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PORTLAND LOCALS

Mr. Paul Strain the genial proprietor of the Chicago Clothing Co. in the Ainsworth Building, Third and Oak Streets, is a firm and true friend of our people. Call and get acquainted with him.

Mr. T. B. Hall left last Sunday for Tonopah, Nev.

Mrs. Geo. W. Kinney was taken to the Good Samaritan hospital last week, suffering with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Thompson, formerly of this city, lately of Seattle, Wash., have returned and contemplate residing here again.

Mrs. J. Manley was the recipient of the sad news of the death of her sister, who passed away on the 19th inst. at Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Mr. H. M. Grays, of No. 840 Union Ave. N., is spending a short vacation from his work at the mines in Northern California, with his family.

Mr. Sam George, the genial and popular porter of Jas. Fullilove's tonorial parlors, returned last week after a month's absence at Tonopah, Nev.

Mr. Jas. Manley, of 393 Front street, left Monday evening to visit friends in San Francisco and Oakland, Cal. She expects to be gone several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Perring, lately of Tucson, Arizona, are recent arrivals in our city, and being favorably impressed are contemplating purchasing a residence and remaining here.

The reason why Mr. M. Halston was going around with his head in the clouds has been found to be due to the fact that his wife presented him last week with a bouncing daughter. Mother and child are doing well.

Rev. Geo. E. Jackson, pastor of the A. M. E. Zion church, 13th and Main streets, left Tuesday evening for California to settle up some business affairs. He expects to be absent a week or ten days. Rev. J. B. Barbour will fill his pulpit until his return, each Sunday evening at 8 p. m.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Bethel A. M. E. church, which holds weekly meetings at the homes of the members, held an enjoyable session Thursday at the home of Mrs. A. D. Griffin. Although a young society, it is rapidly increasing in membership and bids fair to be a great help to the church.

The Japanese employed by the Great Northern Railway as section hands having failed to "make good," the company has decided to employ Afro-Americans and have sent to Missouri to secure 700 men and will place them at work immediately upon their arrival at Everett, Wash.

On Monday evening a number of the friends of Miss Ruby Lancaster assembled at her residence to celebrate her 17th birthday, and old-fashioned candy pulling was the principal feature of the evening, accompanied with other games, music and songs. A pleasant evening was spent and it was midnight ere the jolly company bade adieu wishing the hostess many happy returns of the day.

On the 21st inst. Mrs. Geo. Kiser gave a buffet luncheon in honor of Mrs. Jas. Manley, prior to her departure for California. The spacious parlors were elegantly decorated and the guests were entertained by classical and popular sentimental phonographic selections. Each guest was presented with a handsome carnation as a souvenir favor. Those present were: Mrs. J. Manley, Mrs. K. Duffey, Mrs. Redd, Mrs. Wilkinson, Mrs. L. C. Lejeune, Mrs. R. P. Root, Mrs. C. A. Ritter, Mrs. J. Hanser, Mrs. Smith of Galveston, Texas, and Mrs. Geo. Kiser.

The Congressional investigation of the Brownsville incident drags slowly along. So far the evidence would seem to establish the fact that the soldiers were not the ones to blame in the matter and that the President was at least hasty in the steps that he took in the matter, but we very much doubt if the gallant fight of Senator Foraker in the matter will result in righting the wrong to any great extent, as those in authority will fear the precedent set if the President's action should not be upheld. Some other solution of the matter will most likely result.

The newly organized lodge of the I. B. P. Order of Elks have cause to be satisfied with the patronage accorded them at their first public entertainment, which was given at the large, handsome, new Murlark hall, on the 22nd inst. Whilst those who attended bear testimony that the committees in charge left nothing undone to make the affair one of the grandest ever given in Portland. Excellent music, polite and courteous committees, abundance of refreshments, all tended to hold the vast throng enthused until the clock struck 3, ere the strains of "Home, Sweet Home" from the orchestra caused the affair to be spoken of as something past, but to be long remembered as one of the grandest social successes of the season. If the interest displayed by the members of the organization continues unabated we predict a bright and successful future for the organization.

A BRIEF RECORD OF THE COLORED SOLDIERS.

For the Scrap Book. By W. P. Dabney.

In the Colonial Wars, beginning early in the 17th century, the Negro distinguished himself as a protector of homes and also as a soldier.

Crispus Attucks, a Negro, was the first American killed in a conflict with English soldiers, March 5, 1770.

Peter Salem, a Negro, conspicuous in many battles, particularly at Bunker Hill, June 17, 1775, where he killed the English commander, Major Pitcairn.

Salem Poor, a Negro, in the same battle earned the title of hero and gained a monument.

In the Revolutionary War thousands of Negroes were engaged and received honorable mention. Over 5,000 fought valiantly.

In the War of 1812 the Negroes were commended both as soldiers and sailors, particularly at the battle of New Orleans, under Gen. Jackson, and on the lakes under Perry and McDonough.

In the Civil War over 200,000 enlisted. Notably brave. Many great heroes, both on land and sea.

The first blood shed in the Civil War was that of Nicholas Biddle, a colored man, 65 years old, who entered Washington with the Washington Artillery at Pottsville, Pa.

The storming of Fort Hudson and Fort Wagner by Negro soldiers rank among the most heroic and desperate charges in history.

Sergeant W. H. Carney, at Fort Wagner, though desperately wounded, held aloft the flag and when borne to the hospital whispered, "Boys, the old flag never touched the ground."

Robert Smalls, great Negro pilot, captured a Confederate vessel, "The Planter," in 1862.

Since that great conflict Negro soldiers took part in many bloody conflicts with Indians and during the Spanish-American War covered themselves with glory at La Juntas, El Caney, San Juan Hill and in the Philippines.

The colored regiments at present in the service, famous throughout the world, are the 9th and 10th cavalry and the 24th and 25th infantry. Many of their members have been retired after long years of honorable mention or promotion.

Sergeant Geo. Berry, 10th cavalry, retired Nov. 1, 1898, after thirty years of service, planted the United States flag under heavy fire on the top of San Juan Hill.

When the Rough Riders needed food, Sergeant Mingo Saunders, a veteran of 25 years' honorable service, and his comrades, gave up their rations.

CENTRAL CANADA THE MECCA.

A Country Rich in Material Resources Invites the Homeseeker.

The average American has little or no conception of the greatness of Canada and her wonderful natural resources. The popular idea is that this vast domain is a cold, barren wilderness, largely given over to trappers and persons engaged in the fur trade.

Trus this was a fact until the advent of the great railway systems which now span the northern half of the North American continent, and in its wake came the settler and the homeseeker.

The Canada of today, therefore, does not materially differ, in all the essentials of greatness, from the United States. It does differ, however, in a very important particular, and that is in the superiority of its soil and climate for growth of grains.

For 5000 years wheat has been the chief foodstuff of mankind. Man has for all these centuries striven in vain for some other natural product and science has endeavored without success to discover some makeshift, but today as in the centuries ago, wheat still remains the "staff of life."

Canada is the great wheat producing region of the world. It is no longer an experiment; it is a country of magnificent yields and in a right district is a country of sure crops.

The H. E. Barnum Land Co., a pioneer concern with offices in Chicago, Minneapolis, Winnipeg and Portland, have done a great work in direction of liberal distribution of some very fine descriptive matter concerning Western Canada.

The following is an extract from one of the booklets: "Western Canada where we operate is no longer a country of the future; it is a country of the present. Its agricultural possibilities have been proven for over twenty years. The country where we are operating has been tested by the homesteaders, and what we say is absolutely true.

Settlers are pouring into the country as they never have before, not only from the United States, but from the Old Countries. One million acres have already been sold this year. Every train going in the West is running several sections. The homesteads within forty or fifty miles of an established railroad are already taken. It is not a question of getting cheap land but of getting land at all. The climate is no more severe than that of Minnesota. It is as healthy as any climate on the Continent. Fuel can be obtained in abundance where we are operating. There are forests within a reasonable distance which supply wood at very low prices, and we are near the coal district.

As to crops, in the canvass of twenty settlers in our district, the lowest yield of wheat we have found is thirty bushels to the acre, and the highest, fifty-one bushels. Oats, barley and flax yield as good, if not better, than in the very best soil in any of the American States. One crop has paid for many poor man's farm.

The school system in Canada is equal to that of the United States—about the same system is practiced—and there is no difficulty in there being plenty of schools. Taxes are low; personal property, for a reasonable amount, is exempt from taxes, and the ordinary taxes will run from \$2.50 to \$5.00 per quarter section.

People are apt to take a map and think the country is too far North in the wilderness, but a trip through the country will show you farms, houses, and barns that will compare with the

best in Illinois, Iowa or Minnesota. It is a country of the most wonderful possibilities, and, as the United States has been the wonder of the nineteenth century, Canada will be the marvel of the twentieth."

NOT A LUXURY—BUT A NECESSITY.

The Popularity of the Piano is Increasing Every Year.

Not many years ago the possession of such a thing as a piano or organ was considered extravagance, and few indeed outside the rich enjoyed these luxuries. With march of progress and extension of education largely due to our public school system, the piano has become not a luxury but a necessity, and no home, however humble, where children are being raised, can afford to be without this valuable adjunct.

Another reason why the piano has become a popular household fixture is the easy manner in which they can be acquired. One does not have to hoard his savings for years in order to buy a piano now-a-days. All that is necessary is to make up your mind to curtail expenses a few dollars a month and the instrument is paid for without missing the money.

The old and reliable house of Sherman, Clay & Co., with branch stores in every important town and city on the Pacific Coast, carry the largest and most complete stock of pianos of any dealer in the West. They are Pacific Coast agents for the famous Steinway piano; also many other standard makes such as the Knabe, Everett, Mason & Hamlin, Hardman, A. B. Chase, Fischer, Packard, Conover, Ludwig, Kingsbury, Estey, Emerson, Sterling, Wellington, Huntington and Mendelssohn. Also Estey, Packard and Chicago Cottage Organs, Piano Players and Victor Talking Machines.

OUR CHICAGO LETTER

The New Age is on sale at Levy's News Stand, 506 Thirty-seventh st., Chicago.

Chicago, Feb. 24, 1907.

Special to the Portland New Age: Mr. B. G. Johnson, one of the prominent colored men of Chicago, has occupied the position of United States Instructor of Customs for 18 years.

The Quinn Chapel Sunday School is among the largest colored Sunday Schools in Chicago. It has over 600 members. Mr. Smith is the superintendent, and Mrs. Townsend and Mrs. Susan Jeffreys are among some of the leading and active workers in the Quinn Chapel Sunday School.

Will somebody please tell what Rev. A. J. Cary, of this city, has ever done or could do that he is to be called by some of the colored papers in Chicago a leader among his race. Will the Chicago Conservator please answer that question for the benefit of the Chicago colored people here and elsewhere.

Mr. J. L. Parks, of 3155 State street, in the city of Chicago, is one of the leading undertakers in this city, and thoroughly understands his business and is a credit to the colored race.

Mr. Adam M. Beckley, of 3613 Dearborn street, will deliver an address on "Race Unity" before the National Defense League at Ann Arbor, Mich., July 5, 1907.

Mr. Clifton R. Woodruff, who has been a police officer in the City of Chicago for many years, deserves the thanks and has the thanks of the people in Chicago for the great and splendid police work that he has done in the city of Chicago. Mr. Woodruff travels out of the chief's office and is one among the most competent, gentlemanly and efficient police officers in this city. He has succeeded by his zealous and excellent judgment and great and splendid work in the last two years of driving out of Chicago a large number of fraudulent insurance companies and bogus concerns, he has had convicted and sent to the State Penitentiary at Joliet, and others have left the city and state. A few more excellent officers like Officer C. R. Woodruff, all those that are engaged in fake and fraudulent schemes would find the city of Chicago an unhealthy and undesirable place for them to remain in.

The Frederick Douglas Memorial Association of Chicago, that was organized in Chicago several years ago, and held such a large and splendid meeting at the time that it was organized, and the meeting was attended by a large number of distinguished persons, both white and colored, at the Auditorium. The Frederick Douglas Association held a meeting on last Monday and elected the following officers: Hon. John G. Jones, president; Mr. Edward E. Wilson, first vice-president; Dr. W. E. Mackey, second vice-president; Mrs. Elizabeth L. Davis, third vice-president; Mr. W. W. Johnson, fourth vice-president; Hon. E. H. Morris, treasurer; Mr. B. G. Johnson, secretary; executive committee: Rev. Jordan Chavis, W. M. Farmer, James A. Scott, F. A. Denison, Mrs. C. A. West, Rev. D. J. Donohoe, Rev. N. J. McCracken, C. J. Waring, W. H. Curd. The object and purpose of this association is to pay our annual respects to the memory of the late Frederick Douglas.

The Calumet Club met last Thursday evening. Mr. Robert Campbell offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

"Whereas, There are several fake and fraudulent organizations among the colored people in the City of Chicago, and that the managers of them have been for some time collecting and selling to the people of Chicago and elsewhere stock in worthless and fraudulent companies and associations that is not worth one cent on the dollar; and,

"Whereas, It is a fact well known to a large number of the people in Chicago that the money that is invested in some of these fake and fraudulent associations and societies, especially some whom have been offering stock for sale, through the agency and

plan of the colored churches, that the people will never realize one-half a cent on the dollar; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That we denounce and stigmatize all these associations and companies that are now using the colored churches for selling stock to the colored people as unreliable and worthless concerns, and we therefore warn the people about them.

Prominent Colored Men and Women of Today.

Miss Ella Wilson, of Worcester, Mass., graduated from the High School of Worcester, Mass., a number of years ago with distinguished honors, and is now a most experienced teacher in the public schools of that city. She is one of the most popular and highly educated teachers that there is in the State of Massachusetts. She has been a teacher in Worcester for 12 years and is highly thought of by the people all over the state of Massachusetts, and wherever she is known. She is a pleasing and entertaining conversationalist and a lady of culture and refinement.

Mr. Geo. W. Gough, of Ann Arbor, Mich., has resided in Ann Arbor for a number of years. He is one of the leading colored men of that city, and is highly spoken of by the people all over the State of Michigan. He is a prominent 33rd degree Anclote and Accepted Scottish Rite Mason, and is Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment of Colored Knight Templars of the United States. He is a great Masonic Jurist and his opinions are recognized to be good Masonic authority, and he is consulted on many very important Masonic matters.

Captain Wm. T. Grant, 33rd of New Orleans, La., is one of the leading colored Masons in the South. He is the Grand Master of the Most Worshipful St. Andrews Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. Masons of the State of Louisiana. He is a prominent Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner. He is a man that is highly appreciated and honored by the people of the State of Louisiana. He is also the Deputy for the Daughters of Sphinx and the Order of Eastern Star, for the State of Louisiana.

Prof. William E. Holmes, of Macon, Ga., is one among the leading colored men of the State of Georgia. He is honored and respected by the people all over the country. He is a man of energy, ability and sound judgment. He is the president of the Central City College at Macon, Ga., which is one of the largest and best educational institutions for the colored people in the South. He is the editor of the Baptist Truth, a weekly newspaper published at Macon, Ga. Prof. Holmes received the degree of Master of Arts in 1889 at the University of Chicago.

Mrs. J. C. Oswell, of Worcester, Mass., is a very intelligent and progressive lady and is one among the leading colored ladies of that city. She has been for many years identified with a number of enterprises for the advancement and progress of the race.

Mrs. M. C. Hogan, of Cambridge, Mass., belongs to that young class of enterprising and progressive colored women who are occupying a prominent place among our race of people. Mrs. Hogan has won an admirable place in the estimation of the people all over the country. She is a zealous worker and in church, and secret and benevolent societies as well. She is the Most Worthy First Vice Supreme Grand Matron of the Supreme Grand Court of Daughters of Sphinx of North and South America, and Supreme Grand Royal Secretary of the Supreme Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star of the United States and Canada.

Mrs. Elizabeth Lindsay Davis, of Chicago, Ill., was born in Peoria, Ill., but has lived in Chicago for many years. She graduated a number of years ago with distinguished honors from the High School and from the Princeton University. She is beyond doubt one of the most brilliant colored women we have. She is an excellent writer and pleasing lecturer. Mrs. Davis is probably more publicly known than any other colored woman in the country. She is the president of the Phillis Wheatley Club of Chicago, and has been for several years a National Organizer of the National Federation of Colored Women.

Mrs. Jennie C. Waters, of Worcester, Mass., is one among the prominent colored women of that city, and is filling a position of honor and trust with one of the large manufacturing establishments in that city. Mrs. Waters is an educated, zealous worker for the welfare of the race, and is a splendid writer, and on several occasions has contributed several excellent articles to some of the leading magazines in the country.

Miss Kate B. Gardner, of 4937 State street, is president of the Christian Workers' Club and is doing a great work for the churches and the people in Chicago.

Chicago has several very competent and reliable colored men, who are head waiters in some of the large hotels and restaurants in this city. They are men who are strictly up-to-date in their business, and one among them may take pleasure to refer to is Mr. Frank C. Long, of the Windemere Hotel, who is head waiter there, and also Mr. W. C. Casey, head waiter at the Del Prado Hotel, and Mr. J. M. Wells, head waiter at the Kohlsaat Restaurant, 89 Washington street.

A grand concert will be given for the benefit of Bethesda Baptist church, 2322 State street, for the benefit of the church. Mr. Kemper Harrell, violinist; Mrs. B. Emanuel Johnson, pianist; Mrs. Hattie Claybrook, soprano; Miss Mayme Morrison, contralto. This concert is under the direction of Miss Blanche Wright, and will be given on the 28th of this month.

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