

**UGLIEST NEGRO WINS A FARM**

Quaint Old Character Gets a Lucky Number at Land Drawing.

**TRIED SETTling ONCE BEFORE**

Spent Twenty Years on a Homestead, but Finally Let it Go Back to Government When a Dry Year Came.

One reaches the home of the "ugliest nigger in Omaha" by going down a dusty road, taking a short cut through a well-worn path and across a weak-kneed plank laid carefully across a little ditch. The house is made of odds and ends of boards and beams and weather-beaten planks. It is a rambling sort of an affair, leaning this way and that, threatening to fall with the wind, but never fulfilling the threat. Hills rise to the side of the house, if one can guess which is the side and which is the front. The rear of the building, or at least what one would make to be the rear, faces the downward slope of another gentle hill, upon which are cans, lumber, weeds and a discouraged corn patch.

**Known Various.**  
There is where John Tallaferro lives, and the address given is 403 Blondo street, which street at that point is a cowpath. It is a fair enough cowpath, though, as cowpaths go. Tallaferro has lived in Omaha thirteen years and now he is figuring on leaving. Tallaferro is known all over Omaha for one thing or another.

He had just climbed down from a wagon and was unhitching his team. The team consists of two large-headed, heavy-hoofed horses that always seem pondering over some grave question. Now and then the far horse says something in horse to the near one, and the near one answers, after which both look away off yonder at nothing, turning something over in their minds and looking at it from every possible angle. A very sober, industrious, patient and intelligent team.

**Is an Old Wagon.**

The wagon is an old one, with unpainted boards, plentifully patched and nailed here and there with other unpainted boards and occasionally a little strip of tinplate, all rusted and dusty. The wagon was filled with ashes and each little gust of wind puffed the powdery stuff in all directions. Tallaferro climbed down from his high seat with noticeable agility for a man of 65. He was a habit of giving his listeners a glance at his tongue every now and then when speaking. Not the entire tongue, of course, but he handles it like a gentleman, just letting the tip poke out the corner of his lips at the beginning of each sentence and at the middle of the sentence. One can tell just how long a sentence is going to be by these punctuations. For instance, if at the end of six words out comes the tongue, you may bet your bottom dollar there will be only six more words to that sentence.

**Wants a Farm.**

"I understand you won a farm at the drawing," was asked.  
Tallaferro thought it over a moment. "Yes, I drew number 27. I kinda thought I might win out, and again I didn't. I tried this homestead business once before. I fooled around for twenty years with a homestead. Then came a dry spell and just burnt me out. Boy, quit monkeyin' with that there horse."  
His last remark was delivered to a boy about 12. He had been poking a horse with a weed to see if it would make it jump. It did.

"That boy of mine, he worries the life and soul out of me," Tallaferro said after the stick had been taken from the boy. "But then, generally speakin', he is a perty good boy. He's right at that age when boys are awkward and thinkin' up devilment. He's perty good at that." "I said I'd never risk a dollar on flat land after what I went through what I did. I kinda thought I'd like the hills better. So then I came here, and I farmed around on vacant lots and hill-sides that wasn't bein' used for anything, bein' mainly occupied with raisin' weeds. Well, I went ahead and planted a patch of corn here and a patch over yonder, and I didn't do so terrible bad until this year. It was bad on corn all over, this year, wasn't it? Say, boy, if you don't quit throwin' at them chickens, I'll skin you alive. Can't you act like a regular person once in a while?"  
He went over to the team and fixed a strap that was threatening to fall apart any minute, and worked as no spoke and showed the tip of his tongue now and then.

**Must Have Money.**

"Of course, if a person's goin' to go out there and take up land, he's got to have money. I'll have to pack all my belongings, household goods, wagon, horses, harness and everything like that into a car. It's goin' to cost something when you start to homesteadin'. And I don't guess I can go without I can borrow some money somewhere. Shucks! The farm's the only place to be, especially if it's your farm, and it takes so long half way like they ought to. Boy, if you don't get away from that load of ashes I'll tan you within an inch of your life. Thrown' ashes up in the air so's it'll fly in people's eyes! That boy sure does worry me! Never lets a body alone a minute."  
So Tallaferro went ahead fixing the strap, the boy went ahead thinking up things to do that would prove unsatisfactory to his "daddy," and the team went ahead pondering over something and the house still threatened to blow down the hill.

**Personal Gossip About Omaha Folks**

Mr. and Mrs. Gerrit Fort left last evening for a visit in Washington, D. C.  
Mrs. S. D. Barkalow and Miss Barkalow are expected home today from New York.  
Mrs. Jerome Magee leaves this week for New York to visit Mr. and Mrs. Dimon Bird.  
Miss Verana Sweet of Evanston, Ill., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Goodrich and Miss Louise Goodrich.  
Mrs. George A. Wilcox returned last night from a six weeks' visit with her daughter, Mrs. L. M. Leisinger, Placerville, Cal.  
Mr. Roger McCullough, who attends the University of Nebraska, is spending the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. McCullough.  
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Yates returned yesterday from New York from the Episcopal convention and a few days in Washington en route home.  
Mrs. Raymond Welch, who has been at the New Hamilton for several weeks, returned yesterday to her country home near Los Angeles. Mr. Welch remains here two or three weeks longer on business.  
Mr. and Mrs. John A. Dempster have moved into the new Helen apartments.

**Welfare Work for All; Lessons from Kansas City**

In a recent edition of The Bee the following appeared:  
Kansas City has a free legal aid bureau, where the poor can get protection for legal rights; a welfare loan agency as relief from the professional "loan sharks"; a municipal pawnshop to put kinks in the extortionate pawnbroker. How about it?  
A year ago the writer made a trip to Kansas City (at his own expense) and put in two days looking into this very institution. It is called the Board of Public Welfare, and the city provides the funds for its operation. It is made up of five competent men, who serve without pay. It was at first known as the Board of Pardon and Parole, but in April, 1912, was given the new title and a very much wider field. It is created by city ordinance.

Prior to the organization of the new board the city council appropriated from \$5,000 to \$7,000 a year for charity, but a great sum was raised voluntarily in addition to this amount. Two charitable organizations received the bulk of this city money—the Provident association and the Helping Hand institute. A small part was used for paying taxes assessed against other charitable institutions. On the creation of the board a large committee of citizens who had investigated the field recommended that an appropriation of \$25,000 be made by the city council for the first year. The council passed an ordinance defining the scope of operation and providing for payment of the expenses incurred.

The Kansas city board today covers the whole field of charitable effort and social betterment. It comprises, besides the general office force, the following divisions:

Research bureau, which investigates and supervises charities, housing, vacant lot gardening, and includes a convalescent committee. Cost for year ending April 15, 1913 (last report available), \$1,075.61.  
Factory inspection department. Cost, \$1,000.00.  
Department for homeless and unemployed. Cost, \$15,000.00.  
Municipal rock quarry. Cost, \$1,122.62.  
Social service department. Cost, \$5,000.00.  
Welfare loan agency (self supporting). Cost, \$1,000.00.  
Legal aid bureau. Cost, \$5,000.00.  
Recreation department. Cost, \$2,500.00.  
Parole department. Cost, \$7,265.22.  
Municipal department. Cost, \$7,265.22.  
Women's reformatory. Cost, \$18,805.91.  
Less various credits, the cost of all departments for the year mentioned was \$46,470.31. The general office expenses were \$12,567.77, including \$983 for expenses to two delegates to conventions, and \$2,000.00 for relief to prisoners' families. District superintendents were paid \$2,919.77—thus making the grand total cost of the bureau for the year \$162,047.52.

The main object of the Kansas City Board of Public Welfare has been "to secure for the people of all sections of the city a reasonably good environment in which to (1) live and (2) work and (3) play."  
The research bureau investigates and endorses (or not) all institutions and groups seeking charitable aid. Some have gone out of existence under this test.  
One of the greatest results, from every standpoint, of the Kansas City plan of charitable welfare work is the conserving of whatever is good in the individual, whether adult or child. Its influence is so comprehensive that it follows every prisoner, no matter how vicious or seemingly hopeless, to the prison cell. The prisons are modern and are first hospitals. That is, when a man is sent to the city farm or a woman to the reformatory, a physician looks them over. They are given treatment as needed before being set to work, since many of them are "wrong" because of physical ailments, lack of proper food or because of having no chance to live decently. In the case of a man having others dependent on him, he is allowed a certain amount per day for his work. This money is handled by the Board of Public Welfare, which also aids the wife or children or other dependents in every advisory way it can to keep them comfortable and self-supporting if possible. Thus the first cost to the community comes back over and over again in the saving or making of men and women who can and do hoe their own row.

Employment is secured for many who, from being "down and out," according to careless standards, are simply unfortunate or in need of competent direction for their energies. The children involved, too, are given a chance to secure some education, enjoy some hours of play, and

accumulate a store of health and develop traits of constitution and character that will make them good citizens—assets of the community and not continual charges against the public purse.  
Many other communities are acting as wisely as Kansas City. Omaha can follow their example at a very reasonable price—if we begin in time.  
When our Social Service board was created by an ordinance introduced by the writer an effort was made to interest its advocates in the wider plan, but without success. We raise large sums for buildings and other purposes with quick enthusiasm. Here is an opportunity for the city itself, by a small tax, to not only relieve citizens generally of calls for contributions, but to very materially lessen the number of applicants for charity in the immediate future.  
The income to meet the expenses of the Kansas City board comes from various sources. For instance, the city paid the salaries of ten social workers in the social service department. Then the Provident association added three more workers and paid them during the rush season. Apparently the city aids with financial contributions quite liberally and the charitably disposed public chips in generously to endorsed institutions when called on.  
The legal aid bureau mentioned above is one of the most useful arms of this very useful body. It collects much money every year for otherwise friendless wage earners; it goes into court when necessary; but, best of all, it handles and settles hundreds of cases without going into court.  
JOHN J. RYDER, Superintendent, Police, Sanitation and Public Safety.

**Caught a Bad Cold.**

"Last winter my son caught a very bad cold and the way he coughed was something dreadful," writes Mrs. Sarah E. Duncan of Tipton, Ia. "We thought sure he was going into consumption. We bought just one bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and that one bottle stopped his cough and cured his cold completely."—For sale by all druggists.—Advertisement.

**Key to the Situation—Bee Advertising.**

Persistent Advertising is the Road to Big Returns.

**Haskell Wins to Have the Honor of Naming a New Babe**

Although it was not generally known, Creighton university was playing against fearful odds in the game with the Haskell Indians yesterday afternoon. The Indians were battling for the privilege of naming a new-born baby, although the Creighton men knew nothing of it.  
In the hall between halves C. M. Venne, athletic director of Haskell institute, who was with the team, received a message from Lawrence, Kan., where Haskell institute is located, informing him that he was the father of a new-born baby girl weighing eight pounds. That, of course,

was news to Mr. Venne, but in the telegram was also contained the information that if Haskell won the game over Creighton they could name the baby.  
When Mr. Venne raced down the field to announce the fact to the Indian team he was greeted with a chorus of approval from the redskin warriors.  
"Ugh! fine!" said they in chorus. "That is very nice," exclaimed Stover, the big Indian center. The players refused to rest during the intermission, preferring to practice at the north end of the field. They entered the next half with renewed vigor, a baby's name hanging in the balance.

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