

EMANCIPATION ANNIVERSARY.

The Annual Celebration of Colored People at Baxter Springs Proves a Grand Success.

A very large assemblage of the colored people of southeastern Kansas met at Baxter Springs on Friday, August 1st, to celebrate the anniversary of the liberation of the slaves of the West India Islands and also the abolition of slavery within the United States.

After a few moments spent in cordial greetings at the park the regular published program was begun and carried out almost to the letter.

After dinner there was music by the bands, a song by John R. Lynch, a reading of the emancipation proclamation by Miss M. C. Burnett, a song by the Baptist Sunday school, a splendid and instructive address by Rev. B. R. Guy, another song by the lyceum and a fine address by Mr. B. Boler.

For some reason Prof. A. J. Lee did not speak as announced, but the balance of the program was fully completed, there being a fine recitation by Miss M. Suemate, a song by the miners' quartette, a splendid recitation by Miss C. M. Poynter, another song by the quartette, a recitation by Miss M. L. McLamore, music by band, a paper read by H. H. Curtis and a song by the A. M. E. and Baptist Sunday schools.

Rev. R. J. Downing was present and on being invited to speak made a very acceptable and interesting impromptu speech which was highly appreciated.

Every part of the program was given in a pleasing and instructive manner and received with due appreciation.

The park was filled with refreshment stands, swings, a dance platform and other forms of amusement even down to an "original package" establishment, which, we regret to say, dealt out whiskey and beer at a rapid rate all day in defiance of the prohibitory law of Kansas.

In the evening several festivals were in full blast and by the time the trains pulled out at midnight doubtless nearly all appreciated the fact that they had had enough fun for one day.

LIBRARY NOTES.

Failing to get our report ready for last week's paper we will at this time take the opportunity to thank all the people for their ready response in helping with the festival held at the park for the benefit of the library.

The attendance for the month of June was, as reported, 186; that of July has been 322, nearly double. All who are interested in this work cannot but feel encouraged.

Contributions of books received last week and this from Mrs. H. R. Crowell and Mrs. Dr. McClellan.

Remember the News printing office when you want sale bills or posters. We have a lot of new type ordered especially for this purpose and can get up a "dandy" job in this line at lowest living rates.

COURTESY SELF TAUGHT.

Bill Nye Gives Pointers on Funeral and Other Etiquette. Copyright by Edgar W. Nye.

A recent work on how to conduct one's self in good society has escaped from the press within the past month, and is now temporarily engaged in lying before me. Every little while some self made man gets a new fountain pen and writes a book on how to coruscate in good form.

In short, he is, as a general thing and by general concession, the ass de luxe of the century he disfigures, the artificial, veneered gentleman who, living, lectures his betters, and dying—he and his whiskers together—goes to his reward just as the odor of scorching woolen and hot air dye is wafted to us across the bourne of that country where round trip tickets are unknown and perpetual stop-over privileges are accorded.

CARD.

I desire to thank the friends and neighbors most heartily in this manner for their united aid and co-operation during the illness and death of my recent husband, who escaped from me by the hand of death on Friday last while we were eating breakfast.

HANNAH ROSEOLA PEETY.

Much space is given in this book to the question whether or not it is good form to leave the teaspoon in the cup whilst encompassing its contents or when passing it back to get it replenished.

A gentleman making a formal call in the morning should retain his hat in his hand. He may safely leave his overcoat or dog in the hall, but he must retain his hat, as it means that the call is a formal one, and not with a view to matrimony.

When calling on any one at a hotel, send up your card and wait for a reply. If the servant returns with the reply that the gentleman is not in, do not lose your temper, or throw a rubber cupidore through the mirror, or say bitter things, but go on about your business, if you have any, and if not, advertise and get some at once.

Senator Jones of Nevada, who once in a great while goes over to San Francisco to buy his groceries for the year, stops at the Palace hotel while there, and has a pleasing device for obtaining rest and soothing calm, unbroken by the uncalled for calls of people who wish to drop in and exporate from his window.

so as to keep paying guests from registering, and say: "Hello! Jones is here. I will send my card up to him and see how he is behaving himself."

In attending a funeral, and while viewing the remains, do not lay the back of your hand on the face of deceased to satisfy yourself that life is extinct, unless he has called upon you during life.

Do not make a display of consulting your watch. Especially if making a first call on one of the nobility, do not ostentatiously open the rear of your watch to show the name of the factory or the glitter of the works, and do not, while visiting among titled people, and while the family are at prayers in the morning, blow a kernel of wheat out of your key and wind your watch with a deafening report.

If you are a hostess, and engaged in entertaining the nobility of One Hundred and Fifty-eighth street, do not jump up hurriedly and run to the barn the moment you hear a hen cackle. It is rude to your visitor and is an implied insult to the veracity of the hen.

If you are a guest at the house of a neighbor who has borrowed some of your pie plates for the occasion, do not, in a fit of rage or despondency over your failure to converse fluently with the pastor, call attention to the fact that these are your pie plates. It is about the detropist thing you could well do.

This season's epitaphs will be briefer than usual, and run more into plain or Gothic extended letter. The hand with forefinger extended upward will not be used so much this summer, as in several instances this style of stone has heretofore been upended, or turned end for end rather, by mischievous people, thus conveying a different impression on the public mind from the one intended as to the general direction taken by the deceased.

It is still de rigger to say

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If in making your first call you do so on a bicycle do not bring the instrument into the hall with you or hold it in your lap whilst calling. You might drop it and break it.

Do not caress your watch chain or charms whilst making a party call. You will be apt to wear the gold off and expose your poverty, which is vulgar. True politeness consists in deftly concealing your poverty and natural born vulgarity so far as possible.

Do not pick up the wine at table and carefully scrutinize the label as if you were a connoisseur, when you are really a common cur. You may fool the company during two or three courses with the idea that you are used to wine at home, but before the pie is reached you will manage, no doubt, to advertise the fact that you are accustomed to thick milk from a gourd, and not much of that.

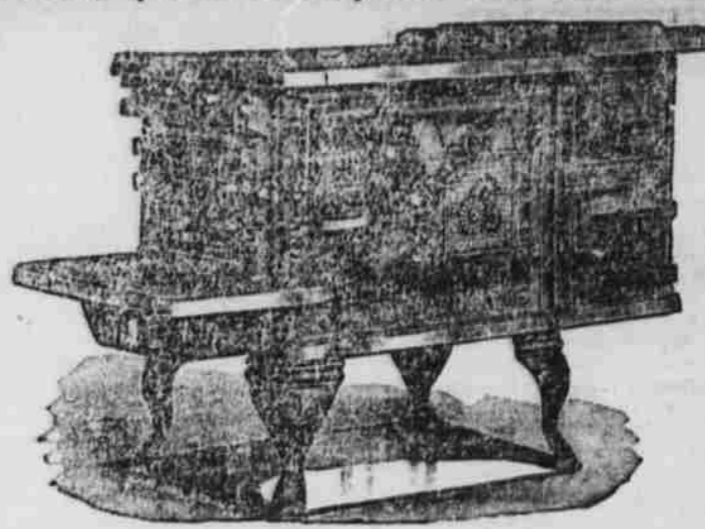
Do not waste your hair oil on the wall paper. Hair oil costs money, and we cannot lubricate the future with the hair oil that is past.

Do not gawp and listen like a lump on a log while some one is playing at the piano. People will think you came from the country.

The term Messrs. is getting too common, I think, as a substitute for gentleman. It ought to go. It doesn't mean anything, and ought to endear itself to every one by placing itself on file in some thrifty oblivion establishment. Do drop it no name for it. Do we say in making a speech at a dinner, "Mr. President and Messrs., I little thought,

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etc." Of course not. Do we expect to see the sign in the ladies' cabin "Messrs. unaccompanied by Mesdames if found in this cabin will be shot?" I hope and trust not. There are many other things regarding social customs, funeral etiquette, etc., which this book suggests, and of which I hope in the future to treat, provided I am not snatched away during the watermelon season.

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