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## "OUR PROBLEM"

MISS NANNIE BURROUGHS is one of the outstanding women of America. She is not only an honor to our race, of which she is such a distinguished and useful member, but also to American womanhood. A message from her is always worth while. In a recent speech addressed to the better educated and circumstanced of our race she said, "That ignorant, rough and uncouth Negro to whom you pay such scant attention is our problem. Just as long as he is ignorant and uncouth he is a burden upon our back and it is our job to enlighten him and lift him up. It is our problem and our job and woe betide us unless we who have had superior advantages tackle our job with determination to accomplish it."

What Miss Burroughs says is absolutely true. This harks back to the saying of "the Great Teacher," "To whom much is given of him shall much be required." In every community there are those who are indeed our problem. How many of us are doing our part to solve it?

## WE ARE COMING

ALL who witnessed the games played here last week between Omaha, or the Burch Rods as we call them, pennant winners in the Western League, and the Union Giants of Chicago, will admit that the colored team is one of major league proportions. In all three games the scores were very close, that of Saturday being 5 to 4, the Burch Rods winning and those of Sunday being 4 to 3 and 4 to 1, respectively, in favor of the Omaha team. The teams were quite evenly matched and fans witnessed real league base ball between topnotchers in the Western League and the colored team which is not admitted to membership in the league. This proves

maintained that it was part of a strongly financed propagand plot to create sentiment favoring the repeal of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth amendments, we were considered victims of a pipe dream. We contended that it was the forerunner of an organization for which the way was being prepared, its objective being the changing of the status of the American Negro by the repeal or nullification of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth amendments.

## ONLY ONE EMPLOYEE

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION employs nearly 3,000 people in various capacities. About half this number constitutes the teaching corps. There is a large number of janitors, clerks, mechanics and some laborers employed. Despite the fact that the colored people of this city are relatively heavy taxpayers, there is only one member of our race, employed in any capacity among this large number. Only one. There was a time, some years ago, when we had representation on the teacher's corps, a janitor at the Farnam school, one at Central high and two or three other employees. Every one of these gave satisfaction. None was discharged for incompetence or neglect of duty. What has been, can be and must be again. With our population more than doubled within the last few years we have lost ground. We have been asleep at the switch. Wake up! Think on these things!

"The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars, but in ourselves that we are underlings."

## 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.

### Ready To Do His Bit.

Thru the providence of God and the assignment of the annual conference, I have been re-appointed to Allen Chapel as pastor for another year. This re-appointment has my very hearty approval, as I have learned to love those who make up the membership, but I am sure I could never confine myself to this work alone. I feel that my assignment should carry with it an interest that touches every phase that pertains to the interest of my race in the city. Of course, first of all I am interested in the spiritual growth and development of my people. When this shall have been accomplished on our part; I think we will have solved some of the problems that are retarding our progress. I am also interested in the civic and political rights of my people. There are a large number of positions that should be filled by those of our race. For some reason I find these positions filled by those of another race. I am intensely interested in this present campaign. I think that first of all we should lend all possible encouragement to F. L. Barnett and stand by him until we are sure at least that every Negro in his district has given him their vote on the 4th day of November. I also feel we should give our vote on the state ticket to that man for governor that will assure us a state appointment for one at least of our race group. I also feel that we should be represented on the school board. We have men who are fully competent to fill that office and from a population standpoint we are entitled to such a representation. So I am here in your city to help put over any program for the welfare and development of my race, spiritually, socially, politically or otherwise, so long as we are proceeding along the line of moral, spiritual and civic righteousness.

Your truly,  
O. J. BURCKHARDT,  
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## LINCOLN NOTES

Mrs. Fannie Russell of Omaha appeared before a good audience at Mt. Zion Baptist church last Tuesday night. Her famous reading and fine character impersonations were greatly appreciated. Miss Westman of Omaha accompanied Mrs. Russell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wright returned last Thursday from a short trip to Scotts Bluff, Nebr.

The Nebraska Conference, which was in session at St. John's A. M. E. church at Omaha last week, was the means of quite a number of Lincolmites visiting Omaha.

The members and friends of Quinn Chapel A. M. E. church are delighted to have Rev. M. C. Knight return for the ensuing year.

Rev. I. B. Smith has received the appointment to the charges at Hastings and Grand Island. We wish him success.

Many strangers and visitors from other churches were among worshippers at Mt. Zion Baptist church Sunday. Beginning Wednesday eve of this week and leading up to Sunday afternoon, Rev. G. W. Day of Omaha will be here and will preach each night; also Sunday morning, and the fourth anniversary sermon for Rev. H. W. Botts, Sunday afternoon, when all pastors and their congregations are cordially invited. The big rally will terminate Sunday night. Several socials have been given and proved very successful.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Johnson and family entertained Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Mosley last Sunday afternoon by motoring to Ashland and over the Platte bridge, where they lunched and returned in the evening.

Mrs. Lottie Cornal went to Kansas City last week to visit friends.

Mrs. Vashti Mosby is recuperating again.

Mrs. F. Carter, now of Denver, Col., arrived in the city last Saturday. Her sister, Mrs. Gurly, went through an operation.

Miss Hazel King has just recovered from several weeks' illness.

The musical given by Club No. 1 at Mt. Zion Baptist church Monday night was very good, and did well financially.

It is reported that Mrs. Lotie Chinn is doing fairly well with her arm.

Report comes to us that Miss Mary Nelson, who went to Nashville, Tenn., where she is teaching in Roger Williams university, likes her position and that the people are very kind to her.

## COOLIDGE AND DAWES CLUB HAS INTERESTING MEETING

The regular weekly meeting of the Colored Coolidge and Dawes Club was held Thursday night at the headquarters in the Jewell building, Twenty-fourth and Grant streets. Dr. L. E. Britt, president. M. L. Singleton acted a secretary. Several addresses urging support of the Republican ticket were made and emphasizing the importance of getting our people to register and vote. Robert L. Mays, field representative Western Division of Labor, made an illuminating address showing how the Howell-Barkley Bill will throw skilled Negro employees out of railway employment.

## GIVEN REWARD FOR OWN ARREST

New Orleans, La., Oct. 10.—(By the Associated Negro Press)—Detectives seeking Herman Moore, 23, a patient at the United States Veterans' hospital, gave him the reward offered for his arrest when he gave himself up, sick and in need of funds. Moore was wanted on a charge of forgery.

## FRENCH HAVE TROUBLE IN WEST INDIES

Paris, France, Oct. 10.—(By the Associated Negro Press)—The re-election of M. Candace to the chamber of deputies from Guadelope is said to have precipitated a period of bombing, attempted assassinations, and general disorder, the trouble in the island being fomented by the sympathizers and adherents of the defeated candidate, M. B. Boineuf, who has been thrown into jail. An appeal has been directed to the government here asking intervention. Guadelope and Martinique are the oldest colonies in possession of the French nation.

## WILL RUN FOR SCHOOL BOARD

A petition bearing several hundred names of Omaha's best citizens of both races was filed with the election commissioner Saturday, placing Rev. John Albert Williams in nomination for a member of the Board of Education. He has accepted the nomination and his friends have pledged themselves to work enthusiastically for his election.

## MOVEMENT TO POPULARIZE NATIVE FILMS IN CHINA

About Nine-Tenths of the Huge Population Never Have Seen a Moving Picture.

Shanghai.—Out of an estimated population of somewhere between 400,000,000 and 500,000,000, it is believed that 90 per cent of the people of China have never seen a motion picture.

For this reason an effort now under way to provide movies acted and produced by Chinese is interesting.

In China's largest centers and in the treaty ports the picture screen long has been commonplace and mixed audiences of Chinese and foreigners are thrilled over the film favorites, just as are audiences in the United States. But hitherto the sporadic efforts to popularize the movies in the interior of China have failed.

Within the last year several companies in Shanghai have undertaken to produce Chinese pictures, and perhaps a half dozen of these have been exhibited with varying degrees of success. As they necessarily were made by unskilled actors and more or less inexperienced directors, they have appeared crude in the eyes of the Chinese used to the finished foreign productions. These films are being sent tentatively into the centers of the interior, where it is necessary to throw up temporary mat sheds in which to show them.

A Shanghai picture man explained: "It is altogether a problem of educating the Chinese people to the movies." He then went on to tell the experience of a showman who invaded the interior with a number of films. The people wouldn't go to see the pictures, and so the showman adopted the expedient of paying his audiences to come, doling out handfuls of cash to each person who entered the makeshift theater. The showman's money gave out before his films, which were of foreign production, had gained popularity, and thus his efforts came to naught.

Later enterprises in Shanghai include one started by China's largest publishing concern, which is making efforts to improve the quality of the pictures, the acting, costuming and settings. Several of the country's leading actors of the speaking stage have been recruited for this work, which is being confined to plots based on stories purely Chinese.

How the efforts of these organizations will be received by China's articulate masses, and whether a Chinese Charlie Chaplin or a Mary Pickford in silken trousers will capture the country, are matters as difficult to conjecture as the answers to any other of the country's many questions.

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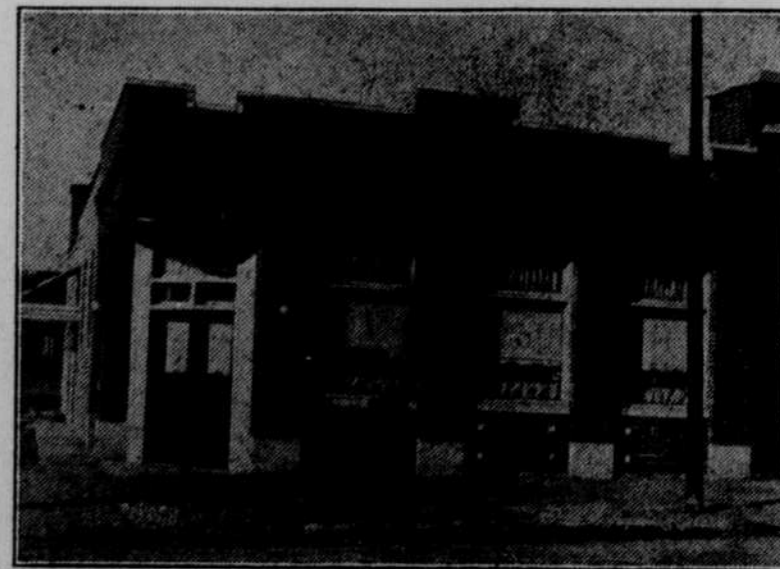
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