

# THE MONITOR

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## Give Us a Colored Commander for Colored Troops

**PRESIDENT WILSON, COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF THE ARMY, TWELVE MILLION COLORED AMERICANS RESPECTFULLY PETITION YOU, SIR, TO GIVE OUR RACE A GENERAL IN THE PERSON OF CHARLES YOUNG, DAVIS, GREEN OR ANY OTHER COMPETENT MAN NOW SERVING IN THE ARMY, AND TO GIVE HIM COMMAND OF COLORED TROOPS; AND WE PLEDGE YOU OUR HONOR THAT OUR COUNTRY WILL THRILL WITH PRIDE AT THE VALOR OF THE TROOPS UNDER HIS COMMAND.**

**GIVE US A COLORED COMMANDER FOR COLORED TROOPS. OUR LOYALTY AND SERVICE MERIT THIS RECOGNITION.**

### CONGRATULATIONS

The Monitor desires on behalf of the race in Omaha to extend hearty and sincere congratulations to Lieutenants Will N. Johnson, Amos B. Madison, William W. Peebles, Harrison J. Pinkett and Edward Turner on the splendid records they made at Fort Des Moines. Nebraska is the only state, we believe, whose candidates for commissions scored one hundred per cent. Nebraska had five candidates and every one of them won his commission. It is a record to be proud of. Moreover, the two other Nebraska men, Clyde Brannon of Fremont, who was accredited to Howard university contingent, where he was a student and S. Harris Dorsey, who went from the Twenty-fifth, who were at the camp, also won their commissions. Nebraska can therefore really claim seven candidates and every one scored.

Gentlemen, we are proud of you. Accept our congratulations. We believe that in the equally difficult task which lies before you in the coming months, you will do your level best to prove yourselves officers and gentlemen of the first rank and to maintain the record you have made in training. We confidently expect to learn of your promotion to higher rank as the war continues. We know that every man of you will strive to do your full duty.

Congratulations and thanks, gentlemen, for the work you have done, and the honor which you have not only won for yourselves, but for the unique distinction you have conferred upon the state of Nebraska.

### TURN OUT AND HONOR THEM

The Negro Civic and Industrial League is to be congratulated upon its initiative in arranging for a public reception for the newly commissioned officers and the conscriptioned men who are to leave within a few days to serve the colors.

In every other city, of any size throughout the country, our people have taken similar action and it is fitting that Omaha should do the same.

It is quite proper that as these men are citizens of Omaha and go as the representatives of the city and state that such a public meeting as that proposed should be held in one of the city's public buildings, where all classes will feel perfectly free to go.

Let us all turn out and honor our soldier boys. Let us give them a rousing send off and let them know that our hearts and hands are with them. This is not to be a select social function but a public patriotic meeting which everybody should attend.

Turn out, turn out and honor them, who go to fight for us and for world democracy.

### WATCH IT GROW

Those Mississippi farmers who have formed an organization to promote thrift and have made one of the conditions for membership the possession of a bank book showing a deposit of at least \$1.00, and a pledge to increase it at the rate of 25 cents a week, are on the right track. They have made the conditions so reasonable that any one can become a member and the probability is that every one who starts with \$1.00 will be anxious and ambitious to see it grow. People may smile at a bank account of \$1.00; but the man or woman who starts saving \$1.00 has laid the foundation of his fortune, while the man who waits until he has saved "something worth while" before he will start a bank account, seldom saves anything. Saving the first dollar counts. The next important thing is to add a little to it regularly.

By the way, can you show a bank book with \$1.00 to your credit? Are you adding as much as 25 cents a week to it? Better begin then. "Only 25 cents a week?" Yes, but do it, and watch it grow.

### SIDE BY SIDE

It is gratifying to note how many of our race and of the other races work side by side without strife or friction in the erection of buildings and in local industrial plants. This is as it should be. Why should there be strife? Why should not men, as men work side by side, each respecting and helping the other?

### HELP THE RED CROSS

Mrs. Isaac Bailey, president of Crispus Attucks Chapter of the Red Cross, is quite anxious that our people should contribute more generously to this work. There are expenses connected with the work which have to be provided for. The ministers of our several churches are to be requested to take up a special offering or collection for this work on the last Sunday in October. All should respond.

### PAYMENT OF BONDS

A purchaser may pay in full for his bonds at the time of asking his application or, if he so prefers, he can take advantage of the installment plan and pay 2 per cent on application, 18 per cent on November 15, 1917, 40 per cent on December 15, 1917, and the remaining 40 per cent on January 15, 1918.

Although so far as the Government is concerned the purchase price for the bonds must be paid as above, nearly every bank in the country will make arrangements by which Liberty Loan Bonds can be paid on an installment plan providing for weekly or monthly payments, and a great many employers will make the same arrangements for their employees.

Payment can be made to the Treasury Department or to any one of the Federal Reserve Banks, but purchasers are urged to make their payments to the banks or other agencies with whom they placed their subscriptions.

### STATEMENT OF THE OWNERSHIP, MANAGEMENT, ETC., REQUIRED BY THE ACT OF CONGRESS OF AUGUST 24, 1912.

Of the Monitor, published weekly at Omaha, Neb., for October, 1917: State of Nebraska, County of Douglas, ss.

Before me, a notary public in and for the state and county aforesaid, personally appeared Jno. Albert Williams, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the editor and owner of The Monitor, and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership, management, etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the act of August 24, 1912, embodied in section 443, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse of this form, to-wit:

(1) That the name and address of the publisher, editor, managing editor and business manager is: Jno. Albert Williams.

(2) That the owner is Jno. Albert Williams.

(3) That there no bondholders, mortgages or other security holders. (Signed) JNO. ALBERT WILLIAMS. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th day of October, 1917. (Seal) AMOS P. SCRUGGS. My commission expires July 29, 1921.

Good morals means happiness and good health. We as a people should cultivate good morals.

### Obvious Observations

The average citizen gets as much news about the war as a husband gets from his wife when he asks her about a man he thinks she's flirting with.

You don't need a million to become a money lender. With a dollar at a time you can buy a Liberty Bond and make one of the greatest nations on earth owe you something.

Have you glimpsed the new Cullud ossifers, Clarice? Some pumpkins among a mess of peas, eh?

Omaha seems to be a pretty clean city until the wind starts blowing.

After the White Sox cleanup, Chicago got such a strenuous case of bulging bean that a tapping is momentarily expected.

Get up your storm doors and windows. Don't wait until that zero breeze catches you amidsthips.

Some folks declare that spuds would be fifty cents per at harvest time. Any listeners to that noise who are sticking around to watch for the drop had better get busy.

It is a pity that 10,000 cattle were burned in Kansas City stock yards, but one thing certain is that there ought to be an over supply of roast beef around Kaw City.

By the way, did I understand you to say that you wanted to pay up that subscription?

Thanking you for your careless attention, we will now scrape together a few small change and buy a Liberty Bond.

### SKITS OF SOLOMON

#### The Liberty Loan.

The Liberty Loan, my son, is a loan which the citizens of the U. S. A. are putting across in order to prove to der Kaiser that his place in the sun which he was talking about is only a pipe dream. War requires mazuma, much mazuma; in fact, more mazuma than anything else. Uncle Sam is playing papa to something like a million, and any papa who has four or five chips of the old block to look out for can sympathize with Unk. A few millions suits of clothes, shoes, hats, caps, overcoats, gloves, underwear, socks, guns, tents, ammunitions, eats, and sundry other millions of things can't be bought with an anaemic bank account. This is the second Liberty Loan. Unk went through the first one like the White Sox went through the Giants and he intends to go through the second one with the same animation. The Kaiser has borrowed so much from his folks that it keeps him hot footing it to dodge the bank examiners. It wouldn't do the bank examiners any good to try to examine anything, because there is nothing to examine. Willy has salted all his loose nickels to buy suds with when he and Nick Romanoff will be playing whist somewhere in Siberia. But back to the Liberty Loan. Buy one. It doesn't take much and it helps a heap. It shows you've got some regard for your country, and the boys in the trenches. We've got to count ten over the groggy Kaiser and your mite will help to put a rainbow around his oculars. Pass up single file and decorate the mahogany with some simoleons and some paper with your John Henry.

### GIRL WINS IN PIANO CONTEST

Philadelphia, Pa.—Miss Lillian Garnet, 814 Rodman street, a student of the McCall School, Sixth and Pine streets, entered a piano contest with six white students to play for the school assembly. She made an average of one hundred per cent, and now has charge of the assembly music for the entire term.

### GIVEN SURPRISE PARTY

Under the auspices of the Women's Auxiliary of the Church of St. Philip the Deacon parishioners and friends gave a surprise party at the rectory Wednesday night in honor of the twenty-sixth anniversary of Father Williams' ordination to the priesthood. A most delightful evening was spent.

### MISSISSIPPIANS ORGANIZE BANKING UNION

A Unique Organization is Formed for the Encouragement of Thrift and Industry.

Houlka, Miss.—Originating at Houlka, a banking union has been organized by Negroes of Mississippi. The object is to encourage larger production and conservation on Negro farms. The rule of "bank book ownership" is original with the members of this organization and provides that every member must have at least \$1 to his credit in one of the Mississippi banks and must add a minimum amount of 25 cents to his balance each week, or the sum of \$1 a month. If these conditions are not complied with the name of the member is dropped from the roll. To remain a member in good standing, each man must increase his bank balance every year. The dues for a year's membership amount to 25 cents. Prizes are offered for industry in raising and selling produce and in saving money.

### CRISPUS ATTUCKS CHAPTER OF THE RED CROSS

The Colored women of Omaha who are actively engaged in Red Cross work have very appropriately named their organization the Crispus Attucks chapter of the Red Cross. A largely attended meeting was held Tuesday afternoon in the parlors of Grove M. E. church, and a good deal of work was accomplished in making hot water bags. The chapter has decided to hold meetings hereafter until further notice every Tuesday afternoon at the N. W. C. A. home on Pinkney street. All women are invited to join in this Red Cross work.

### Always be a gentleman.

## Our Women and Children

Conducted by  
Lucille Skaggs Edwards

### PREVENTION FIRST

The movement in Omaha to protect, to safeguard young girls from the evils and temptations of the street is most highly commendable. Preventive work rather than remedial work, important as this latter may be, is being more and more rightly emphasized. It is not that the remedy for social ills is of less importance, but that the suggestions for the prevention of these ills is of more importance.

In the majority of cases family conditions are abnormal. The home life is in need of reform and the parents often need their duties outlined.

Bringing the subject home—our editor some weeks ago wrote of the menace of our young people, especially of very young girls, "hanging out" on North Twenty-fourth street until late hours at night. Now parents are directly, almost wholly, responsible for this condition. Parents should satisfy themselves that their girl or boy is not found there and the only way to accomplish this is to go and see for yourself. Make every effort to save the children. Spend your dollars and time for prevention; it is so much easier, so much better to prevent than to reform. Thousands of dollars are spent in picking up and patching up. We will take a forward stride when we are able to invest for preventive purposes much of the time and money spent for remedial.

—L. S. E.

There's mighty few days when things go wrong  
That can't be helped by singin' a song,  
And mighty few burdens placed on us here,  
But a smile will lighten 'em more'n a tear,  
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—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

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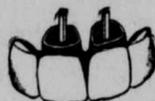
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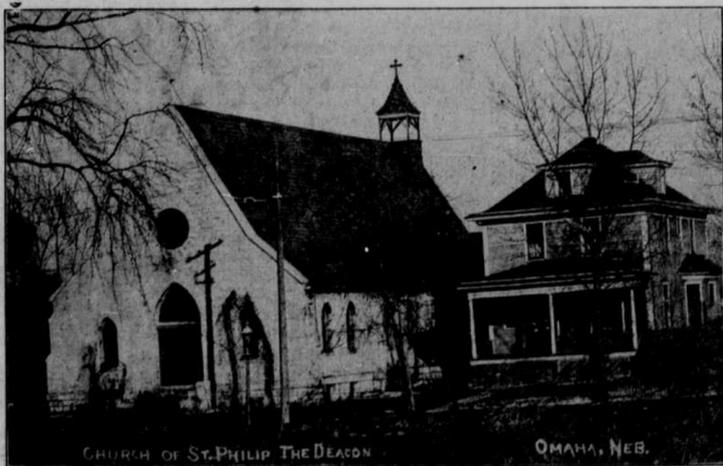
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Evening Prayer and Sermon, 8 p. m.

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JNO. ALBERT WILLIAMS, Pastor.