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"DIGESTING
The NEWS"

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Every Week from this Column
By CLIFFORD C. MITCHELL

THE QUADRENNIAL CIRCUS!

Next Tuesday (November 8th) the Circus will be in town. It will be a free-for-all and the last day of the races. All those who have registered for tickets will be able to attend the Circus and speak their little piece. Even transportation will be supplied, if wanted.

The Circus will be good. It is bound to be. With so much advance publicity everyone is familiar with the trained animal acts. Elephants that can roar like lions; purr like cats jump, twist, bend and bow like seasoned acrobats. And Donkeys of every description. With and without their bray. Some of them are gifted in the art of pantomime and make-up, until those with poor eyesight can hardly distinguish the Elephant from the Donkey, without their being labeled.

And the Negro! Oh yes, he will take a mighty important part at the Circus. Vehicles, pushed by the strong Elephants, or drawn by Donkeys in tandem, will be at the Negro's door and he will ride to the Circus ring in style. So much courtesy will be shown him that to be diplomatic the Negro will be seen kissing the Donkey while he is hugging the elephant. Surely, as an actor, the Negro is unsurpassed.

Of course, there will be some sections in the country, particularly in the south, where the climate is a little torrid, where the Negro will pay but little attention to the great Circus Day. But, then, you can't blame the Negro if he thinks more of enjoying life and the pursuit of happiness rather than to attempt to attend the Circus just for one performance and run the chance of having some of the wild animals, and some that are not wild, just stubborn, jump their traces and proceed to claw, beat, bruise and perhaps kill a number of Negroes just because they persisted in coming to the Circus.

But what of the aftermath? Already I can see the Negro press biased with pictures and confessions, "Why I Stuck By the Ship", or "Why I Deserted the Ship in a Storm", all depending upon whether the Ship is saved—or sunk. And whether the Elephant or the Donkey reign supreme we will learn, by reading the Negro press, that the Negroes made it possible.

Whether the Elephant or the Donkey occupies the gilded stable and the green pastures I'm afraid that it will make but little difference to the Negro, during the next four years, for drought and famine are upon us and blood is thicker than water—even in Elephants and Donkeys. Maybe on the fringe of the pastures we might be able to get a nibble here and there, but not enough to have it photographed.

At any rate the Circus will be in town Tuesday. By all means attend it. Speak your piece; take your bow; and then exit for four years.

Vote School Board Candidates Who Answered Letters

My Dear Candidate for the Board of Education:
We, the Omaha Guide's Working Men's Commissioners, are interested in securing our full pro-rata of employment for our boys and girls, whom we send through the schools. We are desirous of knowing your position on our pro-rata of employment, from the school district of Omaha.

We are 5 1/2% of the Omaha population. We pay 5 1/2% of the taxes directly or indirectly, which goes to pay the salaries of the Omaha Board of education, employees. We feel that we are entitled to that 5 1/2% which will be entrusted to your stewardship, in that event that you are elected on November 8th, as a member of the Omaha Board of Education.

Since we have been refused our pro-rata of employment for the past 30 years thereby losing in wages the following sum to our group, \$4,702,500. It would be no more than fair, for the Board of Education to give our group 11% of the employment for the next 30 years to come. This would go a long way in making our group a better economical risk to the business world and the community in which we live.

For your information we have carefully figured out a tabulated sketch of the actual conditions, in regards, to the present employment of the Board of Education.

We comprise 5 1/2% of the population. We pay 5 1/2% of the taxes, directly or indirectly; cast 5 1/2% of the ballots in the last annual election, therefore our full pro-rata of employment should be 5 1/2% of the employment of the Board of Education, which would be 77 employees. Our payroll annually should be \$156,750. Doubling this amount would make 154 employees, and the payroll would be \$313,500.

Please let us have your early reply on your position in this matter, for publication in the Omaha Guide Paper which goes to press, Tuesday, Nov. 1, 1932.

Very truly yours,
Working Men's Commissioners
G. B. Lennox, President

The following are the figures according to record.

	\$4,702,500	\$4,702,500	\$4,702,500
Four million, seven hundred two thousand, five hundred dollars, wrongfully taken away from a group of people, who can least afford to suffer such an injustice.			
1,863 High School and College Graduates from our group who are driven away from their native homes, because of the failure of the Board of Education to give them a chance to earn a part, as salaries, of the taxes paid into our treasury by their parents.			

BOARD OF EDUCATION					
Total	214,175	79,489	1400	\$2,850,000	0% 0%
Negro	11,847	4,520	0000	\$0,000,000	0% 0%
Percent	5 1/2%	5 1/2%	0	0	0
Pro-rata	5 1/2%	5 1/2%	77	\$ 156,750	5 1/2% 5 1/2%

November 2, 1932
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dr. George B. Lennox,
1604 North 24th St.,
Omaha, Nebraska,

Dear Dr. Lennox:
I want to congratulate you on the splendid work which you are doing for the colored people of Omaha. I trust that your people really appreciate what you are doing for them.

I was surprised to find out that the colored people of Omaha paid nearly 6% of the taxes of the city and do not have a single employee on the payroll of the Omaha Public school system.

This in my opinion is very unfair to this tax paying group. While I would only be one member of a board of twelve, I want you to know that I am strongly in favor of having colored tax payers being represented on our payroll.

After all Omaha is supported by its tax payers and these tax payers are made up of all races and creeds. I favor giving work to these tax paying groups in proportion to the percentage of taxes they pay—and this should apply to the school board payroll the same as it should apply to any other department of our city government supported by taxes.

I want to know that I am making this statement because I believe in fair play to everyone.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Bessie R. Saxton.

Omaha Guides' Working Men's Commissioners, Gentlemen:
Permit me to acknowledge receipt of your letter, Oct. 27, setting forth in detail the percentage of the colored population in Omaha as compared with the total population, likewise the amount of wages paid by the school board and the taxes, both real personal paid by the colored people. I will say to you these figures have made a deep impression upon me and if I am re-elected a member of the Board of Education and can obtain the cooperation of a sufficient number of associates on the board, I will guarantee to you, that you receive the recognition you are entitled to.

Sincerely yours,
Alice A. Holtman.

October 29, 1932

Omaha Guide's Working Men's Commissioners, Gentlemen:
In reply to your enquiry of the 27th in regard to my policies if elected to the Board of Education on Nov. 8th. I am heartily in favor of the colored people of Omaha having their full pro-rata of employment in the Public Schools.

I am well aware that quite a percent of the Colored People of Omaha are tax payers, therefore they should

have their pro-rata.

As I stated at your meetings, if I am elected a member of the School Board I assure you that I will be your friend for the pro-rata of the Colored People.

I am an independent Candidate for the Board of Education and am not connected with any slate.

Respectfully yours,
James M. Hanley

November 1, 1932

To the Omaha Guide's Working Men's Commissioners,
Dr. G. B. Lennox, President,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:
Your letter of October 27 received inquiring as to my position on colored teachers in the Omaha schools. I wish to state I feel somewhat insulted, for I thought every Negro in Omaha knew my position in matters of this kind. I have fought on the foreign line with many of your people for this very thing for twenty years. However, you may inform those colored citizens who do not know me, if there be any, that if I am elected to the Board of Education they can depend on me being one who will be found fighting for justice and right to all nationalities, regardless of religion, creed or color.

Yours truly,
Sam E. Klaver

October 31, 1932

Hon. Dr. G. B. Lennox,
President Omaha Guide's Working Men's Commissioners,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:
Your letter received and I assure you I appreciate the consideration and attention you have given my candidacy for a member of the School Board of the City of Omaha.

In answer to all questions contained in your letter, I beg to advise you that if I am elected a member to the School Board, I shall vote to give your people equitable and fair recognition and representation.

Very truly yours,
Walter L. Cropper

Omaha, Nebr., Oct. 29th, 1932

Dr. G. B. Lennox, Pres.,
Omaha Guide's Working Men's Commissioners,
2418-20 Grant St.,
Omaha, Nebraska.

My Dear Sir:
Your letter addressed to me as a candidate for the Board of Education has been received, and concerning its subject matter I can say this: You know as well as I how difficult a problem it would be to put your plan in effect, however I have always been very sympathetic toward your people, and I am sure that certain ways and means can be figured out to give you at least a part of the plan you have outlined.

I wish to say that my family has given employment for the past seven years to two of your people, Mrs. Morris Green was with us continuously for five years, and her sister Mrs. Mollie Smith is in our household now and has been continuously employed for the past two years at good wages. (You may call her any time in corroboration Wal. 2283. If elected, I would favor any plan that could be worked out satisfactorily, giving your people as much employment as possible.

Sincerely yours,
Joseph P. Cleland

October 31st, 1932

Dr. G. B. Lennox, Pres.,
Omaha Guide's Working Men's Commissioners,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Sir:
Your communication relative to my candidacy to the School Board, received. Wish to state that I feel your race should have recognition by the School Board and I promise, if elected, that you will have a friend in me.

During my three years in the City Hall, when Ed Smith was Mayor and

Dean Ringer, Police Commissioner, out of an average of thirty people that I employed, the majority was of your race. These people can attest as to my treatment and I would say that I have some very staunch friends and supporters among them.

Very respectfully,
Alfred E. Lindell

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Omaha Guide's Working Men's Commissioners,
2418 Grant Street,
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Dear Sir:
In reply to your letter of October 27th, wherein you outlined a table showing the pro rata recognition that you people have received in return for your pro rata support as far as the board of education is concerned, I note that the pro rata consideration amounts to zero in comparison to your representing as citizens and taxpayers.

Not being familiar with the methods or policies used by the past members of the board of education, also the present, which created the particular existing condition, I know that if election to the board of education will be my good fortune I will do all in my power to rectify the misdeeds promulgated by the present members as I am absolutely opposed to any racial or religious discrimination.

I want you to know that I appreciate your writing me regarding this situation and regardless of the outcome of this election I will be pleased if you will be kind enough to supply me with data pertaining to similar conditions in other cities.

Trusting that the above will give you the desired information, I remain
Yours very truly,
J. M. Roncka

October 30, 1932

Dr. G. B. Lennox,
Care of Omaha Guide,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Dear Doctor:
Replying to your letter of the 27th inst wish to advise that I am a candidate for the Board of Education.

Provided I am elected to this Board, will vote at their meetings for colored people to be placed upon the Pay Roll.

Why shouldn't a colored man or woman be eligible? We have them as teachers in other cities and they are members of the postal service, Policemen, Firemen and et cetera in the public service.

I was born and raised in Omaha and served in the late war as a "Trooper and Cannoneer". I went to school with Captain Edward Turner and John Pollard. I know Mr. C. Singleton Sr. for 25 years. Clarence Mercer and Lieutenant Connie Wilson and his highly respected father and mother.

Provided you look over past elections you will find that the Colored people of Omaha, endorsed me for County Treasurer at the Primaries in 1926.

I would suggest you fight the present Kluxers on this board at the coming Election and get rid of at least some of them anyway.

This position as a member pays no salary but if you truly believe in the advancement of the Colored people in this city, kindly inform your interested through your paper about my platform and record.

Thanking you for your letter of inquiry, I remain,
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Charles W. Bryan

The Hon. Chas. W. Bryan, who is candidate for re-election for Gov. of this state, needs no introduction to the Negroes of Douglas County. Not one of your rights have been infringed upon while he was Chief Executive of this great state. To the contrary he has corrected to our knowledge two errors made by Republican Governors in our behalf. One of his late acts to our group was the endorsement of 3 of our own girls as clerks in the Election Commissioner's Office. This is the fourth place he has broken the ice for our group. Take no chances. You know what you have. Gov. Bryan was the first man in the United States to start the program of cutting the burden of taxation. His record stands like the pyramids of Egypt.

DR. T. C. ROSS,
Prop. Ross Drug Store.

Letter Questionnaire Submitted to Presidential Candidates and Their Answers

The following letter was sent to Hoover, Curtis, Roosevelt and Garner, Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates of the United States, the letter and their answers are listed below:

Hon. Sir:
Just two questions, I would be pleased to have some information, in regards thereto, by return mail.
What is your position as to adding a Secretary of Education, to the Cabinet; with instructions to see that every child, born in America, shall have a High School Education?
Will You, if elected enforce the late decision of the United States Supreme Court, in the Democratic Primary Election, in the Southern State, in regards to the Negroes' Right to participate in the same?
Respectfully submitted by
OMAHA GUIDE Publishing Company, Inc.
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Hoover:

October 29, 1932

C. C. Galloway, Acting Editor,
The Omaha Guide Publishing Company,
Omaha, Nebraska.

My dear Dr. Lennox:
Your letter of October 22nd, has been received and I shall lay it before the President. He will appreciate having your views and will, I know, wish me to thank you for sending them to him.

Sincerely yours,
Theodore G. Joslin,
Secretary to the President.
October 24, 1932

Curtis:

C. C. Galloway, Acting Editor,
The Omaha Guide Publishing Company,
Omaha, Nebraska.

My dear Mr. Galloway:
Your wire addressed to Vice President Curtis has been received during his absence from the city. He is not expected back for several weeks but I assure you at that time the same will be brought to his attention.

Very truly yours,
L. M. Williams,
Secretary

Roosevelt:

No Answer

Garner:

No Answer

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