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Hon. W. T. Ver, the register of the United States treasury was in this city January to deliver the emancipation address of the 43rd, year of the freedom of the Negro. It was through Rev. L. G. Jordan, the secretary of the Afro-American council that the citizens of this community got an opportunity to hear the most distinguished orator. While here he was in the hands of such well known persons as Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, Col. R. W. Thompson, Rev. L. G. Jordan and Carry B. Lewis.

His address was not political, but one of advice, encouragement and hope for the future of the race. Throughout his speech he argued for the better things that go to make good citizenship. He told most pathetically of the part that Negroes have taken in wars and how they had tried to be of service to this great republic. He spoke of the work of Booker T. Washington and other race leaders. After discussing industry, sobriety, honesty, unity of purpose and the higher things that help his people to be brought to a favorable consideration of the American people he said: "The progress of the Negro in America since the emancipation is without parallel in the history of the world. The spirit of the Anglo-Saxon for progress along all lines has been exhibited by his former slaves, and the manhood and indomitable worth which these former slaves have exhibited should appeal for fair treatment to the manhood of every American. To argue that education should be denied him is to argue against the best interests of the government. Our best citizenship is that which knows its rights and is accorded them; which knows its duty and performs it. Ignorance in a country such as ours can not be made the mother of devotion, which is another name for patriotism, upon which rests the safety of the republic. In war the Negro has a record that he is not ashamed of. Let us not be content on our past efforts for race security. Let our accomplishments of the past be a guarantee of our future efforts. Unity of purpose and unity of effort have always meant much in the lives of nations.

"The strongest of the race should help the weakest. Those who see the light should point the way to those who see it not. We should seek to reform those of the race whose tread has been other than upward. To go amongst these with a spirit of Christ showing them their weakness and convincing them of their errors is not only a duty to them, but to ourselves. These weights that are about us must be changed to instruments of helpfulness, and we who are leaders must labor for the masses. As was said in Holy Writ, "Righteousness exalteth a nation." Ours, rectitude of conduct, industry, sobriety and a struggle for the higher things of life will bring us to the favorable consideration of the American people."

After the speaking he was given a grand reception at the Women's Industrial Club rooms, 728 Walnut streets.

He left the next morning for Lexington where he spoke to a large audience on "The Negro in America."

BURNS CHAPEL NOTES.

This has been the best year in the history of the church. Total amount collected for all purposes since March 25 to date, \$2,139.94. An average of over 200 per month. Of this amount \$1,242.70 has been paid on church indebtedness. The Rev. Dr. J. M. Harris is a brilliant young preacher and financier of this church. Miss Daisy Lewis is one of the efficient workers. A recent Sunday she turned in \$35 from her club.

Sunday, February 16, will be the fourth and last quarterly meeting. The ladies are preparing for the church bazaar February 12, 13 and 14.

Mr. E. W. Whaley, the Sunday School Superintendent, died January 24.

You are always welcome at Burns. SADIE WASHINGTON.

The House of Bishops had a very successful convention at Allen Chapel. This paper tried to get the proceedings of the entire session, but was unable to do so because of the illness of its representative. However, we will publish in our next issue the speech of Bishop Tyree, and a portion of the expressions of others. Hoping this will be satisfactory to our readers we will be better able to give you the facts and other particulars. However, those present of the bishops and general officers of A. M. E. church were H. M. Turner of Georgia, W. J. Gaines, Georgia; Abraham Grant, Kansas City, Kans.; W. B. Derrick, New York; B. F. Lee, Wilberforce, Ohio; L. J. Koppin Philadelphia, Evans Tyree Nashville, Tenn., and C. Shaffer, Chicago, Ill. General officers as follows: H. B. Parks, New York City; W. B. Chappel, Nashville, Tenn.; B. F. Watson, Philadelphia Penn.; H. W. Heard, Atlanta, Georgia; J. Frank McDonald, Kansas City, Prof. H. T. Kealing, and Rev. H. D. Johnson, Philadelphia, Penn., and W. A. Louis, Nashville, Tenn. Rev. Peck was at his best in making them welcome. Mr. Geo. Teeters saw to it that each was comfortably located, and Nelson C. Crews did himself proud in his masterful address to that solemn body. His subject was "The History of the Church since its Beginning."

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WHITE UNDERTAKER BURIES A NEGRO.

All the Jim Crow Negroes are not dead yet. One died in Nebraska last week. The relatives had nothing for a Negro undertaker to do. The white man who did bury the body told the relatives that it had been so long since he had buried a Negro that he did not know how to embalm a mixed Negro and Indian.

MISSOURI STATE FEDERATION OF COLORED WOMEN'S CLUBS -CALL TO THE SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION.

The Kansas City Federation of Colored Women's Clubs extends an invitation to the Missouri State Federation to meet in Kansas City for the convention of 1906.

In acceptance of the invitation and in accordance with the constitution we call the state federation into convention at Kansas City, Mo., December 27th and 28th, 1906 at the 2nd Baptist church.

The objects of this meeting are: To know what our organizations throughout the state are doing for the improvement of the conditions of the race.

To compare plans and methods of work and suggest ways and means by which the women of the race may do more effective work in advancing its moral and social standing.

To organize more thoroughly the colored women of the state for concerted action.

To elect officers for the year 1907. In the National convention at Detroit, Missouri bore no small part in making that great meeting a success. Let us do as well in our state convention. The times demand our most earnest endeavor. On every side are ranged the ranks of the enemy, re-inforced by our former friends. What can the women of the race do? There is work for us and we must not shirk it. Let us confer as to the best ways of doing it, not at some future time, but now.

Each woman's club in the state of Missouri is entitled to send one delegate and one alternate for every ten members, and two delegates and two alternates-at-large. Each delegate must be provided with credentials—certificates of election—signed by the president and secretary of her respective club, which must be presented to the chairman of committee on credentials before admission to the body assembled in convention.

Remember that the dues are but 5 cents per capita. Delegates will be at no expense for board and lodging during the two days of the session.

For homes for delegates write Mrs. Lucinda Day, President City Federation, 1411 Lydia Avenue, Kansas City, Mo.

ANNA H. JONES, Pres. 2444 Montgall Avenue, Kansas City. LAVINIA C. CARTER, Sec. 2660 Morgan Street, St. Louis.

The seventh annual session of the Missouri State Federation of clubs met at the Second Baptist church, December 27 and 28, 1906. The two days' sessions were well attended. The addresses were able and instructive. The annual address by the president, Miss Anna Jones, was a scholarly production. The convention voted to have it published so it will soon be in the hands of those who were not fortunate enough to hear it at the meeting. The reports showed that much work had been done during the past year and that the women were taking an active part in charitable work. Through the efforts of the federation a state reform school has been built for colored girls. A committee was appointed to continue the work in the interest of the school. The Women's League of Kansas City reported having bought a house which they hope to be able to use soon as a home for working girls. Mrs. J. Silone Yates was elected president.

MISS MARY RUCKER GREEN
MISS AMANDA WHEELER,
MISS T. J. McCAMPBELL,
Committee.

Mrs. Ruth Lange, deputy grand counselor, installed Ivanhoe Court No. 26 at their regular meeting. She went through a very impressive ceremony.

Mr. F. J. Weaver has bought him a splendid driving horse in Elwood, Kan. It will be shipped here this week.

The Great Republican Ship of Jackson County is Tottering.

Two years ago a gang of white republican wire fixers got together and framed a ticket pledge to the platform of Theodore Roosevelt. This platform mind you, had in it the unwritten pledge that if the ticket was successful the negro would come in for his share of recognition. Through that vivid personality of Roosevelt and the blind following of 5,500 negro voters that ticket was successful. When the negro knocked at the door of hope it was slammed in his black face.

Just a few weeks ago that same gang of wire pullers and same ticket submitted itself to the black voters for renewed support. At the outset the negroes were up in arms, swearing vengeance on the ticket and those responsible for the ticket. The Son believes that if the election had occurred then the negroes would surely have defeated the entire ticket. Thos. R. Marks was made chairman of the county committee. He made a hurried summons of a few negro leaders. He took great care in calling in a few that he believed he could control. He promised these negroes that a few of their friends would be taken care of in the end. Unsuspectingly but like a Judas to their race a few of these negroes with honey in their mouth and sugar on their tongue and syrup flowing in words told the poor innocent and humble negroes of their race that all was well. They had seen the powers to be and that a solemn promise had been exacted from every candidate. Now supposedly negro wire pullers, what have you to say of this state of affairs? What is your remedy for the evil? What answer and explanation have you to carry back to your people? Why are your heads hung down? Why those silent tongues? Is it the funeral song of your political career they are singing? The humble negro never forgets. For in slavery he was taught never to break a promise or forget a wrong.

At this writing the Son is only able to name but one negro who stood out uncompromising, unflinchingly, undaunted to almost the very end. He read between the lines and like a black Titan, yes like a black Horatius, at the bridge he stood alone. Alone save the stillness of the night air and the cool refreshing breeze to give him courage. It was Nelson C. Crews; every other negro leader who had been called in this conference could not read between the lines. But Crews as the Nestor in negro political circles saw the pitfall and like a Cicero uttered his strong oratory against it. Finally by the combined persuasion of every negro he was induced to lay down his fight. The Son under the management of Lewis Woods went farther and refused absolutely to swallow the whole republican ticket. The negro was finally persuaded to lay down his fight and work in harmony with the ticket. The party was successful and Crews in his closing speech said he would stay by the flag one more time. He would ask the negro to try them once more and if the party did not hew to the line, he would put a stick of dynamite under the ship and blow up the entire ship and send it to hell.

The time has come for in the county is Frank D. Ross, Oscar Hochland and Samuel Boyer who promised the negro recognition and broke their promise and there are many more all except the marshal.

The negro is fast facing a great issue. It is the negro pitted against certain mean republicans who refuse to give us our rights. Away back in the time of Roman history when Cicero hurled his great thundering oratory at Cataline, and when Mark Anthony aroused the people into a frenzy and caused them to go searching like wild beast for Cassius and Brutus, there lived a gladiator named Spartacus. Bound and chained and forced to do his master's bidding, and

overpowered by numbers, used as a tool, he became restless and with a band of followers he fled the city and at Capua, he addressed his followers urging them to stand together. In a burst of eloquence he cried out "O! Rome! Rome! Thou has been a tender nurse to me. Thou hast taught me how to pay you back. If you be men then follow me. Strike down your guard. Gain the mountain pass. Do bloody work as did your sires at old Thermopylae. Is Sparta dead? Is the old Grecian blood frozen within thy veins? If we must fight let us fight for ourselves. If we must slaughter; let us slaughter our oppressors. If we must die, let it be under the clear blue sky. By the bright water in noble, honorable battle." Must the negro continue to stand year in and year out the indignant abuse heaped upon us by the demagogues of old line politicians in the republican party? Let us not mention Lincoln and Garrison and Sumner and Phillips. But let us rather pledge in our heart a solemn promise that we will wait patiently until our time and then we will all rise up and smite our enemy dead. Yea though I walk into the valley

and into the shadows of death I shall fear no evil. Thy rod and staff they comfort me. Lord, God of host be with us yet lest we forget, lest we forget. Nos mortuos, te salutamus unto the end.

409 E. Phelps St. Springfield, Mo., Dec. 28, '06.

Editor Rising Son:— Allow me to say a word relative to your paper that you have recently assumed editorship.

We note with pleasure the steps you are taking to improve the paper in order that it may be a clean, newsy progressive Negro Journal, commensurate with the enterprising city of which you are an integral part. May the day hasten when the "Son" will have competent reporters; at least in the principal cities of Missouri. The obvious signs of improvements; and the bold stand you have taken against the vice and destructive pieces of resort, have prompted the writing of this letter.

Hoping you Success I am Yours watching with interest the Negro in the journalistic field.

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