

N. A. A. C. P. MEETING AT ST. JOHN'S A. M. E. CHURCH

St. John's A. M. E. church was crowded to the doors Sunday afternoon when the Omaha branch held its usual weekly meeting with the Rev. John Albert Williams presiding. The secretary, Mrs. Moss, read a letter from John R. Shillady to the branch expressing his keen appreciation for the interest the branch had shown in his welfare, personally, and in condemning the outrageous attack on constitutional rights which the affair at Austin, Tex., demonstrates. Mr. Shillady's complete statement of the affair was then read to the association.

The greatest interest of the branch was centered around the report made by the grievance committee, through its chairman, Mr. C. C. Galloway, in regards to the inexcusable shooting of Eugene Scott by the morals squad invading the Plaza hotel of which Scott was bellboy. The recommendation that the association defer further action until after the preliminary hearing on Wednesday was passed by the body.

A letter from the legal firm engaged by the branch to conduct the preliminary hearing of Albert Jackson and Ira Johnson was read. The firm wished to be informed by the association if they should proceed with the gathering of evidence and the preparation of their briefs, stating that the cases would cost \$500 each of which the branch had paid \$100. The chairman of the grievance committee suggested that the DuBois Dramatic club give a play, each member of the branch to buy two tickets and the money cleared to go toward the defense of these men. At this point Miss Madree Penn said that the branch had taken these two cases because it thought the men innocent of the charges preferred against them and since this was so, if the association meant business, in a serious matter of this kind the only dignified way to proceed was to simply go down in our pockets and pay up. This met the approval of the entire branch and in a very few moments over \$150 was laid on the table in cash and the majority of those present rose to their feet thereby pledging the remainder of the sum.

The most eloquent speech to which the branch has ever listened was made by Rev. Emory B. Smith, traveling representative of Howard university. He explained a plan by which we can come into our own in regards to government maintained educational institutions. As a result of his message the Omaha branch went on record in indorsing the motion offered by Mr. M. F. Singleton in reference to taking up this matter with our congressmen from Nebraska. The branch also pledged \$200 in scholarships to insure representation from Nebraska at Howard each year, and to act as an incentive to the ambitious boys and girls of Omaha. Mr. Armstrong, W. C. C., made an announcement to service men and their friends, calling attention to the sing at U. B. F. hall on Saturday. Other speakers were Mr. McNally, Rev. J. Harris and Mr. W. W. Jones of Fort Smith, Ark.

The meeting adjourned to meet next Sunday afternoon at Zion Baptist church.

THANKS PUBLIC

Editor The Monitor:
I beg that you will grant me the privilege through your columns to express my sincere appreciation to my Omaha friends for the kindness and encouragement shown me in the past few weeks that I have again stopped in your city. Although a son of the far west, I must admit that the people of this middle western city have treated me as a home boy and have succeeded in making me feel entirely at home with them. I must again admit that there are many of my friends in Omaha to whom I am sincerely attached.

I also wish to thank the different individuals who assisted us in making our exhibition in this city at the Boyd theater on Wednesday, September 3, a success, such as Dr. Andrew Singleton, Perkins' orchestra and many others. I also wish to thank those advertisers of your columns, who are live, wide-awake business men, that so readily assisted some of The Monitor staff and myself to create a double-page display advertisement in your paper. Their co-operation in this manner has made The Monitor of Omaha the first Negro race journal that has created an attractive double-page display advertisement.

On my return trip through your city it will be my great pleasure to see my good friends again and grant another privilege to those who were not able to be at our exhibition to see our picture.

With kindest thoughts toward the people of Omaha, I beg to remain yours for racial progress and success.
CLARENCE A. BROOKS.

Are you going to help your church earn that \$100 offered by The Monitor?

"A MAN'S DUTY" PLEASES GREAT AUDIENCE

Lincoln Motion Picture Company's Latest Release Draws Crowds to Boyd's Theater; Pictorial Features Also Please.

Audiences totaling more than one thousand were delighted with the Lincoln Motion Picture company's latest release, "A Man's Duty," which was shown at the Boyd theater Wednesday afternoon and night, September 3. Clarence A. Brooks, who is the star in the cast, appeared in person on the stage, thanked the audience for its patronage and briefly told of the aims and ideals of the Lincoln company, which is the featuring of race plays.

The scene of "A Man's Duty" is laid in Los Angeles, Cal., in the midst of most beautiful surroundings, which give a splendid opportunity for artistic scenic effects of which the photographer has taken good advantage. There is the usual plot of the average pleasing love story, in which the rival of the favorite suitor, who is an honorable and upright man, is jobbed by a well-dressed rounder, who, as is too frequently the case, is admitted into good society. There is a period of banishment from home, where Richard Beverly, the hero, is befriended by a young woman, whom he afterwards wed. Little Dorothy, a child character, is among the best in the cast.

Taken as a whole the play is good and most pleasing. Naturally there are one or two places in it where improvements could be suggested and doubtless will be. For example in one scene, the home of a woman of the town, Hubert's mistress, a large picture of the nude is too prominent. Then the cat scene, which is very pretty and shows the hero's kindness of heart, is drawn out a little too long. These are minor matters, which do not seriously mar a movie which entertains, pleases and delights the audience. The types, too, are not blonde or bleached, so that there is doubt as to their racial identity.

Lincoln pictorials, showing activities of our own race and of Colored American soldiers in action in France, a French film, were instructive and pleasing features preceding the main picture.

Dr. John Andrew Singleton sang in his usual good voice between performances.

RACE ADJUSTMENT NOT DIFFICULT

"Give the Negro the Unreserved Rights of an American Citizen as Guaranteed Under the Constitution of the United States," Says Prominent White Citizen.

TERSE STATEMENT STRIKES BULLS-EYE.

Chicago, Ill.—A prominent white citizen, writing the Chicago Daily News, made the following remarkable statement regarding "race adjustments":

"D. Davidson's argument on the Negro problem is different from others only in that it is a more clearly defined summary of the average white man's attitude toward the Negro. None of the 'three solutions' submitted by him will solve the problem. There is only one solution. Give the Negro the unreserved rights of an American citizen as guaranteed under the constitution of the United States. Grant him the privilege of making himself fit. Stop trying to make a place for him. Let him find his own individual place, and he will neither crowd, antagonize nor humiliate others.

It would be little short of calamity to legalize any form of injustice against the Negro. America has enemies within and without and is in no position to make an enemy of the black man.

The wise words of Ex-President Taft 'are as apples of gold.' Yet it is not possible to stop the cries of an oppressed people. The Negro's papers and magazines are his only means of expression."

There are white men and women in Chicago and elsewhere possessed of such integrity, such fineness and goodness of heart that they champion the Negro's cause from a keen sense of justice and honor. To such men and women the Negro people owe and acknowledge a great debt.

OBEY LAW AND PROTECT YOUR HOME, SAYS BISHOP

Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 10.—Bishop George C. Clement of this city addressing a class at Morris Brown university said, "I would urge all members of my race to obey the law and keep clear of bolshevism and all incendiary suggestions. We must demand protection of life and property by the government, which is guaranteed as the surest antidote for bolshevism. I believe my people should defend their homes and families. Certainly this crisis calls for great moderation and self-control. We still have faith in true democracy and expect a righteous race adjustment."

SOUTHERN DEMOCRATS AFRAID

Stayed Away When Republicans Gave Colored Race Hearing—Triumph for Colored Americans.

Special to The Monitor.
Washington, D. C., Sept. 10.—The hostility of the southern democracy to Colored citizens has been shown not only by refusal of passports to Paris to Colored delegates last February, but by the absence of every democratic member when the republican majority of the foreign relations committee of the U. S. senate, Hon. Henry Cabot Lodge, chairman, gave Colored citizens a hearing at the capital Thursday, August 28.

A delegation of the National Equal Rights League, Secretary Wm. Monroe Trotter as chairman; A. W. Whalley, Jos. H. Stewart, J. L. Neill, M. W. Spencer, accomplished finally the great desire of the race to be heard on the peace treaty officially.

The amendments to the League of Nations and to the peace treaty read as follows:

Amendment to Treaty.
The members of the league (or the allied and associated nations) undertake to assure full and complete protection of life and liberty to all their own inhabitants without distinction of birth, race, color, or religion, and agree that all their citizens respectively shall enjoy the same civil and political rights and all who belong to racial or religious minorities shall enjoy the same treatment and security in law and in fact as persons of the majority race or religion."

This league has issued a call for a national convention to "Make America Safe for Americans," where Delegate Trotter will relate his passage to Paris, at Washington, D. C., on September 23 to 25. After two such signal services to the race, our men and women are "getting busy" organizing local leagues and arranging meetings to send delegates. Any group can form a local, as the convention is open thus to the entire race. Any race body can send affiliated delegates, who will have a vote. A plan and a program for race defense and protection, and for the 14th and 15th amendments, are the objects.

AMERICAN LEGION WILL ADMIT NEGROES

Composition of Local Posts May Be Mixed or Separate as Members Prefer and Decide.

New York, Sept. 10.—Negro veterans of the world war are eligible to membership in the American Legion but the composition of local posts and state organizations will be left to the members themselves, according to instructions made public here September 2 by Henry D. Lindsley, chairman of the national executive committee.

Pending a determination of the question at the national convention next November, Mr. Lindsley said, "It was desirable that the various state organizations fix upon the method which will reflect the wishes of the membership in their state." Thus, he said, "a local post may be composed exclusively of white men, or exclusively of Negroes, or part white men and Negroes."

Separate white and Negro state organizations each with representation in the national convention, the chairman said, was also feasible if it should be deemed necessary.

WILL ESTABLISH DEPT. STORE

Suggestion by Colonel Young That Race Operate Own Business Institutions Acted Upon Promptly.

Baltimore, Md., Sept. 10.—Subscriptions are being taken here to establish a department store, which is to be operated exclusively by and for members of the race. At a meeting held at the Metropolitan African Methodist Episcopal church it was announced that more than \$15,000 had been subscribed. The movement is partly due to a speech recently made here by Col. Charles Young of the United States army, in which he urged Negroes to own and operate their own business institutions of all kinds. Such a plan previously had been discussed among leaders here, but Col. Young's speech caused it to bear fruit.

Rev. B. G. Shaw, pastor of the Metropolitan church, is in charge of the taking of subscriptions. Twenty thousand dollars will be required to start the store which will be operated on the co-operative plan, so that the customers will not only deal with members of their race, but also will get lower prices. No person will be allowed to hold more than \$100 worth of stock.

A BAD BUY PROVES FORTUNATE IN END

Negro Makes Profit of \$123 When Train Hits His Team of Mules.

New London, Mo., Sept. 10.—Ed King, a Negro of this city, got a touch of high finance the other day that left him richer in purpose and also higher

in spirits and is anxiously waiting for good fortune to strike him again and also a train to hit something that he owns, for therein lies his tale.

King bought a pair of mules a short time ago for \$27 and they were what you would call typical Negro Missouri mules, thin, lean and spavined. King's friends kidded him about his judgment in buying and they wanted to know why he didn't go back to the fellow who sold them to him and ask him for the change that was due him. King got to believing himself that he made a bad bargain and he began to worry, wondering if they would live long enough for him to get his money out of them or whether he would ever be able to sell them again.

Then along came a train and killed the mules. Not long after that the railroad sent him a check for \$150 to cover his loss.

UNITED STATES ATTITUDE TOWARD NEGRO DENOUNCED

(Special to The Monitor.)

Iowa City, Ia., Sept. 3.—The Delta Carranza's reference to the race riots in the United States was echoed in Brazil today. Writing in the Correie Damanha, Antonio Torres declared: "The Negro in the United States lives under a regime worse than during the times of Lincoln, when his life was saved as valuable property. Today the Negro is like the Pole and the Jew of Russia during the reign of the czar, without political guarantees on a social horizon. His only reward for loyalty to his country is lynching on a trivial pretext."

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