

# Oklahoma

## A Squint at Negro Enterprise in That Land of Promise.

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### TULSA, OKLAHOMA.

This is perhaps one of the busiest towns in Oklahoma and the colored man is not asleep along any line. There are seven good churches, and the schools are among the best in the state. Numerous rent houses are owned by the race, and they are indeed excellent ones. Many brick buildings, and business enterprises are owned by the race. There are about 4,800 colored citizens, and all in all we are pushing ahead. The scribe decided to be a dude and purchase him a loud hat, etc., but some tow-down "scavals" spoiled his plan, by stealing his head-gear. We hope all the righteous indignation of a just God will be poured out on such a heartless wrong. The leaders are trying to help uplift the race and the Tulsa Star, the colored sheet, is determined to take front rank in the jour-

nal owner. Her husband is a live wire and owns 15 rent houses. Rev. W. D. Woodson, a popular Baptist divine, is also an expert watchmaker. He is a workman of the first order.

A. J. Douglas is one of the popular barbers of Tulsa. He has a good shop and a nice trade.

Mrs. Lillie Johnson is the owner of the popular City Cafe, 10 W. Cincinnati St. You can secure what you want to eat at her place.

W. B. Johnson is a talker who is doing well.

Miss Maller McTire is doing nicely in confectionery, cold drinks and cigar business. She is full of push.

L. C. Anderson is conducting a large restaurant in the Cherry-Cleaver brick hall at Tulsa. He is some business man. The Home Undertaking Co.,

breakfast by Mrs. L. H. Montgomery, the proprietress of the Star Cafe at 10 W. Washington. Her interesting daughters are rare entertainers and they possess the happy faculty of knowing how to be pleasant.

race (Mr. E. A. Watson, the expert tailor, who does all kinds of high-class work. He owns his business house, a modern residence and 120 acres of good land. He is a good man, and the one thing which he needs to make the journey through life is to get a wife. His two oldest good women should not overlook the fact that he is in shape to make some woman indeed happy. He is full of push and is a man who belongs to our race. He is president of the Colored Protective League.

Only physician. The only colored physician in Tulsa is Dr. W. M. Lee, of health resort, is Dr. W. M. Lee, of Western University of Tennessee, located at Memphis. Very few men have been trained as being colored who have excelled Dr. Lee's record as a physician. Since his graduation nine years ago Dr. Lee has been practicing his profession. He has a full frunt rank of the medical profession. His literary training was secured at Lane College and he is a member of the American Medical Association. He is a man who will visit Claremore in search of health. Will find in him a physician of ability. He owns 120 acres of rich land in Oklahoma and is now located at Claremore. Such men are indeed helpful in the betterment of our race in this wonderful country.

### MRS. J. W. HUGHES.

The average "big" Negro can tell you of the wonderful things he has done and is willing, but he is just gone when it comes to encouraging the Negro newspaper. Loosen up, Bud!

A \$5,000 brick church edifice is the A. M. E. have at Tulsa, and in the person of Rev. J. H. Johnson, they have an able pastor. The congregation is large representing some of our best people.

This able principal of Dunbar school of Tulsa, Oklahoma, has 16 teachers under him and has been pedagogical for 35 years, during which time he has done an untold good for the race. There is domestic science and manual training departments. There are four good buildings and more than 600 students. There have been 40 graduates since he has been principal. Prof. Hughes has 5 good rent houses.

Wife of Prof. Hughes and teacher of the primary department of the Tulsa school. She is a capable educator and like her husband, is a graduate of Clark University. This lady is one of culture and refinement and for seven years was principal of the Primary Department at Okmulgee. The race could well afford to have more women of her calibre. The Tulsa Star, the ably edited Journal of Tulsa in a recent issue

\*Mr. Theo. Baughman of the "Plainsdealer," Tropic's great newspaper, is in the Star office, Thursday morning. Mr. Baughman is indeed a newspaper man.

Yes, we visited the Star office, and found several of our people employed. Tulsa has a colored population of about 4,800 and they own several brick buildings, numerous good homes, several modern churches and are going head long into the business world. They are a live bunch. A nice store building in which she conducts a restaurant and sells soft drinks, is the property of Mrs. Emma Swinger, a lady of our race. It is an excellent business place and you get home cooking. Mr. Swinger makes a special effort to please the patrons who frequent her place. We wish we were able to visit many more such excellent women.

Baptist Divine. Rev. C. L. Netherland, a Baptist minister at Tulsa, is one who believes in mixing religion and business, and owns the New Star barbershop, 245 N. Boston street, a three chair tonorial parlor, where he conducts a clean place. In fact, he's a barber for your whitek's. This excellent man has devoted his life to the betterment of our race and is a true standard-bearer for the race. We only wish more of our ministers could measure up to his calibre. He is assisted by Messrs. J. B. Beeson and J. H. Miller.

Hotel Man. Mr. H. T. Wilson, a veteran hotel man, is still conducting the "Wilson Hotel" at 129 East Archer street, Tulsa, and has 12 good rooms and serves regular meals and short orders that would please any crowd. There, too, you can get a tempting good meal at any hour of the day. For thirty-five years he has been in business, starting as a cook, and during that long time he has succeeded in treating every one right. By strict business methods and by practicing economy Mr. Wilson owns much valuable property and is about a snazzy bank account.

### CLAREMORE, OKLAHOMA.

The Great Health Resort—Some of the Things Our People Are Doing.

The scribe visited this town in a down-pour of rain, but it was very loyal to the Plainsdealer. Mr. Cobb took special interest, and showed us every place of interest, and the Colby place. In leading others to become subscribers. Below we mention some of the live wires of Claremore: A solid man of the

also dealer in tropical and domestic cigars, soft drinks, etc. This gentleman is a veteran business man, and is able to stay in bed and still treat the public right. Mr. Lewis is one of the fixtures around Claremore.

The scribe visited the Wright Hotel, a magnificent two-story brick building, owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Wright. The first floor is occupied as a dining place and the second floor is the hotel proper. The rooms are neat ones, and these excellent people have neither spent money or time in getting the race the best. The place is modern and easily worth \$10,000. These excellent people own more than a dozen fine lots of land and 100 acres of rich farm land, near Broken-Arrow. They are frugal and full of business and you should feel proud of such people as these who truly a credit to us. Such men and women as Mr. and Mrs. Wright are great factors in helping to give us the best of Claremore. A swell pool parlor at Claremore is the one owned by Messrs. Allen and Burley. It is located in the rear of the hotel. These gentlemen also carry all kinds of cigars, tobacco, etc., and enjoy a nice patronage. When you desire to give your guests a dining call on them, Mr. Burley is the one to call on. Mr. and Mrs. Wright.

Jones and Robinson are conducting a new money exchange in the corner of the best at Claremore. The future is the latest and the shop would be a credit to a much larger town. Mr. W. Robinson has been at his trade a long time. W. Jones has been barbering for 7 years and they are both artists. This goes to show.

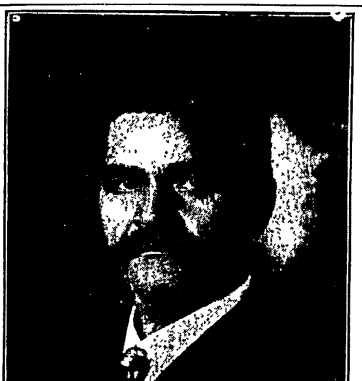
New L. Amerson, a veteran M. E. pastor is, in connection with his excellent wife, conducting a cafe and rooming house. These good people have raised a fine lot of children and we were pleased to meet them while at Claremore.

One of the places of the race at Claremore is the Washington Hotel and bath house, owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. George Washington. These good people go out of the way to give their guests a first-class service and they guarantee the best of accommodation and when you visit this health resort, see them.

Peoples Cafe, a high-class eating house at Claremore, is owned by Mr. H. Ford. The public will find at all hours, the best of everything and it will be cooked right. Mr. Ford has many years of experience and he is ably assisted by his wife. When in Claremore, see him.

Mr. W. M. Rainey, an expert sanitation man has charge of the white, sanitation at Claremore, a place where the leading whites frequent. This gentleman holds his position because he is recognized as one of the best men for the position. He has given satisfaction and is one of Claremore's leading colored citizens. He has been at his present job for seven years.

Among the large number of graduates from Claremore recently, Miss Reanna Wright, a very popular young lady of Claremore, Okla., was in that number. The race is indeed blessed with having in it such an accomplished young woman. She received her literary training at Langston college and Quindaro University and graduated with high honors from the pharmaceutical department at Meharry and at present she is holding a lucrative position at Euclid, Okla. Miss Wright is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Wright of Claremore, and it is with pleasure we make mention of such a lady.



PROF. J. W. HUGHES.

nallistic field. The push was kind to your scribe.

Mr. W. D. Woodson is making himself felt; he owns a two-story brick building and other property.

Rev. W. H. Woods, an eminent Baptist divine, owns an excellent brick business house. There are three stores in the first floor and on the second floor there are offices and Res. Woods has been successful. This man of God owns 5 other business houses.

Mr. L. McGreor has a grocery, meat market, transient and rooming house. He is well-fixed.

Al E. Floyd, Jr., whom we have known for numerous years, is owner of the Czey Cafe. He serves the best.

Mr. James Cherry, an Afro-American at Tulsa, owns 13 rent houses. His home is a good one, and he is an expert "p. r. Ore." He has a grocery store that his wife manages.

Mr. J. H. Goodwin is doing nicely as a grocer and meat market business. Several thousand dollars are invested, and he enjoys a nice trade. Hon. Freeman L. Martin, the Negro attorney encouraged us. Dr. J. J. McKeever, the colored dentist, has modern offices and many people encourage him.

Hon. H. A. Guest is a successful colored attorney at Tulsa.

branch house for the house at Muskogee, is a modernlly equipped enterprise at Tulsa. W. M. Bagudale, Jr., is the manager.

One of the popular eating places at Tulsa is the Bell and Little Cafe, at 106 N. Greenwood St. The cooking is above criticism and you are treated right.

Mr. Thos. R. Gentry is owner of The Okmulgee, a modern pool hall. The Gentry Hotel is owned by his wife, Mrs. L. E. Gentry. This is a modern place, and these good people are among the go-ahead people in Tulsa.

Dr. D. W. Bryant is successfully conducting the Peoples' Drug store, and is ably assisted by his co-workers, Mr. O. W. Gurley's management. This is one of the creditable enterprises at Tulsa.

Townsend's barber shop, 107 W. Greenwood St. is a good place when you want good barbering.

The scribe, while at Tulsa, had the pleasure to meet an old time friend, one of the leading factors in Oklahoma. For years he was a successful business man, a peace officer (chief of Little Africa) and proved his worth. He exercised good judgment and today he is one of the best fixed men of the race. He has nine good houses—two being rock and brick, and in connection with this Mr. Williams owns valuable property at Vinita and Muskogee. The scribe has always known this excellent man to be full of push and his numerous friends are indeed proud of his success, not only along financial lines, but in the betterment of our people. He at one time owned the best business houses at Tulsa. He wore a smile that wouldn't come off and had us to know that he has passed the water line. East and West, he has thrived his nest. He says his old Texas friends should come West and grow up with the country. Mr. Williams did it all could you see the scribe feel at home. He will live in a few weeks and will visit many Texas towns and while at interesting have a reunion of his interesting family.

Dr. R. T. Briggwater, a Meharry-nite, class 1905, owns \$15,000 worth of rent houses—excellent ones—10 in all, and is influential in the betterment of the condition of our race. He is not only a successful physician, but a devout church man. Your scribe was entertained at

ATTORNEY H. A. GUEST.  
Buckston has no more faithful an apostle than this brilliant young man and for 13 years he has been a barrister as an authority on law; the race has no one that makes and civil practice and is making good. The Palace Cafe is being successfully conducted by Mr. A. Carr. His wife is at the head of the Alexander Hotel. The Gurley hotel is one of the best places at Tulsa, Mrs. O. W. Gurley,



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