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## PLACE TO BE RETAINED

The assurance made by Mayor Dahlman that the position of inspector of weights and measures shall be retained by some representative of our people will be welcome news not only to members of our race, but to all liberal-minded white citizens who believe in a square deal. This position is the only political appointment of any prominence whatsoever which has been given to our race in this city.

Mayor Cushing, a democrat, appointed A. W. Parker to this office. He filled it with absolute satisfaction to all concerned and was reappointed by Mayor Broatch. The experiment having proven satisfactory the succeeding mayors, George P. Bemis, Frank E. Moores and James C. Dahlmen, namely, G. F. Franklin, A. W. White, John W. Long, Thomas P. Mahamitt and John G. Pegg.

All these incumbents of this office have given satisfaction.

This being true, and our people as relatively heavy taxpayers, law-abiding citizens and voters being entitled, not by sufferance but by right, to some just political recognition should have at the very least an appointment of this class. It has been recognized by custom and proven by experience that here is one representative political appointment which a member of the race can fill with satisfaction without friction. Wisdom and justice call for its retention and we are pleased to be informed by Mayor Dahlman himself that he takes this view of it.

We are not concerned with any particular applicant for the position. We only desire to see some intelligent, self-respecting, gentlemanly member of the race appointed who has the ability, tact and efficiency to discharge the duties of this position with satisfaction to the business public and with credit to the administration, to himself and to the race of which he is the representative. Among the race in Omaha such men are to be found. We note with pleasure the fact that this one appointment is to be retained for our people. We indulge the belief that the Mayor will find a competent man for the place.

## "TRYING TO DO SOMETHING"

We take great pleasure in the almost pathetic examples that we note daily of our people "trying to do something" in a business way. It may be a little hand laundry, a euphuism for old-fashioned washing and ironing; or a little lunch counter, which, by the way, seems to be in great favor hereabouts, or some other humble undertaking. But these efforts at "trying to do something" are indices of the right spirit. It is from

ventures of this kind that large enterprises grow. True, we have in growing numbers most creditable business enterprises among us, but they have all been the outgrowth of the spirit manifested in these humbler efforts at "trying to do something." Keep at it. Don't give up. A people who have the courage and the determination to keep on "trying to do something" will succeed.

## OUR IMPRESSION OF HUGHES

We had the pleasure of hearing Charles E. Hughes in St. Paul last week. He is a pleasant, forceful and logical speaker brightening his arguments with flashes of rare wit. He impresses one as being a very frank and sincere man. Our clerical companion, who was not an over-enthusiastic Hughes' admirer, said to us: "He impresses me as being a broad-shouldered statesman and not a politician. I confess I like him."

St. Paul's immense auditorium which it is claimed seats ten thousand people, was crowded. The candidate's speech aroused great enthusiasm, and if his reception in the Twin Cities can be taken as a fair augury, when votes are counted in November Hughes will have a bumper crop of votes.

## KINDNESS

One of the greatest forces in the world is kindness. Few can resist its power and influence. Cultivate kindness. Try to forget the harsh things that people say and do. As a matter of fact, when one has been guilty of any meanness or unkindness when he comes to his better self, he is ashamed of it, even though he may lack the moral courage to acknowledge it or to strive to make amends. But never mind the other fellow, see to it that you strive to do the right thing yourself. And one of the strongest influences in helping one do the right thing by his fellow men is the cultivation of a kindly spirit and the exercise of kindness.

There is a vast deal of talk about "the protection of American citizens at home and abroad," but there is a class of American citizens who are not protected at home and they are Colored Americans. Talk is cheap. It is well for Americans to recall the deserved rebuke of Tristram Bey, who said that it illy became the United States to prate about Turkish barbarities so long as Negro-baiting and lynching was a favorite pastime in this enlightened and Christian country.

A new segregation stunt has been pulled off in the Army and Navy Departments in Washington by the present administration and yet they won-

der why self-respecting Colored men who would like to divide on great public questions cannot vote for democrats for the presidency or for the senate or for the house.

Do you realize that it is time you were getting busy with filling your coal bin? The editor would like to fill his, and can and will if all subscribers pay their subscriptions.

Have you started that savings account yet?

Get the children ready for school.

Thanks for your subscription.

Boost all along the line.

Feeling fine, thank you.

## PINEY WOODS COUNTRY LIFE SCHOOL

Braxton, Miss, Aug. 3, 1916.

Rev. John Albert Williams,

Dear Friend: I thought you would be interested in knowing that the baby in the flag on the cover page of the August "Crisis" is our Piney Woods, Mississippi, baby, Turner Harris Jones. Naturally Mrs. Jones and I think he is a pretty fine specimen of American babyhood.

Our school is making splendid progress. We now have 534 acres of land, four large buildings, half hundred head of mules, horses and cattle, together with industrial machinery and other apparatus, the entire plant being worth over thirty thousand dollars, free from debt. We have ten teachers and 126 boarding students from seventeen counties, and 235 day pupils. Come see us some time.

Yours truly,

Laurence C. Jones.

The above letter will be of interest to our readers, and all who have seen the picture will agree that this baby is a fine specimen, and will be gratified to learn of the success of the Piney Woods' School.

## NEWSPAPER MAN'S PRAYER

The National Baptist Union Review of Nashville, Tenn., has published the following, which it calls "The Newspaper Man's Prayer:

"O, Lord, I beseech Thee to forgive those who read our paper on a credit and when the poor newspaper man comes to collect, they fly off the handle and treat the poor servant man

so mean that he feels so humiliated that he doesn't know what to do. O, Lord, teach them that the paper can not live without money; teach them that pay their subscription that they are paying an honest debt; teach them that the poor editor cannot live by promises and water alone; teach them that he is flesh and blood. Then, Oh, Lord, when through your mighty power, You have revealed this fact to them admit them unto Thy kingdom, where everything is free, where the unjust are not allowed, and the debts are paid, and the editor and readers are all at rest."—Amen.

## CITY PROVIDES RECREATION FOR YOUNGSTERS AND ADULTS

Omaha, progressive in commercial ways beyond the average city, is also looking after the health and pleasure of its citizens. Means are provided for enjoyment after the day's work is done. At present the parks and playgrounds are the scenes of unusual activity.

Playgrounds has been established throughout the city for the youngsters and adults, as well. Golf links in Miller Park are being supplemented by new links in Elmwood Park, these being opened last week.

Omaha's business men take advantage of these playgrounds, any Saturday afternoon more than one hundred being on the greens. The Elmwood golf links enjoy this unusual distinction—the game can be followed by auto over the entire course—the only one of its kind in existence.

## WILLIE PORTER SICK

(Special to The Monitor)

Fairbury, Nebr., August 18.—Willie Porter, of the team of Porter and Porter, is on the sick list in this city, but is rapidly improving.



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