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THE NEGRO SOLDIER.

The colored troops have been called out to fight for Uncle Sam, Nor yet have they exemption claimed, but answered here I am, And boldly donned the uniform to full honor's call, And plant the true democracy around the world for all.

They're mostly from the southland where they were born and raised, For ages their parents there were stigmatized as slaves; They all of them were treated as only common pests, But they entered with a spirit that showed an honest zest.

And now they cross the ocean and for liberty they'll stand Defy the sub, the gas, the shell, till in Germany they land, And there with equal valor, with all their pep and vim, Uphold the glorious honors their fathers left to him.

In the bloody siege of Yorktown, and the war with Mexico, In our dark hour of rebellion where blood ran to and fro, In San Juan and Carrizal they also there won fame, And our heroes that have gone today will surely do the same.

Now I wonder when the war is o'er and they come marching home, When all the boys return again and seek in peace to roam, When north and south with heart and soul shall join in one acclaim, Pronouncing everlasting love for those that won them fame;

Yes, I wonder if the south will take the negro by the hand And say "For years you've been a slave but now you are a man."

J. KANE.

NOTICE.

All members of the Virginia Picnic Association will take notice and govern themselves accordingly. Owing to the high cost of living, we, the Virginia Picnic Association, at a regular meeting held at the home of S. C. Cary, that we will hold a family picnic this year. All members are requested to bring your baskets well filled. Picnic will be held at Union Park Monday, September 2, 1918. Our next meeting will be held at the S. C. Cary home, 2715 Oxford St., August 11 at 4 p. m. All members wishing to join will be at that meeting. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Mr. C. H. Roane, President; W. K. Perry, Vice President; W. W. White, Financial Secretary; Mrs. Bell Drew, Treasurer; C. P. Jones, Recording Secretary.

Indianola, Ia., Aug. 5, 1918.

To Whom it May Concern:

Dear Co-workers: Will all heads of departments have your work in the hands of club members not later than the second week in September.

Owing to war activities, we are very busy women, and if we do justice to these outtings as prepared by you, we must have time for their study. If the out-going chairman did not present to you the outline for this year, please communicate with her at once in order that, if they have not prepared an outline, you may do so. Since you as present chairman will no doubt feel responsible for the work.

Let us not spend so much time this year in organizing new clubs in towns where clubs exist. But let us put forth every effort to fill up the ranks of the present clubs with the many worthy and desirable women all about the state. Not so many clubs; more active women in the clubs. Let us double our present club ranks and all work together, one great harmonious body of humanity open for suggestions of all kinds for the betterment of the state and nation.

If we find a plan working well in any branch pass it on to others that they

too may be benefited.

By so doing living up to our beautiful motto—Sowing Seeds of Kindness and Lifting As We Climb. It alone speaks volumes.

MARTHA F. WHITE,
State Pres. I. S. F. C. W. C.,
Indianola, Iowa.

NEW CHURCH BEING ERECTED BY THE AFRICAN METHODIST PEOPLE.

There is being erected a church edifice on the corner of 12th and Crocker Sts., which when completed will be one of the most substantially built and best equipped structures of its kind, for colored folk, west of the Mississippi river. This building will be used as a social center for the citizens and colored soldiers from Camp Dodge. It will contain rest rooms, reading rooms, shower baths, dining room, kitchen, day nursery, employment bureau, etc.

The African Methodist denomination has flourished in the state of Iowa since 1872. The local congregation has worshipped at Second and Center Streets in a frame building for forty years. The prosperous city of Des Moines has attracted large numbers of our people within her gates, the recent migration from the southland has swelled our colored population many times over, and the colored churches have grown in proportion. It does not take a prophet to tell what the reconstruction period of the world shall bring, even to Des Moines.

The present location and accommodations of St. Paul A. M. E. church are inadequate to meet the demands of this growing congregation. It is impossible to estimate the value of a community church. It acts not only as a help and inspiration to the neighborhood but to the city at large.

The new St. Paul stands in a radii of 700 or more colored families and is one of the best located colored churches of the city, and is in a position to serve the city in its numerous campaigns for civic righteous or in what ever capacity it may see best.

The location of one of the largest cantonments in our midst, has brought thousands of colored men to our city. St. Paul A. M. E. church has played host to hundreds. Twenty-five young men took part in our C. E. last evening and declared their allegiance to God and their country. The service was most inspiring. Our service flag which hangs on the front wall bears silent testimony of the men this church has sent to the front to fight for God and democracy.

The pastor has caused to be printed the name of the church on the parsonage doorstep, that he may be able to serve some one who needs his help and advice.

The church is nearing completion and it is necessary that they raise \$5,000.00 to meet the pressing demands. The congregation has worked heroically, laying on the altar as large a sum as \$250 on one Sabbath day.

Appeals have been made through the columns of the Register for financial assistance from our white fellow citizens, some few have responded, but we are not discouraged and neither do we feel that you are turning a deaf ear to your colored brethren's appeal. We come to you again asking that 500 white philanthropists of Des Moines send to our address \$5.00 or more, if you believe in the future of the young negro of this city and of this country, and you will be received by the Secretary of the Trustee Board, O. L. Glass, Sixth Ave.

The pastor is grateful for the assistance rendered by the business men of Des Moines and have their names and amount of money given to be deposited in the archives of the new St. Paul.

Yours for Christ and humanity,
S. L. BIRT,
Pastor St. Paul A. M. E. Church,
1213 Crocker St.

ALBIA NEWS.

Mr. Cornelius Thomas has been quite ill for the past week.

Mrs. Carrie Thomas Griffith of Topeka, Kansas, is here at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Thomas.

Mrs. Lula Miller McCarthy of Hawkeye is at the parental Thomas home.

Mr. Burt Jones of Hiteman was in Albia this week.

A number from Buxton have been in Albia the past week.

Miss Ruth Lewis of Ottumwa and Corporal Byron Williams of Camp Dodge were Sunday evening guests of the Misses Lewis.

Corporal Eldred S. Walls of Camp Dodge, came down Saturday night and was accompanied to Moulton by Mrs. Walls for a visit with relatives. Mrs. Walls remained for an indefinite time.

Corporal Walls was also a visitor in Albia last Sunday and attended services Sunday morning at the A. M. E. church.

Organization of Roman Army. The Roman army was divided into legions, the number of which varied. Each was under six tribuns or "chief captains," who commanded by turns. The legion was subdivided into ten cohorts, the cohort into three maniples, and the maniples into three centuries, and the century originally contained 100 men, as the term implies, but subsequently from 50 to 100 men, according to the strength of the legion.

UNCLE SAM'S MAIL POUCH

366 Inf., Hdqrs Co.,
Camp Upton, Long Island, N. Y.
June 8, 1918.

Rev. S. L. Birt,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Reverend: I am now in Camp Upton, N. Y. I miss hearing your sermons Sunday. I did not feel right, as I had been accustomed to hearing your sermons ever since I had been at Camp Dodge. I had begun to feel that I was one of your members. I was very sorry to leave. It was your sermons that kept me from going astray during my short stay in the army. I have met with many temptations since I have been in the army, but I would think of the many good things that I would hear you say in your sermons each Sunday. You preached one sermon a few Sundays ago that has had more impression upon my life than anything else. Subject was "Be Strong." I really do believe through that sermon I have become stronger able to keep from yielding to temptations. I wish that every soldier boy could have heard that sermon. I also remember your advice to the soldiers in one of your sermons, which was to first make a soldier for Christ, then you would sure be a better soldier for Uncle Sam.

Reverend, I hope that you may live long to preach such sermons, for they will be the life of our young people. I do believe that if we had more preachers like you to advise our young people frankly as you do, that the lives of our young people would soon be revolutionized. Instead of so many hunting places of amusement more would find pleasure in attending church, Sunday school and other various church auxiliaries.

All the boys of 366 Inf. that attended your church ask that you and your people continue to pray for them. They are always talking about you. They also send greeting to the good people of St. Paul A. M. E. Church. Very truly yours for the cause of Christ,
Sergeant A. J. Cunningham.

PORT DODGE.

Mr. Walter Dishman and daughter of Elgin, Ill., are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Dishman.

Miss Eva West was married to Mr. Willis Thomas Sunday, August 4. We wish them much success.

Mrs. Alice Chilene and Miss Mary Wallace are visiting their sister, Mrs. Frank Perkins.

The A. M. E. mission had joint services with the Salvation Army people Sunday night and it was a very spiritual meeting.

The K. P. will give a banquet Thursday evening at the O. F. Hall.

The Fort Dodge Improvement Club had a lawn social Monday evening on the tennis courts. A large crowd was out.

Mr. George Perkins has been appointed as food assistant organizer of this county by H. K. Wright.

Rev. Wade of Des Moines preached at the Second Baptist church Sunday. While here he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Gay.

Miss Cecil Johnson of Des Moines is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Ollie Buckner. Mrs. Pansy Perkins and son are back visiting relatives and friends. Mrs. Perkins will return to Missouri where she will teach school this term.

Anyone wishing to send news in call 1425 Green.

GALESBURG, ILLINOIS.

Rev. A. J. Carey of Chicago spoke at A. M. E. church as a representative for Mayor Thompson of Chicago, who is running for Senator from Illinois.

August 4 was quarterly meeting at Allen Chapel. They report a grand meeting with good attendance. Presiding Elder McCracken and Rev. Wharton of Monmouth were present.

The social given at the home of Miss I. Shootts, benevolent of the church, was a grand success.

The As You Will Club gave a picnic at Highland Park Thursday afternoon. All report a grand time. Delicacies of the season were served. Honor guests were Mrs. M. E. Maoline of Canada and Mrs. Horn of Chicago.

Mr. Marion Anderson returned home from Chicago Sunday accompanied by his nephew of Chicago, Charles Watkins.

Mrs. Chas. Anderson returned home Tuesday after a week's visit in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Dewey, formerly of this city, now of Rock Island, accompanied by Miss B. Edmunds, spent Sunday in the city.

Mrs. A. Hawkins spent the week end in Minneapolis. She was accompanied back home by her daughter, Mrs. G. Dunlap.

A number of young people gave a party at Odd Fellows Hall Monday evening. Music was furnished by Crawford's Jazz Orchestra. All report a grand time. Out of town guests were Miss C. Mayfield of Monroe and Mr. C. Berry who is in training at Houston, Texas.

Mrs. C. M. Webster and sons Truman James and Henry, left for an extended visit in Kentucky Sunday.

Mrs. G. Dunlap and Miss H. Wilson spent Sunday in Monmouth.

Mrs. Maline of Canada who is visiting in the city is spending a few days in Keokuk.

Mrs. C. Anderson attended the funeral of Mr. D. Davis in Monmouth Sunday.

Messrs. Perry and Odel Fletcher attended the celebration in Quincy Monday. They report a grand time.

Mrs. H. Pruitt spent Thursday in Monmouth.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Anderson of Hannibal were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Carter.

Mr. H. Copening and C. Lane, who were drafted, returned home, not passing in examination.

Miss H. Harper returned to Prophets Town Sunday.

CLINTON.

Mrs. Wesley Porter was called to Paris, Mo., a few days ago on account of the death of a brother.

Mrs. Nora Harris left for her home in Chicago last week after a several days' visit with her sister, Mrs. Holland Williams.

Mr. A. Brown, formerly of Okaloosa, has accepted a lucrative position in Clinton. He was joined recently by his wife. We welcome them to Clinton circles.

Mr. Norman Payne, who left with the last quota of colored boys for Camp Dodge, has returned home.

Miss Naomi Reed is spending her vacation with relatives in Paris, Mo.

Mrs. O. Humphrey and little daughter of Marshalltown, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Holland Williams.

Mr. M. O. Culberson has accepted a position as night assistant baggage man at the C. & N. W. Ry.

Mr. J. T. Bass, a former resident of Mason City, is nicely located at 408 N. 2nd St., where he will be pleased to meet any of his old friends who chance to pass through the city at his tonorial parlor.

Wm. H. Van Derzee, a blind evangelist of Topeka, Kansas, spent a portion of last week in Clinton, preaching Sunday morning at the Christian church (white) and Bethel A. M. E. church in the evening. Mr. Van Derzee was a resident of Clinton several years ago, being the first S. S. Superintendent of the A. M. E. church.

The subscribers in Clinton as a rule have done well in paying their obligations. With a few exceptions every one has paid up. A recent order from the government is to the effect that all subscriptions in the future must be paid in advance. For some time the government demand has been that no subscription be allowed to become delinquent, under penalty of subscription cancellation. We hope no one in Clinton will allow their paper to be stopped on account of non-payment. This the publisher will have to do unless obligations are met in reasonable time.

Rev. W. W. Williams officiated last week at the wedding of Mr. Clarence Gamble and Miss Lenora Smith, both of Davenport, the ceremony taking place at the parsonage.

Mr. Le Roy Watts left with the Aug. 1st quota for Camp Dodge.

Mrs. Chas. Thompson received the sad news of the serious illness of her moth last week.

OSKALOOSA, IOWA.

The C. W. Willing Workers met at the home of Mrs. Eugene Richardson Wednesday afternoon. Next week they meet at the home of Mrs. Arthur Crowder.

Mrs. Stella Nash, daughter Miss Bessie and son, Master Lloyd, of Centerville, are guests of Mrs. Julia Taylor. They leave this week for Osceola.

Miss Ruth Kimer of Beacon remains about the same.

Mrs. Belle Bush has improved.

Mrs. Eva Roper passed through the city Thursday, enroute to Muscatine, called there by the death of her father, Lincoln Taylor.

Communication from Private Guy W. Haekley reports him and other Oskaloosa lads in training camp, fine and enjoying life hugely. Guy says "This is the life."

MASON CITY, IOWA.

The Reeler and Penney families gave a small picnic for Mr. Theodore Penney, who had been here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Penney and brothers and sisters. He came here from Philadelphia to see his brother Ernest before he left for war. Mr. Theodore Penney is a prohibition officer, and he had to leave last Friday to report for work and he went by the way of Des Moines to tell his brother Ernest goodbye, who is at Camp Dodge.

The 22nd Annual Grand Session of the International Order of Twelve was held here last week.

ELECTED OFFICERS.

Chief Grand Master—Edward Robertson, Marshalltown.

Grand High Priestess—Mattie Brooks, Des Moines.

Vice Grand Mentor—J. W. Martin, Centerville.

Vice Grand Priestess—Maud Wilkerson, Des Moines.

Chief Grand Scribe—Robert Jackson, Marshalltown.

Chief Grand Recorder—Maud Wilkerson, Des Moines.

Chief Grand Treasurer—Maud Wilkerson, Des Moines.

Grand President—Maud Wilkerson, Des Moines.

Grand Secretary—Maud Wilkerson, Des Moines.

son, Keokuk.

Chief Grand Orator—S. Bates, Des Moines.

Chief Grand Priestess—Emma Martin, Centerville.

Grand Inner Sentinel—Ida Smith, Mason City.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

Grand Drill Master—J. H. Reynolds, Des Moines.

Grand Color Bearer—R. Webb, Des Moines.

Chief Grand Sentinel—Ed Powel, Des Moines.

Chief Grand Guards—Roy Walker, Des Moines; G. W. Guy, Clinton; Wilson Foster, Mason City.

Chief Grand Judges—S. Rodgers, Des Moines; Leroy Woolrich, Mason City; Fred Mitchell, Mason City.

Chief Grand Judges—Emma Garth, Des Moines; Adellia Wilson, Keokuk; Bessie Jackson, Des Moines; Susie London, Buxton.

Chief Grand Tribunes—Mattie Green, Ottumwa; Nancy Smith, Des Moines; Etta May Smith, Des Moines.

DAVENPORT ITEMS.

The Colored Women's unit for Red Cross work have closed their work rooms until the first Friday in September.

Bethel A. M. E. church had its annual tag day two weeks ago. The receipts of the day far surpassed any previous effort. Rev. C. R. Waters and his splendid band of workers are to be congratulated.

Twelve more of our boys left last week for Camp Dodge. The Red Cross gave a splendid farewell for the draftees, at which time addresses were delivered by Mr. Cal Walkup of Maline, Ill., Mrs. Gertrude Stevens of Kansas, and Mrs. S. V. Bean of Crystal City, Mo. Responded to by Mr. Harry Roberts, one of the draftees. The Red Cross presented each boy with a soldier's belt. Just before the refreshments were served Mrs. Wm. Samuels raised the service flag, which contained thirty-four stars.

Mr. Alfred Allen, formerly of this city, but a resident of Colorado for a number of years, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Allen, last week.

Mr. Wm. Cain is in Chicago with a view of remaining, in which event Davenport loses one of its best citizens and the Eastern Star loses its Worthy Matron.

Mr. E. Dimitry was a business visitor in Chicago last week.

Mrs. Emma Robinson was hostess to the T. L. O. club last week at which time Mrs. Lenore Shepard made a splendid report of the National Association of Colored Women's clubs, held in Denver, Colo., last month.

Rev. and Mrs. F. K. Nickolson, Mrs. Amanda Chesterfield and Mrs. Wm. Samuels, were in Muscatine last Wednesday, the guests of Mrs. Thompson and her daughters. They report a fine time.

Mrs. Fay Majors and son Norman have gone to their home in Fairfield to remain indefinitely.

Mrs. S. B. Johnson entertained a number of ladies last Tuesday as a social courtesy to Mrs. Gertrude Stevens of Kansas and Mrs. Hicks of Chicago.

Miss Bland of Keokuk was a house guest of Miss Marie Wilkerson last week.

Earl Baker, who is in camp at Camp Dodge, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kellis Baker last Sunday.

Put the Dollar to Work.

When a manufacturer or other producer of real wealth does a profitable business and turns his profits back into the business, he gives employment to men and creates more real wealth as he progresses year by year. He does more real good for his fellowmen than he would if he gave all his profits in charity, because it is better to make people self-supporting and independent than it is to give them something for nothing no matter how worthy the motives may be.

OTTUMWA BRIEFS.

An enjoyable lawn social was given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Miller Hughes, for benefit of the Second Baptist church.

The surprise picnic given at the residence of Mrs. Emma Gardner, in honor of Miss Bessie Owens, of Kansas City, was a complete success in every way, and all the ladies reluctantly took their leave, voting August 6th a perfect day.

Mrs. George Lewis Sr., returned home after a pleasant visit with her sons and other relatives in Minneapolis, Minn.

A theatre party was given to honor Mrs. John Cheshire and her two daughters, Mrs. Tina Abner and Mrs. Florence Williams, Mr. and Mrs. C. Johnson, host and hostess.

The Benevolent Society will meet at Mrs. John Cheshire, the temporary social center of the club, until further notice is given, by Mrs. Cheshire, the president.

Monetary Wagner of Chicago, Ill., is expected to pay a brief visit to Ottumwa.

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of St. Louis, Mo.

Attorney S. Joe Brown, of Des Moines, a former Ottumwa young man and prominent lawyer of the state, came home again and all his friends that saw him were as usual glad, and all that missed seeing him, are regretting that they too could not help give him the hearty welcome he so much deserves.

Mr. Brown paid a visit to both of the churches. He left Sunday evening for a business trip in Chicago.

The Rebecca Sewing Circle met at the residence of Mrs. Emma Franklin on Randolph St. Fried chicken and all that makes it a successful meal was served.

Miss Blanche Bell of Chicago, left Saturday night for her home, after reporting a pleasant visit with friends.

Miss Ruth Leys left Sunday afternoon for Minneapolis, Minn., for a visit with relatives. Her stay there will be indefinite.

Rev. Wm. A. Searcy of East St. Louis was a visitor this week in the city, the guest of his father and mother-in-law on Ferry St., and left Friday evening for his home. While in the city he was somewhat indisposed, having just recently recovered from a severe illness and nervous breakdown. The picnic planned by some young people in his honor was regretfully postponed on account of the threatening weather. But on one evening of his brief visit he was given a surprised greeting by some of the young members of his former pastorate.

Dr. C. L. Cheatam left the city Sunday evening to answer to a call from Uncle Sam. Dr. Cheatam has served in the army in the past and expects to take up a government position in the near future. He will be in Chicago for a few days.

Mrs. Elizabeth Downey, 519 Kruger St., left Saturday evening for Chicago, Ill., to visit with her son, Mr. George Downey.

The over-Sunday visitors from Camp Dodge in the service of the U. S. A. were Mr. Byron Williams, Mr. Charles Johnson and Mr. Cleveland Stewart. Glad to welcome you, boys; come again with others who need cheering. Ottumwa is willing to do her bit.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Robinson died one last Monday, August 5th. Little Florence Atlas's funeral was held from the residence in Garfield Park, Rev. R. M. Cato officiating. Interment was in Ottumwa cemetery.

Rev. R. H. Cato has been under the doctor's care for the past three weeks, although he has been about his duties.

Mrs. James Robinson has returned home after a pleasant visit with her mother and other relatives in Kansas City, Mo.

Mrs. Stella Nash of Kansas City, Mo., and little daughter and son are visiting at the residence of their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. James Robinson.

Cats Standing in Rows.

In Rome the cat gave the first evidence of predatory instincts and his value as a mice destroyer. Agathicus, whose pet partridge had been killed and eaten by a cat, denounces him as one of the devouring dogs of Actaeon. Pliny and Palladius praise him for his destruction of mice and rats, while Caesar's soldiers carried the faces of cats emblazoned on their banners.

Pelican's Habits.

The pelican is commendably regular in his habits. The parent birds catch fish, and, after eating their fill, fly to their young, who eat by thrusting their bills down the mother's throat and feasting on the half-digested food.

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