

Spokane Correspondence.

By E. H. Holmes, 922 Washington St. Spokane, Wash., July 27, 1902. Editor New Age: It is a gratifying circumstance to be able to present undisputable evidence of the progress of a race taught by the brother in white to possess no particular virtues or to be of no consequence and by many of our own people their prowess for accumulation questioned and their thrifty habits and steadfastness of purpose, often brought into contempt or ridicule by the very people that should stimulate and encourage these sterling attributes and characteristics...

Hon. R. B. Scott, recently appointed Deputy Chinese Inspector, counts his friends by legions in this country and they are all predicting great success for him in the administration and discharge of his duties. Mr. Scott's appointment presents the best evidence in the world that haste and grit are the requirements of the situation these days, and that a man to succeed must bring pressure to bear and pull the strings from the top, working downward instead of working upward as was once thought so essential. Scott "smothered" one or two congressmen, "run over" the Republican United States Senator, so to speak, from this State, got Mrs. John A. Logan's endorsement, agitated the matter with President Roosevelt and landed safe and sound in a \$7.50 per day job and can afford now to live the "life of a millionaire." Hurray for Scott!

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The report that Messrs. Hughes and Williams, of Portland, Oregon, were to assume the management of the Colored Club is officially confirmed by Manager Banks. The new managers are expected to take charge of the business at once. John Ryan, of the Seattle Republican is here visiting his family, they expect their daughter, Ethel, home from St. Louis shortly. Editor Griffin and wife departed for Seattle and Victoria, B. C. Tuesday night last. Several of their friends were down to the Great Northern station to see them off. They were delighted with Spokane and our only regret is that they did not stay longer in our city...

CARD OF THANKS. We, the pastor and trustees of the A. M. E. Zion church, corner Thirteenth and Main streets, take this method of thanking the gentlemen and boys who participated in the exercises on "Men's Day" last Sunday in the afternoon and evening. Also the ladies and friends who contributed their money to swell the collections. The program was of the higher literary type and every one performed his part well. Thanks!

An Insult to Her Intelligence. In her own home in Centerville Mrs. Marshall was a woman of dignity and sense in the affairs of her daily life, but when she took one of her rare trips to the city, she was so keenly on the lookout for impositions that she sometimes acted impulsively. "I took down one saucy young man to-day," she announced proudly to her husband on her return from one of these trying holidays. "I was glancing into the window of a hardware store where there were some nice table-knives, and I suppose I may have stood there some time; but I wasn't blocking the way or troubling anybody in the least. "All of a sudden a young whippersnapper of a clerk stepped out into the window platform, and right against the glass, close to where I was standing, he put a great card, with the words "Iron Sinks" on it. "Well, what—?" began Mr. Marshall, but his wife waved him into silence. "It stood enough already from car-conductors and so on," she said, firmly, "and I'd no idea of letting that pass. So I stepped into the store and went right up to the young man, and I said, 'Did you think it was a good joke to shove that card right into my face and eyes? Or did you suppose I needed to be told that iron sinks?'"

Woes of Linemen in Africa. A telegraph line is being built across South Africa and occasionally bits of information regarding the undertaking find their way to civilization. These reports show that the hardships suffered by linemen and the difficulties they are compelled to overcome are something tremendous. The line has now been carried up to the southern shore of Lake Tanganyika. During the last 200 miles the road was impassable for vehicles and all the supplies and material had to be transported by carriers. One section of the line passes through a swamp in which vegetation grows to such a height during the wet season as to top the wire and cause troublesome leakage. The natives cannot be induced to go in during the season and cut down the weeds owing to the swarms of crocodiles. On another section the elephants have caused several interruptions by breaking off the poles. In some of the forests through which the line passes trees are met measuring over 100 feet in circumference. Some of the ravines are impassable even to the linemen during the rainy season owing to the paths being under water and the rank growth of vegetation.

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CITY NEWS Mrs. D. Newman returned Sunday from a brief visit to Vancouver, B. C. Mrs. D. C. Lang has been indisposed this week. She is rapidly improving. Miss L. Fogg, of Chicago, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Perry, of Montavilla. Mrs. Minnie Ross is very ill at her residence. The physician has grave doubts of her recovery.

The attendance at the meetings of the Paul Lawrence Dunbar literary society is very encouraging. Mrs. Peter Lee left this week to visit relatives in California. She expects to be absent about one month.

Mr. Mote Freeman left last Tuesday for the beach, having accepted a position at Gearhart hotel as porter. Mrs. Jennie Givens, of Oakland, Cal., arrived in this city last Tuesday. She is stopping with Mrs. Lizzie Waterford.

Mrs. Henry Taylor left on Thursday for a visit to California. She will be the guest of Mrs. Ed Johnson, of Oakland. Miss Pearl Johnson, of Tacoma, expects to visit Portland at an early date. She will be the guest of Miss Bertha Woods.

We hear rumors of several changes to be made in the personnel of the Afro-American office holders in the employ of Multnomah county. Mrs. Dora Newman and Mrs. K. Gray, members of the choir of the A. M. E. Zion church, have been granted a vacation until September 1.

Mr. Hughes, lately of San Francisco, is in the city, stopping at No. 335 Couch street. He has accepted a position at Mr. Joe Foster's tonorial parlors. Mrs. Idella Johnson, of Seattle, favorably known in this city, expects to move here to reside in the near future. Her husband was suddenly called to the bedside of his mother, who is dangerously ill at her home in San Diego.

On the 27th inst. the Star Social club entertained a few friends at the residence of Miss Grace Ross, 40 1/2 North Seventh street. An extremely pleasant evening was spent and heartily enjoyed by those present.

On Sunday Mr. W. L. B. Plummer received the sad news of the death of his father in Sanford, Fla. He was 70 years of age and was a member in good standing of the G. U. O. of O. F., with which order he had been connected for over 40 years.

There is a plan in operation in New York under the supervision of Bishop P. W. Derrick, of the Bethel A. M. E. church, to erect a home for the aged and worn out ministers. Such an institution is much needed, and it should meet with the hearty approval of every philanthropist in the land. The New Age is glad to note the fact that Rev. W. T. Biggers, pastor of Bethel A. M. E. church of Portland, Oregon, is the originator of the plan.

Sunday services at Bethel A. M. E. church: Preaching, 11 A. M. by Rev. Biggers; class meeting, noon; Sunday school, 1 P. M.; sacramental services, 8:30 P. M., conducted by the pastor. The junior choir will furnish music at the morning services and the senior choir at the evening. Miss Mary Moore will preside at the organ. All are invited to attend.

On Friday, July 25, Mr. Sylvester Meredith gave a private picnic at Cedar Grove. The day was spent feasting, swinging, speaking, singing and racing. Among those present were Misses Martha Lee, Grace and Edna Duncan, Messrs. Allen and Ralph Duncan, Mrs. Ritter, Mrs. Duncan, Mrs. Lee and Mr. Meredith. Very reluctantly they all returned home late in the evening.

Sunday appointments at the A. M. E. Zion church, corner Thirteenth and Main streets: Preaching, 11 A. M., theme, "Israel in Egypt Praising God;" class meeting, noon; Sabbath school, 1 P. M.; Christian Endeavor, 7:30 P. M.; preaching, 8:30 P. M., theme, "That Day." The choir will sing some new songs and anthems, and Mr. W. H. Carter will sing "Flee as a Bird to the Mountain." Strangers and all welcome.

On the evening of July 26 Mrs. Emma Lee was the recipient of a pleasant surprise farewell party given by her brother, Mr. A. Waterford, at his residence on Glisan and Tenth streets. Music and song interspersed with an occasional "breakdown" by Mr. A. Waterford, caused the evening to pass rapidly away. The host regaled all present with a bountiful repast.

Among those present were: Mesdames M. Miller, M. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lee, Mr. Joseph Patterson, of St. Paul, C. W. Sykes and A. Waterford.

The announcement of "Men's Day" served to fill the A. M. E. Zion church last Sunday evening. Over two-thirds of the congregation were women, and whilst the opinion was freely expressed that the program did not come up to the one presented on "Women's Day," it was thoroughly enjoyed by those present. Mr. J. C. Logan acted as master of ceremonies, Mr. Geo. Mitchell presided at the organ and W. H. Carter led the singing. The cornet solo by Mr. Geo. N. White was excellent, as were the papers read by H. Sproull and J. N. Fullilove and the recitation by W. L. Brady. A collection of \$29 was taken for the benefit of the church.

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