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DO WE NEED THE MONITOR?

Here is a question we would like our readers to answer: Does Omaha Need a Newspaper Like The Monitor?

For several years now we have been publishing this medium at a great personal sacrifice because we have believed that we were rendering valuable service not only to our own people, but to the community at large. Whatever helps any portion of the people contributes by so much to the good of the whole. We have strong convictions that every city in which there is any considerable number of our people there is need for a race publication. From the support, as a rule, given to such publications there frequently arises doubts in the mind of the editor as to whether the people agree with him. We believe that with more adequate support The Monitor could be enlarged and improved in many ways and serve its constituency better. What do you think of it, Does Omaha Need The Monitor? Let us have your answer.

WHITE'S GOOD WORK

Walter White, the fearless assistant secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People, has done not only South Carolina but the United States a great service in his investigation of the recent lynching of two men and a woman at Aiken, South Carolina. White, by name, and white in color, although a Negro, this cultured and brave little chap, has again and again taken his life in his own hands, to investigate lynchings. His skill and resourcefulness have been placed in evidence many times, as for example when he was sworn in as a deputy sheriff in Tulsa, immediately after the riot, and gave the inner story of that outrageous affair to the world. He had a narrow escape there, because it was discovered that a "damn white nigger" had been nosing in as an investigator. He got away in the nick of time or his wife might have been a widow and his little daughter, Jane, fatherless. But all this aside.

White got facts of the Aiken lynching, including the names of the lynchers, that of the Sheriff and other officers of the law being among them and gave them to the governor. He gave the facts also to the New York World which sent one of its reporters to the scene who substantiated White's finding. Publication of these facts in the World has aroused South Carolina to the evil of lynching in general and that of Aiken in particular which undoubtedly will eventually lead to the suppression of this crime against civilization. It will also have a direct bearing upon the passage of a federal anti-lynching bill which will enable the federal authorities to act where states decline or show themselves either unwilling or incompetent to proceed against mobs. Again Walter White and through him the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has done America a great service in that which must ultimately be, the banishment of mob violence from the United States and the acknowledgement of the supremacy and adequacy of law and the courts to deal with all criminals.

LEST WE FORGET

John Brown of Ossawatimie December the second was the anniversary of the execution of John Brown, one of the most bitter enemies of slavery, who laid down his life in order that this cause be abolished.

He was born in 1800, of Puritan stock, with a mingling of Dutch and English blood in his veins. In his early boyhood his parents went to Ohio, then a wilderness, and he grew up with a love for the woods and

taken from him and he was made a prisoner by marines under Colonel Robert E. Lee. He was then tried for treason and sentenced to be hung. He refused to save his life by pleading insanity, stating he was worth more to the cause dead than alive. In the early dawn of December 2, 1859, John Brown walked to the gallows. The match was applied and the flame spread like wildfire all over the United States, resulting in the Civil War and the freedom of the slaves. So "John Brown's body lies a mouldering in the grave, but his soul goes marching on."

Those who wish to visit John Brown's cabin will find it at Ossawatimie, just a little south of Kansas City, Kan., in Battle Ground Park where he and his handful of men drew the first blood for the freedom of the slaves. G. R.

As he went on, he got more desperate and bold in his fight on slavery, and when the state of Kansas was on the fence and there was a fight on to make it a slave state and voters there were being imported from Missouri to vote for that purpose he organized a force of forty men and met a force of four hundred ruffians at Ossawatimie west of the Missouri line. It is said that these forty men killed or wounded about eighty of their enemy before they were compelled to retreat, with a loss of five killed and eight prisoners. John Brown was slightly wounded in this battle and his son was killed by the ruffians just before.

His last great effort to crush slavery was at Harper's Ferry, where he organized a small force and took possession of some Government buildings. These, however, were soon

taken from him and he was made a prisoner by marines under Colonel Robert E. Lee. He was then tried for treason and sentenced to be hung. He refused to save his life by pleading insanity, stating he was worth more to the cause dead than alive. In the early dawn of December 2, 1859, John Brown walked to the gallows. The match was applied and the flame spread like wildfire all over the United States, resulting in the Civil War and the freedom of the slaves. So "John Brown's body lies a mouldering in the grave, but his soul goes marching on."

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