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RECALL COLONEL YOUNG

We believe that there should be a concerted movement upon the part of the press to create a demand for the recall of Colonel Young to the service of his country. Scores of retired officers, much older than he, are being called to service. Why not Colonel Young? If President Wilson and Secretary Baker want to do the thing that will please Colored Americans, let them place Colonel Young where he can render active service to his country. There is not a full complement of officers in the United States army now. Officers of experience and ability are needed in great numbers. Colonel Young is an officer of proven ability and experience, with an unblemished record, willing to serve his country, and should be allowed to do so up to the limit of his strength.

Put Colonel Charles Young in command of Colored troops.

LOOKING FORWARD

We believe that the year upon which we have now entered looms large with promise for better things for our race and nation. There will no doubt be much privation and the call for sacrifice, but these will only be the price we must pay for entrance into the fuller and larger life. All of us have been too self-centered, and the necessity forced upon us to think of others and help others is going to give life a truer meaning for us all.

SKITS OF SOLOMON

Seers and Prophets

Every time that a New Year is about to hand the old year a dose of permanent somnolence some de luxe dispenser of futurities grabs a whole page of a daily and begins to tell the patient public of the dire doings and happy happenings scheduled for the coming twelve months. The best thing about the schedule is that it is all wrong. Yet that doesn't keep the pappy population from swallowing the dope by the painful. Any species of cactus that can look a hole through a crystal globe, who knows the meaning of every kopje on the cranial veldt, who can four-flush with the geography of the human palm, or can throw a fit and see spirits, is a big persimmon along about New Year's. He backs Haig and von Hindenburg beyond the footlights. It matters not that what he dreamed the year before, and that everything happened except what he said was going to happen, his superficial sleep dust is devoured with the same relish. His followers start digging trenches against the phantom foe. The sight-seeing professor or madame are deluged with calls for rabbit feet, swastikas and vials of serpents' blood stewed under a new moon. About March 1 the doom dispenser starts out on a nine months' vacation without leaving an address. His pet predictions forget to occur and folks call him or her everything but a child of heaven, but about Thanksgiving they forget all about it and welcome star-gazers with open arms when they step from their private cars at Christmas. It's a great game and full of easy coin.

OBVIOUS OBSERVATIONS

Here's hoping that you've got a good start in the new year and that your carburetor will be good, that your engine won't go wrong and that you'll have plenty of gas to feed the tank.

What's the use of talking peace when it looks as though no nation on earth really wants peace?

Prof. Gabriel Neith, star-gazer extraordinary, says that the Negro problem will be adjusted this year. It sure

is time, Gabe; it sure is time. The war department has ordered that all court-martial sentences be reviewed by the department before executed. Sounds as if there would have been a different story of the Houston incident if Washington had been consulted, doesn't it?

Bill Skinkums and family claim they are so tired of turkey, duck and goose that they don't care if the holidays never come again.

If it were as easy to take der kaiser and Berlin as it is to get gin and red-eye in Omaha, the kaiser would be doing the lockstep at Atlanta and Berlin would be advertising American flags.

If it be true that there never was a good war or a bad peace, Russia may be the wise guy, after all.

The weather man better stop handing out these chunks of cold weather or else the committee of defense will jail him for giving aid and comfort to the enemy.

Uncle Sam is at the railroad throttle and here's hoping he never turns it loose.

Thanking you kindly for your deep sense of patience, we will now pour some anti-freeze into our mental engines.

APPRECIATION

The following appreciated and self-explanatory letter has been received from Red Cross Campaign Committee: Rev. John Albert Williams, 1119 North Twenty-first Street, Omaha, Neb.

My Dear Father Williams:

The Red Cross Christmas Membership Committee wishes to express to you our appreciation of and thanks for the work that you did for us in securing memberships during the recent drive, and also in your selection of gentlemen for the various committee work involved. The response among the Colored people was fine and a wonderful tribute to your work. We hope that you and they feel as gratified as we do at the results obtained during this campaign.

Wishing you a Very Happy New Year, we remain yours very truly,

CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE.

H. Doorly,
W. A. Pixley,
W. A. Schall,
J. E. Davidson,
S. S. Caldwell.

PUBLICATIONS NEBRASKA STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

We have received from the State Historical society a pamphlet of 104 pages, giving a complete history of the veto power in Nebraska from the beginnings of our government in 1854, prepared by Mr. Knute E. Carlson, a graduate student in the state university. The pamphlet answers scores of questions which may arise regarding the advantages or disadvantages of the veto power and ought to be in the hands of all interested in our state government.

Volume 18 of the Nebraska State Historical society publications is a handsome bound book of 450 pages. It contains a record of the society's business from 1908 to 1916 and important articles by William Jennings Bryan, Dr. George L. Miller, Richard L. Metcalfe, Judge Eleazer Wakeley, Father Murphy, Samuel C. Bassett, John K. Sheen, Robert Harvey, James H. Cook, Robert F. Gilder, John L. Webster and Albert Watkins, who is editor of the volume.

The topics treated range from "Trailing Texas Long Horn Cattle Through Nebraska" to "Neapolis," a story of the near-capital of Nebraska in Saunders county, and the controversy over the admission of Nebraska as a state in 1867.

These Business and Professional People Wish You a Happy and Prosperous New Year

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It is not generally known how many Colored people in Omaha are engaged in some kind of business or are in professional life. The number is constantly growing. Few northern or western cities can make a better showing in this respect than Omaha. Many of the business ventures are modest, but with proper support and encouragement they will grow. There are good opportunities for business in other lines than those in which our people are now engaged. Indeed, there is, in our judgment, a disposition to overdo the business in some lines and to neglect other branches. For example, we believe that it is a mistake to multiply pool and billiard halls and restaurants and soft drink emporiums, while neglecting gentlemen's furnishing stores, dry goods stores and other lines of business. We believe that pool and billiard halls, legitimately conducted, are needed by our people, just as restaurants are needed, but we would like to see some of the capital so employed used in other lines.

The business cards here inserted show only part of the business and professions in which our people are engaged. We are sure that it will be a revelation to Monitor readers and an evidence of the spirit of progress which animates our people.

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