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PRESIDENT WILSON, COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE ARMY, TWELVE MILLION COLORED AMERICANS RESPECTFULLY PETITION YOU, SIR, TO GIVE OUR RACE A GENERAL IN THE PERSON OF CHARLES YOUNG, DAVIS, GREEN OR ANY OTHER COMPETENT MAN NOW SERVING IN THE ARMY, AND TO GIVE HIM COMMAND OF COLORED TROOPS; AND WE PLEDGE YOU OUR HONOR THAT OUR COUNTRY WILL THRILL WITH PRIDE AT THE VALOR OF THE TROOPS UNDER HIS COMMAND.

GIVE US A COLORED COMMANDER FOR COLORED TROOPS. OUR LOYALTY AND SERVICE MERIT THIS RECOGNITION.

GOODBYE, BOYS; GOD BLESS YOU

Today, boys, nearly one hundred of you are leaving us for Camp Funston where you are to be trained for service in the national army. You form the first quota of our race called from Nebraska by selective draft to engage with others in the great international conflict out of which true democracy is to emerge.

The issues of the war are clearly defined. You go not for conquest or for spoils, but for the safeguarding of manhood rights throughout the world. You are fighting for principles of liberty and equality in which we all must be sharers. Democracy cannot be advanced in the world unless it is advanced in the United States. And so you will fight to make America more truly democratic where every man irrespective of his race will be given a man's opportunity to develop all his God-given powers.

Many of you are Nebraskans by birth, some of you known to us from your earliest childhood. Others of you are Nebraskans by adoption; but you are all our boys and we all have special pride and interest in you.

We believe that every one of you, realizing the acid test to which our race is now being submitted, will strenuously strive to do his full duty and will do nothing to bring reproach upon your family, race or state. We send you forth with our best wishes and our prayers. We are most solicitous that every one of you will make good. You have splendid traditions to maintain and we know that you will maintain them.

Be careful and watchful of your conduct, boys. You will have many temptations to overcome. "Quit you like men, be strong."

Omaha has shown you how proud we are of you and what confidence we have in you. You are not going to disappoint us, are you, boys? We expect you to show yourselves Christian gentlemen and Christian soldiers wherever you may be called to serve. You are all going to be in our hearts and in our thoughts and in our prayers. We at home are going to do all we can to supply your needs. Tokens of our love will reach you from parents, loved ones and friends, from time to time to let you know how much we are thinking of you.

Good-bye, boys. God bless you, every one, and keep you always in His loving care.

This is the heartfelt prayer with which Nebraska sends you forth, as she places her safety, her honor and her reputation in your hands.

Good-bye, Boys; our own dear boys; God bless you, every one.

ALL HONOR TO THE COMMERCIAL CLUB

The name of the Omaha Commercial Club is respected far and near for its thoroughness of method in whatever it undertakes, for its originality, its broad-mindedness, its liberality and progressiveness. These characteristics have made it a tremendous force in winning for our city and state the proud and enviable position they now occupy.

Presidents of the United States, representatives from foreign governments and the most distinguished men in the world have been guests of the Omaha Commercial Club and all, without exception, have been outspoken in their praise of its generous open-hearted hospitality, the excellence of its unsurpassed cuisine, and the classicality of the entertainment furnished.

Honoring and being honored as the career of this great commercial organization of wide-awake business men has been, in nothing has it rendered more appreciated honor or more highly honored itself than in its gra-

acious act of extending as it has done the same generous, open-hearted hospitality to its Colored men of Douglas county conscripted for the national army, as that extended to other citizens called to the colors, by the splendid banquet and entertainment provided for them.

Of course, it was the right thing to do; but how seldom is it that either individuals or organizations have the courage to do the right thing when doing so runs counter to blind prejudice and established customs and usages. The Commercial Club has had the courage to do the right thing in this unprecedented and unparalleled but precedent-making and epoch-marking event. In so doing it has manifested both the highest patriotism and the truest democracy. Its action reflects credit upon the city and state. It will enhearten our men who fare forth to war in a righteous cause and so advance the democracy for which America stands ideally and will ultimately attain.

It will be difficult for the members of the Commercial Club to realize how much this event means to the men whom they have thus honored as their guests. It will be difficult for our citizens to realize what an inspiration and uplift this will be for our race throughout the country.

The Monitor desires to publicly thank the Commercial Club for its generous and patriotic action in taking the stand that the Colored men who go forth from this community to serve the colors shall receive at the hands of this great commercial body the same courtesy, encouragement and treatment as other citizens receive. Such sentiment as this, carried out in the spirit manifested last night, means winning the world for democracy.

All honor to the Omaha Commercial club.

DO YOUR PART

The calling of so many of our own sons to war must bring home the conviction of the reality and seriousness of the conflict in which we are engaged. The work of the Red Cross, the need for conservation of food, and purchasing of Liberty Bonds must now come home to us all with more appealing force. We are engaged in war. Everyone must do his part to help win this war as speedily as may be. Let us all do our part.

FOOD CONSERVATION

We wonder if there is any reader of The Monitor who has failed to receive and sign a food conservation pledge card. This is a most important matter. We must save food if we are to supply not only our own needs, but those of our allies. Save food.

LIBERTY BONDS

The Monitor desires to call attention to the fact that the various banks and building and loan associations have provided easy payment plans by which one may purchase Liberty Bonds. It is a good way to begin to save as well as helping the government. Buy bonds.

When you purchase Liberty Loan Bonds you do your country good, you do the cause of liberty and justice over the whole world good, you do yourself good, you do harm to the enemies of liberty and justice and civilization, and harm to the enemies of your country.

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Obvious Observations

Have you seen our Cullud osifers? No flies on them, are there, Mabel? They are just as handsome as a warm cream browned pie and, believe muh, that's some handsome.

Mr. Bill Kaiser is helping himself to all he wants of Russia. He is simply increasing his future pain by having to get rid of useless luggage.

Most of us wish this weather would get settled and let us know whether it is to be warm or cold. This flighty thermometer gets on a man's nerves.

Blessed is the man who has his storm doors and windows up, his potatoes and cabbage and onions in the bin, his shelves lined with preserves, his shed shiny with coal, and a few beans in the bank. Verily he has a good wife.

What's a good dope to take when you feel rotten? Before you answer, remember this is a dry town.

One sorry thing about time is that if you get behind it you can never catch up.

Wasn't the food show some pun-kins? But after all, it only thought it was showing us how to cut the high cost sticks from center to circumference.

Did you gather unto yourself a Liberty Loan? If not, why notest?

Apologizing for the above rank literary offering, ye editor will now take a snooze and try to recuperate his good nature.

SKITS OF SOLOMON

Beauty Parlors.

A beauty parlor is a neat looking little shop where one enters with the expectation of coming out looking good. Beauty shops appeal stronger to the female sex than to the foolish sex. The average man, no matter if he has a mug that would scare Vesuvius into an eruption, imagines that he can always go big with the dainty fluffs. He may be wall-eyed, blubber-nosed, valise-cheeked, flap-eared, and greasy-haired, but in his inmost dreams he thinks he has it all over Mr. Beau Brummel. If anybody would suggest a beauty shop to him, he would consider it an affair of honor. Little bunchlets, however, believes in the beauty shop more than she does in the Bible. When she enters the dainty front she will get cold feet if she doesn't see curling irons, steel combs, flat irons, a healthy looking vibrator for wrinkles and sag spots, a wholesome bust producer, a cargo of grease and a mountain of powder. The odor of sweet perfumes, also, must float about, or else she will right about face and beat it. That she does come out looking handsomer than Venus de Milo the night she went to Cleopatra's ball, seems to give a great boost to the beauty culture game. She doesn't care how long it lasts, because she can always get fixed up again. The only trouble with most of the little bunchlets, however, is that they play the beauty game strong until they hook a sucker and then they forget the shop address. That is just where they should begin to put beauty culture on strong, but no one ever accused a woman of reasoning. She doesn't reason; she talks.

JINGLES BY THE EDITOR

A PRUSSIAN'S PLAINT

Shust how der Amerikaners
Got onto vot ve do,
Mit plotting mit Mexicaners
Und mit der Sweeders, too;
Und likewise so mit efery plot
By vich ve hope to vin,
Is known only by Herr Gott
Whom der kaiser let get in.

Herr Wilhelm is der kaiser,
As all der world does know;
No man on earth is viser
In himmel or below;
But somehow, somewhere vas a leak,
Shust how Ich nicht can say,
By vich, ach, so sad I speak,
Our vise plans got avay.

Der Amerikaner secret men
Must instand too mit Gott,
Vich if dis also be, vhy den
Der kaiser vill be hot;
"Und ME und Gott vill too fall out,"
Dot's vhat der kaiser'll say,
For he'll allow no von about,
Who vunst stands in his vay.

Der vay der Amerikaners
Got onto vat ve do,
Mit plotting mit Mexicaners
Und mit der Sweeders, too;
Und likewise so mit efery plot
Ve had vell under vay,
No vunder dot der kaiser's hot,
Und care not vot he say.

"WHEATLESS, MEATLESS, DEFEATLESS"

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

Our Women and Children

Conducted by
Lucille Skaggs Edwards

THE HOME TRAINING OF CHILDREN

By Rabbi Wise.

I have found parents fearful of the influence which non-parental environment might exert upon a son and eager to shield him from its contaminating touch, and I have wished that it might be possible to rescue the child from the environment of the oversolicitous home.

Parents sometimes dread the environment of the street for a boy, who is never in greater peril than when he is exposed to the environment of his own home. That quickening of responsibility ought to arise from the consciousness of the inevitableness of ceaselessly molding the life of a child. Precedent to the possibility of training children must come the training of parents, a training which, it may be said in passing, must be achieved chiefly through self-discipline. The father is not to be solely the breadwinner, nor the mother the home-keeper, but both together are above all to be the guardians and educators of their children.

Before all eugenics, for without it eugenics cannot be, must come the training of men and women for parenthood. The measure of preparations for parenthood in our day seems in inverse proportion to its paramountcy. One reads of preparations for tennis tournaments and golf matches and base ball games and foot ball contests and rowing regattas, which are speedily becoming alike the classic and the humanities of American colleges, but what college or university even hints at the need of the conscious shaping of one's whole life for fatherhood and motherhood?

FALLING LEAVES

(From the Ohio State Journal.)

And now the leaves are beginning to fall. There is nothing in the world that so reminds us that time is fleeting and ourselves going with it, as the falling leaves. It is really a solemn time for one to see a leaf fluttering down to the ground. It is a reminder that is the way we are going—falling to the ground and soon forgotten. But the thought should be one of hope rather than of despair, for the circumstance should inspire everyone to live a better and truer life, and make the world brighter because the leaves fall. The leaves have done their share in the world's work. They have brought beauty to the woods and fed the fruits and flowers through the summer. They have earned their rest, but they have something else to do, and that is to make music for the footsteps that pass

through them. The music of the deep leaves of the forest is imitated nowhere else. It finds expression in no instrument, unless it be in the heart-strings, where no sound is heard.

NEGROES PROVE THEIR LOYALTY

(From the Lake Charles (La.) American-Press.)

Not a single pro-German Negro has up to this writing, been found in the United States. To a man they are for Uncle Sam and the United States first, last and all the time. It is not saying too much, perhaps, to state that every Negro in Calcasieu and other parishes in this section between the ages of 21 and 31 years wanted

to go to war. With them, the claims for exemptions were few and far between. Five times more than the quota required reported and crowded the places for enlistment until they had to be turned away. It is a record that will go down in history—one of which any nation might well be proud.

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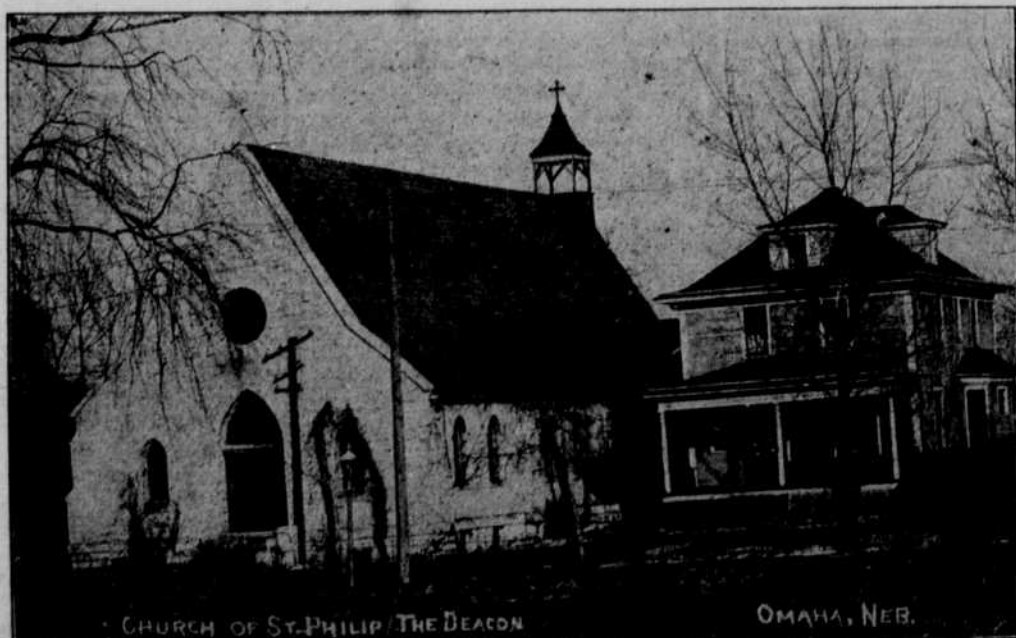
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JNO. ALBERT WILLIAMS, Pastor.