

# News of the Churches and Religious Topics

**Directory.**

**Baptist—**

Bethel—Twenty-ninth and T streets South Omaha. The Rev. J. C. Brown, pastor, residence 467 South Thirty-first street. Services, Morning, 11; evening, 7:30; Sunday School 1 p. m.; B. Y. P. B., 6:30 p. m.; praise service, 7:30 p. m.

Mt. Moriah—Twenty-sixth and Seward streets. The Rev. W. B. M. Scott, pastor. Services: Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.; preaching, 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.; B. Y. P. U. at 6 p. m.

Zion—Twenty-sixth and Franklin (temporary location). The Rev. W. F. Botts, pastor; residence, 2522 Grant street. Telephone Webster 5838. Services: Devotional hour, 10:30 a. m.; preaching, 11 a. m.; Sunday School, 1 to 2 p. m.; pastor's Bible class, 2 to 3 p. m.; B. Y. P. U., 6:30 p. m.; choir devotion, 7:30 p. m.; preaching 8 p. m.

**Episcopal—**

Church of St. Philip the Deacon—Twenty-first near Paul street. The Rev. John Albert Williams, rector. Residence, 1119 North Twenty-first street. Telephone Webster 4243. Ser-

vices daily at 7 a. m. and 9 a. m. Fridays at 8 p. m. Sundays at 7:30 a. m., 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 12:45 p. m.

**Methodist—**

Allen Chapel, A. M. E., 181 South Twenty-fifth street, South Omaha.—The Rev. John H. Nichols, pastor. Residence, 181 South Twenty-fifth street. Services: Preaching, 11 a. m.; Sunday School, 1:30 p. m.

Grove M. E.—Twenty-second and Seward streets. The Rev. G. G. Logan, pastor. Residence, 1628 North Twenty-second street. Services: Sunday School at 10 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Epworth League, 6:30 p. m.

St. John's A. M. E.—Eighteenth and Webster streets. The Rev. W. T. Osborne, pastor. Residence, 613 North Eighteenth street. Telephone Douglas 5914. Services: Sunday, 11 a. m. and 8 p. m., preaching; 12 noon, class; 1:15 p. m., Sunday School; 7 p. m., Endeavor; Wednesday, 8 p. m., prayer and class meetings. Everybody made welcome at all of these meetings.

**AN OPEN LETTER TO MAYOR DAHLMAN  
AND THE CITY COMMISSIONERS.**

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2. Acting independently of the committee, two attorneys, one white, the other colored, wired Arthur D. Brandeis in New York city, asking him to use his influence there to have the features eliminated. Mr. Brandeis readily responded only to find that it was beyond the jurisdiction of the New York promoters to interfere, since this territory had been leased to Elliott & Sherman of Minneapolis.

3. Other efforts having failed, ten colored citizens, representing all classes in this community, to emphasize the fact that this is a race movement with all our citizens back of it, through the law firm of Jeffries & Tunison, filed a petition before Judge Redick seeking a restraining order, or at least an order for the company to show cause why a restraining order should not issue. Judge Redick refused to grant the petition upon the ground that the remedy was with the legislative and executive authorities rather than the judicial.

James C. Kinsler, attorney for the theatre, who was present, said that Mr. Sutphen had promised that after seeing the play, if there was anything objectionable in it he would be the first to have it cut out. Judge Redick said that it would be best then to allow the performance and in the event that the objectionable features were not cut out, the petition for a restraining order might be renewed, but that he was of the opinion that **FULL AUTHORITY RESTS WITH THE LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE POWERS OF THE CITY TO GRANT WHATEVER REMEDY THE EXIGENCIES OF THE CASE REQUIRE.**

Now, gentlemen, the objectionable features have not been cut out and it is up to you, if the opinion of an eminent judge of the district bench is worth anything. **THE REMEDY LIES WITH YOU**, and we seek it at your hands. Summon the management of the theatre and Mr. Sherman, the lessee or his representative, before your honorable body, and tell them politely, as, being gentlemen, you will, but emphatically to cut out that rape scene in the latter part of the play or you will revoke their license.

Humble suppliants at the throne of an outside corporation is hardly a dignified attitude for your honorable body to assume.

There are upwards of eight thousand colored people in this city, nearly forty per cent of whom are either home owners or people who are buying their homes; who pay their proportionate share of the taxes and who spend hundreds of thousands of dollars yearly with the merchants of this city. We are contributing to the upbuilding of the community. We support several churches, lodges and societies. We are engaged in business and gainful occupations. We are, in the main, law-abiding and industrious. This is our home. Here comes a commercial enterprise, "a passing show," here today and gone tomorrow, presenting scenes the whole tendency of which is to put us in ill-repute and to stir up race prejudice, and flauntingly defies our wishes and outrages our feelings. With the power to stop it, are you going to permit it to continue?

We appeal directly to you to stop this **AS YOU WOULD FIND A WAY TO STOP ANYTHING ELSE YOU REALLY DESIRED TO STOP.**

Suppose, for example, the editor of that scurrilous sheet, The Menace, which is indeed well named, should foist a photoplay upon the country as skillfully designed and as artistic as "The Birth of a Nation," and unblushingly say that one purpose of his play was to create a feeling of abhorrence upon the part of other Americans against Roman Catholics and to driv-

them out of the United States, in how many cities would it be shown? How long would it be permitted to be shown in Omaha?

The cases are exactly the same. Alike un-American, un-Christian, indefensible.

Two of your members, Messrs. Kugel and Jardine, have expressed themselves as being opposed to the "rape scene" which we have asked to have eliminated. Our request is reasonable.

The time has been and will come again when you will need us. We need you now, not for any special favor, but for justice and fair play. We have not failed you in the past and you must not fail us now. **WE WANT THE MOST OBJECTIONABLE FEATURES IN "THE BIRTH OF A NATION" CUT OUT OR ITS LICENSE REVOKED.**

**IT HAS BEEN DONE ELSEWHERE AND CAN BE DONE IN OMAHA, AND WE CALL THIS PUBLICLY UPON MAYOR DAHLMAN AND THE OTHER SIX COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF OMAHA—BUTLER, HUMMEL, JARDINE, KUGEL, DREXEL AND WITHNELL—TO SEE THAT THIS IS DONE.**

**GENTLEMEN, WILL YOU DO IT?**

Respectfully yours,  
**JOHN ALBERT WILLIAMS.**

The Rev. Dr. J. C. Sharon of Atlanta, Ga., secretary of the Foreign Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal church, will speak Sunday at the Grove M. E. church. In the evening he will deliver a lecture on Africa. For sixteen years Dr. Sharon was a missionary to that country during eight of which he was president of the College of West Africa at Monrovia, Liberia.

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