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Banneker School Honor Roll. Highest Averages and Notes.

Prof. Carrington Superintendent of the Missouri public schools, heartily endorses the Ellis bill for the reason that it eventually means better schools, better facilities, better teachers and a high school for the rural districts. Any movement which aims at higher education for the rural district should be hailed with joy. A chance to pursue the higher branches of study should increase the efforts and brighten the prospects of every industrious girl and boy throughout the rural districts of the state. A little education sometimes is more detrimental than useful. An eminent writer said:

"A little learning is a dangerous thing
Drink deep or taste not the Pierian spring;
There shallow draughts intoxicate the brain
And drinking largely Sobers us again."

Impressed with the deep necessity, encouraged and supported by the school board it has become our modest ambition to place the standard of the Banneker school on an equality with any town, village or district Afro-American school in the state. The grades are ten in number.

The second years work of high schools and academies of the state, is identical to the final years work of Banneker pupils. Mid winter promotions to higher grades are possible only for pupils who form the A class of their respective grades. A pupil who is promoted in midwinter to the 4th grade B. 4th grade. If successful at the close of school he enters class A., from which class he is subject to promotion to the B. class 5th grade, if he is successful in the succeeding midwinter examinations. The rule above should dispel any fear of undue haste. When careless and irregular pupils through inattention and absence fall behind their classes, often they endeavor to excuse themselves by unfounded assertions. Yet the silent fact that their classmates are advancing with moderate, vigorous and decisive steps, repudiates their vain statements. While all scholars should feel little and know little, the true scholar is never injured by being under-rated. Depreciation of honest merit is not only wanting in justice but wisdom as well. Our enrollment is 69. Average attendance 58. Recitations begin with mathematics at 8:00 a. m. in the highest grades. Visitors should guide themselves accordingly. Last examinations were quite satisfactory.

Highest average of the 1st grade, Ella Washington ave. 97. 2nd grade, John Coleman ave. 94. 3d grade, Jessie Bolden ave 95. 4th grade, Lydia Bolden ave 92 2-5. 5th grade, Leonza Bell ave. 97 4 5. 6th grade, Ella Hughes ave. 92 3-10. 7th grade, Carrie Bell ave. 96. 8th grade, Reuben Brown ave. 97. 9th grade, Rosa Washington ave. 98.

Honor Roll is composed as follows: Girls, Carrie Bell, Levada Bell, Jessie Bolden, Lydia Bolden, Etta Hughes, Gertrude Hughes, Dora Tolson, Erastus Davis, Ella Washington Mary B. Washington and Rosa Washington. Boys, Leonza Bell, Reuben Brown, Calvin Carter and John Coleman.

Patrons and friends are cordially invited to visit our school.

PROF. A. E. ROBINSON,
Teacher.

Who Is To Blame.

Kidney trouble has become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be born afflicted with weak kidneys.

If the child urinates too often, if the urine scalds the flesh, or if, when the child reaches an age when it should be able to control the passage, and it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depend upon it, the *cause* of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs. This unpleasant trouble is due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not to a habit as most people suppose.

If the adult has rheumatism; pain or dull ache in the back; if the water passes in irregular quantities; or at irregular intervals or has a bad odor; if it stains the linen or vessel the color of rust; if the feet swell; if there are puffy or dark circles under the eyes, your kidneys are the cause and need doctoring. Treatment of some diseases may be delayed without danger, not so with kidney disease.

Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy promptly cures the most distressing cases. Its mild and extraordinary effect is soon realized. Sold by druggists in fifty-cent and dollar sizes. You may have a sample bottle and pamphlet telling all about it sent free by mail. Address Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. When writing mention that you read this generous offer in the Parkville Independent.

Little Ethel: "My sister May loves you very dearly, Mr. Softhead." Mr. Softhead (delighted): "Ah, sweet child! here is ten cents for you. Now tell me, dearie; why do you say that your sister loves me?" Little Ethel: "Why, 'cause when I said the same thing to Mr. Blinker and Mr. Dinker they each gave me ten cents too." —Judge.

A clerical friend, having read in the Times a series of definitions of the word "liar," supplies one of the word "lie," as follows: A

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