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1. All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT.

publication The Monitor is compelled, will be a pleasant and helpful way much against its will, to temporarily to spend a portion of Sunday afterreduce its size to four pages. We will noon. return to eight pages just as soon as conditions will permit. Reduction in size will compel condensation of news items and articles and the exclusion THE Monitor desires to ask the from our columns of much that we I Howell-Smith-Ure machine, which would like to publish. The high liter- aims to dictate, run and control ary character of The Monitor, which every office from national committeehas given it an enviable reputation man down to precinct committeeman, among newspapers of the country will whay they persist in ignoring and exbe maintained. We hope that it may cluding colored representatives from be possible to return permanently to active participation in the affairs of eight pages within a few weeks.

GIVE US PAVED STREETS.

THE attention of the commissioners ago. The Monitor desires to warn that in those sections of our city ing a serious mistake by pursuing where the largest number of our peo- this policy. If it were not that our ple reside, the streets are unpaved. group places party fealty and devo-Why is this so, gentlemen? Many of tion to principle at this crucial pethese districts are within the mile riod above the narrowness of indiand a half mile limit which can be viduals and intends to stand loyally paved without any petition from the and unitedly for the republican party property owners. Give us paved and the candidacy of Leonard Wood, streets.

CLEAN UP.

Now that spring is here our peo-ple must see to it that their premises are cleaned up and houses and grounds made attractive. Our people own many attractive homes in this city, must take pride in seeing to it that there are no more beautiful grounds or better kept homes in the city than those occupied by our people. Clean up and paint up. Plant and grounds made attractive. Our flowers and gardens. See that you Impossible! have the most beautiful lawn in your neighborhood

APPRECIATING OUR OWN.

TT is rather unusual, or has been un-I usual, for our group to pay especial honor to men of our race who ovation given Major John R. Lynch ex-congressman and distinguished author, as he modestly entered Columbia hall last Wednesday night was significant. It shows that we, as a people, are beginning to recognize and appreciate our leaders. It is a hopeful and significant sign.

A GREAT GAIN.

S The Monitor goes to press the leading. One thing stands out very plainly and that is this: Colored votown candidates and whether they win we can get together and have done so. It was to test this issue, among other things, that our candidates con-

sented to file and make the race. are successful or unsuccessful, the it cannot be held that he seeks social demonstration that we are determined to stand united politically is of itself a great gain. Sufficient, indeed, to justify the effort.

"DESDUNES BAND."

and of which we, as a people, should each man. There are many stratas community. It has done a vast deal to see people who work at the same create a good sentiment towards our trade associating together. Why is concert for its own special treasury arity of thought, feeling and environyear it is for its uniform fund. The Therefore we must insist that because concert is to be given Sunday after- we, as colored citizens, seek an noon at the Auditorium. The Monitor equal opportunity in the affairs of

hopes the people will turn out en masse and show their appreciation. OWING to the scarcity of print paper and the increased cost of will do you good and not harm. It

CHANGE YOUR POLICY.

their organization These have been the tactics of that bunch since the time of the organization of the silkstocking Fontenelle club several years is respectfully called to the fact these gentlemen that they are makthese local gentlemen would receive a well-deserved jolt. A change of policy is necessary upon the part of the Howell-Smith-Ure combine, if they expect support of colored voters.

SOCIAL EQUALITY.

the city than those occupied by our people. Clean up and paint up. Plant to or move in the same social equality in the

Because a person seeks and demands a square deal in business or politics, or an equal opportunity in the race of life does not imply that politics, or an equal opportunity in that person desires to be your associate or bed-fellow. Too long has the term "social equality" been used to our disadvantage in the enjoyment have rendered notable service. The of all the rights and privileges guaranteed to us as citizens under our sacred constitution. In the past, whenever any worthy persons of color aspired to high things he was met with as notable as it was pleasing and the objection that he seeks social equality.

We have before us a great task in attempting to convince our white friends that it is not social equalitythat absurd thing-that we seek, but rather equality of opportunity, equality before the law. In the language of Theodore Roosevelt, "a square A result of the primaries is not deal." Because a colored man buys known. Wood delegates have un- a beautiful home in the selected residoubtedly been elected and Wood is dential district of the city is no indication of a desire upon his part of seeking social equality with his white ers have splendidly supported their neighbor, no more than could it be said of the white man should he buy or lose it has been demonstrated that a home in a beautiful part of the city principally inhabited by colored citizens. The same rule holds good in politics and in business. Because a Negro seeks to fill a representative Whether, therefore, our candidates office by appointment, or by election, equality. If the American people would begin to practice the great and just principle of "All men up and no man down," the country would be far better off and there would be less violence and friction between the two DESDUNES Band," that's its popular name, but its official name. lar name, but its official name or her own associate or social set. We is the First Regimental Band Uniform cannot sustain a law that would at-Rank K. of P., is an organization of tempt to select our social associates. which Omaha, as a whole, is proud of That is a matter that is a law unto be especially proud. It has had a tre- of society. Even criminals select mendous influence for good in this their own sets or gangs. We often people. Once a year this band gives a this so? Because there is a similand for some specific object. This ment and the same aspirations.

life we do not desire such an absurdity as social equality.-The Colo- to keep it still. Keep your mouth rado Statesman

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