

## Klan Plots To Kill Negro Editor, Says Ex-Klan Leader

### PRESIDENT URGED TO ACTION AGAINST DISFRANCHISEMENT

Director of National Race Congress Formally Requests Appointment of Special Investigator of Southern Elections.  
**CHARLES BEECHER WARREN MAN.**  
Former Nominee for Attorney General Favored for Important Work. All Amendments Should be Enforced.

New York, N. Y., April 3.—(For The Associated Negro Press)—President Coolidge has been urged to back up the recommendation made in his December message to Congress and in his inaugural address on law enforcement, by having the department of Justice make a thorough investigation of election conditions in the South.

The President has been requested to advise Attorney General Sargent to make a complete investigation, and further to name Charles B. Warren, of Michigan, as special assistant U. S. Attorney General to take charge of the work. This request is emphasized in a statement issued by Rev. Dr. W. A. Byrd, Director of the National Race Congress, and a prominent Presbyterian minister of Jersey City, N. J.

In a statement made public today by Dr. Byrd, he says the following: "The saddest reflection in Constitutional government in American history is the fulfil and woeful winking at the enforcement of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth amendments to the Constitution. The United States Senate flies into spasms about the majesty of the law when the President names a man of highest integrity for the office of Attorney General, and one would think, not knowing the facts, that the Senate keeps an eagle eye on all law infringement.

"As a matter of fact, hundreds of thousands of loyal American citizens are openly disfranchised in the South, and never a word is said against it or one thin dime appropriated to enforce the law. Senators speak of their sacred offices and solemnly appeal to the conscience of the nation, while their own consciences are petrified with respect to disfranchisement. In my opinion, there will never be a better time than now to bring this subject before the American people for consideration.

"Attorney General Sargent, in his first formal interview with the press, emphatically stated that he believes in law enforcement. He says that he will enforce the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments. One is not any more a part of the Constitution than the other; certainly it is no less. We hope that Charles Beecher Warren may be named Special Assistant U. S. Attorney General for the specific purpose of inquiring into the election laws of the South, as they affect Federal elections.

"Warren, on more than one occasion has demonstrated his belief in citizenship justice and I am of the opinion that he could enter upon these new duties with some degree of righteously spirit. President Coolidge, we believe, meant what he said in his message to Congress and in his inaugural address.

"Millions of patriotic Americans will heartily back the Administration up in such an investigation, and then there will be real sincerity and less

### UNION ACTORS AND THEATRE OWNERS CONFER.

By J. A. Jackson  
Washington, D. C., April 3.—(By The Associated Negro Press)—A committee of members of the Colored Actors' Union, an organization composed of over eight hundred Negro performers in all branches of the show business has just conferred with three of the executives of the Theatre Owners' Booking Association—the circuit that is the dominant one in the matter of Negro performers and theatres that play to Negro audiences. These three, S. H. Dudley, vice president of the T. O. B. A. and its eastern manager; Sam Reevin of Chattanooga, the treasurer and general manager; and the Chicago office entered the conference authorized to talk for the forty-three theatres that comprise the circuit, and that books for nearly as many other colored theatres.

These houses play more than twenty-five tabloid companies and two hundred vaudeville acts to a daily seating capacity of more than forty thousand people. They extend from Washington, to San Antonio, Texas, and to Chicago on the North.

### SEND LETTER TO GOVERNOR McMULLEN

The Business and Professional Men's Club, of which Charles Solomon is president and D. H. Oliver secretary, representing a membership of 175 men, has written Governor McMullen thanking him for appointing the Rev. E. H. McDonald, of Omaha, deputy oil inspector. The letter states that this recognition of the race as being an integral part of the citizenry of the state is appreciated.

The full roster of the officers of the club is as follows: President, Charles Solomon; vice-president, A. F. Peoples; secretary, D. H. Oliver; assistant secretary, Leroy C. Broomfield; treasurer, R. C. Price; sergeant-at-arms, Dr. A. B. Madison; executive committee, A. F. Peoples, D. H. Oliver, R. C. Price, Dr. J. A. Singleton, Rev. J. H. Ellis, Dr. A. M. McMillan and M. Lynch.

### CONFIRMATION AT ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH SUNDAY.

Bishop Shaylor will visit the church of St. Philip the Deacon next Sunday afternoon at 4:30 to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. The other services on Palm Sunday will be as follows: Holy Communion and blessing of palms, 7:30 a. m., church school 10:00, Matins and the Story of the Cross at 11 a. m.

Last Sunday afternoon the Sacrament of Holy Baptism was administered to twelve children, the largest number baptized at one time in Father Williams' entire ministry. During Holy Week the Holy Communion will be celebrated daily at 7 a. m., except Good Friday. The usual Three Hours Service from 12 noon to 3 p. m. will be held on Good Friday.

mockery about the enforcement of the eighteenth amendment."

According to Dr. Byrd, the National Race Congress, of which Dr. W. H. Jernagin of Washington is President, and which has been looking forward to this opportunity for more than a dozen years, is raising a fund of \$25,000 to bring the facts of the subject of disfranchisement and other subjects frankly to the attention of the American people.

### FAMOUS MONARCH BAND MAY VISIT CAPITAL.

Premier Negro Musicians of Country to Be Heard in Concert in Washington.

(Columbian Press Bureau)  
Washington, D. C., April 3.—The "Hell Fighters" have left more than memories of their valorous deeds in France during the World War. From their ranks they bequeathed the musical nucleus of what is regarded today as the finest band of Negro musicians in the country, and Washington is soon to have the privilege of hearing the famous Monarch organization in parade and in concert, according to intimations received from Charles T. Magil, versatile New York newspaper man and Secretary of the Kings County Colored Republican Organization, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

The Monarch band is the first colored band to be selected to play band concerts in the city parks of Greater New York. So outstanding were their performances last year that they have already been engaged for the coming summer season. The wood-wind section of the Monarch band has been pronounced by musical critics to be equal to Sousa's; and, as a whole, the Monarch organization is said to play with a dash and pep not unlike the renowned Vassella's Italian band. Lieut. Fred W. Simpson, leader of the Monarchs and greatest Negro band leader in the United States, contemplates several days in Washington in the near future, during which his organization will appear before prominent Government officials and the general public.

More hogs are raised in southern Georgia than elsewhere in the cotton states.

### AN AMAZING PROPOSAL.

Bryan Brothers Planning to Line Up the Progressive West and the Dominant South to Save Democrats.

Washington, D. C., April 3.—The Bryan brothers, one a resident of Florida, the other of Nebraska, boldly propose to line up, for the purpose of national Democratic control, the aggressive and progressive west with the dormant South, an amazing and impossible proposition, the only probable effect of which will be an evanescent encouragement to the disconsolate southern democracy from whose recent disastrous national political domination the country will not recover for several decades. The proposal, however, is of especial interest to colored citizens, who fully realize the fact that when the South is in the political saddle, Negroes are in the political halter.

Possibly William Jennings Bryan and his brother Charlie overlook the fact that the South has absolutely nothing to contribute to the West, the development of whose agriculture, municipalities, mines, water-power projects and railroads annually require vast sums of money, most of which is raised through the flotation of bond issues, not in Atlanta, Charleston, Memphis or New Orleans, but in New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Chicago. The suggestion of a political death pact between these two sections, so different in their aims and aspirations, will not be favorably received in the West, which is now receiving, through its allegiance with the Republican party, greater power in national legislative affairs than it could hope for through a combination with the democratic and unprogressive South.

### FEDERAL INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTION IN WEST VIRGINIA.

Committee Appointed to Select Site for Institution for Woman Have Made Selection.

Washington, D. C., April 3.—The U. S. Attorney General, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Secretary of Labor, a committee appointed by the U. S. Senate for the purpose of selecting a site for the Federal Industrial Institution for Women, established under Section 2 of the Act of June 7, 1924, have selected Alderson, W. Va., as the location for the proposed institution. In their report, the members of the committee said: "We have examined into the merits of the respective sites offered, and have fixed upon Alderson, W. Va., not only because the natural advantages of the location are equal to those found at any other site available, but because (1) a tract of land comprising 202 acres, known as the 'Rose Farm,' situated in Monroe and Summers Counties, W. Va., is to be donated free of cost to the United States Government, (2) 300 acres of adjoining farm land comprised in the 'Nash Farm' can be purchased for \$48,000, (3) the town of Alderson has agreed to cooperate with the Government in securing an adequate water supply for the institution, and (4) necessary terminal facilities will be provided by the railroad companies."

The organic act creating the proposed Federal home provides for a superintendent, assistant superintendent, and other officers and employees, together with a staff of instructors qualified in English education, trades, and industry; and it is presumed, of course, that there will be need for a trained personnel of both white and colored officials and employees.

### MARRY EARLY, SAYS MRS. ROSCOE BRUCE.

Boston, Mass., April 3.—(By The Associated Negro Press)—In an interview given to a reporter for the Boston American, Mrs. Clara Bruce, wife of Roscoe Bruce, former ass. superintendent of schools in the District of Columbia, expressed it as her belief that it would be for the best interests of all concerned if couples married early.

"Bringing up a child requires infinite patience and imagination. The parent must adjust herself to every period of the child's life and must grow as the child grows," she explains. "I have always been my children's playmate. What chance has a youngster of twelve of being understood by a parent of forty, who has had no previous experience with children, or a girl of twenty by a mother of fifty who has lost contact with young folks? Yet this must be the consequence of late marriage."

Mrs. Bruce is the mother of four children, a daughter at Radcliffe, a son at Harvard and two sons in the Cambridge Latin high school. She herself is a student in the Boston University Law School.

### SUCCESSFUL GROCER MOVES INTO NEW STORE.

Mr. S. E. Montgomery, who has been located at 2513 Lake St., with a very small grocery store has moved into a large new concrete building at 2511 Lake Street, where he had his formal opening last Saturday with a record-breaking patronage. On the opening day efficiency of service for the race was shown by the manner in which the great crowd was promptly served by the willing corps of workers in charge.

Mr. Montgomery opened with a new fresh stock of groceries, meats, canned goods, vegetables and sundries. An efficient delivery service had been installed to serve the public on the opening date of the larger store.

Mr. Montgomery came to this city from Alabama. Since his arrival here he has bent every effort to make his store just what it promises to be in its present location, one of the largest race institutions in the city of Omaha. His wife has worked right along with him, and has been a great factor in his success.

The situation is an ideal one for the grocery business which Mr. Montgomery has developed, the building is admirably adapted for its purpose. All the work in building, except the plumbing, done by the Nebraska Plumbing Co., a race institution, and the fixtures, was done by the owner himself.

### OMAHA CHAPTER O. E. S. HAS JAPANESE LUNCHEON.

The Omaha Chapter of Eastern Star gave their lantern Japanese luncheon at the residence of Mrs. R. L. Turner, 2817 Miami street Thursday, March 26, from 2 until 10 p. m. The house was beautifully decorated in Japanese colors and styles. There were 90 guests present. Music was rendered by Mr. Leroy Richardson and Mr. Owen during the afternoon and evening. Also a vocal solo by Mrs. Saunders Brown. All departed at 10 p. m. reporting a pleasant time and a lovely repast. The chairman of committee, Mrs. Earl Jones, and the matron, Mrs. Johnson, wish to thank all for their co-operation.

### KLAN PLANS MURDER OF FEARLESS EDITOR HOUSTON INFORMER

Former Grand Goblin Discloses On Witness Stand Plot to Kill Clifton Richardson and Destroy Evidence.

### SHERIFF TO ACT AS DECOY

Two Plans of Procedure Proposed But Neither Actually Tried According to Kimbro's Statement.

Houston, Texas, April 3.—(By The Associated Negro Press)—"We discussed two methods of getting rid of him, both calculated to destroy all possible signs of discovery of the crime. One plan was to lure him into a doctor's office, cut him up into tiny bits and give each one of the fellows a piece of his flesh to carry away as a souvenir. The other way was to locate a quicksand into which he might be thrown."

It was in this manner that George Kimbro, Jr., the principal figure in the Klan-Kimbro damage suit, explained the plans which the Ku Klux Klan, of which he was a grand goblin, to get rid of Clifton F. Richardson, the militant editor of the Houston Informer. The Klan is suing Kimbro for \$25,000, and he is suing the Klan for \$40,000 on a debt claim and \$500,000 damages. As the week ended, Kimbro concluded nine days of sensational testimony.

Neither of the two methods for taking Richardson's life which were named in Kimbro's testimony above were actually tried, although the witness told of trips that he and fellow klansmen made in the night in an effort to find a quicksand into which Richardson might be dumped.

Another plan was actually started. A Klan grand jury was instructed to issue a subpoena for Richardson on the opening date of the larger store. Mr. Montgomery came to this city from Alabama. Since his arrival here he has bent every effort to make his store just what it promises to be in its present location, one of the largest race institutions in the city of Omaha. His wife has worked right along with him, and has been a great factor in his success.

It is generally understood that Clifton Richardson is a "pain in the side of this section." A couple years ago he was beaten up by rowdies and friends have explained that it was the necessity of protecting his life that had robbed his famous editorials of some of the fire a few years ago. His paper has been most unbiased and fearless in publishing stories of crime attempted and perpetrated against Negroes in this section.

### YOUNG RACE WOMAN IS APPOINTED ASSESSOR

County Assessor Sam K. Greenleaf has appointed Miss Naomi Lee assessor for District No. 16 which includes the territory bounded by Ohio street on the north and Clark on the south, between Twentieth and Twenty-fourth streets. Miss Lee is the first young woman of our race to serve in this capacity in this city and it is hoped that this will establish a precedent.

### Death League Drafts Our Jimmy Wilcox



Barney to fill. Jimmy O'Neil is now playing the sack, and has apparently been going good, but fans here know that O'Neil is a short stop and a real one, so should be allowed to play where he belongs, and a regular hard hitting man for the hot corner be secured.

On last Saturday afternoon Jimmy Wilcox, premier third baseman of the Western League for the past two seasons was taken from the Omaha club, by death, after a lingering illness during the winter. Jimmy was the keystone of the Omaha pennant winning aggregation and his place will be hard to fill.

Aside from the loss of Wilcox, the only regular not yet in camp is Harry Lee, one of the real pitching aces in the Tearnay loop. Burch, however, issued a statement to the effect that Harry would be in the fold after April 1. Robinson, who had been a holdout, reported last week and has been in right field since then.

Secretary Hans Reis has been busy as the proverbial beaver the past several days arranging for opening day in Omaha and tells us that great events are in store for the fans who are expected to crowd the park when Oklahoma City meets the champs here late this month.

And while on opening day topics, all readers should be reminded that it is their duty to plan on being present on that day to greet the pennant winners in their first home game.

April 29th is the day and the hour will be 3. Be there with bells on!

### Omaha Citizens Voice Approval of Monitor's Resentment of Chicago Editor's Unjust and Misleading Criticism

Numbers of our readers have called us up while others have written us in commendation of our defense of the Negro citizens of Omaha against the unjust, misleading and damaging criticism published in the Chicago Defender of March 21, and with which we took issue last week. We are highly gratified with the expressions of approval and are pleased that we were able to render such appreciated service.

While it is impossible to quote all the following are representative of messages received and the sentiment expressed:

Editor Monitor: I wish to thank you for your article in reply to Mr. Abbott of the Chicago Defender. Sincerely yours, W. B. Taylor, 2117 No. 28th Ave.

Editor Monitor: Please accept my thanks for your able reply to the criticism of Mr. Abbott of the Chicago Defender. Sincerely yours, W. B. Taylor, 2117 No. 28th Ave.

Editor Monitor: Your answer to the Defender editorial in which you point out the wrong Editor Abbott did you for your excellent reply to Mr. Abbott's outrageous criticism of Omaha's Negro Citizens." Mrs. I. A. L. Hawkins.

wrote his editorial, was "talking through his hat". He did not have correct information about Colored Omaha and he had no opportunity to get it while here. It is, as you say, an unfortunate thing to invite persons to Omaha, only to have them traduce it. Keep up the good work. H. J. Pinkett.

"I want to express my sincere thanks and congratulate you upon your splendid defense of our Negro citizens against the unfair, untrue and damaging attack of that Chicago editor. His article will do us a lot of damage. I can't see what he was thinking about. I am glad you have put him straight." W. F. Botts, pastor Zion Baptist Church.

"When I read the Defender editorial I was indignant and wanted to answer it. I am glad you answered the criticism which is unquestionably unfair and does our people a great injustice." Mrs. L. E. Britt.

"Your reply is a cracker jack. It's all right. Glad you did it. C. S. Spriggs.

"I am phoning for Doctor Hawkins and myself to express our gratitude to you for your excellent reply to Mr. Abbott's outrageous criticism of Omaha's Negro Citizens." Mrs. I. A. L. Hawkins.

### Ether Waves



### Colored Children Intelligent as Whites

A report received from Los Angeles, California, by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, New York, states that tests made upon public school children of Los Angeles show colored children to be as intelligent as the whites.

The tests were given to 500 Negro elementary school children during the year 1922-23 and the report says "the group is probably representative of the Negro elementary school population of Los Angeles."

The findings are summarized as follows:

1. Intelligence level. The median intelligence quotients and the distribution of intelligence over the various classificatory groups indicate that there is no significant difference shown in the intelligence level of the Negro children and that of children in the fifteen schools taken as a whole.
2. Educational accomplishment. The average accomplishment and range of accomplishment for Negro children is practically the same as for the total population of the fifteen schools.
3. Reading comprehension. The average ability for all Negro children tested was 0.203 of a grade below the norm, while that of pupils in forty elementary schools was 0.016 of a grade below norm. This is not a significant variation.
4. Arithmetic ability. The average ability for all Negro children examined was 0.103 of a grade above the norm, while that for pupils in forty elementary schools was 0.58 of a grade above norm. The difference represents a little less than three months school work.
5. Spelling ability. The average ability for all Negro children tested was 0.973 of a grade below the norm, while that for pupils in forty elementary schools was 0.79 of a grade below norm. Although the Negro children are nearly a whole grade retarded in spelling ability, the situation is not materially different for the total school population.

The report is made by Willis W. Clark of Los Angeles for the city school system.