

# THE MONITOR

A Weekly Newspaper Devoted to the Interests of the Eight Thousand Colored People in Omaha and Vicinity, and to the Good of the Community

The Rev. JOHN ALBERT WILLIAMS, Editor

\$1.00 a Year. 5c a Copy.

Omaha, Nebraska, January 8, 1916

Volume I. Number 28

## Colored Physician Returns from Orient

Formerly Attached to Hospital Corps of the Army in Philippines.

A NEGRO JUDGE AT ALBAY.

Where Dr. Brantly Has a Good Practice. Opportunity for Negro Mechanics.

New York, Jan. 7.—Dr. Daniel Troy Brantly, for the past fifteen years located in the practice of medicine at Albay, Luzon, Philippine Islands, reached New York on Friday, December 24, on the French mail steamer Patria, from Lisbon. Leaving Manila, he touched en route at Hong Kong, and took the Japanese steamer for Marseilles, coming the Mediterranean route. He was arrested twice in France, but by declaring his purpose to engage in the Red Cross service, he was able to get across to England. He went then to Madrid, Spain, and then to Lisbon, from which port he embarked for New York.

Dr. Brantley was attached to the United States army as a member of the hospital corps, and in 1900 he decided to locate in the Islands. He finished his medical course at St. Thomas university, the Spanish medical college at Manila, and was the first Negro to be granted a license as a doctor in the Philippines. He located at Albay, Luzon, and has a good practice. He is in the States to take a post graduate course in surgery. He was born in Selma, Ala., but made Chicago his home prior to settling in the Philippines.

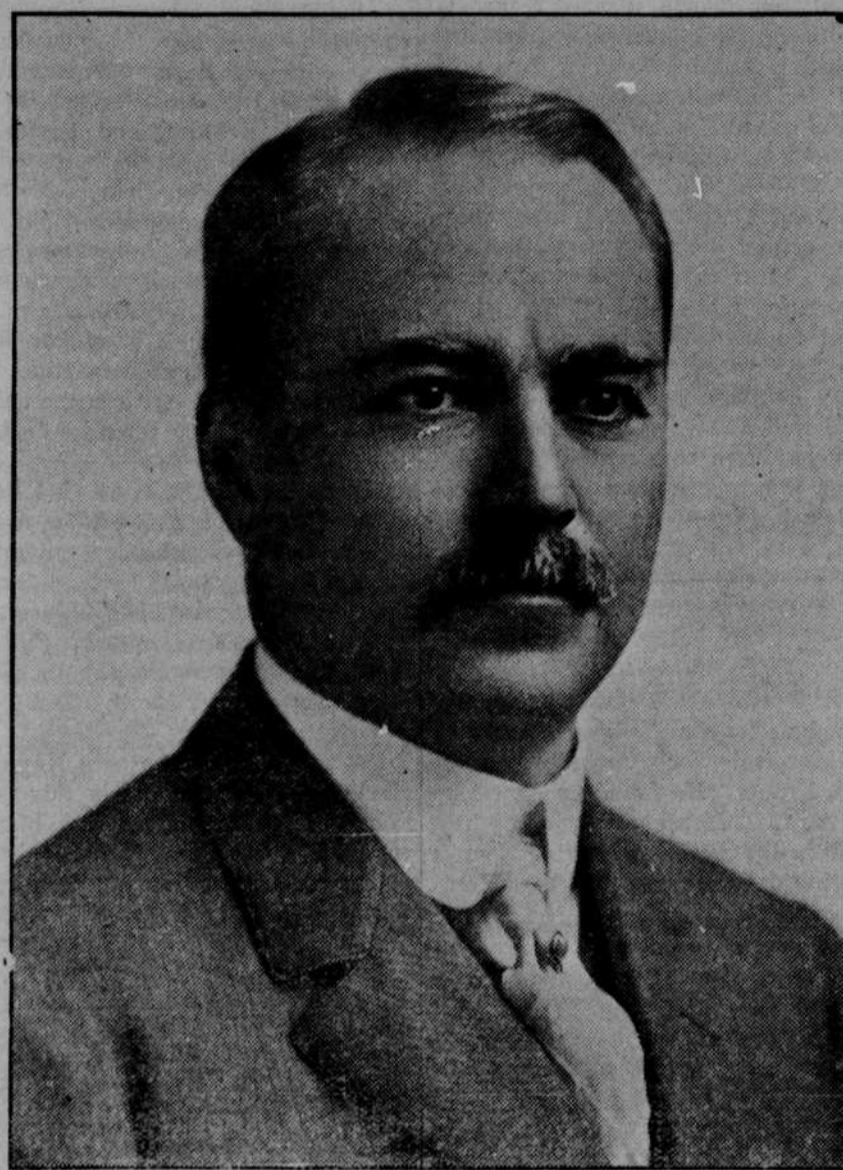
Negro Judge at Albay.

There are only three colored Americans at Albay, the others being Judge Albert Somersville and Chas. Miller, an ex-soldier, who is a blacksmith. Judge Somersville went from New York as a stenographer in 1902, but some of the whites in the Manila office objected to him because of color, so he was assigned as private secretary to Gov. A. U. Betts of Luzon. Somersville subsequently took up the practice of law and enjoys the largest clientele of any lawyer in the province. He has been chosen as a judge of the district court and handles a large volume of business in that capacity.

Dr. Brantley declares that there is a splendid opening for a Negro who is qualified as an automobile mechanic to open a garage and repair autos, quite a large number are put to considerable delay in case of accidents.

Speaking of conditions in the islands Dr. Brantley thinks the present administration's policy has set the Filipinos back at least a generation. The offices have been filled, he thinks, with Democratic politicians, no attention being paid to their qualifications. Governor General Harrison, lacking

(Continued on second page)



VICTOR B. CALDWELL

Late president of the United States National Bank, whose death is a distinct loss to the business and commercial interests of Omaha.

## Something To Make You Think

MON AMI

The world has room for the manly man, with the spirit of manly cheer;  
The world delights in the man who smiles while his eyes keep back the tear;  
It loves the man who, when things go wrong, can take his place and stand  
With his face to the fight and his eyes to the light and toil with a willing hand;

The manly man is the country's need, and the moment's need, forsooth,  
With a heart that beats to the pulsing tread of the lilled leagues of Truth;  
The world is his, and it waits for him, and it leaps to hear the ring  
Of the blow he strikes and the wheels he turns and the hammers he dares to swing;

It likes the forward look in his face, the poise of his noble head,  
And the onward lunge of his tireless will and the sweep of his dauntless tread!

Hurrah for the manly man who comes with the sunlight in his face,  
And the strength to do, the will to dare, and the courage to find his place!  
The world delights in the manly man, and the weak and the evil flee  
When the manly man goes forth to hold his own on land or sea!

—Folger McKinsey in Baltimore Sun.

THE YEAR 1915 GIVES ENCOURAGEMENT TO COLORED AMERICAN  
(Editorial in Pittsburg Courier, Dec. 31.)

When the chronicles of the year have been set down for leisurely perusal, there must be much of good attributed to the year which is just about done. Neither time nor space will permit of a detailed recitation, but a few of the remarkably important events may not be here amiss.

Never were truer words than "In union there is strength." That being so suppose we consider the events which have called forth this union. Early in the year the Afro-American population of Pennsylvania was solid in the efforts to secure an equal rights bill. Through political chicanery, of course, this was eventually defeated at the hands of the governor, who vetoed it. Nevertheless, this selfsame attempt caused a closer coalition of Afro-Amer-

(Continued on seventh page.)

## Colored Employee Saves Girl's Life

Miss Ollie Johnson Probably Owes Life to Aid Given Her When Fire Breaks Out.

WM. JOHNSON GETS CREDIT

Girl's Hair Had Caught on Fire. Her Third Narrow Escape in Plant of Dresher Bros.

Miss Ollie Johnson, living at 917 North Twenty-fourth street and employed at the Dresher Bros.' dry cleaning establishment, 211 Farnam street, had a terrifying experience and a narrow escape in a fire at the plant Thursday noon. She owes her life to the aid given her by William Johnson, colored employee at the plant.

The two were the only persons in the big dry cleaning room on the third floor at the rear of the building, when the fire broke out.

Suddenly there was a flash and the whole room seemed to be filled with flame. Miss Johnson's back was turned to the direction from which the flame came. She felt her hair burning and made a dash for the exit. Johnson at once sprang to her assistance, and succeeded in getting her out of the room just as the sheet of flame filled the whole floor.

Outside, employees rushed to the foot of the steep stairway leading to the room. Miss Johnson slipped on the steps in her frantic effort to escape, and fell into their arms, sustaining slight injuries. Johnson was slightly burned about the hands.

Al Dresher, one of the proprietors of the place, was slightly singed about the face when he insisted on ascertaining positively that there were no other persons in the blazing room.

The damage will probably reach \$1,000, covered by insurance.

The injured girl was given attention by the company doctor and taken to her home. She is the only daughter of Mrs. Irene Johnson, a widow. The mother says that upon two previous occasions the girl had similar narrow escapes in the place, sustaining a broken hand on one occasion and a broken thumb on the other. The girl is suffering considerably from nervous shock, say the attending physicians, but her condition is not considered serious.

INCREASE OF SALARY FOR PULLMAN PORTERS.

Chicago, Ill., December 28.—The Pullman Company announced yesterday that on January 1 salaries of porters will be increased 10 per cent. Conductors and other employes will receive a similar increase.

Five or six thousand porters will be benefitted. Present salaries for porters range from \$27.50 to \$40, so the increase will be from \$2.75 to \$4 per month.