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EMANCIPATION CELEBRATION

About five thousand years ago a little nation of people went under bondage to the dusky Egyptians. For five hundred years they toiled for their masters and the land of Mizriam is checkered with massive monuments which the sweat and blood of this little nation raised to the vanity of foolish Pharaohs. The day of freedom came at last and able leaders carried them through to the Promised Land. That nation is scattered now to all the ways of all the winds. Under every flag they live and every tongue they speak, but with a wondrous unity they meet one day in every year to thank their Jehovah for bringing them out of the house of bondage. They have done it for almost five thousand years and will do it for five thousand more. They know what freedom means.

Fifty-three years ago freedom came to the black race in the United States. Those of the southland knew what it meant and the first of January, to them, is a holy day. We of the north are cold to such sentiments. A profusion of privilege has dulled our sense of gratitude to the Maker and Breaker of nations; our empty pride has chilled the chords of our hearts; our unblushing ignorance has made us ashamed of the hue that God has given us. We are unworthy of our race and of its ideals.

To fitly celebrate this day, the Rev. Dr. Logan, of the Grove M. E. church, invited the Colored citizens to join together on the night of January 1, to commemorate the Emancipation Proclamation. A mere handful was present. The professional men of the city, the ministers, doctors, lawyers, business men, and would-be leaders, were conspicuous by their absence.

Comment is not necessary. The few who were there were enthusiastic and warmly responsive to the memory of the great day for their race. After all it was a great meeting and spoke more eloquently than words of the short comings of men who want to lead.

A GOOD LESSON

Last week a Colored man went to a white dentist of South Omaha named Kelly to have a tooth extracted. The extraction was a difficult one, after it was finished the dentist charged the man seven dollars. The patient objected, but threats of arrest caused him to settle the amount for which he asked a receipt. Later he sought both legal and dental aid, legal aid to try and recover the money paid and dental aid to check the hemorrhage and lessen the pain, the wound he alleged, not having been properly treated.

We hope this will carry its moral to many of our people. The average white dentist does not want Colored patients and if, by chance, he feels obliged to take them he usually charges much more than the regular

price. Omaha has several competent Colored dentists, all of whom were educated in and graduated from northern colleges the same as the best of Omaha's dentists. Patronize them and you will not run the chance of being treated as was this man the other day.

THE CASE OF SANTO DOMINGO

Every now and then there have been rumors to the effect that the United States has had a little war of her own down in Santo Domingo. The State Department has kept everything secret and the Associated Press remains singularly silent, but the text of the censorship order is such as to confirm us in the opinion that the United States is attempting some high handed methods in this little country and is finding the natives in a righteous state of revolt. That Santo Domingo is powerless to defend herself goes without saying. The United States, under the leadership of Wilson, will see to it that the little black republic feels the strength of American arms. Her treasury will be robbed and her resources worked to the limit for a few money-mad Yankees, yet eventually the score will be settled. The United States must pay and pay with heavy interest. Belgium paid, England is paying as are all the rest of Europe's belligerent nations. Our country cannot escape with impunity.

OUR FARM LOAN BANK

Omaha is to have a farm loan bank and the news has been a matter for rejoicing throughout the entire state, and it is well. Omaha deserves it and, we believe, is an ideal city for such a governmental institution. In connection with this bit of news we note that within six months it is expected that a force of three hundred clerks will be required to handle the business. How many of them are to be Colored?

We can not answer this question, but we do suggest that competent young Colored men and women investigate this matter and try for positions. We have not yet learned whether these positions will be considered as under the departmental service or not, but it is tolerably certain that the places will be filled through examinations. Any person seeking such preferment may rest assured that The Monitor is ready and willing to render any service that may be desired in assisting an applicant.

SOUTHERN GRAFTERS BUSY AGAIN

The Sunday Sun announces that, in spite of the fact that the national deficit will be something like \$300,000,000 on July 1, 1917, the Democrats are planning to jam through Congress several measures that will be no less than robbery of the Federal Treasury. The three measures represent a \$120,000,000 grab, most of which will go south of the M. and D. line.

LET THEM BE PUNISHED

Tuesday evening the daily papers reported the arrest of two Colored men who had attempted to secure and seduce a young woman through the medium of the help wanted columns of a daily paper. The men are unknown to us, but the crime with which they are charged is most reprehensible and deserves severe treatment. We sincerely hope that they will not escape their just reward by any underhanded methods. Criminals of that stripe should be put away for the safety of society and the well being of the race.

SONG OF SOLOMON

The Coal Man.

1. Hearken, O my son, while I muse to thee a dainty ditty about the coal man.
2. He is the happy hombre who makes thee burn up good money and helps thee to deplete thy exchequer muchly.
3. The lower the mercury droppeth the lighter groweth his heart for he hath fond friends in the furnace and the kitchen stove.
4. They work for him time without ceasing and add many shekels to his bank account.
5. A coal man measureth a ton of coal by apothecary weight and not by the weight called avordupois, and his ton looketh large until it tumbled into the bin.
6. And then it groweth still smaller, O my son, when it falleth into the fire. It burneth up like paper, the heat running toward the chimney and the ashes choking the grate.
7. But it doeth thee no good to holler, for he hath thee in his clutches and humeth to thee the merry ha ha.
8. Winter now will soon be passed, but still the coal man hath thee and mindeth not to let thee go.
9. As summer draweth near, he turneth his carts into ice wagons and thou needest him the same as ever. He hath what is known as mortal cinch.
10. The moral of this tale, O my son, is that thou become a coal man. Selah.

OBVIOUS OBSERVATIONS

The holidays are now over and we will try to make love to the hay in order to recuperate.

How the Allies can ask restitution, reparation and security from the Kaiser after the poor scrap they have put across is more than we can understand.

Next week we will publish a verbatim copy of the censorship imposed by the U. S. in Santo Domingo, and if you can find one published by the military authorities of Europe that is any worse we'll give you a ten year subscription to The Monitor for nothing.

The Omaha Club set a record price for banquet waiters by paying them \$4.00 and giving them from two to four guests to wait upon. Hotel proprietors please take notice.

The first of January has come and we ask all Colored voters to watch the offices of Robert Smith, Michael Clark and Harry Pierce. Each owes us a place and they have all been reminded of the fact.

A Colored civic improvement club is to be organized soon. Every man and woman should join and set out with the determined idea of making Omaha a greater city and their race a more important factor of it.

Thanking you for your kind attention, we will now slide under the blankets and have a tete a tete with Morpheus.

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 1, 1917.

The Monitor:

Omaha, Neb.

Gentlemen: Enclosed please find check for one dollar and fifty cents in full for subscription to The Monitor for one year.

Very truly,

E. R. West.

2006 North 28th St.

Kearney, Neb., 1-3-17.

To Rev. John Albert Williams, editor Monitor.

Dear Sir: Please find enclosed \$1.50 for my subscription. I am now in Kearney where I feel sure I will be for awhile unless we go for the winter to California, in which case I will ask you to send the paper to some one in Omaha who does not happen to take it.

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