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WE DON'T ACCEPT DONATIONS, THANK YOU!

We were soliciting advertisements. The head of a certain firm, who is a most affable gentleman, greeted us most kindly, but said: "We are confining our advertising to the dailies and two or three weeklies. Anything we might give you would be in the way of a donation. We would be willing to do that."

"We don't accept donations, thank you!" was our reply. "We sell advertising space on a strictly business basis, because we believe we are able to give value received. Here's our mailing list, which we happen to have with us. That will show you our circulation. If you think that it is a good business proposition to advertise with us, we'll be glad to sell you advertising space, for we are out after business, just like you are; but The Monitor is not asking for or accepting donations, thank you."

He seemed not a little amused and surprised, but he looked over the mailing list and said: "You do have quite a circulation, don't you? It looks like you reach nearly all the Colored people in Omaha. And you have a good many out of town subscribers, too. Yes, sir, YOU SEEM TO BE REACHING YOUR PEOPLE ALL RIGHT. I'll take ten inches as a starter. Then come in again next week. Here's the copy for ten inches."

"Thank you!" we replied. There are at least 8,000 Colored people in Omaha, the great majority of whom read The Monitor. And yet there are business men, like this gentleman, who patronizingly would give "a donation."

WE DON'T ACCEPT DONATIONS, THANK YOU. BUT SELL ADVERTISING SPACE.

That The Monitor is one of the best advertising mediums in the city is attested by our well pleased advertising patronage.

AN EXPLANATION

We try as far as possible to publish each week all local items which are sent to us in time. Now and then demand for advertising space compels us either to condense or leave out local and general items, even after they are set up. It sometimes happens that we have several galleys or columns of what is known as "overset." This is matter which is set up or in type and has to be held over. As linotype composition costs lots of money, we have to work in these "oversets" as soon as possible before they become too old or stale. If news items become too stale to use they have to be thrown down and not published, which is, of course, a loss. Last week, by an oversight, two or three important local items were left out, much to our regret—and loss.

THE SHAME OF ILLINOIS

St. Louis Globe-Democrat.
The events in East St. Louis Monday night were a disgrace to that city, a disgrace to Illinois, a disgrace to America, a disgrace to humanity. We can recall no event in the history of this country so utterly and unrelievable shameful. There have been mobs, many of them, there have been riots not a few, to stain our civilization, but never a one that carried to such an extent the unreasoning brutality of mobocracy, never a one that so tortured and killed and burned without discrimination of innocence or guilt, that spared neither sex nor age in its violence. The often condemned mobs of the South have always had as their purpose the quick and effective punishment of crime. They have been, almost without exception, composed of determined men who felt that the law was too slow and too uncertain, and who, having found the ones they believed to be guilty, executed them and dispersed. Such acts are in violation of the fundamental principles of orderly government and as such should not be tolerated, but in comparison with the unspeakable outrages in East St. Louis they are righteousness itself. No attempt was there made to punish crime by striking at the criminal. Scores were tortured or killed against whom no charge of wrong was made, whose only offense was their color. Men, women, children went down before the insatiate blood lust of this worst and most cruel of mobs.

And this in the state of Abraham Lincoln! This in the great state whose sons poured out their blood on many battlefields that all men within this Union should be free! At the

Obvious Observations

The editor of these nifty observs made a flying trip down to old St. Louis to look over the field and the effects of the riot knocked his sense of humor into a thousand pieces.

The papers say that Russia has Germany saying her prayers. The paper also said that only 37 black and 3 white people were killed in the East St. Louis riot. Our advice is, don't believe everything you read in the paper.

We thought that government food control was a big bluff. Prices haven't become a bit nervous and coal, the most essential of products, is not to be bothered at all.

Can the south stop migration? Say, Irene, can the old reb states stop the sun from shining?

The four men from Birmingham have been trying to tell us all about the Grum trial. Monitor printed matter was greatly in evidence and the prosecuting lawyer roared like a lion until he reached the part where we said we will try to have every Colored man out of the south in five years. It was then that he grew faint and fell up against the rail.

When it comes to writing editorials we have to hand Mr. Newbranch, of the World-Herald, the palm. He is a wang as long a she isn't expounding administrative policies.

Where is the little country girl who used to wear gingham and pigtails? I went through forty-eleven country burgs last week and could not find one with a periscope.

An Omaha man met a southern man last week on the streets. The southern man just came and was broke, but when he left the other he had money. Neither had ever seen the other before. Two little gold emblems of cross and crescent was what brought them together.

SKITS OF SOLOMON

Savages

Nappy, the little sawed-off, hammered-down emperor of France, better known as Napoleon, once murmured, "Scratch the skin and you get the savage." Nappy was right. He knew what he was talking about. He had the English in mind most particularly when he said it. The white race never has gotten very far away from savagery. As late as the tenth century A. D. they snoozed in caves and wore animal hides. It is just lately that they have vanished over the hard places. Very true is this of the U. S. A. If a wild man of the stone age should have dropped in on East St. Louis last Monday he would have fallen on the necks of the rioters and cried, "Hello, brother! Glad I'm home." It's in the breed. The present war in Europe is just the latent brute being tired of civilized effort and going back to the smell of blood and the touch of iron. As far as they are concerned, civilization means something to fill their hungry stomachs. In the frenzy of fight the only thing that will cool them is a collection of Winchester. The man who is civilized or tries to be has no better protection against a venerated brute than the possession of a shooter that shoots. Buy one, because, as the scout of the plains once said, maybe you might never need one, but if you do need one you will need it mighty much. Mighty much is right. Self-protection crowds every other consideration off the bench of life, and it is not an end seat hog, either. Invest, brother; invest.

LABOR NOTES

Mr. Parker is in St. Louis assisting as many victims of the riot as possible to find employment. Many of them are being shipped to different points because East St. Louis will be no longer safe for them.

Now that the southern roads have refused to honor prepaid transportation the only step left is to persuade companies to advance cash. One company has already decided to do this and everything will be arranged as quickly as possible. Other companies will follow as soon as they are persuaded that the risk is not great.

Peter McCann, L. T. Jones and John Robinson were sent cash fares to Mobile where they had come from Pensacola and all three arrived in Omaha Saturday. Four men reached here Friday from Birmingham.

A. Grum, who was arrested in Birmingham for "recruiting," has been released. He will be in Omaha in about thirty days.

More than 100 tickets sent by the Monitor before July 1, in order to escape the new order were cancelled on all the roads before the date set for the order to become effective. The M. and O. was the only road delivering transportation up to midnight, June 30.

One firm in Omaha has announced that it will need about 200 Colored laborers in about 60 days for a large contract job lasting a year or more. The packing houses in and around Omaha have become filled and now refuse the promised raise to 30 cents

per hour made the men a short time ago.

All men wishing to apply for work at any firms listed in The Monitor should address Mr. Parker, in care of The Monitor, and not write firms directly because their letters are simply handed over to us.

Mr. Parker assisted Mr. James Taylor and Mr. James Woods to get chafeur jobs last week. Mr. Taylor is with a wealthy private family, while Mr. Woods is working in a large garage. Both have given fine service.

Mr. Fred Williams, partner to Mr. Parker, went to Mobile to meet the party of forty men to come from that point. The order from the M. and O., however, forced a cancellation of the tickets and Mr. Williams was forced to return. Mobile, however, is under consideration as the probable future base for bringing all Monitor applicants from the south.

LABOR LETTERS

Erie, Pa., May 28, 1917.

Mr. George Wells Parker,
Business Manager The Monitor,
Omaha, Nebr.

Dear Mr. Parker: We are in receipt of your of May 26th regarding Colored labor and desire to say that the attached has been forwarded to each member of our association and undoubtedly you will hear direct from such members as desire labor.

Very truly yours,
MANUFACTURERS ASSN. OF
ERIE,
David E. Jones, Secretary,
Manufacturers Association of Erie
Office of the Secretary.
May 25, 1917.

BULLETIN

The following letter from George Wells Parker, 1119 North 21st St., Omaha, Nebraska, will be of interest to members seeking Negro labor. Mr. Parker, who is business manager of "The Monitor, a paper for Negroes," says:

"For the past nine months, The Monitor has been making a thorough and systematic campaign in the South to get into touch with the very best labor and we believe that we can supply more first class labor than any other management in the United States. Of our companies that have advanced transportation, and that is the most important matter with these poor people, NOT A SINGLE ONE HAS HAD A DESERTER. Our enclosed literature will give you some idea of the way we are handling the matter.

We are at your service and trust that we may be of service to you. The fact that we are a distance from Erie does not matter in the matter of our furnishing good labor."

Respectfully,
(Signed) George Wells Parker.
For further information, please communicate direct with Mr. Parker.
Manufacturers Association of Erie.

Buffalo, N. Y., May 29, 1917.

Mr. George Wells Parker,
1119 North 21st St.,
Omaha, Nebr.

Dear Sir: Replying to your favor of May 26th, relating to opportunities for Negroes in Buffalo, I will answer your inquiries in their order, as follows:

(1) Does your locality offer any opportunities for industrious Negro labor? Yes.

(2) Is your locality overcrowded with such labor? No.

(3) Firms that may want, or probably will consider, Negro labor include: Gould Coupler Company, Depew, N. Y.; American Malleables Company, Lancaster, N. Y.; Atlas Crucible Steel Company, Strong Steel Foundry Company, Buffalo Forge Company, Jewell Steel and Malleable Company of Buffalo; Buffalo General Electric Company, Wickwire Steel Company and the Semet Solvay Company of Tonawanda, New York.

Wages are as good here as anywhere and range from 27½ to 35 cents per hour for common labor. Skilled men can, of course, earn much higher wages.

Very truly yours,
HENRY B. SAUNDERS,
Industrial Commissioner.
Buffalo Chamber of Commerce.

A letter received from the Minnesota Steel Mills this week says the 200 industrious Colored men are wanted. Wages 27½ cents per hour, full time at ten hours, and all year work.

A letter this week from the Chamber of Commerce, Buffalo, gives the names of many firms wanting Colored labor at wages from 27½ to 35 cents per hour for unskilled workmen, higher wages for skilled. The Monitor has sent letters to all the firms. A bulletin has been made of The Monitor circular and mailed to all members of the Manufacturers Association of Erie, Pa.

The Montana Mining Companies want Colored labor. Negotiations are now under way to supply the same.

Albion, Mich., June 27, 1917.

Mr. George Wells Parker,
Omaha, Neb.

My Dear Sir: By some means, the registered letter did not reach me. I

received notice of same yesterday, and went to the office here for same.

I am, indeed, sorry for this misfortune, as I am not pleased with work, hours, money or situation. But, however, I am going to get straight, save a few dollars and come to Omaha. In the first place too many of my people have come here for accommodations needed, and sentiment is not the best. I get this from refusal of vacant houses offered for rent, and where there is property for sale the terms are too dear for any of my race to buy.

I am sorry for the delay of this letter and note that it should be returned within sixty days. Hope that the delay will cause no trouble in having money refunded.

I have some good friends here that do not want me to leave. I was elected president of the Colored Business Men's League last Thursday evening, but I am thinking solely of Omaha.

I shall write you more fully later. Hoping to rivet a stronger friendship with you, I am

Yours respectfully,
ROBT. M. EVANS.

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TUESDAY

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WEDNESDAY

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Hearst-Pathe News True Boardman in THE FURTHER SERIES OF "STINGAREE"

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THURSDAY

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