

SPOKE ON "THE NEW NEGRO"

Recent Negro Conference the Theme of Sermon at Colored Congregational Church.

Rev. H. H. Proctor preached at the First Congregational church, colored, last night on "The New Negro," in the light of the recent Christian congress held here.

His text was Revelation xxi, 5: "I make all things new." Among other things, he said:

"Every two thousand years something significant takes place in the spiritual world. At the end of the first two thousand years Abraham was called. At the end of the second two thousand Christ came, and now we are closing the third period. Men of keen spiritual vision are looking for some significant occurrence in the spiritual world.

"Some think it will be a combination of forces that will greatly advance the kingdom of God. One of these movements, I verily believe, was the recent gathering in our city of thousands of our people for the moral regeneration of their fellows.

"This gathering clearly set before the world that there is a new negro, and his characteristics were evident. These 5,000 persons impressed the city with their quietness and orderliness—a sign of progress in the essentials of higher living.

"There were underlying causes for all this, for in God's world nothing happens by accident. One is the home. These people represented good homes. Another is the schools—schools public and private united to make these men. Above these is the church, the greatest single agency for the elevation of any people. But behind home and school and church stands the Christ. It is He that is making the negro new."

RACE WILL BE INTERESTING

Great Interest Is Felt in Captain J. F. O'Neill's Successor—Election Will Soon Take Place.

Great interest is felt in the question of Captain James F. O'Neill's probable successor, and already slates are being arranged for the election, which will take place as soon as Governor Candler has formally accepted Captain O'Neill's resignation.

There is no question about Governor Candler accepting the resignation, and the election may be expected at almost any day. Thus far there are no avowed candidates in the field, but it is probable that a slate will be made today.

No Silk Worm Business for Kansas.

Wichita Eagle: Secretary Wilson, who is weak on geography and hair-trigger of speech, has secured an appropriation of \$10,000 from congress for the purpose of making experiments in the raising of silk worms and their production of raw silk.

Kansas' experience with the silk worm proved several things. Among others, that the silk worm would pass a mulberry tree by to eat himself cross-eyed on Osage orange leaves; that he was as delicate as a Poland China hog in cholera times, and that he demanded as much attention as a teething baby in summer.

At first there were visions of fortunes in every township, and ideas of forcing France into bankruptcy became general throughout Kansas. But by the time eight thousand individual Kansans had crawled out of bed at midnight to roll a French worm over on his back and feel of his pulse, the anti-silk worm movement in Kansas grew quite vigorous, and the silk worm propaganda, so far as this state was concerned, curled up like a caterpillar and died.

This isn't saying the silk industry couldn't be made to succeed in Kansas. It is saying that the Kansan isn't built on the French peasant model. We are not the worm kind. Our style is more in the line of a good, substantial Poland China hog, jammed so full of corn from the "semi-arid regions" that his fat has shut his eyes and his kinky tail has disappeared in a dimple.

To Whom Credit Is Due.

Springfield Republican: Whenever the credit for the purchase of Alaska is awarded it always goes to W. H. Seward. The Boston Herald, for example, refers to "William H. Seward, President Lincoln's famous war (sic) secretary, and 'the man who purchased Alaska from the Russian government.'" As Mr. Seward was secretary of state under President Andrew Johnson when the Alaska purchase was made, why should not President Johnson get some of the credit for the transaction? As president, Mr. Johnson could have prevented the purchase; Mr. Seward, moreover, could have done nothing without his superior's approval, and the ultimate responsibility for the act certainly rested upon the head of the administration, so far as the executive department of the government was concerned. Andrew Johnson never receives credit, perhaps because he was Andrew Johnson.