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EAGER TO WIN

RECENTLY we attended the races and we were intensely interested in watching the thousands of men and women, of all classes and creeds, who were buying tickets or placing their money on their favorite horses. It was interesting to notice the avidity with which they entered into the lottery, for lottery it really was, and the eagerness with which each one sought to win the coveted prize. It was a good natured crowd that jostled one another in their anxiety to get to the ticket sellers' windows to place their bet. The common feature which impressed us was the eagerness of each one to risk his money to obtain big returns. Some drew big prizes, but many more drew blanks. Not deterred, however, they tried and tried again. The fascination seemed to be the element of chance with the possibility of winning. The chance of winning, yes, that was it, and so they were willing to take the risk. As we saw many of our own group among this vast throng, some few drawing prizes, others blanks, the thought came to us, that while it is quite easy to get our people to take chances on the races and various games of chance, how exceedingly difficult it is to get them to invest their money or any portion of it in some business or commercial venture. We grant that they may gain, we grant that they may lose; but we have never yet been quite able to figure out why they who are such "good sports", in playing the ponies, for example, are such poor sports when it comes to risk investing their money in the effort to build up some worthwhile business enterprise that will in the long run pay large and lasting dividends both in money and character. Why is it? Will some one please explain?

Mrs. J. Alice Stewart is the first woman of our race to file for the legislature in Nebraska. She is a woman well qualified for the position and if nominated and elected her district will have no reason to apologize for her. It will be quite a distinction to elect one of our capable women to the legislature. Team work will do it. The Monitor endorses the candidacy of Mrs. Stewart because we know her to be qualified by education and character for the position which she seeks.

AN IMPORTANT WORD TO SUBSCRIBERS.

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The Harmon Foundation

IN selecting judges for the Harmon awards to be given to worthy competitors in seven major fields for the purpose of stimulating and encouraging members of the Negro race to notable achievements in these given fields, it is noteworthy that eminent persons of the race have been chosen to act with eminent white persons in determining the winners of these awards. Those of our race so chosen, it is gratifying to record, stand shoulder to shoulder with those of the other race in recognized ability in their respective fields. For example, in literature we are represented by Stanley Braithwaite, the eminent literary critic of the Boston Transcript. In music by Burleigh; in science by Alain Locke, and so it goes. This shows wonderful progress. The time was not so far distant when selecting judges in literature, music, science, art, business, only white persons would have been chosen. The fact that in all these fields discriminating folk recognize that we have men and women of ability, who do not suffer by comparison with those of the group with larger advantages is a matter of complimentary significance. The Harmon Foundation is rendering a most important service not only to our racial group, but to America, for that which helps one section or group of the American people cannot fail to help them all.

Where to Retrench

THE Omaha school board is confronted with a deficit, which is nothing new. It is easily explainable. No adequate check has been kept upon expenditures. The expenditure of public money is never carefully scrutinized. Now the talk is about retrenchment. This retrenchment should not affect the efficiency of the teaching force. The failure to employ sufficient teachers to properly instruct the children would prove foolish and false economy. Advocacy of such a policy shows shortsightedness. The place to retrench is not with the teaching force, but with the purchase of supplies and the erection of buildings. If the building contracts are watched, as they should be, it will be found that the saving will keep expenditures well within the budget. The fact that the scrutiny of only one building contract saved \$50,000 is positive proof that here is one very plain direction in which extravagance lies and which accounts for a large proportion of the deficit. Keep the teaching force up to the standard and please bear in mind that we desire representation on that force. Retrench in the right place.

Money Talks!

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in its session just held, in Chicago took a forward step in setting out to collect a million dollars with which to fight for the rights of the Negro in the United States. It takes money to tell facts, and to prosecute

cases in court. The measure of our interest in ourselves, is accurately gauged by what we give, because money and money only makes requests that are heard.

In the past we have talked and promised to work. We have made some progress, but the truth is that we have been much helped by friends who gave us of their time and ability. We would have gained much faster had we armed ourselves with money, the medium of exchange, and been able to carry on the fight not only where we have had a Moorfield Storey and a Clarence Darrow, but everywhere men live whose talents are on the market. Liberal hearted friends cannot supply the whole of our needs; and it is not fair to take their talents free or at a low price, when the advantage is ours, and when we can raise money with which to pay. The day the Negro in the United States puts his pocket-book behind his pleas for rights and opportunity, he will have the respect of his white neighbors. We will not have it until then, because the American people insist upon measuring a man's worth by the amount of his money and the manner in which he uses it.

The National Association having earned the good will from all our group, will not be questioned as to its honest handling of the money people give. It is our elder brother, and while the fight sometimes is so hard that it is easy to doubt ultimate success, yet the fact that we have evolved such an association in 60 years of freedom, is proof that we have capabilities.

—Kansas City Call.

Candidates for political office are as thick as fleas and some of them are quite as frisky.

IN MEMORIAM

Of My Beloved Mother, Adaline D'Or Williams. Departed this life, June 28, 1910.

They that turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars forever and ever.—Dan. xii. 3.
Rest on, sweet mother mine,
Beneath the arhivita pine,
A gift of love from your woman's club,
Who loved you so for many kind and noble deeds.

And now a marble pillow marks the spot.
Placed there by children dear,
Whose hearts were torn that day in June,
When you were called away from here.

And granddaughter, your Alice May
Whom you oft held in fond embrace,
And said, "God bless her, she's my heart."
With breaking hearts we place it there
And humbly say God knew the best.
—Sarah B. V. Williams-Harper.

COUNCIL BLUFFS NEWS NOTES

Bishop Brooks will speak at Bethel A. M. E. church July 22. All are invited to hear him.

Mesdames Martha Herndon, Mattie Turner, Gladys Hare and Mr. Eugene Herndon motored to some points in Missouri for a few days.

Bethel A. M. E. church is holding revival meetings this week.

Mr. Sam Ward, a former resident of this city, passed away in Riverside, Cal., and his body was brought to Omaha and funeral services held from the Masonic Temple, after which his body was taken to Atchison, Kan., for burial in the family lot.

The Union Missionary Society held their annual meeting at Beulah Baptist church July 5. A wonderful program was rendered.

The jubilee week at Tabernacle Baptist church was a success. The barbecue and confectionery sale at the church was a success.

Miss Agnes Fountain visited her parents last week and left for Chicago July 2 for an indefinite stay.

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Parker of Sioux City worshipped with us at Bethel A. M. E. church July 4th.

Frank Giles is in the city visiting his mother, Mrs. Ida Giles.

Mrs. W. Moore has left for California for an indefinite stay.

The dinner given at Bethel A. M. E. church July 5 was a success.

LINCOLN NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Clark and mother, Mrs. G. L. Minton, [were] Omaha visitors Monday.

The chicken dinner given by Quinn Chapel last Thursday was a success.

Louis Gregg, representing the Bahai society, addressed the N. A. A. C. P. at Quinn Chapel last Friday night on "International Amity," which was well explained to his audience.

A. L. Corneal has returned from his old home in Hiawatha, Kan., and will take his departure for Portland, Ore., about July 15.

Mrs. J. H. Malone left last Thursday for her home in Moravia, Cal., after spending two weeks with her mother and two sisters.

Mrs. W. L. Todd returned home Saturday from a visit to her mother in New Brunswick, Mo.

Robert Granger has returned from a trip east.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaston McDaniel, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gaut and Mrs. George Saunders attended the Elks picnic at Omaha Sunday.

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