

# THE MONITOR

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### "AN OBJECT OF SCORN"

We are indebted to our friend, Rudolph L. Desdunes, for a suggestive poem under the above caption, translated from the French and published in this issue. The poem was written soon after the battle of New Orleans. It reflects the feeling of a large group of Colored Americans not only at the time the poem was written, but in the present trying times.

The Colored American, as a distinctive race group, has felt from the largely enforced isolation from the current of our national life that he is nothing but "an object of scorn," and there has been very much to justify this feeling.

In national crises—and it is to one of these that this poem refers—the American of color has been called upon to do his part, and has done it well. His valiant and faithful service has brought its mead of praise and a slightly improved status. The danger past and prosperity restored, there were many who forgot his services and treated him as "an object of scorn." Many, but not ALL. He has made steady and substantial gains. There are those, and they are not a few, although they are in the minority, who do not forget, but regard him with respect as a man and not as "an object of scorn."

When our country entered the present world war the sentiment among our people, who by virtue of education and substantial achievements in the face of many obstacles had reached a higher plane than in any period of our history, was that the government and nation regarded us as "objects of scorn." This was keenly felt and rightfully resented. But, true to our traditions, we stood ready to answer our country's call, and prove noble in forgiving and self-forgetful in patriotic service.

By doing our full duty now and proving our worth the time will never again come in this country when America's sable sons will be regarded with scorn. Sensible and worthy people do not so regard us now. Why should the opinion of the unworthy and ignorant worry us?

### "THE PEEVISH TIME"

This is a striking thought from an article entitled "A Message from the United States Government to the American People," by George Creel, in a recent number of the Independent. He is calling attention to the fact that at this period of our preparation we are inclined to be impatient, short-tempered and peevish.

Peevishness is a characteristic of infancy, especially when the infant is suffering from some abnormality or malady. Certainly when the child is uncomfortable.

As a nation, is it not true, that we are largely in our infancy? Does not this account for many of our faults and imperfections? And as this is true of our nation, is it not true of us as a race?

We need to be on our guard against peevishness; because it does not get us anywhere and generally ends in a good spanking, or else in the compulsory taking of a dose of bitter medicine to allay the fever which frequently accompanies and accounts for the peevishness. These are times for patience, not peevishness.

### ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Time often plays havoc with memories. Fifty years ago Abraham Lincoln was the idol of the Colored race in America. To it he was like some more than natural champion, who had taken up the sword in their defence, confounded their enemies and brought them the freedom of which they long had dreamed. Today our race has almost forgotten him, and, stranger still, to the white race he becomes greater and greater as the years roll by. Is it that we have lost our sense of perception, that we have grown ungrateful and cold? Or is it that we have listened to the South that has called him its friend and our enemy?

The more we read of Lincoln and his times, the more we become convinced

that he lived a wonderful life in exceedingly conflicting times. His one ideal was the preservation of the Union, no matter the cost. Freedom for the slaves was, indeed, his wish, but even this wish had to answer to the supreme ideal. It was not that he loved the slave less, but that he loved his country more. Had he loved differently he would have been less an American. And because he loved so his memory has often been held lightly. As a race we should seek forgiveness for our shortsightedness.

Lincoln was truly our friend. Only lately a scholar has said that he was more—that he was one of us. It has often been repeated before that Lincoln had African blood in his veins, and it is true that his nativity does not bear close scrutiny. If it be true, then he will become a greater Lincoln for us as the days go by. But whether it be true or no, we must never forget the times in which he lived and the mighty compromises that he had to make. Considering these we will then begin to realize the injustice of our forgetfulness of the greatest friend our race has ever had in America and to whom all other friends were but satellites. Let us always honor Lincoln.

### CONSERVATION AND CO-OPERATION

In every community there are splendid opportunities for our people to conserve their resources and to cooperate in the development and support of enterprises that will make us an effective force and factor in the business and industrial world. Conservation and co-operation strike the keynote of success.

### TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS

We appreciate our growing list of subscribers and their many kind words for The Monitor. If at any time you fail to receive your paper we shall esteem it a favor if you will promptly notify us, as we are anxious that all should receive the paper promptly. May we also call attention to the fact that we shall appreciate prompt remittance for your paper as soon as your subscription, payable in advance, expires.

### ALL EDITORS KNOW 'EM AND HAVE 'EM

Edwin Huntley, editor of the Mediator, the peppery weekly that keeps 'em awake, runs a department of original wit and humor under the caption, "Doings in Omaha Fifty Years Ago." Among the "doings" chronicled last week was the following:

"Frank, the galley boy, dropped a galley of Father Williams' mailing list, and The Monitor lost a hundred subscribers, but they never paid their subscription, anyhow."

Thanks, Edwin—thanks! May others take the hint. You haven't been a live wire editor all these years for nothing. We hope ours will pay up and here's wishing the same for yours.

### BUY THRIFT STAMPS AT THE WARDEN HOTEL

Now is the time for every Colored person, young or old, to start saving. The chance of a lifetime never offered before. Twenty-five cents will start a savings account now, with the United States behind it.

Buy your thrift stamps at the Warden hotel, Sixteenth and Cuming streets. Charles H. Warden has been appointed an agent by the government to sell these stamps, so buy them from one of the race and making a showing.

### SPREADING HATE

The press is a great force for spreading hate. Last week the World-Herald came out in huge headlines about an Oklahoma murder and ended the same with, "Negroes Arrested." On reading the article it was mentioned that two whites and two Negroes were arrested. What was the intent in the headlines, Mr. Editor?

Be honest.

### Obvious Observations

#### OBVIOUS OBSERVATIONS

Tennessee has added another lustrous star to her service flag. Tuesday she made a Colored man confess to a murder by torturing him with red hot irons. Then she burned him. We reckon that any of that beastly wolf pack would have confessed to the same thing if he had been tickled with such gentle implements.

Von Hindenburg says he will be in Paris by spring. Yep and Kaiser Bill said something on the same order about four years ago.

Pinch me, little Eva; pinch me. Is this spring or camouflage?

The administration kept criticism down a long time, but this which it has inherited isn't criticism. It's a cynic.

Peace is in the air. So is war.

One nice thing about these balmy February days: they keep the doctors busy and the undertakers expectant.

When that lady said they would catch her advising farmers to increase their acreage this year because they did so last year and then had to let it rot, she threw a large-sized brick right through the plate glass window.

When the parts of a political machine go to smash there is always a choice collection of damaged reputations. Omaha is having some fun.

Of course you enjoy reading this paper, BUT IS IT PAID FOR?

Thanking you for your sincere attention, we will now drink a concoction of stewed onion juice and New Orleans molasses for this cold of ours.

### SKITS OF SOLOMON

#### Explosions

An explosion is the very sudden taking of more room by something that needs more room. Of course this isn't the chemical definition by a long way, but then the explosion we are going to write the history about wasn't a chemical explosion by ways just as long. The explosion whereof we wot took place in Washington recently. Only a short distance back into the time that has slipped by, Mr. Chamberlain, a U. S. S. from Oregon (U. S. S. standing for United States Senator and not United States Steamship), orated an oration near Broadway. He said something about "inefficiency," said word reaching the white House pronto.

Friend President asked the senator, "What meaneth thou?" and no sooner saith the senator, "I meaneth what I saidest," than Friend President called him a liar in about as nice a way as has ever been known to the annals of rhetoric. This led the U. S. S. to unbosom himself on the senatorial festive oratorical boards. Mr. Chamberlain grilled Mr. Baker, erstwhile sec. of war, and Mr. Baker answered back with a long line of first-class argument. Then up jumped Mr. Hitchcock of Nebr. and Brother Boise Penrose of Pa., accusing Brother Baker of using inefficient camouflage in covering up the seamy places of the military. It needed only this much fire to start the explosion and things have been exploding ever since.

Congress now wants a war board to help the president and Friend President thinks that a war board would be an all around nuisance. Thus standeth what is left of the national arsenal of oratory, but what is left includeth much. A multitude of explosions are listed for future delivery and the prospects are that they will all be exploded. But these explosions are nothing new. England had 'em, also France, Germany, Austria, Italy and several other burgs. Russia had one so terrific that it knocked her silly. We all have 'em in war times. It's part of the game.

### SPECIAL HOME OWNERS' EDITION

The Monitor of March 2 is to be a special illustrated Home Owners' Edition, showing some of the many beautiful homes owned and occupied by our people in this city. Home owners who are willing to have half-tone cuts of their homes for this special edition are requested to send us photographs of their homes not later than February 22.

### BUSINESS LEAGUE TO MEET AT ATLANTIC CITY

Tuskegee, Ala.—Emmett J. Scott, secretary of the National Negro Business league, has been authorized by the Hon. J. C. Napier, president, and Dr. Robert R. Moton, chairman of the executive committee, to announce that it has been decided to hold the next meeting of the National Negro Business league at Atlantic City, N. J., August 21, 22, 23, 1918.

### LOUISVILLE REPUBLICANS PROMOTE JIM CROW STREET CAR ORDINANCE

Louisville, Ky.—Colored republicans have received an awful shock at the hands of the local republican administration. W. H. Zeiser, representing the First and Second wards in the council, has introduced an ordinance for a city-owned car system and section 30 of this ordinance calls for separate accommodations for Colored passengers.

## Our Women and Children

Conducted by Lucille Skaggs Edwards

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### AN OLD SOUTHERN RECIPE

Here is an old-fashioned soft spoon bread that Southerners like. With milk or sirup it makes a satisfying meal:

#### Spoon Bread.

2 cups water.  
1 cup milk (whole or skim).  
1 cup cornmeal.  
1 tablespoon fat.  
2 eggs.  
2 teaspoons salt.  
Mix water and cornmeal and bring to the boiling point and cook five minutes. Beat eggs well and add with other materials to the mush. Beat well and bake in a well-greased pan for twenty-five minutes in a hot oven. Serve from the same dish with a spoon. Enough for six.

### CORN AS BREAD

Corn bread is especially good made with sour milk and soda, but sweet milk and baking powder are satisfactory. Eggs improve the flavor and add to the food value, but may be omitted if too expensive.

#### Corn Bread.

(1)  
2 cups corn meal.  
2 cups sweet milk (whole or skim).  
4 teaspoons baking powder.  
1 tablespoon sugar.  
2 tablespoons fat.  
1 teaspoon salt.  
1 egg (may be omitted).  
(2)  
2 cups corn meal.  
2 cups sour milk.  
1 teaspoon soda.  
1 tablespoon sugar.  
2 tablespoons fat.  
1 teaspoon salt.  
1 egg (may be omitted).

Mix dry ingredients. Add milk, well-beaten egg, and melted fat. Beat well. Bake in shallow pan for about thirty minutes.

J. H. Wakefield, Manager So. Side Branch of Obee-Hunter Undertaking Co.—See ad.

### WATTLES NAMES THURSDAY OF EACH WEEK POTATO DAY

By proclamation Food Administrator Wattles has named Thursday of each week as Potato Day. On this day all merchants are urged to sell potatoes at reduced prices and to urge their consumption by the people of Nebraska.

Mr. Wattles also permits potatoes to be sold as a substitute for wheat flour on Thursdays under these conditions: Purchaser must buy four pounds of potatoes for every pound of wheat flour bought, and cannot buy more than one-half the amount of substitutes in potatoes required under the substitute rule.

The purpose of Potato Day is to save the great surplus of potatoes now in Nebraska and to prevent waste.

### "LOYALTY OF A RACE" FOR SOLDIERS' COMFORT COMMITTEE

Washington, Jan. 28.—"Loyalty of a Race" is the title of the photoplay, the scenario for which has just been completed by Marc Edmund Jones, the great scenario writer of New York. It was written for the National Colored Soldiers' Comfort Committee. Those who have read the scenario declare "Loyalty of a Race" will be an effectual answer to "The Birth of a Nation." The film, a four-reel one, will show nearly 150 different scenes; thousands of Colored soldiers and citizens; show the eagerness of Colored men to enlist to fight for world democracy; the fine devotion of Colored women; Colored troops in France going "over the top" with daring bravery. All through it runs a beautiful love story in which is entwined pathos, humor and devotion and loyalty. As it provides, the seventeen parts in "Loyalty of a Race" will be interpreted by an all Colored cast.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the Wide-Awake Twenty-four and our many, many friends for the beautiful floral offerings at our sister's death.—Mrs. Ella Starns, Mrs. Estelle Craig.

### FINANCIAL REPORT OF N.W.C.A. From February, 1917, to February, 1918.

MONEYS RECEIVED.		
Brought forward Feb. 1, 1917.....	\$181.69	
Entertainments.....	303.45	
Inmates.....	237.18	
Dues.....	237.18	
Banks.....	17.35	
Cash Donations—		
J. H. Broomfield.....	\$25.00	
Mrs. Geo. Joselyn.....	20.00	
Churches.....	19.45	
Founder's Day.....	9.55	
M. F. Singleton.....	5.00	
Rev. J. A. Williams.....	3.00	
Henry Brown.....	2.00	
Mrs. Edgar Scott.....	1.00	
Esther Temple, S. M. T.....	2.00	
Shaffer Chapter No. 42, O. E. S.....	1.65	
Mrs. E. B. Sarson.....	1.00	
Major Curtis.....	1.00	
Amos P. Scruggs.....	1.00	
Miss Naomi Towle.....	1.00	
Mt. Moriah church.....	1.00	
Small donations.....	6.78	
Pledges—		
M. F. Singleton.....	\$10.00	
E. W. Pryor.....	5.00	
H. W. Black.....	1.00	
Henry Moore.....	1.00	
Woodson Porter.....	1.00	
Mrs. L. Strawther.....	.50	
Mrs. Maria Woods.....	.30	
Total received.....		\$870.69
MONEYS PAID OUT.		
Groceries.....	\$231.33	
Matron's services.....	185.00	
Coal.....	111.88	
Entertainments.....	68.48	
House.....	34.83	
Telephone.....	29.60	
Plumbing.....	25.00	
Laundry.....	23.98	
Taxes.....	23.78	
Outside charity.....	19.75	
Furniture.....	15.20	
Drugs.....	9.45	
Water.....	7.88	
Gas.....	7.35	
Advertising.....	1.70	
Total paid out.....		\$795.21
Balance in bank Feb. 1, 1918.....		\$ 75.48

Respectfully submitted, CECELIA W. JEWELL, President. MARTHA T. SMITH, Treasurer. Get the church-going habit! Don't be a religious slacker.

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