

**CORRESPONDENCE WHICH WILL PROVE OF INTEREST**

The omission of John Dillard Crawford's picture from a recent issue of The Bee has caused widespread comment. The following letters will, we believe, throw light upon the incident.

Council Bluffs, Ia., March 24, 1920.  
Mr. Nels Updike, Omaha, Neb.—Dear Sir: Enclosed you will find a slip which was cut from a recent issue of the Daily News. This, as you will see is in relation to the graduation of the Commercial High students. I was pleased to note the names and pictures of the entire class in the World-Herald and Daily News. Did the World-Herald and the News prohibit the Bee from putting all the graduates in? There were twenty-one in the first two papers I mention above, but I could count but twenty in your paper.

I didn't know there were fifty white republicans in Omaha. The only place I knew of any was in Texas, and I believe they are doing away with them, even there, as there is not enough of them. What there are I guess must have come from there to Nebraska.

We believe we are right to expect a high-grade republican paper in this section, but you know that is what we haven't had, but we had entertained high hopes of a decided step forward when this paper recently went into your hands. Are we to be disappointed? Is the Bee to still continue to inflame race prejudice? Is it going to fill the minds of our young folks with hatred and resentment over manifest injustice? There are a lot of us that read these papers. Is the Bee going to give us a square deal?

Respectfully yours,  
W. H. GRAY.

1322 Avenue A. Council Bluffs, Ia.

Omaha, March 25, 1920. Mr. W. H. Gray, 1322 Avenue A. Council Bluffs, Ia.—Dear Sir: Your letter to Mr. Nelson B. Updike with reference to the omission of a colored boy's picture from our group of Commercial High school graduates last Sunday has been referred to me.

I wish to assure you that this omission was not due to the fact that Dillard Crawford was the only colored boy in the class. We obtained his picture with the others and sent them on to the engraving department. When the "cuts" came down

for use this particular one did not print sufficiently well to make the features discernible. If we had printed it the features would have been nothing but a black smudge, and there was no time to get a new "cut."

It frequently happens that there is a certain percentage of cuts that do not turn out well, but we realize that it was very unfortunate that the one in this case should be that of the only colored boy in the group. In order to make up for the omission we gave separate attention to Dillard Crawford in a story appearing on page 10-C of the same issue of The Bee. This was all that we could do under the circumstances.

I wish to assure you that The Bee draws no distinctions of color. I believe that I have made this clear in a personal interview with Reverend John Albert Williams whom you doubtless know. The policy will be to accord equally fair treatment to both white and colored. If at any time you have reason to doubt that this intention is carried out in practice I will appreciate it if you will let me know.

Yours very truly,  
VICTOR B. SMITH,  
Managing Editor.

**CANADIAN "DRYS" SEEK ABSOLUTE PROHIBITION**  
Vancouver, B. C., March 30.—Prohibition party leaders of British Columbia are to ask the provincial government for a referendum on the question of "bone dry" prohibition. At present liquor can be obtained here on prescriptions and under the permit system.

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