

A
FEARLESS
EXPONENT
OF RIGHT
AND
JUSTICE

THE TULSA STAR

OUR
SUBSCRIPTION
LIST MAKES
VALUABLE
MEDIUM FOR
ADVERTISERS

SUCCESSOR TO THE MUSKOGEE STAR

Vol 2, No. 9

TULSA, OKLAHOMA, SATURDAY, DEC. 13, 1913

Subscription \$1.00 Per Year

MUSKOGEE HIGH SCHOOL BOYS

Takes Practical Course In Manual Training

NEED STUDENTS BUILD A
NEED HOME COMPLETE.

Muskogee, Okla., Dec. 11.—(Special to the Star.)—Out at Eighth and Napoleon streets, a block east of Franklin street school, there is being erected a little cottage that when completed will represent a cash investment of \$700. Every cent of that money will be spent for materials in the house; every penny will be paid by check by pupils of the Manual Training high school for Negroes; and every stick of wood in the building will have been hewn, sawed and put in place by Negro boys between the ages of fourteen and twenty years, all the result of the generosity of John W. Sharpe, a Negro real estate dealer, whose interest in the vocational training of Negro children comes before the natural desire of a man to spend his own money for his own use.

Of course, Sharpe will own the house when it is completed, but he has had or will have nothing to say with regard to its building. The whole plan is part of the system of training Muskogee's Negro boys to be good and careful mechanics; honest custodians of money; and honorable in the discharge of any and all duties.

Last year the Muskogee Board of Education and Superintendent of City Schools Edwin E. Monroe conceived the idea of having the manual training class at Central High School build such a house as the Negroes from Manual are now constructing. But the plan failed for want of a backer, because nobody could be found who wanted a house of the right size. The plan was taken up this fall by A. C. Perdue, a graduate of Tuskegee Institute, former instructor in carpentry there, and present instructor in manual training at Manual Training High School. Perdue was a local contractor before taking the manual position, and he made good at his work.

The plan was broached to Mr. Sharpe, and he immediately deposited \$700 in a local Negro bank and told Perdue to begin work on a lot owned by him at Eighth and Napoleon. Accordingly, a line of credit was arranged for Perdue's pupils at local lumber yards, and the work began.

Now the house has risen to the gables, and the window and door frames are being completed, and the pupil-carpenters are about ready to start shingling. They have bought all the materials, and have done every bit of labor, even to laying the foundation, with the exception of "trueing" up the corners. This was done by a Negro stone mason, also a Tuskegee graduate.

There are thirty-two students engaged in the task of building the house. One class, the younger boys from the eighth grade, work from eleven to twelve-thirty two days a week. The other two classes, older boys, work from one to four every afternoon, under the direction of Perdue. They are all proud of their work, and as conscientious as if they were to draw pay for their labors.

The practical application of manual training in the building of the house is termed an unequal-

led success by Superintendent Monroe. When the house is built the domestic science classes from the colored high schools will probably "entertain" the board of education and their visitors at a "spread" in the new house.

What does Sharpe think of his investment? Why, he's so pleased with the house so far that he has announced his intention of moving from his own comfortable home, and taking up his residence in the pupil-built house as soon as it is ready for occupancy.

EASTERN STAR Elect Officers

The ladies of the Eastern Star met last Friday at the Cleaver-Cherry Hall and after dispatching the regular routine of business went into an election of new officers for the ensuing year which resulted as follows: Mrs. Callie McGregory, W. M.; Mrs. C. Deerman, Asst. W. M.; Mrs. Mamie T. Hutchins, W. Sec.; Mrs. O. W. Gurley, W. P.; and Mrs. Dora Wells, W. Treas.

The ladies promise a very successful administration for the next year's work of the Eastern Star.

Mrs. Kelley In Missionary Work

There is at last a guardian angel in the east end who will watch over the flock of little destitute colored children of Tulsa. She is Mrs. Ellen Kelley of North Frankfort, who has for some time nursed a pet scheme to establish an orphan home in this city. Mrs. Kelley is all absorbed in her chosen work and says she is determined to make it a success.

There is a great need of such work in Tulsa and the better class of people here will surely lend a helping hand. Mrs. Kelley's hope is to have a home for the orphan children and old people who are unable to provide for themselves.

She is delegated to the work by the M. E. Church, but she, of course, will recognize no denomination in her work.

City Buys Lot

The city has purchased an entire block between Boston and Cincinnati, south of Brady and north of E. Archer. While it is not admitted now that the city contemplates erecting any buildings worthy of note, in all probability the city hall and other municipal buildings will eventually go up on this ground.

If this prediction comes true, the property north and east of this block will become much more valuable, because the town will naturally build in these directions. No doubt the shrewd real estate man has already taken the hunch and will list all the property he can in this district.

LOCAL NEWS

Miss Ethel Walker and her father, J. W. Walker, of the rural district were visitors in the city Saturday.

The editor is a full-fledged bachelor this week, his little family having gone to the country on a visit.

J. H. Goodwin of Mississippi is in the city looking for a business location.

Mrs. Cleveland was a friendly caller at the Star office this week.

The concert given by the High School Tuesday night was a complete success, bespeaking much credit to Prof. Woods and his pupils.

Mid your joyful Christmas tidings don't forget to remember those who are strangers to Santa Claus.

Just a little touch of Christmas makes the whole world kin.

Now is the time to do your shopping. But before you do so look over the advertisements in this paper. It will save you time and money.

Use Spearline Salve, Spearline Cough Syrup and Cough Crusts, Spearline Magic Hair Remover. Address M. C. Jones, P. O. Box 892.

Dr. A. E. Beatty, a prominent physician of Haskell, was in the city while Sunday en route to Kansas City on business.

Hon. J. C. Goady of Wewoka was in the city Sunday.

The School Question

The article of J. B. S., which appeared in last week's issue of the Star, has caused considerable comment pro and con and many have censured the writer for the open expression of his views pertaining to the city schools, which, as we understand the conditions set forth in said article, if justly founded, are very timely and in place, and the writer assures the editor that he has thoroughly acquainted himself with the facts as touching the subject of his article. We do not propose to discuss the article one way or the other, except to say that whether the writer was justified or not, it is certainly a fact that the parents and patrons of the schools of this city, particularly the colored schools, need to interest themselves more in the teachers of their children and the methods of instruction employed in the class rooms as well as other qualifications of the teachers. It is a grave mistake for the patrons of any school to ignore or to regard lightly the duty they owe their children and the community by taking little or no part in the selection of good competent teachers.

We do not mean to say that the teachers now employed are not competent. They may be or they may not be. But we do say that whether they are or not should be a fact well known to the patrons of the schools. If they are they should be upheld and encouraged; if they are not for the well-being and benefit of the children they should be removed.

But the people will never know anything about the qualifications of the teachers unless they take more interest in their own children and their teachers. Many a boy and girl have gone through school and come out ill-prepared for the intellectual battles of life and their parents ignorant of the fact until their son or daughter, who have toiled and strived so hard to educate, makes application for some position and is turned down because they are not able to pass the examination. But it is then too late.

The girl or boy now must "get by" the best he can, which they usually do, sometimes to their discredit. Who is to blame?

The article of J. B. S. suggests the existence of a condition in the school system of this city which is not altogether new in other localities. For years it has been talked that political "pull" and other influences are sapping the life out of competency in the school rooms of this state. Is it true? Here is food for thought.

Our children are entitled to the best teachers obtainable and it is the duty of every parent to see that they get the best. It is impossible to do this, however, unless the patrons do their full duty.

Be it distinctly understood that the Tulsa Star has but one motive in taking this stand in the school question and that is to uphold what seems to us to be the best interest of the community. On this line we will ever be found fighting.

A Hint To The Wise

In every community there is always to be found the fellow who continually assaults the faults and shortcomings of his neighbors, but never says anything of his own—the fellow who tells you of his good qualities and of the bad qualities of the other fellow—that self-opinionated fellow who is foolish enough to believe or to try to make you believe that he is a saint and the other fellow a devil incarnate—who boasts of his superior intelligence in everything and how far the other fellow has missed his calling—the fellow who whines about the crookedness and unfair dealings of his neighbor and at the same time is a postmaster at double-crossing and unfair dealings with his friends.

And sooner or later this fellow is usually exposed in a way that seems to be a just retribution from heaven, and he suffers to a greater extent than the poor devil he tries to harm. There is but one course for any man to follow and meet with ultimate success, and that is the honest, manly way. Of course, it is sometimes a difficult road, but it always proves the best course in the end.

It is no disgrace to be unable always to keep your promise or to meet just obligations, but it is certainly dishonorable to smile in a friend's face and knife him from behind or to try in any way to add weight to his already crushing load of unjust accusations and other burdens.

It's better to be what you are, by far, than to say you are "what you ain't."

A hint to the wise is sufficient.

My Life's Story

By Billy McClain

FOURTH SERIES.

They put me on the end. They asked me what song I had to sing. I didn't have any, so they gave me one, thinking I would not learn it by night. So when my time came to sing the music played; they all looked at me to see me faint. I sat still until the time for me to pick up chorus. I threw a back somersault, began bouncing in the air. The audience began laughing and I bounced to my seat, sat down and you could not hear your ears. The applause made me take several bows, then I went off the stage and stopped the show. That made everybody sore. The leading comedian, Bob Kelly, said he wouldn't work if I went on in front of him. They put me last; it was no different, and

soon I had his job. As the time rolled on they put me in to play a part in the Blackwell Twins.

Rev. W. H. Buchanan of Wewoka, state grand lecturer of the U. F. B. F. and S. M. T. and grand secretary of the K. and L. of H., delivered a lecture at the First Baptist Church here Thursday night to a large audience.

His remarks were timely and well received and no doubt influenced many to consider connecting themselves with the order. While here Rev. Buchanan called at the Star office and left the minutes of the last Grand Lodge meeting of the K. and L. of H. to be printed. The condition of the latter order he says bespeaks much credit for the Grand Protector and his able assistants.

The Christmas issue of the Tulsa Star will be a "bumdinger." Don't forget to send one back home to your old friends and relatives.

Short on News

We desire to apologize to our readers for the lack of news matter this week. Our advertisers, realizing the value of the Star as a medium for sure results, have swamped us with advertising matter, too late for us to add more pages, hence the lack of reading matter.

But what we lack in news we make up in a good substantial and reliable line of advertising which will, after all, mean more to you than all the news we could print. We hope you will take advantage of the bargains to be found in the advertising columns of this issue.

We take this means of calling your attention to the different advertisements because we know you will thank us for so doing when you return home from your early Xmas shopping tour and realize what time and money you have saved by taking our advice and selecting just what you want from the advertisements in this paper before leaving home. In this way you not only save yourself time and money but you also save the tired salesman or sales girl lots of unnecessary work and worry—and don't you think they would appreciate it? Of course they would!

It is for your benefit that we make this suggestion. It does not matter to us whether you act upon our advice or not. We will be held just the same. But we feel it our duty to try to help our readers in every way we can and we certainly consider this a very effective way to help you.

If you do not find what you want in the many advertisements in this paper, you will probably find it in some of the other papers. But we can assure you of courteous treatment only from those who ask for your trade through the columns of the Star.