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CITY NEWS.

"N. B. I. You have relatives or friends visiting in the city or going to make a visit, please inform us; we will call all your local news.—Ed.)

My Friend From Dixie is coming.

Mrs. Fred Jackson, who has been sick is better again.

Mrs. L. J. Shelton who has been sick is much improved.

Mrs. Sonie Early left Thursday for Ogden, Iowa on a business trip.

Miss Ada Clegggett is able to be out again, which is good news to her many friends.

Mr. Chas. H. Conley, a Senate cloak room employee, left today for his home in Webster City.

Mr. J. W. Brown is quite sick with pneumonia, at his home on Mulberry street, this week.

Mrs. J. H. Shepard is very sick for the past two weeks. At this writing she is no better.

Mr. Jacob Wilson a Senate cloak room janitor, left this week for his home in Buxton, Iowa. He enjoyed the season very much this winter.

Miss Ada Hyde, a student at the State University at Iowa City, arrived in our city last week to spend the Spring and Easter vacation with her parents.

Neatly furnished rooms and good board at reasonable prices at Mrs. Ella Epperson, House 1125 W. Walnut St. Phone, Red 4076, Des Moines, Ia.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirby Windfield arrived in our city last week to remain indefinitely, from Rock Island, Ill. They formally lived here.

Word was received from Helena Montana by Mrs. M. E. Cottomas that her son, Preston, W., who has been very sick, is convalescent.

Remember, there will be two regular services next Sunday at the Union Congregational church at 10:30 a. m., and 7:30 p. m., promptly. The full choir will be out, which in part, will contain some new members.

Mr. G. A. Johnson, of Taylor county, a man in the restaurant business, at Conway, has moved to our city and purchased a half interest in the Jeffers restaurant with W. E. Jeffers. Mr. S. Jeffers having sold his interest. We welcome Mr. Johnson to our city and wish the restaurant success.

J. Lubrie Hill and his company of 40 will arrive in Des Moines via Rock Island R. R. Sunday 11:50 a. m., and will be met by many of their friends in this city. One old gentleman was heard to say, it will look like Williams & Walker days to see Lubrie Hill get off the train.

The Union Church Sunday school program is as follows for Easter services: Overture, orchestra; song by the school; March song by the children's department, Miss Marie Bell, Supt. Recitations, Marie Jackson, Clarence Gilbert Russell Jackson, Beatrice Anderson, Gertrude Parker; then a song by school. The Cradle Roll exercises; vocal solo, H. W. Hughes; address, "He is Risen"; J. H. Shepard; selection by orchestra; address, "Resurrection," Dr. A. Booker; vocal solo, Geo. Mason; vocal solo, Mrs. Ethel Jackson. Distribution of Easter tokens; song, reports and closing.

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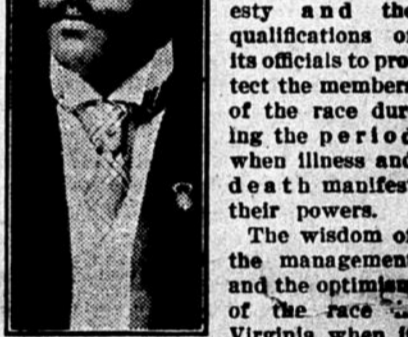
The Success of the Organization Is Due Largely to the Energy and Keen Business Foresight of the Officials in Meeting the Needs of the People. Has Passed Experimental Stage.

By GEORGE FRANCIS KING.

Richmond, Va.—Being governed by conservative measures that are economic improvements in life insurance affairs the Southern Aid Society of Virginia, with home offices in this city, is solidifying the interest of colored people in the business world. This is the oldest Afro-American company in the state, and it gives evidence of the fact that a number of Afro-Americans are permanent factors in the great life insurance forces of the country. A building for its home office, where a little army of intelligent and energetic clerks are found at their desks, attests the Negro's ability to become a creator of essential movements.

With well appointed office structures in the principal cities of Virginia, modern houses to help relieve the congested residential conditions of the race in Richmond especially, and a number of cities and towns, this company reveals the results caused by honesty and the qualifications of its officials to protect the members of the race during the period when illness and death manifest their powers.

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France is flying well to the front.
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but not harnessed.

The harem-skirt has certainly
been well advertised.

"Man wants but little here below."
The poet didn't mention women.

There are 411,322 federal offices
and still not enough to go around.

It has been found that radium will
kill a cat. But drowning is cheaper.

The harem skirt may be something
to wear besides being something to
talk about.

New York's 52-story building is carrying
the elevator business to a limit
and almost to the stars.

These government statistics will
convince even the farmers before long
that agriculture is profitable.

Our idea of no place to start an umbrella
factory is on Mars. Prof. Lowell
says it never rains there.

"Don't eat when you're tired," says
a magazine writer. That's the kind
of advice that makes us tired.

And if they put pockets in the pantalon
skirt it's our bet that she'll
stand with her hands in 'em, too.

That Chicago lawyer who wants
to legislate against the harem skirt
must never have tripped over a fair
woman's train.

Now that a high-browed professor
has ascertained that colds cost only
\$4.31 this spring, look out for a bargain
counter rush.

Profanity is not to be legislated
from the New York stage. In other
words, in some of the plays all of the
foes are not to be cut out.

Are there not small, rocky islands
where powder mills might go away
by themselves and explode without interfering
with the neighbors?

The proposed law to prevent love-
less marriages recalls the ancient
question: "What is love?" Likewise,
how can it be made permanent?

Twenty-one professors at the University
of Moscow have been forced to
resign by striking students. Russia
must be a gladsome place for a student.

American hostesses are waiting for
an advance list of King George's appointments
of 500 new radical peers. Some of them
will be laborites, no doubt.

An eastern savant tells us fat men
rarely are criminals. Julius Caesar
had the same idea—at least according
to Shakespeare, or Bacon, or whoever
it was.

A skeleton found in England is said
to be 100,000 years old. This may be
remarkable, but is there any limit to
the age that a skeleton may eventually
attain?

The Chicago girl who got into print
on the assumption that she wanted to
marry an Indian has gone on the
vaudeville stage. Might have known it
from the start.

A New Jersey dog catcher proposes
to get 'em with an aeroplane. Then
to the other triumphs of aeronautics
will be added that of a bark sailing
through the air.

The coronation of King George will
introduce special styles in hats, says
an exchange, which is tough luck for
the man who was planning to wear
last year's straw again.

A woman who was described by her
artist husband as a "modern Venus"
has just been awarded \$25 a month
alimony. Well, all Venuses are supposed
to be more or less broke.

If the day of the harem skirt has
arrived it will come in regardless of
jeers and friendly or unfriendly legislation.
If it has not come then all the
advanced women in the world cannot
force it.

A Massachusetts chief of police
wants the ducking-stool revived for
feminine scolds. He will want it still
more when the tongues he would thus
restrain have finished their assaults
upon him.

A Chicago matron avers that a
breach of promise suit against her
husband merely amuses her. However,
that form of amusement is not likely
to become generally popular among
the matrons.

A New Jersey woman in an alienation-
of-affections suit recently recovered
\$2,000 for the loss of her husband's
love. And many of her sisters will
probably consider her a lucky
woman, more to be envied than pitied.

Now a woman speaker comes forward
to say that it is the icebox, not the
ballot box, which should interest
women. To the average woman who
wants to enlarge her sphere, encouraged
by warm enthusiasm, this will
seem but cold advice.

A bull fighter in Seville ran away
with a popular dancer, literally snatching
her from the stage, as her dancing
costume was covered with a cloak.
This shows that the bold Lohengrin
was accustomed to taking the bull by
the horns in any dilemma.

By her husband's will a Pennsylvania
widow is to have \$100,000 as long
as she stays unmarried. She is in
a fine position, if she does want to
marry again, to be assured that
contradiction or doubt that she is loved
is herself alone.

DEAL JACKSON AND WHAT HE IS DOING ON HIS GEORGIA FARM

By J. GORTATOWSKY

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Just a plain negro, without a day of schooling all his life, not knowing what his age or who his father—a plantation dandy, if you please—who moves along in his own way—peacefully—without ostentation or noise. And yet a negro with a purpose and better still, a negro with a record for accomplishments which, in its way, stands out as boldly and significantly as the record of Booker T. Washington in his day.

You wouldn't think such a record would go unsung for year after year; that a short item in some of the papers of his state once each year would be all that he got of fame and glory; that, outside of his own county, he would be unknown; that, of all the magazine articles which have appeared on the negro question, and the negro race in the south, his name would not be among the mentioned.

Who is this Deal Jackson, this negro farmer who barely is able to read and write his own name? What has he done deserving of fame?

Deal Jackson has produced the first bale of cotton east of the Mississippi for 13 consecutive years, in spite of the fiercest competition from members of his own race, and of the white farmers of the south.

He has raised, ginned and marketed the first bale 13 consecutive years! Study the significance of that!

He has in one year raised and marketed as many as five bales of cotton before any other farmer east of the Mississippi raised one bale.

He has, for his own honest efforts, and with a handicap not a day of schooling all his life, made \$100,000 in farming, and become the third or fourth wealthiest man in his county.

And in a county, too, which, before the war, had the distinction of being the third of fourth wealthiest county in the United States per capita of white population.

Deal was born in Slavery.

The little two-cylinder automobile didn't cut much of a caper as it cut its way along the white, sandy roads of Dougherty county in the extreme southwestern section of Georgia; but it moved along as seemed best to suit itself, stopping now and then, hesitating often.

It gave those who rode in it a rare opportunity to see this beautiful country, with its great plantations of hundreds and thousands of acres, its broad stretches of cotton fields, now black, with hardly a speck of white to show the uninitiated that he was passing through the "land of cotton"; with tiny shack straggling along the road—all inhabited by negroes; with pickaninny dark as night to point the way when the driver felt that it was taking a long time to reach the farm of Deal Jackson, just five miles away from the starting point—Albany, Ga.

He expected to see the wealthiest negro in Georgia living "in state," as it were; to be shown into a great imposing mansion, with pompous white pillars rearing themselves on the borders of a long, expansive porch; to be met at the door by a big negro, splendidly attired, impressed with his importance—and more particularly his vast and extensive knowledge.

"Whose place is that?" was asked of the pickaninny who had come out to admire and wonder at the automobile.

"Deal Jackson's," was the reply.

An Accomplishment.

The wife of a Germantown (Philadelphia) man is said to have cultivated her genius for bargaining to an extraordinary degree. Not long ago she burst into the living room and made this startling announcement to her spouse:

"Cousin Emma has appendicitis! I've arranged with Doctor Blank to perform the operation for only \$500. Every one knows that the regular fee is \$1,000."

"Permit me to congratulate you, my dear," interrupted the husband, "upon your success in bringing a fashionable disease within the reach of Cousin Emma."

She Knew.

Mrs. Philip Snowden, the English suffragette, began at a dinner in New York her reply to a toast on "Marriage," with the words:

"I once asked a little girl if she knew what leisure was."

"Yes," she replied, "leisure is the place where married people rest."

"Where is he?" was the next inquiry.
"Dar he is."
And the besmudged "blackberry" pointed to a smiling negro standing nearby, with trousers baggy, without a coat, and with a slouchy, torn hat in his hand.

"Howdy," he said cordially, and walked up, bowing all the while, asked what he could do, and laughed—a hearty sort of ragtime chuckle—not for any particular reason, as could be ascertained, but just for the sake of laughing and the love of it.

Inside the house, which was furnished very much as are all homes of fairly prosperous negro farmers in the south, he laughed again, placed his hat on a sewing machine, introduced his wife and two children, and awaited developments.

"Are these all the children you have, Deal?" he was asked.
"Yassir," he replied. "You see, I was married twice. All de fust crop died. Dey was fo' o' dem."

"Lessee," he said, in response to another question, "Ise about fifty-nine—jest about fifty-nine. Who's my payments? Now dat I doan know. Cose I knows who was my mudder, but de only way I knows I had er fadder is by lookin' at udder folks who I knows had one."

Deal said he was born in Putnam county—in slavery, of course—and belonged to the Jackson family, "jest before de war closed."

He was thirteen years old when hostilities ceased.
"I was so young I didn't know I was free. I had er idea dat only dese twenty-one was free, an' I kept right on bein' a slave tel I was twenty-one—an' happy all de time."

His Farm Contains 2,000 Acres.

He worked hard all the time, saved his money, established credit, and won the esteem of the white people of the county, who were glad to lend him money. One man in particular, said to have been the most penurious—and as a result, perhaps, the wealthiest—man in the county, often loaned

Deal Jackson has a heart also. Shortly before the writer was to leave Albany—his native home—he asked a prominent business man his opinion of Deal as a man.

"He's all right," came the ready response. "Deal has good credit. He knows his place and keeps it, and he has the respect of everybody that knows him. I have always thought a lot of him since the time he came to me and asked as to the credit of a young man, under whose father he had once served as a slave. I told him his credit was C. K. And Deal replied, with a trace of sadness in his voice:

"It don't make much difference, anyway. I already earned him the money. When I wasn't anything but a boy, I used to sit on one side of the fireplace and him on the other. When the missus gin him a hunk of bread, she gin me a hunk. When the missus licked him she licked me, and when she darned a pair of stockings fer him she darned a pair fer me, and when she darned a pair fer me she darned a pair fer him. We split things den. I spect we kin sorter divide up now."

Some day, a writer will come down south to study the negro race and the negro problem, will make some mention of Deal Jackson—"the first bale nigger"—a negro farmer in the south, of the south, loving the south—with \$100,000 in his credit, and a record of 13 first bales as a claim for the distinction of being the south's greatest farmer.

Information Wanted.

The little girl from the city had been questioning the old farmer, touching on many things about the place.

"And now," said she in conclusion, "I'd like to ask you just one thing more."

"Fire away," said the farmer good-naturedly.

"What I wanted to know," said the untiring little questioner, "is when you have finished milking the cow, how do you wash it?"

WILLIAM S. KENYON

Chosen For Dolliver's Term in United States Senate

TERM EXPIRES MARCH 3, 1913

Judge Kenyon Was Born At Elyria, Ohio, June 10, 1869, and Will Be the Youngest Man Ever Sent to Senate From Iowa

Kenyon 67th Ballot
Deemer 85
Porter 51

Des Moines, April 13.—The thirty-fourth General Assembly and Senate yesterday elected the Honorable W. S. Kenyon, of Ft. Dodge, United States Senator from Iowa to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. Jonathan P. Dolliver, after one of the most stubborn deadlocks ever experienced in the State of Iowa.

Mr. Kenyon will take his office, and represent the State of Iowa as United States Senator immediately upon the Governor's signature being attached to his election certificate.

W. S. Kenyon, newly elected United States senator, was born at Elyria, Ohio, June 10, 1869, 42 years ago and will be the youngest man ever sent to the senate from Iowa. He is of Scotch descent.

Kenyon moved to Iowa with his parents while a youth, his father, a



Deal Jackson, "The First Bale Nigger."

bale of 400 pounds, which is about the average, this means about \$100-\$150 more than he would get at the normal price.

Rents Half of Farm to Negroes.

On one occasion, Deal marketed the first bale; it was bought, shipped to Savannah, and there declared "old cotton." Deal struck up at a fast clip again, and marketed two more bales before any other farmer in Georgia or east of the Mississippi had marketed one.

Later, the original "first bale" was pronounced "new cotton," and the vindication of the "first bale nigger" was complete.

Deal's farm is worth more, perhaps, than any other farm of equal size in his section of the country. It is impossible for Deal personally to cultivate all of the 2,000 acres, so he rents half of it to other negroes who pay him two bales to the plow, netting him about \$3,700 annually.

The 1,000 acres—which he supervises personally—bring on an average of 22 bales to the plow—more, it is said, than is averaged by any other farmer in the section.

Here of late, Booker T. Washington has taken a great interest in the "first bale nigger," and the latter has visited Tuskegee Institute several times, on the last occasion being invited to deliver an address to the "business leg," as he calls the "business league."

"He's de biggest nigger in de world, I spect," is the tribute Deal pays to Booker Washington.

Deal Jackson has a sense of humor—every negro has that. He admired greatly the automobile, and watched it leave with as much interest as the pickaninny had watched it arrive.

"Why don't you get one?" he was asked.

"Er er lady comes along de street in er buggy an' your orter mobile skeered de horse, hit'd be bad, wouldn't hit?" But of Deal Jackson was in dat orter mobile, hit'd be er heap more bad, wouldn't hit?"

And his eyes twinkled with the humor and the wisdom of the remark.

Kenyon's Record.

Born at Elyria, Ohio, 1869. Attended Grinnell college 1886-88. Graduated State University law college 1890.

Took up practice of law at Fort Dodge 1890.

Married to Mary Duncombe 1893. Elected county attorney of Webster county in 1894 and served until 1898; was reappointed county attorney in 1899 when Col. W. T. Chantland resigned to enter the Spanish-American war.

Elected to the district court judgeship 1901.

Resigned judgeship and again took up practice of law with his father-in-law, Hon. J. F. Duncombe, Iowa counsel for the Illinois Central railroad, 1903.

Appointed counsel for the Illinois Central in Iowa at Attorney Duncombe's death, 1904.

Appointed general attorney for all lines of the Illinois Central north of the Ohio river, with headquarters in Chicago, 1906.

Appointed assistant attorney general of the United States 1910.

Strikers Again Rioting.

Muscatine, April 13.—A score of arrests were made by the police early today when they were forced to charge rioting button workers about the plants here. The situation is more serious than ever.

Missing Woman Located.

Storm Lake, April 13.—Mrs. John Greenwood, who mysteriously disappeared, March 10, has been located at Rockford, Ill., and refuses to return or make any explanation of her conduct.

Husband Saves Woman.

River Junction, April 13.—Timely arrival of the husband of Mrs. Etta Matthews prevented three gypsies, a man and two women, from robbing her while she was on duty as station agent for the Rock Island here.

TOM L. JOHNSON DEAD

FOUR-TIME MAYOR OF CLEVELAND PASSES AWAY.

Succumbs to Cirrhosis of the Liver With Which He Had Been Afflicted for Years.

Cleveland, Ohio, April 12.—Tom L. Johnson, former mayor of Cleveland and known throughout the nation for his fight for three-cent street car fares, died of cirrhosis of the liver. He had been ill for over two years but had been confined to his bed only since March 15. Mr. Johnson was at one time a multi-millionaire and, by his own confession a monopolist. But it is as the mayor of Cleveland that he will be remembered by the people of the United States long after the other phases of his career are forgotten. He was pronounced by Lincoln Steffens "the best mayor of the best-governed city in the United States."

He had been so near death for five days that frequently the physician thought the end had come and twice newspaper extras were on the street announcing his death. Then the rumor was found to be false. Up to a week ago the former mayor had insisted that he would get well and again be a candidate for mayor of Cleveland, but finally he saw his hope was futile and, after bidding old friends and former political associates farewell, he resigned himself to death.

"I am so tired, I wish I could sleep," he murmured in his moments of consciousness. And finally the sleep came but not until Mr. Johnson had suffered much pain in the same cheerful manner that marked his whole career. Sunday when every moment was expected to be his last Mr. Johnson weakly asked that four letters which he had dictated some days before be brought to him. Propped up, he laboriously signed his name and then fell back exhausted. These letters go to four of his best friends—keepers from the man who gave his life for his hobby, three-cent fare.

That Mr. Johnson sacrificed his life for his principles is certain. He had been ailing from cirrhosis of the liver for years and was told by the physicians that he must quit active work for awhile and take treatment, but he was in the midst of his fight for three-cent fare and refused to stop. Finally, beaten in his fifth fight for mayor, he yielded to illness and went to New York for treatment, but it was too late. Cleveland people ride on their street cars for three cents, but they have lost the man who did more for the common people than any other citizen. The funeral arrangements have not been made but the body will probably lie in state as thousands wish to take a final look.

IS LIBERAL TO INSURGENTS

Minority Leader Mann Announces Assignment of Republican Members on House Committees.

Washington.—House Minority Leader Mann announced the Republican assignments to committees Tuesday. Every leading progressive or "insurgent" was given an important committee. The house elected the committees, both Democratic and Republican members, without change or objection.

Mr. Mann's course in recognizing the insurgents shows that he set himself the task of solidifying party lines, healing factional differences and presenting a united front to the Democrats.

Mr. Mann takes as his only committee assignment that of chairman of the conference of the minority. It is a new chairmanship and indicates Mr. Mann's purpose to substitute conferences of party leaders for party caucuses on legislative matters wherever possible. Former Speaker Cannon was given ranking minority membership on the appropriation committee, an assignment for which he asked, and nothing else. Two progressives were given positions on the committee on rules—Madison of Kansas and Lenroot of Wisconsin. With Dalzell of Pennsylvania and Wilson of Illinois, regulars, they make up the Republican membership of the committee.

May Finance New Road.

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Mason City, April 14.—High wind here played havoc with plate glass windows, trees, light wires and small buildings. Smoke stacks at the tile plants were blown over and the roof of the power house of the electric railway was blown off.

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TROOPS CROSS LINE

American Soldiers Are Forced to Interfere in Mexico

NO WORD FROM WASHINGTON

Step is Taken to Prevent Loss of Life on American Ground After Two Are Killed and Several Fatally Wounded.

Agua Prieta, Mexico, (via Douglas, Ariz.) April 14.—During a battle which lasted all afternoon, and which resulted in the capture of this city by rebels commanded by "Red" Lopez, American troops crossed the border and stopped the fighting. The action was taken after one man had been killed and several wounded in Douglas, and the continued firing was endangering the lives of Americans on United States territory. Douglas was under constant fire three hours. The Mexicans had been warned twice that shooting onto American town must cease, but request was unheeded.

Federal Mexican troops were defeated in the battle but finally agreed to surrender to Americans instead of the rebels.

This is the first time during the insurrection that any person has been killed on the American side as the result of the border fighting.

The dead and wounded of both the rebels and federals are being taken to Douglas.

MUSCATINE IN HANDS OF MOB

CRISIS OF UNION FIGHT—REVOLVERS FIRED

Local Police Unable to Cope With Situation and Appeal to Governor for Aid.

Des Moines, April 14.—Governor B. F. Carroll last night received an appeal from Sheriff Vannatta of Muscatine for four companies of militia to quell the riots there resulting from the button workers' strike and it is probable that the city will today witness the arrival of the national guard and the formal declaration of martial law.

Practically the entire city of Muscatine was in a state of siege last night and during the early hours this morning. Mob rule prevailed, and, according to reports from the troubled district, crowds of rioters bent on the destruction of life and property, surged through the business and factory district, defying the efforts of the law to check their course and sweeping the feeble resistance of the officers before them like chaff.

Last night's struggle is said to have been precipitated by the importation of a score of Chicago and St. Louis special police officers by the sheriff to assist in quelling disturbances.

LEWIS TO BE HENDERSON'S AID

Had Resigned As Secretary to Accept Place With Interstate Commerce Commission Examiner.

Des Moines, April 14.—Dwight N. Lewis, former secretary of the railroad commission, will take charge of the new office of commerce counsel as assistant to Judge J. H. Henderson, appointed and confirmed as commerce counsel.

Mr. Lewis had resigned as secretary last week for the purpose of accepting a place with the Interstate commerce commission as an examiner, and he was preparing to leave and go into the new field when the position of assistant was offered him here.

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