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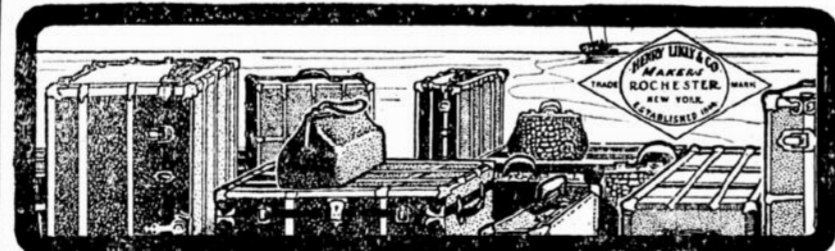
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## MAY BE NEW WORLD POWER

Possibly That China Will Yet Become Military Force to Be Reckoned With.

When the imperial government's troops are victorious over the rebels in the Yangtze Valley the same story of bloody and prolonged fighting comes out of China which was told when the insurgents were triumphant. In both cases success cost a high price in killed and wounded, in neither did the beaten army give way until it had made a brave show of steadfastness under fire.

There is no room for doubt that the Chinese can stand punishment, as the pugilists say, in war. They are no warriors, nor are they lacking in perseverance. Every test indicates that the Chinese nation is rich in the raw material out of which great armies of good soldiers could be made. That may happen in time. It depends largely upon the need which the Chinese feel. If they are dealt with justly and liberally by military powers they will probably do little to build up vast and costly armies and fleets.

On the other hand, if they find that the choice must be made between subjugation by foreigners and devoting much of their resources to training and equipment for war, as the only guarantee of national independence and safety, they will probably pay the price, in that case there will be another great power to reckon with in Eastern Asia, as Japan has to be taken into account now.—Cleveland Leader.

### Worth a Medal.

"I see that Paderewski has been decorated again," said a Chicago composer. "If there were a society for the absent-minded now, he'd have the grand cross."

"Paderewski once called on a Philadelphia lady in West Walnut street. The lady's little daughter put an orange in his coat pocket as he was leaving, and, in his unconventional, bohemian way, Paderewski decided to eat the orange on the walk back to his hotel.

"As he crossed Rittenhouse Square he began to peel the fruit. But while he was peeling it a woman he knew glided past in her motor car. Paderewski saluted with a sweeping bow, then gracefully placed a handful of orange peel on his head and tossed his hat into a bed of flowers."

### Dread Disease Checked.

Dr. Simon Flexner, who recently announced a method for the absolute control of epidemic spinal meningitis, is a director of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, a post-graduate of Johns Hopkins, and has studied abroad in Strasburg and Berlin. He announces that a new method of using the serum has perfected the cure. It is now injected into the cerebral spinal membrane instead of into the blood. Dr. Flexner is a native of Kentucky, an interesting writer, and has published numerous papers on infectious diseases.

### Music Kills Men Young.

Painting and sculpture are conducive to long life; yet music kills men young. Schubert, with all his wealth of song, died at thirty-one; Mozart, who danced and laughed his melodies into being, died at thirty-five, the same age as Beethoven; Bizet, the composer of "Carmen," died, like Purcell, at thirty-seven; Mendelssohn survived to thirty-eight; Chopin, who loved life so well, had done with it at thirty-nine, while Weber expired at forty-six. But Verdi lived and flourished as a nonagenarian.

### Bloomsbury.

Bloomsbury was the nearest approach to a "Latin quarter" in London until tourists and travelers became more profitable to the boarding-house keepers than students. Here it was that the medical student of the type described by Albert Smith generally lived. Bloomsbury had the advantage of being within easy walking distance of such hostleries as the Old Black Jack, on Portmouth street, Lincoln's Inn-Fields, where students spent their evenings, or where they met and fortified themselves with pots of port and dozens of oysters before sallying forth for a lark, which often involved a penitent appearance next morning at Bow street.—London Chronicle.

### Not Guilty.

The Medical Times reports the case of Rastus, who inquired of the "doc" about "What you think is de matter with me?" Doctor—Oh, nothing but de chick-enpox, I guess. Rastus (getting nervous)—I declare on mah honor, doctah, I ain't been nowhar I could ketch dat.

### An Essential Detail.

"When you marry my daughter, do you propose to work?" "Yes, sir; certainly I propose to work."

### Like the Ducks.

"Hubby, I want \$5." "Won't two do?" "No; I want five." "All right. Money seems to be flying in a V-shape. I guess winter is about due."

### Out of Season.

"What I want to know," said the economist, "is to persuade our young people to stick to the farm." "It's a good idea," replied Mr. Corn-tassel, "but it's out of season. Come around when gettin' up at five o'clock in the morning ain't such cold work."

### The Suggestion.

"These are such good flannel cakes of yours, Mrs. Cookem—" "Yes, sir?" "That I think I will send up my plate again for a blanket order."

# AFRO-AMERICAN CULLINGS

The Hague peace tribunal had about as much effect in restraining war between Italy and Turkey as the breathing of a gnat would have in preventing a cyclone. In order to understand clearly the causes leading up to this war, it is only necessary to recall to mind that fact: In their dealings with one another and especially with an inferior people, the Christian powers of the world are actuated by the same motives that illustrated the career of Rob Roy: "Let him take who has the power and let him hold who can." The golden rule is servicable as lip exercise, but the ruling sleepless principle is that of Rob Roy. The Christian powers of Europe have been making the Turk stand and deliver for the past forty years. One would take this country, another this province, etc., and they would long ago have blotted Turkey from the map could they have come to any binding agreement as to the division of the spoils. Now during all the time this territorial robbery has been going on, Italy, the "little sister," has been looking on with eager desire but without sufficient backing to get in the game. About a generation ago she grew impatient and told some of the larger brothers she just must have a slice of foreign territory for herself. They couldn't spare her any of Turkey, but they directed her attention to a little mountainous country in Africa—Abyssinia—inhabited by heretical negroes. Go and take it! Italy sent a magnificent army of invasion down on those black folks. All the world knows the result—or rather all the world hasn't been able to suppress or explain away the result. That magnificent army was hacked to pieces and their bones still mark the path of their disastrous retreat in their futile efforts to get back home! Adowa was more disastrous than Waterloo. The efforts made to explain it are laughable. The Italian historians claim that the general was a coward, was drunk or worse. And the ethnologists, while confident before that the Abyssinians were nothing more than black negroes, have bravely come to the rescue with learned dissertations to the effect that those Abyssinians are after all black "white folks." Such learned anilities are sufficient to arouse a sneer on the face of a Mephistopheles. Well, after Adowa, Italy had enough of foreign conquest to hold her for a while. But a few months ago Italy found all the powers prayerfully concocting plans for counteracting one another in their schemes of conquest. Turkey felt secure by reason of this situation. Italy saw and seized the opportunity to strike. Before the Turk or the European powers knew what was happening, Italy was on the sea. She is now in Africa. The question in the minds of many students is this: If militant Mohammedanism becomes thoroughly aroused will Italy be able to "come back?"—Dallas Express.

The parents of our children should look carefully after their rearing, as it does not take much nowadays to lead children astray, for enticement confronts them on every side. We will recall a scene which pictured to us a deplorable sight in the rearing of the young. During a night some time ago, at a very late hour, we chanced to pass a dancing parlor. The inmates were few, but the touching character of the crowd was a small girl of about twelve or thirteen years of age, gilding over the floor with a "grown-up." This poor little child should have been at home with her mother instead of mingling with the adults at a dance. Mothers, your daughters have plenty of time to make their debut in society. Don't rush them into a stage of society in an attitude of life very much different from that of your little twelve or thirteen-year-old girl. Let her association be with those of her equal. Teach her the ways of the world and guard her against the over-averaging association. What does a girl of the above age look like having any kind of society on her brains? She should delve in school books at night instead, and attend those gatherings that are of interest to the general public and the race. Let us implore to keep your little girls away from the dancing parlors until they are old enough to realize right from wrong in a more vivid way, then they may choose the mode most enjoyable through association.—Palestine Plaindealer.

Publicity of accounts is the cry of today. There was a time when public officers were not called to account as now. Forty years ago but few would dare to ask a treasurer to make a detailed accounting of public funds. But so many officials have become corrupt, have misused money, have lived in luxury, out of the poor people's money that everywhere they are asking for an accounting. In this state this is truer today than ever, and same sad, sad revelations have been made. Millions of dollars were stolen in the building of our state capitol, resulting in the sentences of several prominent men. An accounting sent several Pittsburg councilmen to prison, and an accounting now going on of affairs in this city seems to show that upward of seven million dollars have been misapplied. People are therefore demanding that thorough accountings be made. They ask not only what have been the gross receipts, but the itemized receipts. They ask not only what have been the gross expenditures, but the itemized expenditures, and only by getting each item can they tell whether their servant is dealing fair with them. It is gratifying to see how many published reports are itemized. This is not only a protection to the treasurer, but relieves the suspicions of the people. If Philadelphia had published all the details of expenditure, there would not be the present threatened disgrace on account of misuse of the people's money.—Christian Recorder.

It seems that many of our farmers have just realized in the past three years, the real value of their lands, and are now putting every available acre under cultivation. Several years ago many of our farmers farmed for a living, but now they are farming for a living and wealth. In the next ten years the value of farm land will reach twice its present value, and some cannot be bought. Farming is the chief industry and every farmer should buy a farm while opportunities are good.—Palestine Plaindealer.

An observant citizen has counted 329 business places on Seventh street, between Florida avenue and K street. Of this number 17 are conducted by colored people. And Seventh street is the leading business thoroughfare upon which colored people trade. Our people are sleeping upon their commercial opportunities.—Washington National Union.

At no time in the history of the world have two distinct races lived together in peace and harmony. In spite of this fact, suppose white and black make up their minds to show this old world something it has never before seen? We have begun already to do our part in making such an undertaking a success. Have you?—Southern Life Magazine.

Men are by nature fitted for society. By this we mean that they are naturally disposed to associate with each other. They could not be happy without such association. Hence we conclude that the Creator has designed men for society.—Southern Progress.

Winter will soon set in. It will grow inconvenient for you who work out doors. We hope you have managed wisely and saved some of the summer money, for the rainy days will surely come.

Wake up and arouse from sleeping on your rights. There are many ways in which you could help your people. Look ahead of your nose and see some things that are badly needed.

The preacher has done more than his share in the uplift of the race. He has worked harder and received more abuse than any other sort of a leader. We don't want the preachers to stop work, but we should like to see them relieved from some of the constant nagging to which they are subjected. We should like to see the "anvil clubs" get their hammers at work on the other professionals, some of whom are contributing nothing at all to race leadership. For goodness sake, give the preachers a rest.—Norfolk Journal and Guide.

# ORGANIZING REGIMENT IN THE WRONG WAY

So Thinks Col. John R. Marshall of the Eighth Illinois.

## SHOULD FIRST ENLIST MEN

SAYS OFFICERS SHOULD BE SELECTED LAST—TELLS OF STRINGENT REQUIREMENTS—TO START WORK ON ARMORY IN MARCH.

Chicago, Ill.—Col. John R. Marshall of the Eighth Illinois, which is the only regiment in the State National Guard made up of colored men, from officers down, has returned from a trip east, visiting New York, Washington and other cities of interest. While in New York Col. Marshall showed much concern in the proposed colored regiment being organized in that city, but does not speak encouragingly of the effort being made by the negroes of Manhattan, expressing the opinion that they are going about the work of organization in the wrong way.

"In the first place the heads are appointing all the officers without first filling the various companies with desirable men," said Col. Marshall. "The selection of line officers in an easy matter compared with securing men qualified to enlist as privates. While to date most of the line officers have been named, only a small number of privates have been accepted."

"The requirements are so stringent nowadays with reference to applicants being accepted as members of the State militia that I predict that they will be fortunate in New York City if 800 out of 3,000 applicants pass the examinations successfully. Even when the Eighth Illinois was organized during the Spanish-American war, 2,300 men were examined and but 1,300 were passed on favorably, and at that time they wanted men badly. So you can readily understand what a big task the New Yorkers have ahead of them in forming a colored regiment."

"I am also afraid that in New York they are not looking at the big expense that will be incurred in the mustering in of a colored regiment. It will cost no less than \$300,000 to arm and equip a regiment, which does not include the expenditure of money for an armory."

"The law provides that an applicant desiring to join the State militia must be between the ages of 18 and 45 years, and that they must secure the consent of their parents or guardians. One must successfully pass an eye and ear test and no flat-footed applicants are taken."

"While in New York I noticed that the officers of the regiment were issuing statements that the numerical strength of a company would be fifty-two men, which is not in accordance with the law, which provides that the minimum strength of a company should be fifty-eight enlisted men and three officers, and the maximum strength 108 enlisted men and three officers to a company. The members of the Eighth Illinois would like very much to see a colored regiment in New York, but we know that in order for the negroes of New York to realize their ambition they must proceed along the right lines."

Ground will be broken for the erection of the new Eighth Illinois armory in March. The building will cost \$100,000 and will be located at Thirtieth street and Wabash avenue. The piece of property was bought by the colored citizens of Chicago for \$20,000, due to the activity of Col. Marshall, who interested the negroes of this city in collecting enough money to buy the ground. After the property had been acquired an appeal was made to the Illinois legislature to appropriate sufficient money for the erection of an armory, which was done.

## ONLY WHITES WANTED IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

PREMIER M'BRIDE WILL FIGHT THE ADMISSION OF COLORED RACE.

Ottawa, Ontario.—"A white British Columbia is what I have come to Canada's capital to urge," said Premier Richard McBride, of British Columbia, who is here for visits to the governor general, the Duke of Connaught, and Premier Borden. "We want the Pacific coast of Canada to become a white man's country and not to be flooded with Asiatics from Japan, China and India," continued the premier. "Already we have too many people from those countries and under our present laws we are getting more steadily." At present Canada has a law requiring Chinese to pay an admission tax of \$500. Mr. McBride wants this increased to \$1,000. There is no law to shut out Japanese and Hindus, but for many years immigration from those countries has been held in check by a "gentleman's agreement." Premier McBride seeks positive restrictive legislation by Canada.

## THE PEG.

Judge Ben B. Lindsey, in a recent address in Denver, said: "I believe in the future rather than in the past. I despise those ultra-conservatives and reactionaries who hate new things simply because they are new. President" "President is all very well in its way, but how often is it only the peg on which we're too glad to hang our misdeeds."—Asheville Citizen.

# SUCCESSFUL NEGRO FAIR

SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITION HELD AT MACON, GA., BY PROGRESSIVE COLORED CITIZENS.

Macon, Ga.—The fifth annual Georgia state negro fair, which in many respects is the greatest organization of its kind in the country among colored people, closed a successful exhibition here. The fair had been in progress ten days and had been witnessed by a large crowd of people from all sections of the state.

In every respect the fair is declared to have been a record breaker. On opening bad weather was encountered, but even the most disagreeable weather did not prevent the people from Georgia from showing their appreciation for the remarkable work done by the management in making this mammoth fair possible.

The exhibits can be said to be greater and larger than any former collection of negro exhibits, whether at state fairs or at world exhibitions, and the presence of the mammoth United States government exhibit lent color and dignity to the occasion.

The success of the Georgia state negro fair in its five years' history will ever stand to the credit of President R. R. Wright, who more than any other one factor, is responsible for its high character.

Although disappointed in several ways by men who had promised to be present and who had been advertised as features of the fair, none of these things served to discourage attendance at the fair. President Wright left no stone unturned to carry out his word. When C. Wesley Peters, the negro aviator, held out for cash advances approximating more than \$2,000 above his contract; when the colored ballroomist, F. H. Bradford, utterly failed to put in appearance with any explanation; and when a white aviator, Dr. Henry E. Walden, from New York, who put in appearance and received a cash advance of \$250, refused to carry out his contract and left town, President Wright kept the wires busy until he located another man, by the name of Peters, in Atlanta, who came to Macon and made three pretty successful flights before big crowds.

Opening day was stormy and wet, and yet the people of the state went manfully on with their parade. The address by the registrar of the treasury, J. C. Napier, was well received and appreciated, as were later addresses by W. T. Vernon, supervisor of schools under the department of the Interior; Dr. J. D. Hammond, president Paine college, Augusta, Ga.; Dr. John E. White, pastor of the First Baptist church (white), Atlanta; Dr. P. James Bryant, pastor Wheat Street Baptist church, Atlanta, and Hon. George Hillyer, member Georgia railroad commission, Atlanta, Ga.

Of particular interest was educational, when addresses were made by Dr. J. H. Dillard of New Orleans, secretary of the Jeans and Slater funds, and Dr. J. W. E. Bowen of Gannon theological seminary; and "ex-slave day," when all the old ex-slaves of Georgia who could come had gathered to enjoy a huge barbecued dinner and to listen to an address by a well-known friend, Judge Hillyer. A peculiar kind of sentiment was attached to this day. Like the army veterans, these old heroes were found to be fast dying out. Their lines were getting thinner, their steps less elastic and buoyant.

It was perhaps this feeling, more than anything else, that prompted President Wright in his introductory address on "Ex-Slave Day," to give vent to eloquent and forceful remarks with reference to the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the emancipation of the negro. He had just read a telegram of regrets from Mr. Roosevelt, who had referred to ex-slave day as a unique celebration. "Mr. Roosevelt is right," he exclaimed. "Ours is indeed a unique celebration. In fact, the situation in the south is unique; and the southern people, white and black, will, working together, be able to handle it. We mean to show to the country what during the past fifty years the black people and white people are getting together in the development of the resources of the southland."

"I want a semi-centennial celebration that will show to the country the progress the black people have made since freedom. I want this celebration in the south, where the black man has made his progress. I believe the white people all over the south will aid us, just as the white people of Georgia have helped us to make the Georgia state fair a success. I believe there is no place in the world where the negro will receive greater consideration than he will receive right here in his own home, among the people with whom he has lived and wrought during these more than 300 years."

Judge Hillyer of Atlanta was the principal speaker at the celebration in honor of the "ex-slaves." This was, perhaps, the most noteworthy occasion of the fair. About 200 ex-slaves attended the fair on Friday, were given free admission to the grounds, the liberty of all the attractions and exhibits, and were treated to a barbecue after the speaking.

Judge Hillyer, who spoke to them, was himself thirty years old at the close of the war and in his own way gave some remarkable experiences and impressions he had gained from slavery. He denounced the tardiness, injustice and prejudice in the courts and prayed for the time to come when the law would be administered impartially so that no guilty man would escape, and no innocent man would be punished, no matter what his color.

## "OLD OCTOBER."

The organist was not lacking in patriotism, yet he rebelled when requested to play "The Star-Spangled Banner" at a wedding. "It is not appropriate," he said. "Ain't it?" said the bride's father. "For this wedding it is the most appropriate thing you can play. Cut all the rest of the program if you like, but stick to that. I had the hardest kind of a fight to keep Belle's mother from marrying her off to a foreigner."

# LIBERIA WANTS SKILLED FARMERS

Prof. Walter F. Walker Talks on Future of African Republic.

## A NEW ERA FOR LIBERIA

COUNTRY HAS 35,000 SQUARE MILES OF FERTILE LAND—GOVERNMENT GIVES AWAY FROM 15 TO 25 ACRES OF LAND.

New York.—Before sailing for Liberia, Prof. Walter F. Walker, teacher of mathematics at the West Africa College, Monrovia, discussed the future of the African republic and the opportunity afforded American negroes in that country. Prof. Walker, who has been in the United States since July on a vacation, believes that the American negro farmer who tills the soil along scientific lines would find Liberia a productive field for his labors.

In commenting on the announcement in the Daily Press that ten negro families left Muskogee, Okla., for Liberia, where they intended to engage in farming, Prof. Walker said: "I expect to see a large number of skilled farmers leave America for Liberia within the next few years. Any negro who tills his land, using modern methods, has an excellent chance in Liberia and will be gladly received by the Liberian government."

"A new era has dawned for Liberia, and the country is now destined to make great progress," declared Prof. Walker to an Age representative. "The republic promises to make great strides in agriculture, which is bound to be an important factor in its rehabilitation. Liberia has 35,000 square miles of fertile land, so one can readily see the great opportunity if offers for farming."

"Any American negro of good repute who desires to settle in Liberia as a farmer can get free fifteen acres of valuable land by applying to the government officials. If he has a family he can secure twenty-five acres. One can go from New York to Liberia by way of Europe, second class, for \$155, and by way of Madeira, Canary Islands, for \$110. Then, if one desires to make the trip traveling third class it will cost about \$70 by way of Madeira and \$90 by way of Europe."

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CONGRESS

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New York.—Before sailing for Liberia, Prof. Walter F. Walker, teacher of mathematics at the West Africa College, Monrovia, discussed the future of the African republic and the opportunity afforded American negroes in that country. Prof. Walker, who has been in the United States since July on a vacation, believes that the American negro farmer who tills the soil along scientific lines would find Liberia a productive field for his labors.

In commenting on the announcement in the Daily Press that ten negro families left Muskogee, Okla., for Liberia, where they intended to engage in farming, Prof. Walker said: "I expect to see a large number of skilled farmers leave America for Liberia within the next few years. Any negro who tills his land, using modern methods, has an excellent chance in Liberia and will be gladly received by the Liberian government."

"A new era has dawned for Liberia, and the country is now destined to make great progress," declared Prof. Walker to an Age representative. "The republic promises to make great strides in agriculture, which is bound to be an important factor in its rehabilitation. Liberia has 35,000 square miles of fertile land, so one can readily see the great opportunity if offers for farming."

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## THE EAR MARKS.

Manager—But did your laundry have our mark on it? Socks—Yes; the shirt bands were torn and the collars frayed.—Chicago News.

## HIS RECORD CLEAR.

The old army sharpshooter was boasting of his prowess. "In all my career," he said, "I never killed a deer by mistake for a man."—Chicago Tribune.



# Wheelock's

At the new store

Christmas is only a few days away and never before have we had such a beautiful display of China and Glassware. German China plates in Floral and Gold decorations just the thing for the dining room rail at 25c, 39c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00. Sugars and Creamers in color and gold ranging from 25c to \$1.00 a pair.

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The above group represents the very intelligent and strong Iowa delegates to the general A. M. E. conference to be held in Kansas City, Mo., in May, 1912. No other state will send a more intelligent or representative body of men. Dr. A. M. Roberts of Bethel church in Chicago, who heads the delegation is a very scholarly and eloquent

divine, a Christian gentleman who is one of the leading candidates for the bishopric. Dr. A. J. Carey of the Institutional church, the Nestor of the Chicago Ministers, is a candidate for Editor of A. M. E. Review. Rev. H. S. Graves is a busy and influential man. W. H. Griffin and Ed. Green are the lay delegates.

ing material is calculated before the foundation is laid. The hand and the busy machinery used in erecting magnificent structures daily in our great cities, whose summits tower the sky, simply obey the order of the mind, or the power of knowledge possessed by the commander, therefore seek knowledge.

This literary society of which you are members, (and you ought to be if you are not) will continue to be the means of increasing the mental powers, and in the near future you can realize from its influence the power of knowledge; therefore you should seek diligently to obtain a thorough knowledge of the arts and science of this world that you may become factors in creating civilization, especially in the religious advancement of mankind, which was doubtless the paramount object in the mind of the organizers of this literary school. The name of your society—Fred Douglass—should be inspiring to each member here, for he struggled against the many rugged waves of opposition, yet rose in spite of it; hinderance and wrote his name among the greatest men of his time. He was associated with Lincoln, John Brown, Lovejoy, Wendell Phillips, Charles Sumner and others of his day, who stood for mankind. I believe it was Socrates who said, "Strive to know thyself," strive to know you know, and be able to demonstrate that which you know. Strive to improve the intellectual, moral and spiritual powers that you may be able to play your part well among the races of this world as citizens, neighbors and Christians. It should be your aim to improve your lives through the influence of Christian knowledge, which is the foundation of all greatness. For we are commanded to first seek the kingdom of heaven and his righteousness and all things should be added unto us. Young men, you should remember that without principle, integrity and genuine character, knowledge loses its efficacy and fades away like the mist before the rising sun. In the mighty struggle for wealth, fame and position, you should not forget that honesty and obedience to both the laws of God and the laws of the land are the real paths leading to happiness and the inroads which lead to permanent success in this world and to an endless joy in the sweet beyond. You must remember that knowledge, the precious mineral is hidden from man therefore he must search diligently to obtain it. Seek knowledge though it requires great and ceaseless study and patience. Go question the lawyer, doctor, musician, professor and the able divine; inquire of them how they obtained their knowledge of law, medicine, music, science and of the gospel, and they will tell you it was obtained through hard study and toil, and by burning the midnight oil. In such school as your literary society is, where you put into practice the knowledge obtained through our high schools, academies, colleges and universities. For it is through these institutions of learning that we must come to future men and women who are to shoulder the burdens and responsibilities of the race, church and nation. In such literary organizations as this, if properly considered, great good will be accomplished, many sons and daughters rescued and homes made happy. When I think of the aim and object of your organization, the relation it sustains to our religious advancement of the race, I consider it as a recruiting office, and you as fresh recruits volunteers, enlisting to make up a great

regiment of Christian soldiers, preparing to march out into the world's quest the powers of ignorance, sin and immorality which seem to have a powerful headway in leading the sons of men down, down to the abyss of destruction.

Read good literature if you want to have a full supply of knowledge, but be careful that you do not read trashy stuff, for it will poison the mind and sap from it the power of reason. Read good literature, for it is to the mind what food is to the body. Good literature, if carefully selected and studied, is strength to the mind, and will serve as a medium through which the individual may be lifted from a low stage of illiteracy to a higher plain of Christian civilization and refinement. Study this kind of literature; secure a thorough knowledge of God's words in connection, and it will give you strength to climb the rocky steep of opposition, will assist in breaking down the fortification of ignorance, dispel prejudice and cause the satanic host to retreat; then march in and take the field for God and humanity.

No doubt you have read Cicero's orations, but do strive to become a Cicero. No doubt you have read of Demosthenes, what he had to undergo to make his name famous, but do you strive to become a Demosthenes. No doubt you have read of Virgil, Homer and Horace, and can translate them, but do you strive to write your name high in the temple of fame? These characters possessed the power of knowledge, and their names still live and shall live through coming ages, and unborn generations yet to come shall rise up and speak of these characters as possessing the power of knowledge. Read the history of Rome, Greece and England; study the lives of those noble men who were blessed with the power of knowledge and it should give you courage, a determined ambition to possess the power of knowledge that coming times may find your name recorded upon the pages of history. If not a statesman, but as an industrious citizen, a faithful Christian, for we all cannot fill high stations in life, but we can fill with credit the position we occupy. Set your mark high and aim at it. Strive to emulate Hannibal as a soldier. Strive to reach the fame of Cicero as an orator, Caesar as a ruler, Luther, Calvin, Bismark and Jno. Brown as reformers. Plato taught the world the immorality of the soul. Pascal measured and weighed the air. Franklin climbed, as it were, up through the tractless air and captured the mightiest latent power known to the world. Edison sat in his laboratory, thought seriously of the human voice and finally reached a conclusion. He arrested the human voice, took it under his control and can reproduce it a hundred years after the individual has quit time and gone into eternity.

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## YOUNKER BROTHERS

### BUNTON NOTES.

The executive board of the Iowa-Nebraska State association is in session here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nicholas are the proud parents of a bouncing boy born December 3rd. Mother and son doing well father happy.

Mrs. J. T. Johnson and son, J. Newman are visiting their daughter and sister, Minta, in Colfax this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Burkett are rejoicing over the arrival of a new daughter in their home.

Mrs. Kenrietta Jones is reported some better at this writing.

Last week's note--Mr. G. H. Edmunds of Enterprise, Ia., International Organizer of the United Mine Workers of America accompanied by his wife were Buxton visitors Sunday, December 3, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Watson on East Fifth street. Mr. Edmunds delivered an address at the Y. M. C. A. at 3:30 Sunday afternoon to an appreciative audience, his subject being, "The building of a great nation."

Mr. and Mrs. Louise Weaver are very much elated over a new son that put in his appearance in their home.

The tower on Mt. Zion church is very near completion. The bell has been put in place and with a little more work the church will be in nice shape. When it is completed there will be two extra rooms that can be used for class rooms and a chair over the front entrance. It is reported that Rev. Woodard will have two choirs then.

The Sunday school union met with St. John's Sunday school and a very good program was rendered.

The executive board of the Sunday school union will meet in the Boys department Y. M. C. A. Monday evening, December 18 at 8 o'clock. All members be present. Business of importance.

Mr. C. H. Mease was on the sick list a few days last week.

The Y. M. C. A. is undergoing some improvements. The entire plant is being rewired having all wires put in conduits. The ceiling of the gymnasium in the boys department is being raised and its length increased from 32 to 50 feet. We will now have ample room for basket ball, hand ball and other games.

Misses Callaway, Benson, Lucas, Bates, and Mrs. Tucker, teachers in the public schools here, were trying the art of skating in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium Monday afternoon. Miss Eliza Bates was accompanied by her sisters, Miss Cora and Mrs. Eva Barnes. Some can and some cannot. Miss Lucas walks very well on her skates.

Mr. Hermann Zimmerman is still in our midst taking orders for the encyclopedia of the Bible. He has succeeded quite nicely and is ready to deliver 25 or 30 books this week. O, you "Zim."

The Church Organ Club served dinner in the Y. M. C. A. building Tuesday.

The Mission circle of Mt. Zion Baptist church met in the home of Mrs. P. B. Woodard last Thursday.

Mrs. W. H. Brown, State President of W. H. and Foreign Mission Circles, has been appointed by the National Secretary to collect stamps for stamp day January 1, 1912. The stamps are to be collected during this month and sent to Miss Nannie Burroughs to aid in the Missionary correspondence. Let everybody give a stamp. It's only 2c.

Mrs. Nelson Carter is still sick but is improving slowly.

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The achievements of nature at which we gaze in wonder and amazement are in many instances the result of the restless force of perseverance. Stroke after stroke of the pick-axe and spade will in time level mountains. We have not seen the deep ravines that are made by the continual wearing of the small streams upon the rocks?

Upon the shore of Lake Superior are great rocks which were once very rugged and irregular but have been worn, by the long continued beating of the waves upon them, to a comparatively smooth surface. The difficulties in life may be compared to the rocks and can be modified by the same process, by applying a small unceasing force to them.

Petty operations incessantly continued will surmount the greatest difficulties. The policy that can strike only while the iron is hot will be overcome by a perseverance which will make the iron hot by striking.

All the men and women who have acquired greatness in this world are those who know no such word as fail. Before only gave them power, difficulty taught them the necessity of redoubled exertions, danger gave them courage and the sight of labor inspired in them corresponding exertions. It does not matter how improbable or how far away this realization may seem, or how dark the prospects may be, if we visualize them as best we can, as vividly as possible, hold to them tenaciously and vigorously struggle to attain them, they will gradually become actually realized in the life. But a desire, a longing, a yearning abandoned or held indifferently will vanish without realization. "Human life" is so constructed that we live largely upon hope; the faith that runs ahead and sees what the physical eye cannot see.

Fortune, success and fame are never gained but by sticking to a thing until it is fairly accomplished. We must carry a thing through to the end if we expect to be anybody or to do anything. The world admires a stern, determined doer.

To show the qualities of heroism we must be self-reliant. God never meant that strong, independent beings should be reared by clinging to others for support as the ivy clings to the oak. Those who are trained in self-reliance are ready to go out and contend in the sternest conflict of life, while those who have leaned for support on those around them are never ready to burst through the storms of adversity that arise. When misfortune comes they look around for something to cling to or to lean upon, and is support is not there, down they fall and cannot arise by their own strength.

It is seldom that acts of great physical daring are called for, but rather the real heroism of life, which is to do all the little things faithfully and promptly. There are no such things as trifles in the affairs of men. Drops make up the sea, acorns cover the earth with oak, sands, make up the bar in the harbor, the smooth on which the vessels are wrecked. Little acts are the elements of greatness. The mischievous value as the exponents in arithmetic, arise larger sums to their higher power. A word, a smile or a frown are little things, but they are very powerful for good or evil. The happiness of our lives is made up of the little courtesies, kindnesses, pleasant words, good wishes and good deeds, and good deeds, moment by moment, are the golden sands of time. Every day is a little life in itself and our lives are but a day repeated. The little things in youth accumulated to character in old age, and if the little things of life are made beautiful and good, then the whole life is full of beauty and goodness.

It is heroism for one to make sacrifices for that which he thinks is right or to anything that will also add to the dignity and loveliness of every one who possesses it. Then why should we not all do all we can to cultivate this admirable quality?

Everybody is born a hero, but it is of life that heroism gains its best development. Mortifying failures may attend this effort and that, but only those who are brave and struggle on, who stand out in the influence of God, only through the darkness and storminess who have a self-reliance which will not be baffled by opposition, and a persistence which will not countenance failure, but with a firm hand and a staunch heart, push on in their heroic resolve will ever gain the attainment of a higher goal.

Life is a vital affair and each one of us is born to the task of performing some part in it. Man was sent into this world to be a growing, exhausting force. The world around him is to be seized and conquered. Every day brings him new duties to be performed, and new problems to be solved. He may meet the conditions, seize the opportunities and do much for himself and for humanity, or he may float down the stream of life like a straw blown on the bosom of a river and leaves nothing by which he may be remembered.

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### "THE POWER OF KNOWLEDGE."

Mr. President, Members of Fred Douglass Literary Society, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Smoky city of Pittsburg:

You may be assured that I appreciate this opportunity, and considered it a high privilege, a unique and distinguished honor to be invited to speak before this body of distinguished citizens of this industrious and enterprising city, having for its watchword, "Progress." Considering the aim and object of this literary school I have decided to speak of the power of knowledge.

When I survey this vast domain of our republic, stretching as it does from the icy regions of the north to the sunny plains of the south from the boisterous Atlantic to the peaceful shores of the Pacific the progress made since the "Pilgrim Fathers" landed upon the soil of America I am filled with wonder and admiration. Look out in every direction of this once dense forest where the buffalo roamed, the scream of the panther was heard, and the poor unfortunate Indian wandered. The forests have been cleared away, the buffalo and panther slain, and the poor unfortunate Indian subdued; now we have valuable farms bringing forth the golden grain which speaks prosperity for the American people. From the rocky nooks of Maine, to the Golden Gates of California; from where the Mississippi rises to where it mingles its silvery thread with the deep blue waters of Mexico, we can behold beautiful cities, dotting the hills and valleys of the entire country, with their magnificent structures, consisting of churches, schools, and libraries; various public buildings, such as; Theatres, amphitheatres, chateaus, colosseums, halls, beautiful parks with all their attractive sceneries, and many other places of pleasure resorts, all of which gladden the hearts of the people of this republic.

When I survey this concourse of

people here assembled the offspring of the slaves of yesterday, the fruits of freedom, and notice the progress you have made in every branch of industry (and methinks you have made the greatest progress of any race under similar conditions and environments) I can but stand and gaze with a pleasing amazement.

I can see improvement in your deportment and intelligent bearing forth from your faces. Your deportment and program bespeak freedom and liberty as American people.

Your presence here bespeak volumes for you. Your presence here tells me that you appreciate the organization of this literary school, organized for the purpose of infusing inspiration in the minds of the rising generation. Your presence tells me that you appreciate the opportunity you have to labor for the intellectual improvement of the race, for the advancement of the Master's Kingdom, and for the betterment of those qualities which go to make a better people, better homes, better citizens and a better nation. Your presence further tells me that you are anxious to listen to instructive pointing to the rapid march of civilization and the gospel of Christ in the hearts of mankind. I consider your organization to be one of the main branches of the literary school, an important auxiliary going hand in hand with the church to arouse the mind from a drowsy lethargy to a state of activity that the participants may become intellectually, spiritually and morally stronger (that they may be used as instruments in God's hand to save the souls of men who seem to be plunging headlessly down to the blackest hell).

The object for which this literary school was organized is to build up intellectual man, improve the moral condition of the young, to strengthen the church, protect the home and to increase the mental powers of the young, that they may be better prepared for the future usefulness; therefore seek knowledge. Knowledge is power. It is the only efficacy for our temporal and spiritual welfare. We cannot do nor say the things of which we haven't any knowledge. If one does not understand the science of mathematics, he cannot solve the problems. If one does not understand the sciences of languages, he cannot analyze, diagram nor parse sentences nor can he translate one language into another; then it requires the power of knowledge to accomplish great things. If we were to construct an elevated road upon which the locomotive and the electric car are to move, to tunnel the bed of the river, or to undermine yonder mountain, it certainly requires the power of knowledge. If we were to construct a building similar to the one in which we are now assembled, or some other great structure in this city, that structure must first be constructed imaginably in the mind. The architect is the first to construct the building. Every piece of timber is measured, squared and sawed, every brick and stone is cut, arranged and fitted in the building, imaginably in the mind before the contractor has anything to do with it. Even the cost of the build-

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- Women's Coats worth up to 25.00 now 18.75
- Women's Coats worth up to 30.00 now 23.75

- Children's Coats Sizes 2 to 14 Values to \$6.00 3.75
- Children's Coats Sizes 2 to 14 Values to \$10.00 6.75
- Girls' Coats Sizes 6 to 17 Values to \$16.50 9.75

Clothes wringers at Dawson's Hardware.

When you have a cold get a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It will soon fix you up all right and will ward off any tendency toward pneumonia. This remedy contains no opium or other narcotic and may be given as confidently to a baby as to an adult. Sold by all druggists.

# CITY NEWS.

(N. B. If you have relatives or friends visiting in the city or going to make a visit, please inform us, we will make all your local news.—Ed.)

A Merry, Merry, Christmas to all of our readers.

Christmas skates at Dawson's Hardware.

Miss Leona Roberts of 108 th street in much improved this week. She is able to set up.

Mr. John Wilkinson is able to be seen out on the streets which is good news to his friends.

Remember, you can now get the Iowa State Bystander for one year for only \$1.00 if paid in Advance.

Mrs. Emma Harris who has been seriously sick with a paryletis stroke, is improving very nicely at this waiting.

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Hyde entertained at dinner Thanksgiving Mr. Jeff Logan and his son, Mr. George Logan.

Mr. Ham. Crenshaw, an old soldier of the civil war, and a journeyman printer, returned this week from Kansas City, Mo.

The Dramatic Art club meets with Mrs. Avery next Tuesday. Book VI of Paradise Lost to be continued, also several.

Oh! what a warm and beautiful December we are having after the Squaw winter we are now having the p-overlial Indian Summer.

Union Congregational church, 10th and Park streets. Preaching, 10:30 and 7:30. Morning subject, "Narrow is the way." Special concert exercises by the Sunday school at 12 m. Everybody is cordially invited.

Mr. Geo. Law, who was hurt at the Ogden Coal Mines was brought home last Saturday in Highland Park, where he is improving as well as can be expected.

Christmas carving sets at Dawson's Hardware.

Hon. Chas. Stewart, the Associated Press reporter, arrived in our city from the South this morning to speak and lecture at the different churches Sunday.

Rev. L. Woolrich lectured to the Knights of Tabor Lodge, Temple No. 46, on degree work last Thursday. The lecture was interesting and instructive. Rev. Dulian also addressed the Lodge.

The Corinthian Aid society met last week at the residence of Mrs. Frank Lewis. Xmas week the aid society will give a Xmas offering at the residence of Mrs. Goggins for the carpet. Adjourn to meet with Mrs. Harper Spuer at 1431 McCormick street.

Quite a pleasant and informal reception was given by the Misses Allen and Mr. David Johnson at the home of the former on Monday evening, in honor of Miss Ora Lewis, a beautiful and charming young woman of Albia. The home was decorated with bells and butterflies. The color scheme being red and green. The evening was spent in music and conversation. Mr. Clyde Glass, the boy wonder, and Miss Bertha Allen presided at the piano. A 2-course lunch, chosen was served, after which the guests departed for their respective homes, declaring they had spent a pleasant evening with the hostess.

Christmas sleds at Dawson's Hardware.

Burne M. E. church, 9th and Park streets will hold their quarterly meeting, Sunday, Dec. 17, 1911. Rev. Dr. Taylor of St. Paul A. M. E. church will speak at 2:30 p.m. A cordial invitation is extended to the ministers of the city and their congregations. L. Woolrich, M. T. D. Pastor.

### Y. C. M. C. A. NOTES.

The general mass meeting of the Y. C. M. C. A. rooms last Sunday was not very well attended and nothing definite was decided upon as to the future of the organization. It was however announced by the officers that until further notice the organization will continue as it has for the past ten months. On next Sunday at 4:30 p.m., Atty. S. Joe Brown will deliver an address on Property Rights and Obligations which should be heard by every Negro man in the city especially those who are contemplating property.

The Benefit Supper given by the ladies of the Intellectual Improvement club last Friday evening was a decided success from every point of view. A splendid supper was served and about \$15 or \$20 realized for the benefit of the Y. C. M. C. A.

Much credit is due the members of this club and especially to Mrs. Chas. Cousin and her husband through whose influence with the local merchants most of the provisions served were donated.

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Luther H. S. Brown, Prop.

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Granite roaster at Dawson's Hardware.

### CHRISTMAS.

To all whom it may concern: This notice is to bear greetings and good cheer to me of all clime, age or color, who may chance to read it. Christmas in this day and age should mean as much to the people of this century as it did in the day of Judism. The guiding star which lead the shepherds from the plain to the manger appeal to us today and is emblematic, or represents us now as our guiding star which lead us from the Valley of gloom, ignorance and despondency to that bright shining home not made by hands eternal in heaven. So then my many friends our mission on earth is to bring glad tidings and good cheer to our fellow creatures. Live, act and talk that pure life which make you a good name. Let love, faith and hope be your guiding star. We should rejoice in the birth of Christ, and that he is a living Christ. Then let us extend our charity, our brotherly love, our support to fellow humanity and to those in our midst who are less fortunate than we are. As Christ was born to save the world, so are we born to exemplify his life among men, and to glorify our Heavenly Father.

### RACE ADVANCEMENT.

There has been much advancement made by our race within the past year along all lines of work. Especially is their progress noted in the middle west. More of them are entering the industrial and agricultural pursuits. They are beginning to learn that it is far better to be living on the farm with plenty than to live in the cities without a trade or without money. Honest labor and courteous treatment will ultimately win friends and establish confidence among the Anglo Saxons. It is perhaps worthy to note here that while I was on the road in the interest of the Bystander I saw many improvements and many entering into business that if they will only stick to it, save and be economical, they will soon be felt in this country more than ever before.

### A SUCCESSFUL MINISTER.

Below we publish some clippings from white church journals to show the respect that they hold for a colored priest. Iowa has only one colored Episcopal church, hence it is good to note what the leading clergyman says about it. The Rev. J. C. Sage, an old friend of ye editor and at one time was in the newspaper business in the eastern states, also was for awhile an A. M. E. minister. Below are the comments:

"The Rev. W. A. Bruce, our faithful colored priest, has resigned his appointment as priest-in-charge of St. Mary's Keokuk. The Bishop has appointed the Rev. John C. Sage, priest-in-charge. Mr. Bruce becomes locum tenens until he secures other work. Mr. Bruce has been at work at St. Mary's since July of 1908, and has been most faithful in the performance of his duties. He leaves St. Mary's in better condition than it was when he went there. In all such instances a change every three or four years is inevitable. The Bishop found no fault with Mr. Bruce, and appreciated all he has done, but Mr. Bruce himself indicated to the Bishop that he had done all he could and would like a new field."—Iowa Churchman.

A meeting of the Board of Missions of the Diocese of Iowa was held in Des Moines at the call of the Bishop, on Tuesday, November 14th. Arrangements were perfected for taking over the property of the church of St. Mary's the Virgin colored congregation in Keokuk. This property has been held by private parties, and will henceforth be owned by the Board of Missions of the diocese. It consists of two lots, upon which are an attractive church, parish house and rectory, used by the colored congregation for a number of years past, and valued at about \$10,000. The Bishop announced the appointment of the Rev. John C. Sage, rector of St. John's church, Keokuk, as priest-in-charge of this mission. Mr. Sage will have as an assistant, the Rev. W. A. Bruce, a colored priest."—The Living Church of Milwaukee, Wis., by Bishop T. N. Morrison.

### WAS A GREAT SUCCESS.

Topeka, Kans., Entertained and Next Year Milwaukee, Wis., Will Entertain.

Topeka, Kans. Special for the Bystander by Prof. H. R. Graham of Quidaro, Kan. The Fifteenth Annual convention of the Western Negro Press association came to a close December after a very pleasant and profitable session. The committee on resolution adopted a strong resolution against the governor of South Carolina, and also a ringing address to the country. They are as follows: "Whereas, The Western Negro Press association in its fifteenth annual session convened in the city of Topeka, completed one of its most successful and businesslike meetings in its history at which session more than 35 Negro journals were represented, and a program of unusual interest and benefit to the craft was rendered; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we extend a vote of thanks to the Plaindealer, of which Mr. Nick Chiles is editor; the pastor and trustees of the St. John's A. M. E. church, all of the city papers, Miss Jessie Oden, W. W. Fisher, Governor Stubbs, Hon. J. N. Dolley, Hon. W. T. Vernon, all of the good citizens of Topeka and the Negro Business League for the banquet given to the association.

Resolved, That the recommendation of the presidents address were due and timely which showed study and forethought for the best interest of the association and that the same be accepted and approved and put into effect as far as possible. Be it further

Resolved, That this association highly commends Madame C. J. Walker, the noted hair culturist of Indianapolis, Ind., for her generous gift of \$1,000 to aid in the erection of a \$100,000 building for the colored Y. C. M. C. A. of Indianapolis, Ind.

Resolved, That we denounce the action of Governor Bles, of South Carolina, for encouraging lynchings and other outrages against colored people of that state, and that he is not only a disgrace to the Christian people of that state, but the civilized nations of the world, and he has disgraced the chief executive office of South Carolina and should be impeached."

The address to the country, adopted by the associations, is as follows: "We, the members of the Western Negro Press association, in convention assembled, on this, Thursday,

November 30, A. D. 1911, with due appreciation of the day and its significance acknowledge our thanks to the Supreme Ruler of the universe for the blessings which have come to the convention members individually and collectively, to the race we represent and all mankind. With these presents come our greeting to the country at large. The members of this body which by the conservatism which they have hitherto evidenced to herein set before the people of this country those things conducive to the welfare of our people and thus the American citizenship of which we are a part; avoiding every semblance of race feeling and making our plea on the broad basis of universal justice.

shall join in the new movement to make better and stronger the race of which we are a part; and prove our right to all the guarantee of our federal constitution by a wise and faithful performance of the duties therein imposed." The officers elected for the coming year are: President, A. J. Slaughterman, Cimeter, Muskogee, Okla.; first vice president, W. A. Harris, Searchlight, Sedalia, Mo.; second vice president, C. J. Walker, Freeman, Indianapolis, Ind.; recording secretary, J. D. Cooke, Defender, Milwaukee, Wis.; corresponding secretary, L. A. Bell, American, Wagoner, Okla.; assistant secretary, P. C. Thomas, Herald, Topeka; treasurer, Nick Chiles, Plaindealer, Topeka; historian, Harry R.



It is with a degree of pleasure that we are able to present to our many readers the true likeness of one of the leading divines of the middle west. Rev. LeRoy Woolrich, pastor Burns M. E. church, graduating from the Mary Noble Institute, Clover Hill, Va., and pursuing a course in the Quincy, Ill., Commercial College, entered the ministry of the M. E. church, graduating from the theological course for preachers' class in 1904. He has been pastor of the following churches: Ellisburg, Mo., Jonesburg,

Mo.; Farmington, Mo., and Lexington, Mo., where a long standing indebtedness was cancelled and the church remodeled and beautified. He also graduated from the American college of Mechanical Therapy, Chicago, Ill., and is at present secretary of the Negro Ministers' Alliance, Des Moines, Iowa. He is a true Christian, highly respected by both races wherever he goes. He is a personal acquaintance of Hon. Champ Clark, Speaker of the House in Congress. He is a race man.

"We would appeal to the bar of public opinion and ask that discrimination based upon color shall be at an end. We do this believing that the fundamentals of American jurisprudence, the tendency of our present day civilization demand that merit and worth shall count and that nothing shall stand between the worthy and the rewards of his labors. This is done with the laudable purpose of making better the standard of American manhood and cultivating that spirit of interdependence of thought and activity the necessary requisite in a free republic. America grows in greatness and her perpetuity is more completely assured when every man counts for one and nobody for more than one.

"That righteousness which exhorteth a nation should and must be more clearly demonstrated in America, than anywhere in the civilized world. With faith in the justice of our cause we would ask that disfranchisement and discrimination because of color and anything that savors of unfairness before the law shall cease. We believe that there is enough fairness in the American republic to finally secure this result.

"We deplore and denounce lawlessness, crime, indolence and prodigality in any race and are not unmindful of the fact that these exist among the white race as well as the negro race. We would urge upon them a higher conception of duty to family, society and country. We would advise that they save their money, purchase homes, become property owners and tillers of the soil.

"To the farm where are unlimited opportunities, we would advise them. The tillers of the soil have ever been the sturdy yeomanry, the foundation of society, and the forerunners of a powerful commercialism which has moved the world.

"We argue earnestly for education both high and industrial and believe in the preparation of our youth to fill every avenue open to the citizens of a republic. "The members of the Western Negro Press association pledge themselves to stand for the highest in Journalism and for the propagation of all things uplifting and inspiring. We ask members of all professions, activities and varied employments

Graham, Founder, Quidaro, Kan.; chaplain, Rev. J. R. Ransom, Topeka. The executive committee includes John L. Thompson, Bystander, chairman, Des Moines; A. D. Griffin, Plaindealer, Topeka; Lewis Woods, Kansas City Sun, Kansas City, Mo.; W. E. King, Express, Dallas, Tex.; C. H. Buchanan, Safeguard, Guthrie, Okla.; W. A. Hill, Protest, St. Joseph, Mo. The next meeting of the association will be held at Milwaukee, Wis.

### Special Notice.

The Billiard and Pool Hall of Luther H. S. Brown at 229 W. Third street taken on New Life last week when Brown sold one-half interest in the place to Jack Davis. Davis is an round sport and the boys all know it. Messrs Brown & Davis mean to run the most up-to-date place in the city for the particular Young man to come to. A telephone 3214 Walnut having been recently installed has helped to add life to the place. Boys call up and reserve the tables for certain hours, especially the billiard table and boys of this nature. We are open from Monday morning at eight o'clock to Saturday night at 12 M. Come and see us.

Brown & Davis.

### SIoux CITY ITEMS.

Christmas is near and the Sunday schools through out the city are rehearsing their Christmas exercises.

The C. E. will give a reception at the A. M. E. church Tuesday evening, December 12. The B. Y. P. U. young people that are not members will be the honored guests.

The Art Culture club met with Mrs. T. H. Sturgis Tuesday afternoon. Rev. J. E. Roberts went to Omaha Saturday to fill the pulpit Sunday at the Baptist church.

We have in our city an orchestra, composed of young men. They are under the management of Mr. Torrence Casen. They are indeed a promising set of young men. The members are Messrs. Torrence Casen, Earl Casen, Harvey Grant, John Norris, and Clarence Stackel. The colored people of our city should be proud of them.

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The full financial report from the hog killing which was held at the Mt. Zion Baptist church on Sunday, December 3rd, for church indebtedness, was \$65.00.

A masquerade social will be given at Thompson's hall Thursday evening, December 14th, for the benefit of the A. M. E. church choir.

A nursery has been started in the city among the colored people. You will hear more about it in the near future.

Mrs. S. S. King of Minneapolis, Minn., is in the city visiting, the guest of Mrs. J. W. Hudson.

A reception will be held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hudson on Tuesday evening, Mrs. S. S. King of Minneapolis, will be the honored guest.

Miss Mabel Dalahay, who has been sick with the appendicitis, is able to be up and around good news to her many friends.

Mrs. Hogg, daughter of Mrs. J. W. Hudson, has returned from Chicago, where she went for the benefit of her health. She looks fine and has been benefited by the trip.

Christmas pocket knives at Dawson's Hardware.

### DAVENPORT NOTES.

The Men's concert by the A. M. E. Fuel and Light committee was a grand success, the net proceeds being \$25.28. The committee deserves to thank all who helped in any way in this worthy cause.

A fair to last four nights started at the Third Baptist church. This effort is to raise money for the church fund.

Rev. W. C. Thomas of Marion, Ind., preached at the Third Baptist morning and evening Sunday. The reverend left Monday morning for his home by way of Chicago.

Miss Berry Ann Warwick and Mr. Edward Buckner were married at the A. M. E. parsonage Tuesday afternoon, December 12th. Rev. T. B. Stovall officiated.

The A. M. E. choir sang at the first Presbyterian church Sunday morning for the fellowship club of that church. It is quite an honor to Bethel's robes choir, the president of the club said he never heard better singing than what the A. M. E. choir did at his church Sunday morning, December 10.

Mrs. Ida Cunningham entertained the A. M. E. Willing Workers P. E. committee Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Ellen Delward is chairman of this planning great things in the future.

The Twentieth Century Club was entertained by the president, Mrs. C. H. Marshall.

Rev. T. B. Stovall will baptize some of his members by immersion in the

Third Baptist church pool December 21st.

The A. M. E. choir will sing for the fair at the Third Baptist church.

Thursday evening, December 14th, Mrs. S. A. Washington, chairman of the Fuel and Light committee, entertained her workers at her home.

The City Federation was beautifully entertained by the T. L. O. club at the Third Baptist church December 6. Many live subjects were well discussed all day and evening.

Mrs. Mary Jones is quite sick at her home on West Ninth street.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Shaw of St. Paul, Minn., are making their home in Davenport.

Quite a number of first class families are asking for first rate colored girls.

The Willing Workers will give a high class entertainment on December 19th in the dining hall of the A. M. E. church.

The W. W. Rimbrough will graduate in the first class of the Teacher Training school, December 18, 1911.

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  - 2 lbs. Jam Rice.....15c
  - 2 lbs. Pearl Tapioca.....15c
  - 2 lbs. pkgs. Jell-O.....15c
  - 2 lbs. fresh Ginger Snaps.....15c
  - 2 lbs. cans Baked Beans.....15c
  - 2 lbs. cans Dutch Creamer.....15c
  - 2 lbs. Mackerel.....15c
  - 2 lbs. pkgs. E. C. Corn Flakes.....15c
- OTHER SPECIALS
- 10 lbs. GRANULATED SUGAR.....50c
  - (With \$3 order other goods)
  - Choice Tea Butter, lb.....30c
  - Oleomargarine, lb.....15c
  - Pure Lard, 3-lb. pail 10c 5-lb.....65c
  - Fancy Eating Apples, uk.....30c
  - Choice Potatoes, uk.....30c
  - Bulk Peanut Butter, lb.....20c
  - Fancy Cranberries, 2 qts.....35c
  - Wooden-hor Pumpkin, 3 cans.....25c
  - 3 pkgs. Seeded Raisins.....25c
  - 2 lbs. Bulk Cranberries.....25c
  - High Patent Flour, sk.....\$1.25
- (Every sack guaranteed.)
- 8 bars Swivel White L. Soap.....25c
  - (With \$1 order other goods.)
  - 10 bars Catmint Soap.....25c
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### A Friend to Negroes

Lew Arntz, the well known Doctor of Optics, believes in treating the colored people the same as whites. This is evidenced by the fact, he offers to sell or rent to black or white alike, his residence at 3215 Fourth St., Highland Park, which contains city water, sewer, gas, barn, etc for \$1250, on monthly payments of \$10.

When your feet are wet and cold, and your body chilled through and through from exposure take a big dose of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, bathe your feet in hot water before going to bed, and you are almost certain to ward off a severe cold. For sale by all druggists.

More Earthquakes in France. Toulon.—Slight seismic shocks occurred again Monday in Draguignan, Vaucluse and Puy-St-Etienne. No damage is reported, but the residents were panic-stricken.

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Many wonderful things have been done by our competitors to prevent the putting on of this sale in Des Moines. Why don't the big papers take our ads? Why didn't they announce that the undersigned have purchased from the receiver, Cathcart, which was ordered by Judge McPherson of the Federal Court a week ago Saturday, to be sold both stocks in bulk, which we, the undersigned, have purchased,--the two big BANKRUPT STOCKS of CLOTHING, GENT'S FURNISHINGS, and SHOES. Why didn't they announce the sale and purchase? Why did some merchants go around with a petition asking to sign the petition to try and get the papers not to take our ads? We will leave it to you our friends and patrons, if we haven't the right of selling high-grade merchandise for any low price we wish. The money which we would have to spend with the big papers we will now divide among our customers and our goods are now marked down lower than ever was heard in the history of high grade Clothing, Gent's Furnishings and shoes. You can buy suit, overcoat, or shoes for less than the raw material's worth.

The Plymouth Clothing people started in business about a year ago at 419 Walnut catering to the high class trade and they bought the very best merchandise that could be procured in America. Had this not fallen in our hands you would have to pay more than double for the same merchandise.

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One big lot of Mens' suits up to date to the minute. Many of them are worth from \$10.00 to \$12.50. Your choice while they last ----- \$ 3.95  
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 Mens' fine suits go at ----- \$ 5.95  
 They are worth more than double the money. The \$15.00 line goes to Bankrupt Sale price at ----- \$ 7.95  
 Up to \$20.00 fine tailored suits, any shade you may wish, only ----- \$ 9.85  
 See the beautiful hand tailored suits that go at ----- \$11.85  
 They are really worth \$25.00.  
 The greatest values ever shown, strictly hand made Mens' clothing, Bankrupt sale price... \$13.85  
 To the very swell dressers here is your chance to buy your high grade suits in the very nobby things which you often pay from \$40.00 to \$50.00. These suits now go at ----- \$15.95 and \$23.85  
 Just think of the big saving. Young Mens' suits go according to the same prices. One big lot of two piece suits ----- 98c  
 Boys knickerbocker suits, one lot \$3.00 values at ----- \$ 1.49  
 Boys suits, all ages and sizes, regular \$4.00 values, now ----- \$ 2.48  
 \$6.00 to \$7.50 suits only ----- \$ 3.98

### TRUNKS

3.50 Trunks ----- 2.25  
 4.00 " ----- 2.48  
 4.50 " ----- 3.15  
 5.00 " ----- 3.48  
 10.00 " ----- 5.98  
 20.00 " ----- 11.85  
 25.00 " ----- 14.85

### OVERCOATS

See the big line of overcoats. Will be sacrificed in the next few days at ----- \$3.95  
 Many of our competitors will ask you \$10.00 Dress overcoats go at ----- \$ 4.95  
 When you see this coat you will say it is worth double the money.  
 \$13.50 overcoats ----- \$ 6.85  
 \$15.00 Dress overcoat ----- \$ 7.48  
 \$18.00 values ----- \$ 8.85  
 \$25.00 values ----- \$14.95  
 \$30.00 tailored coats ----- \$17.48  
 Plush lined and fur collar overcoats value \$20.00, only ----- \$11.95  
 Russian calf fur coats \$32.50 values ----- \$17.95

### TROUSERS

2.00 values, Special ----- 1.29  
 3.00 values, Special ----- 1.98  
 4.00 Values, Special ----- 2.79  
 5.00 values, Special ----- 3.48

### MEN'S HATS

Mens' \$1.50 hats ----- 79c  
 Mens' \$2.00 hats ----- \$1.19  
 Mens' \$2.50 hats ----- \$1.69  
 Mens' \$3.00 hats ----- \$1.98  
 John B. Stetson hats ----- \$2.95

### SHOES

Mens' 3.00 Black or tan work Shoes, extra heavy while they last ----- 1.65  
 Mens' 3.00 Pat. leather up to date ----- 1.65  
 3.25 Vici or Gun Metal Shoes take em away ----- 1.98  
 4.00 Dress Shoes a Special cut ----- 2.48  
 4.50 Dress Shoes while they last ----- 3.48  
 Mens' 7.00 high top Shoes, Bankrupt price ----- 3.98  
 Boys' 3.50 high top Shoes, extra special ----- 2.48  
 Mens' heavy overshoes pick em out ----- 93c  
 Men's 1.50 rolled edge buckle artics ----- 1.15  
 Men's 1.75 buckle artics, Special price ----- 1.39  
 Men's Storm Alaskas, Bankrupt price ----- 85c  
 Boys' heavy artics, clean up at ----- 89c

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4.00 Caps ----- 2.48  
 5.00 Caps ----- 3.98  
 6.00 Caps ----- 4.25  
 7.50 Caps ----- 4.98  
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 1.00 Cloth Caps ----- 65c  
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### FURNISHINGS

Mens' fleeced underwear, heavy weight ----- 33c  
 Mens' fleeced rib Union Suits ----- 89c  
 Cluett Dress Shirts, 1.50 grade, now ----- 85c  
 2.00 Dress Shirts ----- 1.19  
 2.50 Dress Shirts ----- 1.39  
 Cluett, Monarch or Lion collars ----- 9c  
 Choice 15c fancy sox ----- 7c  
 25c fancy sox ----- 19c  
 35c fancy suspenders ----- 19c  
 50c fancy Suspenders ----- 29c  
 1.75 rib fleece Union Suits ----- 1.29  
 3.00 Jersey Sweaters ----- 1.98  
 20c fancy Sox ----- 11c  
 1.50 Suit Cases now ----- 79c  
 1.75 Suit Cases now ----- 98c  
 2.25 Suit Cases now ----- 1.48  
 3.00 Suit Cases now ----- 1.98  
 3.50 Suit Cases now ----- 2.25  
 Wholesale prices on all full leather grips and suit cases.  
 Good Weight Overalls ----- 36c  
 Red Hdks ----- 2 1-2c  
 Blue Hdks ----- 2 1-2c  
 White Hdks ----- 2 1-2c  
 Shop Caps ----- 7c  
 50c Work Shirts, heavy weight, sale price ----- 37c  
 Mens' cotton hose ----- 3c  
 Mens' wool hose ----- 19c  
 Mens' wool hose ----- 13c

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# The Farm

## VALUE OF STRAIGHT ROWS.

A ride through almost any farming section during the summer will convince any man that there is much truth in the old saying "that more corn is raised in crooked rows than in straight rows."

It was very unfortunate for the farmers who plant their crops in crooked rows that the modern two row cultivators, corn harvesters and potato diggers cannot conform to all of the serpentine curves made by some drivers.

The farmer who can make nothing but crooked rows is certainly a sloppy farmer.

When hitching to a corn planter, a drill or a land marker it is essential that we have a neck yoke that is rigid and fastened so that when one horse moves the other will hold the pole in place and prevent a crook in the row.

If properly hitched both horses will have to go out of line to make a crook in the rows. While it is very difficult to estimate the value of straight rows in dollars and cents, yet it is very apparent that many hills of corn, potatoes and other cultivated crops are ruined by the cultivators when they are out of line.

Then again there is something about the straight rows that indicates the character of the farmer. When we see straight rows we naturally look for a good farmer who takes pride in the appearance of his fields.

## EXPERIMENT ON RUN-DOWN FARM.

The Pennsylvania State college has recently added a run-down farm of 100 acres to its holdings. A certain twenty-acre field which was in wheat when purchased was this year in grass, mostly timothy. The land was too poor to obtain a good catch of clover, although an abundance of seed was sown. Even the timothy was a poor stand. From 11.7 acres of this plot six loads of hay were obtained. These loads were not weighed, but if we estimated them at 1,700 pounds each, \$75 pounds of hay per acre is obtained. On the remaining eight and one-half acres on April 5, 1909, just as the grass began to grow, commercial fertilizers were applied at the following rate per acre: Acid phosphate, 150 pounds; muriate of potash, 50 pounds; sodium nitrate, 150 pounds. From this 8 1/2 acres eleven loads of hay were obtained, while from the 11.7 acres unfertilized but six loads were obtained. If the loads are again estimated at 1,700 pounds, the yield in place of being 875 pounds per acre was 2,200 pounds. The cost of the fertilizer, not including the cost of application, was \$5.57 per acre, or about \$5.40 per ton of hay. While this is a fairly satisfactory result, it is not what it should have been, because of the poor stand of grass.

## FAVORS GOOD ROADS.

State Geologist W. O. Hotchkiss of Wisconsin tells how one man who farms in that state became a believer in good roads. This man had a thousand bushels of potatoes in the cellar which he was holding for a good price. As he offered 92 cents in March, but as he expressed it, the roads were so bad that the only way he could get to town was by telephone. Of course the roads finally dried out, and then he procured 30 cents a bushel for his potatoes. Hence, rightly, he assumed that bad roads had cost him something over \$600, and he likewise figured that if all the main roads in the county had been improved, his share would have been as much as the loss on his crop of potatoes. Mr. Hotchkiss sums up the situation very concisely in this sentence: "Good roads benefit us at every turn and bad roads are an extravagance that no people can afford."

## JAPANESE FRUIT TREES.

Among the many ways of their own that the Japanese have for doing things is their system of pruning and training fruit trees. The system is called "tana," and consists in training the branches overhead on trellis-work, made of bamboo or wire, supported on wooden posts about 5 1/2 feet high. This offers advantages in gathering the fruit, and not only serves to protect the trees against wind and storms, but is said to increase production. Only very light pruning is done, and that usually in the winter time. This system is generally adopted for pears and vines, less often for apples and plums.

## THE HIGH-GRADE COW.

If the grade cow is a better producer and a more profitable animal than the pure bred one, then somebody is selling pedigrees and not cows. The high grade cow is an ideal animal with which to start a business and if a pure bred sire is used, the quality of the herd will be practically of the owner's making. If a pure bred cow is to be purchased, pay for her on the basis of the production of both her self and her ancestors and not by the length of her pedigree.—Kansas Farmer.

## GOOSEBERRY MILDEW.

Tests made in Germany to control the American gooseberry mildew with 50 per cent. lime sulphur mixtures, 5 per cent. solution of cuprous oxide and 10 per cent. solutions of carbolineum, showed that one treatment with any of these sprays proved unsatisfactory in controlling the mildew. It is reported that the most satisfactory method so far known of combating the disease is a careful cutting back during the winter months of all plants infected with the mildew.

## WATERING HORSES.

It is always best to water a horse before feeding him. But some horses positively refuse to drink before eating. In such cases they should have very little water after their meals. Horses heavily watered after being fed will wash the food out of the stomach before stomach digestion has taken place, and in consequence the food will not be in condition for absorption, which oftentimes is the cause of colic.

It is commonly believed that a warm horse should not be given water to drink, which is correct if the animal is to be allowed all that he will drink. Such cases will lead to foundering, especially if the horse is very tired. But it is safe to allow him, even if he is warm. If this water is given him before he enters the stable and he is allowed to eat hay for an hour, he will not want to drink very much water afterward.

The danger is in the excessive quantity he will drink if not restrained. Horsemen agree that the most dangerous time to give a horse a full draught of water is after he has cooled down from fatiguing work and has had some food.

A noted horse trainer once said that he thinks a horse should have all the water he wants at all times. But when he said this he did not mean that the animal should be tied in a warm stall where he could not get a drink for five or six hours and then take him out to the pump and allow him to drink all that he wants. By giving him drink a little at a time and often, there will be no danger. There must be some good judgment used in the matter.

## MILK PAINT FOR BARN AND FENCES.

"Skim-milk paint" has recently been going the rounds of the agricultural press. Skim-milk will make a fairly good paint or wash, but whole-milk paint is much better, since the grease in the milk is what sets the paint. The following is a personally used formula which has done wonders. It has proved far more effective for rough work than best lead and oil paint. Mix a couple of pounds of standard Portland cement in a gallon of milk—sweet or sour—and add colored paint powder to suit. The cement is heavy and will constantly sink, so keep stirring with every brushful, since it is the cement which makes the paint a preservative, although the grease in the milk seems to set it. After drying—in a few hours—it is impervious to dampness and forms a hard coat on the wood. The cost is very slight and the paint is unexcelled for barns, fences or any outbuildings of rough timber.

## THUMB KNIFE FOR PRUNING.

A man in the fruit country of Lower California has designed a thumb knife, which is a very handy little implement for snipping off bunches of grapes or other fruit. A metal thimble has a sharp cutting blade projecting from the end, like a long thumb nail. Along the mouth of the thimble is a row of perforations for the purpose of sewing it fast to a cloth finger stall, which in turn has a drawing string at its open end. With this little implement fastened on his thumb a man can pinch fruit off the vines and trees with great rapidity and without injuring them in the least, just as if his own thumb nail was strong enough and sharp enough to cut through the branches. With some methods of removing grapes, for instance, a slight pulling is necessary, and this invariably results in a quantity of the ripper fruit falling from the bunch.

## EDISON ON ROADS.

Thomas A. Edison, just home from Europe, says that America is good enough for him. We lead the old world in electricity, he declares, adding: "But the roads there are perfect. We don't know what roads are. We are a raw country on the road business." "France has got the best road engineers in the world. They build roads to perfection. On a 2,000-mile automobile tour I only passed over two miles and a half of bad road, and for a distance of 1,800 miles I did not see a rut two inches deep. France is a big park. It is farmed every inch of it, and they raise two or three times as much to the acre as we do. But I am still perfectly satisfied with my own country."

## PLOWING DEMONSTRATION.

An interesting plowing demonstration has just been made on the Ohio State university farm at Columbus, O. A disk plow, designed for deep plowing, was compared with a six-bottom gang plow, pulled by a kerosene engine. The two outfits were used side by side, in the same field, both doing good work. The plowed land has been prepared and will be sown to wheat and the resulting yields compared. For several years the deep plowing has given increased yields.

## PLANTS FROM SEED.

About the number of plants that can be produced from one ounce of seed is as follows: Asparagus, 500; broccoli, 2,000; cabbage, 2,000; cauliflower, 2,000; celery, 3,000; eggplant, 1,000; endive, 3,000; kale, 2,000; leek, 1,000; lettuce, 3,000; pepper, 2,000; tomato, 3,000; sage, 1,000; thyme, 5,000.

When a man borrows money from his best friend, it is best for the latter to give it away as a birthday present.

# POETRY

of and by Our People

## THE CHARCOAL MAN.

Though rudely blows the wily blast,  
And sifting snows fall white and fast,  
Mark Haley drives along the street,  
Perch'd high upon his wagon seat;  
His sombre face the storm defies,  
And thus from morn till eve he cries—  
"Charco! Charco!"  
While echo faint and far replies—  
"Hark, O! Hark, O!"  
"Charco! Charco!"  
"Hark, O! Hark, O!"—Such cheery sounds  
Attend him on his daily rounds.

The dust begrimes his ancient hat;  
His coat is darker far than that;  
"Is odd to see his sooty form  
All speckled with the feathery storm;  
Yet in his honest bosom lies  
Nor spot nor speck—though still he cries—  
"Charco! Charco!"  
And many a roguish lad replies—  
"Hark, O! Hark, O!"  
"Charco!" — "Hark, ho!" — such various sounds  
Announce Mark Haley's morning rounds.

Thus all the cold and wintry day  
He labors much for little pay;  
Yet feels no less of happiness  
Than many a richer man, I guess,  
When through the shades of eve he spies  
The light of his own home, and cries,  
"Charco! Charco!"  
And Martha from the door replies—  
"Mark, ho! Mark, ho!"  
"Charco!" — "Mark, ho!" — Such joy abounds  
When he has closed his daily rounds.

The hearth is warm, the fire is bright;  
And, while his hand, washed clean and white,  
Holds Martha's tender hand once more,  
His glowing face bends fondly o'er  
The crib wherein his darling lies,  
And in a cooing tone he cries,  
"Charco! Charco!"  
And baby with a laugh replies—  
"Ah, go! Ah, go!" — while at the sounds  
"Charco! Charco!" — "Ah, go!" — while at the sounds  
The mother's heart with gladness bounds.

Then honor'd be the charcoal man!  
Though dusky as an African,  
"Is not for you, that chance to be  
A little better clad than he,  
His honest manhood to despise,  
Although from morn till eve he cries—  
"Charco! Charco!"  
While mocking echo still replies—  
"Hark, O! Hark, O!"  
"Charco!" — "Hark, O!" — Long may the sounds  
Proclaim Mark Haley's daily rounds.  
—J. T. Troutbridge.

## VITAL LAMPADA.

There's a breathless hush in the Close  
tonight—  
Ten to make and the match to win—  
A bumping pitch and a blinding light.  
An hour to play and the last man in,  
And it's not for the sake of a ribboned coat,  
Or the selfish hope of a season's fame,  
But his Captain's hand on his shoulder smote,  
"Play up! play up! and play the game!"

The sand of the desert is sodden red—  
Red with the wreck of a square that broke;  
The Gatling's jammed and the Colonel dead,  
And the regiment blind with dust and smoke,  
The river of death has brimmed his banks,  
And England's far, and Honor a name,  
But the voice of a schoolboy rallies the ranks,  
"Play up! play up! and play the game!"

This is the word that year by year  
While in her place the School is set,  
Every one of her sons must hear,  
And none that hears it dare forget.  
This they all with a joyful mind  
Beat through life like a torch in flame,  
And falling, fling to the host behind—  
"Play up! play up! and play the game!"  
—Henry Newbolt.

## WE SHALL MEET AND REST.

Where the faded flower shall freshen,  
Freshen never more to fade;  
Where the shaded sky shall brighten,  
Brighten never more to shade;  
Where the morn shall wake in gladness,  
And the noon the joy prolong;  
Where the daylight dies in fragrance,  
"Mid the burst of holy song—"

Where the love that here we lavish,  
On the withering leaves of time,  
Shall have fadeless flowers to fling on,  
In an ever spring-bright clime;  
Where we find the joy of loving,  
As we never loved before—  
Loving on, unchilled, unshaded,  
Loving once and evermore.

Where no shadow shall bewilder,  
Where life's vain parade is o'er;  
Where the sleep of sin is broken,  
And the dreamer dreams no more;  
Where the child has found the mother,  
Where the mother finds the child;  
Where the loved ones all are gathered,  
That were scattered on the wild.

## REFRAIN.

We shall meet and we shall rest,  
"Mid the holy and the blest;  
We shall meet on yonder side  
With the loved ones gone before;  
We shall meet and we shall rest,  
"Mid the holy and the blest."  
—Rev. Horatius Bonar.

## WHATEVER IS, IS BEST.

I know as my life grows older,  
And mine eyes have clearer sight,  
That under each rank wrong somewhere  
There lies the root of right;  
That each sorrow has its purpose,  
By the sorrowing oft unguessed;  
But as sure as the dawn brings daylight,  
Whatever is, is best.

I know that each sinful action,  
As sure as the night brings shade,  
Is somewhere some time punished,  
Though the hour be long delayed.  
I know that the soul is aided,  
Sometimes by the heart's unrest,  
And to grow means often to suffer—  
But whatever is, is best.

I know there are no errors  
In the great eternal plan,  
And all things work together  
For the final good of all;  
And I know when my soul speeds onward,  
In its grand eternal quest,  
I shall say, as I look back earthward,  
Whatever is, is best.  
—Unknown.

## ALONE WITH GOD.

He who himself and God would know,  
Into the silence let him go,  
And, lifting off all after pain,  
Reach to the inmost depth of all.

How small in that uplifted hour  
Temptation's lure and passion's power!  
How weak the foe that made him fall!  
How strong the soul to conquer all!

A mighty wind of nobler will  
Sends through his soul its quickening thrill;  
No more a creature of the clod,  
He knows himself a child of God.  
—James Martineau.

# Of Interest to Our Women

## FLORAL FABRICS FOR GOWNS

There are some new fabrics out of which we are to make picture gowns for the midsummer and the fall. The trouble with them, as far as the majority of buyers is concerned, is that they are difficult to find. The exclusive importers have them, and one reads a great deal about them in the letters from Paris.

They are expensive, but many women think that the effect justifies the initial cost. The foundation color of most of them is a queer old parchment tone, which is one of the novelties coming back into the art of dyeing. This was very popular in its day, and for decades at a time it was ignored or possibly forgotten.

There is nothing about it that is artistic. The only way to describe it is to say it looks like old parchment. It has no stiffness, it does not wrinkle or crush, but it looks as though it would ripple and rustle as parchment if one were to shake it. It is a dry, ochre, brown tint that stands for any color that is superimposed on it.

For instance, here are the variety of colors used with it: One design has bright pink roses, large and small ones, bedded in quantities of green leaves. In between the bunches of roses are little loose groups of blue forget-me-nots. Another design has bold cerise foliage in it like wonderful autumn leaves, or the red of the sumach, and in between these sprays of leaves are quantities of black and white berries sprinkled on the surface.

Possibly the prettiest design shows this dull parchment color for the foundation with stiff little bouquets of pink, mauve and yellow scattered over the surface. Imagine such a gown made in Dolly Varden fashion, and trimmed with bunches of satin flowers and stiff little rosettes!

Whether or not you will be able to find or able to buy this new material it is interesting to know that it is the leader in the revival of floral fabrics. The figures in it are far cry from the bold geometric designs of the Egyptian, peasant, and Byzantine; its introduction has been demure and unannounced by a blare of trumpets.

However, if one judges the future by the past, these floral fabrics will be in full swing by autumn. We are all beginning to see a few of them made up into good looking frocks, by midsummer we will see more, and possibly they will be strongly advocated in the new things that will be offered to us in September for winter.

The manufacturers are never as revolutionary as many think. They put out feelers months before they make up anything in quantities.

## HEAVY LUGGAGE.

Ever tramp squares and squares with a heavy bag or sult case in your hand—the weight apparently increasing every minute? It's trying, nerve-racking and decidedly uncomfortable, isn't it?

People who have experienced this will surely call down blessings upon the head of the inventor of rattan or straw bags and suit cases. They have so little weight and the cost is so slight that every girl or man who goes away for short trips where the luggage must be carried by hand should invest in one of these sensible luggage carriers.

## TO REDUCE DOUBLE CHIN.

Sleeping on high pillows will soon produce a double chin and round shoulders. To sleep without a pillow is best, but never use anything higher than a baby pillow if you wish to avoid these defects.

## FASHION NOTES.

A new color alliance is mahogany and peacock blue.  
Blue and red is one of the new color combinations.  
In the evening frocks the wrapped tunic dominates entirely.

This year the linen bathing suit promises to be much worn.

The striped straw which has been so popular has already lost its charm. White buckskin pumps and slippers have crisp little bows of black satin.  
In the evening and afternoon wraps three-quarter sleeves are much in favor.

Many afternoon frocks have their bodices of contrasting material and color.

Skirts of the hour are close, narrow, quite short as a rule, but very recently made suits show skirts, some wider at the foot, although the straight effect still obtains.

The lingerie robe is made all in one piece, and sometimes waist and skirt are put together with lace, sometimes with fine mill embroidery, sometimes with beading.

The tapestry handbag, with a pointed flap, is called an "envelope bag." Its edges are bound with linen tape or silk galleon, and it fastens either by a button and loop or by a patent clasp.

Many of the new top wraps are made with tiny director's jackets, which have immense revers in front, and slim, scant skirts, which are put on to the jackets under a thick satin cord.

Picture hats are trimmed with heavy bows composed of close circles of coral, topas or emerald beads; while cabochons show checks like a chess-board of two or four different shades to correspond with the hat.

One of the materials that have come into being at the beginning of the hot weather is the figured cotton net that we had with us several seasons ago.

Some of the long white gloves are exquisitely embroidered in tiny buds around the wrist with fine trailing vines extending part way up the long arm.

## THE VOGUE OF JET

Among the recent fashion arrivals is that of wearing jet. It is particularly smart with the many black and white costumes that are being worn this season. The dog collars are very elaborate in design. The winged combs are new and very effective for the hair, especially if the coiffure is worn low. Butterflies with aigrettes or spike bows for the hair are also new and very dressy.

The newest jet chains or necklaces have plaque lockets that are very handsomely cut and the chain allows them to fall only to the bust line. There is a bowknot pin also that has fringe drops which make is most attractive.

Hat pins and all other little accessories will be found as complete as in all of the semi-precious stone novelties, and they are quite as becoming to the brunette as to the blonde or auburn type.

## SLING SLEEVES.

The popular and fashionable top coat made of satin or crepe de chine has the wide sling sleeve, which was in style in mediaeval days. It is not so large as its ancestors and it has a wide cuff, which shows the color and the reverse side of the satin. Nearly all these coats are made of reversible cloth, the colors of which are in direct but harmonious contrast.

It must be a trifle shorter than the coats worn during the winter, if one is to be fashionable, but it is not necessary to cut it off just below the waist line. For this reason the rather long Norfolk jacket is very much in style for tall women, who must wear long lines.

These are made of linen, of checked cheviot, and of the shadowy mohair that has come into fashion. They are an especially good choice in linen, for this kind of suit can never be anything but most informal, and the Norfolk jacket has never risen above its position as a sporting garment.

It originated on the English moors, has always been worn for shooting and walking, and it is probable that, in its many revivals, it will not go any further. It is not warmer than the plain coat, and its entire absence of fluff and the fact that it cannot be trimmed, make it an admirable type of everyday summer coat.

The new ones, which are exclusive so far and not popular, reach a little below the point of the hip. The waist does not fit in to the figure, but continues on straight lines. The box plaits are laid on or made in with the material, and are not stitched at the edges. The stitches might help to keep them in place if there is any question of their refusing to behave themselves, but as a rule heavy linen crash is apt to remain in the position in which it is ironed.

The belt is of the material slipped through the box plait here and there, and simply hooked in front. The revers are also of the material, notched like those on a man's coat, and finishing in a small round collar at the back.

## GOOD THINGS TO EAT.

Lemon Pie.—The juice and grated outside of one lemon, one cup of sugar, two heaping tablespoons of corn starch; pour two cups of boiling water into the mixture and let thicken; when cool, one egg and small piece of butter; spread meringue on the top and brown.

Blueberry Pudding.—One cup sugar, one-half cup butter, two-thirds cup milk, two heaping cups flour, two heaping teaspoons baking powder, one egg and a little salt. Sauce.—One cup sugar, two-thirds cup butter. Beat these well, then add one egg and beat well, then a little water, just to thin it.  
Steamed Berry Dumplings.—Fill a two-quart basin about half full with ripe raspberries or blackberries, cover with a crust of raised dough and cover the basin with a plate. Steam three-fourths of an hour. Serve with a sweet sauce.

## SOME DON'TS FOR THE TRAVELERS.

Don't talk so all the passengers can enjoy your conversation.  
Don't talk strangers into your confidence.  
Don't be afraid to inquire the way if you are bewildered.  
Don't wipe the dust off the car windows with your elbows.  
Don't forget courtesy gets better returns than tips. Though this may be hard to believe, try it.  
Don't let your children inflict themselves on your traveling companions.

## FOR MILADI'S TOILET.

A good cleansing cream to remove grime and the dust of travel, plenty of fragrant rice or talcum powder to freshen one after the bath, and a generous bottle of eau de cologne to bathe one's weary and aching head—these are some of the "must haves" of most women travelers.  
Smelling salts may also prove useful, cucumber cream will relieve sunburn, and peroxide may not come amiss.

## CARE OF THE REGISTERS.

If a piece of heavy cardboard is cut and fitted into the registers during the summer months it will prevent a great deal of dust sitting through the register into the pipes—dust which, when the furnace is lighted, will be scattered throughout the house. Another good reason for using these protectors is that if anything is inadvertently dropped down the register, it cannot completely disappear from sight.

# Guests At Tule

Edmund Clarence Stedman



NOEL! NOEL!  
Thus sounds each Christmas bell—  
Across the winter snow—  
But what are the little footprints all?  
That mark the path from the churchyard wall?  
They are those of the children wakened tonight  
From sleep by the Christmas bells and light:  
Ring sweetly, chimel! Soft, soft, my rhymes!  
Their beds are under the snow.

Noel! Noel!  
Carols each Christmas bell  
What are the wreaths of mist  
That gather near the window-pane  
Where the winter frost all day has lain?  
They are soulless elves, who fain would peer  
Within, and laugh at our Christmas cheer:  
Ring fleetly, chimel! Swift, swift, my rhymes!  
They are made of the mocking mist.

Noel! Noel!  
Cease, cease, each Christmas bell!  
Under the holly bough,  
Where the happy children throng and shout,  
What shadow seems to flit about?  
Is it the mother, then, who died  
Ere the greens were sere last Christmas-tide?  
Hush! falling chimel! Cease, cease, my rhymes!  
The guests are gathered now.



## The Origin of Christmas Customs

It is interesting to trace the origin of festival customs to those connected with Druidical superstitions of classic observances and it will surprise many to learn that present-day sports very closely resemble the celebrations observed of old in honor of Saturn or Bacchus.

The Roman Saturnalia, which occurred in the winter solstice, were a season of great festivity and rejoicing honored by many privileges and exemptions. The spirit of gaily mad tree charter, and even quarrels were suspended, to be resumed after the holidays.

As a manifestation of the gratitude felt at the renewed prospects of the returning march of the sun, gifts were exchanged and special hymns were sung. These latter were really the Roman representatives of the modern carol.

At the Saturnalia the Roman feasted, sang and danced, as we do at Christmas. A ruler or king was appointed, who enjoyed certain prerogatives. He presided over the sports of the season. Probably he is the ancestor of the lord of misrule, who exercised a similar power in more recent times.

Merriment was a matter of general concern, and the joyous spirit of entire districts is now narrowed to family parties.

It is the touch that makes the whole world kin, and it is a pleasant reminder that, after all, history repeats itself.

Floral Cookery.  
In all Chinese restaurants of the better class may be found at New Year's time experts busy in the surprising tasks of frying beautiful La France roses or preparing orange skin and nuts with which to cook a duck. Chrysanthemum fritters are one of the time-honored New Year's delicacies, and the dinner is no more complete without this remarkable concoction than an American Thanksgiving dinner would be without turkey.

So Near and Yet—  
"I was very near to proposing to Miss Maybelle last night."  
"Why didn't you?"  
"Because she had such a faraway look."

By Comparison.  
"Say, mamma, my teacher would make a bully highwayman!" exclaimed a boy as he rushed in from school.  
"Why, Freddy, what in the world do you mean?" inquired his astonished mother.  
"Why, she's always telling the children to 'hold up their hands.'"  
Judge.

never appear in print—true stories of men and women whose thoughts have been only of their own selfish aims and pleasures, but have been awakened, if only for a day or two, from their usual self-complacency, moved by some force of which they are only half-conscious to do some act of kindness to make the day happier for someone less fortunate than themselves in a worldly way.—The Christian Herald.

As it is with places, so it is with people. They, too, not only seem to change, but the transformation does take place in millions of hearts to a greater or less degree. The spirit of Christmas even affects people who for the rest of the year are devoid of sentiment and of feeling for their fellow-Christians those which will never appear in print—true stories of men and women whose thoughts have been only of their own selfish aims and pleasures, but have been awakened, if only for a day or two, from their usual self-complacency, moved by some force of which they are only half-conscious to do some act of kindness to make the day happier for someone less fortunate than themselves in a worldly way.—The Christian Herald.

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## RACE ECHOES.

Iowa was the first state in the union to wipe the black laws off her statute books.

### More Negroes Buying Farms.

Negroes are buying many farms throughout the south and especially in South Carolina. From 1900 to 1910 the farms owned by negroes increased by 11,295. There are now 176,180 farms in that state. More than half of them, or 96,696, are owned by the colored people.

### Racial Interest in Charleston.

Out of a total population of 65,000 in Charleston, S. C., the colored people number 40,000. They have a large number of churches and business organizations of various kinds. There are fifteen undertakers, two drug stores, two newspapers, one orphan asylum, several private schools and two insurance companies.

### Large Dairy Output at Tuskegee.

The dairy department at Tuskegee Institute reports an average of 190 gallons of milk daily, and the creamery department averages eighty-five pounds of butter. The herd numbers 120. The school supplies many families in the community with milk and butter.

### Infantry Regiment Goes to Manila.

The war department has ordered the Twenty-fourth United States infantry, which has been stationed at Fort Ontario, to Manila. The regiment left for San Francisco on Nov. 28, from whence it will leave on the transport Logan for the Philippines on Tuesday, Dec. 5.

The Simmons' school at St. Louis, Mo., now far outranks the L'Ouverture school which for many years had the reputation of being the largest Negro school in America. The Simmons school is located in a highly congested colored district of St. Louis, where Negroes from humblest cottages to stone front mansions, which many own, contribute their quota of pupils.

The building gaffer being enlarged a number of times, now contains nearly 40 rooms. The principal Prof. Richard H. Cole, who is the highest salaried Negro employed, is an able and progressive educator and also an eloquent and forceful pulpit orator of the Baptist faith.

### Dallas as Thrifty Business Center.

Among the four hundred and odd enterprises, business and professional, conducted by the Afro-Americans in Dallas, Tex., the following fall in the special list. There are fifteen physicians, four dentists, five lawyers, one capitalist, five contractors, one bank, ninety schoolteachers, two drug stores, one photographer, two hotels, fifty churches, seven school buildings, one sanitarium and one dry goods store.

**Young Men's Christian Associations.**  
Robert P. Hamlin, former secretary of the Carlton avenue branch of the Young Men's Christian association in Brooklyn, is authority for the statement that there are among Afro-Americans in the United States ninety-three student and forty city associations with an aggregate membership of more than 12,000 men and boys. There are nineteen buildings costing from \$2,000 to \$32,000 each. The greatest need at the present time is better equipment. Mr. Hamlin was appointed to the international field in June, 1911, and is doing excellent work.

Iowa has 154 colored boys and girls to have graduated from her high schools, and 52 men and women to have finished the college and university and have graduated from them in Iowa in the last one-half century. No other state in the union can show such a large percentage in proportion to the colored population.

### KEOKUK NOTES.

Solomon Giles, who has always been a well respected citizen of Keokuk, died at 4:30 Wednesday morning at the home of his mother, Mrs. Lucretia Ruben, at Twenty-first street and Plank road. His death was due to quick consumption. He was born and reared in Keokuk and has always made this city his home. He leaves a mother, Mrs. Ruben, and a sister, Miss Ella Giles, both of this city, who have the sympathy of all. Funeral was held on Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, at Seventh Street Baptist church.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Bryant Thursday, December 7th, a daughter, Mrs. Addie Miles is quite ill at her rooms, 1215 Morgan street.

The debate that was to have been discussed at Pilgrims Rest church on Tuesday evening, has been postponed

until a future date. Subject, Resolved That woman is more valuable than man.

The funeral of Mr. Joseph Beleford occurred at Kahoka, Mo., last Tuesday morning. The deceased died in St. Louis. He has relatives here and a number of acquaintances who regret to know of his demise. Rev. J. H. Helm officiated at the obsequies.

The death of Mrs. Jennie V. Donnelly of Palmyra, Mo., has occasioned a shock to her many friends here, although it has been known for sometime that her condition was serious. Mrs. Donnelly was an ardent church worker, having held various offices in some throughout.

Nearly every week records an addition to the number of Water Power employes either killed, fatally or seriously wounded.

The Missouri jurisdiction of S. M. T.'s will hold their monthly meetings at Pilgrims' Rest church until adequate quarters can be obtained, there being no constitutional restriction pertaining to what floor the meetings should be held.

Mr. Eli Smith is quite seriously ill, having suffered another stroke of paralysis. Friends of Mr. Henry Johnson are glad to know that he is now able to be upon the streets. Rev. Brewer of Bethel church preached two able and inspiring sermons last Sunday morning and evening. The congregation continues to increase. Miss Naomi Mills, the organist, is on the sick list. The congregation was fortunately blessed by having in their midst Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson, of Des Moines, who seemed quite at home and rendered the choir the most valuable assistance which was highly appreciated. A vote of thanks being extended them.

Miss Daisy Ware left for Minneapolis last Monday evening, where she will appear in a song recital Wednesday night.

The Coleridge Taylor music club will present a literary and musical program at Bethel on New Year's night. A programme composed of local talent has been arranged for Christmas evening.

The different clubs of Seventh Street church are working very diligently endeavoring to meet obligations.

The members of Pilgrims Rest church still continue to rally. The edifice is now being reshingled, their pastor, Rev. J. H. Helm, has labored unceasingly, and by his earnest endeavors, honest and upright dealing and Christian attitude, he has won the esteem and confidence of the members of his congregation and community. His amiable wife is an ardent church worker and has won many friends.

Mr. Elwood Robinson of Marceline, Mo., was guest of his father, Mr. Edward Robinson, for a few days last week. Mr. Robinson is employed as a cook on a private dining car. Dr. Stacy Flournoy is a young man deserving of honorable mention. Since locating here a few years ago he has by ingenuity and scientific skill, made good, and is rapidly advancing in the professional world.

Mrs. Anna Alden, 1607 Morgan street, very pleasantly entertained her Sunday school class at a candy pull Saturday afternoon. A fine time was reported. She also entertained Mrs. Bentham's class Monday evening. This was also a delightful affair. Mrs. Alden has the reputation of being an ardent entertainer.

Bishop Morrison has accepted the resignation of the Rev. W. A. Bruce, to take effect May 1, 1912. He will act as assistant to the Rev. J. C. Sage, who is priest in charge of St. Mary the Virgin.

Little John Robinson, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Robinson, who was quite ill, a few days last week, is recovering. Mr. Ollie Walker whose illness was reported in the Bystander a few days ago, is still very sick. Little hope is entertained for his recovery.

Revival services are in progress at Union Baptist church, corner Thirteenth and High streets.

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Company," with R. N. Hyde as the Superintendent of factories and B. N. Hyde and two other young men interested. Mr. R. N. Hyde was recently appointed Grand District Deputy for the Southern District of Iowa by Harry H. Pace, the Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks of the World of Nashville, Tenn.

### Mammoth Stork.

The adjunct, or marabout, a tall bird of India, of the stork species, will swallow a hare or a cat whole. It stands five feet high, and the expanse of wings is nearly 15 feet.

### Better Kept in a Box.

Wife—You know, John, you used to like my little displays of temper. Hubby—Yes, love, but it's been an exhibition so long now I think it's low for me to see—Bertie's Transcript.



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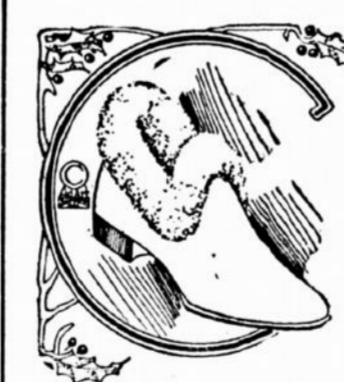
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When the winter blasts are howling, And the snow is coming down And the back logs near the chimney Sputter forth a merry soun, When the knitting needles glisten, As they in and out do go, For the fingers know exactly How to turn the heel and toe; Listen to the jokes he's cracking, Of the quaint old-fashioned type, Where the mammy rocks the cradle, And the daddy smokes his pipe.

On an evening, often sitting, In the midst of splendid, bright, Do we borrow memory's torches Shining with a pale blue light, Backward through the years we travel crossing, oh, so many streams, Struggling in the rugged roadway, Though made by broken dreams; But at last we reach a cabin, 'Tis of trust southern type, Where the mammy rocks the cradle, And the daddy smokes his pipe. Virgie Whitsett White.

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