

**STRONG ORGANIZATION FORMED BY WOMEN**

**The Colored Women's Club of Douglas County Perfects Organization and Elects Strong Corps of Officers.**

The women of Omaha have efficiently organized to take an intelligent and active part in the approaching primaries and campaign. At a meeting held at Community hall last Wednesday night the organizations of the Colored Women's Republican Club of Douglas county was perfected with a membership of 200 and the regular election of a full corps of officers. This meeting was the result of a preliminary meeting held Saturday afternoon, at the same place, called by Mrs. James G. Jewell who had been appointed organizer. At that meeting a temporary organization was effected and precinct committee members elected. At the Wednesday night meeting it was unanimously decided to enter into permanent organization. Mrs. J. Alice Stewart was elected president by acclamation. Mrs. James G. Jewell was nominated as first vice president, but declined on the ground that as organizer she did not care to have any office in the organization. Mrs. Jennie Sellars was unanimously elected first vice president. Mrs. Roe Jackson second vice president. Mrs. Jessie Hale Moss secretary. Mrs. Lillian Wilkinson corresponding secretary and Mrs. Toddy treasurer. The election of the executive committee was deferred to a later meeting. A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. H. J. Pinkett, who had been asked to be present in an advisory capacity for his assistance and advice in helping the women perfect their organization. The intelligence, dispatch and unanimity with which the women conducted their meeting was most commendable. Some surprise was caused when one or two very capable women, proposed as officers, stated, "No, thank you, I could not consistently accept for I am not a republican; both republicans and democrats treat us just alike. I can see no relief from either one."

This incident shows that women are thinking along political lines, and that all do not think alike. "Our women believe," said one, voicing the sentiment of many, "that as white women are organizing and taking an active part in politics we should do the same. We are forming classes and studying public questions so that we can take an intelligent part in politics. This does not mean that we are going to be masculine or less ladylike than we are now."

**COUNCIL OF DELIBERATIONS MEETS IN LINCOLN**

On Sunday, March 21, 1920, the Council of Deliberations for the jurisdiction of Nebraska was called in session by the illustrious grand commander for the state of Nebraska, Nathaniel Hunter, 33 degree, in Masonic hall, Lincoln, Neb.

The following sublime princes of the Valley of Omaha were present: P. R. Warner, W. O. Dunn, C. M. Simmons, F. L. Barnett, George Simpson, S. S. Stewart, C. C. Dudley and Walter L. Seals.

After having concluded a successful session they were tendered a sumptuous banquet by the sublime princes of the Valley of Lincoln, after which they left, leaving their best wishes for the success of their dear brethren in Lincoln.

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**PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER LOOKING OVER FIELD**

**Rev. Russel Taylor Visits Omaha Upon Invitation of Home Mission Committee of the Nebraska Synod to Ascertain Expediency of Organizing Congregation.**

The Rev. Russel Taylor of Empire, Wyo., arrived in the city last Saturday upon the invitation of the Home Mission committee of the Nebraska synod to make a survey of the situation with a view of ascertaining the expediency of organizing a Presbyterian congregation here. The Presbyterians of the country have determined upon a policy of aggressive missionary work among the colored people. Local Presbyterians are in hearty sympathy with this policy and have felt that with the large number of migrants from the south this field should not be neglected and the synod stands ready to render whatever support may be necessary.

The Rev. Russel Taylor has many friends in Omaha. Born in Missouri, Mr. Taylor's family moved to Seward, Neb., when he was quite young, so he is really a Nebraska product. He graduated from the Seward High school and from Bellevue college, where he made an excellent record. He took his first year of theological training at the Omaha Presbyterian Theological seminary, but finished at the famous Lane seminary, founded by the famous Lyman Beecher, father of Henry Ward Beecher and Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe, where he graduated in 1899. His ministry has been spent in Oklahoma, Virginia, Tennessee and Wyoming. He married Miss Henrietta Scroggins of Omaha in September, 1899.

The Rev. Mr. Taylor will be pleased to get into communication with any Presbyterians who may be in the city and can be reached at 2859 Miami street, where he is stopping with his brother, Joseph Taylor, Webster .896.

**AN INTERPRETER OF THE RESTIVE SPIRIT**

NOTHING that we have read recently more accurately reveals the spirit of the thoughtful young men and women of the race who are demanding with an insistence and persistence that cannot be ignored a new type of unselfish leadership, than a short poem by Andrea Razafkeriefo, the young African poet, and a voluminous contributor to The Crusader, The Negro World and similar publications. It breathes a spirit of indignation against those who, posing as leaders, claim that our special race group is satisfied with its present status. Whether one agrees or disagrees with the writer all must admit that he knows what he wants to say and knows how to say it. He interprets the spirit dominating the new era. His poem is captioned "To Negro Leaders." And here is what he says with biting sarcasm which all can understand:

"Come forth ye lackey leaders  
(Bought out with jobs and gold)  
And look upon your people,  
The race which ye have sold.  
And though you see us suffering  
The things conceived in Hell,  
Go back to your white masters  
And tell them all is well.

Tell them that we are happy  
Contented with our lot,  
Proud to be segregated,  
Glad to be burnt and shot,  
That we would have more sorrow,  
More insult and despair,

That there is not a burden  
Which we'll not meekly bear.

For we have heard your council,  
"To wait and not complain,  
That while the nation's fighting  
The Negro should refrain  
From speaking up for justice,  
For life and liberty,  
Lest he should be a traitor  
To world democracy.

Yea, go back to your owners  
And tell them (as you eat,  
The crumbs around their table  
The dirt upon their feet),  
That we are still "dead easy,  
Serene and satisfied,"  
And tho' 'twill make them chuckle,  
They'll know that you have lied!"

**COME CLEAN.**

(M. D. Cracker in Baltimore Afro-American.)  
When the game is on and your friends  
about,  
And you could put your rival out  
By a trick that's mean—but wouldn't  
be seen,  
Come clean, my lad, come clean,  
Come clean.

When exams are called and you want  
to pass,  
And you know how you could lead  
your class,  
But the plan's not square—you know  
it's mean  
Come clean, my lad, come clean, come  
clean.

With the boss away, you've a chance  
to shirk  
Not lose your pay—not have to work,  
He'll neither fire you nor vent his  
spleen,  
Come clean, my lad, com clean, come  
clean.

When you are all alone, with no one  
about,  
And not a soul will find you out,  
You're tempted to do a thing that's  
mean,  
Come clean, my lad, come clean, come  
clean.

For a home awaits and a girl that's  
true,  
And church and state have need for  
you,  
They must have your best—on you  
they lean,  
Come clean, my lad, come clean, come  
clean.

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**WHY Chinese Students Flock to French Universities**

Chinese students of both sexes are expected to go to France at the rate of 5,000 to 6,000 a year during the next two years. This influx is ascribed to the fact that the Chinese are no longer attracted by German universities or Japanese colleges, owing to the war and the Chinese feeling over the Shantung affair. Another reason for their choice of France is that the United States imposes restrictions upon Chinese immigrants.

This affords France an unique opportunity to shape the careers of those destined to be the nucleus of industrial and intellectual China of tomorrow. French transportation companies are offering the Chinese cheap rates of transportation to bring them to France.

About 1,000 young Chinese are already in France studying the modern scientific methods of industry, finance, commerce and agriculture. American sympathizers, including Mme. Hughes le Roux, Mrs. Herman Duryea and Mrs. William Astor Chandler, have provided a tent as an organization center for the new arrivals.

These Chinese have vowed to live cleanly and frugally and to abstain from gambling and opium smoking. Two eighteen-year-old girls are pioneers of their sex among the students. They arrived clad in tailor-made gowns. Scores more of Chinese girls are expected to follow.

**Why He Believes in Spirits.**  
The president of Temple university, Rev. Dr. Russell H. Conwell, of Philadelphia, believes we "are upon the borderland of great discoveries." Dr. Conwell has caused countrywide interest through his statement that he has held verbal communication with the spirit of his wife. Dr. Conwell believes that we are surrounded by an invisible world of spirits which are cognizant of our acts and thoughts and can under certain conditions communicate with us.

He withheld his disclosure for years because the whole question has been so clouded and surrounded with fraud and deception. He says that spiritualism, so called, has been made the tool of conscienceless mediums, fakirs and charlatans who have exploited themselves to such an extent that it has discouraged serious scientific investigation and called into question the most convincing testimony.

He finds references in the Bible which seem to bear out his belief in spiritual care and help from those who have died.

**Colored Commercial Club Bulletin**

Are you wearing a CCC button yet? Why not?  
For Commercial club news read this bulletin each week.  
The Commercial club meets every Thursday night at 8:30 at the Community center.

The executive committee held its regular meeting last Thursday, with President E. W. Pryor in the chair. It was unanimously decided that until further notice the president, who is given this authority under the constitution, call a general meeting of all members of the club for each Thursday night. Now, Mr. Member, come out.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE NOTES.**

Among the new activities to be instituted in community service, the one anticipated to be of great good in bringing the largest number of people together in brotherly love is that of community singing.

There is nothing which will banish care and sorrow so quickly as a rousing good song. Ask the soldier how his long, toilsome hikes were made more endurable by "Pack Up Your

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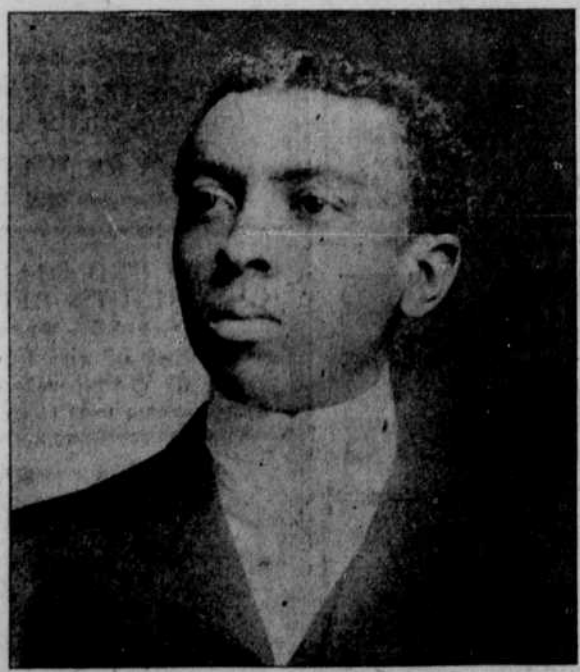
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