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PUTS A PERTINENT QUESTION

The American press is becoming ashamed of our large professions of justice, liberty and democracy and the failure to make our conduct square with our creed. The following editorial from "Our Dumb Animals," the splendid magazine published by the National Humane Society, puts a pertinent question:

"Nothing reported from the battlefields of Europe has been more brutal more inhuman, than the lynching of a Negro a few weeks ago in Memphis, Tennessee. That shameful affair, followed by the horrors of East St. Louis debauch of arson, torture and murder, at the very hour when the nation is professedly standing as the defender of manhood rights and human freedom, must seem incredible to the civilized world. There are evidently men among us as savage and cruel as any we have denounced across the sea.

"Unless the government of the United States sets itself resolutely to protect the sacred rights of its citizens who at last will blame the twelve millions of the Colored race if they rise in determined rebellion to vindicate their rights by the only forces left at their command? No other race has equalled, in patient suffering of injustice and wrong, the Colored race. At times it has almost seemed as if they had won their plea for justice by obedience to the Christian teaching of returning good for evil. But they too are human and the day may be nearer than we think when lowly, enduring patience, outraged beyond measure, will give way to the spirit which will demand justice. It was out of this spirit that America was born.

"Put yourself, white American citizen, in the Colored man's place! How long would you endure at the hand of your fellow-citizens the cruel injustices that are being heaped upon him?"

WE ARE DISPLEASED

Colored Americans are not skulking behind closed doors to avoid the conscription act. They have enjoyed benefits like others, even aliens, and they would defend the country that has sheltered and blessed them, and the country they have blessed. Unlike aliens from other lands whose citizenship remains abroad and who seem to feel no gratitude or obligation for benefits received; who take delight in criticizing the policies of the government and seeking to neutralize its powers. Not of that unenviable class are we. But let it not be thought that we are pleased with the treatment accorded us by the ruling class. We are not pleased with the social status, not pleased with the economic share, not pleased with the civic allowances extended us. We simply want the rights enjoyed by other people, that's all. To be lynched, mobbed, chased about by ruffians, robbed, insulted everywhere because of color, is not to our liking. And what has the President said or done to assure us of good intentions and a purpose to protect all citizens alike?—The National Baptist Union-Review, Nashville, Tenn.

A WISE MOVE

The administration is to be commended for the wise move it has just made in the appointment of Emmett J. Scott as one of the three civilian advisors to the Secretary of War.

There has been well-founded grounds for the belief that the administration has gone out of its way to show its unfriendliness towards the race. Even the most conservative of race leaders like Major Moton, and the most conservative of the race press have not hesitated to express dissatisfaction at the short-sightedness of this policy. Persistence in it would have undoubtedly cooled the ardor of our patriotism. When in future years the early days of America's preparation for its part in this world war are calmly reviewed this country's attitude towards the Colored American will not reflect credit upon the statesmanship of the nation.

Atonement, as far as possible, should be made.

We are therefore glad that light is breaking, for we love our country, and that the administration has at last shown a disposition to atone for its apparent indifference to a large group of its most patriotic sons. We so interpret the appointment of Emmett J. Scott. He is a young man of proven ability and he will bring to his difficult task a well-trained mind, illuminated by devotion to country and

race. He has administrative gifts of a high order and will be able to render splendid service. He will measure up fully to every inch of the requirements demanded of him.

The administration has made an excellent selection in Mr. Scott and a wise move in according this recognition to a large class of loyal Americans who had begun to feel that they were not counted. The cause of democracy will gain immeasurably by this well-merited appointment.

BUY YOUR LIBERTY BOND

Our boys who have gone to the front are offering all to fight for us, for democracy and liberty. They have not asked "Is it a good investment?" They have said it is our duty. They have given up home, father, mother, brother, sister and sweetheart that their dear ones may be saved from the terrors that have come to those across the water.

They are entitled to the best—food, clothes, ammunition—that the war may be ended quickly and they may return. It is up to us to see that they get the best. There is one way—the purchase of Liberty Bonds. Every reader of this paper should have one or more Liberty Bonds. The big drive is on. Do your bit—Buy Your Liberty Gold Bond Today.

PURCHASE OF BONDS

Bonds of the Second Liberty Loan can be purchased by filing out an application blank made on the form prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, which can be obtained from any bank or Liberty Loan committee, and sending it or having it sent to the Treasury of the United States or any Federal Reserve Bank or branch accompanied by the payment of 2 per cent of the amount of bonds applied for.

These applications must reach the Treasury Department, a Federal Reserve Bank or branch thereof, or some incorporated or trust company in the United States on or before the close of business October 27, 1917. Practically every bank in the United States will willingly receive these applications and handle the whole transaction of the purchase of bonds for any subscriber.

PAYMENT OF BONDS

A purchaser may pay in full for his bonds at the time of asking his application or, if he so prefers, he can take advantage of the installment plan and pay 2 per cent on application, 18 per cent on November 15, 1917, 40 per cent on December 15, 1917, and the remaining 40 per cent on January 15, 1918.

Although so far as the Government is concerned the purchase price for the bonds must be paid as above, nearly every bank in the country will make arrangements by which Liberty Loan Bonds can be paid on an installment plan providing for weekly or monthly payments, and a great many employers will make the same arrangements for their employees.

Payment can be made to the Treasury Department or to any one of the Federal Reserve Banks, but purchasers are urged to make their payments to the banks or other agencies with whom they placed their subscriptions.

FOOD CONSERVATION

This is a most important matter. You are asked to sign a pledge to "do your bit" by substituting one kind of food for another that the government may have food to sustain our soldiers and our allies across the seas. We are all going to do our part, aren't we?

BUYING, YET SAVING

We have constantly urged our readers to save some of their money. An opportunity now presents itself not only to save money, but also to help the government by buying a Liberty Bond. This can be arranged for with any bank which will allow you to purchase one by monthly payments. Save your money by buying a Liberty Bond. Sounds funny, doesn't it, that you are urged to buy and yet told that to spend your money for a bond is the best possible way to save it? And yet this is true. Here is one case where you can spend and save and it is a duty you owe to yourself and country to do it.

"WHAT OF THE SMITH CASE?"

This is a question we are frequently asked. Here is the answer.

The case has not yet been brought to trial although the accused has been arraigned and pleaded "not guilty."

The trial will in all probability be held the latter part of this month. His attorneys, Morrison, Seacat, Timlin, and Amos P. Scruggs, a Colored attorney, who has also been retained, are looking after the case. Up to the present \$170 has been paid in. More money is needed and will be used wisely, and a due accounting published at the appropriate time.

GO TO SCHOOL

Night schools open next week and all our people who wish to improve themselves in education should attend. Books are furnished free and every opportunity is given those who are anxious to learn. There ought to be a large enrollment of our people both in the grade schools and in the High Schools. Kellom School is situated in the center of a large Colored population and the enrollment there should be correspondingly large. There is no need for ignorance in Omaha. Go to school.

"WHEATLESS, MEATLESS, DEFEATLESS"

"One wheatless day a week." That will be Tuesday. One meatless day a week, that will be Friday. That will mean a defeatless army across the water. Keep this in mind, wheatless, meatless, defeatless.

Obvious Observations

When it comes to putting a Liberty Bond over the home plate, Omaha has the field all to her lonesome.

France said about a year ago that the English troops were a little slow on the Germans, but she certainly can't breathe a word of such talk now. General Haig doesn't even ask for a second wind.

"When Omaha trots into the three million population class and can stage a world's series—" Wake up, Clarence. It's time to eat.

The War Department has finally decided what to do with our boys and we know they feel mightily relieved. They are all glad that they don't have to go south.

If this weather keeps up a feller will sure have to make the furnace burn up some good coal.

There are two things you must not forget to do: Buy a Liberty Bond and pay your subscription.

"Oh, vair, Oh, vair vas mein liddle U-poats, Oh, vair, Oh, vair, can dey be?"

—Extract from the Kaiser's lullaby. The gas is low this week and the machine has to stop. Thanking you for your kind attention, we will now take up a collection for more gas.

SKITS OF SOLOMON

Chilly Mornings.

Some long-whiskered philosopher once enunciated the magnificent proclamation that nothing on earth or seas or sky ever happened that had no use. Said wise machine spoke some wisdom and chilly mornings come into question. The deep point about a chilly morning is that it injects some hustle into the handsome anatomy of the slowest dude on earth. Along about four a. m. he lies dreaming of watching a hula hula dance in a balmy garden of Hawaii, but at four thirty when the alarm clock warbles its dainty song he falls out of bed and wakes up thinking that he is exploring the polar regions. He makes a bee line for the window and then makes a dive for the bath room. He is shivering at a rate that will make the vibrations of a guitar string measure up to the journeyings of a sick snail. He starts to take the morning sponge, but with a sensational gulp as the sponge touches the velvety surface of his epidermis, he changes his mind. He jigs Steamboat Bill as he washes his profile and then ducks back to room number 25. If his employer ever called him slow, Mr. Employer ought to be operating a moving picture machine on friend leading man climbing into his clothes. No fireman ever danced into his duds faster than friend performer. By this time he begins to feel better. The red corpuscles begin to skip and hop along the bright arterial ways and the fresh air makes his chest stick out like a war balloon. A gentle breakfast tops things off nifty and then a brisk walk to eight hours labor. The first thing he does after hanging up his hat is to tell the guy next to him how he enjoys chilly mornings, how he put over the cold sponge and how he is feeling finer than a Strad fiddle worth a hundred thousand. The guy next him takes an earful and says it's the truth, although he knows it's all bull. He went through the same thing himself.

Always be a gentleman.

Our Women and Children

Conducted by Lucille Skaggs Edwards

COURAGE

Courage isn't a brilliant dash, A daring deed in a moment's flash, It isn't an instantaneous thing Born of despair with a sudden spring. It isn't a treasure of dickered hope Or the final tug at a slipping rope, But it's something deep in the soul of man That is working away to serve some plan.

Courage isn't the last resort, In the work of life or the game of sport,

It isn't a thing that a man can call At some future time when he's apt to fall, If he hasn't it now, he will have it not,

When the strain is great and the pace is hot, For who would strive for a distant goal, Must always have courage within his soul.

Courage was never designed for show, It isn't a thing that can come and go, It's written to victory and defeat And every trial a man may meet. It's part of his hours, his days and years, Back of his smiles and behind his tears.

Courage is more than a daring deed, It's the breath of life and a strong man's creed. —Edgar A. Guest, in the Detroit Free Press.

N. W. C. A. NOTES

There will be a meeting at the Home Wednesday afternoon at 2:30. All members are urged to be present.

The Board of Directors and the Advisory Board of the N. W. C. A. held an enthusiastic joint meeting at the residence of M. F. Singleton Tuesday evening.

Mrs. James G. Jewell is chairman of a committee which is making plans for the largest charity ball ever held in Omaha, for the benefit of the Old Folks' Home. Watch for the date.

The N. W. C. A. is pleased to announce that Dr. J. H. Hutten has accepted membership on the Advisory board.

Mr. Albert Hurt, of Kearney, Neb., was a visitor at the Home during the past week.

The N. W. C. A. reports the following donations from May 1 to October 1, 1917:

- Mrs. A. Bowler, 1 sheet, 1 carpet ball.
- Mrs. Alice Stewart, 2 white aprons.
- Miss E. Smith, provisions, \$1.50.
- Mrs. Geo. Watt, clothing.

- Mrs. W. G. Wood, cherries and vegetables.
- Mrs. Laws, cherries.
- Mrs. Newby, curtains, vegetables.
- Mrs. W. W. Spencer, vegetables.
- Mrs. G. W. Hansett, 100 lbs. ice per week.

Mr. Lon Gregory, 100 lbs. ice per week.

Mr. W. H. Jackson, carpenter work. Mrs. E. R. West, 16 glasses of jelly, clothing.

Mrs. Sadie Blue, dried fruit, rice, canned goods.

Mrs. W. M. Davis, vegetables.

Mr. C. B. Frederick, meat.

Mrs. R. H. Lawrie, provisions, \$5.00.

Mr. W. W. Spencer, services during illness.

Mrs. Lizzie Stewart, 1 parlor suite, 1 chicken, fruit jars, vegetables, services during sickness.

Mrs. Josephine Holmes, provisions, \$4.50.

Mr. Mack, care of lawn during summer.

Mrs. I. Bailey, Mrs. G. D. Gordon, Mrs. Mack, flowers for Founders' day.

Cash Donations.

Mrs. Geo. Joslyn\$20.00

Mr. Henry Brown 2.00

Mrs. Edgar Scott 1.00

Miss Naomie Towle 1.00

Mr. Amos Scruggs 1.00

Mrs. Elizabeth Sarson 1.00

Major Turner 1.00

Mrs. Terry20

Mr. Curtis25

Mrs. Lee25

Gratefully acknowledged, Cecilia W. Jewell, Pres.

Louise H. Gray, Secy.

THE TROUBLE WITH SCHOOL

It isn't school that I dislike; It's only maps and books, The exercises and the tests— And sometimes teachers looks!

In school we boys are mostly "chums," As in vacation days; What spoils it all are rules and sums, And often teacher's ways!

If we pass notes she makes a fuss, And when we're playing ball, She comes and rings the bell for us Before we're through at all!

Then once she punished Billy Wray Because he brought a rat— A baby one—to school one day! What do you think of that?

There is one way that I can see— It's very simple, too— To make school what it ought to be, And I'll tell it to you:

Just let us boys have all the fun That lies within our reach, And, honestly, as soon's we're done We'll let the teacher teach! —Ex.

GOOD MORALS

Good morals means happiness and good health. We as a people should cultivate good morals.

Save your money.

Buy homes.

Educate your children.

Attend night school.

Go to Church.

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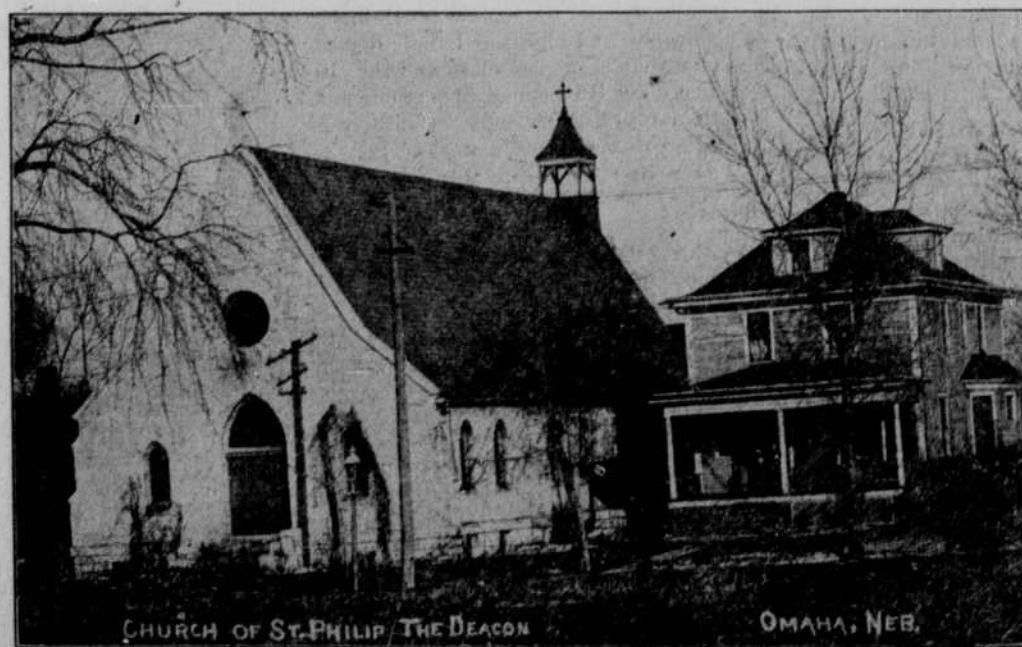
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If You Are Not a Member of the Church, You Ought to Be. Come to the Services Anyway and Get Acquainted.

SUNDAY SERVICES

- Holy Communion, 7:30 a. m.
- Church School (Sunday School) 10 a. m.
- Holy Communion and Sermon, 11 a. m.
- Evening Prayer and Sermon, 8 p. m.

Please accept this as a personal invitation to attend services. All seats are free. Everybody is welcome. It's your Heavenly Father's House—Come.

JNO. ALBERT WILLIAMS, Pastor.