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LOCAL NOTES

Col. James Collins begins active work on his copper mine next week. We wish the colonel much success.

Room to rent. Mrs. Lucas, 116 South Idaho street.

Mrs. Emma Wilds spent last Sunday as the guest of Miss Elza Johnson out at the Nine Mile.

We also took dinner at Mrs. Lewis' on Monday evening, which was a very pleasing affair.

There will be a baby show at Bethel Baptist church Tuesday July 29, under the management of Mrs. Hattie Wilson, for the benefit of the church. Everybody is requested to bring your babies and the most perfect and well dressed baby will get the prize. There will be two prizes, first and second.

Miss Letha Esters was elected president of Band of Hope at the regular meeting Thursday. No more business the meeting adjourned to meet Thursday July 29th.

Miss Elza Johnson and Mr. Charles Brown, who have charge of Mr. A. P. Henry's summer home, were in town this week visiting friends.

Mrs. W. M. Hocker returned last week from a ten days' visit in Missoula visiting Mrs. Freeman, who returned with her and will reside in Butte again.

The Band of Gideon gave a grand reception to the public on Monday evening at the Baptist church. At the close of the business meeting a program under the direction of Rev. Laws was rendered.

Organ Voluntary.....Mrs. Rayfield

Address—"Shall We Fight?"

.....Mr. Chas. Davis

Recitation—"The Baby Across the

Hay".....Miss Brown

Song—Mrs. Charles Wilson, Miss

Rhodes and Mrs. Nathaniel Collins.

A delicious repast was served at the expense of the society by Mrs. Janie Lewis, who simply excelled herself in cooking. Mrs. Lewis' cakes alone being worth going miles to taste.

The very worthy president, Mrs. Henry Johnson, was smiling from her post of duty showing her appreciation of the efforts her co-workers were making to entertain their guests. This little band was organized for the purpose of building a church. They expect to let the public hear from them again. We hope it may be soon and often.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Brooks are in the city from Washington.

Mrs. Henry Johnson entertained at her home this week Mrs. Ben Adams, of Billings. It is some months since Mr. Adams' business interests called him to Billings. Butte society sustained quite a loss in the departure of this family, as Mrs. Adams was a singer, and quite popular in lodge circles. That fortune has smiled on them in their new home was indicated by Mrs. Adams' elegant appearance.

Mr. Robert Lucas returns after a six months' trip to Puget Sound points, much benefited in health. He reports unfavorable weather, and work scarce. After a flying trip to Anaconda this gentleman returns to Helena to make arrangements to move his family to Butte.

Mrs. Lee, of Saint Louis, arrived in the city Friday, visiting her husband, who is interested in some horses that are running in Butte this season.

Mrs. William H. Jones, of El Paso, Texas, was in the city two days this week on business. She returned Wednesday evening on the Oregon Short line.

Mr. Willie Willis, of Saint Paul, who is now running between that

place and Anaconda, was in the city Wednesday.

ROOM TO RENT—Mrs. Lucas, 116 South Idaho street.

Mr. Lonnie Clayton, our former jockey, who is now riding for H. I. Wilsop, has been indisposed this week and has been unable to ride.

Mrs. Ennis Bell, who has been confined to her bed for the last two weeks, is improving rapidly. We will be pleased to see her out again.

Mrs. S. A. Smith has rented her house furnished and will leave next week for Spokane to visit her mother. She will also visit several northern cities.

The Crisenda club's inaugural ball which is to be given Wednesday evening, August 6, is looked forward to by the grandest affair of its kind ever given by the colored people of Montana. The executive committee is doing everything in their power to make the event one that will go down in history. Special invitations are being sent to Spokane, Helena, Great Falls, Salt Lake, Pocatello, Anaconda and several other towns throughout the state. The following named gentlemen have the conducting of the business affairs: J. H. Williams, J. Fletcher, Robert Lawrence, W. H. Spriggs, J. E. Fletcher, F. Golden. The auditorium is being overhauled and prepared to receive this grand affair.

CHURCH NEWS.

The Trinity A. M. E. church will hold their quarterly meeting and the dedication of their church Sunday, July 20th. The church choir has been reorganized and are preparing special music for Sunday under the management of Mrs. E. D. Washington. Mrs. William Green will preside at the organ. The presiding elder, Rev. James Hubbard, will be present and a grand time is expected. Every one is cordially invited to attend all the services.

The service at the Calvary Baptist church was well attended last Sunday, and a good spiritual interest was manifested. The Sunday school was better attended than any Sunday yet, which shows an interest among both parents and children.

Special effort at Bethel Baptist church Sunday July 29, to raise money for the building fund.

Everybody are cordially invited to come out and help in the interprise. There should be a Baptist church here, and those who are going to heaven certainly ought to work for it.

Rev. C. C. X. Laws and wife last Sunday were the guests of Mrs. D. Lewis from 3 to 5 p. m.

The time was spent profusely in ice cream and cake, which was highly appreciated, and a few minutes after 5 we were at Mrs. Sadie Smith's, 711 Broadway, where we partook of the best in the storehouse, which was served in courses and very sumptuously enjoyed. Later on we were at the church, where the people listened very attentively to the sermon delivered by Miss Rhodes, the evangelist, which was highly appreciated.

OGDEN ITEMS.

Mrs. Al Townsen left this week for Pocatello, where she will join her husband. They will make Pocatello their future home.

Mrs. Abe Redd went to Pocatello this week.

Mr. Isaac Harper resigned his position on the dining car and left for Pocatello, where he will take a position as chef cook in the Pacific Hotel. The Pacific Hotel company has employed white help throughout until the first of July, when it changed management. Since that time the different positions are being filled by colored people. Mr. F. E. Lewis, the manager of the Oregon Short line dining cars, and the Pacific hotel in Pocatello, has proved to be a friend to the colored people, and we trust that the men employed in the hotel and on the dining cars will show their appreciation by doing their work better than any one else. Let us follow Booker T. Washington's motto: "Do a common thing in an uncommon way." By so doing the field of opportunity will ever widen for us until it will reach from one side of this great continent unto the other.

Mr. Frank Ellison has accepted a position as chef cook on the O. S. L. dining car.

Mr. Griffin Mack is a smile over a fine girl that was added to his family on the 7th inst. Mother and daughter are doing nicely.

Andrew Sledd, of Georgia, is pretty certain to incur the denunciation of a large section of the South. In the Atlantic Monthly he has a paper, "The Negro: Another View," in which he refutes the claim made in defense of

lynchings that these acts of mob violence are usually directed against black brutes who have committed the nameless crime against women. He asserts that "only a very small proportion (in some years one-tenth) of Southern lynchings are due to rape, either actual or suspected." Mr. Sledd's paper is mainly a plea for the suppression of the mob and the reign of law. In this issue H. D. Sedgwick, Jr., pleads for discipline and contemplation as a means of correcting the inequalities that have arisen from the country's overrapid industrial development. J. A. LeRoy discusses the race question in the Philippines, and says that the pacification of the natives has been greatly retarded by the Americans carrying their "anti-nigger" prejudices there. American expansion is accomplishing some of its most beneficial results in Porto Rico. W. F. Willoughby, the island treasurer, sums up the important work accomplished by two years of legislation. W. J. Henderson, the musical critic, is also an authority on boating, and he has a delightful paper on sailing. Walks with Ellery Channing, selected excerpts from the unpublished diary of Emerson; a study of Walter Pater, by Edward Dowden; The Plays of Eugene Brieux, by Geo. P. Baker, and an essay on the reading of books, by Gerald Stanley Lee, are the special literary features of this number. "Our Lady of the Beeches," a new serial by the Baroness von Hutten, is begun, and there are short stories by R. E. Young, Geo. S. Wasson and Dallas L. Sharp.—Globe Democrat.

SOUTHERN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS.

A conference of prominent men at Atlanta recently brought out some interesting information as to the industrial employment of negroes; but nothing in connection with the event was so instructive as the visit of some of the leading Southern delegates to the Tuskegee industrial institute. The old South was indifferent to industrial training and education, and while there has been some change in this respect, there is still too much indifference to the industrial training of Southern whites. Some of these visitors had their eyes opened to the fact that the Negroes, through the impetus of the Tuskegee institute, are likely to surpass the Southern whites in this respect. One Georgia delegate said: "The results here attained by one man fratify but frighten me. Every thinking Southern man would feel the same way who had seen what I have seen today. Industrial education is a good thing for the Negro, but it is absolutely necessary for the whites. I am going back to Georgia and preach the necessity of industrial training for both races."

Governor Jelks, of Alabama, said: "I have always admired Booker T. Washington, and felt that he was doing a great work for the state, but I had no idea that he was coming so near to a solution of the Negro problem."

The reports made to this Atlanta conference show that the Negro is making great progress as an artisan, and through this industrial training is gradually and quietly winning his way industrially in the South. It is perhaps not generally known that there are scores of smaller but similar institutions to those at Hampton and Tuskegee, founded by graduates from these schools. The results are so satisfactory, and the influence of the industrially educated negro is so wholesome, that the whites have become much interested in the industrial education not only of the negroes but of their own race as well.

So it is coming to pass that a movement inaugurated by a colored man primarily for the benefit of his own race is to be extended and is in fact being extended shrdlu shrdluhrduta being expanded for the instruction and benefit of the white race in the South also. Booker T. Washington has revolutionized sentiment among his own people, and exerted a powerful influence upon the whole race in that section of the country also. The negroes are no longer altogether mere cotton pickers and common laborers, but are becoming skilled mechanics, trained farmers, men and women going out with not only the ambition but the equipment to become home builders and state builders; and their success has been so marked that it has stimulated the whites to the adoption of similar methods. And so, after all, the despised negro, erstwhile a slave, is a chief factor in the new development and upbuilding of the South.

Oldest Ship Afloat.

What is stated to be the oldest ship in the world has recently been sold at Tenerife to be broken up. This is the Italian ship Anita, of Genoa. She resembles Christopher Columbus' ship Santa Maria, was built in Genoa in 1548, and effected her last voyage at the end of March, 1902, from Naples to Tenerife six or seven weeks ago. The Anita was of tremendously stout build, and had weathered countless storms and tornadoes in all parts of the world; but, says the Shipping World, it was also the slowest ship afloat, taking 205 days on one voyage from Baltimore to Rio de Janeiro.

NEGRO CITIZENSHIP!

THERE CANNOT BE TWO GRADES OF CITIZENS IN AMERICA.

NEGRO ADVENT NOT VOLUNTARY

The White Man's Sense of Justice Has Been and Still Is the Chief Force Influencing Laws and Customs Favorable to Colored People.

Editor Freeman:—If there ever was a time when the colored citizens should take a decided and aggressive part in helping to settle the many questions that arise from the impact of the white and colored citizens of our country, this is the hour.

This is the white man's country, not only by right of discovery and conquest, but by every other recognized claim. He founded the nation and has instituted and developed the government. The Chinaman is excluded from the privilege of citizenship and to an extent is denied even the privilege of residence. That the same course is not pursued toward the Negro is due to the fact that his advent was not voluntary. While the granting of citizenship to the Negro and his descendants is strictly in accord with justice, the fact is that the acceptance of the condition that results puts the noblest qualities of the white man to the severest test. Thus far no state, city or community where the conditions have been strained have been able to live up to either the letter or the spirit of the law. In all such communities there are many individuals who are at heart just, but they cannot prevent outbreaks upon the part of others. Governors, judges and sheriffs have found themselves powerless to control the "mobs" which have been arrayed by "actual feelings" against a more or less abstract principle.

If the time ever comes when the white man of this country accepts the black man as a fellow citizen on terms of equality, it will be a triumph of justice over race prejudice such as the history of man has never before furnished.

While it is true that the white man's sense of justice has been and still is the chief force influencing laws and customs favorable to colored citizens, yet it must also be remembered that apart from the mere desire to deal justly, the white man is bound to be influenced by considerations of his own welfare and of the welfare of the country in dealing with the colored citizen. In the end he must accept the black man as a fellow citizen and accord him equal rights and protect him in the enjoyment of the same. There cannot be two grades of citizenship in this republic. The negroes can neither be segregated nor deported. They are here as citizens and must be dealt with as such. If it were possible to deal with the negro in any other way than as a citizen, the question would be settled in short order. That class of white men who are swayed by prejudices and sentiment rather than by the dictates of sober judgment and the sense of justice, have been and are doing all things possible to fix the status of the colored citizen, but that class cannot prevail. They have in the past and at the present time still are subjecting the negro to many hardships; they may continue to do so for many years, but the end will come.

The colored citizen has it in his power to shorten the period of his oppression and suffering and to hasten the day of his prosperity. He will, however, be unable to make any great progress toward this until he becomes able to calmly recognize the plain facts and to be guided by sober judgment.

The three chief lines along which progress should be made are those that will secure for the race greater economic efficiency, more social and political modesty and increased moral and intellectual soundness and strength.

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Texas, the Lone Star State, would seemingly be one of the last states in the Union to which our race should look to for a long step forward. Still it is the unexpected that always happens. Down in Texas, it would appear that they have a set of men in the supreme court who are endowed by God with that greatest of all blessings, common sense. Robert Smith was recently convicted of having murdered a white woman. He was sentenced to death. Fortunately for the colored race, he was able to carry the case to the highest court in the state. There it was argued that because twelve white men sat in the jury box they were prejudiced against the accused because he was black and the woman he was accused of killing was of the jury's race. Lawyers laughed at the plea, but the men of the bench did not and a few days ago rendered a decision holding the plea well-taken, and the conviction illegal because the prosecution in selecting the jury had discriminated against colored men. Smith was ordered set free. This may not be law in other states, but it seems to be common sense, and the

day that sees common sense injected into the so-called race problem in all parts of the United States will mark the end of the problem. Texas has opened the way that other states may follow. There is no more reason for barring a negro from the jury box at the trial of a fellow negro than barring a Mason from the trial of a Mason, an Odd Fellow from the trial of an Odd Fellow, a Protestant from the trial of a Protestant, a Catholic from the trial of a Catholic, or a white man from the trial of a white man.

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