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## Tribute To The 92nd Division

The following poem in honor of the 92d Division, composed of colored men was written by Len Donaldson, a colored musician of Paris:

You've heard about the greatest war upon the land or sea, Of how our soldiers fought and died to bring us victory, Of how the idea fostered in a great satanic brain To plunge the world in battle just to serve his selfish gain. You've heard about poor Belgium and how she was betrayed By beings "scraps of paper," which the German lords had made. You've heard the stories of the war of Canada and that Brave bunch of heroes that she gave by name, "The Princess Pat." You know about the sturdy French, her soldiers tried and true, Of England's navy, who controls the ocean blue. You've heard of the Italian armies scattered left and right, And then how they redeemed themselves and put the Huns to flight. And now a word of Uncle Sam, the men who turned the tide, Who sent his men so thick and fast, the Huns' eyes opened wide. Just thirteen hundred thousand men he sent to yonder shore And said that's just a starter, we have twice as many more. And when the Kaiser saw this steady increased flow of men He quietly slipped away from home so that the war could end. The armistice is signed, the war is over now, I reckon, But I would like to say one word about the Ninety-second. This was a bunch of colored boys whom Uncle Sam did send Three thousand miles away from home, their country to defend. Good natured, laughing set of boys and who were to be placed In the front ranks to meet the hard trained soldiers face to face. Some of these boys a hundred miles from home had never been, And they were sent so far away to battle there with men. They were not tough or hardened like the German's crack brigade, For every man that's born on German soil's a soldier made. The Prussian Guards, the Crown Prince's crack and well trained regiment, Were what these laughing jolly boys to battle with were sent. But did they hesitate or stop? No—onward was their cry, They knew what they were sent for, they were there to do or die. Von Hindenburg, the Lord of War, Von Hindenburg the Great, Who boasted that he had a line no one could penetrate. This bunch of fighting boys went right on out across "No Man's Land," Right through Von Hindenburg's pet line; the Hun's retreat began. Let history record these facts in whipping out the Hun, A braver bunch than these boys, never did shoulder a gun. Now listen, have you ever heard or have you seen it beat, The Ninety-second colored boys, one inch did not retreat. Let others praise their heroes, and I think it's just and right, We'll praise the Ninety-second, there's no better in a fight. Now mark this on the record when the armistice was signed, This bunch of fighting colored boys was nearest to the Rhine. But then it's not so hard to see, it's plain as day I reckon, That all the Devils out of Hell could not stop the Ninety-second. By Leon Donaldson, Paris, Mo.

### OTTUMWA BRIEFS.

#### Last Week's News.

A very profitable day was spent Sunday at Mt. Zion A. M. E. church, May 11. Rev. E. R. Edwards preached an instructive sermon in the morning on "Mother." The Sunday school and choirs of both Methodist and Second Baptist churches furnished music and literature in the afternoon.

Mr. Eugene Bailey, the noted tenor soloist of Ottumwa, assisted by Miss Etta Seary formerly of Ottumwa, who is now attending Iowa Wesleyan College, gave a musical at the A. M. E. church at Mt. Pleasant Thursday evening, May 8, 1919. They report splendid success.

Mr. Bailey was a graduate with the 1918 class of the Ottumwa high school. Soon after his graduation he was called to the colors of his country. He went to Howard University and took military training. While in school he took a very active part in glee club work. It was in this way that his talent was scattered among the white population. Since that time he has been called upon to sing for them in different towns and cities.

Miss Seary was a graduate with the 1917 class of Ottumwa high school. She soon afterward went to I. N. C. in order to complete her education. Miss Seary is among the best talented pianist found most anywhere and a very interesting orator. She delivered a very successful original oration on "The Negro and Larger Democracy." It dealt with the Negro problem and the issue of war. We feel sure that through co-operation and backing given these young people that success will be theirs. Ottumwa can say boldly that she is proud of them.

The Lyceum Literary Society held its first public meeting at the A. M. E. church Monday, May 12, 1919. The purpose of this meeting was to acquaint the public with the object and to obtain more membership. This society is a newly organized club with Mr. L. A. Hall president. Several very enjoyable musical numbers were rendered. The audience was favored with a short spirited lecture by Corporal Curtis Williams, who has returned from overseas in the past few months. Addresses were given by the president, Mr. L. A. Hall, and the pastor of the church, Rev. E. R. Edwards. This is a very promising society. But let us ever keep before us that through unity there is strength. The following officers have been elected: Rev. E. R. Edwards, president ex-officio; Mr. L. A. Hall, president; Mrs. A. Bibb, vice president; Miss Lelah Downey, secretary; Mrs. H. Owens, treasurer; Miss Leonora Williams, chairman of program committee.

Mr. McKinley Weews was a visitor in Albion Sunday.

Mrs. Henry Milton arrived home Friday from Cedar Rapids. She brought with her her two grandchildren, little Dorothy and Dicky Warren, of Cedar Rapids.

The colored base ball team, the "Browns," went to Kirkville Sunday and played the white team, "The Kirkville Blues." From all reports the Kirkville team was left quite blue, the "Browns" winning with a victorious score of 24 to 9.

### OSKALOOSA, IOWA.

#### Last Week's News.

Miss Edna Jones, after several weeks stay in Washington in the home of her sister, Mrs. Theodora Turner, and a week's visit in Ottumwa, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Chas. Wilson, arrived home Thursday accompanied by her nephew, Master Cedric Wilcox, whose stay is indefinite.

Mrs. Sallie Cowan is much improved. The churches are holding regular meetings, well attended.

Mrs. Susan Allen has moved from the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Franklin, and now is pleasantly located in the home of her son, Henry Allen, and family.

Rev. J. D. Peterson passed through the city Monday enroute from Marshalltown to Washington, where he will visit in the home of his brother, Rev. F. J. Peterson. Rev. Peterson while in the city was the guest of Rev. and Mrs. D. W. Brown. Rev. Peterson pastored here three years ago and it would have been a great pleasure to his many friends to have visited with him.

Esther Chapter No. 6, O. E. S., meet in regular session Tuesday night. Much business transacted. Initiation Tuesday night, May 20. Rev. and Mrs. D. W. Brown were guests in the chapter Tuesday night. Visitors always welcome. Cora Moon, W. M. Stella Ringo, Sec.

### KAPPA ALPHA PSI BANQUET AT WILBERFORCE.

#### (Special to Bystander.)

The social history of Wilberforce University reached its zenith in the annual banquet of Delta Chapter of the national Fraternity, Kappa Alpha Psi, at Emery Hall, Wilberforce, Ohio, Saturday evening. Wilberforce and its vicinity were treated to an affair which surpassed any social event which has ever graced the halls of the institution. It is the general consensus of opinion that the banquet was the most elaborate and unique event that Wilberforce has ever experienced. Everything was novel, from the method of decorations to the Kappa Alpha Psi Kewpie favors.

The parlors and reception rooms of Emery Hall were profusely decorated with festoons of crimson and cream, the fraternity colors. Palms and ferns were everywhere and also masses of sweet peas, the fraternity flower. One of the parlors was converted into a Kappa Alpha Psi forest, by means of these decorations; and from the depths of this woodland glade, punch was drawn and served from a rustic well. In another one of the parlors, from behind a screen of ferns, came the sweet strains of music, furnished by Parker's orchestra of Columbus.

After the guests had assembled, the way was led to the dining room. Here also the garlands of crimson and cream stretched to every corner, and the very walls themselves were hidden by roses, palms and sweet peas. The color scheme was carried out in the table decorations, which were decidedly beautiful. While the orchestra furnished the guests with beautiful selections and the latest popular airs, a delightful six-course banquet was served.

During the course of the evening a program was rendered. Among the numbers were the solos by Miss Doris Wells and Mr. J. M. Bard, and an address by Mr. R. A. Braxton, Polemarch of Delta Chapter, and a few remarks by President Scarborough and Dean Jones. The main feature of the evening was the Grecian dance by Miss Yvette Jones. (This number deserves special mention because of the beauty, grace and emotion with which it was endowed.) The members of the fraternity favored their guests with the Fraternity and Chapter songs.

The banquet was brought to a close at the hours of midnight and the guests left the hall (feeling that never before had there been any superior event and that never again can there be one which will surpass that which they had just enjoyed).

Besides the Kappa Alpha Psi members and their ladies, and the members of their sister sorority, the Alpha Kappa Alphas, the guests of the evening were the members of the faculty and wives.

Among the out of town guests were the Misses Gladys Brummell of Indianapolis, Vandalia Wallace of Washington, D. C., Grace Gothard of Columbus, Ruth Callender of Xenia, Ella Avery of Dayton, Margaret Speaks, Katherine Jones, Irene Brown from Springfield, Ohio, Lts. Eurpin of St. Louis and Clay Hunter of Yellow Springs, Messrs. E. E. Simpson and Clyde Minor of Columbus.

### ALBIA NEWS.

The stewardesses had charge of the meetings on Sunday evening at the A. M. E. church. Miss Alberta Robinson of the senior class from Hoeking attended the exercises at the Albia high school on Sunday evening, their yearly sermon for seniors.

T. S. C. C. met at the home of Mrs. G. A. Davis on Sunday afternoon and elected Mrs. Delia Thomas as delegate to the State Federation of Colored Women.

Mrs. Mabel Robinson of Hoeking was in Albia this week on business. Mrs. B. T. Lewis received word from her son, Mr. John E. Lewis, formerly of Madison, Wis., that he had accepted a position as linotype operator in the largest newspaper firm of Racine, Wis. He is the only young man of the race who has ever held the position with the firm.

The A. M. E. Sunday school will give their picnic at Urban park on Thursday, June 26th.

The skating rink will be open to all who care to skate. Mr. Leonard Ford of Oskaloosa was a guest of Miss Ila Lewis Monday evening.

The C. E. League gave an interesting program on Mother's Day and talks were also given by a few parents.

Mr. McKinley Weeks of Ottumwa was a Sunday evening guest of Miss S. Naomi Lewis.

Quarterly meeting services will be held on June 1st.

Mr. John Lewis of Oskaloosa was an Albia visitor Monday.

### MACON, MO., NEWS.

The Daughters of Tabernacle held their annual sermon at the A. M. E. church Sunday.

Rev. J. W. L. Underwood preached the baccalaureate sermon to the Dumas high school. His subject was "Education," which was enjoyed by all.

Dumas high school will hold their exercises at the opera house May 20.

Mr. H. Chin spent Monday in Macon visiting.

The Western College commencement will start May 28 and end June 5.

Mr. Frank Blair of Berier, Mo., colored, was stabbed by a white boy Sunday. He died instantly. They had been quarreling.

The Admore team played Western College Saturday, but W. C. won.

Miss Flora Jackson of Admore, Mo., will visit her mother, Mrs. M. McCarr, Tuesday and attend the exercises.

## EXTRA!

**The City Council has granted the Colored Y. M. C. A. the privilege to erect a temporary building on the play ground at 9th & Park Sts. Arrangements are being made to boost collections in order to erect building as soon as possible.**

### CLINTON, IOWA.

Sunday, May 11, was Trustee Day at the A. M. E. church. A rally was on all day. In the evening a highly interesting program by the choir was rendered, assisted by other local talent. The trustees are elated over their success financially as they are practically out of debt.

Leah Chapter, O. E. S., have announced a June party to be given at Bethel A. M. E. church on the evening of June 7th. A pleasant time is promised those who attend.

Wm. Robinson of Chicago is visiting for a few days at his home in Lyons.

Rev. W. W. Williams and A. A. Bush will attend the Electoral College session in Galesburg this week.

Mass was said Monday morning for the late Mrs. Ella Robinson at St. Mary's church, Father Coleman celebrant.

Sunday was Stewardess Day at Bethel A. M. E. church. In the evening a good sized congregation listened to a program of merit rendered by local talent. The results financially are gratifying to the stewardesses.

Miss Lillian Hamilton, who has been a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs.

Ike Robinson, on Elm street, for the past few months, left last week for Kansas City, Mo. Clinton people regret to lose her, as she has appeared on different occasions on the several programs rendered and became quite a favorite.

The Woman's Mite Missionary Society will give an entertainment on May 30 at the A. M. E. church, at which time a play will be given by the girls club in charge of Mrs. Lillie Wilder.

Get your money ready for the collector. He will soon call on the subscribers.

At a regular meeting of the official board held Monday night, arrangements were made for a supper to be given on Saturday, June 21.

Mother's Day was appropriately observed at the Second Baptist church when an interesting program was rendered at 3 o'clock. A large number were present.

Now is the time to place your name on the roll as a subscriber to the Bystander.

### KEOKUK, IOWA.

The Odd Fellows held their annual Thanksgiving sermon at the First African Baptist church. The sermon was preached by Rev. Clark, who is gaining in the hearts of the people.

Mrs. Bates of Louisiana is visiting her son, Mr. Orie Bates, called here owing to the illness of her son, Frank Bates. Mrs. Shortridge has returned from Chicago after a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Jiles.

Rev. Cain White and wife of Kansas City are in the city.

Mrs. Bennet, one of our old residents, doesn't seem to improve.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harris has returned from a short visit with Mr. Harris' mother at Jacksonville, and Mrs. Marris' parents at Havana.

Mrs. Maud Scott Quincy is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Amos.

Sunday was quarterly meeting day at Bethel A. M. E. church. The presiding elder was present on this occasion.

Rev. Cain White of Kansas City preached an excellent sermon at the First African Baptist church Sunday.

Mrs. Anne Math spent a few days last week in Burlington with her sister, Mrs. Palmer.

Mrs. Martha Sanders is recovering from an attack of rheumatism.

Seventeen pupils of the Bethel A. M. E. Sunday school went on a hike Saturday, chaperoned by Mrs. Rosie Piles and daughter, Miss Anne Piles, and Mrs. Lulu Mershon.

Sorry to say our little friend Buddy Bucknay is sick with the measles.

Mrs. John Thomas is ill at this writing.

Rev. J. Sterling Moore preached two excellent sermons Sunday to an appreciative audience.

Glad to say that Mrs. McCutcheon is better after a serious illness.

The Carnation Club of the Bethel A. M. E. church meets at the home of Mrs. Johnson this week.

Mrs. Elizabeth Davis of Galesburg is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Shelton, at Argie.

## Dr. Du Bois Gives Lecture.

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois of New York City, editor of the Crisis and secretary of the recently held Pan-African Congress, delivered a forceful address at St. Paul's A. M. E. church Tuesday evening to an over-crowded house. The lecture was given under the auspices of the Des Moines branch of the N. A. A. C. P. The seating capacity of St. Paul was over taxed, there being 1,600 seated and many were turned away.

A short program was rendered before Dr. Du Bois was introduced by Hon. Harvey Ingham, editor of the Register and Tribune, who had performed this same office on a former occasion fifteen years ago.

Dr. Du Bois severely criticized the carrying of American prejudice against the Negro in civilian life to the army and to the handling of troops in France. He said, "Now that the war is over it is opportune that we find ourselves and determine what we may have lost or gained. It is not over stating to say we have gained much. The Negro has a better chance to work, and a better opportunity to prove that he is an American than he had before the war. The troops made a good record wherever given an opportunity to do so."

After the lecture refreshments were served and a short reception held in the church parlors for Dr. Du Bois, after which he was banqueted by the Roosevelt Club at the Army Club. Others present outside of the club were Dr. E. A. Carter and Dr. Willis of Buxton, Miss Lottie Pearl Mitchell, Mr. Elbert R. Hall and wife, making a total of 48.

Dr. Du Bois came to Des Moines from Gary, Indiana, where he spoke, and left for Lincoln, Nebr., to deliver another lecture.

### NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Owing to the fact that next Friday, May 30th, is Decoration Day and a legal holiday, all news items to be published in the Bystander and all other items to be published must be in the office not later than Tuesday evening, May 27th.

### CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA.

#### Last Week's News.

Mr. James Baker received word from his son, Chester, that he had arrived safe from overseas.

Mr. Harry Martin of Omaha visited his mother, Mrs. Laura Aikens, Sunday. The Odd Fellows and Household of Ruth held their annual Thanksgiving sermon Sunday at Mt. Zion Baptist church. Sermon by Rev. J. P. Sims. It was largely attended. Collection \$35.00.

Silver Leaf Chapter No. 5, O. E. S., will give a box social May 21 at K. of P. hall. Admission 25c.

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- Cedar Rapids ..... Mrs. Cora Harrison
- Centerville ..... Mrs. A. L. Crittenden
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- Clinton ..... A. A. Bush
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WESTERN NOTES.

Des Moines, Ia., May 19, 1919.  
Dear Editor Bystander:

Please allow space for a few datings from the Western Field. My last report seemed to have created an interest in the readers of your journal, therefore I will now give an account of my last trip, beginning with Mt. Zion Baptist church, Anderson, Iowa. I arrived there on Easter morning. They had not received my notice, but as the pastor, Rev. L. G. Garrett, is always alert, it was not a task to get an opening. I spoke Sunday afternoon, though there were not many present, but those present listened with attention and showed how well pleased they were with the message by their contribution. This is not a city, but a country neighborhood, with only a few in number, but they seem so eager to do their bit for the work as those in the cities. I must say there seems to be a spirit of giving among the people in the smaller places as the larger ones. The collection for the Western Convention was \$7.05.

My next stop was Alton, Illinois. This church has been struggling for a number of years. The spirit of work had died and the church was simply standing. Some of the members had become discouraged and left the church, but since Rev. H. B. Hawkins of Chicago had been called as pastor the church has taken on new life and is now in working condition. The pastor was called on the 12th of January, this year, and things are looking promising for a spiritual as well as financial awakening. The pastor has the church divided into ten groups with captains at the head of each. They are endeavoring to raise \$1,650 on the 4th Sunday to liquidate the old debt of years standing. The group raising the largest amount, the captain of said group will have the privilege of burning the mortgage.

The information I received was that they had already the amount in hand and if they continue to work as they

are until the fourth Sunday they will have more than \$2,000.

This was my first visit to this church and I found them busy, yet the pastor gave me an opening to represent our work, and I was assured that the Union Baptist church would be represented in the Western Convention in St. Louis, Mo., in July. Let me say, I found that doctors can be of usefulness to the church. Dr. G. L. Samuels of this city has a fine practice, yet he is active in the church work. He would encourage anyone to see and know the interest he takes in the church, notwithstanding his practice.

The following persons gave one dollar each: Rev. H. B. Hawkins, H. B. Coates, Rev. J. T. Oty, Dr. G. L. Samuel, Miss Hattie Robinson and Mrs. I. H. Kelly and Miss Hattie Robinson. I am informed that this church has been giving its representation fee each year, but somehow it failed to reach the convention.

My next stop was at Springfield, Illinois. The rain here again prevented us from meeting the churches as we had hoped. Sunday morning I was at Zion Baptist church, the mother church of the Baptist family. Rev. J. C. Roberts is pastor. He has only been there about one year. From what I could see, great improvement over two years ago. The congregation was small owing to the rain. After service I presented our work, and the indication is Zion will meet us in St. Louis. Not knowing I would be with them, they were not prepared to give anything, but agreed to send us something before making final report. Rev. Roberts received me with that ministerial dignity which should be accorded any Christian worker.

Sunday evening I was at New Hope Baptist church, of which Rev. W. Henry Snowden is pastor. Two years ago I visited this church, but on this visit it seemed that I was in a different church. It was no resemblance of the same edifice. The church has been remodeled to the amount of \$2,900 and has been paid for with the exception of \$700, and they are planning a rally to clear the debt, then they will sing "Free at last." This church has the smallest membership of the four Baptist churches, but it is said they know how to give to the cause.

The pastor gave me the evening hour to present the claims of the Western Baptist Convention and its educational interests. I tried to impress the importance of the Baptist co-operating that the denomination may help to save our people of the west. The congregation here was small as the weather was threatening. Collection \$1.75. Several subscribed one dollar to be paid by the first of June. This church will, I think, be represented in our next convention.

Monday evening I was at Pleasant Grove Baptist church, whose pastor is Rev. M. L. Porter. This church also has taken on new life since two years ago. It is the second largest congregation of Springfield. My visit was the second one since I have been representing the Western Convention. Monday night is usually a dull night at any church. The sudden change in the temperature prevented us from having the number we had hoped. This was the regular meeting night for the K. of P.s and this took several that would have been with us. The collection was \$3.50. The following paid one dollar: Rev. M. L. Porter and Deacon Albert McDaniel. Six others pledged one dollar, others may fall with them. Rev. Porter recently came from Louisville, Ky., where the Baptists usually push things and he is pushing things in Pleasant Grove. We are expecting this church to be represented by her pastor in St. Louis.

Next I found myself in the beautiful little Lincoln. There are few of our people in this city, though plenty to have a good congregation if they would go to church. Rev. W. L. Brasco is pastor, and is doing his utmost to instill new life into the membership. Some are trying to do, and others doing nothing. This was another gloomy evening for us, though we had to do what we could for the cause. The Pastor's Aid Society is a great factor in the church, especially to the pastor. The Sisters Lilly Townsend, Millie Smith and Phillis Orendorf are very faithful in trying to look out for the pastor. They need to be commended for their valuable service. Collection \$11.80.

Leaving here I headed toward Chicago, thence to that magic city, Gary, Indiana. Here I found every church either in a rally or revival. All this is to advance the Master's cause. Sunday morning I was with the First Baptist church, of which Rev. C. H. Hawkins is pastor. Several years ago Rev. Hawkins began his mission as pastor of the First Baptist church in a little frame structure. Now they have a beautiful brick structure which reflects credit to the pastor and his congregation. After getting in the city, the pastor changed his program to give me an opportunity to present the claims of the convention. I spoke at the 11 o'clock hour to a splendid, appreciative audience. The message was gladly received and appreciated. They gave \$15.90.

Monday evening I visited the St. Paul Baptist church. This is the largest congregation among the churches. This church under Rev. M. V. Bolden is doing a splendid work for the Master. They are worshipping in the basement of the church, though using every effort to begin the auditorium. I was given a few minutes to present our work. They gave \$3.17 and agreed to have me make a visit before closing my work that they may do something tangible for our work.

I found myself next in Aurora, Illinois. Here I found Rev. B. P. E. Gayles in charge of Third Baptist church. Rev. Gayles was formerly pastor of Broad and Vine Street Baptist church, Macon, Mo., and dean of theology in Western College. He is doing a splendid work there. He has so systemized things that the church can be

called a progressive one. He seems not to have been able to get his congregation to practice punctuality, and this seems to be the characteristic generally among our people. Here we again were hindered by the rain. About twenty were present. Collection \$6.05. The following persons gave one dollar: Mrs. Sarah Barnett, M. E. Bridgeford, John Umbles and Lester Miller.

My next point was Joliet. Previous plans were in our way here, however I was given a night. Attendance small owing to other things going on and the Bethlehem District Board having just closed its session. C. W. Rodgers.

About Rheumatism.

People are learning that it is only a waste of time and money to take medicine internally for chronic and muscular rheumatism, and about ninety-nine out of a hundred cases are one or the other of these varieties. All that is really necessary to afford relief is to apply Chamberlain's Liniment freely. Try it. It costs but 35 cents per bottle. Large size 60 cents.

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE SUMMER SCHOOL.

Tuskegee, Ala., May 17.—The tenth annual session of the Tuskegee Institute Summer School for teachers will be held June 9th to July 18th. Already applicants are coming in rapidly, and the indications are that the attendance of last year will be exceeded. This is the largest Negro Summer School in the country.

Courses will be offered in English, mathematics, science, history, geography, business practice, education, physical training for women, first aid, agriculture, handicrafts, domestic science, sewing, canning and manual training.

A special feature again this year will be the attendance of the teachers in the schools aided by Mr. Rosenwald. More than 400 of these teachers will be in attendance taking a special course. The General Education Board is paying the car fare of the Rosenwald teachers to and from Tuskegee Institute.

Several noted speakers will address the teachers throughout the summer school. Dr. R. R. Moton, principal, will deliver a series of addresses. Dr. L. B. Moore, dean of the Teachers' College, Howard University, will be present the week of June 17th. The week of July first, Prof. J. R. E. Lee, principal Lincoln High School, Kansas City, Missouri, will be the speaker.

Little strokes fell great oaks.

Suggestion for a Camping Trip.

Buy a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy before leaving home. As a rule it cannot be obtained when on a hunting, fishing or prospecting trip. Neither can it be obtained while on board the cars or steamships and at such times and places it is most likely to be needed. The safe way is to have it with you.

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British Government Has Done Well in Converting Vast Tracts into Areas of Cultivation.

Since William the Conqueror first laid waste to a smiling countryside to make a deer park, and forbade common men to hunt in that great tract he called his "New Forest," millions of acres of fertile English land have served no purpose useful to the race. The nobles of medieval times, and their children's children after them, loved above all things the chase, and they paid scant heed to those beneath them who sought to draw their living from the soil. If there were room for deer, and foxes, and hares, and moor and marshland for falcons to soar above, or gentlemen to shoot over, they did not care.

England was prosperous and secure. Many years ago her governments definitely abandoned the idea of making the land self-supporting. The seas were safe to British commerce, and none believed the time would come when the nation's needs would compel the use of pleasure parklands. The country grew old gracefully, and enjoyed it. It was not decadent, only too well content.

All this the war has changed, and for the better. Britannia still rules the waves, but beneath the waves lie unseen terrors, menacing the nation's commerce, its food supply, its very life. The nation cannot trust its seaborne trade now. It must utilize every possible means to provide the necessary sustenance for its armies, and for those who supply the fighting men. And the British government rises to the occasion.

Before the war Lloyd George fought long and well to compel the breaking up of old estates, to make possible the cultivation of land long idle, to give the laborer a chance at the soil. He failed, for the British are conservative by instinct, and the old way seemed easiest. They have learned their lesson now.

In three years past the British government has taken over outright no less than 1,000,000 acres of British soil, purchasing some, renting more. It has, indeed, found necessary the establishment of a great department to handle this work of national regeneration. It is a great change, and one that should not be regretted. The English which makes peace will not be the England of its fathers, but a better one, less attractive, it may be, to tourists, less beautiful to look upon externally, but surely, far more of an inspiration to its neighbors which travel in company, the road to real democracy.

The way to wealth is as short as the way to market.

He that waits upon fortune is never sure of a dinner.

THIS HURRYING AGE

Has Forced Authors to Recognize Changed Customs.

Stilted Manners That Characterized the Victorian Era Have Passed as Completely as Has the Stage Coach.

That the tempora and the mores have suffered as much in this century as the lares and penates may be poor Latin, but is sound truth, observes the Louisville Courier-Journal. The times and manners are distinctly different, and in one especial particular of social intercourse is there a powerful variance.

For instance, in Victorian times, it took the hero and heroine about twenty chapters to get acquainted. By that time he was calling her "Miss Dora," instead of "Miss Spenlow," and he gulped every time he said it. When his love and passion had boiled and bubbled until he was a wretched human caldron, and he had to repress a moan every time he saw her little hand on the arm of a dragon, it took him eight pages to ask her falteringly if he might call her "Dora." She consented, and a proposal and marriage were the natural sequence. To call her Dora and not marry her was equivalent to breach of promise in the Victorian era. And nobody but the hero and the members of her family ever called her Dora, except perhaps her girl friends.

But in these times what a difference! All the young folks call one another Jack and Jill, and it is a curious and anachronistic youth who finds it hard to do so. In fact, he becomes a sort of gentle joke in his "set" and the girls think him rather slow. After he has met the lady two or three times he learns to consider it supererogatory to call upon her in the name of her father. She is Gloria or Penelope in her own person, and Miss Wilmersdorf or Miss Schulz to her seems poky. It is the same with the young married ones. You hear about them for a while from mutual friends, and then you meet them. You make a bow and say: "How do you do, Mrs. Kawsup." She does not resent it the first time. But the fourth time you meet her Mrs. Kawsup remarks: "It sounds so silly for you to call me that. Why don't you say Lucretia and I'll call you Agamemnon?" And it's done.

It is pretty hard on the novelist, Messrs. Dickens and Thackeray used to fill a couple of hundred excellent pages with working up the hero to the Dora and Clara point, and in the mild ventures of Anthony Trollope into the eternal triangle—his villains were perfect gentlemen and always wore stiff white shirts—he consumed much space where the Tertium Quid was negotiating to call the restless married lady by her first name. The reading public is too wise for that now, and the long-winded authors lie unread on the shelves of the library. One must start the book briskly; on page 1 the heroine is Dora to the hero, and on page 16 the home-wrecker is squeezing the married lady's hand and calling her Esmeralda.

Thus the fifth Georgian-Wilsonian period of life and literature as contrasted with the Victorian. And perhaps it makes no great amount of difference. Certainly it saves white paper and makes the serial stories shorter—two results of real value in this hungry, hurried age.

Mealie Pudding.

Like the huggis, the mealie pudding is to the Sassenach a Scotch delicacy the origin of which is wrapped in deepest mystery. The other morning two travel-stained English Tommies dropped into the restaurant at Aberdeen station for some much-needed refreshment. They were heartily welcomed by the ladies in charge, and in a few minutes a succulent mealie pudding, piping hot, was placed before each. Both had seen more than a bit of life since joining the army, but a mealie pudding was one of the things hitherto undreamed of in their philosophy. Determined, however, to brave the unknown, one of them boldly cut his pudding in two, scooped out some of the contents, and took a mouthful. As he slowly masticated the oatmeal a look of contentment came over his features. "Go ahead, Bill!" he exclaimed. "It's only good old porridge in a 'tank.'" —London Chronicle.

Chasing the Calory.

The first step toward spreading the mysterious cult of the calory has been taken at an opportune time. Unhappy man, deprived of his daily beefsteak and forced to subsist on corn muffins in which many alien hands have experimented, may derive a modicum of comfort from the chase of the calory. Formerly sequestered in domestic science schools, or the exclusive property of those sybarites of the tenement houses, who have proverbially many advantages of which humdrum uptown knows nothing, the calory has at last emerged into relations with the ordinary hungry, quick-lunch-eating populace. On our menu cards now the calory rides hand in hand with the cost of each dish.—New York Tribune.

Sense of Fitness.

Having just learned over the phone that he could not get an ounce of coal. Bangs, the terrible tempered, went into the parlor uttering the most awful imprecations.

"William," exclaimed his wife, "if you must swear, for mercy don't do it standing on the prayer rug."—Boston Transcript.

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District Court of Polk County, Iowa.

R. V. Gray versus Chas. A. Kilgore and Bert Inman.

To above named defendants:

You are hereby notified that by virtue of a Special Execution to me directed, issued by the Clerk of the District Court of Polk County, Iowa, in favor of R. V. Gray, and against Chas. A. Kilgore and Bert Inman, on a judgment rendered by said Court on the 25th day of March, A. D. 1919, wherein it was ordered, adjudged and decreed that to satisfy said judgment the following described property be sold, to-wit:

One (1) Cadillac, Type 53, Eight (8) cylinder, 1916 car, factory number 35542.

Now, therefore, public notice is hereby given that unless the said Defendant-

ants appear at my office in Des Moines, on or before the 16th day of June, A. D. 1919, at ten o'clock a. m. of said day, at which time said above described property is hereby advertised to be sold, and pay off the amount of said Execution, with interest and costs, I will sell said property, or sufficient thereof to satisfy said Execution, with interest and costs, at public outcry, to the highest bidder, at Gray's Garage, West 7th and Chicago, Rock Island tracks, in Des Moines, Iowa, for cash in hand, to pay off said Execution.

J. J. GRIFFIN, Sheriff of Polk County, Iowa.

By J. H. ASSELLEY, Deputy.

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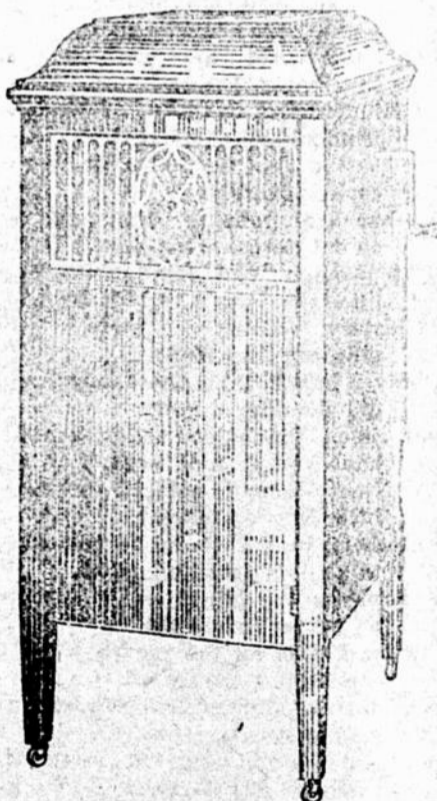
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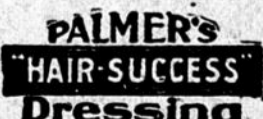


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DAVENPORT, IOWA.

Last Wednesday night the big silver moon looked down in good harmony upon the home of Dick Snow, a returned soldier who formerly belonged to the Eighth regiment, where the site of a most beautiful party was going on. The many friends of Mr. Snow arrived at the home of the latter and proceeded to have a very nice time. The evening was spent by them in a very pleasant way. The first course of the evening was candy and peanuts, the latter of which didn't last very long. But all report a nice time and that the handling of a party has not left Dick Snow, although he has been wounded by the Germans.

Sunday was stewardess day all day. The stewardesses have always gone over the top in the collections and they are glad to say that they are fully repaid in their treasury by their earnest efforts put forth.

Sunday will be a great day for the U. B. F. Society as they will hold their annual sermon preached by the Rev. Dr. S. B. Moore at the Bethel A. M. E. church. There have been two societies who have occupied the seats of the church and both have been well attended so much so that there was not standing room, therefore come early and get a good seat.

The Allen Endeavor is progressing quite rapidly and all are working hard for the welfare of the organization at the Allen Endeavor convention in Burlington.

The famous Missouri Club will show the public their spirit and growth since their last concert by giving a reception to the returned soldiers of the tri-cities and also presenting a spectacular concert on this coming Thursday. They

are expecting to over the top as they did last time, but they will grab more coins to help to swell their coffers. Let every one come out and patronize their soldiers.

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If the present term insurance has been lapsed through lack of information or any other reason it may be reinstated by paying all back premiums. No medical examination is required.

All ex-soldiers and sailors who are interested in obtaining information concerning their government insurance may do so by calling or applying to the Navy Recruiting Station, Des Moines, Iowa.

ORIGINAL NOTICE.

In the District Court of Polk County, Iowa.

Amy L. Richey, Plaintiff, vs. Vernie H. Richey, Defendant.

You are hereby notified that the petition of the plaintiff in the above entitled cause is now on file in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of Polk County, Iowa, claiming of you a divorce on the grounds of desertion.

For full particulars see petition. And that unless you appear and defend on or before noon of the second day of the next, July, 1919, term of this court, which will commence at Des Moines, Iowa, on the 7th day of July, 1919, default will be entered against you and judgment and decree rendered thereon.

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 15th day of May, 1919.

McHENRY & BOWERS, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

(Special to Bystander.) Do Your Best.

Everyone should do all he can to provide for his family and in order to do this he must keep his physical system in the best condition possible. No one can reasonably hope to do much when he is half sick a good share of the time. If you are constipated, bilious or troubled with indigestion get a package of Cham-

berlain's Tablets and follow the plain printed directions, and you will soon be feeling alright and able to do a day's work.

Camp St. Luce, Nantes, France, May 2, 1919.

Mr. C. T. Gooch, Ottumwa, Iowa.

Dear Parents:

I think that it has been over a week since I wrote you a scratch, but in that time I have seen more of France than I expected to see. At that I cannot tell all that I have seen. Last week I was at the beautiful city of Paris. Believe me, it is some place and I would not have missed it for anything since I have been there.

As to people and the business it is very much like any other place that is large and all the time on the go. Street cars, subways, omnibus, taxi, everything in the way of transportation. But the big scenes of life are their historic and memorial buildings. The buildings once one has seen them are a knockout.

The travel from here to Paris is not as comfortable as on the trains in the States. But since that we were going to Paris we did not mind the way we had to travel at all.

Leaving at 10:45 in the evening we arrived at Paris the next morning at 7:00 a. m. We were lost birds in Paris. We wandered about for about an hour without finding what we were looking for. Then after being tired of looking around we finally caught a taxi and rode up to the A. P. M. As usual we were on the wrong side of the town to find anything. Then we went on our way to find a hotel, which was very easy to find as we had address in our pockets. The hotel was managed by a woman, as are a great many things over here.

Then we started out to look the town over and believe me we got lost two or three times the first time. It was three days before we could get onto the ropes of the palatial city. But by that time we were ready to go back to town or I should say the village of Nantes.

I don't know how many bridges Paris has, but it has enough to count on your fingers and your toes. And every one had some kind of statue work of great art. And the historic places were simply grand. I will have to start to read history again before I can attempt to tell anything about what I saw at the buildings and churches that I saw. There must have been a hundred or more and all were famous for their architecture or age or some great man that had brains for designing great things that one can never appreciate unless extensive study has been put on the subject.

The greatest place of them all was Versailles, built in Napoleon's time. The buildings and the lakes and all the palaces take up over a mile square. Everything is artificial, but very wonderful.

A man is free to go anywhere that he pleases in Paris as long as money will carry him. There is no prejudice of any kind that I could see and for the most part the American Negro got more respect than the whites and the whites feel it, and they can not understand how such things could happen. In every case they have tried to spread the old hatred. It works until the French are enlightened and then the

whites have a hard time to get anything from the French. A good many of the boys are planning to stay over here, and I have heard more than one boy say that he is coming back over here, and you can't blame them. I have been thinking very strongly of getting in the Y. M. C. A. work over here. That means six more months if I take it up. I am giving it time and consideration. I do not wish to jump at things in a hurried way.

If I do it will be for the betterment of myself and an inkling of what the Y work is over here. I will wait and show you the pictures of Paris before I can give you a description of any of it.

Look for them most any time and maybe I will follow them and again I may not. I did not feel like writing tonight, but I felt like I ought to by all means as the longer that I would put it off the harder it would be to get to

it in the long run. A good many of the organizations are on their way home and we have heard rumors of ourselves going in a few months, but that is the way it is all the time, a few months.

Until I write again think of your son, As ever, Harold.

The Art of Kissing.

Don't kiss all over, as grasshoppers walk. Don't sit down to it. Stand up. You needn't be anxious to get into a crowd. Two persons are plenty to corner and catch a kiss. Stand firm. It won't hurt you after you're used to it. Don't be in a hurry. Providence will give you strength for the ordeal. Take good aim—the lips meet, the eyes close, the heart opens, heaven itself opens before you, and the art of kissing is learned.—Exchange.

Exaggerated. When we reflect upon the white of an egg that has been sitting around in the refrigerator, apparently waiting to be used up in something, almost ever since we can remember, we think that all this talk about the American housewife's reckless extravagance is somewhat exaggerated after all—Columbus (Ohio) State Journal.

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