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The suggestions which have been made recently by the APPEAL in regard to real estate investments by our people have met the hearty approval of a number of our readers; not a few of whom, have given evidence of the same. Unquestionably the surest way for us to command the respect, and to receive a reasonable amount of consideration from the people, of all classes, in the communities in which we live; is, for us to be taxpayers. We will then take quite a different interest in the affairs of the city or county in which we live, and our interests being mutual with our fellow taxpayers, they will assist us in bringing about needed reforms or improvements in elections and governments under which we live.

A short time ago a gentleman called at our office and related some of his political experiences in Iowa. Among other things he told how he might have been nominated and elected to the legislature but for the fact that he did not own any real estate in his county; and his friends could not consistently force him on the party to represent the interests of men owning millions.

Fortunately in this part of the country colored passengers on railroads can get any and all the accommodations that any other class of passengers enjoy, if they are able and willing to pay for them. Such however is not the case and perhaps will not be the case, south of Mason and Dixon's line, for some time to come, the Interstate Commerce Law to the contrary notwithstanding. A colored traveler asked a prominent railroad official on a Southern road, why this odious distinction was made, and he replied that it was on account of our condition. Said he, "when a colored man gets aboard of the train, he may have on a good suit of clothes and a valise, but that is all he has; and public opinion is against him, and we cater to the public. When colored men own land along the line of the roads and become ship persons on and supporters of the roads, they can then get anything they wish. They will be the public then."

The same principle will hold good here. When we get hold of enough property to cut a figure in the financial world the political world will be opened, and we can enjoy freely many privileges which even in the Northwest are accorded to us grudgingly and in some cases absolutely refused. We have the reputation of being great imitators, but unfortunately we take a little kindly to fashionable follies than to more substantial things. Let us begin a new era by imitating the financial novices of our more fortunate brothers. Let us begin by endeavoring to own the houses we live in and then to own houses for less fortunate or less provident people to rent from us.

The time to begin is just now; and a few years hence many of us who can tell of lost opportunities in the past, may be enjoying the prosperity and comfort that surely will crown our properly directed efforts as it did those of our prosperous neighbors all around us. Don't delay, begin now to buy a home.

"The City of Magnificent Distances," indulged in a sort of moral spasm last Sunday, on account of the enforcement of the Sunday law. The places of business coming under the statute, were generally closed. That much good will

be done by the strict enforcement of the law, is evidenced in the fact, that during the day there were only six arrests for drunkenness, against the usual average of twenty. There can be no question in the minds of any, save those individuals who derive pecuniary benefits from a wide open policy, that a Sunday closing of all sorts of business will prove beneficial to a majority of the people. The greatest good to the greatest number, should be the motto in all public affairs.

The readers of the APPEAL have no doubt noticed that a few of the business men of the Twin Cities are beginning to use its columns to bring their business to our notice. We hope their efforts will not be made in vain and that all of our readers will put themselves to a little trouble, if necessary, to trade with those business houses which have placed advertisements with us. The main support of a newspaper comes from the advertisers, and when the business men learn that we are willing to use a homely phrase—to scratch the backs of those who scratch ours, the columns of the APPEAL will team with good advertisements, to our mutual advantage.

A GRAND ANNIVERSARY.

Washington, April 18.—The colored citizens of Washington to-day celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of the abolition of slavery in the District of Columbia. The procession was reviewed by the president. The celebration in the evening partook of a political character. W. C. Chase submitted resolutions from the committee and on which no action was asked, declaring that all classes of citizens could be protected except Negroes. Sympathy could be expressed with Ireland, but unarmored Negroes could be shot in the South with impunity. The resolutions urged that the Negro race should not divide its vote to its own detriment. They contained the following:

While we recognize in Mr. Cleveland certain Republican principles and seemingly a just man, he has not gone far enough to assure to the Negro that Negro Democrats, if there are any, shall succeed Negro Republicans, nor has the party which he represents assured us that it wants the Negro vote.

Col. George W. Williams, the orator of the evening, after arraigning the president for not interfering while outrages were committed in the South, said:

The Northern Negro who claims to be a friend of his race and accepts office from an administration that refuses to interpose its protest against outrage and murder forgets that his commission is signed with the blood of murdered men and that every dollar he receives is the price of blood; and he will see the time when, if he had courage enough, he would, like Judas, go out and hand himself.

Chicago, Ill.

The APPEAL may be found at the Estrella Cafe.

Mr. Furgerson, of Detroit, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Stone.

May 16th is the day named for the Autumn Club May Party.

St. Paul Chapel is holding protracted meetings with a crowning success.

Bishop Brown and son, of Detroit, Mich., are making our city a visit.

The ladies and gentlemen of the city were out in their spring suits Sunday.

The May Party of the Autumn club will be early in May. Look out for it.

The girls that bloom in the Spring are ahead of the boys in their Spring suits.

Mr. Chas. Green, who has been employed at the Leland Hotel hastened his resignation and will go in business. We wish him well.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Dukes, of Summit, Miss., accompanied by their son arrived in this last week. They will make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Stewart entertained a select number of their friends at their residence 1448 State street, in first-class style, Monday evening.

Memorial services of Mr. W. S. Johnson were held at the Olivet Baptist Church, Sunday afternoon. The exercises were commendable. The occasion was sad. Rev. Jacobs, of First Baptist Church delivered a short address.

Mr. Chas. Stewart, formerly of the G. P. H. has accepted a position as stenographer with Messrs. Beiermeister.

He graduated from the Opera House Short-hand School of this city last April and ranks among the Amateurs. Was formerly employed as private stenographer to American Baptist, Louisville, Ky.

Easter services were held at all the churches of the city which were appropriately decorated. A sermon was preached to the St. George Commandery No. 4, and Godfrey Commandery No. 5, Knights Templar attended by Ladies of Electra Chapter No. 11, and Talma Chapter No. 14 Order of Eastern Star. At 3 o'clock the Commanderies under the escort of Prof. Henderson's brass band left their hall, corner 16th and State and marched to the Olivet Baptist church. Harmon Court, where a commendable sermon was preached to them by Rev. J. F. Thomas.

NEWS NUGGETS.

Extracted from the Mine of Miscellaneous Matters, on our Claim, and Assayed for our Delvers after Knowledge.

Notice the Output.

The Cleveland Globe has begun its third year.

Mr. Allen Wood, colored, has been appointed letter carrier in New York. Brantford, Ont., has a colored phrenologist in the person of Mrs. Joseph Green.

Mrs. Mary Green, colored, of Paducah, Ky., is 105 years old and is cutting her third set of teeth.

Mrs. Minnie Bond, a colored woman of Falls Church, Va., died last week at the age of 123 years.

Mrs. Gracie V. Elliott, wife of the late ex-Congressman R. B. Elliott, died last week in New Orleans.

Frederick Douglass is refreshing his classical memories beneath the shadows of the Acropolis at Athens.

Mr. Alex. Payton, colored, is foreman in the moulding rooms of a large foundry at Van Wert, Ohio.

Mr. O. Hunter, Jr., has been dismissed from the Pension office at Washington, because he was colored.

Misses Mary E. Angus and Lizzie J. Trimble, colored, of Pennsylvania, have recently gone as missionaries to Africa.

Mr. W. V. Turner, colored, who was recently discharged from the Pension office at Washington, has been re-appointed.

The article on the Negro race for the supplement to the encyclopedia Britannica will be written by Hon. George W. Williams, our colored historian.

Mr. E. W. White, a colored Republican was elected last Monday at Chattanooga, Tenn., as one of the members of the Board of Public Works of that city.

Mr. R. J. Harlan, a son of Representative Robert Harlan, will contest for the 375 prize at the commencement of the Cincinnati Law School next Monday.

Mr. Alonzo Watson, who was recently appointed policeman of No. 3 Fire Company of Williamsport, Pa., has the distinction of being the first and only colored man appointed in that city.

Mr. N. L. West, colored, of New Albany, Ind., who for the past six years has been a clerk for a large boot and shoe house, last week bought out the business and will in the future conduct it himself.

Mrs. Ella B. Spencer, colored, of Chicago, is the author of a five-act drama entitled, "Branded by the Dead," which is being rehearsed by a company of colored artists in that city to be presented at the Academy of Music early in June.

A handsome young quadroon by the name of Mary Robinson, who claims to be a daughter of the old showman John Robinson, is victimizing the men about Maryland and Virginia by claiming she has lots of wealth and inducing them to spend money in trying to get it for her.

Mr. G. Bennett, white, and Miss Lizzie Good, colored, were recently married in Sabine, Ohio. Thomas Beatty, colored, and Lucy Beecher, white, were recently married in Cincinnati, being the first couple to procure license in that city, under the recently amended law permitting such marriages.

The Bulletin is the name of a new journal which is promised to appear in New York this week. Howard L. Smith will be publisher and proprietor, and "Victoria Earle," editress. A company will also be formed for the purpose of publishing a literary and political journal simultaneously in New York and Virginia. Among those who will be interested will be Hon. John B. Synphax, "Victoria Earle" and Howard L. Smith.

On Friday of last week Mr. R. C. O. Benjamin disposed of his interest in the "Negro American" of Birmingham, Ala., to Mr. W. T. Jones, of Vicksburg, Miss., vice chancellor of the Knights of Pythias and Mr. Albert Boyd, ex-editor of the "Selma Independent," who will conduct it in the future. Mr. Benjamin at once left for Cincinnati, Ohio, where he is to meet a sister who recently arrived in this country from Demerara, West Indies. They will shortly leave for New York and thence will embark for Germany where she goes to pursue her studies.

REV. BIRD WILKINS.

The Chicago Tribune says the following in regard Rev. Bird Wilkins, formerly pastor of Pilgrim Baptist Church, of this city, which will be read with pleasure by his friends here and elsewhere:

The Rev. Bird Wilkins, the new pastor of Bethesda Baptist church (colored), preached his first sermon to his new congregation yesterday morning. He is from St. Paul, Minn., where he has preached for some time. He is of medium size, slender and graceful build, with very light complexion, and heavy, straight, black hair, which he wears long and combs back from his forehead in a pleasing manner. He has black side whiskers and mustache, but his chin is smooth shaven. In the pulpit he is perfectly self-possessed, graceful, and fluent in speech. He suffered much from nervousness yesterday, and this circumstance affected to some extent his delivery. Mr. Wilkins was educated at Nashville, Tenn., and in theology at Hamilton college. He is about forty

years of age and married. Judging from his utterances yesterday, he is exceedingly liberal in his theology. Unlike most Baptists, he does not believe in future punishment by fire and brimstone, and says he "would rather preach no God at all than to preach that my God does all the dirt and dirty, and mean things some preachers say he does."

Mr. Wilkins laid down his principles in an unostentatious manner, and told his parishioners that if they didn't understand him now they would before he had been here a great while. He proposed to preach a religion of joy and gladness, and not one of sorrow and tears. He didn't propose, he said, to have any mourning for forty days and long faces when death came into the church. He didn't believe in it. Death was only victory, and who ever heard of putting on crape when a battle was won?

THREE CHEERS FOR CO. C.

Freeport, Ill., April 21.—Company C. of the Illinois National Guards, whose headquarters are in Freeport, was at Galena last night, where the athletic club of the company gave an exhibition. They stopped at the Desota house. With them was Jere Wright, a young colored man, who went along to look after the baggage. This morning Wright went to breakfast with the company, and while he was eating, William H. Blewett, proprietor of the hotel, ordered the young man from the dining room, declaring that no "nigger" could eat in his dining room. Capt. Wittbecker came in about this time, and told Blewett that Wright had come with them and that he should be treated just as well as any other member of the party. The captain and his entire company thereupon went to another hotel.

Minneapolis.

Mayor and Mrs. Ames celebrated their silver wedding Thursday.

Mr. Charles Hamilton, has returned from a five weeks trip to Hot Springs, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Harper, of Racine, Wis., are in the city to permanently reside.

Mrs. Samuel Chancellor, left this week for an extended visit to her parents, at Wichita, Kan.

All the talk in society circles, is of the May Party by the Excelsior Literary and Social Club.

Mr. Charles W. Mason, has just purchased a nice piece of business property on Bloomington avenue, for \$4,000.

Mr. George Barnett, left last week for Kansas City, Mo., where his father had died of heart disease. He took the remains to Cincinnati, O., for interment.

Mr. John L. Neal, whose advertisement may be found in another column has some real estate "snaps" which our young men would do well to catch up. Go to see him about them.

The elegant invitations for the entertainment to be given by the Excelsior Literary and Social Club, are out, and society circles are in a quiver of excitement. It is the intention of the club to excel any former effort in this city.

Great preparations are being made for the revival meetings shortly to be held by Rev. Sam Jones. A large stage has been erected in the Exposition building, and a grand choir consisting of about three hundred singers from the different churches is in active rehearsal for the meetings.

One of the fashionable young men of the city bet his girl he could tell her what she was thinking of. He thought she was thinking of him, but she was not; she was thinking how much better her other "feller" looked in the new hat he had just bought from "The Crystal."

He went and got one too. Go thou and likewise do.

About twenty-five sports quietly gathered in a barn near Sixth avenue south and Third street, Minneapolis, at mid-night, Tuesday, and witnessed a rather one-sided fight between Dan Summers, colored porter at the Nicollet House, and Charles Kinney, another ambitious young colored man. The men put on two-ounce gloves. Summers was much larger and stronger than Kinney. He had the best of it from the start, and in the third round punished his man so severely that he refused to fight.

Grant Parish, a colored porter employed in Dr. Goodwin's office in the third story of the Syndicate block, while cleaning the outside of a window Thursday afternoon, lost his balance and fell to the pavement in the alley between the Grand Opera House and the Syndicate building, a distance of about fifty feet. The few pedestrians who witnessed the accident rushed to the unfortunate man, and were surprised to find him alive. The patrol wagon was called and Parish was taken to St. Barnabae hospital. Dr. Burton was summoned, and found the man's injuries to be very serious, but not necessarily fatal. He had evidently struck upon his face, for nearly all his teeth were knocked out, his upper jaw badly bruised, and his lower jaw fractured. There are no indications of serious internal injuries. Parish is a married man, his family residing in East Minneapolis. It has been a common practice with him to stand on the window sill and clean windows as he was doing Thursday when he had his terrible fall.

KNOTS & TOURS.

Matrimonial Linkings and Spring Migrations of Prominent People.

The Record of the Week.

Mr. Ennis Hutchinson and Miss Mary Mack, of Xenia, Ohio.

Mr. Jesse Turner and Miss Prania Collins, of Piqua, Ohio.

Mr. Adam Moore and Miss Angeline King, of Franklin, Ind.

Mr. Thomas Roberson and Miss Nettie Clark, of Milwaukee, Wis.

Mr. William Wilson and Miss Angelina Berry, of Ottumwa, Iowa.

Mr. J. K. Evans and Mrs. Lucinda Simpson, of Detroit, Mich.

Mr. Floyd Vaughn and Miss Queen Nelson, of Montgomery, Ala.

Mr. Murray Robinson and Miss Ella R. Irving, of New Orleans, La.

Mr. Clarence Smith and Miss Sarah Munroe, of Amherstburg, Ont.

Mr. John Hicks and Miss Florence Newsome, of Bellefontaine, Ohio.

Mr. Frank Hill, of Racine, Wis., and Miss Mary Jackson, of Adrian, Mich.

Mr. William Hill, of Chicago, Ill., and Miss Laura Perdue, of Kalamazoo, Mich.

Mr. Moses Jefferies, of Philadelphia, and Miss Tillie Jamison, of West Chester, Pa.

Mr. S. Laing Williams, of Chicago, Ill., and Miss Fannie Barrier, of Brockport, N. Y.

Mr. Samuel A. Reed, of Portsmouth, N. H., and Miss Emma S. Jones, of Lexington, Va.

Mrs. Bella Hall, of Philadelphia, is visiting Boston.

Mrs. Jessie Crutchfield, of Chicago, is visiting Detroit.

Miss Anna Tabb, of Petersburg, Va., is visiting Richmond.

Miss Hallie Wilkinson, of Butler, Pa., is visiting Pittsburgh.

Miss C. Evelyn, of Philadelphia is visiting Boston, Mass.

Mrs. W. H. Stokes, of Muncie, is visiting Indianapolis, Ind.

Miss Ophelia Reese, of Beaufort, S. C., is visiting Augusta, Ga.

Mrs. Emma Taylor, of Cleveland, is visiting Oberlin, Ohio.

Miss Rosa Wilson, of Adrian, Mich., is visiting Lawrence, Kan.

Mrs. J. B. Newsome, of Chicago, Ill., is visiting Leadville, Col.

Miss Mary Marshall, of Hamilton, is visiting Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mrs. Anna E. Pope, of Boston, Mass., is visiting Petersburg, Va.

Miss Lizzie Spears, of Detroit, Mich., is visiting Springfield, Ohio.

Miss Lucy Brooks, of Richmond, Va., is visiting Washington, D. C.

Mrs. John Smith, of Milwaukee, Wis., is visiting Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mrs. W. C. Harris, of Greenville, Pa., is visiting Youngstown, Ohio.

Mrs. J. E. Robinson, of Denver, is visiting Colorado Springs, Col.

Mrs. Richard Fowler, of Milwaukee, Wis., is visiting Oberlin, Ohio.

Miss Jennie Bryant, of Alexandria, Va., is visiting Philadelphia, Pa.

Miss Lizzie Jackson, of Indianapolis, Ind., is visiting Wyandotte, Kan.

Miss Minnie Williams, of St. Louis, Mo., is visiting Indianapolis, Ind.

Misses Belle and Laura Montgomery, of Clinton, are visiting Adrian, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Hutton, of Montreal, Can., are visiting Detroit, Mich.

Mrs. B. E. and Miss Carrie E. Harvey, of Memphis, Tenn., are visiting Shelbyville, Ky.

St. Louis, Mo.

Several very successful and highly enjoyable literary and musical entertainments have taken place recently; and, in almost every instance, the best class of our citizens, has furnished the delighted audience. The first of these, was the Promenade Concert and Literary Entertainment, of the Knights Templar Commanderies, held at Turner Hall. The excellent music for the occasion was furnished by Prof. J. D. West's orchestra. Messrs J. W. Grant, G. W. Henderson, A. D. Langston, O. M. Wood, and Madames Wood and Barnett, contributed to literary feature of the programme.

The fair and festival of the Oblate Sisters of Providence at St. Elizabeth Hall, four nights of last week, netted the Sisters a handsome revenue. A costly stole voted to the most popular priest, was won by Father Augustus Taltan.

The Rector's Aid Society of the All Saints (Episcopal) Church, met a host of their friends at the Old Folks Concert and Dance last Friday night. And it was a grand time sure. Father C. M. C. Mason may well feel proud of this event.

The Catholic Knights programme performed last Monday night was a magnificent affair. The drama "Married Life" at the hands of Messrs M. G. Mordocai, George F. Gibson, Carrie V. Wilkinson, Meadames Curtis, Wilson, and Messrs Grant, Wilkinson, Dorsey, Byron, and Valle, all was its most sanguine friends could ask. The audience frequently manifested its approval by earnest applause. Dancing followed. Prof. Harris furnished splendid music.

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Some very beautiful lots in WEST ST. PAUL, all lying well. In fact, have property listed in all parts of the city. No matter in what locality you wish to buy, call and see me before purchasing, as I can offer the best inducements.

I have a nice desirable piece of business property on the Corner of WESTERN AVENUE and CHARLES STREET. Lot 60x80 feet—the size of all lots on that street—with a Good House on it, for only \$2,200 cash. The Cheapest and best piece of business property in the city.

3 NEW 7-ROOM HOUSES just building with all the modern improvements, bay windows, marble mantles, drop grates, bath-rooms, etc., etc. Street all graded, sidewalks laid, all handsome new buildings in the neighborhood. On the South side Charles near Western Avenue, two streets north of University avenue. Lots 35x132. Price \$3,500, \$500 cash, balance in monthly payments.

3 NEW HOUSES 5 rooms each, just building in modern style throughout. Lots 35x132 feet at \$2,500 each, \$300 down, balance in monthly payment.

ONE SEVEN-ROOM HOUSE, on lot 22x130 feet on Fuller, between Jay and Farrington—near A. M. E. Church—with good well and cellar. \$1,800 terms to suit purchaser. A Snap.

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