(Tenor) Down the River
(Bass) Down the River
(All) Down the O-H-I-O.'

"The steamboats were finer than anything on shore," says Mark Twain, who is the most entertaining authority of the next and most golden age of the Mississippi waterways. The third pageant begins with the launching of the first steamboat at Brownsville, Pa., in 1811.

"Compared with superior dwelling houses and first-class hotels in the valley," writes the beloved humorist, "they were 'palaces.'" They tallied with the citizen's dream of magnificence. . . chimney tops cut to counterfeited a spraying crown of plumes; pilot-house, hurricane deck, boiler deck, guards, all garnished with white wooden filigree work of fanciful patterns, gilt deer horns over the big bell, oil pictures on every stateroom door, big chandeliers every little way, each an April shower of glittering glass drops."

SPINGARN MEDAL AWARDED TO DR. CARTER G. WOODSON

New York, N. Y.—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, today announced that the Spingarn Medal, awarded annually to an American of African descent for highest achievement had been awarded to Dr. Carter G. Woodson, of Washington, D. C., editor of *The Journal of Negro History*, former supervisor of schools in the Philippine Islands, and formerly principal of Douglas high school in Huntington, West Virginia, as well as instructor in "M" Street high school of Washington. His last work in education was as dean of one of the departments of Howard university.

The terms of the award of the Spingarn Medal for 1925 to Dr. Woodson, are as follows: "For ten years' service in collecting and publishing records of the Negro in America, culminating in the publication of 'Negro Orators and Their Orations' and 'Free Negro Heads of Families in the United States in 1830.'"

Besides the works mentioned in the terms of the award, Dr. Woodson is the author of "The Education of the Negro Prior to 1860," "The Negro in our History," "The History of the Negro Church," and "A Century of Negro Migration." The *Journal of Negro History* has been published for more than ten years.

Among those recommending Dr. Woodson for the award was Franklin Jameson, director of the Carnegie Institution in Washington.

Dr. Woodson was born in New Canton, Virginia, was graduated from the Douglas high school of Huntington, West Virginia, of which he was subsequently principal, received the degree of Litt. B. at Berea College, travelled in Europe and Asia and studied at the University of Paris. He received the degrees of A. B. and A. M. from the University of Chicago and the degree of Ph. D. from Harvard University in 1912.

The members of the Spingarn Medal Award committee who met at the offices of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to make the selection are: Col. Theodore Roosevelt, Dr. John Hope, president of Morehouse College; Oswald Garrison Villard, editor of *The Nation*; Dr. W. E. Du Bois, editor of *The Crisis*; Bishop John Hurst, chairman of the committee; Dorothy Canfield Fisher, and James H. Dillard were unable to attend.

The Spingarn Medal will be presented to Dr. Woodson by the Rev. John Haynes Holmes on the closing night, June 29, of the Seventeenth Annual Conference, in Chicago, of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

WINS INTER-RACIAL COMMISSION PRIZE

Greensboro, N. C.—(By the Associated Negro Press)—Miss Katherine Wolff, white, a senior at North Carolina College, has been awarded the second prize in a contest conducted by the Inter-racial Commission with headquarters in Atlanta, Ga., for an essay on racial co-operation. Her paper bore the title "The Negro Voter." The award was \$50.

Miss Olivia Welbourn and Mr. Virgil Shobe were united in marriage Friday evening June 4. The bride and groom are at home at 2930 North 28th street.

9 in 10 College "Grads" Fail, Says Millionaire

New York.—John E. Andrus of Yonkers, "the world's wealthiest subway straphanger," who gave up being a college professor some years ago to make himself one of America's richest men, predicted little success for the 4,901 students of Columbia university who have just received diplomas.

"You know," said Mr. Andrus, "that 90 per cent of the young men being graduated from colleges today never will be heard from, so far as success is concerned." His point was that too much money "is spent foolishly in educating too many people in this country."

Mr. Andrus told of the much greater demand for mechanics at high wages than for professional men who receive less pay. He reported a scarcity of building artisans that is sending their wages skyward and a surplus of professional men who are not nearly as well rewarded for their services.

What Is Home Without an Earthquake Annunciator?

Los Angeles, Calif.—Development of an earthquake annunciator so simple that one may be placed in any home, yet so accurate that the approach of earth tremors may be observed in time to rob them of the disastrous effects was announced here by Dr. Thomas A. Jagger, government volcanologist, arriving from his station at Hilo, Hawaii, on his way to Washington. The device consists of a simplified seismograph to be located in a basement and an indicator which may be installed at a place easily visible.

Talk Not Cheap

Del Monte, Calif.—William B. Leeds, millionaire, has just been handed a \$100 telephone bill. He talked 29 minutes to his wife, Princess Xenia of Greece, who is in New York.

Reds Wear Plus Fours

Pawhuska, Okla.—Plus fours were as conspicuous as buckskin breeches when Oklahoma Indians gathered here for their annual convention.

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