

A MERRY AND CHERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL.



It Pays to Advertise in the Rising Son for it Reaches More Homes of Colored People than any other Paper in the State.

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SCENES FROM THE SMART SET, AMERICA'S GREATEST COLORED ORGANIZATION.

SMART SET IS HERE AT GILLIS THEATRE.

There are any amount of new offerings in the theatrical world this season, but one that is sure to attract more than passing notice is the new musical comedy-drama, "The Smart Set," which has been selected to exploit the rare talents of "The Smart Set," the best and most capable band of colored comedians before the public. It will be seen next week at the Gillis Theatre. This company is too well known to need further introduction here. Its fame extends all over the continent, and each season its popularity increases. S. H. Dudley, a really irresistible fellow who knows the value of clean-cut, wholesome humor, is at the head of the organization. He has been supplied with a role that offers plenty of chances to score, and he rises to the situation admirably. His adventures and escapades carry the fun clear through the play, but there is time enough in between for the introduction of over a score of catchy, tuneful songs which have made decided hits every time they have been sung. Mr. Dudley is supported by a sterling company of fifty people, who contribute unusually to the success of the piece. Prominent among the laugh-provokers are James Burris, Tom Logan, Alberta Ormes, Jennie Pearl, Rosa Lee Tyler and others. There are no lagging moments in the comedy, the action is fast and gingery, and the jokes are not reminiscent. The usual matinee will be given on

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS.

Ladies of the First Baptist Church Sewing Circle are going to have a bazaar on Dec. 23-24-25. There will be apron booth, embroidery and several other booths containing valuable and useful articles.

Miss Bonita Morgan, of Lawrence, and Mr. W. M. Tann, of Chicago, Ill., were solemnly united in marriage, December 12, 1907, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gorman, 1847 No. Seventh street. Rev. G. W. Burdette performed the ceremony. Mr. Albert Burdette served for the groom, Miss Cornelia Ida Mills as bridesmaid.

Cornelia list—Mrs. Roach, Betsy Taylor, Mattie Harris and Mrs. Mansfield.

Rev. Jones of A. M. E. church has recovered from his slight illness. He preached a brilliant sermon Sunday morning; his illustrations were so obvious.

Mrs. Mary Jones, of 712 Freeman, is seriously ill.

Sewing Circle of Metropolitan Baptist church will be at Mrs. Bird's, 833 Freeman. This organization is assisting all they can toward the progress of their new church edifice.

Prof. R. G. Jackson, wife and children, will spend Christmas at Lawrence, Kan., as guests of her sister.

Mr. James McAfee's new residence at 342 Haskell is near completion.

Mr. Chas. Scott, of Denver, Colo., is visiting his mother, Annette Scott, 547 State.

Mrs. L. Brockman, of 832 State, is seriously ill.

Miss Pearl Montgomery, of State Normal, Emporia, Kan., will spend Christmas at home.

Mr. William Boone and Miss Minnie Hall were recently united in marriage at 604 New Jersey. Rev. G. I. Griffith performed the ceremony.

Kansas City, Kan., reporter, E. C. G. Please send all K. C. K. news to Effie C. Gant, 614 State.

ODD FELLOWS MARCHING ON.
By LEON RHODES, Kansas City.
(Written for Christmas, May 1900.)
(Tune "Tramp, Tramp, The Boys Are Marching.")

1. As Odd Fellows firm we stand,
Linked together Heart and Hand,
For poor widows and the orphans
we must care—
From far East to Western shore,
Stand united ever more
As Odd Fellows we are ever marching on.

2. We crowd Thy Gates with cheerful song,
Hail the mighty men of Truth,
Joined together linked in three;
Friendship, Love and Unity,
As Odd Fellows we are ever marching on.

3. Some from distant cities came,
With us they rejoice today,
They help make this strong and
mighty endless chain—
With us don't you want to go,
You'll regret it, never no,
As Odd Fellows we are ever marching on!

4. On this bright Thanksgiving Day
We love kindness to bestow,
And from Friendship's link we will
not ever stray—
Live the mighty men of peace,
Day by day their ranks increase
As Odd Fellows we are ever marching on!

5. We give praises unto Ruth
Unto her we offer song,
Give to her the silver-plated shield
of Truth—
Live her memory through all ages,
Write her history, seal the pages;
In our mighty number she goes
marching on!

IMPORTANT.
THE SHIRT WAIST CLUB WILL GIVE THEIR FIRST FULL DRESS BALL AT ARLINGTON HALL, FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 27, 1907. ALL FORMER PATRONS TAKE NOTICE AND BRING ALL VISITING FRIENDS.

JAMES BAKER, PRES.; CHAS. JOHNSON, SEC.; W. D. GARRET, WM. McKNIGHT, RECEPTION COM. ADMISSION 25c. MATINEE THURSDAY AFTERNOON AFTERNOON, DEC. 26TH. ADMISSION 15c.

FOR CORRECT AND EFFECTIVE DRESSMAKING CALL ON MRS. HUFF, 2303 HIGHLAND. SATISFACTION GUARANTEED.

TWO UNFURNISHED ROOMS WITH GAS, BATH AND HEAT. CALL 628 TRACY. BELL PHONE 3427 Y MAIN.

WM. J. CAMUBELL'S STANDING BEFORE THE NEGRO VOTERS.

In a great crisis we always have a man to come forward and present himself as a leader of the people. In the election of Sheriff, there is no great principle to be fought out; neither is there any campaign slogans. It is almost a personal campaign. Both men says Mayor Beardley, are splendid gentlemen, but I favor Mr. Campbell because the people in re-electing Charles Baldwin expressed themselves for a Republican Sheriff, therefore Mr. Campbell should fill out the unexpired term of the late Mr. Baldwin.

How is Mr. Campbell going to win the election? By every man going to the polls and voting early. All over the city; the Negroes have awakened to the fact that one of their white friends in the person of Mr. Campbell, is asking for their suffrage.

There are 5,500 Negro voters in the city. About 2,950 are qualified voters for this election. Let every one of them within the reach of the mighty voice of the press, go early to the polls and cast their vote for Mr. Campbell.

Mr. Campbell was born in the state of Ohio, where wayback in slavery days, white people operated the underground railroad whereby Negroes might be free. He comes from that good old puritan stock of white people who, as abolitionists, sought freedom for the slaves. Tingling in his veins is that vitality of the broad-minded white people, who believe in giving the Negro a show. Quoting our esteemed Mayor, we say: "There is nothing bad that could be said of the other fellow," but from the Negro standpoint we know "Bill" Campbell. We have talked with him.

He has been a friend to us in the past and many and many a Negro has felt his liberality. It is for these reasons that the Negro must arouse himself and when Dec. 27 comes, go to the polls and cast a vote for Mr. Campbell, Kansas City's own favorite adopted son.

YOUNG NEGRO REPUBLICANS MEET.

The Rank and File Republican Club had a splendid meeting at its headquarters, 908 E. 12th St. Thursday, Dec. 19. The young men are progressing harmoniously and successfully. The Club is in full sympathy and is actively supporting Wm. J. Campbell for Sheriff. Among the distinguished visitors who addressed the meeting were P. S. Brown, Jr., one of the staunch friends of the negroes and W. T. Green, another friend. J. Ed. Jewell, and H. E. Weislog, who have done a great deal for the negroes. The Club was greatly encouraged by their addresses.

Among the negroes who addressed the meeting were Dr. L. J. Holly, Wilson Dawson, W. T. Washington, and Jno. E. Allen.

The officers of the Club are as follows: Jno. E. Allen, President; Dr. L. J. Holly, Vice President; Lon Benton, Asst. Secretary; Dr. Theo. Smith, Treasurer; Joe Campbell, Sergeant-at-Arms.

Executive Committee—W. T. Washington, Chairman; S. P. Morgan, W.

B. Countee, and the ex-officio officers of the Club.

A SQUARE DEAL AND FAIR AT MITCHELL'S DRY GOODS STORE.

The motto of Mitchell's Store is that it is a store of the people. This motto is carried out in its entirety. It is a store for all the people, the colored people as well as the white people. All get a square deal there. Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Campbell and the rest of the people connected with the store give the negroes good treatment. A great number of negroes get cheap bargains for their money. This is one of the many places for negroes to patronize.

THE NEW YEOMEN HALL AT 910 CAMPBELL ST., IS THE FINEST AND MOST UP-TO-DATE HALL IN THE CITY FOR COLORED PEOPLE. YOU CAN RENT THIS HALL FOR PRIVATE OR PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENTS, PARTIES, RECEPTIONS, BANQUETS, CONCERTS AND BALLS. PRICES ARE REASONABLE. APPLY TO MANAGERS, DAWSON & TRIMBLE, 804 E. 10TH ST. and 818 E. 10th ST., FLAT H. BELL 'PHONE, 4540 MAIN.



C. H. COUNTREE.

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Serving an intelligent and prosperous people they have been stimulated to greater efforts.

The requirements of the times necessitate a scientific growth in their line of work.

Countree Bros. are thoroughly prepared to render their patrons infinitely better service than ever before. They have employed the latest improved methods, used in the larger eastern cities, to assist them in successfully handling all cases. All work placed in their hands is attended with diligence, fidelity and exactness.

Countree Bros. are the only embalmers in Kansas City who associate sanitary science with their work and can scientifically disinfect your residence, furniture and clothing, in cases of contagious or infectious diseases, positively preventing further spread of the disease.



W. B. COUNTREE.



S. H. DUDLEY, The Noted Colored Comedian, With "The Smart Set"

"The Smart Set" has been booked at the Gillis for next week. This will be one of the prominent musical attractions of the season, and judging by its popularity in the past, it will be one of the most delightful of the season. The perennial popularity of this clever colored organization is remarkable. "The Smart Set" is said to be the most popular colored organization in America, as it has been playing to the record-breaking business in all the prominent cities of the United States.

OPEN HOUSE FOR THE RISING SON.

The Rising Son will keep open house at 308 E. 12th St. X-Mas Day. All of the friends of the paper are invited. Refreshments free.

LOCALS.

The Phyllis Wheatley Art Club will give an entertainment at the Arlington Hall X-mas evening, Dec. 25th. Admission 25 cents.

Mrs. Sarah Lee Hammett will leave the city next week for a few days' visit to her home. On her tour she will give two song recitals at Huntsville and Sturgeon, Mo.

A STATEMENT FROM W. DAWSON IN FAVOR OF W. T. WASHINGTON FOR CLERK IN ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT.

To the Public:
I hereby announce to all my friends who supported me for the position in the Engineer's Department that I am now out of the race and turn my support to Wm. T. Washington, whom I believe is the strongest Negro for the position. Thanking my friends for their support of me, I am,
Yours truly,
WILSON DAWSON.

H. SANCHEZ MARTINEZ.

THE MEXICAN PHOTOGRAPHER RECEIVES ANY KIND OF PHOTOGRAPHS AND ENLARGING PICTURES AT HIS RESIDENCE, 628 TRACY AVE. BELL PHONE M. 3427. MR. SANCHEZ MADE THE PICTURES FOR THE TWO LADIES, MRS. GIVENS AND MISS WELLS IN THE BEAUTY CONTEST. HE DOES GOOD WORK AND SHOULD BE PATRONIZED.

This paper is growing into a broad and progressive Journal for the benefit of all the Negro people. We fight for right with all our might.

SPECIAL.

Hattiesburg, Miss., Dec. 7.—The Thirty-second annual communication of the Most Worshipful Stringer Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Mississippi, was held here during the past week and was attended by over 1,000 from all parts of the state, and many distinguished and prominent visitors were present. The delegation was composed of doctors, lawyers, bankers, merchants, preachers, farmers, planters, business men and working men—all united to better the condition of the race.

Rev. E. W. Lampton, D. D., of Greenville, Miss., is the Grand Master. He is one of the most noted men of the race in the United States. In addition to being at the head of the grand which has a membership of 11,000 in Mississippi, he is also financial secretary of the African Methodist Episcopal church, handling over a hundred thousand dollars every year for the church. The Stringer Grand Lodge is noted for its financial standing. It owns 1,000 acres of land in the Delta, valued at \$40,000, and has a large bank account to its credit. The membership and finance have greatly increased under Dr. Lampton. In token of appreciation for his faithful service, Dr. Lampton was presented with a handsome gold watch, from London, England, which cost \$1,000. It is unique, and especially adapted to a Mason, because one can tell the time in the dark as well as in the light. It strikes the hour, then the minutes past the hour by touching a spring. John W. Strauther, of Greenville, was chairman of the committee that made the selection. The presentation was made by J. J. Winston, of Greenville. It was decided to raise the endowment to \$700.

The report of Hon. E. E. Perkins, Secretary and Treasurer of the Masonic Benefit Association, showed the receipts of the department for the past 12 months to be \$166,380.19, paid to widows and orphans, \$117,469.27, and a cash balance on hand of \$48,910.92. This did not include the grand lodge funds collected during the year, which amounted to \$5,000, and the Grand Master paid over to the Grand Lodge \$1,148, the amount collected for charters and dispensations.

The following officers were elected: Rev. E. W. Lampton, of Greenville, Grand Master; W. A. J. Morgan, of Shelby, Deputy Grand Master; B. J. Lacy, of Shiloh, Grand Senior Warden; G. S. Goodman, of Holly Springs, Grand Secretary; T. J. Wilson, of Meriden, Grand Treasurer; E. E. Perkins, of Edwards, Secretary and Treasurer of the Masonic Benefit Association.