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THE ANNUAL TUSKEGEE NEGRO CONFERENCE.

Tuskegee, Alabama, November 19, 1917.—Preparations are under way already for the annual Tuskegee Negro Conference which is to be held here January 16th and 17th, 1918.

The past year has brought much prosperity to the Negro farmers of the south. Crops have been unusually abundant, and the prices they are receiving for their products are also unusually high. How to make use of this prosperity in the face of the war conditions will be taken up by the conference. The general topic for discussion will be "Meeting the Needs of the War Situation."

Invitations are being sent to a group of speakers of national importance and national reputation; men whose activities are now very pronounced in the various problems of defense and conservation.

Principal R. R. Moton has received information that special delegations from Tennessee, Georgia and Mississippi will attend the conference. Application has been made to the Southeastern Passenger association for special rates on all railroads.

OFFICIAL CALL

For the Eleventh Biennial Meeting of the National Association of Colored Women.

The eleventh biennial meeting of the N. A. C. W. will be held in Denver, Colorado, July 8 to 13, 1918.

Every officer, superintendent of departments, state president and delegate should present her credentials to the committee and obtain official badge entitling her to vote as soon after arrival as possible.

The credential committee, Miss Georgia Nugent, chairman; Mrs. Mary H. Baker, of Wyoming; Mrs. Theresa G. Macon, of Illinois; Mrs. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, of North Carolina, and Miss Roberta Dunbar, of Rhode Island, recording secretary, will be in session Monday, July 8, from 11 a. m. to 12 m. and from 2 to 5 p. m.

The executive board, Miss Hallie Q. Brown, chairman, will hold their first session at 5 p. m. July 8.

Mrs. Myrtle Cook, chairman of the program committee, has been able to nearly complete a program which covers the newer and more striking phases of work which has been called for, due to the extraordinary time through which we are passing.

Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, superintendent of department for suppression of lynching and mob violence, will have a report of unusual interest to present.

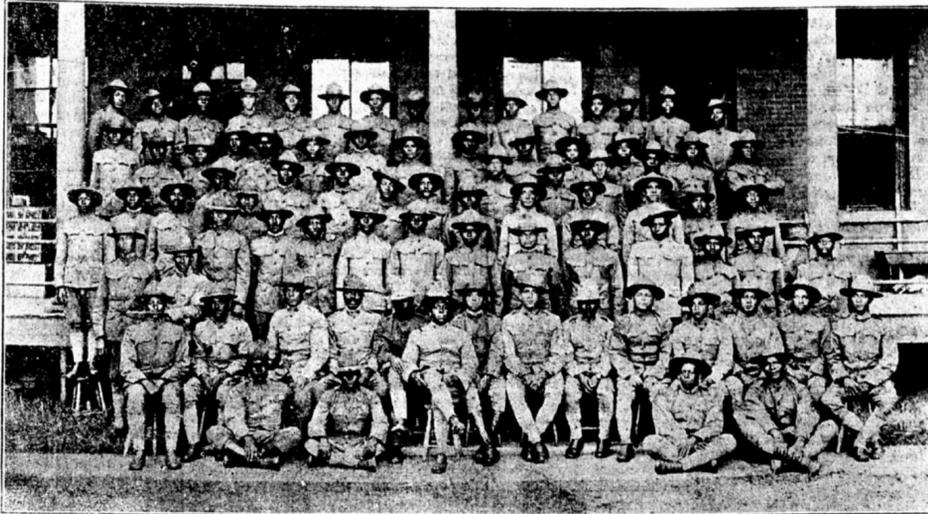
The entertainment committee are arranging for short trips to Pike's Peak, Colorado Springs, the Garden of the Gods, and also for a mid-day luncheon to be served free to the delegates.

The committee in charge of transportation has announced rates from the east, through Mrs. Mazie Nosselle Griffin.

Mrs. G. A. Ross of Denver, representing the west, and Mrs. Mabel Keith Howard of South Carolina will announce rates for the south.

Information concerning board and lodging may be obtained from Mrs. N. E. Dishman, 2439 Gilpin street, Denver, Colorado, general chairman of arrangements for Denver.

Among the interesting things scheduled will be the burning of the Douglass mortgage, the announcement of the roll of honor and the winner of the special tablet; also the election of the board of trustees to manage the



Company No. 4 of Ft. Des Moines. Officers' Training Camp. This is only one of the many groups of this historic camp that you will see in the new book we have just published, entitled "History and Views of Colored Officers' Training Camp."

Douglass Home, which will pass to the entire control and management of the National Association of Colored Women.

The American colored women should be aroused as never before to greater activity. New duties will be placed upon our women through the amendment to the constitution, which will doubtless become a law at the coming session of congress.

At the smallest calculation three million colored women will receive the ballot, which is the greatest power that has been given us since emancipation, to correct some of the evils that have crushed us.

Government ownership of railroads will wipe out the notorious, offensive, undemocratic Jim Crow cars, into which we have been herded during the past twenty years, regardless of rights as American citizens.

Just now a call is coming to you as thrown across a deep valley. Will you, will you be there? Let the answer come: "We will, we will be there."

All dues and per capita taxes should be in the hands of the national treasurer, Mrs. Ida Joyce Jackson, 548 East Spring street, Columbus, Ohio, no later than May 30, 1918.

Mary B. Talbert, President.
Hallie Q. Brown, Chairman Executive Board.
Roberta Dunbar, First Recording Secretary.
Mrs. J. B. Rush, Press Committee.

Honorary presidents:
Mrs. Mary Church Terrell.
Mrs. Lucy Thurman.
Miss Elizabeth Carter.
Mrs. Booker T. Washington.

EDITOR'S OBSERVATIONS.

Early Monday morning October 21 we awoke to find ourselves riding on the Rock Island through northern Missouri. This state, locally dubbed the showme state, is indeed a great commonwealth in many respects. It is nearly centrally located geographically, right in the heart of the great Mississippi valley, the richest in the world. Missouri is so rich in minerals and so endowed by nature with all the fruit, all the cereals, all the agricultural products that she is capable of maintaining her people without seeking aid from outside of her border. So diversified are her industries and commercial interests that she is an empire within herself, and yet her vast resources have not been fully developed. We first stopped for a few minutes in Cameron, Mo., and found about the class of colored people here as last. We observed here W. W. Fields, a well-to-do citizen, highly respected among both white and colored, still in the barber business, where he has worked for the past twenty-five years. He is now the grand master of the Masonic lodge of Missouri and jurisdiction. His wife has a first class hair dressing parlor. Prof. Ridge is still here teaching in the public schools. He is a good teacher and a representative race man. We were representative in hillicoth, one of the progressive cities. What always surprises me is to go to a city this size and not see or hear a street car bell, for, practically no interurban cars at all, and there are only six towns in this state that have local street cars. This state that has a population of about 12,000, of which about 3,000 are colored, they have a fine public school, with Prof. V. Williams as principal, with two others to assist him, Mr. Brown and Miss Odessa Hillman. They are all good, experienced teachers. Rev. D. S. Sawyer, one of the veteran Baptist ministers of this state, is still liv-

ing here although he is very feeble, with those gray locks, having traveled more than the allotted four score and four years, is an inspiration to the older generation. Mr. and Mrs. M. Monroe are still running their lunch room on the public square. They own a nice home. Mr. James S. Banks is still running his barber shop, although he has moved to the new corner bank building southwest of the square. We next stopped at Brunswick, Mo., for a few hours. Here we found the colored population about the same as usual. The school is in full blast, with three teachers. Mr. Spencer Payne, a pioneer citizen here, is still running his little restaurant. Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Doney are doing well. They are representative people. There are two churches here, the A. M. E. and the Baptist. Dalton was our next stop. This little town of about 500 is made famous throughout Missouri as the home of the famous Bartlett Industrial school. This is one of the best and most progressive industrial colleges in the north for the education of our boys and girls. They have a splendid faculty and new modern equipment, which renders the school work easier. Prof. N. C. Bruce and his very efficient wife are the young Booker T. Washington in the middle west. This worthy enterprise should be more encouraged by our leading race men. Prof. Bruce now holds the world's champion medal for the best corn grown in 1915 and the Missouri state championship for the best corn grown last year. Prof. Bruce is doing more than any other one man in Missouri that we know of for the making of a boy and girl a good, useful and self-supporting citizen. We hope before long to say more about this worthy enterprise, and that Prof. Bruce may soon visit our city and state. Through the kindness of Prof. Bruce we were driven several miles out in the country to see some of the farms owned and rented by the colored people. One of the first farmers we met was Ellis Allen, who is one of the pioneer farmers. He owns a nice farm and is a true race man. He was making molasses from cane that he raised. Mr. H. C. Bruce, another farmer who owns his farm, was making the molasses in partnership. They had made and sold several hundred gallons this fall and promised to send a few gallons up to ye editor. They have a large trade at their mill. We caught Geo. Wright gathering some very fine red Jonathan apples in his orchard. He is another well-to-do farmer. Roscoe Jackson was found hauling water. He has a splendid crop this year. We next met Mr. Christopher, a successful farmer. He has a nice family of young girls and boys. We next called upon J. W. Tatum, Mr. A. E. Tatum, M. S. Smalls, Henry Mann and E. Lewis, who are other successful farmers, and every one of those who were not taking the Bystander did so. Being a farmer boy myself I enjoyed this outing this afternoon more than I can now tell you. There is another farmer recently moved up from Oklahoma and he has bought a quarter section of land, paying cash. It is claimed to be the best farm near this town. He is said to have one of the finest crops of corn in the county. He still owns several hundred acres of Oklahoma land, where his sons are farming. The Mr. Skillmans are also farmers, owning their farm, one-half mile from town and only a few miles down on the river bottoms are dozens of colored farmers, many going well. This is the most independent and best life for a man to live. I would urge that more of my race go out on the farms in this northwest. We next stopped at Keytesville, the county seat of

Chariton county. This hilly town is located about two miles from the depot and they have a street car drawn by horses to pull the people from the depot to the town. Mr. Boone still lives here. He is a contractor and has made a success as a carpenter. His only daughter, a very bright girl, is now one of the school teachers here. Mr. M. Christopher, who lives in town, but farms out on his good farm, is a hustler and owns a fine farm. We secured seven new subscribers here and we hope that they may influence many others to subscribe for the Bystander.

Mrs. P. O. Stuchell Tells How She Cured Her Son of a Cold.

"When my son Ellis was sick with a cold last winter I gave him Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It helped him at once and quickly broke up his cold," writes Mrs. P. O. Stuchell, Homer City, Pa. This remedy has been in use for many years. Its good qualities have been fully proven by many thousands of people. It is pleasant and safe to take.

KIRKSVILLE, MO.

Rev. C. B. Johnson preached at the Second Baptist church Sunday. Collection for the day, \$2.62.

Mrs. Etta Johnson of Macon, Mo., visited home folks this week.

Several Kirksville people attended the birthday party of Miss Idella Johnson in Macon on Monday, November 26th.

Mr. Henry Jones, who has been working in Des Moines, is home for an indefinite stay.

Mr. Ed. Nichols is also home from Des Moines to remain a while.

Mrs. Harry Smith and daughter, Marie Hall, were guests at dinner of Miss Lizzie Adams.

Miss Maude Henderson, who has undergone an operation in the A. S. O. hospital, is getting along very well.

Mrs. Eva Foster left Friday night for Des Moines, Iowa. From there she will go to Oskaloosa, Iowa, to visit her brother, Mr. George Jones. She expects to be gone over a week.

Mrs. Mattie Richard is visiting her husband, Mr. Earl Richard, in Oskaloosa, Iowa.

The friends of Mr. Victor Appleton congratulate him on his marriage to Miss Ruth Crowder of Oskaloosa, Iowa.

Thanksgiving was appropriately observed by the pastor, Rev. B. C. Anderson, and his good people of the A. M. E. church.

Rev. C. B. Johnson left Thursday to spend Thanksgiving day with his church at Edina, and thence to Monticello to fill his regular appointment on Sunday.

Mr. Mack Johnson visited home folks Sunday last.

SLAVE-FAITH.

No morrow's dawn
Gave outlook on
His prayer's desire;
But still the fire
And incense blew—
God lived—Faith knew.
C. B. Johnson.

ALBIA NEWS.

Mrs. Lafayette of Oskaloosa passed through the city on Monday evening en route to her home from Leon. Between trains she visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Lewis.

Mr. William Miller of Buxton, who has been in the hospital in Albia for several weeks, returned to Buxton.

Mr. Bob Hail at the hospital is improving.

Those who attended Sunday morning services at the A. M. E. church in Albia from Hocking were Mrs. Mabel Robinson and little daughter, Eveline, Miss Ruth St. Clair, Mr. LeRoy Burns, Mrs. Burns, Mrs. Oscar Roper and

Mr. and Mrs. Burns.
Rev. J. W. Dowden and his choir of the A. M. E. church accepted an invitation to Buxton from the minister

over there and visited Sunday at the A. M. E. church in Buxton.

The second grade pupils of the Jefferson school in Albia entertained at their room Tuesday before Thanksgiving. Little Bennie Grayson was Indian in his class.

A few strangers in town the past week.

CARD OF THANKS.

(Buxton, Iowa, Special.)

I wish to extend my sincere gratitude to the many friends for their sympathy and kindness shown during the illness and recent death of our husband and father, J. H. Morris, and for their many beautiful floral designs, and most especially the St. John's A. M. E. choir. He left to mourn his demise a mother, Mrs. Belle Morris, of Des Moines; a wife, Dollie Morris, of Buxton, and three step-children, Odessa Wright of Chicago, Alice Cary of Buxton and Frank Douglas of Rock Island, Ill.; three sisters and three brothers, Sarah Morris of Des Moines, Georgia Morris of Des Moines, Effie Clark of Minneapolis, Minn., Andrew Morris of Des Moines, Joe Morris of Des Moines and Oliver Morris of Des Moines.
Mrs. Dollie Morris.

To Keep Insects Away.

Eggshells burned in the oven and placed on the pantry shelves will keep the insects away.



Now is None Too Soon For Christmas Shopping

This store is in complete readiness for gift-buying in all sections. Distinctive merchandise, selected from the world's chief sources of production, is assembled in magnificent displays from which appropriate remembrances may be chosen for any and every name on the list.

The Economy Basement—a center of Lesser Priced Gifts.

The Roycroft Shop—the "Military Depot"—the Book Store—the Jewelry and other novelty selections are especially abundant in their varieties of practical, useful gifts.

TOYLAND is superbly ready, with the best varieties this store has ever shown.

Personal greeting cards, gifts to be engraved, embroidered or otherwise made to individual requirements, should be ordered early.

NEW BOOK JUST OUT

The long looked for book on
"The History and Views of
Colored Officers Training
Camp at Fort Des Moines
for 1917"

This very interesting and readable book contains the pictures of some of the most remarkable group of young Colored men ever assembled to gather in America.

The only Colored Officers training Camp in the world. It contains the autobiographies of nearly 1000 cadets candidates and soldiers candidates. It has about 125 pages
Price by mail post prepaid in U. S. \$1.50

WRITE FOR AGENCY TO
John L. Thompson Des Moines, Iowa

Interesting Social Feature

Beginning Monday night, November 26th, the Terpsichorean club will dance every Monday evening at the Coliseum as a courtesy to the officers at Camp Dodge and their friends.

Special efforts will be taken to make it a pleasant evening.

Grand March by officers at 9 o'clock. Splendid music.
Admission 35 cents.

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