

Selective Notes from THE NEW AGE Butte weekly

Under "Pertinent Facts Regarding Our Position: "...The white man of America made it his own problem...we shall endeavor...[to] work & labor for the greatest political & legal rights which our race is guaranteed under the Constitution of the United States & the State of Montana...Politically we shall strike hard for the best interests of the Negro & what we deem best for the Negro as a citizen of the State of MT...Socially it is our purpose & intention to establish a system of reporters in all of the larger cities & town of MT who will weekly send in the items & occurrences among our race in their respective cities so that we will all know what each others [sic] are doing. By keeping in contact with social news throughout the country & with all of the colored journals of the country, we will give our readers fresh all important race happenings & facts relating to the race which will interest them..."

Topics included "personals" from Montana cities & towns, Pocatello, Salt Lake City, Oakland, Spokane, etc.; sports and entertainment, club and church news, etc.

Subjects and persons documented include:

- minstrels Williams & Walker [Bert Williams and George Walker] in Butte,
- mining entrepreneur Charles Fiske Jones,
- Aaron S. Webb (valet to W.A. Clark, Jr.), Christian or Chris Dorsey (valet to F. Augustus Heinze), James Collins (valet to C.W. Clark), F.W. (Frank) Green (Parrot smelter employee),
- Description of a tour of the "first party of colored people who have as yet explored the mines to a depth of 800 feet" by five women & 2 men,
- W.L. Irwin (Helena baseball player),
- William L. Gordon & Jessie Woodcock (Helena High school 1902 graduates), Hawthorne Club,
- Afro-American Woman's Club,
- donation of a "token of regard" by First Lady Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt to Shaffer Chapel A.M.E. Church for their inaugural church fair,
- dances & excursions to Columbia Gardens,
- incorporation of the Afro-American Mining and Developing Company,
- mining claim leases,
- Byrd Lodge No. 11 of the A.F. & A.M.,
- Eliza Johnson (chief chef for Arthur P. Heinze) & Charlie Brown (Arthur P. Heinze summer home employee),
- excursions & picnics to Broadwater Hotel, Central Park & Mount Helena in Helena, racism in the Intermountain (Butte newspaper),
- Gorton's Minstrels,
- Manhattan Club (Helena) founded by "leading young men...with the officers of the 24th Regiment" at Fort Harrison,
- Uncle Barney Cook visiting former charge William Owsley,
- "absence of a colored maid at Grand Theatre" (Butte),
- "Jim Crow" army ambulance at Fort Missoula,
- participation in the 1902 Republican & Democrat state conventions,
- advertisement for "colored cotton field hands to grow cotton in west Africa" placed by the New Cotton Fields, Ltd., London, England;
- C.M. Watts (brick mason),
- A.D. [Adolphus] Griffin (Portland "New Age" newspaper manager),

- death of John Harrison at the poor farm,
- rally by the Colored Democratic Club with numerous white candidates and C.W. Clark, W.A. Clark, Jr. among the speakers lambasting Heinze,
- Eastern Star ball,
- Knockers Social Club (membership open only to corporals or less)
- ball & reception in Helena,
- Jewish stereotype joke,
- Silver Bow Literary Society,
- Isaac (Ike) Hayes (boxer),
- advertisement for "The Negro in Revolution, History, & in Citizenship",
- death of W.A. Washington at Washoe Smelter,
- boxing bout between Osborn Fenter & Art Thompson,
- Rev. Jordan Allen,
- Elks Club membership solicitation notice,
- C.A. Davis (electrical engineer), profile & photograph of J.D. Yancy (Silver Bow Band leader & W.A. Clark & Bro. bank messenger),
- profile & photograph of William J. Burnside (singer),
- Mrs. Lucas (astrologist & "scientific card reader"), etc.