

THE FORUM

"Be ye doers and not sayers only."

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Gov. Chas. S. Deneen.



Who won his contention over Attorney-General Stead, avering that the Des Plaines river is navigable—a shrewd constitutional lawyer and a man of rare intellectual ability—is a formidable political factor.

Excerpts From Carnegie's Speech

At Edinburgh, Scotland, Recently.

He speaks in highest terms of American colored people and shows, in a condense form, the entire progress of the race in 40 years. Declares the Negro race has no conspirators nor ever were known to be disloyal. "Ignorance is the only foundation upon which dominion over others can rest," he declared. He declares that Negroes have more farms in Louisiana and Mississippi than white people, (but less acreage). His presentation of the colored people's cause there in Scotland, may be said to be the kindest and the fairest since the days of Sumner, Lincoln, Garrison and company. The following are some of the things he so ably and graciously said, for which we are most profoundly grateful:

"The act of bestowing the suffrage was the lesser of two evils.

Only through Negroes was the general government enabled to maintain its sovereignty and ensure loyalty of congressional representation, thus securing constitutional government over the south.

No situation could be imagined more certain than this to drive further apart the two races, and to embitter the feelings of the southern whites against the colored allies of their conquerors.

After a period of fifty years we are to inquire whether the American Negro has proved his capacity to develop and improve.

The increase in population in twenty years from 1850 to 1900 was 2,259,995, equal to 34.3 per cent.

Those residing in cities show similar ambition to acquire real

estate. Jackson, Mississippi, for instance, is owned to the extent of one-seventh by Negroes, who have two and a half millions of dollars worth of taxable property. A statement is given for Richmond, Va., showing that there, as elsewhere, Negroes are engaged in every occupation and profession—ten lawyers, thirty ministers, three dentists, ten physicians, two photographers, schoolmasters, real estate dealers, merchant tailors, jewelers, thirty-five dressmakers, four saving banks, four newspapers (weekly), four restaurant keepers, sixteen stenographers. Every field of human activity is represented. The first physician in Richmond to use a motor car was a Negro. The resources of the First Colored People's Bank are reported at \$555,288. There are thirty-two Negro banks in the country."

Woman's Club Notes.

The Philanthropic Section of the club met at the Lincoln Home Monday afternoon and was well attended by members of the club and friends. A sumptuous dinner was served to the inmates of the home; the same was highly enjoyed by them. The donations for the day were estimated at \$10. Mrs. Lizzie Taylor was chairman of the committee that had charge of the dinner and wishes to thank all who contributed so liberally. The following program was rendered under the direction of Miss Eva Smith:

Song, club ode, prayer, Rev. Manuel, select reading, Miss Mary Maxwell, solo, Miss Clara Blackwell, paper, Miss Eda Smith, instrumental solo, Miss Etta Brown, vocal solo, Mrs. Manuel, recitation, Miss Claud Cnamp, paper, Mrs. Oliver.

Mrs. Wells of Des Moines, Ia., a club worker of note, gave some encouraging remarks. Rev. Manuel also gave much praise and encouragement to the members of the club for their noble work. Owing to the illness of the chairman of the Philanthropic Section, she could not be present, and she was much missed by all. The business meeting of the club will be held at the residence of the president, Mrs. J. C. McClain, Monday, December 2d. All are requested to be present.

The Home Culture Section will meet with Mrs. C. H. Jones, 126 N. 14th street, the second Monday in December. Mrs. C. H. Morgan, chairman.

An entertainment for the benefit of the piano fund, will be held at the Home, Monday night, December 2d. A program will be rendered. All are invited to attend. Admission 10c.—Club Reporter.

B. K. Bruce Lodge Pays Death Claim

B. K. Bruce Lodge No. 26, K.

of P. of this city, has shown flying colors. She just paid to Mrs. Cyrus Atkinson, widow of the late Cyrus Atkinson, a member of that lodge, during his life, the sum of \$62.00, as a burial and sick benefit. Mrs. Atkinson will also receive \$200, from the beneficiary department of the order. Officials are to be congratulated for their promptness in settling these aims.

Bloomington News.

Mrs. J. Robinson of E. Wood street, is visiting her brother, O. Davis, in Peoria. She expects to be gone until Christmas.

Roy Williams is at home from Chicago. He has come to take the law examination at Wesleyan.

The services held at the Third Christian church Thanksgiving day, were conducted by Elder Brown of the Union Baptist church—Master Jordan Grigsby and Wesley Metlock, spent Sunday at Holden.—Every body should thank their maker that they have been spared another year of their lives.—The newly organized orchestra at the A. M. E. church, will be quite a prominent feature in the near future. The members are—F. Wych, E. McCleary, Carl Stearns, Louis McCleary, and Mr. Neibors; Miss Wyche is pianist. Continue with your rehearsals.—Friends have heard from Miss Della Blanton, who recently went to Muskogee, Indian Territory. She states that she is employed in a dry goods store. We wish her all luck.

On the Constitution.

The constitutional amendments not be violated; every man should be allowed a free access to the ballot and allowed to exercise his God given or inalienable rights in the state wherein he shall reside, white or colored.

No law shall say certain races shall or certain races shall not vote in conformity with the constitution. Whether in a Republican or democratic primary, every tax payer, male citizen 21 years of age, is entitled to vote under the law of this nation. Every man white or colored, has a right to be a representative in congress, in the state legislature on the school boards or the jury or on the bench, etc.

We are entitled to be on juries, both grand and petit—we pay taxes. The colonists declared taxation without representation was unjust. Why is it not so yet?

Let the national government see to it that every man be allowed his constitutional rights in the entirety.

J. C. Sanders,
Oxford, Miss.

Miss Louise Wilson, of Champlain, was a visitor Thanksgiving Day to her mother on So. 11.

Mayor Roy R. Reece.



Who is "delivering the goods" and is becoming conspicuous for his good judgment and sane edicts.

Normal News Notes.

Mrs. Scruggs and family of E. Willow street have moved on E. Locust street.—P. C. Day received a box of blooming cotton sent by his daughter, Alveria, who lately went to Indian Territory for her health. The cotton was picked on the farm of her uncle, where it grows in abundance.—Little Gertrude Gaston entertained a number of her friends Sunday afternoon in honor of her fourteenth birthday.—Elder G. Brewer visited friends last week.—Miss Ruby Locke has gone to Springfield to spend a few days with her friend, Miss Willis, before going to Chicago.

Attention!

We have made strenuous efforts to convince you that the people who advertise with us are preferable to trade with than those whose 'ads' you never see. Now again, to the colored people who think we employ. Suppose we make Clarkson's, Baumann Bros., our leading druggists, Seiden Bros., our headquarters for shoe buying, E. & W. and Peter Myers, our gent's furnishers, and so on, picking out the people who advertise and mention the fact that you do so because these firms recognize your worth, you will soon find colored clerks in some of the stores. If our preachers and men who call themselves politicians will do this, they will see good results.

For rent, 4 room house 1537 Lediavavenue—apply at 1228 E. Jackson street.

Thomas A. Porter of Chicago, was in the city this week.