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SANE BUT AGGRESSIVE LEADERSHIP OF CLERGY

Some years ago we received a letter from the late Fred L. McGhee, the well known and influential attorney of St. Paul, Minn., one of the prime movers of the "Niagara Movement," out of which, if we are not mistaken, that splendid and much-needed organization, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, issued into being. Mr. McGhee writing urging us to attend the meeting. His letter contained this, to us, significant expression:

"I do hope you can attend, for the success of our race in securing our just rights in this country depends very largely upon the sane but aggressive leadership of the Colored ministers of the Episcopal Church."

The significance of this remark becomes more apparent when it is recalled that Mr. McGhee, a man not given to flattery, was a loyal and devoted son of the Roman Catholic Church. His opinion of this "sane but aggressive leadership" was, no doubt, influenced by his association and work with such men as Fathers Bennett, Cartier, Daniels and Lealtad, all priests of the Episcopal Church, who with him went to the fore for the rights of the race in St. Paul.

Be that as it may, it is worth while calling attention to the fact that in every community where ministers of the Episcopal Church are found they have had placed upon them the responsibility of this "sane but aggressive leadership," and it can be said to their credit that they have measured up to the responsibility.

In the recent great New York "silent protest parade" among the moving spirits were the Rev. Hutchens C. Bishop, rector of St. Philip's Church, New York; the Rev. E. S. Daniels, and the Rev. George Frazier Miller, rector of St. Augustine's, Brooklyn. A few days ago in Cambridge, Mass., the Rev. Walter D. McClane, rector of St. Bartholomew's, had his congressman introduce a resolution for investigation of the East St. Louis massacre, and was spokesman before the Cambridge mayor when a committee, by its manly and courteous appeal, secured the correction of an erroneous and highly-colored "race riot" story published in the Cambridge Standard.

These are but two recent examples from scores that might be cited from all sections of this country, which illustrate how this "sane but aggressive leadership" in matters vitally affecting the race is being exercised by the Colored clergy of the Episcopal Church. None of them make any noise about it. They seek no praise or commendation for it. They are happy to be of service. But the fact that they do effective service for their people, irrespective of denominational or religious lines, deserves to be more widely known and recognized.

A GOOD INVESTMENT FOR OUR PEOPLE

It has been our misfortune hitherto to be restricted in our opportunities for investment. Opportunities, however, are enlarging. We ought to take advantage of them wherever and whenever possible. It is, therefore, with great pleasure that we invite our readers' attention to the splendid opportunity of becoming stockholders in the Nebraska Power company, the successor company to the Omaha Electric Light and Power company.

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The Monitor would be pleased to receive a list of our people who have taken advantage of this good investment.

The Monitor is growing. Help us grow.

Obvious Observations

Where's all that gushing American patriotism we've heard so much about? When it comes down to the pure dee genuine gaff it looks like most of the gushers have accumulated a mes sof cold feet.

"Allies Getting Ready for a Big Drive!" Gosh, they've been getting ready for three years. Why don't they drive?

War fame lasts about as long as a scared pigeon on an auto speedway. If one were to try and call the names of all the guys who jump into undying fame and fell right on through, he would need a carburetor to keep his jaws moving.

What's going to happen to the high cost of food? Nothing, Cecil, nothing.

Bad dogs, rain and hot weather never did go together somehow.

Green apples—little boys—stomach ache—colic—undertaker.

Omaha is waking up to the fact that there are a few Colored song birds around who are really worth listening to, am it not?

Get ready to ask that favor of the coal man and ask it in time.

By the way, Clarice, do you ever patronize the public library? No, it doesn't cost anything, honestly.

When you can eat tomatoes off your own vine; dig spuds from your own back yard; and pull okra off your own trees, you should worry.

Millions of aliens aer going to stick around and make money while the white and black Americans are fighting in the trenches. Isn't that lovely?

Thankink you for your patient patience, we will now light up the briar and clear the room of loungers.

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Our Women and Children

Conducted by Lucille Skaggs Edwards

SUMMER FURS

The Youth's Companion in an editorial entitled, "Summer Furs," comments facetiously upon women's styles. The latter part of the article is as follows:

"We used to believe that a little clique of French dressmakers designed every summer the fashions that the western world received docilely from its hands; but now that France is battling for its life there is the same rapid and meaningless change of styles. Women are still sharply reminded that the hat and the skirt of 1916 are not the hat and the skirt of 1917, and that they must remodel or replenish their wardrobes.

"The fluctuations of fashion have their charm. Sometimes they betray a fine quality of taste, a high and delicate standard of distinction. The long, flowing, inevitable lines of the Gainsborough costumes are a case in point. Sometimes the styles robustly assert the triumph of common sense.

The lifting of women's skirts out of the dirt and foulness of the streets on which they used to trail exemplifies that spirit of reform. Always we are disposed to tolerate new fashions, because our eyes quickly accustom themselves to change. It is only when a spirit of freakishness runs riot in dress, as it runs riot in art and letters, that we ask ourselves grimly, not where is the taste of the world, but where is its sanity? Certain principles of propriety, rock foundations of fitness, have dominated the costumes of civilization. The Greeks wore sheer fabrics because they lived in a warm climate. The Russians wore furs because they lived in a cold one. It seemed, and seems, reasonable and right. But that American women who have been baring their throats and chests to the blasts of winter and thus presenting an appearance of great misery should swathe themselves in fur under our fierce summer sun gives us good cause to doubt their rationality.

Alienists tell us that the number of abnormal people in the world vastly exceeds our computation. Perhaps

this is one of the ways in which women otherwise sane betray their abnormality.

"One sultry day in July two sweating postmen stopped to stare at a young woman who was walking a New York street wrapped in furs that would have defied an Arctic winter. She wore a deep stole, decorated with waggling tails and paws; and she panted, crimson but defiant, in the pitiless heat. The men, fanning themselves with their straw hats, stood smitten by the sight. Then one of them, with eyes full of pity and concern, solemnly wagged a commiserating head. 'Who let her out?' he asked."

THE ALAMO POOL AND BILLIARD PARLOR

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The building has been completely remodeled, repapered and redecorated, the color harmony having been worked out with taste and artistic ability. The place is most inviting and the highest standard will be maintained. No gambling of any sort is permitted and the pool tables are for the genteel only. One notable thing about the pool tables is that they are leveled every morning in order to keep them in first class condition for the players. A full line of cigars, candies and soft drinks are to be had and the indications are that it will become the mecca for north side trade. While we are patriotic, we trust that Mr. Killingsworth will not have to go to war, but will be able, in company with his partner, Mr. Price, to realize the plans which the two have formulated to make their place of business second to none.

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We said we want to take you into partnership to make OUR INTERESTS, YOUR INTERESTS—OUR PROBLEMS, YOUR PROBLEMS. We meant all that, too.

Before the appearance of this article users of electric service will be in possession of a descriptive circular and letter inviting them to purchase Nebraska Power Company 7 per cent cumulative preferred stock at par, dividends quarterly.

This is not a stock jobbing campaign. It is the desire of the Nebraska Power Company to make financial partners of its patrons by enabling them to invest as little or as much as they see fit in its business. For those with small capital this is indeed a splendid opportunity to secure a liberal interest thereupon. It is to these that this offer should prove particularly attractive, since the stock will be ready for disposal in small denominations. That the most modest stockholder and the proprietor of the largest industry shall be equal partners in our concern is the earnest wish of YOUR ELECTRIC SERVICE COMPANY.

When you are financially interested in a proposition you are likely to feel a proprietary interest also—likely to feel that you and other persons similarly interested are co-workers to a common end—that you will rise or fall together. If that is not PARTNERSHIP IN FACT, then we have need of a dictionary.

You will discover a genuineness and frankness of this offer upon consulting the officers of the Nebraska Power Company or Burns, Brinker & Company, 449 Omaha National Bank Building, who will be glad to acquaint you with full particulars of the plan. You will also find that you are regarded as a partner in spirit before you actually become a partner in fact. This should interest you.

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