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## THE PORO VICTORY

The Monitor joins in its felicitations to Mrs. Malone that Poro, the splendid business enterprise of which she is the founder, has been saved to her and the race. It was most unfortunate that action was taken by her husband to force this successful and solvent business into a receivership. Domestic difficulties are delicate matters into which outsiders cannot intrude, but all right-minded people will rejoice that whoever may have been responsible for the domestic misunderstanding of the Malones that it was not permitted to wreck an institution which gives employment to many thousands of our people throughout the land and serves as a monument of inspiration to those who make large achievements in the business and industrial world.

## WELCOME, CONGREGATIONALISTS

The Monitor desires to join with others in extending welcome to the National Council of Congregational Churches which is to be the guest of Omaha next week. Negroes of America owe a great debt to Congregationalism. No religious denomination in the United States has manifested greater zeal for the education of our people than the Congregationalists. Howard University, Fisk, Oberlin, Berea, Tabor and other great institutions of learning bear witness to this zeal. Among the noble white men and women who endured social ostracism and persecution in the South for daring to believe that people whose skins are black, have souls to be saved, and minds to be enlightened, none surpass in numbers and consecration if, indeed, they equal them, the Congregationalists, who will not be

forgotten in that day when the Master makes up His jewels, saying, "inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these, My brethren, ye did it unto Me."

For what you have done and are still striving to do to make the world more kindly and brotherly, and especially for your work in bringing educational opportunities to underprivileged black folk, welcome Congregationalists!

## "WITH THE MAJESTY OF AN EXALTED LEADER"

Following the appearance of James Weldon Johnson, nationally known Negro poet, diplomat, and music critic, at the University of North Carolina, where for a week during the recent Institute of Human Relations he addressed student groups every day, closing with a big mass meeting the Tar Heel, official student paper of the University, makes the following appreciative comment:

"Half a century ago an humble slave was janitor to North Carolina's state university students. His work was mean; his duties were lowly—for he was a janitor. And when George Moses Horton was not sweating to do the will of his young masters (many of whom he attended during illnesses due to both legitimate causes and unlawful wildness), he was their bard. He composed, at the behest of amorous students, many limericks and poems which won the favor of Southern sweethearts. Modern college students are astounded to learn that this bonded Negro composed excellent poems before he learned to write. He was an author of short stories widely published and eagerly read. His literary talent won for him the admiration of Dr. Caldwell, Dr. Battle, and Horace Greeley, who printed some of his verses.

"Today the local scene is remarkably changed. George Horton no longer writes. But a national leader of his emancipated race, James Weldon Johnson, only a few weeks ago stood in dignity before white students, sat behind their professors' august desks, and read to them the

poems of the slave Horton. Instead of a menial dormitory janitor, we now have before us a polished doctor of letters, a nationally recognized artist. Horton's posture was that of the bended knee; James Weldon Johnson has come with the majesty of an exalted leader.

"This is no lavish tribute to the liberality of our native state. The writer comes from a state where officers of the law are more successful in the apprehension of Sunday golfers than Negro-lynchers. But when he observes that 'Southern hospitality' and 'Southern chivalry,' once our chief virtues have become relics of a moribund civilization—when he sees, as everyone must, the pall of intolerance so nearby—he feels that a huzzah should be raised to the glory of a liberal North Carolina. Your state university has acted her motto—'Lux et Libertas.'"

## COMMENCEMENT WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S NORMAL AND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

Lawrenceville, Va., May 18—The thirty-ninth annual commencement exercises of the St. Paul Normal and Industrial school, which begins with the preaching of the baccalaureate sermon, Sunday, May 22, 1:00 p. m., and ends with the commencement exercises, May 25, promises to be among the best attended and most brilliant exercises in the history of the school. The number of graduates from all departments of the school will prove a record breaker.

A new feature this year will be the academic procession, which will start from Webster Hall and proceed down to the chapel. The principal events of commencement week are: Sunday, May 22, 4:00 p. m., baccalaureate sermon, Archdeacon Russell; Tuesday, May 24, 2:00 p. m., "Virginia Day, the Rt. Rev. William Cabell Brown, D. D., bishop of Virginia, speaker; Alumni speaker, the Rev. H. T. Butler, Class of 1901; Wednesday, May 25, commencement day, 2:00 p. m., speaker, the Rev. A. B. Parson, assistant secretary of the Foreign Missionary society, New York; Alumni speaker, Miss Henrietta Lopez, Class of 1907; Thursday, May 26, Alumni Day. A large gathering of alumni and friends of the school is expected. The reunion classes are 1897, 1907 and 1917. The latter plans to present to the principal a substantial donation for the building fund. Quite a number of northern friends of the school are also expected.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF N. A. A. C. P. HOLDS AN IMPORTANT MEETING

The executive committee of the Omaha branch of the N. A. A. C. P. held an important meeting Wednesday night at the Colored Commercial club, 1514 North Twenty-fourth street, and transacted a large amount of business. Among some of the many matters transacted was the referring of alleged discrimination at a South Side theatre to the Grievance committee for investigation; the reference of some complaints about the Long school to the Education committee for investigation; the passing of a resolution calling upon the Board of Education to appoint some colored teachers in our schools. It was also decided that the Omaha branch would receive contributions for the relief of the flood sufferers and transmit the same to the New Orleans branch for distribution. Plans for making the Pickens' meeting here, June 12, a success were also discussed.

## LINCOLN, NEB.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wright returned home last Wednesday from Scottsbluff, Neb. They were accompanied home by their sister, Mrs. Telitha Lindsey, who lost her husband, Isaac Lindsey, who died some weeks ago after a lingering illness.

Big May rally at Mount Zion Baptist church, Sunday May 22.

Mrs. Lulu Porter, grand most ancient matron of the Heroines of Jericho of Kansas, made her annual visit to Magnolia Court No. 10 last Wednesday night, and addressed them on the success of the lodge. Mrs. Porter was the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Johnson while here.

Mr. and Mrs. William Woods, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Johnson, Mr. T. T. McWilliams and others were Omaha visitors Sunday.

Mr. Belt Hawkins, aged 70, passed away at the home of his daughters Monday at 10 a. m., after a lingering illness. He leaves as survivors, seven children; Mrs. Dora Holcomb, Mrs. Etta Grant, Philip Hawkins, Mrs. M. L. Jones, Mrs. Katherine Johnson, Mrs. Bernice Morris, Mrs. Eunice Shipman, Mrs. Josephine Murray, Mr. Hawkins was a pioneer of Lincoln, well known by a large number of folks, formerly followed the trade of a brick layer. He was a devout Christian man, and a member of Quin chapel A. M. E. church, which he constantly attended until he became too feeble. Hence, a good citizen, good father and a Christian character has gone to rest. The funeral details will be published later.

Islam Court No. 43 held their annual program in Masonic hall Sunday afternoon, which was fairly attended.

The New Era Baptist association and convention will convene in Mount Zion Baptist church, Lincoln, Monday, June 6-12, inclusive. All churches, Sunday schools, B. Y. P. U.'s, Women Workers—take notice.

Over 30 members of the Daughters of Bethel turned out, and listened to a most instructive sermon by Rev. H. W. Botts at Mount Zion Baptist church, Sunday afternoon.

Sunday, May 29, is the culmination of the financial drive at Quin chapel A. M. E. church.

## H. J. PINKETT, Attorney Patterson Building

### PROBATE NOTICE

IN THE MATTER of the estate of Nebraska, at the county court room, in said county, on the 21st day of July, 1927, and on the 21st day of Henry O. Wood, deceased: Notice is hereby given: That the creditors of said deceased will meet the executrix of said estate, before me, county judge of Douglas county, September, 1927, at 9 o'clock, a. m., each day, for the purpose of presenting their claims for examination, adjustment and allowance. Three months are allowed for the creditors to present their claims, from the 18th day of June, 1927.

BRYCE CRAWFORD, 4T-5-20-27 County Judge.

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### NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the County Court of Douglas County, Nebraska

IN THE MATTER of the estate of Frances E. Mortimer, deceased: Persons interested in said matter are hereby notified that on the 17th day of May, 1927, William H. Mortimer filed a petition in said County Court, praying that his final admini-

stration account filed herein be settled and allowed, and that he be discharged from his trust as administrator and that a hearing will be had on said petition before said court on the fourth day of June, 1927, and that if you fail to appear before said court on the said fourth day of June, 1927, at 9 o'clock a. m., and contest said petition, the court may grant the prayer of said petition and make such other and further orders, allowances and decrees, as to this court may seem proper, to the end that all matters pertaining to said estate may be finally settled and determined.

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