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A LOCAL BATTALION.

A battalion of Colored troops is being recruiting in Nebraska. Three companies are being raised in Omaha and one company in Lincoln. Governor Morehead has given assurance that as soon as the battalion is ready it will be mustered into the Nebraska National Guard. That means also being mustered into the Federal service and sent wherever the exigencies of the times may require.

The Nebraska battalion, from the character of the men who are enlisting, can be counted upon to do their full duty, wherever they may go. Sergeant Bailey, who with G. Wade Obee and Edward Turner, is recruiting the battalion, and who will be major, is a retired non-commissioned army officer with a splendid record, who has seen active service at home and abroad. The other men who have been chosen as officers have all had military training.

We sincerely hope that war may still be avoided with Mexico and we believe it can be; but nevertheless our strained relations with that republic shows the necessity of preparedness. Whether, therefore, Nebraska's Colored battalion shall be called upon to see active service, or not, if we are to have a national guard, and Colored men are not admitted to the other militia companies, it will be a good thing for us to have a place among the military forces of the country.

We have been tendered the position of chaplain of the battalion, but while appreciating the honor, we do not feel it our duty to accept.

We hope the enlistment and loyal service of Colored men may prove an effective agency for removing the disabilities hedged about by unlawful statutes, under which we are placed in this country. As illustrative of what we mean, we need only state that were Major Young, for example, wounded and desired to reach home, the damnable "Jim Crow car" laws (?) makes it practically impossible for him to secure a reservation in a Pullman from El Paso, Texas, or almost any other point in the South. Of course, such laws are absolutely wrong and wholly indefensible.

And yet in the face of such unjust laws and other discriminations it is avidity men of our race all over the country are offering themselves for perfectly marvelous to note with what the colors. It shows a broad mindedness and magnanimity of which we all should be proud. Colored Nebraskans are offering themselves for the local battalion, and it is meet and right that they should. This is our country, and we are in honor bound to defend it, and we will.

The Fontenelle Investment Company buys, sells and exchanges anything. Phone Douglas 7150.—Adv.

THE JEWISH BULLETIN.

The Jewish Bulletin is the name of a well-edited weekly publication recently started in Omaha, devoted to the interests of the Jewish people. We enjoy reading its thoughtful editorials and its well chosen news items, which advises one of the progress and activities of this virile, industrious and progressive group of our citizens. The last issue contained, among many other excellent things, a suggestive article on the large number of Jewish children who were in the last graduating class of the Omaha high schools, Central, Commercial and South Side, and of the splendid records they had made, the honor graduate of all the schools being a daughter of Rabbi Frederick Cohn. We are pleased to note the number of Jewish cadets who had received commissions. Here is wishing the Bulletin the success it so richly deserves.

Amos P. Scroggs claims the honor of sending The Monitor our first legal notice. Many thanks. Watch our legal notices grow, proportionately with our advertising.

"Gee whiz, look at the ads you carry!" That's what they are for. Read them and patronize our advertisers.

Carranza has been saying some nasty things to Uncle Sam, but as the latter has a Mr. Wilson for a legal adviser, and Mr Wilson is too busy writing notes to bother with a country larger than Haiti, the matter has been laid on the table.—Chicago Defender.

There is a strong sentiment that the government should take a firm and resolute position in dealing with the nations not able to fight us.—Examiner.

Give us the names of your friends to whom you wish us to send a sample copy of The Monitor. To see it only once means in many cases a new subscriber.

The Hiawatha Chapter O. E. S. wishes to thank all the persons who took part in the program at their lawn social Wednesday, and especially the First Regiment band.

History is repeating itself: The first blood shed in the American Revolution was that of a Colored American, Crispus Attucks; in the War of the Rebellion it was that of one of the same race, while the Union troops were passing through Baltimore; and news now comes from Mexico that the first martyrs to our blundering policy there are the gallant black troopers of the famous Tenth Cavalry.

Letters From Our Readers

Omaha, Neb., June 3, 1916.

Rev. John Albert Williams,
City.

My Dear Friend: I look forward with much pleasure each week for the coming of The Monitor, but for several weeks it has missed connection account of an error of your mailing department and as a result there is a void made so by the issues I have missed.

I am deeply concerned and interested in the success of your most valued paper, for we, the Socialists, have nothing to fear from an enlightened people. It is only the ignorant that we fear. I feel very much depressed and disappointed when I ask some of your race if they subscribe for The Monitor and when they reply in the negative you ought to hear what I tell them.

The Negro can never fully appreciate the magnificent opportunity presented through the publication of such a magnificent paper that is endeavoring to teach them the political and economic power that they possess and when they once grasp that great truth that they will begin to exercise a greater independence in the casting of their ballot, and when that time arrives the Negro will receive political and economic justice. Being Southern born I know him and love him for the reason that others hate him. I know that under that black skin there runs as red blood and there beats in that black breast a true and sincere heart that is in a human body.

With fraternal greetings I beg to remain,

Jesse T. Brillhart,
2703 Farnam St.

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