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## THE GLASSMAN CASE

THE MONITOR desires to state that the Colored citizens of Omaha are not going to allow the race in this city to rest under the accusation, if untrue, that it was one of our race who robbed and gagged Mrs. J. H. Glassman on the night of Friday, March 14, an alleged crime which caused considerable feeling. They are determined to probe this thing to the bottom and the N. A. A. C. P. is throwing its full weight back of the investigation. All that is sought is the truth and the apprehension of the criminal.

It is becoming a much too common practice in this community to give out the story that Negroes committed this crime and that. The remarkable thing about this is that the police fail in every case to find "the Negro" or "Negroes" who it is alleged are the offenders. This is a remarkably strange thing.

The Monitor does not believe that Mrs. Glassman was robbed by any Negro. We are under the impression that the whole thing was a frame up for some purpose we do not know what and the truth will out. If she was robbed it was by some one familiar with her home and habits.

Mrs. Glassman's story reads like vivid fiction. For example, her story that she saw the figure of a man from the reflection of a flash light which he was holding, is untrue. This is a physical impossibility. A person holding a flashlight in a dark room cannot be seen. You can see the light, but not the holder of the light. Reflect the light in a looking glass, you can see the light but not the person.

If you have a flashlight, try the experiment and be convinced for yourself. There are other features of Mrs. Glassman's story equally as improbable. For example, her statement that she went to the telephone in the adjoining room, the door being open and the "Negro burglar" within twenty feet of the telephone and called her brother, before the burglar's attention was attracted to her. Barely possible, but extremely improbable.

Then, too, a canvass of the neighborhood discloses the fact that no "Negro soldiers soliciting funds for the Red Cross" were seen by anybody else but Mrs. Glassman. Another strange thing. Mrs. Glassman was sure that her assailant was "one of the two Colored soldiers" who had come to her house during the week soliciting funds for the Red Cross and accused her of being pro-German.

There are several features of Mrs. Glassman's sensational story which call for investigation. The case must not be permitted to drop and leave a stigma upon the race in this city, if there is any possible way of getting the truth and we believe there is. Our people have gone at it in the right way and mean business.

## SUFFRAGETTES COMPROMISE

WE never expected it, but we are not a bit surprised. The woman suffrage seekers have sold out. They only needed a vote or two to get over, so they began looking around for a way to get those votes. They discovered that they could rope in one or two southern cracker statesmen if they would not include the race women in the plan, so they grabbed the opportunity at once. They had Senator Jones introduce an amendment to the effect that Negro women would be denied the vote. It has been hitched onto the bill and there it stands.

As we look back to the beginning of the suffrage movement and recall in dim outline the figures of those stalwart champions, we see black and white together and we remember the pledge they made each other. Of course they are all dead and gone now and different times bring different problems. The present women leaders are not the leaders of yesterday. They too, have become inculcated with the virus of race prejudice and they are willing to barter and trade any ideal for the right to vote. It is but another bit of evidence to the fact that woman with the ballot will play politics just like men.

It is to be hoped, however, that enough broad-minded women may be found who will realize the suicidal policy of trying to count out their dark-skinned sister in the important matter of the franchise. The Monitor is for votes for women under limitation as to character and intelligence which must apply to all women.

## Obvious Observations

Spring is here and we will now clear the decks for robins, violets and spring poets.

Japan says she is going to get that racial matter into the League of Nations and Woody says, "Nit!" Who will win, we wonder?

Can anyone refer us to a daily newspaper that really carries some world news in its columns?

This week we got a letter from a friend in Brazil who wants to tell our readers something about it. All we said was, "shoot brother; shoot!" Nothing in the world is lonelier than the last nickel, eh?

If you can't locate The Monitor office to shell out for that subscription, phone us and we will send someone on the next car.

The Monitor isn't going out of business by a long shot. We are only getting our second wind. Watch for developments.

We don't care how soon the street cars decide to stop on every corner. Why did the police drop the Glassman case so quickly? Say it out loud, because the dailies won't.

Did you ever ask your dealer to advertise in The Monitor? Ask him and then let us know. We'll get him.

Thanking you for your kind and considerate attention we will now space off the back yard and introduce ourselves to a shovel and hoe.

## "CAST DOWN THEIR BUCKETS"

Prof. J. W. Cromwell

For the past fifty years nearly every visitor of more or less distinction from Liberia to the United States has availed himself of the opportunity to read a lecture to the Colored people of this country on their duty towards Africa. They have also, unsought, informed us of the untold wealth there is in the soil and other resources of that far off land. Unmindful of the history of the founding, the growth and development of the Lone Star Republic, they have rung the changes on the duty of the American-born towards the land and the people from which our ancestors were forced a century and more ago. They have grown eloquent in unfolding the marvelous profits to accrue from the investments which we should make in African products. All of this is well enough, but they neglect to refer to the duty of the citizens of Liberia to put their shoulders to the wheel and do for themselves what is not the special obligation of the American people.

Now it strikes us that the Liberians should "cast down their buckets," where they are and not depend on the United States. The truth must be told and it is that Liberia has neglected to do what she has expected from Germany and now what she calls for on the United States. Loans have been made in a liberal measure by merchants of Germany who have obtained their commercial reward. Of course further loans from Germany are out of the question as a result of the fortunes of war into which Liberia arrayed herself on the side of the allies.

Rev. Cassell, the president of Liberia college, in his wanderings in the United States, has not neglected to sow the seed of unrest, which thrives too readily on the sentiment of Africa for Africans, which we all love, but the distinguished educator should have a word of rebuke for the Liberians who do not "cast down their buckets" where they are.

## MT. MORIAH BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. M. H. Wilkinson, Pastor  
Services were good all day Sunday, with additions to the church.

Every Monday night regular bible study at the church; public invited. Come out to our midweek prayer meeting every Wednesday night.

All auxiliaries are doing nicely.

The Swastika Art club met with Mrs. H. L. Anderson, 2914 Lake street. Many were present and a delightful evening was spent. Their cook books have arrived with many good recipes in them and they hope that every one will take one. Only 50 cents.

The Mission Circle met Thursday last with G. W. Hibbler. Their next meeting will be with Mrs. E. M. Harris, 2111 North 27th street.

The sick of the church are doing nicely.

Strangers are welcome to all services.

## IS IT A LINEUP

William Howard Taft most naturally may be expected on every opportunity that presents itself to declare for the sentiment that peace between the nations is a sentiment worth while for all the nations of the civilized world. Most naturally as the president of the society to enforce peace, he should capitalize the prominence which that position gives. The plan of the league, as a matter of course it is expected he would champion and challenge as an advocate. It is just to his fancy to find himself by the side of Woodrow on the front pages of metropolitan newspapers and elsewhere. Another thing 1920 draweth nigh and Mr. Taft still has ambitions it is said, on the White House, though he cannot expect to be a winner with the recollection of his declaration in his inaugural address in 1909 to the effect that he would appoint no Negro to a federal office against the wish of the community directly affected—that is with the Negro vote against him. He may not have forgotten his agency in the Brownsville wholesale sentence which he recommended to Theodore Roosevelt, but there are hundreds of voters who would like nothing better than to show their appreciation of his broad statesmanship. He may have an eye to this opportunity and be willing not to be a target. Yet his eye may be on the United States supreme court. In any event, there are citizens who while saying nothing especially for the press just now, have their eyes on William Howard Taft and wish for nothing better than to show their appreciation of his fitness for executive honors.

It is an interesting coincidence that former justice and former presidential candidate, Charles Evans Hughes, should declare that the League of Nations should be in harmony with the constitution of the United States and not promotive of that internationalization which is so agreeable to the ideals of Woodrow Wilson. Politics make strange bed fellows and it is rather interesting as one considers the possibilities of 1920. Champ Clark and William Jennings Bryan may throw a wrench in the democratic machine.

President Wilson in his plea for our national support of the plan for the League of Nations peace struck a note which evokes a response from humanitarians everywhere who profess belief in the fundamentals of Christianity and civilization. "Almost persuaded thou" might fitly be written, even by those who questioned the policy of incorporating the plan with the peace pact on the ground that it was unconstitutional and menacing to the independent sovereignty of our nation in a possible contingency. But those who consider the grievances of peoples and causes not represented at the peace council, but which have vital interests growing out of its adjustments and conclusions, must regret exceedingly that just as high and lofty a sentiment has not been voiced by the president against disfranchisement in the United States, against jimcrow discrimination and against lynch law. The opportunity for eloquent appeal is as urgent in the latter as in the former behalf. That the president has neglected the latter may be sufficient to make his true position known as that of politician rather than of patriot.

## SKITS OF SOLOMON

The Police

The Amalgamated Union of Omaha Metropolitan Police have dropped the Glassman case just the same as though it was a hot potato. Why? Well, on trying to dope out the situation they ran across much tantalizing evidence to the effect that the "big black brute" what pulled the awful stunt some moons ago wasn't black at all. It seems that the brute was the possessor of a white complexion and somewhat of a relative to the lady that lost her money. It seems that said relative got into a jam and just had to have a little of the needful and knowing that Mrs. Glassman had it, he went after it. Then he beat it. The next thing on the program was to fix up the story and so the fiction factory got busy and after wrestling the matter for two minutes by the watch, made up the "black brute tale" and slammed it into the press. The press did the rest. Some of the white folks might think that such stunts are funny, but they ain't. There's quite considerable Colored folks around this burg. As a whole they are law abiding and industrious and aren't asking anybody to help them buy their beans and bacon, but if any bunch imagines they have yellow streaks up and down their spinal columns, guess again. The first thing they are going to do is to pass up the ouiji board near newspaper and any other newspapers that make lying in Hearst headlines a precious specialty. Then they are going on quietly tending to their own business and they want other folks to tend to theirs. That's fifty-fifty and it ain't treading on nobody's feet no time and no how.

## COUNCIL BLUFFS NEWS

Rev. J. P. Jackson of the Tabernacle Baptist church had a splendid day Sunday. Rev. Taggart of the Bethel church of South Omaha preached in the afternoon and his congregation was present also. The offering for the day was \$172.

At night for our evening services Prof. C. B. Hosmer of Tuskegee Normal and Industrial institute was present at the close of our services and gave a short sketch of the outline of the school.

Rev. W. C. Williams, pastor of St. John's A. M. E. church, Omaha, is invited to preach for Rev. J. P. Jackson Sunday afternoon, March 30, at 3 o'clock.

All collections next Sunday will be turned over to Mrs. M. Turner Ward No. 3.

Preparations are now ready for the lathing of the church.

The rally will close the 6th day of April with these pastors present: Rev. Logan of the Grove M. E. church; Rev. Costello of Pleasant Green Baptist church, and Rev. J. A. Broadnax of Allen Chapel A. M. E. church, South Omaha.

Mrs. E. Turner is improving from her operation.

Mr. Fountain is improving from his recent illness.

Rev. Dr. Parker, pastor of the Buelah Baptist church, 18th street and Third avenue, has started his prayer meeting making preparations for his revival which will begin March 31.

A business meeting was called at the Bethel A. M. E. church Wednesday evening by the pastor Rev. M. R. Rhonenece. The members present were 65, the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the rebuilding and remodeling the church, which was in favor by all and the work will begin at once. Pledges made on the building, \$345. The captains for the different clubs will be appointed immediately. Sunday evening the pastor's aid will render a programme.

Miss Ethel Richardson, Mrs. Alice Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Rodrudze are improving.

Mrs. Miles arrived home last week from ansas where she was visiting sick relatives.

Rev. Rhonenece was the guest of Rev. Edwards two days last week at Ottumwa, Ia.

We are glad to say unto God that Bethel church is growing as never before.

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During the very successful three weeks revival conducted by the Rev. J. C. Parker, who left for his home in St. Louis, Friday night, thirty members were added to the church.

Twelve captains are working to bring in 100 members by May 1. The weekly collections were \$91.88. The sick of the congregation are rapidly improving.

## WILL OPEN STUDIO

Maceo T. Williams, violinist, a graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, Mass., will open a studio here at 2416 Binney street April 1. Mr. Williams is a son of the Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Williams, pastor of St. John's A. M. E. church. He is a young musician of decided talent, ability and great promise and is a valuable acquisition to our city. The Monitor bespeaks for Mr. Williams the liberal patronage which he deserves.

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