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## DISCRIMINATION WHICH MUST CEASE.

There is discrimination against the admission of colored patients to one of our state institutions which must cease. Members of the Negro race suffering with tuberculosis are not admitted to the state hospital for tubercular patients at Kearney, where they can receive scientific treatment. This fact was called to our attention some months ago by a white gentleman of this city and we intended to take it up at that time, but confess to our remissness in doing so. We were shown a letter at that time written by the matron or superintendent to the superintendent of the Douglas county hospital, in which it was stated that there was not room to "separate the races," and that therefore they could not be admitted.

We respectfully call the attention of Governor Morehead and the Board of Control to this state of affairs and respectfully ask them to see that this discrimination ceases.

As taxpayers and citizens of Nebraska, we are entitled to all the privileges of the public institutions of this state. Our unfortunates are admitted to every other state institution. Why should the state hospital for tubercular patients be an exception?

## FAVORS WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

The New York Age, which is one of the oldest, ablest and most influential of our race journals, and for a time considered ultra-conservative, is advocating the franchise for women. In a recent issue it presents the importance of the measures upon which the people of the Empire state are to register their will next month in the following well-considered words:

"The coming elections are important for the reasons that they will have great influence on the national elections next year, and also because several vital state questions are to be decided.

The revised constitution is to be accepted or rejected. All citizens who are in favor of bringing the state government up to a higher standard of efficiency and economy will vote for the new constitution.

The question of the ballot for women is even more important.

Let colored voters remember this, the reasoning which holds that the ballot should not be given to women, is very closely related to the reasoning which holds that the ballot should not be given to the Negro.

Then it is clear that a vote for woman suffrage in New York is a vote against arbitrary abridgement any and everywhere of the right to vote. We therefore say vote for woman suffrage.

## MAYOR THOMPSON REPLIES.

It was stated in last week's issue that during Mayor Thompson's brief visit to Omaha, he was handed a note reading:

"Mayor Thompson: The colored people of Omaha are watching with pride and interest your career as mayor of Chicago and desire to thank you for your manly and fair stand in giving the members of their race merited recognition in the city government."

This note was written on our personal card, which explains this appreciated acknowledgment, which was mailed to us by the mayor of Chicago in transit and which we pass on to our readers:

CITY OF CHICAGO.

Office of the Mayor.

Omaha, Neb., Oct. 5, 1915.

Rev. John Albert Williams, B. D.,  
1119 North 21st Street,  
Omaha.

Dear Sir:

I want to thank you for your kind feelings as expressed upon the card handed me today, which I assure you are greatly appreciated.

Faithfully yours,

WM. HALE THOMPSON,  
Mayor.

The Detroit Leader states a pathetic truth when it says:

"It must be a sad moment for the mother and child when the latter inquires: 'Mother, why does papa not live here with us?' Such a condition with its disappointments and disgrace might never arise if both parties in the divorce considered the third little party in the case. Suffer little children."

At least one good thing ought to come out of the Billy Sunday performances at the Tab, and that is the silencing of criticism against the antics and monkeyshines of the illiterate but well-meaning backwoods Negro preacher. This has been a favorite subject with humorous newspaper writers, but the cultivated and captured white audiences of Omaha seem to like the way that Billy "puts the rousements on." His antics and grimaces outdo those of the most illiterate and amusing Negro preacher who ever lived. Billy's a good imitator.

J. M. Morris and C. H. Robinson of Minneapolis, and Clarence W. Wigington of St. Paul arrived in this city Sunday to attend the consistory meeting of the Scottish Rite Sunday afternoon. Messrs. Morris and Robinson returned home Sunday night and Mr. Wigington Monday morning. All were dinner guests of Mr. G. D. Gordon Sunday and Mr. Wigington was a guest over night of Mr. Nate Hunter.

## JUST A WEE BIT SENSITIVE.

Here's a Good One from Kennedy's Dream Book in the Western Laborer.

A janitor of a school threw up his job. When asked the reason, he said: "I'm honest, and I won't stand being slurred. If I find a pencil or handkerchief about the school when I'm sweeping I hang it up. Every little while the teacher, or someone who is too cowardly to face me, will give me a slur. A little while ago I seen wrote on the board: 'Find the least common multiple. Well, I looked from the cellar to garret for that thing, and I wouldn't know the thing if I would meet it on the street. Last night, in big writing on the blackboard, it said: 'Find the greatest common divisor.' Well, I says to myself, both of them things are lost now and I'll be accused of takin' them, so I quit."

## IT CAN BE DONE.

Somebody said that it couldn't be done,

But he, with a chuckle, replied That "maybe it couldn't," but he would be one

Who wouldn't say so till he'd tried. So he buckled right in, with the trace of a grin

On his face. If he worried, he did it. He started to sing as he tackled the thing

That couldn't be done, and he did it.

Somebody scoffed: "Oh, you'll never do that;

At least no one ever has done it." But he took off his coat and he took off his hat,

And the first thing we knew he'd begun it;

With the lift of his chin, and a bit of a grin,

Without any doubting or quiddit; He started to sing as he tackled the thing

That couldn't be done, and he did it.

There are thousands to tell you it can not be done,

There are thousands to prophesy failure;

There are thousands to point out to you, one by one,

The dangers that wait to assail you; But just buckle in with a bit of a grin,

Then take off your coat and go to it; Just start in to sing as you tackle the thing

That "can not be done," and you'll do it. —Unidentified.

## Like Cures Like.

"Now, Willy," said the mother, "you told me a falsehood. Do you know what happens to little boys who tell falsehoods?"

"No, ma'am," replied Willy sheepishly.

"Why," continued the mother, "a big, black man with only one eye in the center of his forehead comes along and flies with him up to the moon, and makes him pick sticks for the balance of his life. Now, you will never tell a falsehood again, will you? It is awfully wicked!"—Ladies' Home Journal.

## A Long Wait.

The self-made man stalked into the office of a great financier with whom he had an appointment.

"You probably don't remember me," he began, "but twenty years ago, when I was a poor messenger boy, you gave me a message to carry—"

"Yes, yes!" cried the financier. "Where's the answer?"—Argonaut.

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