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J. B. LESTER.

One of Kansas City's Most Prominent Business Men.

The subject of this sketch Mr. J. B. Lester was a native of Tennessee but later moved to Iowa where he was reared. He attended the public schools in that state and on becoming of age he became interested in several kinds of business. Coming to Kansas City six years ago he entered into the business arena and proved a



conquering success. Mr. Lester became engaged in the Barber business, opening up a place at 557 Grand.

He has always been a promoter of things that are a benefit to his race. During the six years of his business career Mr. Lester has succeeded in acquiring a shop containing four elegant barber chairs, three new pool tables and four modern bath tubs. His shop is an up-to-date place, being patronized by a class of negroes who believe in assisting their race in business.

Mr. Lester shows his progressive spirit by the accumulation of property and becoming a member of several lodges. He has two nice houses and lots at 581, 583 Tracy. Mr. Lester has an agreeable family consisting of two. He also owns two houses and four lots in Little Rock, Ark. His property is valued at \$6,000. Mr. Lester represents the good type of negro, patient, calm, and always progressive. Being of the conservative class. Such negroes need the endorsement and encouragement of their race.

A STAND FOR NEGRO MORALITY.

The Son's great fight against the powerful institutions of vice called clubs, which are carrying hundreds of negroes into the vortex of hell's running stream. This paper backed by the strong public opinion has endeavored to show to the people the great evil which has arisen in their midst by allowing these clubs and gambling dens to run loose and carry down to ignominious degradation of the young men in this community. At no time during the history of the negro race since the civil war has our people been threatened by such a calamity. At no time during the history of our race has the young negro girls been exposed by being thrown into contact with individuals who are fresh from these dens and seduced them to leave their families and home to follow the evil ways of sin.

What are the negroes coming to if they don't take a stand? A great tirade is being raised. This is the kindling of a flame that shall sweep the city. Nero burnt the imperial city of Rome and sent the eagles of war to destroy the Christian bands in Rome. But Christ said, "My word shall live on." Empires and kingdoms might fall and perish away. Through all the centuries one great command prevails, it is the will of God. Take courage, oh, humble negroes, send out your legions of war and like the Goths in their terrible march on Rome destroy the entire palaces where vice is sapping out our very manhood. A reform wave is sweeping the city and in its mad rush let it settle upon clubs and dens.

Forty years ago the negro was given his freedom, and because of his ignorance and weakness he has been the prey of every evil scheme. Thank God he is coming into his own. It is

written that the clubs must go. It is the handwriting on the wall. O! let us pray in unison that the great spirit may settle upon us. Good Lord deliver us from the entwining arms of evil. Will the immortal Savior send the angels of war to devastate and bring destruction to these great evils to our race. In the shadows of thy great walls, and in the arms of thy loving kindness let us have protection. O, Lord, will Thou hear the prayer of thousands of negroes and send unto us deliverance?

ST. JOSEPH SOCIETY PLANS MANY SOCIAL FUNCTIONS FOR THE INTERSTATE.

In view of the fact that the many social and literary clubs of this city are putting forth every effort to entertain the visitors to the Inter-state which meets here during the Christmas holidays, it is hoped that all delegates and visitors will come expecting to enjoy themselves and feeling that they will be well cared for as the citizens mean to leave no stone unturned.

Local societies are co-operating with the Ex. Committee to make the 16th annual session of the Inter-State the most instructive and enjoyable meeting of its history.

The proposed art exhibit has proven very popular among the ladies and it is expected to draw many exhibitors from other cities.

Those who anticipate attending the sessions are urged to come early so as to be comfortably located in time to participate in the numerous social functions.

The following are among some of the social affairs planned by society folks: Dec. 25, concert by Western University Choral society; Dec. 26, reception to delegates and visitors by citizens; Dec. 27, (afternoon) reception to delegates and visitors by Ladies' clubs of the city; Dec. 27, (evening) full dress ball by Shriners; Dec. 28, art exhibit and reception to visiting exhibitors and friends by Jewell Art Club of this city.

Besides these there will be many other interesting entertainments to add to the pleasures of the visitors and delegates.

GREENVILLE, MISS., NEWS.

Greenville, Miss., Dec. 7.—Perhaps the largest and most aggressive body of negro men that has ever met in this city, was the Stringer Grand Lodge of Mason, which assembled here during the week, and has brought to the city representative men from all parts of the state numbering 1010.

This body shows the progress made by our people since 1865, as in the body was to be found, doctors, lawyers, merchants, ministers of high standing, planters, post-masters, clerks, bankers and other representative men of the race. The body was presided over by Rev. E. W. Lampton, D. D., grand master, and who is also financial secretary of the African Methodist Episcopal church with headquarters in Washington, D. C. Dr. Lampton has been grand master of the grand lodge for a number of years and was re-elected at the close this week.

This body stands for the highest development of the race, self-respect, self-dependence and self-help. It believes that there is a possibility for the race in Mississippi, and by industry, honesty and thrift the race will carve out for itself a bright future. To this end home buying has been encouraged, the grand lodge itself having purchased 1,000 acres of land in the Delta, and which will eventually provide for the support of the aged members of the craft, together with widows and orphans of deceased members of the craft.

The opening session was held last Tuesday, and was attended by many of the citizens. Hon. John W. Strauther, one of the leading business men in the Delta, an undertaker in Greenville, acted as master of ceremonies and he was well up. Rev. C. T. Stamps made the opening prayer and this was followed by music by the choir St. Mathew A. M. E. church, of which the Rev. R. A. Adams is pastor.

Maor William Yerger, delivered an address of welcome, in which he commended the body of colored men upon

their neat appearance, as each Mason wore full dress with but few exceptions. He said that he had lived in the state, and around Greenville all of his life and had always found colored people to be his friends and he was a friend to the race. "And why not?" he said.

Grand Master Lampton responded to the first address. He told them the or and Editor Smith that the negroes of Mississippi were not satisfied, because in some places members of their race were hanged without trial, burned at the stake, shot down and mistreated in other ways,—then in addition to these mistreatments there was talk of bringing foreigners into the state to take the place of negroes. "We cannot be satisfied when our job is at stake."

E. E. Perkins, secretary and treasurer of the Masonic Benefit association, which is one of the most important adjuncts to other grand lodges made his annual report. This report took up in details the amount of money received and paid out, the amount paid to each widow and orphan. The receipts amounted to \$126,000 and about \$90,000 paid out to the widows and orphans. This was considered a good showing, and in the future each will receive at death \$600. Step by step the grand lodge is going up and repairing for the race. It is now the strongest organization in the whole south, and is doing more to inspire the negro.

JOHN T. MORELAND SHOULD BE APPOINTED TO A POSITION AT THE COUNTY COURT HOUSE.

John T. Moreland should have the support of all respectable negroes in this community for a position in the county. He has always been a consistent republican worker. He is a great factor to be dealt with in future campaigns. In the 5th ward, from which he hails, he is regarded by the committeemen as a deserving man for a position.

NOW LET WAR BE WAGED AGAINST CLUBS AND GAMBLING DENS WHERE NEGRO YOUTHS ARE HURLED TO DESTRUCTION.

The republican judges have been elected to every bench, except the criminal bench. What will they do to perpetuate their claims in the county and city. In this community are some negro institutions that are hell holes and the most damnable places for the downfall of young boys and girls. There is only one club at this writing that is exempted from this campaign and that is the Waiters Catering Association at 1223 Baltimore a place for the gathering of all the waiters and railroad porters who are waiting for a place to stay while they are waiting for hours of watch to begin. Now the rest of the places the Son intends with its thousands of supporters both black and white to carry on an uncompromising and unflinching campaign against them. Like Frederick Douglas, the great negro torch-bearer who cried out: "Is God Dead?" Will the living get justice? Will the negroes rise up and smite their greatest evil dead? Will the negro preachers arouse themselves and organize a committee to wait on the republican judges and have them with all the power at the command of the white man to close these places?

The preacher who hesitates in this call from God, shall go down on record in the Rising Son before its many readers as weaklings. This paper shall not cease its writings until our greatest race menace has been smitten dead. Every judge in county and city takes this paper. Let them be moved by God to do their duty by the negro race. Just to think of the mothers broken hearted, thinking of the misdeeds and wild career of their sons and daughters. Don't you hear that song, "Oh, where is my wandering boy to-night. Oh, where is my boy to-night. Oh! Stop and think of the many old mothers tottering to their graves by the grief of the strong influences that carry their children to their graves by a premature death. Oh! Listen to

the voice of Jesus calling on the negroes to get right. Will the noble men of the Negro Race rise up and assert themselves. Lay on MacDuff! Lay on! Come forth out of stygian darkness! Let there be light! The great ship of Destiny in which the negro is riding, let there be a strong pilot at the helm. Let the powers to be among the white people come to our assistance. Let Judges Brumback, McTune, Patterson, Goodrich, Parks, and our own noble I. B. Kimbrell come to our rescue. Let the negroes get a petition and have every judge and white man of influence sign to close these clubs. Oh! Let God move us to better our race.



Mme. DE VAULT VINCENT, 1018 Michigan Ave. Phone B 541 East.

Madame De Vault Vincent, expert seamstress and dressmaking teacher. Mrs. Vincent's work is doing a great good among the negro women. In this community is a lady seamstress who, because of her individual efforts has rallied around her a number of negro girls who are learning every day the art of sewing. Mrs. Vincent has been especially fitted for the work because of her training in the ladies tailoring schools of New York and Chicago; having attended "S. T. Tailor" school of Tailoring in New York and the MacDowel Systematic school of Chicago. In addition to this she finished the technical course of Ladies Artistic Suit designing in the New York School of Kansas City. After this she took the post graduate course of Systematic Waist designing which gives to her four diplomas in her trade. This undoubtedly puts Mrs. Vincent in the rank with the best dressmakers of the city white or black. Mrs. DeVault Vincent was born in Dayton, O. 1872 and since coming to this city fourteen years ago she has followed the dressmaking trade exclusively, as she has worked in all of the first class white places of this city until two years ago when she opened up a school for the training of colored women in that art. Her work entitles her with the support of all the negroes. Any girl who lacks a trade or something by which they can become bread winners should apply to her for a special course. Mothers who have daughters should also send them to her for an entire sewing season.

I have some vacant lots that I will exchange for rooming houses, furniture in storage or equity in cottages. See F. J. Weaver, 911 Oak St.

Metropolitan's New Switches Here. Mr. C. N. Black, general manager of the Metropolitan Street railway has received the new switches for the McGee Street road. Because of the delay in receiving these switches operation on that road had to cease. In about ten more days cars will be running over the road.

Please remember the meeting of the State Teachers' Association at Moberly during the Christmas holidays. Aside from a very high classed program that is being prepared, we shall have an educator of national reputation as the principal speaker of the week. No progressive teacher can afford to miss such a rare treat. "On to Moberly" is our war cry from this time forth.

You who have delayed sending your subjects to Prin. A. R. Chinn, Glasgow, Mo., should hurry and send them as we desire to have our programs printed earlier this year. We can do so if you teachers will only act promptly and co-operate with us. All who send subjects will please be present and prepared at the time and place appointed. Have your pupils work so that the exhibits may be interesting.

Yours for a successful meeting. E. W. EMORY, Cor. Sec'y.

All persons desirous of giving entertainments for the benefit of the Old Folks and Orphans Home at 2446 Michigan ave., will confer a favor upon the managers thereof, by first making known their intentions and securing the consent of the organization. This will enable the managers to protect the interests of the home as well as prevent unpleasant conflicts. This organization is a member of the Associated Charities and is under obligation to observe the regulations which govern all the other charities of the city that are considered worthy. Be it understood that whenever the home's name is used to raise money, all proceeds must be handed over to the home, but when the intention is

to donate only a part of the proceeds and the name of the home is not used, then the managers will thankfully receive whatever may be offered.

EVELLENA BALDWIN, Pres. LUELLEN WILLIAMS, Sec.

LINCOLN INSTITUTE NOTES.

Methods of Teaching the Industries at Lincoln Institute, Dr. Benjamin F. Allen, President.

Josephine S. Yates, department of English.

Methods of teaching the Industries in Lincoln Institute, the Missouri State Normal and college for negroes, are practical and approved and in addition, contain many original ideas that may be accredited to its progressive and scholarly president Dr. B. F. Allen, who looks after every detail of work in the industrial department, as well as elsewhere, with the most minute care.

Every encouragement is given the student to follow some industry, in fact every student is required to complete several branches of industrial work during the course and thus is he prepared to become a producer as well as a consumer. As an aid to an increasing zeal along industrial lines, President Allen is now giving a series of morning talks to the students.

The fact is, these talks are made by the administrative head to the entire school, young men and young women alike, and outside of the classes in which these particular branches are taught, helps to emphasize upon the mind of the average student, the value, dignity, and necessity of labor and to enforce the principle that he who would be a valuable citizen in America, or any other progressive civilization, must be able and willing to do something well, very well.

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