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A DUTY AND AN OPPORTUNITY
 OUR people have a plain duty and a supreme opportunity before them next Tuesday at the primary election. That duty is to go to the polls and vote solidly for John T. McDonald for city commissioner. It is a supreme opportunity to nominate one of our own for an important elective office. It is the supreme opportunity to show our determination to meet the challenge to demonstrate that we can as a people stand together on some one person, some one issue. In the fact that only one candidate has filed and he a young man of clean life, good character and ability, no one can have the slightest shadow of excuse for failing to vote for him. Whoever else we may help nominate and among those who have filed there are several good men whose record and attitude merit our support, no man or woman of our race in Omaha should fail to vote and work enthusiastically for the nomination of John T. McDonald for city commissioner. It is a duty and an opportunity. The Monitor urges all our people to go to the polls early next Tuesday and vote for McDonald.

CLEANING UP
 THE spring season has come and with it cleaning time. Our people have always taken pride in seeing that their premises were cleaned up and made attractive. We are sure that this year will prove no exception to the rule and while our home-owners are doing their duty towards making their homes and their surroundings sanitary and attractive we hope that the city commissioners will do their duty in improving the localities in which many of our people reside.

BARBARISM OR CIVILIZATION
 —WHICH SHALL IT BE?

A STORY of wholesale murder comes from Georgia which shows the barbarism still extant in certain sections of the United States of America. The bodies of three black Americans, commonly called Negroes, were found chained together and weighted down with rocks in the Alcovy river near Monticello. This led to an investigation. The result has been the discovery of two more bodies similarly chained and weighted down in the river and the unearthing of six other bodies showing that they had been the victims of murder on the Jasper county plantation of John Williams, who has been taken into custody for peonage. By the alleged confession of Clyde Manning, evidently an ignorant and subservient black slave of Williams and who did Williams' bidding in killing these men, these unfortunate victims were murdered to prevent their escape from peonage or bearing testimony to its practice by Williams. The outcome of the probe by the authorities will be watched with interest. Peonage exists today in many places in the south. This is an indisputable fact. Murders and unspeakable outrages are being constantly committed against black Americans in that section. Barbarism reigns in many places in the south not among the blacks but among the whites of that section. The Monitor hopes that the Jasper county horror will go arouse the decent, justice-loving white people of the south that peonage and the unmentionable atrocities committed against a long-suffering people will cease. The cheapness with which the lives of black persons is regarded in the southland is due to the belief that they are only Negroes, or "niggers" and not men. Is it possible to change this sentiment in the south and to prevent its spreading in the north? If it is not, then may God have mercy upon the United States of America. She is doomed. "Ichabod" is written across our national sky; for civilization dies when and where barbarism flourishes.

TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
 THE fact that the bodies of eleven Americans of color who have been murdered on a farm worked by convict labor under Georgia laws, because they intended to seek relief from slavery through the courts would seem to clearly indicate that there exists in Georgia and other sections of the south involuntary slavery in the form of peonage. It is expressly forbidden by that instrument. The Monitor therefore respectfully requests Attorney General Danaher to make provision through the department of justice into the labor and vagrancy laws of the state of Georgia and adjacent states to ascertain whether they contravene the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Articles of the Constitution,

and furthermore to make a thorough and sweeping investigation of the charge of the general practice of peonage in the southern states of which this crime in Jasper county brings to light a specific case. Here is work of an imperative nature for the attorney general, which we feel confident he will undertake.

LINCOLN, NEB.

Hon. William Monroe Trotter and Mr. L. F. Baldwin arrived in the city last Tuesday. This was Mr. Trotter's first appearance in Lincoln for the purpose of addressing his own race in a meeting. The affair was held under the auspices of Mt. Zion Baptist church and was held in McKinley school auditorium Tuesday night.

A miscellaneous program was rendered by local talent as follows: "Stars and Stripes," lead by Williams' orchestra, audience accompanying; Invocation, Rev. H. W. Botts; Solo, Mr. Harrison Miller; Reading, Miss Viola Walker; Solo, Mr. J. E. Jeltz; Selection, A. M. E. Church Sextette, comprising Mesdames E. Edwards, V. Lewis, G. Stanley, Izzeta Malone, Ollie Colly and C. C. Christman; Short Talk by Mr. L. T. Baldwin, manager for Mr. Trotter, who in turn announced that Rev. H. W. Botts would introduce the speaker of the evening, which he did in a most unique manner.

Mr. Trotter, after a few preliminary remarks, told the audience of his adventures in getting to Paris, France, which as he pictured it to his hearers, was a mighty rocky travel. At close of address, Miss Opal Ashford sang a solo. The audience nearly filled the lower floor of the auditorium and was very appreciative, judging from applause. After the meeting, many went forward shaking hands and congratulating the speaker. The affair was a booming success. Mr. David Oliver acted as toastmaster.

Mr. I. B. Smith spent Thursday and Friday in Kansas City, Mo., where he was one of the speakers at the Maunday Thursday celebration of the Scottish Rite Masons.

Mr. J. E. Jeltz was called to Kansas City, Mo., last Thursday on account of his mother's illness, returning Tuesday.

A number of citizens entertained Mr. W. M. Trotter and Mr. L. F. Baldwin at luncheon Wednesday night at the Dunbar. Short talks were made by many present, to which Mr. Trotter responded.

Mr. Trotter was invited to attend the Scottish Rite celebration of Maunday Thursday at the hall Thursday night, who after the exercises gave them one of his keynote speeches touching segregation, giving much information along those lines.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Clark entertained the Utopian club at their home last Thursday night.

Mrs. C. R. Johnson is confined to her bed with illness. Mrs. James Shelby has been able to be up and around the house. Mr. Z. Johnson is mending.

Mr. W. M. Trotter, editor and publisher of the Boston Guardian, addressed the Nebraska legislature last Thursday afternoon, and took for his subject "Doctrines of Abraham Lincoln," picturing the basic principles that Lincoln stood for and taught to

this nation that can never be forgotten by true Americans. Quite a number of our race were present in the lobby and galleries.

Early praise meeting was held in Mt. Zion last Sunday morning, preaching at 11 a. m. by the pastor. The children of the Sunday school, under the leadership of Mrs. Odessa Patrick rendered the cantata, "Living Christ," which was very nicely carried out, the little ones doing earnest work. At night the choir rendered a sacred program, which was participated in by several of the children. Mr. C. Haynes sang a solo. The program was commendable. Easter closed with a social Monday night.

At the A. M. E. church Sunday morning the pastor preached a fine sermon. The Sunday school rendered their program at regular service time. Abundance of colored eggs were distributed to all. At night the choir rendered the cantata, "Risen Christ," to an overflow audience, and it is said all participants did their parts well. The affair was under the direction of Mrs. G. L. Flippin.

At other churches the pastors preached extra sermons and Sunday schools rendered programs to appreciation of those present.

An auto load of Lincolmites comprising David Oliver, Mrs. E. J. Griffin, Mrs. M. Williams, Mrs. E. C. Stepheny, Mrs. Alma Wiley, Mrs. Virgil Clark and Rev. H. W. Botts went to Omaha Tuesday to attend the executive board meeting of the Nebraska Negro Baptist association there during the day, returning in the evening.

Mr. W. M. Trotter and Mr. L. F. Baldwin were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Moseley while here.

Messrs. Trotter and Baldwin left Friday for Council Bluffs, Ia.

PILRIM BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES

Rev. Wm. Franklin, Pastor.
 Easter Sunday was red letter day. There was a large Sunday school attendance in the morning and a powerful sermon by the pastor at 11 o'clock. Subject, "The Divinity of Christ."

Mr. Floyd Brown, principal of the Fargo (Ark.) Institute, worshipped with us at the morning services and spoke of his work in the South. A collection of \$21 was given him. Mr. Brown is a Tuskegeean and reports an excellent work developed in a rural district of Arkansas.

In the afternoon an excellent Easter program was rendered by the A. B. C. Club under the leadership of Mrs. Gertrude Harris.

Under the leadership of Mr. Wm. Washington, who acted as master of ceremonies, and Mr. H. Kemp, president, the Laymen's Club rendered a fine program at 7:30 p. m. Dr. J. R. Lemme was the principal speaker.

Mr. John T. McDonald, sr., was among the visitors. He was introduced and received a warm reception. Mr. McDonald is the only one of the sixty-five who has filed for city commissioner whose racial identity has been made known to the public. Why? Why! He is a member of our group. Let us and our friends profit by the example of the daily press of the city.

Mr. L. M. Baldwin, tour manager for Mr. Wm. Monroe Trotter, was introduced and spoke in a very pleasant vein, telling of the things for which Mr. Trotter is battling. And last but not least, the intrepid editor of the Boston Guardian, who recently addressed the legislature of Nebraska on "Racial Equality," was introduced. Mr. Trotter spoke out of his heart, touching the things that are to elevate our people and condemning with might and main segregation and the things that are calculated to drag our people down to degradation. He paid a splendid tribute to the wisdom and forethought of Rev. W. M. Franklin and to Rev. J. D. Crum for the successful fight waged against segregation in the local Spanish-American war veterans' camp.

Mrs. R. H. Robbins is sick at her home, 1808 North Twenty-second street.

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN

Easter services were quite well attended. The decorations by the flower

committee of the Christian Endeavor society were exceedingly beautiful. The choir sang better than ever before. The solo work of Mrs. J. H. Hutten and Mrs. Adeline Bell was above the average. Many spoke commendably of the sermon.

At the Sunday school service Mr. Shackleford photoed the decorations and a group of Sunday school pupils and teachers. Eleven pupils received buttons as reward for faithfulness in attendance.

The program of services for the Christian Endeavor arranged by the president, Miss Addie Thomas, was of a high order. The music furnished by the male quartet and special quartet was exceptionally well rendered.

Miss Grace Jardine's address, "Love, the Message of Easter," was very touching and did much good. Mr. Bryant's paper showed careful preparation.

Our church year closes March 31. It was one year ago when the first report was made to the Church Extension Committee of Omaha Presbytery, at which time six names constituted our enrollment. As we close the year's work our list contains thirty-five names.

Sermon topics Sunday: A. M.—"As to Blue Laks." P. M.—"God's Workmanship."

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