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THE TORNADO

OUR SYMPATHY goes out to the sufferers in the recent tornado which brought death and destruction to the residents of five states. A like disaster which befell Omaha twelve years ago makes us keenly alive to the horrors of the recent besom of destruction. The lessons that such disasters as these should bring home to us all are the kinship of humanity and the frailty and uncertainty of human life. They should teach us to live in such a spirit of kindness and goodwill to all mankind that if we or they should be called hence suddenly we need have no regrets for unkind words or acts or duties left undone. Since no one knows or can know what a day will bring forth why not strive to live each day as though we knew it were to be our last? Tornadoes and like disasters have their lessons for all of us, if we will but learn them.

LOOKING AND PLANNING AHEAD

WHILE it is true we cannot look into the future and tell surely what seeds will grow and what will be blighted before they germinate it is not true that it is one of our racial weaknesses not to look and plan far ahead? Is it not true that we are rather shortsighted? It is not true that we are too much concerned with the immediate present and consequently do not plan for larger growth and development? Think this over. Notice how other people plan for ten, twenty, yes thirty years ahead and work towards that end. Is there not a lesson here for us?

BUY BUSINESS PROPERTY

SOME of our people have holdings on North Twenty-fourth street. Our advice to such is to hold on to their holding and if possible get more. The day will come and it is not far off when it may be, nay, will be, practically impossible for our people to buy or rent property there. Be wise. Don't let golden opportunities slip by. Get in on the ground floor somewhere.

CLEAN UP

WHO among our people will have the most attractive surroundings? There are many beautiful homes here and their owners take genuine pride in making their lawns and grounds beautiful. Let us do our part, and start early, to make Omaha the city beautiful. And in the meanwhile let us not overlook the fact that we can see to it that the authorities do their part in keeping the sections in which many of our people live, so far as the streets and alleys and lights are concerned as attractive as other sections.

OUR POLICY

THE MONITOR does not believe in giving undue importance to crimes and the seamy side of life which so many consider "news." Our policy is to stress the constructive side of our racial group. From our point of view it is a much more important piece of "news" that a colored lad has won honors in scholarship than that a misguided or unfortunate youth has been implicated in a holdup, or some folk are involved in some scandal. The sensational is considered news to be front paged. We hold that such "news" should be given a minor and inconspicuous place. Our policy is not the one that makes for heavy sales, but it is the policy that in the end will win for constructiveness.

LENA MAYS CURRIE PLEASES IN RECITAL

The audience which greeted Mrs. Lena Mays Currie at St. John's A. M. E. church last Friday night where she appeared in song recital under the auspices of Ivy Leaf Court and Autumn Leaf Club was highly pleased with the excellent program rendered. Mrs. Currie has a good voice, which she uses well, and a gracious and pleasing manner which brings her at once in touch with her audience. The program was well chosen.

PURCHASERS OF COLE'S GAS RANGES

Among recent well-satisfied purchasers of gas ranges and furnaces from the Cole's Hot Blast Furnace Co. 1413 Harney street, of our people are Mrs. Turner, 2538 Blondo street; Mrs. A. P. Alexander, 2512 North Twenty-fifth street; C. W. Woodson, 2516 Maple street; Wood and Graves, 1525 North Twenty-fourth street, and Star Montgomery, Twenty-seventh and Lake street. Attention is called to the firm's advertisement of gas ranges elsewhere in this issue.

MONITOR RESENTS DEFENDER'S CRITICISM OF OMAHA

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Your statement relative to the employment of our people in "the industries and stores owned and controlled by the white citizens," where you claim there is "a spirit to give him the fullest opportunity" thwarted only by "the unreliability and the shiftlessness of the average colored employee" is contrary to fact. While it is true that there are some liberal-minded while employers who would like to give efficient colored employees "the fullest opportunity," conditions are such that the colored employee here is under the same limitations and restrictions as generally obtain in the average northern city.

As to business enterprises and successful professional men Omaha has more of these than Chicago had when her Negro population numbered 30,000 to say nothing of 15,000 our present race population. Omaha's two well-equipped, up-to-date drug stores will compare favorably with anything of the same kind that Chicago has to show. There are also dental parlors and physicians' offices, so well-equipped with the latest scientific apparatus, that they would be a credit to even the "Windy City" on Lake Michigan. It is true that our race in Omaha has not yet learned the value of team work; but has the race in Chicago, which vaunteth much of racial cohesion and unanimity, or anywhere else, learned the value of team work? This is a fault to be deplored and overcome. It is not, however, peculiar to Omaha.

That we are not fully grasping or utilizing our opportunities is true. That we here in Omaha have much to learn and to do cannot be denied; constructive criticism will do us good and we need it; but such a sweeping indictment of shiftlessness and non-progressiveness as your editorial draws against us does the Negro citizenry of Omaha such gross injustice, which I am quite sure was not your intention, that I am confident you will make such amends as lie within your power and repair such injury as you may have unwittingly done to those who desire to retain your friendship and to merit your esteem. Respectfully yours,
 JOHN ALBERT WILLIAMS,
 Editor The Monitor and Rector of the Church of St. Philip the Deacon.
 Resident of Omaha for 34 years.

ROOSEVELT POST, AMERICAN LEGION, PLANS DRIVE

At the regular meeting of the Post Friday, March 20, the following men were appointed as members of the membership committee: L. C. Heckard, chairman; C. Adams, E. Forest, William Henry, LeRoy Hoesy, Roy Kellogg, Edward Craig, William Lloyd, Harvey Bridges, Dink Hightower, C. Christian, Miles Speise, J. A. Gardner, Guss Wanza, Floyd Stars. Each member of the committee will be provided with an official receipt book in order that every applicant may be given credit for the amount paid on membership dues.

Any ex-service man who has not been waited upon by the committee is urged to call the membership headquarters, Webster 1822, where special arrangements will be made to wait upon him. The committee urges this that none may be missed. Some Advantages to a Legionaire
 Free hospitalization to those in need; the post employment bureau secures employment for ex-service men; provides food fuel and clothing for those in need; will assist you in applying for Government compensation; assist ex-service men—with claims—state bonus, lost discharge, allotments, back-pay, etc., provides the service of a lawyer in case before a veterans' bureau, which hinges on a legal question; provides Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners.

Many men would give their every cent if they could wear the little button which distinguishes America's greatest service men. JOIN NOW! MAKE OUR POST GROW!
 Edward Killingsworth, Commander.
 Rufus C. Long, Adjutant.
 MEMBERSHIP HEADQUARTERS
 Colored Commercial Club
 1514 1/2 North 24th St. WEBster 1822

FOR RENT—To the right kind of tenants large 8-room modern home, 2418 Seward street. For information phone The Monitor, WEBster 4243.

FOR SALE—First class upright Star piano. \$125 cash. 2120 North 30th street. St. 4-10-25

WILL GIVE HOME to desirable woman who will be companion to invalid. Mrs. W. H. Mortimer, 2716 Ohio street. WEBster 5361.

OMAHA MUSICIAN PNEUMONIA VICTIM

John L. Patterson, aged 55, a well-known Omaha musician, died at his home, 1614 Nicholas street, early Monday morning after a brief illness with pneumonia. He was married twenty-three years ago to Miss Bessie Sutphen, by whom he is survived, and four sons, Bruce, Mark, Francis and Aladin; a son, Roy, and a daughter by a former marriage; his mother, two brothers, Arthur and Billie, and three sisters, Mrs. Mollie Bone, Mrs. Emma Wilson and Mrs. Frankie Allen. The funeral will be held from St. Philip's church Friday afternoon. Mr. Patterson was preparing to be confirmed on Palm Sunday.

MRS. DENNIS HALL TO SING FOR PARAMOUNT RECORDS

Mrs. Dennis Hall, 2528 Burdette street, and daughter, both of whom recently returned from Kansas City, Mo., where Mrs. Hall studied in the studio of Mr. Winston Holmes, left Monday for New York City. The mother has an engagement with the Paramount there to sing some of her latest "Blues" for record making. The couple left Monday for Chicago where they will spend a few days with friends. From Chicago they will go directly to New York. Mrs. Hall will, immediately upon her arrival there, begin her work.

ALLEN CHAPEL A. M. E. CHURCH O. J. BURKHARDT, PASTOR.

Sunday school 9:30 a. m. Sermon, "Thy Kingdom Come", 11 a. m. Allen League 6:30 p. m. Sermon at 7:45 p. m., subject, "God Speaking to Men Through the Tornado".

Monday night the Booster Club will render a program made up of some of the best talents of the North and South Side, also refreshments will be served. There will be no admission charged at the door so you come and enjoy the program.

MT. MORIAH BAPTIST CHURCH

Twenty-fourth and Ohio Streets.
 Rev. Geo. W. Day, Pastor.

The Sunday School was held at the usual hour under the superintendence of J. E. Lindsey. The State President H. L. Anderson was present and addressed the school.

After a week's illness the pastor was able to be in his place again much to the delight of the congregation and preached two admirable sermons. There were two additions to the church Sunday morning and four baptisms at 3 p. m. The B. Y. P. U. is steadily growing under its new president, Mr. M. Mosley. At the evening service special music was rendered by the choir and the various groups made their reports, No. 3 leading for the day under the captaincy of Mrs. Eunice Lindsey. Group No. 1, Mrs. P. S. Stovall, captain, went over the top for the month raising \$54.26. Total amount for the day was \$246.55. The Trustee's banquet last Thursday night was a social and financial success and thanks are extended for the hearty cooperation given. Group No. 5 will serve Saturday night at the residence of Mrs. Florence Beasley, 2123 Grace street and group No. 3 will also serve Saturday night at the residence of Mrs. Eunice Lindsey, 2214 North Twenty-eighth avenue.

CARDS OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Pankey wish to thank their many friends and neighbors for the many sympathies shown during the illness of their little daughter, Cora Lee, and for the floral offering at her death.
 Mrs. C. N. Pankey, mother.
 Mrs. C. N. Pankey, father.

We wish to thank the members and brothers of Omaha Lodge No. 9 of the Nebraska Jurisdiction A. F. A. M. for kindnesses shown to our husband and brother, Mr. Charles Johnson, during his illness.
 Mrs. Charles Johnson, wife.
 Mr. John Johnson, brother.

DID YOU SEE IT? PHONE MARKET 0973

Will the colored gentlemen or others interested who saw the colored lady fall as she was attempting to board a southbound Crosstown car at Twenty-fourth and Grant streets about 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon please call Lawyer Perry L. Wheeler, Market 0973, as Mrs. Combs is seriously hurt. —Adv.

NEW BLUES JUST OUT



S. LEWIS
 1824 N. 24th St. WE. 2042
 Omaha, Neb.

ORPHEUM PLAYER IN OMAHA

Miss Lucile Vollener of the Orpheum Circuit has been in Omaha for two weeks waiting for the arrival of her company, which is touring the south, in Wichita, Kan., where she will join them on Easter Sunday. Miss Vollener just completed an engagement at the Palace theatre in Chicago.

After a tour through the south her company will go east. Miss Vollener will assume her regular role as a Spanish dancer and singer.

Miss Vollener formerly headed her own company of four persons. She is interested in dramatics, poetry, classical singing and dancing. She hopes to again form her own company.

NEGRO WEALTH INCREASES

Atlanta, Georgia, March 26.—(By the Associated Negro Press.)—The present estimated wealth of colored people in the United States is \$2,000,000,000, according to a recent survey made for the Research Section of the American Sociological Society by Professor Monroe N. Work, of Tuskegee.

WAS ONCE POSTMASTER; DIES

Southport, N. C., March 26.—(By the Associated Negro Press.)—Frank Davis, the first and only Negro ever to have held the office of postmaster here, is dead. He was appointed to the position in 1892, through the influence of John C. Dancy, at that time one of the most prominent politicians in the state. Dancy went Davis' bond. The latter served in the office more than a year and was a cause of much pride among the colored people of the state.

Warren Brooks has been confined to his home on Twenty-eighth street with an infected toe.

AMONG THE WAITERS

News of Interest to Waiters Will Be Published in This Department.

Waiters' Association

The Omaha Waiters are now enjoying the hospitality of their new home at 2427 Lake street, which is one of the best waiters' headquarters in the country.

The Association offers a special invitation to all dining car waiters to come out and visit our home and let us make it your home.

Mr. W. Clay, a member of this association, has gone to Louisville, Ky., where he will work for the summer.

The Association has formed a Junior Department for the Buss Boys, our future waiters.

Mr. Adams from Cleveland, Ohio, gave a short address at the Brandeis Restaurant Get-to-Gether Club Meeting, Monday evening, March 23.

On Friday evening, March 28th, the literary club of the association will hold a mock trial at the association rooms. Mr. J. W. Shields, chairman.

Mr. Morris Green contributed two mantle pieces and a beautiful hand painted picture to the association.

The Association quarters are open from 7:30 a. m. to 11:30 p. m. A. T. Jordan is chairman of the house committee.

Will Hall is with us again after being confined to the hospital for several weeks.

The Brandeis Waiters have formed a Get-to-Gether Club which meets every Monday night to discuss problems of the association. Mr. R. C. Cole is chairman.

The association has a Glee Club and expects to give a concert soon. Mr. James Hill is chairman.

Mr. Augustus Hicks, the congenial and efficient chief waiter at the Brandeis restaurant, deserves much credit for the admirable way in which he handles his corps of well-trained waiters which consists of about 50 regular men, besides upwards of 100 extra men each week, who through the instrumentality of Mr. Hicks are placed by the Waiters Association of which he is a staunch member and officer.

This shows that he has the association at heart. The organization regrets that they haven't more chief bosses like Mr. Hicks.

Mr. Tony Jackson who has been employed at the Omaha Country Club for a number of years will this summer assume charge as head waiter of said club. Mr. Devereaux will again have charge of the Happy Hollow Club. These two young men are widely known and are members of the Waiters' Association.

A. C. BROWN, Reporter.

Omaha Locals

E. F. Morearty, Lawyer, 700 Peters Trust building, Jackson 3841 or Harney 2166.

Mrs. Ruby Armstrong of Chicago is in the city visiting her father, L. A. Armstrong, 2112 Paul street. She may decide to make Omaha her home.

The funeral of Mitchell Phillips, who died March 13, was held last Saturday afternoon from Jones & Co.'s chapel. Interment was in Mt. Hope. The Rev. John Albert Williams officiated.

Paul Moore is getting on quite nicely at St. Joseph's hospital where he is undergoing treatment.

Mrs. Otis Shipman returned Sunday night from a short business trip to South Dakota.

Mrs. Andrew Johnson, nee Edith McCaw, is home from the University hospital and is rapidly convalescing.

Jacqueline, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Bullock, who has been very ill, is improving.

Mrs. Jerry Owens, 2702 North Twenty-seventh street, who has been seriously ill of the "sleeping sickness" for several months in Paxton Memorial hospital, is able to be home again.

The Rev. E. H. McDonald went to Lincoln last Monday to qualify for his duties as deputy oil inspector to which he was recently appointed by Governor McMullen.

Diamonds and jewelry loans, quick service, safe and reliable. Diamond Loan Co. N. W. corner 16th and Chicago. — Adv.

Mrs. George Young of 208 South Twenty-seventh street, who has been suffering for several weeks from a nervous breakdown, is very much improved.

Mrs. A. W. Reynolds, 2810 Grant street, entertained the Cone Club with a three-course luncheon last Thursday afternoon. Covers were laid for twelve.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Carter 2222 North Twenty-ninth street, are rejoicing over the birth of a fine son, Myler McCree. Both doing fine.

The ladies birthday kensington club was very pleasantly entertained by Miss Elretta Smith, at her home 2711 North Twenty-eighth avenue, Wednesday, March 18. The third anniversary and exhibit was held the preceding week at the home of Mrs. J. C. Donley, 2409 Erskine street.

Mrs. Floyd Combs of 5125 South Twenty-second street, while attempting to board a southbound Crosstown street car at Twenty-fourth and Grant streets Sunday afternoon about 2, was jerked to the ground by the sudden starting of the car and sustained painful injuries.

All S. M. T.'s are requested to be present at a memorial service to be held in memory of Georgia E. Henderson, first National Grand Princess, at Mt. Moriah Baptist church, Twenty-fourth and Ohio streets, Sunday afternoon, March 29, at 3 o'clock. Winter mourning uniform will be worn. All S. M. T.'s are invited to attend.

Mrs. Tina Wiley of Lincoln, Neb., motored over to the City Sunday and spent the day with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Young, of 208 South Twenty-seventh street, finding her sister-in-law convalescing from her protracted illness.

Rush Action Required

Our great Remodeling Sale will close in a few days. Buy furniture, Rugs and Stoves now at one-third to one-half reduced prices. Cash or easy payments.

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Beautiful Coats, \$16.75 to \$49.50
 Ensemble Suits, \$34.75 to \$89.50
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Coats 9.95 to 37.50
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In all new spring material and colors
 Full lined

Hats to match, 1.95 to 9.95

WHY BE LOST? THE

Zion Baptist Church

2215 Grant Street, Invites you to attend

THE SPECIAL EVANGELISTIC MEETING

Which Began Monday, March 23rd

A GREAT TREAT AWAITS YOU

We have secured the services of DR. W. H. YOUNG, Pastor of Calvary Baptist church, Topeka, Kansas. This gifted linguist and soul-winner will do the preaching.

Hear him on some of the following subjects:
 Boundless Love, Sin, Sinfulness of Sin, Sin Detecting the Sinner, The Sin of Neglect, The Prodigal Son Leaving Home, The Prodigal's Return, The Power of Faith, Love Attracting Sinners, In Hell Without Excuse.

The public is cordially invited to these services

DR. W. F. BOTTS, Pastor.
 SISTER GEORGIA THOMAS, Church Clerk.

Factory Sale of Cole's Gas Ranges

NEAT LOOKING, GOOD BAKERS, LARGE, ROOMY AND RUST PROOF OVENS

- 14x20 oven, Japan enameled, white door. \$55 value for \$39.
- 18x20 oven, Japan enameled, white door. \$62 value for \$44.
- 14x20 oven, white porcelain, \$110 value for \$85.
- 18x20 oven, white porcelain, \$125 value for \$93.

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