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THE ELECTION

As we go to press it is not known who has been elected president. The indications are that it is Wilson. Were it not for the refusal of the ballot to Colored Americans in the South, in direct and notorious violation of the constitution of the United States, there would be no question as to Hughes' election. The so-called "solid South" is still a menace to the nation, still unblushingly thwarts the popular will of the republic by withholding the suffrage guaranteed by the constitution, from the major portion of the Southern electorate.

No election, therefore, determined by the "solid South" is an honest election; and though Wilson should receive a majority of votes in the electoral college, it must not be forgotten that so far as the South is concerned they will be stolen votes. He is a partaker of political thievery in which the uncivilized South is an adept.

Of the northern and western states who have given their votes to Wilson no word of criticism as touching their honesty can be uttered, although their judgment may be questioned. In these sections, the vote is the vote of at least the entire male electorate, and in some cases of the female electorate, as well. It is vox populi, as it should be in a democracy.

Many voted for Wilson under the delusion that he has kept us out of war. Albeit peace does not sing among the reapers where our troops are camped in Mexico, or harrass the harmless and helpless Haitians. Others, forsooth, because he averted the railroad strike. Another fond delusion. Yet others, because they deemed it most unwise to swap horses while crossing a stream. All these causes conspired to contribute to Wilson's strength in the North and West. The fact that he was solemnly pledged to one term and that he declared that any man who sought the presidency of the United States is a fool,—a remarkable admission upon his part—was overlooked.

We are still hoping that Hughes will be declared the president-elect despite Wilson's apparent advantage through the stolen votes of the South. It is to be hoped that the nation is to be spared the vacillation and experimentation in governmental affairs that has marked the past four years.

We regret keenly the defeat of John L. Kennedy for the United States senate and Benjamin Baker for Congress. We are gratified that Michael L. Clark, Frank Dewey and Robert Smith have been elected as sheriff, county clerk and clerk of the District Court, respectively. These men owe their election to the loyalty of the Colored voters. It is believed that the two former will recognize this fact and it is hoped that Robert Smith also will.

We regret the defeat of Will N. Johnson for public defender, as he was the only representative of our race on the ticket and in character,

ability and qualifications is the equal and in our judgment the superior of Horton, his democratic opponent.

So far as Douglas County is concerned, it defeated the so-called "dry" amendment by a heavy majority, but not sufficient to overcome the state vote. The Monitor is gratified that it contributed no small share to the defeat of this farcial amendment in Douglas county, for acting upon our advice mighty few of our race voted for it. The same is true of Lancaster county where the Monitor has a good circulation.

Since the law is passed we hope that it will be honestly enforced.

The excitement over, let us all pull together for a better nation, state and city.

WILFUL AND MALICIOUS LYING

One who knowingly, wilfully, deliberately and maliciously lies is a deliberate, wilful, malicious liar. And one who by wilful, malicious lying injures or seeks to injure the reputation or standing of an individual or a business enterprise makes himself liable for damages.

For the express purpose of damaging The Monitor in this community, the following letter was published in the Omaha Daily News, Saturday, November 4:

Colored Voters.

Editor Omaha Daily News:

The Monitor, a colored weekly paper of this city, has urged the negroes of Omaha to support the whisky ring and vote wet.

That the colored people may know just what they are being given and why, I call their attention to the fact that The Monitor is owned by Jack Broomfield, half owner of the Midway saloon.

When the colored people vote therefore, they will know why and for what. Vote dry. H. J. PINKETT.

The writer of this letter knew that his statement was absolutely false. In other words he knowingly and deliberately lied.

Our alert business manager anticipated us by immediately going to the Daily News and requesting the publication of the following refutation which was published in Sunday's issue:

The Monitor.

Editor Omaha Daily News:

I wish to reply, in answer to H. J. Pinkett's charge in Saturday's paper, that Jack Broomfield does not own The Monitor, never has and never will. Mr. Broomfield carries a paid ad for his hotel and has always been friendly toward the paper, but has had no further interest in it. The paper is owned by the Rev. John Albert Williams, and not one cent has ever been offered or solicited from anyone, save through the legitimate method of advertising.

Our policy against prohibition is based upon the economic injustices

which our race would suffer, were it adopted.

GEORGE WELLS PARKER.
Contributing Editor and Business Manager.

While appreciating Mr. Parker's clear refutation, we felt that it was due the public that a similar statement be published over our own signature. The following letter was published in the Daily News, November 7th:

Ownership of The Monitor.

Editor Omaha Daily News:

Saturday's issue of your newspaper contains a letter signed H. J. Pinkett stating that Jack Broomfield is owner of the Monitor.

On July 2, 1915, I began the publication of The Monitor. From the first day of its publication until the present, I have been the sole owner and proprietor. No one else has ever had any financial interest or control in this publication, which fact of ownership has been certified to the government and published, as by law required, every six months. There is, therefore, no reason or excuse for making or publishing any misstatements concerning the ownership of The Monitor.

The above facts should have been well known by your correspondent. It would, therefore, seem fitting that a retraction be made by him to repair the injury already done.

JOHN ALBERT WILLIAMS,

Editor and Owner of The Monitor.
We leave these facts as here stated to the impartial judgment of our readers.

THE MASK AND THE MAN

It is not the policy of The Monitor to make a personal attack upon the character of any person, but there arise rare occasions when a newspaper must compromise with this lofty ideal in order to preserve its good name and to justify the confidence of those whom it serves.

Last Saturday a mental Lilliputian, Pinkett, by name, who poses as a moral reformer, and paragon of righteousness, climbed into the columns of the daily press and stated that The Monitor was owned by Mr. Jack Broomfield, and that for this reason The Monitor was fighting prohibition. The Monitor would not resent the coupling of its name with the name of Mr. Broomfield, if the statement were true, because the latter is a personal friend of the editor, and a prince beside the moral incompetent who hoped to hurt The Monitor by such a lying assertion.

We have no apologies to offer for our sincere fight against prohibition. Our reasons for the fight were fully explained in our pages and repetition is unnecessary. As to the charge that Mr. Broomfield owns The Monitor, we will only say that this contemptible excuse for a man may put The Monitor out of business and the editor in jail by appearing at the federal building and proving that we have falsified the statement of ownership in our sworn affidavit submitted to the postal authorities.

Now, we will say, when you compound the instincts of a snake with the nature of a coward, mix the ignorance of a knave with the mind of a churl, and add to these all the distillations of human perfidy and sneaking treachery, then you will have the major ingredients that form this blasphemy of manhood, who has sought to bring into question the high ideals and sincere purposes of The Monitor.

The only way for things to be worse would be for us to ship to Europe.

THE MOTHER OF NATIONS

One of our leading articles this week has to do with the rise of a new empress to the throne of Ethiopia. It is an event that has caused much worry to the diplomats of Europe, because it may mean to them much trouble which they would like to avoid. The new empress has little love for the Europeans and she knows that their colonies scattered around the borders of the Abyssinian Empire would sweep it if they dared. But they don't dare—just now. The Italians tried it and they swore they would never try it again. To one who knows the history of Abyssinia there is a conviction that she is tolerably safe.

The history of Abyssinia goes further back into antiquity than that of any nation living or dead, China not excepted. To the ancients she was "a land shadowing with wings," old, wise, brave, inscrutable. The Greeks called her people "the blameless race." and Homer tells how the gods of Olympus went forth annually to mix and mingle with them. No nation has ever completely conquered the Ethiopians. Many Egyptian rulers tried it to their sorrow. Cambyses, the Persian, tried it and personally took command of his vast army. They went one-fifth the distance, provisions gave out, plague and the desert sands wiped out thousands, and a remnant returned disappointed and disgraced. And then the mighty Cyrus swore he would subdue the proud and stubborn race. He took another great army and had it cut to pieces by the black warriors. He himself fell by the hand of Tomyris, the Ethiopian queen.

This is an excerpt from the history of Ethiopia, and yet there are Negroes who are ashamed of their race and blood.

START A BANK ACCOUNT

Have you a bank account? Now it is the loveliest thing in the world if you have, even if the monthly statement only shows a few dimes. That means you are trying and an effort is some distance toward attainment.

The man or woman with a bank account has it all over the man or woman who hasn't. Of course, we know that potatoes are two bones a bushel, beans a bit a pound, and bread a thin dime per, but with all of that we feel positive that one can slip a little small change into the bank every now and then. A bank account is like an umbrella; you can't ever tell when you are going to need it. It might rain any time. The safest thing is to have both. They give you an independent sort of a spirit that nothing else in the world affords except the inheritance of a couple of million, and inheritances are not running around loose these days. So if you haven't a bank account, start one this week and keep feeding it. The nicest thing about feeding a bank account is that can never grow so big that you're anxious to give it anti-fat.

It has come to our notice that a certain Colored business firm here claims that it is going to close up another Colored firm. It is to be regretted that some men are not broad enough to act upon the principle of live and let live, but our only comment is that the one firm had better watch their ammunition because the other firm may own a munition factory.

Prof. Silas J. Harris told us of a school in Cambridge in which the principal is Colored and all the teachers under her are white. The Professor says, however, that she is a woman of exceptional ability. Her name is Miss Marie Baldwin.