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FLAG DAY HELPS PATRIOTISM

What do you think of Omaha? Are you not proud of the fact that you are a citizen of this great growing metropolitan city, pulsating with patriotism and progressiveness? Don't you think it did us good to get out on Flag Day and look at ourselves as we, in our better selves, really are and want to be, a great big family with common sorrows, common joys, common faults and failings, common desires, common interests, common aims, aspirations and ideals?

This is what Flag Day taught us. Yes, but it taught us vastly more than this: It taught us that we are not only citizens of Omaha and of richly-dowered Nebraska, but of one of the greatest and most highly-favored nations on the earth.

As we witnessed that soul-inspiring spectacle and pageant of thousands of American flags, carried by men and women from all walks of life, mingling together as brethren, all race and class distinctions laid aside, we were moved to the very depths of our soul and we saw, as it were in a vision, what God intends America to be and what, please God, she will be, when His purposes concerning her are worked out: the ideal democracy.

We know not what was done elsewhere, but in Omaha on Flag Day the true spirit of Americanism was regnant.

We need such days and such observances to arouse us out of our indifference and selfishness.

Surely, whatever may be her faults, we ought all to love America, and as loyal Americans each do his duty in helping her attain and hold the exalted and honorable place among the nations of the earth which we believe to be her destiny.

We feel that we are a better American because of the observance of Flag Day, and can now sing with a new spirit and meaning:

"My country, 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty;
Of thee I sing.

While it is true that many of us feel, and feel keenly, that for us she is not yet, in the truest and fullest sense, a "Sweet land of liberty," yet we have faith to believe that she will be and the dawn of that glorious day is not far away.

ARTHUR D. BRANDEIS

The death of Arthur D. Brandeis, head of the well-known firm of J. L. Brandeis and Sons, is, humanly speaking, a distinct loss to Omaha. Omaha is a great city and is destined to become a greater city. Her commercial greatness and prosperity owes a vast deal to the energy, brain, faith, far-sightedness, progressiveness and public-spiritedness of the Brandeis family, and especially to Arthur,

whose unexpected and lamented death occurred in New York City last Saturday.

He was the moving spirit in building up not only the great Brandeis Stores, but other and allied interests that mean much for this growing city, and furnish employment to hundreds of men and women. Among these employes our own people have found representation. During Arthur Brandeis' active administration of the Brandeis stores, which he in part relinquished upon his removal to New York two or three years ago, he was quite insistent upon seeing that employment was given to a number of Colored men as janitors. His instructions to his manager were:

"Give self-respecting Colored men, who are taking care of their families and helping build up our city preference in positions of this character. They should be given all the encouragement possible."

Unfortunately, the new management has not been so considerate even along this line as was Arthur Brandeis, and none of these positions are now filled by our people. We hope that some day they may be restored and not only so but that places as salesmen, saleswomen and office employes may be given to competent members of our race. We are quite sure that this would be in keeping with the liberal-minded spirit of Mr. Brandeis.

As it is, there are some eight or ten employes, chiefly women in the main stores and a number of girls in the cafe and Pompeian room, which are under separate management.

The Brandeis Stores and interests have been so well organized that they will continue to grow and develop, as they richly deserve to do, but the genius of Arthur D. Brandeis will be sadly missed. In his brief life, he wrought well and has left many monuments of his useful career.

We congratulate our energetic business manager, Joseph LaCour, upon his graduation from Central High School where he has made an excellent record. The school publication, The Register, in speaking of him, says he is "one of the keenest and best informed boys in the school." This compliment is deserved. Mr. La Cour hopes to enter college in the fall. During the last year while attending school he has acted as business manager for The Monitor where his services have been invaluable.

In the list of pupils graduating from the grades and entering high school, which we published two weeks ago, the names of Mattie Childs from the Pacific and George Kellogg from Central Park were omitted. We will greatly appreciate it,

if our attention is called to any others who may have been omitted, as we are anxious to have the list accurate and complete.

Jack Johnson has opened a dancing academy at Madrid, Spain, and has for one of his patrons King Alfonso. Nothing comes too high for Jack.—Exchange.

The Knights and Daughters of Tabor and Prince and Princess of Media Maids and pages of honor, International Order of Twelve will hold their annual thanksgiving service the third Sunday in June at Grove M. E. Church. The Rev. W. F. Botts of Zion Baptist Church will preach the sermon. The first regimental band of K. of P.'s has been engaged for the occasion.

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