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### LINKED TOGETHER

THIS refers to humanity as a whole. Humanity as an organism. An organism is an organized body with part related and correlated to part, each member of the body having its duty to do, its functions to perform, if life is to be sustained and the body or organism grow and fulfill its purpose. Men admit this if the subject under discussion be a plant, a lower animal or human being. They admit that if an injury be done to the finger or toe, the eye or the ear the whole body is affected by it. It, however, seems difficult, if not impossible, for men to grasp the truth that all mankind or all humanity constitutes one vast organism, or, if you please, one great universal body, and each individual soul, although a complete entity, that is to say perfect and complete in itself, has its duty to discharge, its function to fulfill, if humanity is to carry out the divine purpose for which it has been called into being. This, however, is absolutely true. It is this philosophy upon which Christianity rests. Were it not true Christianity were impossible for it is founded upon the fact that God became not a man, but Man, in order that He might lift man, that is to say humanity, mankind in its totality, to the highest possible plane, physical, moral and spiritual. All mankind are brethren and an injury to one is an injury to all. Whatsoever, therefore elevates or degrades, benefits or injures any member of the human family anywhere has a corresponding effect upon the whole body of humanity. This is a truth we all need to remember. Humanity is indissolubly bound together. We do not realize this hence our petty jealousies and hates, our narrowness and bigotry.

### SOME COMMENTS ON OUR SPECIAL EDITION

A GREAT WEEKLY  
 The Emancipation number of the Omaha Monitor of last week was one that should have made every man and woman of whatever color, proud of its colored population and grateful that the city had a paper that was able to so timely and accurately place before the public such strong facts and figures as proof that the colored brother in this community is no drone or laggard, and measures up with most Metropolitan cities in his business sagacity, moral responsibility and pride of race.  
 The issue was disappointing in only one instant, and that was that there were so many who were not represented. The edition was a forceful reminder of the progress of a race long downtrodden, vilified and persecuted, but still undaunted. In fact, it

preached and breathed optimism in every line, and we hope will do a great good in showing the pessimist in our midst that we are forging ahead unmindful of past dangers of future perils. Its lesson should serve to whip into line some of the erring wrecking, back-biting pessimists that will not see the light of a new day and concede that there is progress in our midst and the light of a new future in our eyes.—The New Era, (Omaha)

### A WORTHY EDITION

The Monitor, the bright and newsy weekly of Omaha, comes to the Colorado Statesman office as a specially designed edition. It is a highly pretentious effort. Its pages are filled with extensive write-ups of practically every Race enterprise known to Omaha, and is liberally adorned with cuts of many of the prominent men and women of Nebraska. We congratulate the Monitor force on this splendid edition, which so visibly reflects the highest type of journalistic enterprise.—Colorado Statesman, (Colorado Statesman)

### GOURDIN OF HARVARD

By William Pickens  
 (The Associated Negro Press)  
 Much has been written in the last few days by the tardy Associated Press about the great Negro athletic star of Harvard University. Some have tried to minimize his achievement, and some have tried to damn his race, while reluctantly acknowledging him. The New York Daily News, for example said that no other Negro had amounted to anything in athletics, implying that therefore it was a mere accident in Gourdin's case. The editor of that paper showed his ignorance (or prejudice), for all others knew of Marshall, of Lewis, of Mathews, of Drew, of Bullock, and even of Earl Johnson, who was running away from the field in the Marathon Race at Pasadena while the little editor was penning his belittling lines. But the truth stands out: that Gourdin is the greatest track star that Harvard has produced, or any other American University, so far as we have heard, and we have not heard of any foreign university which has produced his equal. Tell that to the Daily News.  
 But we are thinking: What would have happened to Gourdin and to Harvard if such American prejudice as that displayed by this editor had had its way? Gourdin never would have been heard of. If he had gone to Princeton or to Yale, he never would have been heard from. They would have proven that he could not outjump the white boys by not letting him jump. That is the effective American method of proving the Ne-

groes inferiority,—by putting him down at the tail end of the list without letting him compete. Gourdin won for Harvard; the record he made, is made for Harvard; Harvard will get the credit for all time. Other institutions are shutting out their own chances by keeping out the Negro, for undoubtedly the Negro students are, in proportion to their numbers, by far the greater athletes. But most of the schools would rather lose than win thru a Negro. Harvard has sense enough to know that as the ages roll by, it will not be said that a Negro beat white boys jumping, but that Harvard athletes beat all others jumping. The permanent gain is for Harvard.

Harvard has stuck to Gourdin, and Gourdin has often won for Harvard. When southern schools objected to Gourdin, Harvard has given up its place in the contest rather than to insult or humiliate Gourdin by asking him to stay out and "be diplomatic" or "modest" to please southern prejudice. But now, if the editor of the New York Daily News or the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court had been President of Harvard, when white colleges in Virginia said that they would not compete with a "nigger", the colored lad would have been dropped and left in Cambridge, "tact" would have been used, lies told, and the white members of the Harvard team would have been sent on down to Virginia to compete—and lose. We give it to Harvard, that they chose well, not for Gourdin but for Harvard. Harvard acted, not pro-Negro but pro-Harvard. All the credits are theirs, the credits of the contest and the credits of common morals.—Do it again.

### MUSIC IN RELIGIOUS BODIES

By J. Alice Stewart  
 Of all the arts instituted by the Divine Creator, music is the most soul inspiring. It walks side by side with religion and stands hand clasped in hand with Christianity. Almost as many individuals have been brought to realize and acknowledge the Divine love of Christ through religious music and its powerful influence as has been by listening to the preaching of the gospel by theologians. It is greater than poetry, because it is a poem in itself. It excels all other arts, because it lifts one above the material, and we find ourselves in a realm of song and melody, which for the time being obliterates all present realities. The entire animal kingdom is susceptible to musical influence; from man who represents the highest type of animal to the beasts of the forest.

We owe our chief musical terms to the Greeks; and they owe theirs to earlier sources; for the essentials of their knowledge and practice are traced to the Egyptians. Theopis 556 years before the birth of Christ introduced hymns in Greek writing which we, afterward translated. It was the classic Greek who first used music in chanting religious rites, and to accompany military evolutions. They brought the organ into use two centuries before Christ at their Olympic and other games.

Christ introduced hymns in Greek writings which were afterward translated. But the hymn book from which all hymns books have more or less been copied was that which belonged to Winchester Cathedral; that music was written on a four line staff and three spaces. Before the 15th century, music was used almost universally in the churches. And for that reason, the majority of musicians who desired to maintain a livelihood from music, usually went to Rome. Luther issued a collection of poems for church singing in 1524, which were followed by many others in Northern Germany. And they be-

came so popular that five thousands who gathered at St. Paul's Cross joined heartily in singing Psalms before and after preaching.

The placing of church songs upon the lips of the people has passed from generation to generation, until there is no church mentioned which does not at some time have musical service during the hour of worship. If music was absent from our religious bodies, the service would become monotonous and devoid of sentiment and pleasure as the religion would be without the divine love of Christ. Henry Date in one of his eloquent addresses declared that "Satan trembles



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whenever he enters a church where everybody sings." And he also said, "The heart that cannot sing, needs Christ."

Too much attention cannot be paid to the class and selection of music dedicated to religious organizations. Those who have charge of the musical part of these individual organizations, should be thoroughly musically educated. The members of the choirs should be note readers and music lovers. Christianity will never fail while men and women pray, praise and practice.

The secret of the success of the late Moody and Sankry revivals was the manner in which the singing was conducted. There should be no restriction of musical instruments in the church service. All kinds of musical instruments can be dedicated to God. All that is harmonious and beautiful come from God.

Cultivate a love for music in the home, in the Sunday school, in the church, and all its auxiliaries, and gradually the cultivation of the same would create a deeper reverence for the Creator, a greater love for humanity, religion would reach a more perfect attainment, and morality a higher standard.

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### Has No Desire For Africa

At a recent convention they discussed taking the Negro back to Africa. I have left nothing in Africa. I have stood on the spot where Cleopatra lived, where Alexander the conqueror of worlds strode, but when I stand here on this platform in Omaha tonight, I am at home. Yet I do not get full liberty in the cities after I have helped to make them what they are. The white man has come to realize that unless I arise along with him, he cannot arise. I shall not complain. The hoe has been taken from my hands, and a pencil placed in its stead. I have put on skill and culture. What God hath put together, let no man put asunder. I am on my way. I shall not try to keep the white man down. I shall try to put him in the skies, and get him out of my way. I shall not buy my ticket to Africa until the white man buys his ticket for Europe. We came to this country just about the same time the ancestors of the white man came to America; the only difference being that the white man's ancestors came on first-class passage, while mine came on steerage. But the same ocean brought us over.

### Does Not Want Government

I would like to have the Negro who constantly abuses the white man and the white man who constantly abuses the Negro in my hands. I would send the Negro to jail and the white man to the penitentiary, because the white man knows better. They think the Negro wants to take the Government in hands. The Negro has no such things in his heart. We do not want the government, what we want is to get into the government. I have never said to the American white man give me your place, turn your possessions over to me, but this is all I have said: "Step up higher." Move over that I may lose these chains. When we think of the Jim Crow cars, I can only say again to the Negro patience.

### A Man Today

Fifty years ago, I was nothing, but today I am a man. I speak for the millions. I was down in the valley, and all I could sing was "I couldn't hear nobody pray." Tonight, I stand and sing The Star Spangled Banner.

### Mandate Alabama

Wilson was the most intellectual man we have ever had as president. Understanding, say intellectual. Had I meant sublime, I would have said Lincoln. Had I meant kind, I would have said McKinley. Had I meant great, I would have said Roosevelt. Mr. Wilson invited Congress to take a mandate over Armenia. A mandate is something you take, when you have no business with it. President Wilson should have taken a mandate over Alabama before attempting to take one over Armenia.

The 18th provided for prohibition. Prohibition is impossible. The 19th Amendment provided that women should have equal rights, that is that she was man's equal. She is already man's superior. The great moral question is not prohibition, but how to keep the American from taking the life of another without due process of law.

### Race With Future

I am an American Negro, the only race with its future before it, not behind it. Liberty has never taught this Nation a single lesson. Slavery has taught the great lesson. Slaves bid me speak to you tonight. Abraham Lincoln and Booker T. Washington stand out to us as two great examples. Abraham Lincoln shows us the heights to which man can rise. Booker T. Washington shows us the depths from which a man can rise.

### Criticizes Judges and Press

Judges are afraid to render just decisions. The decisions are rendered with trembling hands. Governors are afraid to do their full duty. I saw nothing in the papers concerning my coming here to speak to-night. I noticed in The Omaha Bee, where Negroes snatched a purse. Why not put our names in the paper when we amount to something. The great teacher said: "Behold I set before thee an open door, which no man shall shut. The American White man is the open door to the American Negro. God placed him there, and tho we pass through valleys and mountains, nothing can shut it.

To the preachers, who are the leaders of the race. (The colored race anyway) I say do not allow a doctrine of hate to be preached from your pulpits. It will not bring the results. Again I say to the Negro, have patience.

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### YORK RITE MASONS STATE OF NEBRASKA, LANCASTER COUNTY, SS.

Request of the Most Worshipful King Solomon Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted York Masons, Colored, of Kansas to file Articles of Incorporation in Nebraska.  
 Protested by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Nebraska and its Masonic Jurisdiction against filing constitution and Articles of Association of the Most Worshipful King Solomon Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted York Rite Masons.

The protest held that the Articles of Association so clearly resemble the title in use by the Masonic order whose constitution is already on file as to mislead the public.

The case was heard Tuesday afternoon, June 7, 1921, at 3:30 o'clock, and we reject the application and find for the protestants.

In substantiation of this position we find that the names are similar, in that they both are: "Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Colored." That they both seek to have a Grand Lodge in Nebraska. We further find that the "Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons" have a Grand Lodge in Nebraska, which has been organized since 1919. We further find that in 10-eye-page 154 that:

"Enabling acts which provide for granting charters or certificates of incorporation by the Secretary of State or other ministerial State officer, generally prohibit granting such charters or certificates where the name assumed or conflicts with the name of an existing corporation. Under such statute it has been well held that although the office of Secretary of State in this respect is a ministerial one, yet his power of refusing such a certificate is not restricted to cases where the assumed corporation name is an exact imitation of the pre-existing corporation, but that he has discretion to refuse such certificate when the name assumed so nearly resembles that of an existing corporation that confusion on the part of the public would be liable to rise between the two."

In the case of the State vs. McCarthy-92-Mo. 355, it was held that the Secretary of State had the power to refuse a charter to a corporation similar to that of one already in existence.

Therefore, Whereas under the A. F. & A. M. York Rite Masons have a Grand Lodge in Kansas that authorized the colored people to establish subordinate lodges anywhere in North America, the Kansas Grand Lodge will serve their purpose for a number of years without being inconvenienced.

Furthermore, since the contesting party has only four subordinate lodges in the State, it is only a matter of justice that the offer be denied and that the protestants be sustained.  
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