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Our Choice for President in 1928 is
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HEAD HEADS BOY SCOUTS

The Boy Scout organization and Omaha is to be congratulated upon the election of Walter W. Head, The Monitor's choice for President of the United States in 1928, as national president of the Boy Scouts. Mr. Head has been deeply interested in the Boy Scout movement for years. He has given generously of his time and means to advance the cause of scouting. His election as National president means the advancement of scouting because he will devote his dynamic personality and energy to the movement. The organization numbers nearly 1,000,000 and means much for the future citizenship of the country. President Head will lend encouragement, nationally, we feel sure, to the formation of troops of Boy Scouts, irrespective of race, color, religion or nationality, with the same energy and vision as have characterized his work locally.

REGISTER

If you have moved since the last election, register so you can vote May 18 on the Street Railway franchise. This interests you and you should vote. Your vote will be needed.

AN IMPORTANT WORD TO SUBSCRIBERS.

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We, as publishers, MUST comply with the law or pay the penalty.

THE NEGRO'S CONTRIBUTION NOT NEGLIGIBLE

A moment's thought will easily convince open-minded persons that the contribution of the Negro to American nationality as slave, freedman and citizen was far from negligible. No element of American life has so subtly and yet clearly woven itself into warp and woof of our thinking and acting as the American Negro. He came with the first explorers and helped in exploration. His labor was from the first the foundation of the American prosperity and the cause of the rapid growth of the new world in social and economic importance. Modern democracy rests not simply on the striving white men in Europe and America but also on the persistent struggle of the black men in America for two centuries. The military defense of this land has depended upon Negro soldiers from the time of the Colonial wars down to the struggle of the World War. Not only does the Negro appear, reappear and persist in American literature but a Negro American literature has arisen of deep significance, and Negro folk lore and music are among the choicest heritages of this land. Finally the Negro has played a peculiar spiritual role in America as a sort of living, breathing test of our ideals and an example of the faith, hope and tolerance of our religion.—Du Bois, "The Gift of Black Folk."

EVEN IN NEW JERSEY

The burning of a church in New Jersey where colored Americans were quietly worshipping and the driving of law-abiding citizens from their homes because of a brawl between a white prize fighter and three black men shows the danger that threatens our people in every section of "this land of the free and the home of the—mob."

PEPPER

Our influence can hardly reach as far as Pennsylvania, but we hope Senator George Wharton Pepper will succeed himself in the senate. He is the kind of man the United States senate needs. Here's wishing him success.

BEAUTIFY

We hope that our people will surpass their excellent record of last year in beautifying their homes. There were several lawns and gardens which were genuine show places. We hope the number of such will increase this year. Let us see to it that none surpass us in keeping our premises neat and attractive.

LINCOLN NEWS

Mr. Sidney Thomas and Miss Alice Thompson surprised their many friends, when their marriage, which took place April 29th, was announced. They are at home 1606 L. St.

The dinner given by members of Quinn Chapel last Thursday night was a success.

Mrs. Fanny Young left last Saturday to visit friends in Kansas, and to recuperate from recent illness.

Rev. H. W. Botts sent last weekend at Omaha.

Mrs. Elizabeth Ratley returned to her home in Denver last week, after burying her daughter, Mrs. Mary E. Nichols.

Mr. Eugene Nichols returned to his school at Washington, D. C. last Friday, after attending the funeral of his mother, Mrs. M. E. Nichols.

Mr. Lucius Knight, who was confined at the hospital for some days, is able to be up and around home.

Mr. A. B. Mathews of Omaha, Grand Lecturer of M. W. Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Nebraska jurisdiction, made his official visit to Lebanon Lodge No. 3 last Saturday night.

The services as follows were well attended Sunday by members and friends—general covenant and prayer at 11 a. m., baptizing of candidates at 3 p. m., and preaching at 8 p. m., sermon by the pastor, followed by Communion.

Services at Quinn Chapel A. M. E. Church were carried out as scheduled—Sunday school at 9:30 a. m., general class and praise meeting at 11 o'clock, followed by giving of Sacrament. The aid society held a fine meeting in the evening, followed by sermon by the pastor.

The services at Newman M. E. Church were held as outlined. The members enjoyed the sermon by the pastor, and the Sunday school.

The box social and musical given at Mt. Zion Monday night was a fine success. This marks one of the several events looking forward to the big financial rally first Sunday in June.

CARD OF THANKS.

The L. C. A. club thanks their many friends for their donations and others for their splendid patronage at the May Bake Sale, Saturday, May 1, which made it a financial success. Look for us again.

OMAHA BRANCH N. A. A. C. P.

The Executive Committee of the N. A. A. C. P. met Tuesday night at the Colored Commercial Club. Rev. Russell Taylor, secretary, was elected a delegate to the Seventeenth Annual Conference which meets in Chicago the last week in June; and Mr. W. E. McAllister, alternate. It was decided to put on the annual membership drive the middle of May.

AWARDED VETERANS BADGE

Last Friday night in the awarding of special honors to Boy Scouts and Scout Masters, Dr. Craig Morris, who has done outstanding work as a scoutmaster and executive was awarded the veteran's badge.

Public opinion rooted in right feeling has countless victories to its credit. Its triumphs increase through the generations; if they did not men of all colors and creeds would be on the back track.—Calvin Coolidge.

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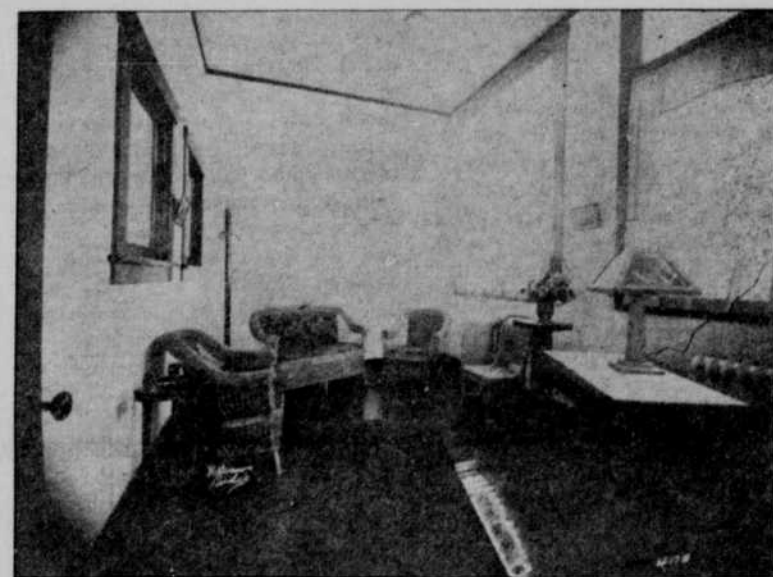
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City's Rights Are Being Fully Protected

The rights of every citizen of Omaha, as well as the rights of the Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway Company, are carefully safeguarded in the proposed street car franchise.

Probably never in the history of franchises has an agreement been drawn more openly nor the public given greater opportunity to express its views. Negotiations between the city council and the company have been under way since November 2, 1925. Every step has been taken in the open.

As a result of the care which was exercised by both sides, it is believed the franchise is fair to all concerned.

Particularly, there can be no question as to the rights of Omaha citizens being safeguarded.

Here follow some of the rights which are expressly reserved to the city in the franchise:

The right to restrict the street car company to operating only on such streets as approved by the city council.

The right to purchase and operate the car company at any time without paying a cent for its franchise.

The right to assume control over rates of fares, service and extensions in case they are relinquished by the State.

The right to continue all present paving and occupation tax requirements or relieve the company from them if the people desire.

The right to demand and receive statements of the financial operations of the company.

The franchise should appeal to men of varied views. It provides the city may buy the line if it wishes; it protects the city's rights and it gives the company a square deal. Vote for the franchise on May 18.

Omaha & Council Bluffs St. Ry. Co.