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TENNESSEANS ORGANIZE AGAINST MOBOCRACY

Prominent citizens of Tennessee have formed a Law and Order League to enforce law and suppress lynching or mob-murder. This is the outgrowth of the revulsion of feeling which has come from the three rapidly succeeding torturings and burnings of colored men, with unthinkable brutality, which so recently have disgraced the state. These men and women, who stand foremost for all that is highest and best in the life of that state, have pledged themselves to work for arousing sentiment against mob rule and lawlessness and for the application of strict justice to all offenders against the law regardless of race or color.

This is an encouraging sign of an awakening conscience. The great body of Americans, either south or north, do not stand for brutality, injustice or cruelty. For some unaccountable reason, however, the great mass of Americans have been lamentably indifferent to the indefensible crimes against colored Americans accused of crime. Accusation was considered proof of guilt, and when some poor wretch accused of crime was lynched nothing was thought of it. The indifference of sober-minded, justice-loving, warm-hearted, white Christian men and women, in the North as well as in the South, to the crime of lynching black men and women will be regarded by future historians as among the most peculiar and unexplainable of America's social phenomena.

The race press has not hesitated to call attention to this evil, and eventually the white press followed. Now prominent leaders of thought and molders of public sentiment are aroused and we can hope to see mob-murder banished from the land.

The moral cowardice and indifference of leaders of thought in this country account for the continuance of this evil. When the best people in any community demand that certain abuses shall cease, they cease. So it will be with mob-murder. Tennessee is on the right road. May other communities follow.

THE AFTERMATH.

Little did the world dream that the dice of the gods were loaded when Austria sent her ultimatum to Serbia almost five years ago. But what has passed is gone and we have only the present and the future. The present finds the civilized earth at each other's throats, and what the future holds is beyond the ken of even the deeply wise and wondrous great. But recently two more nations have begun an active part in the world war, Japan and China. Two years ago they were unwelcome, and they would be unwelcome still save for the fact that the Allies are in dire straits and need their help. They were once unwelcome because in the beginning the combatants held that their war was a white man's war and there was no place for yellow and brown and black. But man proposes and God disposes. Brown and yellow have cast their might into the fight and at the council seat of peace, brown and yellow shall sit with white and make their wants known. Both Teuton and Allies know what that demand will be: Asia for the Asiatics. It will be a blow from which the white race will never recover. The untold wealth of Asia will be no more the magnet for the selfishness and rapacity of greedy nations. "Hands off!" will be Japan's and China's dictum. "Go elsewhere for your commerce!" Elsewhere, indeed; but where? Japan is already mistress of the Pacific and is clasping hands with South America. The Allies will try to destroy German commerce utterly, but will Germany's commerce go to them? Will the Allies be satisfied with being shut out of

Asia and South America? Will they try to tackle China's millions or huck Japan's gold? Where will they turn for markets? Will they humble themselves and ask Japan and China to let their commerce live? Who knows? The end is not yet. There is only one thing certain, and that is in the future nations will come to realize that the earth was not made for white men, but for all men; that the only permanent basis of peace will be to give every nation the right to rule itself and deal justly with its own.

AS AN ADVERTISING MEDIUM.

The Monitor is the exclusive publication of colored Americans in Nebraska. Not only has it a large and growing circulation in Omaha and throughout the state, but it has a large number of subscribers in Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Florida, Mississippi and other southern and western states. It is therefore not only a good advertising medium for local merchants, but also for what is known as foreign or general advertising and mail order business.

Just now there is a demand for space for political advertising. Candidates who desire to bring themselves before the colored voters cannot afford to ignore The Monitor. Our advertising rates for political advertising are the same as those for commercial advertising. Our columns are open to all who desire to advertise. Our editorial support will be given to men who have been fair to our people in the past, or whom we believe will be fair to us when given the opportunity.

WISHING HIM SUCCESS

The Monitor notes with pleasure that the republicans of Kansas City have nominated Attorney William C. Heuston for alderman of the Eighth ward. Mr. Heuston is a young man of splendid ability and a gentleman from the ground up. With the united support of his race in Kansas City, where, be it said to their credit, they have learned, or at least are learning, to stand together, Mr. Heuston will be undoubtedly elected. He will be a credit not only to the race, but to the aldermanic body of Kansas City. Here is wishing Mr. Heuston success! Kansas Cityans owe it to themselves to put him over.

FINDING NEW EMPLOYMENT

It is worthy of note that a number of our young women are securing employment and making good in various positions in the city from which they were formerly barred. Among the most recent firms to open a position to a Colored girl is the fashionable Hershberg Toggery, which employs Miss Vance as seamstress in the alteration department.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

In every community there are to be found people who have had exceptional advantages who are not using those advantages for the good of their fellows. To whom much is given, of the same shall much be required. True greatness lies in service. I serve, should be the desire of every normal human being.

IMPORTANT ISSUES INVOLVED.

The United States Government has again been flouted, insulted and defied, not by an insolent foreign Prussianism, but by a home-grown product of the same obnoxious species which grows rank in certain sections of our fair land.

APPRECIATES RESPONSIBILITY

Every member of The Monitor staff appreciates the privilege and responsibility which is theirs in speaking

each week to at least 10,000 people. We are all anxious to give some message that will instruct, encourage and uplift. It is gratifying to receive assurance that we are doing this.

SKITS OF SOLOMON.

Politics.

Now cometh the season of politics, when the cullud brother will get many a handshake, a crop of smiles and a collection of bad cigars. If he ever got anything more in this community, the same was a mere accident. And it is his fault. Somehow he has the bud in his brain that politics is the science of seeing how many different ways he can play the game for himself. Many times he has had get-together games, but every such game was a game played by one or two wise guys with a bunch of boobs. At least, said wise baby always figures he is leading a bunch of boobs. But boob days are over. The cullud elements of the population are tired of being the fuel for the guy who is hunting the feed. The real trouble is that there are too many professional crooks among the cullud politicians. They are all generally ragged until after election time and then they have enough to buy a new front and pay something on the grocery bill. The foolish thing about them is that they think they are fooling their followers and making them believe that they went through the campaign for the race. What the cullud population needs is a house cleaning and a new crop of cullud politicians—politicians who will go into the game with hammer and tongs for race betterment and who will not drop their weapons and smile as soon as they see the glitter of a five dollar note. No political party ever shook the plum tree unless it had to shake, and when the cullud population gets together and says "Shake!" there will be some shaking, believe me. Why not try it now? There's a good chance to shake down something besides a few pennies. Let the grafter get the pennings and let us get the something.

Protect womanhood.

Obvious Observations

If anyone thinks that Omaha weather can't acquire the blizzard habit, he had better live here a few weeks.

It is easy to start trouble, but the great trouble with starting trouble is that before you're through you have several brands of trouble that you didn't bargain for. For instance, Der Keiser didn't figure there was much of a chance of Japan starting after Siberia and coming up on him from the rear.

Have you cone your spring plowing yet?

All persons intending to dine on ham and eggs Easter morning will kindly inform the income tax collector.

The third Liberty Loan drive and stenth Monitor Sub Collection drive are due to start about the same time. Please nurse the nickels.

The U. S. Government has notified all spies that they must stop spying at once or they will be punished by having their names mentioned in the papers.

If ever, coal man in Omaha doesn't feel like a cousin to Mr. J. P. Rocker-bilt it certainly isn't the fault of Old Man Winter.

All hail the sassafras season. The poorest guy navigating can now have plenty of pink teas for only a blue.

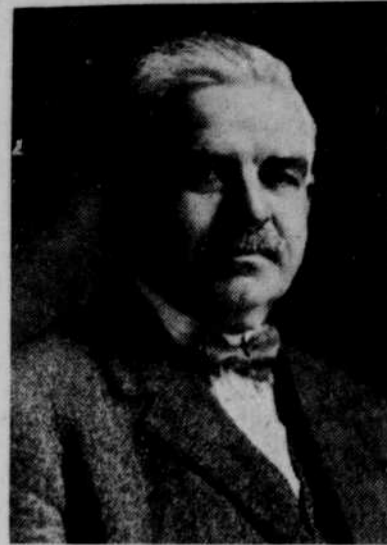
Canada yelled Bryan down! Of course. The boneheads south of the M. D. line never had sense enough to do it and that is why Broad Beaming Bill thought he could put it over anybody.

Any person desiring to buy a good rake, hoe, spade, or sprinkler, can do so at the nearest hardware store.

Our gas now being low and our ignition missing fire, we will doff our bonnet and shoot some more dope next week.

Pay your debts, and include among them your subscription.

Respect yourself and others will respect you.



VOTE FOR

GEO. PARKS

for

CITY COMMISSIONER

First Time to Run for Public Office.

A Vote for Me is a Boost for "Growing Omaha."

PRIMARY ELECTION, APRIL 9.

My Slogan, "EFFICIENCY"
Clean Streets, Good Roads—Service.

HATS HATS HATS

APLENTY

Yes, we are featuring STETSONS stronger than ever.

PRICED \$4.50 AND UP.

Some More \$3.00 3X Beavers Now In.



You Ought to See our Silk Shirt Display.

303 South 16th. Securities Bldg. 16th and Farnam

DON'T FAIL TO SEE THE

Lightning Sketch Artist

—AT—

St. John's A. M. E. Church, March 29th

BY ROBERT E. BELL.

He draws and paints patriotic pictures while patriotic songs are being sung.

ADULTS, 25c; CHILDREN, 10c.



VOTE FOR

Charles H. Withnell

CANDIDATE FOR

City Commissioner

His efficient administration of the Department of Public Buildings and Fire Protection speaks for itself.

PRIMARIES APRIL 9

United States Depository.

The Merchants National Bank

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF OMAHA, NEB., At the Close of Business March 4, 1918.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts	\$ 9,362,366.72
U. S. Bonds for Circulation	50,000.00
Banking House	131,310.33
U. S. Bonds	245,786.00
Other Bonds	129,500.00
Cash and Due from Banks	6,029,167.96
	\$15,948,131.01

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock Paid in	\$ 1,000,000.00
Surplus	250,000.00
Undivided Profits	418,929.44
National Bank Notes	50,000.00
Due Depositors	13,931,643.24
Rediscouunts with Federal Reserve Bank	297,558.33
	\$15,948,131.01

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This is the Club to be seen in the Easter play, "The Risen Lord," next Thursday evening at the A. O. U. W. Temple, Twenty-fifth and M streets, South Side, at 8:15 p. m. Admission, 25 cents. You miss a treat if you fail to see it. There are thirty-five characters in the play.

DON'T FAIL TO SEE

Pardon on the Gallows

BY ROBERT E. BELL

March 25th at St. John's A. M. E. Church

This is the most gripping story ever produced and thrown on the screen in the United States. Nothing like it has ever been witnessed. Every one should see this wonderful play.

Adults, 25c; Children, 10c.