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COLONEL YOUNG'S RETIREMENT

We regret more than words can express the retirement of Colonel Young. The Monitor, always hopeful and conservative, but fearless in expressing its convictions, sounded a note of warning two months ago, in common with other race journals, that there was a plan on foot to prevent, if possible, Charles H. Young's promotion to the rank of brigadier general which his standing, seniority and the exigencies of the times made imminent. United protest simply delayed the plan. A cautious, diplomatically-worded letter of the Secretary of War, under date of July 7, fooled nobody. It was so oracular that its purpose was perfectly apparent. In the light of subsequent events, the Colonel's retirement ordered August 3 and dating from June 22, and the appointment of two hundred generals August 14, extended comment is unnecessary. These facts speak in trumpet tones.

They are not creditable to us as a nation. We do not believe that they have the endorsement of the American people in general who at heart believe in justice and fair play.

We believe that a united demand from our people may yet open the opportunity for Colonel Young to serve his country in the field and attain to higher rank. Bombard the president, congress and all in authority with petitions for Col. Young's restoral to active service.

DON'T STARVE OUT ONE ANOTHER.

Why is it that when one of our race opens up some little business in one locality a half dozen other fellows open up in the same line of business in the same or next block? This is a foolish and suicidal policy. It splits up the patronage, never at any time too large, and spells failure for all concerned.

Let us get out of this foolish way of doing business. If a man opens a good restaurant in a given locality help boom his business. Don't open another restaurant catering to the same trade in the same block. Open up some other line of business, a gents' furnishing store, a confectionery, a dry goods store, a grocery store for example. Study the needs of the people and try to supply those needs.

Our people are doing the right thing in going into business, but we are overdoing the matter in some lines and starving one another out, and neglecting other lines in which persistence, diligence and service will eventually bring success.

GOOD BEHAVIOR COUNTS

A business man was going home on a Farnam street car last week. On the same car were a number of well-dressed, well-behaved Colored people returning from a picnic. The children were merry and mischievous but not boisterous, and the business man in question, who is a splendid type of our broad-minded white citizens, spoke in the highest terms of the deportment and appearance of these young people. He noted with pleasure the kindly feeling and complimentary remarks of some of his fellow passengers about this group.

How different would have been this gentleman's feelings if these young people had been untidy in appearance, ill-behaved, loud-mouthed and boisterous.

Good behavior on street cars, on the streets and in all public places should be a marked characteristic of our people.

CONCERNING LABOR UNIONS

If the labor unions succeed in making Omaha "a closed town," which is their aim, it simply means the freezing of Colored laborers out of remunerative employment. We have been opposed to labor unions and will continue to be opposed to them so long as they continue their dog-in-the-manager policy of keeping our people from earning their daily bread. Every man has a right to work and should be protected in that right.

WHEN GOVERNMENT APPROVES

When the United States government sanctions and approves discrimination against any class of her loyal citizens, what can one expect from ignorant and narrow-minded private individuals but contempt and hatred for that proscribed class?

Obvious Observations

Spuds are selling out in the state at thirty cents per bushel, but 'long about Christmas they will be selling at thirty cents per piece.

Can all you can while you can and when you can't can, jar.

The western front is resting until Uncle Sam's million men get over.

What are they going to do with the Colored men drafted for service? The left hand corner was torn off, but the War Department couldn't issue separate numbers and now they are all balled up. Meanwhile, the Colored man should worry.

Colonel Young has been retired after the President announced that he would get a square deal. That square deal squares with all other square deals the race has received since Woody has been warming the White House chairs.

Have you ordered your coal yet? If it took man as long to die as it takes the food control boss to lower the H. C. L., every one of us would make Methusalem look like an orphan too late for a picnic.

Whatever became of the green powder that was to put gasoline on the shelf and John D. in the poor house? There something rarer than a day in June;

The season when the watermelons bloom.

How's that for Shakespeare? Russia is still thinking over whether to whip the kaiser or invite him to a tea party.

A German paper has put Gerard in the Ananias Club. We are quite sure that it didn't consult Teddy, the organizer, before so doing.

Thanks for your courteous attention. We will now proceed to pickle some cucumbers and watermelon rinds.

SKITS OF SOLOMON

Southern Patriotism.

Have you noticed, O my son, how nobly the south hath come forth to show its patriotism? It can't be beat! It's honorable manhood has just nachully knocked the nails into the infernal flagstaff to perch old glory. In Georgia hundreds of pecks registered under phony names and when Sam called them they weren't where they said they were going to be. In Florida the Red Cross campaign brought in several thousand beans and the crackers blew it all in on a big eatfest and called it a patriotic banquet. In Oklahoma, the home of pickpockets and gunmen, they organized an army and started out to make Uncle Sam look like a deuce in a poker deck. Down in Texas, the home of the assistant president of the U. S. A., the huck buckers chopped down the flag and then dared the Sammies to say anything about it. Wars need money and money means taxes, but when Congress talked about taxing cotton a yell started up south of the Mason-Dixon line that scared the man in the moon. When it came to buying Liberty Bonds every state of the Solid South sidestepped and fell down. When it came to enlisting the slab riders got word from Washington to hand the cullud folks the cold mitt, and Washington is still trying to find out if any southern white gentleman ever entertained the notion of offering their services to the country. Yes, the south has been some patriotic and is still some patriotic, but one will need a fine tooth microscope to locate any of it. Selah!

SAVE YOUR MONEY

It is not how much one EARNS, but how much one SAVES, that paves the road to prosperity. Despite the high cost of living, our people should arrange to lay aside, wherever possible, a little money each week. The saving habit grows.

THE ONLY WAY TO WIN

It takes a little courage
And a little self-control
And some grim determination
If you want to reach a goal.
It takes a deal of striving,
And a firm and stern-set chin,
No matter what the battle,
If you're really out to win.

There's no easy path to glory,
There's no rosy road to fame.
Life, however we may view it,
Is no simple parlor game;
But its prizes call for fighting,
For endurance and for grit,
For a rugged disposition
And a "don't-know-when-to-quit."

You must take a blow or give one,
You must risk and you must lose,
And expect that in the struggle
You will suffer from a bruise.
But you mustn't wince or falter
If a fight you once begin;
Be a man and face the battle—
That's the only way to win.

—Author Unknown.

The American Iron Molders' Union is seeking to unionize Colored men.

HELPING THE RACE

One of the nicest ways for our people to help the race is not to patronize race industries. Especially is this true of great organized bodies which pretend to advocate racial uplift. Last week the Odd Fellows held a convention in Omaha. Many amusements were mapped out and among them was to be a dance. Now, Omaha has two large commodious halls owned and controlled by Colored people and welcoming especially crowds devoted to the goddess Terpsichore. Did the Odd Fellows rent one of these halls? Not on your life! They wanted to show off among the "white folks." One of these halls was offered to them for \$65.00 for the entire week, while they ambled up to Keep's Dancing Academy and laid down a cool fifty for one night. Wasn't that nice of them? Could race pride have been shown in any handsomer way?

That also calls to mind a dance given in honor of the Owl Club some months ago. Either Colored hall would have afforded more than enough space for twice the number of guests, but the promoters got a hall next to the Strand. Colored people had never had it before for the reason that they could never rent it and this fact was used as an advertisement why the public should go. But said race-loving promoters failed to tell the public that the only reason Sam got it was because it was to be torn down at once to make room for the new Athletic Club and that the "white folks" were through with it. And they paid a cold \$50.00 for it when either of the other halls could have been obtained for half that sum. But that's the "jigg" in us. We yell ourselves hoarse about race pride, helping one another, boosting for our own blood, and such gab, but when it comes to practice we are out with both feet trying to find out how we can keep from handing a few dimes to those of our own race who are trying to lift.

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