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## Monrovia Capital Liberian Republic

Buildings Chiefly Brick, Zinc and Concrete to Withstand the Severe Climatic Conditions.

### WHITES CANNOT OWN LAND

Guy B. Robbins Continues Some of His Interesting Articles on Liberia and Her People.

Monrovia is the capital and the largest city in the Republic of Liberia. It is situated on a cape of which the ocean and river almost make an island. The cape is of rock formation. It is quite high at the point, where a light house and an old fortress are located, and gradually slopes back to a plain.

The town could be divided into two parts: First, the waterside, so named because it is on low ground at the water's edge. Then the residence portion which lays high and sightly.

On the waterside are situated the wharves, customs house, general stores, and a public market house. There is but one street in this section and this is a narrow, winding, unkept path. During rainy weather this is partly covered with water which draws off of the higher ground on its way to the river. At this time many of the people wear rubber boots for protection. The natives don't, of course, because they always go bare-foot the year around.

The stores in this part of the city handle general merchandise which they keep to exchange with the natives for African products. The natives buy large quantities of leaf tobacco, gin, gay-colored cloth, iron, pots, matches, etc. For these they exchange palm oil and kernels, coffee, ivory, piassara fiber, etc. This fiber was used extensively in America for street brooms before wire took its place.

### Buildings of Brick and Zinc.

The buildings on the waterside are built of brick and zinc. Zinc buildings are made with wood frames and covered with sheets of zinc which resemble corrugated iron. It has a longer life than iron because it will not corrode in the moist atmosphere as iron would. I have seen iron and steel eaten up by the climate alone.

The general appearance of the waterside gives a newcomer a very unfavorable impression. This, however, will improve when he gets to the top of the steep hill where the residence portion begins.

### Residence Streets Wide.

In this part of the city the streets are laid out straight and wide. The houses are of the same materials as are the buildings on the waterside; except the newer ones are built of concrete. They all have large piazzas. People in the tropics live as much on the piazzas as they do in the house. The architecture of the

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## Inspectorship Is to Be Retained By the Race

"I Believe Your People Are Entitled to This Recognition"—Mayor James C. Dahlman.

To a committee of our citizens who waited upon Mayor Dahlman Tuesday afternoon with respect to filling the vacancy of John Grant Pegg, inspector of weights and measures, his honor said:

"I have not decided upon the man, but I intend to appoint a Colored man to the position. It is the only position of any prominence that your people have. It is the head of a department. It has been well handled. I believe your people are entitled to this recognition. It will require a

man of some education and ability to study and master the details of the work and with good sense and judgment enough to get on with the public. I intend to appoint such a man."

The committee interviewed the Mayor in the interests of no particular applicant, their desire being simply to urge the retention of this position for the race. The committee consisted of Drs. J. H. Hutten and L. E. Britt, M. F. Singleton, J. H. Broomfield and the Rev. John Albert Williams.

### "I BELIEVE IN EQUAL RIGHTS"—HUGHES

New York, August 18.—Charles E. Hughes, republican candidate for the presidency, has broken his silence regarding his attitude toward the race.

A delegation, headed by Captain H. H. Blunt, of this city, visited him Wednesday, August 9, at the Hotel Astor. The delegation was composed of W. Monroe Trotter, the Boston editor; J. C. Robinson, who is connected with a local weekly; Isaiah T. Montgomery and Eugene P. Booze, of Mound Bayou, Miss.; M. H. Broyles, of Houston, Texas, and George L. Knox, representing the Hughes and Fairbanks Non-Partisan and Political League. Chairman Blunt, on behalf of the delegation, told Mr. Hughes that the time was ripe for the election of a Republican president and scored some of the Wilson policies.

Mr. Hughes, replying, said he was a believer in equal rights and opportunities for all classes of citizens and cited his Supreme Court decisions regarding his fairness on the race question.

### MAJOR LOVING AND BRIDE PASS THROUGH OMAHA

Last Friday night Major Walter M. Loving, who gained international fame as the musical director of the Filipino band, and his bride, passed through Omaha on the Overland Limited en route to the East on their wedding trip. Major and Mrs. Loving, who Omaha friends will remember, as Edith McCary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. McCary, who were residents of Omaha a few years ago, were married at Alameda, Cal., Wednesday, August 9th. Mrs. John Albert Williams, who had been notified by wire, met them at the train. It is possible that Major and Mrs. Loving will plan to visit Omaha friends on their westward trip in the autumn.

### PROMINENT PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER AN OMAHA VISITOR

Field Agent of Biddle University Guest of Dr. J. H. Hutten.

The Rev. L. B. Ellerson, D.D., representing the Board of Freedmen of the Presbyterian Church and Field Secretary of Biddle University of Charlotte, N. C., arrived in the city last week for a visit to his friend and classmate, Dr. J. H. Hutten, of 1105 North Nineteenth street.

Dr. Ellerson, who is at present engaged in the work of raising a Semi-Centennial Endowment Fund of \$150,000 for Biddle University, which was founded in 1867 and will therefore be fifty years old next year, being at Minneapolis and having a week's vacation, decided to spend it in Omaha. He will return to Minneapolis Friday to resume his work, from which point he will return east.

Bidle University has about 1,800 alumni. Of this number over 1,000 have graduated from the academic department, 500 from the college and 300 from the theological department. The alumni as well as friends are contributing to the Endowment Fund and Dr. Ellerson feels confident that the amount sought will be raised.

### TWO MEN TIED FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Muskogee, Okla., August 18.—Frank McFee, white, and Ed Jefferson, Colored, are tied in their race for the nomination on the Democratic ticket for the office of justice of the peace of Agency township. Each received twenty-four votes in the primary election.

Both men conducted warm campaigns and it was the even division of the two races among the voters of the township that caused the tie, as every Colored voter cast his vote for Jefferson.

## National Negro Business League

Holds Annual Session. Reports Reveal Commendable Progress In Business World.

### MANY HONOR WASHINGTON

Emmett J. Scott Prominently Mentioned For President, Delivers Memorial Address.

(By a Staff Correspondent.)

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 18.—With energetic enthusiasm characteristic of the west this progressive city prepared well for the entertainment of the National Negro Business League and affiliated organizations. And these organizations are here. Hundreds of delegates and visitors keen and alert, have temporarily augmented Kansas City's Colored population. Badges flutter on hundreds of breasts.

The National Negro Business league which was organized by Booker T. Washington and held its first session in Boston in 1900, opened its convention Wednesday morning in Electric Park.

In connection with the Business League, the Negro Press Association, the National Negro Bar Association and the National Negro Funeral Directors also are holding their annual meeting, and in Kansas City, Kas., is being held the National Association of Railway Postal Clerks.

### Interesting Speeches.

Fortune J. Weaver, president of the local business league, in calling the league to order, declared that much good had been done through the league, because it had inspired the members of the race to get better homes, go into business and make places for the Negro boys and girls who are coming out of school and are barred by prejudice from business and industrial opportunities.

The Rev. Dr. D. A. Holmes, pastor of the Metropolitan Baptist Church, made the opening prayer. Acting Mayor Albert I. Beach gave an address of welcome, commended the race upon the progress made during the last fifty years.

Other addresses of welcome were delivered by B. Watkins, for the secret societies; J. Dallas Bowser, for the educational institutions; W. C. Houston, for the professional men, and Mrs. Ida M. Becks, for the citizens. The gavel was then given to Charles Banks, of Mound Bayou, Miss., first vice president. He presented attorney P. W. Howard, of Jackson, Miss., president of the National Negro Bar Association, to respond to the addresses of welcome, and Harry Allen Boyd, of Nashville, Tenn., secretary of the National Negro Press Association. Emmett J. Scott, secretary of the league, read a list of committees appointed.

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