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THANKSGIVING

It is meet, right and our bounden duty daily to return thanks to Almighty God for the blessings of His bounty, and it is especially fitting that as a nation a day should be set apart to remind us of this duty and privilege. Our Thanksgiving Day will be more richly blessed if we share our good things with others. Remember, too, that the first motive of the day is worship, after that feasting and recreation.

The Gates of Thanksgiving
It is through the gates of thanksgiving
That we enter the courts of praise;
Our thanks for the little bounties
That compass us all our days
Shall bring us to greater blessings
And lead us to larger ways.

O, Lord of the manifold mercies,
As we number them one by one,
From the least of Thy loving kindness
To the uttermost gift of Thy Son,
Lead us on from our selfish gladness
To the marvelous things Thou hast done.
—Frank Herbert Sweet.

BUSINESS AMONG US

It is gratifying to notice the growth of business enterprises among our people. This is a much needed movement in the right direction. Of course, we have much to learn; but we only learn by doing and often by failing. Some of the most successful business enterprises in the country have been built up by men and women who in their first one or two ventures failed. But they didn't give up. Profiting by their mistakes they tried again. And so it must be with us. We must not be discouraged because this or that venture by ourselves or others turned out unsuccessfully. There were doubtless reasons for these failures for which we may or may not have been responsible. Perhaps we deserved to fail because we did not render service for value received. Trade and business are largely impersonal. People buy where they can get the most for their money and to succeed in business our people must be prepared to meet competition. North Twenty-fourth street offers a splendid opportunity for merchants of our group. Merchants of other nationalities, some of them selling "seconds" and "thirds" in merchandise for first class prices are growing rich off our people's

patronage. We ought to have merchants of our own securing at least part of this patronage. They can get it, too, if they go after it in the right way. They must know how to buy and how to sell. Where the competing merchant is selling "seconds" for first class prices, let our merchants sell "firsts" for the same price and teach the purchaser the difference between the two. It is time more of our people of ability were intelligently and persistently going into diversified business enterprises on North Twenty-fourth street. A good start has been made. Let the good work go on. Let us help all deserving business ventures among our people grow by giving our loyal patronage to such.

SELF-HELP

TO an impartial observer of the signs of the times it is very evident that our race must depend very largely, if not wholly, upon itself for its support, progress and development. The disposition to help carry us, which was once quite prevalent upon the part of the better class of the dominant race, if not entirely past, is rapidly passing. We are being thrown more and more upon our own resources. It is well that we are. It forces self-help and self-help develops self-respect. An individual or a people who is willing to be always carried is not worth carrying. The individual or race who simply will accept help until he can stand upon his own feet and walk and then thank his helper and benefactor and do it alone is the one that will command success and respect. Our race has, without question, reached the stage where it can and must stand upon its own feet. It must cease to be mendicants and prove its manhood. It must cease to regard itself as an object of charity. It must recognize, utilize and develop its own resources. In saying this we are not unmindful of the fact that there are limitations in the commercial and industrial world which we must meet and overcome, but our opportunities far surpass and overtop our limitations. We think too much about our limitations and not enough about our opportunities. For example, in scores of industries we find employment at comparatively good wages. Here is an opportunity which offsets the limitations of our exclusion from other gainful pursuits. Let us make the most of the occupations by which we make our livelihood. Let us excel in them. Let us save what money we can, invest it in homes, and

in the support of worthy business enterprises of our own and in this way make larger opportunities for our youth. We should show our ability to support ourselves in all our institutions. The time for self-help has come. Let us realize this fact, accept it cheerfully and thankfully and prove our title to self-respecting manhood.

COMMENTS BY MUSICAL CRITICS OF OMAHA DAILIES ON HAGAN-TALBERT

The Omaha Bee

A pianist of splendid technique and sympathy, a singer with great beauty and flexibility of voice, and a program crowded full of fine music, were features of the piano-song recital given at the Brandeis theatre Monday evening under the auspices of the Episcopal Church of St. Philip the Deacon.

The program was an unusually long one, lasting almost an hour beyond the usual length of concert programs, but all the music presented was of a uniformly high class, and the two artists, who gave so generously of their time and talent, were in no way fatigued by the tremendous technical demands of the numbers they chose to interpret.

Helen E. Hagan opened the program with a splendid performance of the Chopin B flat minor, "Scherzo," and also contributed two groups and the Liszt "Hungarian Rhapsodie" No. 2. Miss Hagan has a brilliant and facile technique, a warm, sympathetic tone and both clarity and power. She interprets with refined taste and intelligence and an interesting note of individuality, although sometimes she is almost too free with her rhythm. She has much emotional warmth and genuine musical feeling.

Her fine tone was amply demonstrated in the Liszt "Dream of Love" and much fire and brilliancy was found in the G minor prelude of Rachmaninoff. The second group was unusually interesting, as it was made up of two transcriptions of Negro melodies by Coleridge Taylor, "I Am Troubled in My Mind" being an exquisite number of melodic wealth and interesting development, worthy of a frequent place on recital programs. The Hungarian rhapsodie was given with brilliance and power. Miss Hagan responded to several encores.

Mme. Cole-Talbert astonished with the pure beauty of her tone quality. Her voice is fresh, warm and vibrant and there are many fine points to her singing. An excellent pianissimo was found in "Ave Maria", by Schubert, and her width of range and the full glory of her high tones was found in the "Swiss Echo Song", by Ecker. Two compositions by Hilbert Stewart of Chicago show a great talent in this young Negro composer and promises much for the future. Both songs were interesting; "Are You Ready", a spiritual, being one of the high spots of the evening, both in itself and in its excellent interpretation.

Mme. Cole-Talbert also did some of her most artistic singing in "The False Prophet", a delightful little encore. Another number in which she was heard at her best was the well known and extremely difficult aria, "Caro Nome", from Rigoletto. Here she sang the dazzling showers of brilliant melody with a flexibility, surety of pitch, technical proficiency and intelligence that did her the greatest credit.

Florentine F. Pinkston followed unobtrusively in the accompaniments, some of which were extremely difficult.

The Omaha Daily News
Helen Hagan, pianist, and Florence Cole-Talbert, coloratura soprano, gave a pleasing concert Monday evening at the Brandeis theatre under auspices of St. Philip's Episcopal church, and proved that music is not bounded by race or nationality. These artists represent the best in the colored world of music and their program showed musicianship and sympathetic understanding of their art.

Helen Hagan chose Chopin's "Scherzo B Flat Minor" for her opening number in which she displayed marked technique. Her sympathetic touch showed to best advantage in "Gardens in the Rain", by Debussy. "I Am Troubled in Mind", by S. Coleridge Taylor, and "Bamboula", an African dance, were her most applauded numbers and brilliant in rhythmic interpretation.

Florence Cole-Talbert was most effective in the race numbers, "The Wind Is East", and "Are You Ready", a spiritual, by Hilbert Stewart. The singer paid Mr. Stewart a very pleasing tribute before singing his numbers. Her rendering of his two songs received marked applause.

The third number in this group, "Oh, My Love", by Harry T. Burleigh, the colored organist and baritone soloist of New York, called forth two encores, "The False Prophet" and "The Big Brown Bear". The high tones in Miss Talbert's voice are very sweet and her delivery has much charm and graciousness of manner. Miss Florentine E. Pinkston accompanied Miss Talbert.

The World-Herald
Madame Talbert has a voice of pleasing quality, which she uses with taste and intelligence. Clear enunciation and careful phrasing added to the numerous good points of her delivery.

Opening with the difficult classic aria, "Queen of Night", she gradual-

ly came into her own and sang with fine effect Schubert's "Ave Maria", and especially the "Swiss Echo Song", by Ecker. Two new numbers by Hilbert Stewart proved quite gratifying, as also the beautiful "Oh, My Love", by Burleigh. Specially worthy of mention for its pathos and grace was "At Parting", by Rogers, also the "Spirit Flower", by Tipton, which was very well sung. Madame Talbert ended by the famous "Caro Nome", and graciously added several encores in response to the generous applause which greeted her efforts.

Miss Hagan opened the program with a sympathetic and at times brilliant performance of the Scherzo in B Flat Minor, by Chopin, showing good technique and pleasing tone. In her second group, consisting of the Liebestraum, by Liszt, with its beautiful tone work, "Gardens in the Rain" of Debussy and the G Minor Prelude of Rachmaninoff, she held the audience by the magnetism of her interpretations. "I Am Troubled in Mind", by S. Coleridge-Taylor, and "Bamboula", the African Dance, transcription of Negro melodies, proved fascinating on account of their effective rhythms, while the Second Hungarian Rhapsodie, by Liszt, gave Miss Hagan an opportunity to display the different sides of her art, for which she was most warmly applauded.

Miss Hagan responded with two or three encores. She was especially effective in her fleet finger work and resonant chords.

Miss Florentine Pinkston was the accompanist of the evening.

—August M. Borglum.

Letters From Our Readers

Short, timely letters are invited. We prefer that writers sign their names, but in all cases letters signed with a nom de plume or as "Reader," "Subscriber," etc., must be accompanied by the name and address of the author for the editor's information.

OPEN LETTER TO WM. G. McADOO

Editor of the Monitor: Please publish the following:

Omaha, Neb., Nov. 10, 1923.
Editor of the Monitor
Wm. Gibbs McAdoo,
San Francisco,
Calif.

Dear Sir:
As you have already launched your candidacy for President, you seem to think that you are the only living man that can enforce even the most difficult law, the Volstead Act. It would appear as though you were taking all the credit to yourself, and in doing so, you are just like most of the dries, who think that all they have to do is to lambast and criticize all law enforcers in order to make a big noise.

We believe you are posing in trying this false issue in making such preposterous claims. Why don't you offer some tangible solution and constructive methods with which this could be accomplished?

As you have been spending much of your time recently in Texas with

your friend Mayfield, who we understand you have aligned yourself with, in an effort to obtain his support with the backing of the Klu Klux Klan. The people are now interested in knowing what your connection really is with the Klan.

What would you do if you were president? How would you enforce the Volstead Act?

The better class of American citizens, as members of the National Liberty League, will insist that these questions be fully and frankly answered.

Respectfully yours,
DON E. DeBOW,
National Secretary

BETHEL A. M. E. CHURCH

Rev. Frederick Divers, Pastor

The RALLY FOR SOULS is on. "ONE A DAY FOR THE GOOD OLD WAY" is the meaning underlying the new interest in all the departments of the church. The Sunday School thrives, increasing from Sunday to Sunday.

Last Sunday was another splendid day for Church services. The pastor preached morning and evening. There were good congregations at each service. There were three accessions, among them one conversion.

Mrs. Lizzie L. Howard is with us this week and the meeting started with life. There was one conversion Monday night and there was a good congregation last night. She may not be with us longer than Sunday but we are anxious for everybody to hear this Evangelist.

ALLEN CHAPEL A. M. E. CHURCH

25th and R St.—Phone Market 3475
O. J. Burkhardt, Pastor

Sunday night marked the closing scene of one of the greatest revival meetings that has been conducted in Allen Chapel in recent years. Dr. Samuel R. Skeleton was the evangelist in charge of the meeting.

Many were united with our church and a few to other denominations. Mrs. Mattie Hall has been appointed Deaconess, Wesley Carter, District Steward, and Mrs. Core Norman was elected president of the young peoples prayer band; Mrs. Comenza Watkins, secretary and Mrs. Irene Brown, treasurer. This club will meet Friday night with the regular class meeting. Mrs. Hodges is quite sick. Messrs J. B. Showers and Jones are getting on nicely at the hospital. The Church will give a Thanksgiving Dinner for the Trustee Department.

PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH

The pastor, the Rev. Wm. Franklin, being absent from the city, having gone to Bruton, Ala., the services will be in charge of the Rev. J. H. Bruce, pastor of Spring Hill Baptist Church, until his return. B. S. Sutton acted as superintendent of the Sunday School because of the illness of the superintendent.

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