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USE ALBINO AS THE ANTONYM OF NEGRO

Why should not the press of the country, the Race press by all means, adopt the word "albino," written with a lower case a, as a descriptive term for the white race? Why should it not be used as the proper antonym for negro? It is certainly as accurately descriptive of the white race as the term negro is of the black race.

Albino comes from the Latin word *albineus*, meaning whitish, which is in turn derived from *albus*, white. Negro, too, is a Latin derivative from *niger*, which means black.

Very ignorant people spell this word with two g's, instead of one, and, of course, pronounce it as ignorantly as they spell it. Remember that it is only ignorant and coarse people who do this, even tho they may claim to be intelligent and refined. The fine artistic sense of our race is shocked when we see this word written "nigger" or hear it so pronounced. That is why we resent it. It grates harshly upon our finer sense. Of course it is used as a term of contempt, but that does not harm us as much as it injures the one who uses it. Contemptuous terms and epithets are always reflexive; they turn back upon the user.

By derivation "negro" means black or blackish; and "albino" means white or whitish. These terms are therefore accurate antonyms and should be so used in describing the two great races known as the black and white races.

The word "negro" as used in America includes all shades of our race from the blue-black to the lily-white. The gradations of coloring among us are multitudinous and have been poetically likened to a beautiful pansy bed. "Negro" includes this variety. Similarly the word "albino" would include the various shades of color among the whites. Unfortunately, they have not such an extensive or choice variety of rich coloring as we have, but such as they have, swart, ruddy and blonde, would be included.

The word "albino" is not only accurately descriptive from the color standpoint, but it lends itself easily to alliteration and as an offset to "the big burly black," or "the burly Negro brute," it would relieve the monotony to read of "the altruistic, altitudinous albino," or "the altitudinous albino altruist."

The Monitor intends to use "albino" as the antonym of "negro." Let the Race journals of the country do likewise. At all events we would be pleased to learn what our exchanges think of it.

THE SAME OLD SOUTH

It is the same old South and will always treat the Negro the same, no matter what happens. Migration has not changed things a bit, and won't.

The pleasant things being published here and there in the South are only spasmodic and there is no sincerity beneath their honeyed words. The Monitor really thought that migration would bring a little change in treatment and so have other race papers, but it is only a false hope. Last week the murderers of Anthony Crawford went scot free and a Colored woman was lynched for wounding a white man. There may be get-together meetings among the well intentioned whites of the South, but they are in the minority. They don't count. Those who rule are the ignorant, cruel, savage scum, and they will always hate and persecute the black man.

This week the first arrival of Colored men came to Sioux City and we had the opportunity of getting first-hand facts of what the South is doing to prevent migration. It is not improving school conditions, not encouraging justice, not alleviating wrongs. It is merely adding to the weight. These men came from Mississippi and there the whites are cutting wages to \$1 per day. They will not buy anything from Colored people, real estate, farm products or personal property. They are trying to do everything to prevent the Colored people from securing any money with which to leave. They tell the men that if they leave they will evict their families and do worse. In spite of that, people are leaving and some even leaving their furniture standing in the house.

Yes, it is the same old South and will be to the end of time. The majority of Southern whites are morally incompetent to give the race fair treatment. Maybe they can't help it, but the fact remains. Some day the curse will fall, and may it come quickly.

A MORAL SPASM

Omaha is now having another moral spasm. A sensational notoriety-seeking, coin-hunting (for charity only) preacher, accompanied by a reporter of a local sensational sheet went a slumming to learn about vice conditions which every one with a grain of common sense knows to exist in Omaha. While making notes of what he saw in a certain resort he was bounced.

And now, forsooth, "the lid is on" and the city is being reformed. Nonsense! These moral spasms make one tired.

What we need is not the annual moral spasm, but persistent and consistent enforcement of the law.

An entertainment given for the purpose of making money for church, lodge or any other organization of which notice is published in The Monitor is an advertisement, and must be paid for at the current advertising rate. It is customary to mark such notice "Adv.," but sometimes this is overlooked. Nevertheless, it is an ad just the same, and must be paid for. It costs lots of money to get out a good newspaper these days.

SONG OF SOLOMON.

Faces.

1. Lend me thine ears, O my son, while I list to thee in tuneful trebles of fateful faces.
2. The face is the portable physiognomy of humans divested of all adornments of civilized and social life.
3. Some faces are beautiful and make thee to dream of angels and angeleses and make thee also, O my son, to part hastily with thy coin.
4. Other faces bring to thy mind the memories of battered dishpans, automobile wrecks and ham and eggs, country style.
5. But virtue and goodness do not always stick around the angelic faces; aye it be often, O my son, that a homely countenance hath a larger account at the bank of heartship.
6. Faces are generally used to express personality, but oft times they are used as billboards for the advertising of face powders and rouge.
7. The most important thing about the face, O my son, is the pair of eyes, yet some time the nose calleth loudly for precedence. Most true is this when thy mouth hath been the graveyard of many highballs.
8. Faces have also been called the living expressions of the soul, but it is unjust to say so sometimes without giving the soul a chance to defend itself.
9. It was once that a man must wear the face handed out to him; nowadays he may visit a hospital,

look over samples and choose the one most to his aesthetic taste. If this wears out, he may choose another.

10. I would sing to thee, O my son, of long and short faces, fat and thin, round and square, et cetera, but my voice is weary.

COLORED BOY WINS IN STATE CONTEST

New Rochelle, N. Y.—Ernest Brown the Colored boy who won the Columbia University speaking contest for Westchester county at Winyah School recently, has won the State contest, under the same auspices, in Earl Hall, Columbia University.

Because of his victory the New Rochelle high school for the second time leads the State in public speaking of school boys. The first prize is \$50 cash or a scholarship in Columbia College. Brown has not decided which he will take.

DEAN OF POLICE FORCE RETIRES AFTER 25 YEARS

Plainfield, N. J.—James Saunders, the only Colored officer on the police force of Plainfield, has retired after serving twenty-six years. He will be paid a pension of \$600 a year for the balance of his life.

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