

SIR SIDNEY OLIVER SCOUTS RACIAL INFERIORITY

BARNEY BURCH HAS PROMISED OMAHA WINNING BALL CLUB

President-Manager Burch Has Real Talent Lined up for 1924 Burch Rod Team. Squad Leaves Soon for Shreveport

LINCOLN IN AGAIN THIS YEAR

Several Player Deals Completed by Burch During the Winter Giving Popular Head of Team Money and Good Players

Although many of the dyed-in-the-wool baseball fans will find it almost difficult to believe, but spring training for the teams is almost at hand and on or about March 1st the advance squadron of the Omaha Western League club will leave for spring training quarters at Shreveport, La.

President Burch will this year act as bench manager of the team, having dispensed with the services of "Big Train" Koney, who "managed" the club last year. In the opinion of the writer Burch is making a very wise move in assuming the operating reins of his club for Koney was a "bust."

Burch reports that he has in his strong box the signed contracts of several of his best holdovers and letters from others signifying intention of being at Shreveport when the first duty bell rings.

Everything has been most admirably arranged at the camp. The Chamber of Commerce, has donated one of the city's two ball parks for the preliminary work of the Omahas, with roomy clubhouse, lockers, showers and all the paraphernalia of a complete gymnasium.

The team will have less than a week's limbering up when they will be lined up for their initial exhibition game. This will be on Sunday, March 10, with the Shreveport Texas league team, with which the Burch Rods have five more games scheduled—March 16, 22, 29 and 30—and as the Texas league is as fast as the Western, Manager Burch expects some very thrilling and valuable practice.

April 4, 5 and 6, the Omahas are booked for Muskogee, Okla.; April 11, 12 and 13 with Wichita, Kas., and according to the tentative Jack Holland schedule, will open the championship season with St. Joseph on the St. Joseph grounds, April 16. Following the series there, the team will play a series at Oklahoma City, Tulsa and Wichita, reaching Omaha on the evening of April 29, and inaugurate the championship season at the Vinton street park, Friday, May 2, with St. Joseph. The team will fill in as many odd exhibition dates between those already scheduled with any teams available, as Manager Burch intends to keep the team on the hop, step and jump every moment possible.

According to Manager Burch, the fans, owing to the general strengthening of all the teams, will see a lot better and more uniform ball club this coming season than ever before.

And the 1924 team. As nearly as can be stated at this time it will consist of John McCarthy, first; Chick Thompson, second; Jim O'Neil, short; Jimmy Wilcox, third; Dick O'Connor, Joe Bonowitz and Henri La Vallie, outfield; George Hale, Red Wilder, Oscar Seimer and Hippo Hansen, catchers; Bill Bailey, Nick Cullop, Sandy Burke, Harry Lee, Emil Schmanske, Koupal, Praul, Miller, Prefean, Matthews, Darrough and Okrie, pitchers.

Next week look for a story giving the up and down of the bright lights on the Omaha club, who each man is, where he came from, his "sticking" average and what we expect from him.

It's soon going to be spring and ball season so get your enthusiasm keyed up, and your lungs in shape to be present at the opening game.

The Monitor is for all sorts of clean sports and is back of the Omaha ball club straight through. They made a great record last year, but watch their dual this year, especially when they tackle Lincoln who will be a member of the Circuit again this season.

Omaha's population, as shown by the Federal census of 1920, was 191,601. The federal estimate July 1, 1923, was 204,882. The latest school census taken in Omaha gives an estimate of 209,000. The colored population is above 18,000.

ACTIVITIES OF THE COLORED COMMERCIAL CLUB

The Colored Commercial Club of Omaha has as its objectives the development of commercial and industrial enterprises among our people and the promotion of civic and social enterprises that advance the public welfare. The largest work it is doing at this time is that which falls under the department of the Free Employment Bureau. Finding honorable and remunerative employment for our people is a very important and essential phase of welfare work.

The report of the Commissioner for January shows suggestive facts that will repay careful study. The total number of applicants was 659 of whom 391 were men and 268 women. During the first five days of January there were 90 applicants, 58 men and 32 women; while during the last five days of the month, from the 25th to the 31st, the number of applicants had risen to 157, 82 men and 75 women, the ratio of men and women being nearly equal. This would indicate that many husbands being out of employment and unable to get work, their wives sought work to help keep the roof over the door.

The number given employment thru the Bureau was 87, or a little above 13 per cent of the number applying. Of this number 31 were males and 56 females. The men placed were as follows: cooks, 1; janitors and porters, 3; laborers Missouri Pacific Round house; 2; handy men 5; truck drivers 1; delivery boys 1. The classification of the women given employment includes cooks 7; chamber maids 12; house maids 23; waitresses 14.

Among other activities are the Boy Scouts under Dr. Craig Morris. Information has been supplied to Disabled Veterans of the World War as to how and where to receive compensation and vocational training; and to business interests and individuals seeking facts concerning the population and other matters.

The public should become better acquainted with the activities of the Colored Commercial Club.

OUR UNIVERSITIES AND WORLD PROBLEMS

Today we hear much and witness great agitation regarding racial equality, industrial reorganization, the justification of war, and the evangelization of the world.

Realizing that these important issues are far from solution we often wonder who or what factor will be responsible for an evolution (for we cannot hope for a revolution in such social questions) which will ultimately make possible the realization of the ideals for which we have all looked in vain.

It has often been said that the advancement and salvation of the world is in the hands of the youth of the world. In accordance with this belief, an organization of college students known as the "Student Volunteers" was organized by Mr. Robert P. Wilder thirty-seven years ago. The prime purpose of this movement is to challenge college students to take up foreign mission work. An inter-national student volunteer convention is held every four years. The last such convention was held in Indianapolis during Christmas holidays. Seven thousand delegates from the ends of the earth met to consider the questions mentioned in the first of this article. In order that more students may be challenged by these vital issues, state conventions of a similar nature are held each year. The Nebraska State Student Volunteer Conference was recently held at Wesleyan University on February 15, 16, 17.

The University of Omaha had a delegation of seventeen students attending the state conference. It may be said with candor and yet with emphasis, that Miss Lucille Bivens and Miss Cecilia Starks of the Omaha delegation were the only Negroes at the conference. However, the white dele-

gates from Omaha University are proud of their colored sisters; for, in the estimation of the writer they were responsible in a large measure for the success of the convention as regards the discussion upon the question of racial equality.

Miss Bivens made a stirring appeal at the convention in behalf of the Negro. It is useless to spend time here in discussing a question with which the reader is already thoroughly acquainted. However, to prove that white people who are broadminded and of the right spirit want racial equality, Miss Bivens may be quoted as follows: "I have lived in Omaha for five years and have never felt at home; but, in the three days I have been with you folks at this convention you have made me feel as though I were as white as you. In fact, it would have been necessary for me to look in a mirror to see if I were black or not. I know that you folks regard me as a sister for I have slept in white people's homes, I have eaten at the same tables with you, and I have felt free to associate with you at all times. It gives me joy to know that there are some white folks who judge us as Christ would; who do not disregard human personality and judge us as inferior because our skin happens to be darker than their own." It was the consensus of opinion at the convention that the Negro should not be pitied for he is capable of the same accomplishments as the white when living under proper environment; but, that the white race on the other hand should be ashamed of the Christianity which it has practiced. So, there are many broadminded and non-prejudiced whites who are awaiting the day when they can take their black brothers by the hand and say, "We are glad that you have at last obtained total emancipation."

When the question of race equality is settled somewhat, the other questions will in a large measure be solved. Briefly, it may be stated that five ways were advanced for the solution of war. They were as follows: Preparation as a means of preventing war, disarmament, education, world organization (League of Nations and World Court), and pacifist.

But, we must all first realize before we can ever hope to solve these questions that we are brothers and sisters, that we are all the children of God and that we must obey his commands.

JOE HOUSTON,
Leader of University of Omaha Delegates.

N. A. A. C. P. HOLDS BI-MONTHLY MEETING

The Advancement Association Is Favored by an Eloquent and Inspiring Address on Lincoln by Attorney John Adams.

The Omaha Branch of the N. A. A. C. P. held its regular bi-monthly meeting last Sunday afternoon at the Anti-Lynching Fund Campaign Headquarters in the Jewell building, Twenty-fourth and Grant streets. The president presided. An eloquent and admirable address based on the life of Abraham Lincoln was delivered by Attorney John Adams, who was given a vote of thanks for his inspiring words. Brief remarks on Frederick Douglass were made by Rev. John Albert Williams and Dunbar's poem on Douglass was read by Mrs. S. M. Wilkinson. In addition to the set program important business was dispatched among these being the reference to the Committee on Education for investigation of the report of alleged derogatory remarks made in the presence of her pupils by a teacher in one of the public schools. Report was made by the chairman of the committee in charge of the drive for the Anti-Lynching Fund. It was decided to meet weekly during the drive. In accordance with this resolution the N. A. A. C. P. will meet next Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the same place. Public is invited.

Remit for your paper now.

KLAVER CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY ASSESSOR

A Magnetic, Energetic and Well-Qualified Young Republican, Who Has Served as Deputy Four Years Seeks Deserved Promotion

Do you recognize him? This is S. E. Klaver, the young republican who filed for County Assessor, subject to the will of the voters at the primaries April 8. Mr. Klaver, whom many Monitor readers will recognize from his picture, has a wide and favorable acquaintance among our people in this city. He is a self-made young man, who is well-qualified for the position which he seeks. For some years he has been a proficient clerk in the County Treasurer's office, and for the past four years has been Deputy Assessor, in which position he has made good, and is therefore thoroughly convers-



ant with the duties of the important office for which he is a candidate. If the electorate of Omaha are looking for one fully qualified for County Assessor, then Mr. Klaver's nomination and election are assured.

Several clubs have been organized to further Mr. Klaver's candidacy. Many friends, among whom he numbers many colored people, are enthusiastically boosting for him. Mr. Klaver solicits the votes of all. If you have not been a booster for Sam Klaver for County Assessor get busy at once among your friends and keep it up until everything is over but the shouting. Here is the slogan: "Klaver for County Assessor."

SCHLAIFER TO MEET "ASSASSIN" SIMONICH NEXT FRIDAY NIGHT

Battling Monroe, Colored Light-heavy Will Attempt Come-back in the Eyes of the Fans. Meets Chuck Lambert

30 BIG ROUNDS OF FIGHTING

On the evening of Friday, February 29th, Morrie Schlaifer "Omaha's Fighting Fool," will meet one of the most severe tests of his career when he meets U. S. Joe Simonich, of Butte, Montana, known as "The Assassin," in a red hot ten-round go.

Simonich is one tough, rugged fighter as he so aptly demonstrated to Schlaifer last summer in Council Bluffs, where he decidedly beat Morrie at his own game of "give and take 'em."

In the Blue Book of Boxers Simonich is rated as one of the toughest nuts to crack in the game today, and fans can be assured that he will make the little party very interesting for the slugging Jew. It is rumored that Billie Uvick, Schlaifer's old trainer will second the Montana lad.

In the semi-windup, Battling Monroe, colored light-heavy will take a crack at Chuck Lambert of St. Paul, and as both of these boys are slug-

gers with comparatively little science, a good battle can be presumed.

Ace Hudkins, Lincoln, lightweight champ of the state, will meet Rusty Jones of St. Paul in their 10-round go. Jones has had 18 fights and won 15 by the K. O. route and won 3 decisions. Watch 'im Ace.

In a 6-round preliminary Red Wilson and Jack Shafer, local middles will clash. Both are comers who fight toe to toe.

This is a very well balanced card and as it is given by Bennie Boyle of the Nonpareil club, it is a guaranteed genuine fight. Bennie puts on real fights, no frames or set-ups. Boyle has a real reputation to sustain.

Tickets are now on sale at popular prices \$3, \$2 and \$1, plus tax.

EDITOR R. L. VANN NAMED AS ALTERNATE DELEGATE

Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 22.—Among the nomination petitions to place upon the ballot for the primary election April 22, the names of candidates listed by leaders of the State Republican organization for delegates and alternates to the Republican National Convention, received by the local Registrar of Wills from Republican State Chairman W. Harry Baker, was the name of Robert L. Vann, editor of the Pittsburgh Courier.

ILLINOIS UNEMPLOYMENT HIGHEST IN YEARS—INFLEX OF NEGROES CAUSE

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 22.—(Preston News Service.)—Unemployment in Illinois attained its highest proportions during January than any time in years according to a report recently made public by the state department of labor. There were throughout the state 166 persons registered for each 100 places reported vacant. Involuntary idleness is worse than at any time during 1923.

It is explained that the abnormal increase in the supply of labor and consequent unemployment comes from four sources: Farm hands attracted by higher city wages; unemployed miners from Illinois and adjoining states; influx of large numbers of Negroes from the South and immigration of Mexican laborers.

The report shows that industries throughout the state are operating six per cent above normal.

JACK JOHNSON'S WIFE SUES FOR DIVORCE

New York, Feb. 22.—(Preston News Service.)—John Arthur Johnson, former heavyweight champion of the world, was sued in the Supreme Court here Thursday by his white wife, Lucille Florence Johnson, for divorce. The action, undefended, was speedily tried before Justice Wasservogel, who reserved decision.

Johnson's marital affairs, which were indirectly responsible for his dereliction from his position as world champion, have kept him in hot water and an unfavorable lime light for years, and the granting of the decree, if it is granted, will mark the closing chapter of one of the most unique, humiliating and disgusting, to a certain extent, love affairs in this country's history.

RACE MAN TO GO WITH PIRATES AS TRAINER TO CALIFORNIA

Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 22.—(Preston News Service.)—When the Pittsburgh Pirates stepped "off" on their first leg of the trip to California Saturday there were accompanied by George Aston, colored trainer, who has been with the team since 1910.

Aston is one of the best known men in baseball, as a trainer, and it is his efficient work which has gone far to making the Pittsburgh team known as the best conditioned club in the majors.

Of the 1,855 colored school teachers in Tennessee, 1,497 are females.

ASSAILS KLAN, PRAISES N. A. A. C. P. OVER THE RADIO

In a Lincoln's Birthday address, broadcasted by station WJAR, one of the most powerful radio broadcasting stations in the country, Robert W. Bagnall, Director of Branches of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, sent the Association's message out from Providence, Rhode Island. Mr. Bagnall's subject was: "How to Preserve the Spirit of Lincoln in American Life," and his address was part of a one-hour program arranged by the N. A. A. C. P.

Mr. Bagnall pointed out that the Emancipator had stood for equal opportunity and equal justice to all. As against this broad spirit of tolerance, the Ku Klux Klan had banded itself together, not to obtain more rights for its members, but to deny rights to others. On the other hand, the N. A. A. C. P., composed of both white and colored people was working in the spirit of Abraham Lincoln, for the rights of all people irrespective of race, or creed or color.

Following his address Mr. Bagnall has received a letter from Thomas W. Bicknell, of Providence, age 90 years, who heard the radio address and writes:

"You gave us an amazingly strong, clear and comprehensive address today at Providence, by radio. I cheered but you did not hear."

"In 1860 I was a student in Brown University and a member of the General Assembly of Rhode Island. My first speech was to open all schools in Rhode Island to Negro children. In 1863 all schools were opened by Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation. My life has stood four square with your purposes and arguments. The day of Deliverance is not far off."

RIALTO MUSIC SHOP RAPIDLY EXPANDING

Recently Purchased Gigantic Stock of Records and Sonora Phonographs and Has Opened Two New Stores Within Year

The recent purchase by the Rialto Music Shop, 1416 Douglas street, of the entire stock of 30,000 records and two carloads of Sonora phonographs, carried by Lee, Coit Andreesen, has called public attention to the rapid expansion and development of this enterprising and progressive firm. Beginning only a few years ago with a comparatively small stock, by strict attention to business and courteous treatment of all patrons, Mr. Joe Himmelstine has pushed this popular music shop to the fore. So rapidly has the business grown that less than a year ago a branch house was opened at Twenty-fourth and N street to supply the South Side trade, and now the Rialto has taken over the Phonograph department in Hayden Bros. Store, where they have just placed on sale at phenomenally low prices, the entire stock of Sonora Phonographs and 30,000 records. The Rialto Music Shop enjoys and appreciates a large patronage from our people. Among other things it has featured from the record industry by artists of our race.

CAREFUL DISHWASHING NECESSARY TO HEALTH

Columbus, O., Feb. 22.—(Preston News Service.)—According to Prof. Faith Lanman, of Ohio State University, instructor in Home Economics, careful dishwashing, sometimes regarded as menial, is one thing on which depends much of a person's chance to live to a ripe old age. Miss Lanman says she has made many experiments in connection with home economics and finds that throat bacteria on practically every dish that had been hand-washed in soapy water without rinsing. She says that dishes should be scraped, then washed in soapy water as hot as the hands can stand and then rinsed in boiling hot water to kill the bacteria germs.

RACIAL EQUALITY DEMONSTRABLE—SAYS GOVERNOR

Sir Sydney Oliver, Newly Appointed Secretary of State for India, Speaks from Close Observation

EXPERIENCE IN WEST INDIES

Recognition of Merit and Equality Makes Negro Valuable Helper Toward Good Social Order

London, England, Feb. 22.—Sir Sydney Oliver, newly appointed secretary of state for India, is a believer of racial equality for white, black and red men.

Speaking on the strength of the experience which he gained during his colonial service in the West Indies, and especially in Jamaica, which dependency he administered as Captain General for close upon fourteen years, he writes in his new book, "White Capital and Colored Labor."

"There is no artificial or conventional disqualification whatever to bar any Jamaican, of Negro or mixed race, from occupying any position for which he is intellectually qualified in any department of the social life of the island, including public service."

Black Men Judges

"Many colored men are magistrates of petty sessions. More than one holds the office of custodian that is to say of chief magistrate of a group of parishes; more than one holds or has held stipendiary magistracies under the government. These positions they filled with credit. According to their professional position, they associate with white residents on precisely the same terms as persons of pure European extraction."

The recognition of this equality works in the direction of making the Negro a conscious helper toward good social order, whereas Americans, according to Sir Sydney, by insisting continually on the inferiority of the black man, have spurred him into violent resistance and called forth some of his worst faults. As an illustration of this, he calls attention in his book to the number of crimes perpetrated in America that are laid at the door of the Negro and which are usually dealt with by lynch law.

No Apprehension Felt

"Now, the fact is," writes Sir Sydney, "that in the British West Indies assaults by black or colored men on white women or children are altogether unknown. No apprehension of them whatever troubles society. I say this as an administration officer familiar with the judicial statistics, as a resident familiar with all parts of Jamaica and all classes of its population, as the head of a household of women and girls who have frequented the suburbs of Kingston and who have lived for weeks and months in the remote country districts with neither myself nor any other white man within call. Any resident in Jamaica will tell the same story."

Women Are Safe

"A young white woman can walk alone in the hills or to Kingston in daylight or dark, through popular settlements or exclusively black or colored folks, without encountering anything but friendly salutations from man and woman. Single ladies may hire a carriage and be driven by Negroes all over the island without trouble or molestation. Offenses against women and children come into the courts. But they are not against white women and children. Whatever may be the cause, it is an indisputable fact that Jamaica and every other British West Indian island is as safe for white women to go about in if not safer, than any European country with which I am acquainted."

AT ST. PHILIP'S SUNDAY

Pursuant to plans approved by the Bishop of the Diocese the subject of Near East Relief will be presented in an address by a special speaker at the Church of St. Philip the Deacon Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Offerings and pledges will be taken for this worthy cause. The services will be at the usual hour: Holy communion 7:30 a. m.; church school and missionary program 10; morning prayer 11; evening prayer and confirmation instruction at 8 o'clock.

A. E. Anderson, manager of the Paxton Hat Works, 1407 1/2 Farnam street, has just returned from a visit to Sioux City, Ia.

