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The Spirit of the American Negro.

BY ROY C. DAZEY

Many of the foremost men in our country are negroes. This may be a surprise to many people. I was much surprised myself when I learned that Judge Ferrell of Washington, D.C., was a negro. I was equally surprised when I learned that his wife Mary Church Ferrell was a member of the school board in the city of Washington. I find negroes are filling almost all kinds of positions and entering all professions. H. O. Tanner is a painter of rare ability. He took the Harris prize for best American painting in Chicago and he is a negro. The register of the United States treasury is a negro. Likewise his predecessor, W. S. Scarborough, professor of Greek in Wilberforce College, Ohio, is a negro. Some of our foremost literary men are negroes. Dr. DuBois and Chas. W. Chestnutt are worthy of note. So is Paul Laurence Dunbar who wrote a great deal of lyric poetry in his life. Chestnutt is also a lawyer of considerable ability in Cleveland, Ohio. Those are but a few examples of illustrious negroes that I might give. What man, filled with the blood and the spirit of an African, could reach any of those positions? No one of them ever has. These men whose names I have mentioned are as different from their African ancestor as they are from their white brother. I venture to say, 'they are more different.'

What is the difference then between the negro of our country and the African negro. First he has adopted our language, thus our customs. When he did that he lost the African spirit. He has adopted a new spirit. What is it? We see them, in the shop, on the farms, in the mines, at the post, in the professions, at the stores, everywhere working for and attaining the standards as the white man. They are meeting the same obstacles, obtaining the same rewards. They are responding to the same hopes and ambitions as the white man. They have become filled with the fighting blood. They have got the spirit. The spirit of the American Negro is the American Spirit.
That big stick of candy was hailed as a treasure
By students,
    and the nine
If we could
  'twould be such
'Twas the purest,
    the factory
How anxious we
with eyes that
As Professor
    the story
And soon then
thing worth
That to one of the faculty that candy should fall.

    That fine stick of candy,
That huge stick of candy,
    That pretty, red candy
To the faculty should fall.

H w hard the faculty worked to receive it,
For safe in the office that candy was laid;
And the advertisements, will you believe it?
Were the cutest, the catchiest ones ever made;
There were Professors Bird, Matthew and Shively,
Oh. is it needful the story to tell?
How they kept everything very lively
For to the winner the candy it fell.

That round stick of candy,
    That big stick of candy,
That tempting, red candy
    To the winner it fell.

The advertisements were all
    worthy of mention,
But time and space will permit
only a few;
There was the basket-ball girl
to draw attention
To the fact that our boys were
to play with K. U.
There was a rooster a crowin'  
with vigor and zest  
For the boys who were to play  
this game of baseball;  
The faculty advertisers were  
working their best  
To see to which one the candy  
would fall.

That huge stick of candy,  
That red striped candy,  
That sweet, pretty candy  
To which one would it fall?

There was one stick of candy arrived at the Normal,  
But how it was broken, no one ever knew;  
The students were pleased (now that may have been mean of them)  
But nevertheless it is only too true;  
How ardent we seized it, when it was passed by us,  
And then to our lips we raised it so quick;  
Then soon, with the other stick of candy so nigh us,  
Each one was longing for just one more lick  
Of that fine stick of candy,  
That nice tasting candy.  
That sweet tasting candy  
Which passed by so quick.

How sad to our hearts are the days of that season,  
When memory persists in bringing them to view;  
That pestilence, the measles, that was the whole reason,  
That the game was called off with K. U.  
The advertising was then useless, and you no doubt heard  
Without my stopping to tell  
Tho' the advertisers were Professors Shively, Matthew and Bird,  
That to not one of them the prize candy fell.

That nice looking candy,  
That sweet stick of candy,  
That prize stick of candy  
To none of them fell.

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EDITORIAL
Commencement is near at hand.
May all those who go out from
our school to enter their life work
do it earnestly and well. May
they never forget that theirs is
a great mission here, for the
teacher does more toward shap-
ing the lives of those who make
our homes and nation than any
other influence.

The Normal school turns out
good cooks as well as good teach-
ers. This has been proven by
the excellent display at the cook-
ing contest. We suppose there
are people, and a great many of
them too, who think that all a
teacher is good for is to teach
mathematics, reading, spelling
and those things that come un-
der the ordinary line of a teach-
er's work. But the teachers of
the future will show that one
may be educated along other
lines besides their profession and
be all the better teacher for it.

Emerson has said: "To have
a friend one must first of all be
one." Nowhere is there better
opportunities found for forming
friendships than in school. Most
of the noted illustrations of
strong friendships were begun
in school. Here one has the best
opportunity to do good for those
around him. We sometimes grow
careless of these things or think
they are too slight to engage our
attention while we are so absorb-
ed with our work, but there is a
great deal we may do that would
cost us little effort.

Many of the students, when
they first arrive in school, be-
come very homesick and discour-
aged. A smile, a word of cheer
or of good fellowship may assist
greatly in relieving this.

Work, don't wait;
Laugh, don't weep;
Boost, don't knock.

One more issue of the Leader.

Several boys in school have
taken a sudden liking for certain
edibles. John Nelson likes butter,
Harrison Kingsley is very fond
of Devil's Food, and if there is
anything Oscar Waggoner likes
better than cookies it is more
cookies.

P. S. Maybe "Gimini" likes
angel food. Ask him.
Baseball Items

Pfeifer is slowly recovering from a severe shock sustained on the Normal campus last Thursday. The baseball bump on the cranium of the Pfeifer team had become abnormally developed and it became necessary to remove it. This the Normal team did as rapidly, perfectly and painlessly as possible. The Normal got 41 scores and then didn't try in but three innings. Pfeifer is still feeling for the ball. The only exciting feature of the game was the sprinting. Really the game seemed to be more like a relay race at a track meet than a baseball game. From the standpoint of fun it seemed to please the crowd. When there was nothing else to do they roasted the umpire. Pfeifer's regular pitcher was not along which probably, in part, accounts for the somewhat lop-sided score.

Second Team Doings.

The second team boys made a trip to Ellis and Wakeeney and won the Ellis game by 9 to 12. But at Wakeeney they forgot the parting advice of Wallace and Waggoner that "Consistency is a prime factor" and went up in the air. Before they straightened out Wakeeney had eight scores. Then the Normal settled down and the last five innings were good baseball.

Alois Basgall pitched the Ellis game and John Nelson pitched at Wakeeney. Considering that these are the first games and that the second team is always more or less broken up at practice the boys did fairly well. Some of these fellows will be playing on the first team next year without any doubt.

The Cooking Contest.

Forty-three persons were applicants to the cooking contest held Saturday, May 9, and forty-nine articles were contributed, some persons contributing more than one article.

A first and second prize was offered in each case, the first prize being a dollar and the second a half-dollar.

The following are the names of the articles contributed and the prize winners: Bread, Bes-sie Leahy and Freda Knoche; Butter, Virgie Knoche and Mrs. Frankenberger; Angel food cake, Beulah Bell and Clara Loreditsch; Devils food cake, Florence Peppiott and Myrtle Palmer; Assorted cake, Miss Searl and Miss Duff; Candy, Prue Morgan and Ellen Behan; Cookies, Gay Nick-les and Bes-sie Leahy. Mrs. Alex Philip, Mrs. Rea and Mrs. Wm. Hall acted as judges and Mr. Rea presented the prizes.

At four o'clock the students assembled on the creek and pin-nicked until six-thirty when supper was served in the gymnasium. After supper the bonfire was lighted at the old picnic grounds and everyone enjoyed themselves until the usual time for adjournment.

See Dr. JORDAN, dentist, over Citizens State Bank.
LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. Kent is enjoying a visit from his mother.

Miss Ellen Behan visited at the ranch last Saturday and Sunday.

Several of the Normal girls are becoming expert tennis players.

Hurrah! we have reached the 350 mark with an enrollment of 352.

One of our prominent baseball players insists that the McPherson boys are not all the go.

The Lyceum Society had up a very attractive poster announcing the meeting Friday evening.

Y. W. C. A. met Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Rev. Wiest delivered a very interesting talk to the girls.

The Misses Morgan and Grace Crissman visited chapel Friday morning.

Lost: a piece of scarlet hosiery by one of the members of the first baseball team.

The old opossum with her ten tiny babies was the center of attraction down in the chemistry room last week.

Can it be that the troubled look on the senior girls' faces these days is caused by worry over those commencement dresses?

Some of the boys take great pride in keeping the lawn in good shape and they may feel well paid for their work for it is indeed a great improvement to the campus.

Dry Goods, Clothing and Shoes.

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How many people haven’t discovered the new well south of the main building?

The Misses Bratton and Miss Glaze enjoyed a visit from their sisters the last of the week.

There was quite a large request for summer school subjects at the chapel call the other morning.

Miss Emma Kraus attended the State Sunday School Convention at Wichita the latter part of last week.

Three young ladies and one young gentleman were caught playing possum on the third floor last week.

Miss Elsie Macintosh is in Topeka this week as a delegate from the Hays chapter to the grand chapter meeting of the Eastern Star.

Miss Clara Loreditsch went to Lawrence for several days last week to visit her brother who is attending the University and to be present at the State High School Track Meet held there.

Mr. Altswager, a member of the Board of Regents, talked to the students in chapel one morning last week and gave them many encouraging remarks regarding the school and its work.

Mr. Riley, a member of the faculty of the Emporia school, led devotional exercises in chapel Friday morning and gave an interesting talk to the students. He emphasized the one word “Sincerity” in all things and said that with this ever before us we were sure of success.

Freshman: Irresponsible.

Junior: Irresistible.

Senior: Irreproachable.

The Brookville—Normal game scheduled for the fourth was not played on account of rainy weather.

Mr. Picken addressed the common school graduates at Gem in Thomas county last Friday evening.

And still the the pounding and noise of the busy carpenters goes on. But it is easy for us to look pleasant and bear it when we allow the vision of our splendid building of next year to rise up before us.

Ed Jantzen undoubtedly knows more about breaking horses and pushing baby buggies than any other boy in school. He gives Sunday evening exhibitions pushing perambulators and is said to be quite an artist.

The last issue of the “Rooks County School Monthly” contains an article written by Ellsworth Dodrill, a graduate of our Normal. The subject is “Needed School Legislation” and was handled very creditably by him.

Friday evening, the first, the Literati Society rendered a good program to a large audience of students and visitors. After the program the chairs were moved to the sides of the room and a basketball game between the juniors and seniors was played. It was a good game but the seniors proved too strong for the junior girls and won by the score of 25 to 13.
The Quality Store

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All the girls rooted for the "football players" at the Pfeifer game last week.

"Home is where the heart is," A certain young lady of the Normal is boarding "at home" now.

A telegram was received from Mr. Matthew Tuesday announcing that Swan Compton is improving.

One of the Normal faculty was seen last Saturday night, after the picnic, making moonlight raids upon the chickens of Hays and vicinity.

Mary Ryan, although she has always been noted for her kind heart, was rash enough to commit a very cruel deed not long ago. She stuck a hat pin in a merry widow.

The Lyceum Society met Friday evening and demonstrated the fact that the societies are beginning to awaken from a long sleep. Every number on the program was good and was appreciated by the audience.

The selections by the ladies' quartette and Donald Frankenberger's violin music were the chief features of the program.

Drawing teacher: (to pupil) "Who traced this drawing?"
Pupil: "Nobody; I traced it myself."

Lesson in grammar on cognate objects:

He looked a look,
Then smiled a smile,
She grinned a grin—
They walked awhile.
Tommy: "I looked through the key-hole where sis was in the parlor with her beau last night."
Father: "And what did you find out?"
Tommy: "The lamp, sir."

During a scientific research Mr. Kent found a problem he could not solve: How the young men and ladies of the Normal time their leaving the building so accurately that they simultaneously approach the limits of the converging points of the walk in front of the building.

Overheard in the girls' cloak room after basketball practice:
"O, Gee, but I'm tired to death!"
"Soum I."
"Never play basketball 'gin, stepped on my feet and likta knocked me over."
"Ain't she rough!"
"Great guns where are my shoes?"
"O that Olive Westbrook and Amy Swires have swiped them again I bet."
"Well now, wouldn't that beat hens a peckin', here they are."
"Ready? Come on I'm goin' home."

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