

## TWO NEGROES ELECTED TO HOUSE

### COUSIN OF CLARENCE C. WHITE SUCCEDES TO LONG ILLNESS

Mrs. Ora A. Smith, wife of H. W. Smith, 2015 North Twenty-third street died Tuesday, October 26, after a protracted illness. The funeral was held Friday afternoon from Jones' Funeral Home, the Rev. T. W. Kidd, pastor of Bethel A. M. E. church, officiating. Interment was in Forest Lawn.

Mrs. Smith, whose maiden name was Ora A. Conner, was born in Selma, O., and was married to Mr. Smith in February, 1907. They moved to Omaha in 1910, where they have since resided. Mrs. Smith was a cousin of Clarence Cameron White, the famous violinist. She is survived by her husband, two sisters, Mrs. Ella Wilson of Columbus, O.; Mrs. Emma Ransom, wife of Bishop Reverdy C. Ransom of Ocean Point, N. J.; and three brothers, Dr. W. H. Conner of Fort Wayne, Ind., L. J. Conner of Chicago and Joseph C. Conner of Springfield, O. L. J. Conner was present at the funeral.

### NEGRO BUSINESS HOLDS REWARDS

Chicago, Ill.—That fine reward awaits the man or woman who embarks in Negro business and brings to the effort ability and 100 percent was demonstrated in a way which all Chicago appreciates when official announcement was made this week of the election of Mr. Edward H. Gary, director of agencies of the Liberty Life Insurance company of Illinois, to the vice-presidency of the company.

This promotion comes in recognition of the wonderful work done by Mr. Gary in building an agency force which put on the books of the company over nine million dollars of business in the five years that the company has operated. This is the second recognition of Mr. Gary's worth by the company in less than a year, as last March he was elected a member of the Board of Directors. Mr. Gary will now assume charge of a real estate department, dealing in insurance, real estate, mortgage and bonds, in addition to his work connected with the sales force of the company.

"There is no finer a salesman anywhere than Mr. E. H. Gary," President M. O. Bousfield said in announcing this promotion. "Mr. Gary's long and faithful services to Liberty Life entitled him to the choice when we began to look for a man to head this important department of our work."

Mr. Gary's successor as director of Agencies is Mr. Luther F. Simpkins, who has served under Mr. Gary nearly the whole time as assistant director of agencies and educational director. Mr. Simpkins has made an enviable reputation as a salesman and a teacher and deserves this appointment.

In these promotions is seen Liberty's policy of promoting men in recognition of their merit and service.

### PICKENS TO GO ABROAD

New York—The international conference for the suppression of violence in the colonies will be held in Brussels, Belgium, in the middle of January. More than 100 organizations from among suppressed and dominated peoples in the world have been invited to participate. Among the American organizations invited to participate is the National Association for Advancement of Colored People. Other organizations are invited from China, Persia, Arabia, Syria, Indo-China, Mexico, South America, Philippines, Hayti, Morocco, Algeria, Madagascar, other countries of both North and South America, Egypt, India, the Virgin Islands, and many other places.

The conference is called under the auspices of the League Against Colonial Suppression whose international headquarters are in Berlin. The secretary is Mr. L. Gibarti, on Schadowstrasse in Berlin.

William Pickens, field secretary, will attend.

### LIVES WITH BROKEN NECK

Helena, Ark.—Although his neck was broken when an automobile he was driving overturned, S. D. Prewitt, a rural mail carrier, continues to live. He is paralyzed with the exception of his arms.

### UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA PROMOTES COLORED STAR

Berkely, Cal.—(Pacific News Bureau)—Robert Francis, former star player in his prep days as captain of the Polytechnic High School team of San Francisco, who was side-tracked to the substitute bench by the late Andy Smith, has finally, after two years of waiting, been promoted to his rightful position as a member of the varsity squad.

Francis, a sensational halfback in his prep days, was snatched to the line by Smith when he entered the University of California. Failing to function with merit in this position, he was side-tracked to the bench. This year after defeats by St. Mary's, the Oregon Aggies and the University of Southern California, Coach Clarence Price in seeking new material for positions left unoccupied through injuries, decided to give Francis his chance with the varsity as tackle replacing Fred Coltrin, who with Paulson of Stanford university and Brice Taylor (colored) of University of Southern California, are rated as the best tackles on the coast. Coltrin was injured in the recent game with the University of Southern California.

### FEDERAL AUTOMOBILE ASSN. APPOINTS \$5,000-A-YEAR HEAD

Washington, D. C.—William M. Dent of Baltimore, Md., has been secured by the Federal Automobile Association, Inc., of Washington, D. C., as their national director of districts and auditor. Mr. Dent as an over ten years' experience in the business world as a publicity man and public accountant, during which time he was managing editor of the Detroit Leader, auditor and director of the "Your Cab Company," Chicago, Ill., which company he helped organize, and the Liberty Life Insurance company of Illinois at Chicago, of which company he was auditor and is a life member of the advisory board of directors. Mr. Dent will be a great asset to F. A. A., due to wide acquaintance and general business experience. He is especially fortunate in that he was a close personal friend, as well as a business associate of the late Frank L. Gillespie, who was considered by many of both races as the financial genius of the present century.

### WINNER OF LEGISLATIVE SEAT FROM NINTH DISTRICT

Dr. John A. Singleton is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Singleton. He was born in Omaha, July 29, 1895. He is a graduate of Central High school and of Howard university, Washington, D. C. He is a practicing dentist. Dr. Singleton is married and has three children, his wife being formerly Miss Daisy Goring of New York. He is a home owner and taxpayer. He is a member of the Episcopal Church of St. Philip the Deacon, of the Masons and other fraternities.

### NEGROES LEAVE M'PHERSON CHURCH.

Los Angeles.—There has been a considerable exodus from colored churches here of members who have been attracted by the magnetic leadership of Mrs. Aimee Semple McPherson, white pastor, head of the famous Angelus Temple and its various branches. She has had a policy of treating all alike, making all nations welcome, and using colored singers in the choir. As the scandal filled trial, in which Mrs. McPherson, her mother, and a man named Ormiston are co-defendants, draws near to some startling climaxes, quite a few of her colored members are said to be deserting and returning to their mother churches.

### TWENTY-FIVE COLORED ACTORS IN "FIGHTING LOVE"

Culver City, Calif.—(Pacific Coast News Bureau)—Bertram Millhauser, the brilliant scenarist who is adapting the story "Porgy" for an all colored super-feature, is also starring Jetta Goudal, seen in "Three Faces East", and directed by Christlander, of the DeMille studios. Twenty-five colored actors are being used in the African scenes.



Adam McMullen.

Re-Elected Governor by Less Than 3,000—Race Vote Saves the Day.

### EDITORIAL

The election is over. Populus locutus est. The people have spoken. They have declared their will at the ballot box. Feverish excitement has subsided. A reasonable normalcy will now obtain among the American populace until another election draweth nigh.

Viewing the election nationally there have been some surprises. Substantial gains were made in Senate and House by the democrats, but not quite enough to give them control. The balance is so suspended that the republican "insurgents" or "irregulars", like Norris, Brookhart, et al, can easily tip the scale "twixt south and southwest side."

Nebraska is one of the bright spots of republican victory, made so, be it remembered, by Douglas county, although the state has lost a republican congressman in the person of McLaughlin of the fourth who was defeated by Norton. This makes the delegation four democrats and two republicans. The congressional delegation consists of John H. Morehead, democrat, first, re-elected; Willis G. Sears, republican, second, re-elected by over 10,000; Edgar Howard, democrat, third, re-elected; John Norton, democrat, fourth, who has just defeated McLaughlin; A. C. Shallenberg, fifth, re-elected; and Robert Simmons, republican, sixth. Douglas county, too, also saved Governor McMullen. His 5,000 majority in Douglas county is all that saved the day for him. It can be said with truth that the Negro vote of Douglas county, something over 4,000, was responsible for Governor McMullen's election.

The outstanding feature for our group in Omaha is the election of Barnett and Singleton to the State Legislature. Thank God, we have at last forced open the door to legislative representation which has been closed to us for over thirty years. In the early nineties Dr. M. O. Ricketts was twice elected to the State Legislature, where he acquitted himself with distinction, and was recognized as one of the most useful members of the house. But since that time the door has been closed and barred. The election of a Negro has been considered an impossibility. The election, therefore, of two at this time is a signal victory, which must be taken full advantage of as it is an earnest of greater things. The Monitor feels confident that their constituents will have no reason to regret the confidence they have placed in Barnett and Singleton in electing them. The Monitor feels that it has a share in this victory inasmuch as we have insistently urged our people to lay aside petty criticisms and personal likes and dislikes and get unitedly behind these two candidates.

The chief interest in Douglas county centered in the contest for sheriff. Charles B. McDonald, the republican candidate, supported by the Ku Klux Klan, the "Dennison machine" and the "Smith-Ure-Howell machine" defeated John Hopkins, democrat, by about 5,000 votes. Considering the tremendous odds against Hopkins he is to be congratulated upon the splendid showing he made. The Monitor is particularly gratified over the stand taken in his behalf by the colored voters. This independence augurs well for the future. In every ward where the colored vote is strong Hopkins polled a heavy vote. In the rock-ribbed republican second ward, despite the herculean efforts made to roll up a big majority for McDonald, he carried it by only 152. The third ward, another strong republican ward, confidently counted on by McDonald backers, gave Hopkins a majority of 152. The fifth was carried by Hopkins by 714 and the sixth was carried by McDonald by 30 votes. In all of these wards, and three of them in particular, there is a heavy colored vote. This shows that the colored voter knew his mind and knew how to scratch his ballot. Bauman, the only democrat elected, and whose election, like that of Hopkins, The Monitor advocated, also ran big in these wards.

The strongest Kluxer wards in the city are the first, the ninth, the eleventh and the twelfth. McDonald carried the first by 1,542 votes, the ninth by 992, the eleventh by 964, and the twelfth by 940. It is also said that "the invisible empire" is comparatively strong in the tenth. McDonald carried this by 873. In other words, of the 5,766 votes by which McDonald defeated Hopkins ONLY 5,311 were cast for him in the wards where the Klan is reputed to be the strongest. No, there is nothing significant about this! It just happened. That's all.

Of more importance to us, as a group, however, than the elec-

### REPUBLICANS ELECT TWO RACE CANDIDATES TO THE LEGISLATURE

Singleton Scores Victory in Ninth and Barnett Wins in Tenth Legislative Districts by Good Margins.

### THIRTY-YEAR DROUTH BROKEN

Despite Largely Increased Population No Negro Had Been Elected to the Nebraska Legislature Since Early Nineties.

Breaking a political drouth of over thirty years, the Republicans of Douglas county elected two Negroes to the State Legislature Tuesday. Dr. John A. Singleton defeated his democrat opponent, J. J. Barry, in the Ninth district, by 361 votes and F. L. Barnett distanced both his democrat and progressive opponents, R. E. Roche, and C. C. Bogue, in the Tenth, winning over Roche, his closest competitor, by 141 votes. Singleton's vote was 1,495 as against Barry's 1,131; and Barnett's 1,076 as against Roche's 936.

An analysis of returns from various precincts shows that the race, in accordance with the Monitor's request to lay aside all petty criticisms and personal likes and dislikes and vote for these candidates, stood royally back of them. Discriminating intelligence in the use of the ballot was shown, for while many ballots were scratched on the candidates for Sheriff and County Treasurer, the vote was straight for other candidates. McMullen ran strong in these districts.

For the first time since the early nineties, when Dr. M. O. Ricketts was twice elected to the legislature from Douglas county, the race will see not only one but two of its members in the house of representatives. It should be borne in mind that while both Singleton and Barnett are members of the colored race, they have been chosen not as the representatives of the colored race, but of all the people of their respective districts.

The republican landslide in Douglas county swept into office every republican candidate with the exception of Otto J. Bauman, democrat, who succeeds himself as County Treasurer. Bauman defeated Beisel by a large majority.

Governor McMullen carried Douglas county by 5,721 votes, which majority has been cut to less than 3,000 by returns from out in the state. When it is known that the Second ward gave him a majority of 1,072, which the Third and other wards in

which there is a large colored vote substantially increased, it will be realized that this vote contributed largely to Governor McMullen's re-election.

Congressman Sears raced away from his competitor, North, at the speed of more than 10,000 votes.

Charles B. McDonald, republican, defeated John Hopkins, democrat, in the hotly contested race for sheriff. McDonald's vote was 27,562 and Hopkins 22,947, giving McDonald a majority of 4,605.

Henry Beal, republican, candidate for re-election, defeated Harland L. Mossman, democrat, for county attorney by 6,551 votes, the vote being Beal, 28,319 and Mossman, 21,668.

The amendment granting increased pay to firemen and policemen was carried by a substantial majority.

### FERDINAND L. BARNETT REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE TENTH DISTRICT

The newspapers have contained sevafacious jibes at "Barnett, the Negro janitor, candidate for the legislature." They have treated it largely as a joke that one of such a lowly station should aspire to political office.

Ferdinand L. Barnett was born in Selma, Ala., nearly sixty years ago. There he went to school, subsequently attending night classes at Fisk university. Removing to Cleveland, he resided there for 13 years. He came to Omaha in June, 1887, where he has since resided. In October, 1889, he started The Progress, Omaha's first Negro newspaper, which he published for 17 years. His first political job was that of probate clerk with County Judge Irving F. Baxter. There's where Barnett got the hankering for a political job, a malady once contracted the patient very rarely recovers from. Subsequently he served as sidewalk inspector under Mayor Frank E. Moores, street foreman under Al Kugel, poundmaster under Mayor Dahman and for the last six years head janitor at the city jail. Several years ago his first wife died and he remained a widower until two years ago, when he married Mrs. Watts. He is a property owner, owning the cosy little bungalow in which he and Mrs. Barnett reside at 1618 1/2 North Twenty-second street and another attractive modern home at 1613 North Twenty-second street. Mr. Barnett is a member of St. John's A. M. E. church and a 33rd degree Mason.

Mrs. Charles H. Hicks is quite ill at her residence, 2530 Maple street.

### Elected to State Legislature



John A. Singleton



F. L. Barnett

tion of the sheriff, because, we as a rule, are law-abiding citizens, was the election of the seven members of the Board of Education. We believe the seven men elected, six for the long term, and one for the short, are men of excellent business ability and fair-mindedness. Four of the seven chosen, namely Fitzgerald, Higgins, Miller and Bergquist, were endorsed by The Monitor. Burke, Mason and Loomis were the others chosen.

The return of Congressman Sears was the right thing to do, because of his experience and the important place he holds, especially in connection with Missouri river improvement.

Taken all in all, the election, despite its peculiar angles, has been quite satisfactory. It is to be noticed that whoever is elected the sun still shines, God still reigns and the government still lives. The battle of ballots is over. Let everybody shake hands and be good friends and prove themselves good American citizens.