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THE CITY ELECTION

THE city election is over. As anticipated by The Monitor, it was a hard-fought battle of the ballots and the contest was close, although the "allied" or Smith slate elected five of its number and the Dahlman slate two. The great surprise of the election was the defeat of James C. Dahlman, whom it was confidently believed by many of his most ardent opponents would be elected, even though others on his slate lost out.

The Monitor, never afraid to show our colors or to take a stand, does not hesitate to say that we sincerely regret Mayor Dahlman's defeat, for we believe him to be one of the best mayors Omaha has ever had, and we have known personally five of them during our thirty years' residence in this city. Personal faults he may have, —and who is there that has them not? —but a warmer-hearted, manlier man than he it would be difficult to find. We believe, moreover, that he conscientiously strove to be the mayor of ALL the people of this metropolitan city and not of any particular class. Whatever others may think or say of him, in all our dealings with James C. Dahlman we always found him a gentleman. We were unhesitatingly, uncompromisingly for him and regret his defeat.

Only two of The Monitor's slate were chosen. They were Dan B. Butler, the high man on the ticket, and Harry B. Zimman, who, all things considered, also ran exceedingly well. An analysis of the vote in the wards where our people most largely reside show heavy returns for the candidates named on The Monitor slate. This clearly proves that our people were largely influenced by The Monitor. We were not conceited enough to believe that we could guide and direct the entire Colored vote. We are gratified to know that we were able to influence and assist a large number, undoubtedly the majority, of our people in their decision.

We are particularly gratified over Harry B. Zimman's election, knowing that The Monitor was of substantial help to him.

We sincerely hope the day will come when Americans will be broad-minded enough to simply look upon a man's character as an AMERICAN, not as a WHITE American or a BLACK American or a JEWISH American or a GERMAN American — but as an American, and choose him for office or emolument according to his ability. That day is not yet here, but it is coming just as surely as God's in His heaven. When that day comes racial and religious bigotry will be laid aside and a man shall be judged on his merits as an AMERICAN CITIZEN. But until that day does come we've got to reckon with racial and religious prejudice. Zimman, despite his admitted and proven ability, had to meet this handicap and has won out, and we hazard the statement that no Colored voter will ever have occasion to regret that he voted for Harry B. Zimman.

We believe also that Dan B. Butler will prove a much bigger man than many at present consider him. We hope that all the men chosen will show themselves as broad-minded and fair in their dealings with our people, in common with other citizens, as the outgoing administration has been.

There has been such a clean sweep made of the former commissioners that the new commissioners will have full opportunity to put into operation their promising policies of reform. We shall see what we shall see.

But here's wishing success to the new regime and earnestly hoping that the Colored citizens, in common with other citizens and voters, may be sharers not only in the improvements in city government promised by the successful ones, but also in the emoluments of office which they hold within their gift.

THE SPINGARN MEDAL

AGAIN the committee on awarding the Spingarn medal has used wise discrimination in its award. William Stanley Braithwaite, the distinguished literary critic and poet, has received it. And speaking of Braithwaite reminds us that two or three years ago a teacher of English literature in the Omaha High school was expatiating on the high standing of the Boston Transcript's literary critic before one of her classes, of which Joseph Lacour was a member. She said that he was

acknowledged to be the foremost literary critic in America and that a favorable criticism from his was a valuable asset for any one with literary aspirations.

Joseph Lacour innocently said: "Miss —, I suppose you know that William Stanley Braithwaite is a Negro."

The teacher replied: "Why, no, of course not; I am quite sure you are mistaken."

But young Lacour was not mistaken and the next day submitted his evidence in the case, which removed this teachers' doubt.

You need not smile at the ignorance of this teacher of literature. It simply represents the average knowledge of the average well-informed and well-intentioned white person in the United States today concerning the achievements of Negroes.

The newspapers are largely to blame for this. If a Negro commits a crime or does something disreputable the white newspaper seems to take delight in publishing the fact that he is a Negro; but if, on the other hand, he does something creditable in nine cases out of ten the same papers are silent as to his race and the presumption is that he is white.

There was an illustration of this locally only a short time ago. Four weeks after the same item was published in The Monitor and an editorial complimenting Dr. Peebles upon his promotion appeared in our columns both the Omaha Bee and the Daily News published the fact that Dr. W. W. Peebles, an Omaha dentist, had been promoted from lieutenant to captain. No mention was made of his race and the presumption on the part of the readers of those two publications was that Captain Peebles must of course be a white man.

Had Captain Peebles done something dishonorable these newspapers would have most certainly published the fact that he is a Negro. Why is this? We should like the newspapers to explain.

But to return to the Spingarn medal. The awarding of this yearly is bringing before the reading public the fact that there are eminent Colored Americans in every line of achievement. While there is some excuse for white Americans being ignorant of eminence and ability among Colored Americans there is no excuse for ignorance of this kind upon the part of our own people, for our newspapers and magazines are doing a splendid educational work in bringing such facts before our people as ought to make them grow in conscious race pride and self-respect.

The Monitor congratulates Mr. Braithwaite upon the well-deserved honor that has come to him and wishes to publicly thank him for his great achievements in the field of literature.

PREPARE!

MAN and woman, boy and girl! Prepare! Prepare for the day that is coming after the close of THE GREAT ADVENTURE. The world will need us then—aye, every one! It will not matter that your skin is dark or that your hair is crinkly. Necessity knows no law nor creed nor color. The earth has been laved in blood and the flesh and bones of men are strewn the pathways of progress. But earth never remembers, and again you will hear the siren call of progress above the wreck and ruin of war. Corn will grow again in the fields of Picardy, the robin will perch upon the stones of fallen Rheims and carol its note in the rising sun, and laughter and poppies will glorify again the soil now wet with tears. The only change that will come shall be the strengthening voice of humanity calling, calling, calling across the world for brave hearts to carry on the work of civilization which the god Mars has all but trampled beneath his iron heel. It will call to you and yours at morning, noon and eventide. So prepare! And when the clarion note rings in your ears answer as becomes one of your red-blooded race, "I am ready!"

Mobile, Ala.—The Colored people in Mobile are beginning to wake up along educational lines. Schools were crowded this year. They are promised a new high school by the school board.

Tuskegee, Ala.—William V. Chambliss, a graduate of Tuskegee Institute, class of 1890 and now a successful farmer of this county, has purchased \$20,000 worth of the Third Liberty Loan.

SKITS OF SOLOMON

Post Politics

The city political skirmish is over and some of the ins are outs and some of the outs are in. The big lesson which we learn is that the common people are not like they used to be. No longer do they allow Mr. Jobhunter to think for them and tell them where to head in. Somewhere out of the blue zone they have nabbed the notion that Mr. Politician is their servant and that if he spills the coffee, wastes the flour and doesn't dust off the bric-a-brac sufficiently it's time to try some other servant that will. In the old days an election day was a sort of razzle-dazzle affair to fluster the voter and have him vote the first slate slipped him in order to get by the mob who had more slates than winter has snowflakes—but bye-bye the old days, Geraldine. Now it's show your hand and tell us something about your record and if it isn't poison gas and bombproof trout out and get acquainted with a shovel and pick. This is the way it always should have been, but Mr. C. P. had to wake up to the fact that the chief aim of the politician was to make a monkey out of him. The new city statesmen might well shake hands with themselves, because each can rest assured that he didn't climb into the city hall on a fluke. Folks knew his record from the time he juggled with the milk bottle down to present tempo, and it's up to him to keep the grease spots off his family shield. We're satisfied with the lineup because it is what the people wanted and we have sort of felt lately that the people rule. So let's forget the broken-hearted outs and pin our peepers on the happy-hearted ins. It's back to the war news now, but don't let the lucky sports think that the newspapers haven't room for anything but fighting dope. Sherlocks will hang around their trails.

FOOD ADMINISTRATION HEADS PRAISE NEBRASKA PROFUSELY

Omaha, Neb.—In most emphatic terms, J. W. Hollowell, Director States Organization, United States Food Administration, complimented Nebraska on its voluntary co-operation in food conservation. During his visit to Omaha, Hollowell took occasion at three different meetings to emphasize the spirit prevailing in the state.

"If all states were like Nebraska, food control would be the easiest thing in the world," said he. "Nebraskans have made a national reputation for themselves and their state. Other states would do well to pattern after Nebraska."

Hollowell brought a personal message of appreciation from Herbert Hoover, which he delivered through Gurdon W. Wattles, Federal Food Administrator for Nebraska. In most complimentary terms, Hoover expressed gratitude for Nebraska endeavors.

MEATLESS DAYS WILL NOT BE ENFORCED AT PRESENT

Omaha, Neb.—For the present there will be no meatless days, according to advices to Gurdon W. Wattles, Federal Food Administrator for Nebraska from Herbert Hoover.

However, to obviate further meatless days it is up to the American people to exercise most rigid economy in the purchase and consumption of all meats and meat products.

The demands upon us will be even greater than they have been in the past and only strict use will enable us to meet the demands. In March the United States exported 300,000,000 pounds of pork and 70,000,000 pounds of beef.

LIVING BELGIAN FLAG POPULAR IN BRUSSELS

Paris, May 7.—A coal-black Negro, a citizen of the Belgian Congo, dressed completely in red, propelling a push cart painted yellow, may be seen on the boulevards of Brussels, says Libre Belgique, a Belgian newspaper, which the Germans have been unable to suppress. The Negro is selling shoe polish. Belgians who still possess shoes take great pleasure in buying from the Negro.

He is doing a rushing business and probably will continue to do so until it filters through the Germans' thick cranium that the quality of the shoe polish is not the reason for the Negro's popularity with purchasers, but the fact that, as he perambulates down the boulevards his black visage, red costume and yellow cart represent a living Belgian flag.

Then it will be the "kommandantur" and the cool shade of St. Giles prison for the black, red and yellow man.

ASK LOAN FOR LIBERIA

Washington.—President Wilson was asked recently by a committee headed by Major R. Moton, principal of Tuskegee Institute, to give his approval to a loan of \$5,000,000 from the United States to Liberia. The President was told that Liberia, with financial assistance could furnish large quantities of foodstuffs to the allies.

COLORED RACE WILL APPEAL TO CONGRESS

National Colored Liberty Congress at Washington Changed from May to June 24. When It Is Believed a Representative Delegation from Every Section of the Country Will Be Present.

BOSTON, Mass.—At a meeting of the Board of Managers of the National Colored Liberty Conference held at executive headquarters, 34 Cornhill, the dates for the National Colored Liberty Congress at Washington were changed to June 24 to 29, inclusive, with June 23 as Liberty Sunday in the Colored churches of the District of Columbia. The congress proper will open Tuesday morning, June 25, Monday the 24th to be given over to registration and meeting of the Board of Managers.

The one purpose of this Colored Liberty Congress in approaching the congress and government of the United States for democracy for Colored Americans while we are taking part in the war for world democracy, as adopted by vote of the national conference and binding on the convention, is as follows:

"The aim and object of this congress of delegates from Colored churches and organizations is to press the just claim of the Colored American citizens of the United States to share in the world democracy for which they are subject to fight under the flag of the republic, and to take positive measures to secure from the government guarantee of the abolition of disfranchisement and of all caste discriminations, civil and political."

The board has voted that this will be the governing rule of the congress.

There will be a national headquarters of the president, Rev. A. Clayton Powell, and of the chairman of the board, Mr. H. H. Harrison, at 227 West 136th street, New York City, and a national executive headquarters for National Organizer Allen W. Whaley, National Treasurer Rev. D. S. Klugh and Executive Secretary William Monroe Trotter at 34 Cornhill, Boston.

The national organizer appeals to race-loyal Colored citizens to form a Colored liberty and equal rights committee for the purpose of sending of town or city delegates, and also delegates by churches, lodges and organizations. Communicate with him on progress and on his coming to speak at 34 Cornhill, Boston, Mass.

THE city election is over and the successful candidates are rejoicing. The campaign over here continues.

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