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EDITORIALS

OUR HOLIDAY NUMBER.

This year we have changed somewhat the tone of our holiday number. We have added some extra holiday stories and pictures, also some special contributions for this issue. Our advertising has been made more attractive. We are also running the cuts of some of our strong race men who have played a great part in making good the history for our race in the last half century. We simply run the picture that it might be an incentive for many of these 600 or more of our young men who were recently commissioned officers in the U. S. army. The many ads. that we secured are the stores and business houses who will welcome and appreciate your trade. Therefore if you want to buy anything in their line, go to them and tell them that you saw the adv. in the By-stander. Help us and we will help you. Wishing all of our subscribers and friends a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

CAMP DODGE SOLDIERS.

For the past two weeks we have experienced some of the coldest weather so early in beginning of winter that we have had in 30 years. Therefore most everyone in the north and northwest suffered immensely, but the soldiers at Camp Dodge stood the weather well considering that many thousands of colored men were from Alabama. They are becoming adjusted to their new situation and are working hard to make good. It is true that several have failed in their physical examination, and already fully 300 have been sent back. The peculiar thing is to see them go out rab-

bit hunting. They go out in companies of 100 to 200 men, without dog, gun or revolver and just surround the rabbits and kill them with sticks and their feet. They often bring in from 25 to 100 rabbits and sometimes squirrels. They are being clothed heavily and no more sickness than is generally expected in so large a number. Our colored ladies, assisted by the best white ladies, are doing all they can to make their camp life home like and cheerful. Each colored company has a respected married lady known as company mother, in whom all of the company boys can confide in her and she is to oversee their social life both in camp and while in town. The same as do the white companies have their company mothers. All of these colored mothers are under one chief mother, a white lady, named Mrs. Irish, who has appointed Mrs. S. Joe Brown to assist her. So we of Iowa feel that our colored soldiers who are quartered in Camp Dodge, Des Moines, are receiving more and exactly equal treatment than are the colored conscripts in any other camp in the U. S. In addition to what I have said, nearly every colored club are giving something toward the comfort and happiness of their colored soldiers. One white man sent out 700 sweaters and 500 of these were given to the colored boys. So mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, wives, sweethearts and friends who have boys in Camp Dodge cheer up and feel happy, since he is in camp, that he is here.

CHRISTMAS.

The Yuletide season has again made its annual visit and next Tuesday the Christian people throughout the world will celebrate the natal day of our beloved Jesus, the Savior of the world. It is true that this time last year we did celebrate the birth of Christ in the United States when we were at peace, but now we have declared war on Germany, and here a few days ago declared war on Austria-Hungary. Therefore this Xmas season we all cannot feel like we did last year, for now many of our young soldiers are being killed in foreign countries, while here we have been about six months to get our first contingent ready to send into battle. While war is terrible, yet we must accept the seemingly inevitable and now prepare to assist our soldiers wherever they may be found. Last Christmas we were praying for widows, the orphan and the separated families of Europe; now we must pray for our own people.

Let us ask this Christmas that the Prince of Peace may restore peace. Sheath the sword, dry the tear, unite the separated homes and give us all more brotherly love that will bind and cement us as true brothers and Christians.

ALBIA, IOWA.

Iowa being three hundred miles east to west and two hundred miles from north to south, would call Albia one of the industrious little mining towns of southern Iowa, the county seat of Monroe county in the coal district of the state and also a fine agricultural county, within a radius of ten miles is the large mining camp of Buxton on the north. Hiteman and Ward on the west and Hocking on the south, while others are almost within the city limits. Its inhabitants number nearly 3,000.

The Afro-American or colored population of the town is numbered at 100. There are between twenty-five and fifty children in the public schools, one church, the A. M. E., in active work in all departments. Rev. J. W. Dowden is the present pastor. A Sewing Circle club in connection with the State Federation of Colored Women, one fraternal order, the K. of P. lodge, in good working order, with a membership of about fifty members. The three oldest families, who located here fifty years ago, are namely, Rev. Cornelius Thomas, Henry Jones and Monroe Davis. There are between twenty and twenty-five property owners in the town, namely, Cornelius Thomas, Henry Jones, Monroe Davis, Henry Harris, B. T. Lewis, Burt Allen, Pearl Thomas, Brittan Thomas, Moss Johnson, Thomas Williams, E. F. Butler, William Richie, Chas. Washington, Mrs. Elizabeth Grayson, Mrs. M. F. Ward, Mrs. Allie Bowman, Mr. Lou E. Franklin, Oscar Roper, Geo. Hollingworth and Mr. Joe Jameson. The principal occupation of these people is general work and mining, but others have the following occupations: Mr. Burt Allen in Strausburger store, Mr. E. F. Butler, the Monroe County News office, Mr. Pearl Thomas, farming; Mr. Brittan Thomas, plumber; Mr. Henry Jones, teamster; Mr. Roy A. Grayson, engineer at Hocking No. 3. B. T. Lewis, janitor of Jefferson school; Miss Sadie Lewis in Dr. Gray's office; Mr. Clayton, a newcomer to Albia, a general repair man. These people like to read their race literature. The By-stander, the oldest colored newspaper in the state, is in nearly all their homes.

The Gift Divine

By WM. BRADFORD DICKSON

At this fair Christmasticide,  
When joy bells ring out  
The song of plenty and ring in  
The reign of peace throughout  
This wonderful land of ours—  
The while across the sea  
Old Mother Earth is drenched with blood  
And hate and carnage reign supreme  
While sucklings wait for milk  
And children faint for lack of food;  
While strong men fall beside the way  
And homeless women kneel in prayer—  
I do not ask for gifts  
Of frolic games and myrrh,  
Of gold or silver or of either Ind,  
Of jewels rare or priceless merchandise,  
Of marble halls or vast estates,  
Nor e'en the costly homage of mankind;  
But this—

II  
That I may give each day full meed  
Unto the willing mind and heart,  
Of light of truth and warmth of love,  
Of matchless skill in comfort's art—  
That magic all transforming touch  
Which heals the leper's spots  
And turns to naught the wounds and scars  
Deep seared upon the heart of man  
In life's great battle field;  
That I may bind earth's broken hearts,  
Lifting up the drooping heads  
Of the oppressed and burdened ones,  
That I may plant within young hearts  
A deeper longing for the Right—  
Of mercy for the hapless weak  
And those who suffer daily throes  
Of hunger, pain, disease, neglect;  
That I may know forgetfulness  
For daily aches and wrongs;  
That I may hourly grow  
In love of liberty, of friend and foe,  
And all the world  
May grow in love—a fruitful love  
For all the beauty and true  
In nature, art, the heavenly realm  
And for the noble deeds of all mankind;  
That I may fill the widening hours of  
life  
With courage, cheerfulness, and hope;  
That I may help my fellow man  
Behold the dawn beyond the night.  
The gentle calm beyond the storm.  
These are the gifts I crave  
Above the blind world's treasure trove  
Of gold and gilt.

Who gives his better self the whole year  
through  
Gives life's own priceless gift to all the  
world and you—the gift divine.  
—Chicago Evening Post.

May the deepest happiness of this Christmas-tide come to each and every reader, and may it last all through the coming year.

Home Celebrations.

"I believe in Christmas Day home celebrations; their friendliness, their mystery, their joyous excitement; and in the feeling of security and peace a child has in the midst of them," writes a well-known authority. And I believe that the memory of child has of them fifty years later should still be strong and sweet."

Christmas Carols.

Then arose a joyous clamor, from the wild fowl on the mere, and a voice within cried, "Listen! Christmas carols even here!"—Charles Kingsley.

A Letter to Santa



I'm sending a letter to Santa Claus  
To tell him just what I need.  
It's printed all out in purple ink,  
But I wonder if he can read.

Only Once a Year.

But how seldom Christmas comes—only once a year; and how soon it is over—a day and a night! If that is the whole of it, it seems not much more durable than the little toys one buys of a faker on the street corner. But surely that need not and ought not to be the whole of Christmas; only a single day of generosity, ransomed from the dull servitude of a selfish year. If every gift is a token of personal thought, a friendly feeling, and unselfish interest in the joy of others, then the thought, the feeling, the interest, may remain after the gift is made.—Henry van Dyke.

Comic strip titled 'Her Christmas Present' with 10 panels. Panel 1: 'MERRY XMAS BAH!' Panel 2: 'MERRY XMAS BOSH! THERE AIN'T NO SUCH THING.' Panel 3: 'MERRY XMAS BAH!' Panel 4: 'MERRY XMAS BOSH! THERE AIN'T NO SUCH THING.' Panel 5: 'MERRY XMAS BAH!' Panel 6: 'MERRY XMAS BOSH! THERE AIN'T NO SUCH THING.' Panel 7: 'MERRY XMAS BAH!' Panel 8: 'MERRY XMAS BOSH! THERE AIN'T NO SUCH THING.' Panel 9: 'MERRY XMAS BAH!' Panel 10: 'MERRY XMAS BOSH! THERE AIN'T NO SUCH THING.'

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To Jno. F. Shultz Est.:  
You are hereby notified that on the 7th day of December, 1914, the following described real estate, situated in Polk county, Iowa, to-wit: Lot one hundred (100) in Boulevard addition, being in and a part of the city of Des Moines, Iowa, was sold for the then delinquent and unpaid tax for the year 1913 to W. E. Kersey; that the undersigned, Geo. Harnagel, is now the owner and holder of the certificate of purchase issued in pursuance of the above mentioned sale, and that the right of redemption will expire and a deed for said real estate will be made unless redemption from said sale is made within ninety days from the completed service hereof.  
Geo. Harnagel.

RIGHT OF REDEMPTION.  
To T. K. Nelson:  
You are hereby notified that on the 9th day of December, 1914, the following described real estate, situated in Polk county, Iowa, to-wit: Lot eighty-one (81) in Polk Place, being in and a part of the city of Des Moines, Iowa, was sold for the then delinquent and unpaid tax for the year 1913 to W. E. Kersey; that the undersigned, Geo. Harnagel, is now the owner and holder of the certificate of purchase issued in pursuance of the above mentioned sale and that the right of redemption from said sale will expire and a deed for said real estate will be made unless redemption from said sale is made within ninety days from the completed service hereof.  
Dated this 18th day of October, 1917.  
Geo. Harnagel.

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Dated this 18th day of October, 1917.  
Geo. Harnagel.

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