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## CALLED HOME

Within the past three weeks the earthly careers of several men prominent in Omaha affairs have ended. Among the most outstanding may be mentioned the genial, big-hearted Edward E. Howell, whom it was always a pleasure to meet. And how beautiful was his home going. Strong in his Christian faith with joy and gladness he went to meet his Maker leaving a message of cheer to his devoted family. Charles L. Saunders was another who had knit his soul with hoops of steel to scores and scores of friends. And then the genial, whole-souled William F. Gurley, eminent lawyer of the old school, an orator of international reputation whose influence in the community was wide. Nor should Robert L. Carter, prominent in business affairs, always pleasant, always kindly, be forgotten. These are men whom Omaha will miss and who enriched our civic life. They were all high-class Christian gentlemen, not ashamed to be counted on the side and in the cause of righteousness. Men like these reveal the true grandeur of manhood and renew our faith in human nature.

## RHINELANDER AGAIN

The important fact about the Rhinelander decision is that it establishes the principle that a lawful marriage between a man and woman is to be regarded as a lawful union not to be nullified or denied on some superficial charge. It does not go into the wisdom or expediency of such unions. If, however, inquiry were made as to the racial affinities of many prominent New York families, who are reputed to be of "Indian," "French," or "Spanish" blood, there would be startling revelations. Well, what of it? Character and worth are what count after all.

## EMANCIPATION DAY IS CELEBRATED BY COLORED PEOPLE OF KEOKUK, IA.

John Albert Williams of Omaha Was the Speaker on the Anniversary of the Proclamation of Freedom

(By A. W. Draine)

The sixty-third anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation issued by Abraham Lincoln January 1st, 1863, was observed in Bethel A. M. E. church Saturday night by the Keokuk branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. F. D. Bland is the president of the local branch, and the principal speaker for the occasion was the Rev. John Albert Williams of Omaha, Neb. President Bland has been an active worker in the Association during the past year and has to his credit the setting up of a branch in Ft. Madison with a membership of 50. For the first two or three years this new organization was under the protection of the Keokuk branch until a sufficient number of members had been secured to set up an independent branch. At the opportune time and with the assistance of his local officers Mr. Bland drove up to Ft. Madison and set the wheels of the new society in motion. Now, Ft. Madison has a live organization that

threatens to outstrip the Keokuk branch in point of membership.

There was a large and inspiring audience present and the speaker was given rapt attention throughout his entire address. The subject of his speech was "The Old Emancipation and the New."

### Pays Tribute Locally

In his opening remarks Rev. Williams expressed his appreciation in having the pleasure of returning to Keokuk. He spoke of his services in the church of St. Mary the Virgin during the pastorate of the late Bishop John C. Sage. He congratulated the citizens of Keokuk for its excellent band. He said that Abraham Lincoln issued one of the greatest documents in the history of the world. It takes its place with Magna Charta and liberated four millions of human beings who were elevated from the status of chattels to that of manhood. Abraham Lincoln is a name to be revered, a man who endured all privations and reared in the school of hard knocks, was greatly misunderstood in his own time.

He recited the vicissitudes under which he labored in his own cabinet. "We are beginning to realize that the whole world is a brotherhood and when you touch one member you touch all. We do well to meet together to commemorate the emancipation of our people. The American Negro is dressed in the armor of American citizenship, but he is not getting all the rights of an American citizen. All men are entitled to the rights of liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

He outlined the work of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and said that this organization stands to make the constitution mean what it says. There is a vital connection between Abraham Lincoln and this Association. He quoted from the platform of the Association in which it advocates the right to vote, a fair trial, the right to jury service, the destruction of lynch law, equal service on public carriers. He told of a colored woman being dragged from a Pullman car in Florida, thrown in jail, and fined \$500. The National Association has taken up the case and brought suit for \$25,000. Clarence Darrow and Mr. Hays are the attorneys for the Association.

### Economic Problems

He spoke of the economic problem and the right of employment. No organization has a right to deprive a citizen of an equal chance to earn a livelihood. He dwelt upon residential segregation and cited the Sweet case of Detroit and what a tremendous victory was won for the race. That victory established the right of every man to protect his home. He cited a number of cases in the South in which colored people are lynched on trumped-up charges.

Continuing on the subject of segregation, he said that in some Northern communities there are movements to stir up race hatred, and urged all citizens to keep the public schools free from sectionalism. He urged the people to hold fast to their citizenship. "This land is ours by right of birth and we must not surrender one jot or tittle of our rights. We must strive and contend for all our rights. We must all labor for the advancement of America, be loyal to each other, magnify the good points and minimize the small points. We must make this nation the land of the free and the home of the brave."

The address was one of the best the Keokuk branch has heard for some time.—The Keokuk Daily Gate City.

## HILLSIDE ATHLETIC CLUB PROVIDING FOR PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

The Hillside Athletic Club held its weekly meeting Monday evening, January 10th, at the gymnasium, Thirtieth and Ohio streets. This club was organized for the purpose of opening up the avenue of physical development among the boys and girls, men and women of our race. All gymnasiums in Omaha are closed to us, and it is necessary for us to develop and equip the one in the basement of the Hillside Presbyterian church at Thirtieth and Ohio streets.

There is no place in Omaha for our boys and girls to go for this kind of recreation. I wish we could get the men and women, especially those who have children, to see the advantage of this opportunity of developing our boys and girls, and have some place for them to go and play, good wholesome games, under proper supervision.

We are asking that all men interested in this move to be present at the gymnasium on Monday evening, January 17th, at 8:30 p. m., and help us put this over. The price is not to be considered, it is so very small.

Come, and bring a man or a boy with you, or both. Come whether you have children or not.

We have 35 boys enrolled, and several men. We also have a women's division, which will soon be organized to play volleyball. We have several basket ball teams, one of which has played several games, which they won.

We have had donated to us by Mr. Chas. Pickens: One punching bag, one chest developer, one set of boxing gloves, one basketball.

The Y. M. C. A. is going to make us a donation of equipment, and help up all they can.

Will you do your part?

The following merchants and individuals have donated to the club, for which we thank them.

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## MIGRATION OF NEGRO A RELIEF TO RACE PROBLEM

Shifting of 2,000,000 Negroes in Last Decade Beneficial to Entire Nation.

San Francisco, Jan. 6—"The shifting of almost 2,000,000 of the Negro population from the tenant farms in the South to the northern industrial centers in the last ten years has been a great relief to the race problem" said Will Winton Alexander of Atlanta, Ga., winner of the Harmon award, who was a recent visitor at the Hotel St. Francis.

### Negroes Are Making Good

"The Negroes are making good in industry, and the shift caused by the shutting out of foreign labor, has not brought a race problem to the north, because the Negroes do not present a problem until they exceed 30 per cent of the total population."

"While industrial leaders have expressed approval of the Negro labor they have trouble in getting the men to work on time and in keeping them from taking holidays without notice. This is explained by the fact that on plantations the Negroes worked by the sun, and do not yet understand the use of clocks."

### Causing Diversification

"This migration movement is breaking up the southern plantations into smaller units and is causing a diversification of industries there, bringing about more dairying and farming in that part of the country."

### Wins Harmon Award

Alexander is a southerner who recently received the award of the Harmon Foundation of New York of \$500 and a gold medal as the person adjudged to have made the most notable contribution to the improve-

ment of race relations in America during the past year. The award was based on Mr. Alexander's service as director of the Commission on Inter-racial Co-operation, a southern organization with headquarters in Atlanta, Ga.

### Solution of Race Problem

When asked what he considered a solution of the race problem, Mr. Alexander expressed the opinion that the Negro will have to be given a sane legal status before the race problem can be solved.

You ought to subscribe for your local race newspaper. The Monitor is the only race newspaper published in Nebraska. \$2.00 a year in advance. Send in your subscription.

Mr. Dudley Maxey passed away at his home, 1211 North 21st street, Wednesday, January 12.

## SECOND GENERATION OF COLLEGE BRED NEGROES

By Kelly Miller

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us then for convenience divide and deal with them severally and separately. Let us then look upon the estate in its religious, economic, political, social and cultural aspects.

### Impotence With Masses

In the first place the educated Negro has not yet been able to arouse the enthusiasm of the masses. The tasks which he essays does not in general appeal to the rank and file. Herein lies his greatest imbecility. For his function will remain unfulfilled until he projects his influence even unto the uttermost and nethermost. The Catholic hierarchy reaches and stimulates the humblest Catholic in Christendom. The Jewish elite reaches and inspires every member within the household of Jewry. But the Negro elite stands separated from the mass life of his group by a gulf across which his influence scarcely leaps. The churches and denomination over which the educated clergy preside, such as the Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Congregationalists, and the rest do not quicken the spiritual passion of the race. The more populous and enthusiastic denominations, such as the Methodist and the Baptist, are manned and managed by a much less well educated and cultured clergy. The Y. M. C. A., which is under well educated and trained auspices utterly fails to quicken the moral sense of the masses of the young manhood of the race or to arouse general moral enthusiasm. The N. A. A. C. P. and the Equal Rights league are officered by the best college equipment within the group. It is devoted to the task which most easily elicits enthusiastic

response of the multitude, and yet they arouse and sustain no wide popular emotion. Violent denunciation of wrong with holding out hope of arouse the slave to insurrection and deliverance might be supposed to the suppressed to rebellion. And yet so feeble is the response to the appeal of the N. A. A. C. P. and the Equal Rights league, that their annual collections amount to scarcely a half-cent apiece from the constituency to whose welfare these reform movements are devoted: On the other hand, the Elks, the Pythians, the Odd Fellows and others whose leadership grows out of the masses, corral their members by the hundreds of thousands and collect millions of dollars. In politics and industry we find the same lack of relationship. It will not do for the college man to stand off in his impotent aloofness and condemn the masses for failure to appreciate their exalted proffer of service. The masses have no faults, merely misfortunes. The educated man and woman must devise some means and methods of reaching them, just as they are, without one plea. Otherwise the higher education of the race will be pronounced a failure.

### Press Powerful

Perhaps the greatest exception to the general rule above set forth is to be seen in the Negro press. At one time college bred Negroes spurred even to write for the colored publications, on the ground that it would belittle their name to appear on their pages. But now the Negro press is coming more and more under the editorship and ownership of college men. Our three most widely spread journals, the Chicago Defender, the Baltimore Afro-American and the Pittsburgh Courier are owned and edited by degreed men, influencing masses of the race as Negro journals are reaching and no other agency is now effecting. The appeal which they often make seems offensive to the type of taste which the editors cultivated in the good old college days. But the masses must be reached and stimulated even at some sacrifice of the stiff orthodox academics standard. When I read the Negro press and look over the pages devoted to crime, scandal and dubious forms of amuse-

ment, my moral nature is disposed to revolt. But I am steadied by the thought that the appeal must be made to the masses in such terms as the masses can and will respond to. This is precisely the lesson that the talented tenth must learn. On the whole the Negro press is the greatest voice for righteousness now crying in the wilderness to the American conscience. It is the voice of the masses of the people. As illustration of my meaning, I had an article in "The Education Review" for December, on "The Higher Education of the Negro at the Cross Roads." I very seriously doubt whether five hundred Negroes in the United States saw or heard of this contribution. On the other hand I broadcasted a New Year release in the Negro press, and judge that it reached the eye of three million readers.

### Appeal of the Elite

The elite is now making appeal in artistic form under the guise of the New Negro. This movement should be watched with great interest and not without some apprehension. The chief burden of concern is to reach the white public, rather than the Negro reader. Appeal is too often made to the coarser and cruder side of life merely to amuse the white race, as the clown used to do for the court. There is a certain neurotic strain that may forebode the race little permanent good. Negro authors are writing for white readers. We feel prouder to get an article in the white magazine than in the Messenger, the Crisis or Opportunity. It is true that the educated Negro must serve as a middle man between the races. It is he who must make the appeal to pharaoh, but he must remember that pharaoh gives heed to Moses only in so far as he is convinced that he speaks with the voice of the people whom he purports to represent. The educated Negro must first make influence and understanding with his own race before he can hope to make much impression on the white mind.

My space is too limited for full treatment. I promise an early release upon the failure of the college bred Negro to assume his rightful place in commanding the pulpits in the great denominations, and thus efficiently administering the great religious estate which our more illiterate fathers bequeathed to us.

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