

THE FORUM

"Be ye doers and not sayers only."

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The Grand Silver Jubilee.

The Silver Jubilee week of the G. U. O. of O. F. and H. H. of Ruth of Illinois and Missouri will be held in the city of Springfield August 6, 7, 8, 9. The meeting will be held in the House and Senate at the Capital Building. The Grand Public Reception will be given at Arion Hall, 4th and Jefferson Sts. Tuesday morning to which the public is cordially invited. A good musical program will be rendered and Prof Blood's full orchestra will furnish the music for the dancers. The admission fee will be 25c.

Wednesday night Memorial exercises at the State House to which the public is most cordially invited.

Thursday night a Grand Jubilee Entertainment at Arion Hall Admission 50c. Music by Prof. Blood's Orchestra. Bro. Houston of Washington, D. C., will appear on the program.

Friday grand all day Picnic at State Fair Grounds. The grand parade will be held at 10 a. m., and will wend its way to the State Fair Grounds. Friday night grand Entertainment at Arion Hall which will conclude the week's festivities. Admission 25c. Visitors will be in the city from every hamlet in Illinois and Wisconsin.

Says Negroes Should Colonize.

J. C. Sanders of Oxford, Miss., a business man and astute race question student, who is conversant and very much averse to the political thralldom in which the colored people of his state and the south are placed, had the following to say on colonization and moral elevation.

The time has come for our people to colonize on some kind of basis. I saw some time ago that land was being sold cheap. I am sure if we can secure large plots of land in the several states we can be more independent, by so doing there will not be heard the siren cry of assault and subsequent lynching bees. I hold this to be the only solution to the race question in the U. S. So much talk is useless, this is business. All lodges and churches should come together and put their means in funds for the buying of tracts of land and let our people go on them and be protected.

This land can be bought up in 50,000 to 100,000 lots say or more. This is not to be in one place, but promiscuously over the several states. The people can pay back the amount to the syndicate through a system of taxation.

I say now the time is ripe. Our people only desire a leader and they will follow. They do not want a coward—a leader that will lay down his life for the

"sheep" and they will do even so to him.

We have property here, diversified, but it can be gotten together and made powerful, if we were only colonized, we would be a power with our forces united. On this plan we could control both houses of the state legislature or have equal power, also our power in the national congress would be more potential.

It is a shame to be called a people, being under such a government and having no controlling power.

I denounce most bitterly and sternly the prevalent habit indulged in by our people and the whites with our people as well and that habit is unlawful cohabitation of the sexes. I advise that young men have high and noble ideals and set their marks high and their peace calling and election will be sure. This is applied to whites as well as colored. We are one people, born equal, and under equal circumstances, will no equal regardless of demagogic political speeches to the contrary. A race or individual that lives in vice will, of course, die in the same state. So quit this unlawful business by day and by night. O Ethiopia and Caucasias, I say, it lowers your worth and degrades you in the eyes of other people. As soon as we place a higher premium upon chastity and moral worth, we will become more respected as a people, not until then.

Quit all forms of evil, such as dragging one another's wives into oblivion. After a married lady has secured a divorce is time for you to call on her, not before. Therefore, let us take new courage, swear before the gods that we will be men and women, achieving wisdom, education and moral worth by the good deeds done in the body. Let us colonize.

Petersburg News.

Mesdames Mary Penick and Sarah Vaughn are visiting in Indianapolis this week.

Mrs. Samuel Harris and son Herbert visited in Springfield Sunday.

Miss Bertha Standford of Springfield visited here last Sunday.

Mesdames Annie Hughes and daughter, Rachel Davis, are visiting in Bloomington this week.

Mrs. Edward Wormly of Springfield made a business trip here Tuesday.

Mrs. Wm. Reed and grand daughter, Delia are visiting in Bloomington this week.

George Williams of Springfield and Miss Sarah Mack were united in marriage Saturday evening by Justice Welch at the home of the bride. Invitations were cordially extended to all, and everyone that attended reported having a good time. The couple will reside here.

Hon. James A. Rose For Secretary of State.

It is the tried soldier that gives confidence in the day of battle. We have tried our efficient Secretary of State, and found him worthy and well qualified in every respect as a public officer; and we are ready and willing to try him again for four years more.

The people, whom he has served faithfully and well, are satisfied with service rendered with faithfulness and fidelity, and approved his administration by splendid majorities. The people have thrice placed the implement of his office in his hands, and bade him write the records of a sovereign state; for a sovereign people, which Mr. Rose has surely and faithfully performed, in such a manner as to commend him to the confidence and high regard of a satisfied and grateful people.

The people are satisfied. There are only a few politicians who are out and want to get in, who are "hollowing."

We have learned the lesson taught by civil service, which if good for the minor service, through the same process of reasoning, is good also for the major service. Moreover, the work of the office of Secretary of State has increased with the progress and development of the wealth and resources of the state, at the same old salary which was paid the Secretaries of State, when it was but an infant compared with the gigantic strides in wealth and material progress.

The people through their representatives in the last General Assembly have increased the salary of all the State officers. We believe it only right, proper and just that the present State officers should enjoy the emoluments of a generous State, for another term.

The colored people have fared well, in their representation through all the administrations of our distinguished Secretary of State—James A. Rose. We are very grateful for the many, many favors we have had; and still enjoy at his disposal.

In remembrance of such favors, we shall do all we can to place the standard of Secretary of State again in the hands of Jas. A. Rose, by helping him by word influence and vote to succeed in his endeavor; and our great State to a worthy and faithful public official.

Yours for success,

J. H. MAGEE.

Springfield, Ill. D.

Vardaman Defeated.

The indications point to the defeat of demagogue, "Jimmie" Vardaman, of Mississippi, by Congressman John Sharp Wil-

liams, for United States Senator. We are glad that the people of that state have sense enough to differentiate between a fit and an unfit man for that august place. The indications are also that Noel and Scott will be the contestants for governor in the second primary.

The Woman's Club.

The philanthropic section met at the Home on Monday, July 22. This being a potato shower, the amount of \$5.00 was donated by the ladies to which the home was very thankful. On Monday, Aug. 12 the business meeting of the Club will be held at the residence of Mrs. E. L. Morgan, 820 So. Spring St., the president, as business of much importance is to be transacted at the meeting.

Lincoln News.

A large number attended the picnic at Elkhart given by Nos. 2 and 8 Lodges of Good Samaritans of Springfield and Lincoln.

Mrs. Bud Orendorff was taken to the hospital Thursday.

Misses Florence Thompson, Mae Perkins, K. B. Wilson, L. Duke, M. Dyer and Wiley of Belleville spent last Thursday at the chautauqua grounds. At 6 p. m. they were joined by W. Dyer, F. Rudolph, A. Dent and H. A. Donegan, and enjoyed a fine supper, returning only when the rain drove them in.

Bro. Johnson assisted Rev. Bass in his rally Sunday.

J. W. Willis and George Donegan were guests of M. Fuqua Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Steward were the guests of the latter's mother, Mrs. A. Perkins Sunday.

Mrs. J. B. Jones of Mat'oon was in Lincoln Saturday on business.

Sam Farmer of St. Louis arrived here Wednesday. He will make this his future home.

Don't Forget the Booker T. Washington social Tuesday eve.

Mrs. Johnson and daughter, Cora, were guests of Mrs. Ed. Johnson Sunday.

Mr. Stoket and family returned to Peoria Monday.

The reporter will be out of town on business next week.

Embroidery Club.

Mrs. Jennie C. Morrison entertained the ladies of the Fleur de Lis Embroidery Club at her residence Friday afternoon, July 26. A short musical program was rendered. Dainty refreshments were served and a most delightful afternoon was spent.