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HEALTH NOTES.

Why are so many men dropping out at fifty when they should have at least twenty years more of active, productive life? While so much is being done to save infants and children, we are forgetting the plain facts of physiology.

By the strain and worry incident to modern economic conditions; by the misuse of tobacco and alcohol; by abuse of appetite and overeating; by insufficient exercise and faulty elimination; by irregular and insufficient sleep, we are wearing out the physical machine. The inroads of preventable disease cooperate with this neglect to sow the seeds of insidious disorders while we think we are in good health.

A prominent life insurance company found that some 43 per cent. of its rejected applicants gave evidence of these diseases of heart, kidney and arteries, and further found that about 43 per cent. of its recorded deaths were due to like causes.

This waste of life at the most valuable period should certainly wake us up to ask, "Am I all right?" or "Have I signs of these diseases which I do not recognize?" Properly qualified physicians by careful examination can discover these symptoms at the beginning.

It is highly important, therefore, that all seemingly healthy people should periodically, say once a year, have a thorough physical examination made and take intelligent account of their methods of living. The Mayor of Chicago has set a laudable example in this regard. If all citizens follow his example, it is safe to say that much needless sickness will be avoided and the average life in Chicago prolonged. This means increased happiness and increased usefulness individually and collectively.

Every Red Cross Christmas Seal that is sold is a real bullet in the fight against tuberculosis. These seals last year helped to support thousands of needy tuberculosis patients and to give them a chance for life. They provided for many visiting nurses, whose hundreds of thousands of visits brought instruction and cheer to numerous patients. They helped maintain dispensaries in scores of cities from the Atlantic to the Pacific, where thousands of consumptive patients received free treatment, aid and advice. They provided the means to purchase millions of copies of circulars, pamphlets and other literature with which the public has been educated about tuberculosis. They have established and helped to maintain more than 500 open air schools for children who need open air treatment. These are just a few of the ways in which the \$550,000.00 received last year was expended. Surely anyone can help by buying at least ten seals!

Sunshine and fresh air are God's agencies for keeping people well and strong. And like all of God's gifts to the children of men, they are free. Why then should not every one have plenty of good, fresh air all the time!

Soap, water and sunshine promote cleanliness and health.

NATIONAL NEWS NOTES.

GORHAM COMPANY DISPLAYS SCULPTURE.

New York.—A head of Booker T. Washington, modeled at Tuskegee by Leila Usher, sculptress, has been exhibited at the Gorham Silver Company, 5th Avenue and 36th Street. The whole north window has been used for the display and thousands have viewed it.

The Gorham Silver Company vies with famous Tiffany's in prestige and importance. This was a notable tribute to the great leader of the Negro people.

GEORGIA "COLONELS" AND CHRISTMAS.

Atlanta, Georgia, which has been classed as a prohibition State for nearly eight years, has just passed a law putting limitations on shipments of liquor from other States to its citizens for personal use. This measure limits quantities to be received in any thirty day period as follows: Whisky, two quarts; beer, forty-eight pints; wine, one gallon.

With the United States Statistical Abstract as authority for per capita consumption (fiscal year 1914) for the whole country, the Georgians are to receive for personal use four times as much whisky, three and a half times as much beer and twenty-three times as much wine as the per capita consumption in 1914 for the whole land.

The Georgia "Colonels" are preparing for a grand old time during the approaching Christmas season.

SOUTH AGAIN TURNS TO NEGRO COOKS.

Charleston, S. C.—The South is planning a revival of old-fashioned Southern cooking, and with it the old time Negro cook—the best in the world, any colonel will tell you—is coming back into her own. The French chef has been tried in the South, together with the French waiter, but, except in a few rare instances, they have failed to satisfy the peculiar demands of the Southern epicure, or even of the tourist, who, coming South expects dishes peculiarly Southern, and the kind of dining room service that the trained Negro waiter can give.

The demand for capable Negro cooks is greater than the supply. Cognizance of this fact has been taken officially by Rock Hill, S. C., where a cooking school for Colored women is being conducted, the expenses being borne jointly by the people, through the public schools, and one of the local public utility corporations. The only objection ever raised to the Southern Negro cook is that she is wasteful, and this, it is hoped, will be overcome through the cooking school. In Georgia it is planned that the Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs lend its aid to the revival.

One large Southern tourist hotel is advertising now that it employs no foreign help in the kitchen; that the cooking it all done by Colored women. Still another has as a feature of its service a little kitchen in plain view of the dining room, where Aunt Dinah is preparing fried chicken. The South may be wholly reconstructed in many ways, but the Negro cook is far from losing her place for her prestige.

PLAN MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FOR BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.

Trustees of Tuskegee Institute Announce Creation of \$2,000,000 Fund for Negro Institution.

Tuskegee, Ala., Dec.—Creation of a \$2,000,000 Booker T. Washington memorial endowment for the Tuskegee institute has been authorized by the institute's trustees, who announce that \$450,000 already had been pledged, some of it contingent on raising the remainder.

The task of selecting a successor to Dr. Washington as president of the school has been referred to a subcommittee.

At all times it is against our policy to do any betting but we are willing to lay down a little something that Major Robert R. Moton will be selected as the new Principal of Tuskegee Institute.

FURNISHED ROOMS TO RENT.

3661 Forest Ave. Neatly furnished rooms for married or single persons. New furnace insuring plenty of heat and hot water at all times. Rooms from \$2.00 to \$3.25. Douglas 3899.

COLORED PEOPLE TO HONOR MEMORY OF DR. WASHINGTON.

Plan Gigantic Campaign to Raise Memorial Fund to Perpetuate Work of Tuskegee Institute.

New York, December 10.—In the midst of the grief and sorrow which overwhelmed the country following the death of the race's wise counselor and faithful friend, Dr. Booker T. Washington, no more fitting tribute to his memory has been offered than the hundreds of letters which have been sent to Tuskegee Institute and to various members of the Board of Trustees by admiring Colored friends urging that a campaign be at once launched to raise a Booker T. Washington Memorial Fund to perpetuate the work of the Tuskegee Institute, and expressing their desire to honor his memory by contributing to such a fund.

The sentiment expressed in all these letters is that the most permanent and enduring monument which can be erected to the memory of Dr. Washington is to make secure the work which he founded and for which he gave the first-fruits of his time and energy.

At a meeting of the Investment Fund Committee of the Board of Trustees which was held here in New York City, lately, to consider the best and most practical ways of conserving this interest and directing it in a way to be most satisfactory to the Colored people, it was unanimously agreed to appoint Mr. Emmett J. Scott, Secretary of the Tuskegee Institute, director of a special campaign which will be conducted among the Colored people of the United States. Mr. Scott, who was for eighteen years Dr. Washington's confidential secretary and intimate friend, enjoys in fullest measure the confidence of the public, and it is safe to predict that Dr. Washington's thousands of friends throughout the country will give this effort their sympathetic support and co-operation.

In order to have unified effort on the part of the Colored people and in order to avoid any division of interest in this movement, it is hoped and urged that all organizations planning a similar effort among the Colored people will communicate at once with Mr. Scott at Tuskegee Institute and will defer any action in a national way until the Board of Trustees makes announcement of its plans.

THE NEGRO FELLOWSHIP LEAGUE.

Sunday, December 19, the League will be addressed by Mr. C. J. Dunmore of Charleston, S. C. Mr. Dunmore has an interesting story to tell of conditions of the south and of the black man who is trying to achieve something, and how he was forced to leave a good home and a splendid business on account of race prejudice.

The nominating committee of the Negro Fellowship League will also make its report for officers for the ensuing year. Mr. Lawsbee is chairman of the committee. The meeting will be held at the Reading Room, 3065 State St.

Last Sunday's meeting was most interesting. The president gave her annual report; the financial report shows deficit; the racial report was very encouraging. Mrs. Barnett showed during the year past the Negro Fellowship League had fostered the work of securing a Negro Alderman for the second ward; had brought William Trotter to the west and aided in the rounding up of the Illinois Congressman on the African exclusion bill; had caused the abolishment of the jim crow school hour at Wendell Phillips High School; fourth, had interceded in behalf of Joseph Campbell; secured an attorney and raised \$400 with which to pay expenses of his five weeks trial. This trial is one of the most noted ever held in the State of Illinois in which a Colored man was concerned, and now that the jury has found him guilty, the case will be taken to the Supreme Court; fifth, the Reading Room has accommodated thousands of visitors for the past year. Scores have been given meals, lodging and employment.

The report was discussed by many of the members present. Several new members joined and all pledged themselves to do more than ever in the year to come to assist in carrying forward the work.

Mr. J. C. Hughes is in charge of the Men's Civic Club which meets every Tuesday evening. Mr. C. R. Winthrop is in charge of the Boys' Club which meets every Friday evening.

IDA B. WELLS BARNETT, Pres.

THE HYDE PARK NEWS.

By L. W. Washington.

Mr. D. D. Lacey, the proprietor of the Hyde Park Barbershop, has been indisposed, in the house for two or three days, suffering indigestion. We wish for him a speedy recovery. His residence is at 5220 Lake Park Ave.

The Business houses of Hyde Park, have beautifully decorated their places of business and are now ready to receive their patrons.

The removal of Mr. A. L. Williams from Hyde Park, one of our prominent attorneys, has caused a general discussion among his constituents out here who shall be his successor, among the most available candidates are Mr. Fred Muney, Mr. Golden Brooks, Mr. Joseph Gunn, Mr. J. Anderson, Mr. John Lowe, Jr. and Mr. J. B. Stokes.

Upon whom this mantle will fall, we are not in a position to say just now.

The Employers in Hyde Park are very considerate and thoughtful of their employees during the Holidays, and for that reason, a goodly number of them are looking forward to a happy New Year, and a very very Merry Christmas, and if it is true, that "Like begets Like" and it is true. Then such thoughtfulness of reward does get the best results.

We are glad to note that for a truth, there prevails in Hyde Park, among its citizens the most friendly and happy feeling which seem to carry with it the Spirit of "Peace and good will," to all mankind and say just the thought of this condition prevailing in a community where it was top-heavy with prejudice is remarkably pleasant.

HARRISBURG UNVEILS MEMORIAL TO NEGRO.

Harrisburg, Pa., Special—A recent event that has attracted much attention was the unveiling by the city of Harrisburg of a memorial to the memory of Dr. William H. Jones, a Negro, who served several terms on the school board and was a man of wide popularity among all races.

This is the first time in Harrisburg's history that this city has so honored a Negro. The memorial is in the shape of a fountain at the entrance of the Twelfth street playgrounds, and the committee in charge of the dedication included both Colored and White men.

The speakers included Mayor John E. Royal and Dr. Hugh Hamilton of the Dauphin County Medical association, and the ceremony was in charge of James E. Auler of the executive department of the state capital.

BOOKKEEPER FOR WHITE FIRM IN MISSISSIPPI.

Gunnison, Miss., Special to The Broad Ax—Russell B. Sugarman, a young Colored man of this city, enjoys the distinction of being the only Colored man in the state, and perhaps in the South, employed as bookkeeper by a White concern at a handsome salary.

The W. T. Burt Cotton & Planting company, whose business amounts to more than \$100,000 annually, has retained the service of Mr. Sugarman in this capacity for the past nine years.

Mr. Sugarman's qualities and business judgment have made many friends among both races. He has given such satisfaction to his employers that they have retained him over all other applicants.

THE DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN CONVENTIONS WILL BE HELD IN CHICAGO AND ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.

The Democratic National Committee, met in Washington D. C., last week and after winding up its deliberations, it was decided to hold the Democratic National Convention which will renominate President Woodrow Wilson, in St. Louis, Mo., June 14, 1916.

The Republican National Committee, held forth in the same city this week and selected Chicago to hold its convention on Wednesday, June 7, 1916 and shortly after January 1st, the various States will begin to select delegates to the two national conventions.

GABRIEL FRANCHERE, JR. CONDUCTS A FINE SHOE STORE AT 3109 S. STATE STREET.

One of the neatest and most up-to-date shoe stores on the south side is located at 3109 S. STATE street and conducted by Gabriel Franchere, Jr., who makes a specialty of carrying in stock none but first class shoes and other foot gear, for ladies, men and children which he sells at the very lowest prices. See his ad in another column of this paper.

OFFICIAL CALL.

Western Negro Press Association to Meet in Kansas City During the Holidays.

Officers and Members of the Western Negro Press Association, Greeting:

By authority of the power vested in me as president of your association, I hereby request you to assembly in the 15th annual convention of the association on the 28th day of December, 1915, in the assembly room of the Kansas City Sun, in the Masonic Temple bldg., 1803 E. 18th St., Kansas City, Missouri, for the purpose of transacting business of the organization, and discussing and taking action upon important question concerning the welfare and peace of our people. We expect a good attendance and much good to result from the meeting. All newspaper or magazine publishers, editors, agents and correspondents are invited to attend.

Further information concerning the W. N. P. A. and the meeting at Kansas City next month may be had by addressing J. D. Cooke, Milwaukee, Wis., Sec., or H. R. Graham, Kingston, Mo., Statistician, or Nelson C. Crews, Editor The Kansas City Sun, Kansas City, Mo.

Very truly yours,
A. J. SMITHERMAN,
President.

Editor The Tulsa Star.

Tulsa, Okla.

THE QUEEN CAFE SPECIAL SUNDAY DINNERS.

Do you eat at home? Then home isn't nothing like this. Do you eat in Cafes, Restaurants, or Lunch Counters, Then come and see us. We cook the best meals, give the best service, buy the best goods in the market, and guarantee that our prices can't be beat anywhere in the city. My name is E. A. Hoffman, my place of business is located at 21 E. 33rd St., just east of the elevated station. If you will come and eat with us we know, you will come again.

DEATH CLAIMS JOSEPH D. MAHONEY.

Avery Trade School has suspended operations for one week by reason of the death of the Principal, Joseph D. Mahoney. Mr. Mahoney was born in Peoria, Ill., in 1863, his parents were Charles and Theresa Mahoney. He went to Pennsylvania in 1882. He was a graduate of Chambersburg High school, leading his class at graduation. In 1899 he took charge of the Avery College and Trade School, and has been secretary of the Board of Directors for some years. He resided at 627 Chester avenue, North Side, Pittsburg, Pa. There survive him a wife and daughter, Mrs. W. G. Cutts.

SEVENTH WARD WOMAN'S CIVIC CLUB ADDRESSED BY IDA B. WELLS-BARNETT.

Tuesday evening, the Seventh Ward Woman's Civic Club held a social hour at the Lincoln Memorial church, 65th street and Champlain avenue, "City Government" was the topic under discussion and the principal speakers were: Mrs. Ida B. Wells-Barnett and Mrs. Eva Thornton.

During the social hour, refreshments were served. Mrs. Martha B. Anderson is president of the club and Mrs. Estella Majors, secretary.

COLORED MAN MAKES THE HIGHEST AVERAGE.

St. Louis, Mo.—At the recent examination conducted at the Marquette Hotel by the Missouri State Board of embalmers, J. Myron Crawford, who has been with Gates and Manuel for a year, made the highest average among the 35 Colored and White applicants that took the examination in anatomy, sanitary science, bacteriology and embalming.

SPECIAL PRICES FOR THE HOLIDAYS, CUT RATES ON WINES, LIQUORS AND CIGARS.

Goodman's Wine and Liquor House, retailers of Imported and Domestic wines, liquors and cigars, 3358-60 S. State Street, Chicago. Telephones: Douglas 8243, Automatic 72-836, Automatic 73-455.

Alderman Frank McDermott, who has served two terms in the city council from the 29th Ward, who was shot in the right leg, less than one year ago, as he was slipping out of the city council chambers by his wife, Mrs. McDermott, for failing to support her and her child, which she claimed he was the father of, will not enter the race for re-election to the city council at the April election.

CHIPS

Mrs. Corrine Eggleston, 532 E. 37th street; will be at home and receive her many friends on New Year's Day.

Mrs. Amanda Nelson, has removed from 3034 Wentworth avenue to 56 W. 35th street.

Mrs. William Emanuel, 6352 Rhodes avenue, will receive and entertain her numerous friends on New Year's Day.

Attorney A. L. Williams, 184 W. Washington street; has been confined this week to his home, 3655 Prairie avenue; from the effects of a very severe cold. He is under the care of Dr. Cotton and is much improved at this writing.

Robert J. Roulston, Vice-President of McNeill, Higgins Company, wholesale grocer, State and South Water streets who served for a number of years as President of the Library Board and also as a member of the Board of Education; feels proud of the record which he has made and left behind him. As President of the Library Board, he secured the site and had constructed on it, the Hiram Kelly Public Library in Englewood which is one of the finest branch libraries in this city and as a member of the Board of Education, several extensive public school buildings were constructed in the same section of the city through the influence of Mr. Roulston. Those improvements in that direction, costing several million dollars.

Mrs. Ida B. Wells-Barnett, who is highly esteemed by a large circle of friends; was lately relieved of her duties as one of the probation officers of the Municipal Court, which position she held well on to three years; pulling in \$125, per month. It is maintained; that Mrs. Barnett, about one year ago started out to champion the cause of Hon. Harry Olson, Chief Justice of the Municipal Court, for Mayor of Chicago, but for some reason or other she suddenly transferred her far reaching influence from him to Hon. William Hale Thompson, and it appears; that Justice Olson still has something to do somewhere or other in selecting or proposing candidates for Probation Officers, and the up shot of it all is; that Mrs. Gilmer, has been selected to succeed her as one of the Probation Officers.

Making the Insects Speak.

In the biographies of the world there is no passage more human and more humorous than the account by M. Fabre of his first interview with Pasteur, who had never seen a cocoon and was astonished that there was anything in it. He concludes the account thus: "Encouraged by the magnificent example of the cocoons rattling in Pasteur's astonished ears, I have made it my rule to adopt the method of ignorance in my investigations into insects. I read very little. Instead of turning the pages of books, an expensive proceeding quite beyond my means, instead of consulting other people, I persist until I succeed in making him speak."—London Spectator.

Limited Perpetual Motion.

Ambrose Fletcher solved the great problem of perpetual motion the other day, after laboring upon it for many years. It is in the shape of a ball which swings back and forth regularly and tirelessly, being propelled by a sort of clockwork mechanism. There is only one drawback to this solution of the old problem. He has to wind the machinery every eight days. There is always something wrong, isn't there? As soon as Ambrose gets it so it will run without winding he will have the problem definitely solved.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Exactly Alike.

"You ought to be pleased with these rolls, George, dear," said the young wife. "They are exactly like those your mother used to make when you were a boy."

"Of course they are," replied George gallantly. "In fact, I thought at first they were the same ones."

And the stupid creature could not understand why Mrs. George burst into tears!—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

The Color of Air.

Pure air is blue in tint because, according to Newton, the molecules of the air have the thickness necessary to reflect blue rays. When the atmosphere is blended with perceptible vapors the diffused light is mixed with a large proportion of white.

A Slight Change.

Slight changes sometimes make a great difference. "Dinner for nothing," would be agreeable, for instance; not so, "Nothing for dinner."