

SEATTLE'S COLORED SOLDIERS

On tomorrow, Saturday, the citizens of Seattle will again assemble to bid God speed to the twenty-five colored soldiers that will leave the same day for American Lake to join the cantonment at Camp Lewis to train for the trenches in Europe. When this cantonment has its full complement of colored troopers they will number in the neighborhood of thirty-seven thousand and when all of the cantonments have their full complement of colored soldiers there will be something like sixty thousand colored soldiers in the service, and, if the war does not come to a speedy close as is being predicted at this time, we suspect, that before another twelve months have passed five times that number will be in the service. If the present war continues, sentiment will play a very small part in getting soldiers for the front and the black man will be just as acceptable as the white man and in many instances more so. Our advice to the colored men going to war is that they do their duty, their whole duty and nothing but their duty, forgetting previous differences and misunderstandings, and leaving all frictional racial troubles to be settled by us too old to go to war. You fight for your flag as did your sires in the previous wars, in which this country has from time to time been engaged, and in which they played not only conspicuous, but commendable parts. God hates a coward and a slacker is nothing but a damn dirty coward and it matters not what the color of his skin may be. Our fathers made themselves famous at the battle of New Orleans, at Fort Pillow and at Fort Gibson, at Mobile and Chicamauga and in short in all of the battles they have taken part they gave a good account of themselves. At El Caney they bore the brunt of the Spanish fire and yet stormed their strong holds and captured them behind their own breast works. Your father and my father were no slackers and lets you and I show the blood of our fathers and see to it that the old flag never touches the ground. The colored boys leaving for the training camp of this cantonment on tomorrow are as follows:

Name	Birth
Robert Cook	Texas
Louis Jones	Texas
Theodore Taylor	Texas
Tolbert Thomas Roberts	Mississippi
Albert Wm. Houser	Kentucky
Aberdeen Lynch	Mississippi
Theodore Turner	Pennsylvania
Eddie Madden	Arkansas
Floyd J. Wright	Missouri
Cleveland Waters	Mississippi
Ralph Jones	Pennsylvania
Harry Blessing Jacobs	Wyoming
Walter Eugene White	Illinois
Eugene Powell	Texas
John Woods	Alabama
Roy Adams	Iowa
John Henry Hamilton	Mississippi
Ralph Waldo Emerson Love	Missouri
George Bailey	Tennessee
Ernest Bemore Phillips	Arizona
Robert John	Texas
James Mitchum	Tennessee
Wm. Henry Harrison	New Mexico
Arthur Morris	Jamaica, W. I.
James Smith	Georgia

The committee of arrangements promises a feast of hot air following this elaborate menu. The speakers will be former Senator S. H. Piles and a number of colored citizens. Andrew R. Black will act as master of ceremonies.

At the conclusion of the luncheon the drafted men with the Spanish-American war veterans as an escort, followed by a company of sailors and soldiers and many of the civic organizations among the colored citizens of the city will parade up Third avenue and down Second avenue.

THE SOLDIERS' LUNCHEON MENU

(By Samuel H. Stone, The Caterer)

At Y. M. C. A. Banquet Hall, Third and Madison

Saturday Noon, October 27

Relishes

Celery, Radishes and Salt Sprays

Meats

Cold Roast Turkey

Cold Roast Beef

Cranberry Jelly, Potatoes and Tomato

Salads

Hot Rolls and Butter

Pastries and Fruits

Neopolitan Ice Cream,

Assorted Cakes and Fruits

Coffee



ANDREW R. BLACK
Chairman Colored Citizens Committee

There will be four bands to furnish music for the occasion.

Money Collected for Entertainment

A number of citizens solicited subscriptions to raise the necessary funds to defray the expenses of the entertainment and the following amounts have been raised for the occasion:

W. E. Vrooman	\$107.20
B. F. Tutt	50.65
P. S. Barnett	15.22
J. A. Roston	8.00
Harry Legg	57.00
P. Frazier	6.00
Hibbler and Holman	30.20
Public collection at Mt. Zion Baptist Church	25.15
Total	\$299.47

The committee has purchased a grapple and a number of records for the men and they will take these with them.

A supply of tobacco will also be given them and the committee will hold itself in readiness to send more whenever it be necessary.

The Rev. Eugene A. Johnson is an applicant to the war department for one of the army chaplains that will be necessary for the service and to that end a petition is to be circulated, praying the proper authorities for his appointment.

Persons desiring tickets for the luncheon, (one dollar each), will telephone Andrew R. Black, Main 4554, 516 Pacific Block, or to S. H. Stone, the caterer, East 275.

Boasted a recent arrival from Atlanta, Ga., where there are in the neighborhood of 100,000 colored citizens. "The colored people of Atlanta own more than 300 automobiles." There are not to exceed 5,000 colored citizens in and about Seattle and yet they own in the neighborhood of 100 automobiles. Go way back and sit down.

THE TROUBLES OF ALL MAN ARE ALIKE

The white man has his problems; the colored man has his problems; and these problems do not differ much.

Booker T. Washington never inquired whether a man was black or white; and people never asked him whether he was black or white—he was swallowed up in doing the will of the Creator.

Lovers of literature have read the beautiful verses of Paul Lawrence Dunbar, and have never stopped to reflect that he was a poor, colored boy. The verses will live forever.

The colored man wins respect by the same means which brings respect to the white man. The world-respect follows self-respect.

If a white man chooses not to associate with another white man, he is within his rights. If a black man chooses not to associate with another black man, he is within his rights.

The black race in the United States is growing in achievement and ambition. Achievement and ambition go hand in hand, but impatience as to results ruins both.

For three months there have been 1,200 Negroes in a training camp at Fort Des Moines. They have won the respect of this community, not by demanding it, but by deserving it.

There is no reason why the colored men of the United States should not be happy and prosperous. Up to the present time their ears have been closed to bad advice. Up to the present they have been encouraged by what they have accomplished, and are not threatening revolutions, anarchy, socialism or anything else. They have fought in the battles of the country, and are preparing to fight in more of them. They came to this part of the world without their own consent; they came in the days when 90 per cent of the world had slavery. They were among the last to be set free. Freedom has meant something to them, and in all respects they are ahead of the Russian peasants, who were given their liberty.

The fine, well-behaved colored soldiers have been respectful; have gone in and out of all places of business, at all places of amusement, without a ripple, and without swearing they would have these privileges or die. All these are hopeful signs for the colored man and his future, and for this self-governing republic and its future.—Editorial, "The Does Moines Capital."

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