

# THE RISING SON

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### NEGRO EDITOR'S VIEW.

"High school fill the crap joints." So says Lewis Woods, editor of the local negro organ, the Rising Son. "The white man has done all he intends doing for the colored man" said he editor yesterday, when asked concerning a report that high school graduates were flooding Kansas City without an opportunity to get suitable employment. The colored editor's views of his own race were extraordinarily frank and decisive.

"We educate our boys beyond their present or possible plane," said Mr. Woods, "and the result is they will not descend to the level of their fathers. By this I mean that we equip them for the sciences, the arts and the professions, and when they set out to find congenial employment they find not a door open to them. They can not turn to the plow without throwing away the years of education and the great sums of money expended upon them, so they remain in idleness. They may not take the mason's mull and they will not take the hod. They find no retainers when they open law offices and they disdain to assume a livery and become a footman. This is laudable if it ends there. But it does not. The learned negro failing to find patients when offering his skill as a physician, or a church when ordained or called, goes to the club, and in our submerged world the club is a crap joint, a policy shop, a gambling place. A year or two of that and all the pride is dimmed, all the hopes of a lifetime gone. The colored man at present has nothing to hope from the high school. It is a difficult problem to solve."

Editor Woods was asked if he had not formed an idea for himself. He replied promptly that he had. "We want, first of all, a cohesion in the race," he said, and then he recited that when some years ago a negro named Rhodes died and left a large estate for his heirs, they at once broke up all family ties and dissipated the patrimony in the courts. He named over half a dozen families which had amassed money and property, all of which had been lost to the surviving generation.

"I am not without hope," the editor of the Rising Son resumed. "We will get out all right, but we will have to get ourselves out. The whites have done all we can do for us. They have done all we can in fairness ask them to do. They have given us freedom and the schools. We must take those facilities, all the white men themselves have, and work out their own salvation."

"How?" was asked.

"By teaching enough of our people a trade to completely operate a factory. A negro cannot go into a machine shop because the employer finds that the white men there will not work at the same bench with him. We ought to train enough of our race to be machinists to enable them to say to an employer, 'Here, we will run your works for you. Employ us.' We do that in restaurants, and are a success. But cafes are not elevated. We ought to enter the highest scales of labor, and we can never do that by rushing to get our young men and young women into high schools. Less high school and more manual training is what we want."

Editor Woods does not assume by the above interview that education is a detriment to the negro race. The idea which he intends to convey is that the hand must be educated in order to be able to compete with the advanced order of things at the present time. The fact that manual training is necessary to prepare the negro to cope with scientific and intelligent labor is very evident when the present conditions are viewed. Much education for the head and none for the hand is not a good thing for the negro. The negro is a consumer and not a producer, another feature that operates against him. He must certainly get to the place where he can produce something which is in demand; let it be merchandise or intelligent labor, before he will be enabled to improve his present condition.

### KANSAS CITY, KAN., LOCALS.

The following ladies were entertained by Mrs. C. H. Birch, Friday, Aug. 28, in honor of her sister Miss Josie Edwards of St. Louis.

Miss Ida E. and Daisy D. Foster, Miss Ida Godfrey, Miss Lillian and Nellie Mercer, Miss Lula Johnson, Mrs. J. D. Edwards.

Miss Josie Edwards has returned to St. Louis, after a week's visit with sister Mrs. C. H. Birch and brother Mr. J. D. Edwards.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Bradley of Kansas City, Kansas, celebrated their twelfth wedding anniversary, Tuesday evening on an elaborate and appropriate scale. A large number of guests were present, many of whom were from this side of the Kaw. Mrs. Bradley was the recipient of many valuable presents.

Husbands should be frank and tell their wives everything—and wives should be generous and believe it.

### THE NECESSITY FOR A NEGRO MANUAL TRAINING SCHOOL.

If with all of his opportunities, wealth, education, the possessor and owner of every great industry in the world, the school board finds it necessary to build and put in operation a great Manual training school for the white youth of this city. We ask in the name of justice of humanity, of thirty thousand negroes, why some provision is not made for the negro youth along the same lines.

Will the school board tell us why? Is it because the negro principals can't get together? The people want to know, we would like to know what Prof. G. N. Grisham, R. T. Coles, R. W. Foster, S. R. Bailey, W. W. Yates, Elias Harris, J. W. Baldwin, J. Dallas Bowser and others well known men and educators are doing to fit the boys and girls of this city for a useful and honorable career in life. Have these men got together and told the school board of the needs of the race? If they have, what report have they to make to the people.

The "Son" is determined to let the people know from now on why the negro schools are not the equals of those provided for the white children. If our failure to get a manual school is due to jealousy on part of the negro principals, we want to know it. If it is the fault of the school board we want to know it. If it is because we have no man competent to run it, we want to know it. If R. J. Coles is the man to be placed at the head of such a school we want to see him get it, likewise Prof. Grisham, or any other principal of our negro schools, and if we have no negro fitted for such a school let the board get a white man for the position until some negro becomes competent. We call upon the patrons to visit our schools and see what is needed for the comfort of their children.



COL. W. W. MORGAN A PROMINENT BUSINESS MAN.

Morgan and Ross is the name of a new clothing house that will soon open its doors to the public.

The senior member of the firm, Col. W. W. Morgan is known to more people of Kansas City than perhaps any other man in this community.

His civic pride, lovable disposition, philanthropy, honesty and love of humanity has made him a host of friends, all of whom wish him well.

The firm will open its doors to the public on Saturday morning, September 12th, at 1123 Grand avenue.

### A GOOD MAN SELECTED.

Prof. A. J. Starnes of Garrison school has been elected Ass't Superintendent of the Industrial department of Lincoln Institute. No better selection could have been made. Prof. Starnes is one of the most accomplished mechanics that the race has produced. Lincoln Institute is to be congratulated.

### School Attendance Record.

Newchurch school board, Isle of Wight, with an attendance equal to 90 per cent of its scholars, holds the record for the last year in all England.

### RECEPTION.

The reception Wednesday afternoon given by Mrs. W. Frederick Fairfax, Mrs. John Wheeler and Mrs. Lou White was a brilliant affair. Mrs. Fairfax was assisted in serving the guests by Mrs. John Wheeler, Mrs. Lou White, Mrs. L. A. Tillman, Mrs. John Hill, Mrs. William Gordon, Mrs. J. F. Bradley, Mrs. D. N. Crosthwaits, Mrs. C. New Moten and Miss Moten of Jefferson City and Miss Letitia Reynolds of St. Louis, and Mrs. C. Granger Harris of Galveston, Texas, and Mrs. William Rhodes of Blue Springs.

Miss Portia Tillman ushered the ladies into the living room where they were introduced to the guest of honor Mrs. C. Granger Harris, of Galveston, and the rest of visiting ladies. Then they were escorted to the dining room by Mrs. L. A. Tillman and beautifully served to dainty refreshments by Mr. Neuson and Prof. W. Dawley. The Misses Annie Crosthwaits and Mary Anderson of St. Paul, served at the Punch Bowl.

The receiving hours were from 2 to 6; about 200 ladies called in that time.

The house decorations were very pretty. The colors were red and green.

### COSTUMES OF THE RECEIVING LADIES.

Mrs. Wm. Frederick Fairfax wore a red silk mull applique in black lace and velvet trimmings.

Mrs. John Wheeler wore a black silk with tulle lace bodice, applique in black lace medallions.

Mrs. Lou White wore a figured challie trimmed with silk and applique in cream lace.

Mrs. C. Granger Harris of Galveston, Texas, the guest of honor, wore a black silk net over taffeta trimmed in white satin buttons and white silk ornaments.

Mrs. Cora Morton, of Jefferson City, Mo., wore cream colored silk mull and blue ribbons.

Miss Effie Morton, of Jefferson City, Mo., wore white wash chiffon and cream ribbons.

Mrs. Wm. Rhodes of Blue Springs, wore a rose colored voile with cream silk bodice.

Mr. Wm. Gordon wore red organdie, with black velvet trimmings.

Miss L. Reynolds of St. Louis, Mo., wore white chiffon trimmed with cream satin lace.

Mrs. John Hill wore black polka dot swiss trimmed in lace and ribbons.

Mrs. L. A. Tillman wore blue tulle with white embroidered bodice.

Mrs. J. F. Bradley wore figured taffeta, trimmings silk lace and velvet.

Mrs. D. N. Crosthwaits was gowned in lavender dotted Swiss, trimmed in lavender ribbons and lace.

### CAREFULLY THOUGHT OUT.

A man loses a lot of time looking at his new watch.

It's better to marry for wealth than for a chance to get even.

A man isn't necessarily a musician because he blows his own horn.

Lives of great men remind us that there are still a few book agents.

It sometimes happens that a man convinces others without convincing himself.

Charity often begins at home, but reform is usually practiced at a neighbor's.

It isn't that coal is not cheap enough, but that dealers charge too much for it.

Don't think because a man misses the mark occasionally that he isn't a good shot.

If there is anything more contrary than a woman it is a right handed lock on a left handed door.

A woman never realizes how many men she could have married until she finds herself left at the post.



BLIND BOONE AND HIS MANAGER

### BLIND BOONE.

Was born in Missouri, Miami, Saline county, in the Federal camp, in 1863, 7th Militia, Company 1, his mother being a contraband, cooking for the soldiers. He lost his sight with the brain fever, when six months old. His first instrument was a tin whistle, on which he could play any ordinary air after once hearing it. Next he was presented with a mouth organ, by which he charmed the whole neighborhood, children coming from far and near to hear him exhibit on his mouth organ. He soon became the favorite of all who knew him, and visited the best families in Warrensburg, where he makes his home at present. They formed such an attachment for Boone that he was sent to the St. Louis Blind School to learn a trade, and educate him. This was a failure, however. Once hearing a pupil in the institute practicing on the piano, he would leave his work and steal to the piano, at it was impossible to keep his fingers on the keyboard. He soon became able to finger out several pieces, and it was impossible to keep his mind on anything else. He was dismissed from the school and wandered around St. Louis, making his living by playing on a mouth organ, and such instruments as he could get his hands on. Conductor A. J. Kerry, seeing the pitiful condition of the boy, put him on the train and sent him to his mother. He soon organized a little company and started on the road, tramping and beating his way from town to town. His company consisted of a player on each, a tamborine, triangle and mouth organ, by which they gave concerts on the streets. He was not successful, however, and he endured many hardships. A colored gentleman, Mr. John Lange, of Columbia, Mo., taking a liking to him, put him in the Sunday School to play for the children. He also made a contract with his mother to educate him in music and put him on the road, and he has made a grand success of it. Boone has been on the road some sixteen years, and has been successful in pleasing his audience.

The Members of the Company are as follows: John Lange, Manager; Blind Boone, banist.

### London's Many Graveyards.

Of the 362 burial grounds which London has had only 49 are still in use. More than 50 have vanished from sight entirely; about a hundred have been transformed from neglected, offensive eyesores into bright, cheerful gardens, where London's toilers meditate among the tombs during their luncheon hour; and the rest, crowded with graves, are closed alike to the undertaker and the public.

### INDEPENDENCE NEWS.

Now that September has come, renewed activity is being manifested in all of the churches of the city. The outlook is very bright for a good Fall and Winter Campaign.

The Macedonia Baptist church has begun work again on their new edifice and hope to go in it by the middle of the month.

The M. E. church will hold their quarterly meeting next Sunday, and the A. M. E. church will hold their last quarterly meeting for this conference year, the 4th Sunday in this month.

The outing at Hughes' lake, under the auspices of the A. M. E. church last Thursday, was a splendid success.

The Picnic given by the Macedonia church and the U. B. F.'s, last Saturday was a success.

The ladies of the A. M. E. church presented their preacher's wife, Mrs. J. C. Caldwell with a purse of \$20, for a Fall suit last Sunday night. Mrs. Mollie Jenkins on behalf of the ladies made the presentation speech. The movement was started by the stewardesses and trustee helpers.

Mrs. Patience Scott entertained the following guests at dinner last Friday, in honor of the Misses Reed of Kansas City: Mrs. J. C. Caldwell, Mrs. Mollie Jenkins, Miss Tillie Parker of Lexington, Miss Effie Fisher, Mrs. Clark of Topeka, and Mrs. Bethel.

Miss Tillie R. Parker of Lexington, spent a few days in our city last week, the guest of Miss Caldwell.

Mrs. Agnes Jenkins left last week to visit friends in Odessa, Mayview and Lexington.

Miss Rosalie Ash is spending a few weeks in California, visiting relatives and friends. She reports as having a pleasant time.

Misses Roy Bush, Wm. Griggs and Wm. Stanton, three of our bright young men, left Sunday morning for Lincoln Institute, where they will matriculate this year. We wish them abundant success in their laudable undertaking. Young men, go and do likewise.

Misses Minnie and Ida Tucker, and Miss Myra Roundtree left last week for their school which will open on the 7th.

We hope every parent will see that their children attend school on next Monday and keep it up during the year. We have a splendid corps of teachers, and let us encourage them by sending the children.

Go to Jackson's for good homemade bread.

### Women Now Wear Monocles.

Wearing monocles, the latest fashion for ladies, a craze recently started in Paris by ladies of the Servian colony is spreading to London.