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PRESIDENT HARDING'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS

WE hope all of our readers have read President Harding's inaugural address. If they have not already done so we advise that this be done at the earliest opportunity. It is a reassuring and inspiring document. There is a dominant note of reverence resounding throughout the message which reveals the heart and soul of a great man. Profound reverence proclaims greatness and this the inaugural address reveals. Harding realized that his words would be weighed. And yet we feel that he spoke not as an opportunist, but as an honest and sincere man. We can discover no appeal to the gallery, no strained effort at oratorical effect, but the unadorned utterance of a man who fully realizes the high dignity and the grave responsibility to which he has been summoned by the people of the republic. He lays down no elaborate program, but taking his stand upon the ideals for which this nation stands he indicates the principles for the establishment of which we must all patiently work with faith in and reliance upon God. The international policy which he foreshadows is sane and unselfish and will commend itself to the sober judgment of the American people. It is one of moral leadership and friendly counsel without foreign entanglement. Surely these words so fitly spoken will become a classic.

"Mankind needs a world-wide benediction of understanding. It is needed among individuals, among peoples, among governments, and it will inaugurate an era of good feeling to mark the birth of a new order. In such understanding men will strive confidently for the promotion of their better relationships and nations will promote the comities so essential to peace."

He wisely stresses as "Our supreme task, the resumption of our onward normal way, in the wake of which, or rather in the doing of which must follow reconstruction, readjustment, restoration, in which holding no national prejudice, no spirit of revenge, nothing will be done to provoke war upon us."

Our own group can find hope and encouragement, in view of conditions which, were it possible, we would ignore, but have been compelled to face and deplore in these words:

"I wish for an America no less alert in guarding against dangers from within than it is watchful against enemies from without. Our fundamental law recognizes no class, no group, no section. There must be none in legislation or administration."

This is all we as American citizens desire to be recognized and treated not as a special group or class but simply as American citizens, no more and no less.

black vicious person or a black vicious person any worse than a white vicious person. Rotten eggs are rotten, that's all. Close immoral places because they are immoral and leave the race question out. We hope we are understood. If black people and white people of the same social stratum desire to associate together that's their privilege and business with which nobody has any right to interfere.

McDONALD FOR CITY COMMISSIONER

WHY not support one of our own men this coming for city commissioner? We have a chance to do so and The Monitor believes we can elect one. At any rate, it is worth trying. As The Monitor has hitherto pointed out, the time has come for us, with our voting strength to stop supplicating for appointive offices, which we never get and never will get as long as we plead for appointments, but to back our own candidates for elective offices. This is the decision that the race has come to in all communities where our voting strength is a decisive factor. Several members of our race were successful in various sections of the country during the last election. Others made a good showing even though they were defeated. This lesson has not been lost elsewhere and we should profit by it in Omaha. Let us nominate a good strong man for city commissioner and throw our united strength behind him and we can elect him. A man whom we believe will be a winner has filed. That man is John T. McDonald, sr., circulation manager and bookkeeper of The Butcher Workmen Advocate, and popular in local labor circles, in which he holds several responsible positions. Mr. McDonald is a young man of ability, sound judgment, good character and integrity. He is a home-owner and taxpayer. With the strength that he should draw from union labor and the united vote of our people we see no reason why he cannot be nominated and elected as city commissioner. He is big enough for the job. The Monitor is highly pleased that Mr. McDonald has filed.

And here's wishing him success and pledging him our enthusiastic and loyal support.

THE OMAHA WHIP

THE Omaha Whip is the name of a new weekly publication which made its first appearance last week. The editor is George Wells Parker, the brilliant and versatile writer whose most recent literary work was as editor of The New Era, which position he has recently resigned to launch this new publication. In the first number he tells why he left The New Era. The Omaha Whip, the editor tells us, is to be devoted to making a better Omaha by exposing individuals and plans that are inimical to the best interests of our people and the community. The motto of The Whip is Unity and Truth. The paper is attractively gotten up and well-edited. The fact that George Wells Parker is the editor is sufficient guarantee of the literary excellence of the publication, however widely one may differ with him as to his position. The Monitor has nothing but the best of good wishes for its newest contemporary. The Omaha Whip.

WHAT THE EDITORS SAY

MAKING LOVE TO MARRIED WOMEN

There are entirely too many unprincipled degenerate men, here and elsewhere, who spend their time and little money, making dates and love to some soft-brained married women. To this class of men's activities in that direction can be traced the majority of wrecked homes, family tragedies and divorces. No man but a low-down scoundrel will seek to destroy another man's home and happiness; and no woman who is worthy of

the name of wife will make love to any other man and deceive her husband, especially when that husband is laboring and toiling with might and main to make a home and happiness for the comfort of his family.—The Advocate (Portland, Ore.).

PANDERERS

From a technical legal standpoint, a panderer is one who thrives upon the ill-gotten gains of fallen womanhood. In most jurisdictions it is a criminal offense. In every court of conscience it is despised, loathed and condemned. It is a thing of evil.

A panderer, who is commonly known in less dignified terms, is society's arch offender. He deals in the sacred commodities of human souls. He encourages the barter of human flesh which shrivels the finer sensibilities of womanhood and leaves them aimless driftwood to be eventually whirled into the seething maelstrom of the lost. Decrepit hags with dead souls and withered flesh and then the Potter's Field. This is the last chapter of the story book of the panderer. The more highly developed the civilization of races, the more protection, respect and consideration the women receive. In the savage tribes, women are given the laborious tasks and the barbarian males flit away the time in idleness. The woman is regarded as a chattel. Tenderness and firm codes of morality are foreign. The odious customs of the savages, however, fade into insignificance when compared with the offensive parasitical panderers of modern times.

The black man lays claim to the highest degree of civilization in America. Of course, his claim is assailed and some assert that he is the lowest representative of the human family, entirely devoid of morals and utterly deficient. The virtue of black womanhood by men of the Vardaman, Tillman and Hoke Smith school has been so vigorously questioned that to live like Caesar's wife above suspicion seems a necessary policy.

Women fall and women deceive. Manhood is, however, the proximate and ultimate leverage of morality. Men are always in the chain of causation. At this time when civilization peers for an upgrade and when the black man would challenge the accusations of his enemies, the panderers who are prostituting virtue and who are contributing to the delinquencies of the fallen should be ostracized, exposed and exiled by red-blooded men who honor womanhood, hold virtue sacred and seek for the respect of the world.—The Chicago Whip.

OMAHA BRANCH N. A. A. C. P. HEARS STIRRING ADDRESS

The N. A. A. C. P. met at Grove M. E. church Sunday afternoon at 4:30 p. m. The president, H. W. Black, was in the chair. After the reading of the minutes President Black made some very timely remarks concerning the activities of the association and why it should be supported by every man and woman in the city of Omaha. The slogan for the national body is "Two hundred and fifty thousand in 1921." He also said it is up to all members of this body to make that possible. Are you going to do it?

Mr. Millard F. Singleton introduced Mr. E. F. Morearty, the speaker of the day, an attorney who has been closely associated with the colored people of this community. He discussed the Ku Klux Klan and claimed to be a native of Tennessee, where that organization was founded. In part, he said: "My father employed a Negro and proceeded to educate him in the Roman Catholic faith, and when this was discovered by the Ku Klux Klan they proceeded to wait upon my father and informed him under the penalty of violence to get rid of the Negro. His family was continually harassed by this body day and night, causing a continued hatred to grow into my heart." He likened this organization unto smallpox, yellow fever and other offensive diseases. He said you just as well want them as to stand idly by and see the Ku Klux Klan come into your community. He dwelt at some length upon the harmony that should exist between the races and what Christianity teaches us to be to one another. He closed his address by reading an article which appeared in the Omaha Bee March 1st, written by himself explaining his feeling towards the Ku Klux Klan. His remarks were frequently interrupted by the applause from the audience.

Mr. Black expressed his gratitude for the remarks made by the speaker, and introduced Mr. Walsh of the Walsh-Abbott law firm. Mr. Walsh referred to the injustice done to the Negro by the newspapers stressing race rather than crime. He also read a headline that recently appeared in a southern paper referring to the lynching of John Hartfield which was announced to take place at 5 o'clock p. m. He stated that the guards who were watching him made reports from time to time for the benefit of the public as to his actions, stating that he was growing sullen as the time drew near for his execution. Mr. Walsh then said: "Friends, to think that a crime like this could be committed in the confines of law-abiding America and that the governor of any state would stand and say that he was powerless to act when apprised of the fact so many hours in advance of the anticipated crime." He further said that no one should stand idly by and see the Ku Klux Klan organization in any community for the above mentioned crime was carried on by that body.

DAYBREAK

By GEORGE MARION McLELLAN

Awake! Arise! Men of my race— I see our morning star, And the dawn-breeze on my face Creep inward from afar.

I feel the dawn, with soft-like tread, Steal through our lingering night, Aglow with flame our sky to spread In floods of morning light.

Arise, my men! Be wide-awake To hear the bugle call, For Negroes everywhere to break The bands that bind us all.

Great Lincoln, now with glory graced, All Godlike with the pen, Our chafed fetters broke and placed Us in the ranks of men.

But even he could not awake The dead, nor make alive, Nor change stern Nature's laws, which make The fittest to survive.

Let every man his soul insure In noblest sacrifice, And with a heart of oak endure A noble, ardent pride.

Endurance, love, will yet prevail Against all laws of hate; Such armaments can never fail Our race its best estate.

Let none make common cause with sin Be that in honor bound, For they who fight with God must win On every battleground.

Though wrongs there are, and wrongs have been, And wrongs we still must face, We have more friends than foes within The Anglo-Saxon race.

In spite of all the Babel cries Of those who rage and shout, God's silent forces daily rise To bring His will about.

Our portion is, and yet will be, To drink a bitter cup In many things, yet all must see The race is moving up.

Oh, men of my race! Awake! Arise! Our morning's in the air, There's scarlet all along the skies! Our day breaks everywhere!

LINCOLN, NEB.

On last Wednesday afternoon about five auto loads of people, and quite a delegation going by rail, left for Omaha to attend the annual banquet and party given by Zosha Temple that night. Quite a number of the Daughters of Isis were among the visitors from Lincoln who joined with their members there, thus making a neat showing, as they were arrayed in neat attire and white fezes. It is said by those who attended that it made quite a picture to behold, Shriners in full dress and red fezzes mingling with the Daughters of Isis wearing white fezzes and black tassels.

Mrs. Burch has been removed to a local hospital to be cared for.

Mrs. H. Spolin is confined with illness, as is also Mr. Zack Johnson.

Mrs. Alma Wiley returned home last Friday after about three weeks' visit with friends in Omaha and with her parents at Plattsburg, Mo.

Mrs. J. A. Patrick received a message from Terre Haute, Ind., Sunday afternoon, stating that Mrs. Carrie Hilman, wife of Rev. B. Hilman, had just died. Rev. Hilman was formerly pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist here about three years, and was well liked by all who knew him. The message also states that Rev. B. Hilman is seriously ill, and not expected to live.

A mass meeting will be held at Mt. Zion Baptist Monday night, March 14, by the N. A. A. C. P. for the purpose of beginning its membership drive.

Prayer and covenant services were held at Mt. Zion Baptist church last Sunday morning. Sabbath school and B. Y. P. U. services were interesting. Rev. H. W. Botts delivered his usual sermon at night, and communion was given. Attendance fair.

Hon. Monroe Trotter of Boston, Mass., en route from the west to his home, will stop over in Lincoln Tuesday, March 22, and lecture in McKinley Center under the auspices of Mt. Zion Baptist church.

The Morning Star Baptist church held an all-day meeting Sunday. Rev. H. W. Botts preached for them at 4 p. m. A number of his members and friends were present. Rev. J. P. States is doing good work in our midst.

Mrs. James Shelby continues to improve, and her relatives and friends are rejoicing.

At the A. M. E. church last Sunday morning, the pastor, Rev. Mr. Jones, preached. The Sabbath school and Christian Endeavor were well attended. At night the choir rendered a sacred program which, it is said, was nicely carried out, the participants doing their parts well. The crowd present gave much applause.

Next Sunday, March 13, is given as "Go to Church Day," and special services will be the feature of all churches.

ALBERT McLAMORE OF SPRING HILL, TENN., DIED IN LINCOLN, NEB.

Mr. Albert McLamore departed this life Sunday afternoon at a local hospital where he was being treated for injuries received by falling off a Burlington train while he and his wife were en route to this city, where they intended to make their home with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson, 907 S. street. Owing to the illness of Mrs. Johnson, the remains were accompanied back to Spring Hill by the aged wife and Mr. George W. Owens.

Mr. McLamore was 80 years old and leaves to mourn his death one daughter, Mrs. Robert Johnson; a son, Will, of San Francisco, Calif., and a niece, Mrs. Margaret Brown of Louisville, Ky., besides a large host of friends both in Lincoln and in the south.

Members of the family wish to thank their many friends for courtesies shown and the beautiful flowers presented.

LINCOLNITES ARE SHOWN OMAHA

Mrs. Joseph D. Lewis had as guests Monday afternoon Mesdames Stella Crews, Ada Holmes and Wyatt Williams of Lincoln, Neb. Mrs. Lewis took her guests through the colored residential district of Omaha and showed them the beautiful homes owned by our people. She then took them to Negro business places, one of which being the Kaffir Chemical Laboratories. While in the building they stopped in The Monitor office and expressed themselves as being greatly surprised at the progress of the race in Omaha.

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