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Citizenship Rights Not to Be Abridged.

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.

THE WOMEN WIN.

HATS off to the women of Omaha, to all the women of Omaha in general and to our own women, in particular! Recently enfranchised, they have entered with intelligence and efficiency into the political arena. They have organized and effectively made their influence felt in the primaries and will count heavily in the November elections. No better work has been done than by the Douglas County Colored Women's Republican club, under the capable leadership of Mrs. J. Alice Stewart and her splendid corps of officers. They succeeded in electing as county committeemen and delegates to the county convention no less than seven of their number, all women of good education, character and ability. Hitherto, for several years, the colored people have been practically without any representation in party affairs in this county. This, therefore, is a decided gain. And not only have the women put their candidates across, every one of them, but several men have been elected as committeemen.

Despite the fact that those who filed for the more important offices were not elected, our people have made tremendous and unparalleled gains in political affairs in this county and state by the success of the women at the primaries.

Hats off to the women, men! While you have been talking organization and have effected strong organizations—on paper and in your mind—they have organized and put their candidates across—seven of them. Not one was defeated.

And what the women of our group have done has been duplicated in corresponding ratio by women of the other group.

HOME BUYING.

OUR people are to be congratulated upon the way in which they are buying homes. Home ownership makes for good and stable citizenship and this we are realizing more fully every day. While we are gratified at the eagerness and determination of our people to become home owners, and we contend that it is cheaper to buy a home than to pay rent, may we caution our people to exercise due care before closing bargains for homes. First, they should see to it, that the home they buy is reasonably within their means. The average man or woman among us is not in a position to pay or contract to pay \$4,000 or \$5,000 for a home. About half this amount will suit the average man or woman. Consult your own pocket as to your first payment and your income and buy accordingly. Don't try to compete with the man who has more money or a larger income than yourself. Buy the home that suits your own pocket.

Next, select that firm or individual who will not exploit you. There are those who will charge an exorbitant price for property, just because they believe they can get it. Use due care in buying. See that the abstract of title is clear and that there are no liens against the property.

Buy homes. Buy within your means. Use due caution in buying, but buy homes.

THE COUNTRY FOR WOOD.

WHO says that Wood is not in it? Wood managers were not counting on New Jersey, the home of so many radicals, but New Jersey goes to the general, showing that sound, sane Americanism, has the upper hand even in New Jersey. Nor were they counting strongly on Maryland and yet Maryland shows commendable good judgment and gives Wood a tremendous majority. Every day discloses the fact that the country is for Leonard Wood, the favorite son of the nation.

A WORD OF WARNING.

WE desire to warn our people that despite the apparent unwonted prosperity of our country, the United States is facing not only the possibility, but the probability of a panic. For this reason it behooves us all to be exceedingly careful of our expenditures and practice frugality. There is plenty of money in the country and there is no need of a panic, but those who control the money can so manipulate it that a panic may be forced upon the country. Those who are wise will realize the necessity of practicing, so far as they can, rigid economy, so that should hard times and lack of employment come, they will be prepared for the emergency. The Monitor is sounding no note of alarm, but rather giving warning and advice.

WAKING UP POLITICALLY.

POLITICALLY, as well as industrially, our people all over the country are waking up. Instead of being supplicants for the political crumbs which fall from the tables of dispensers of patronage, they have decided to become candidates for such offices as they know they have the ability to fill. In several localities these aspirants have been successful. In others they have been unsuccessful, but they have had plenty of company. The significant fact which counts for so much is our decision to enter the lists. This spells reliance, confidence and self-respect. It means that hereafter, we are to be considered politically. We have slumbered too long. The awakening has come.

BEING pleasant is much easier than being grouchy. Try it and see. It makes you feel better, your self, and it makes everybody around you feel better. Ditch your grouch. Be pleasant.

KEEP A GOIN'!

(From the Portland Times.)
If you strike a thorn or rose
Keep a goin'!
If it hails or if it snows,
Keep a goin'!
Hain't no use to sit and whine
When the fish ain't on your line,
Bait your hook and keep on tryin'
Keep a goin'!

If the weather kills your crop,
Keep a goin'!
When you tumble from the top
Keep a goin'!
S'pose you're out of every dime,
Gettin' broke ain't any crime;
Tell the world you're feelin' prime,
Keep a goin'!

When it looks like all is up,
Keep a goin'!
Drain the sweetness from the cup,
Keep a goin'!
See the wild birds on the wing,
Hear the bells that sweetly ring,
When you feel like sighin'—sing;
Keep a goin'!

—Anonymous.

Women Will Make Influence Felt in Party Machinery

The efficient organization and work of the Colored women of Douglas county is shown by the fact that all of their seven candidates who filed for republican county committeemen and delegates to the republican county convention were elected. In several of the districts the competition between the candidates was quite spirited. The following women were elected: Mesdames J. Alice Stewart, Eva M. Pinkett, Elizabeth Wright, Mattie Gooden, Hazel T. Lewis, Susan Trent and Lucinda W. Williams.

Three men were also elected for the same positions, namely, Rufus C. Long, William G. Haynes and J. D. Crum.

SQUIBS AND SQUIBLET.

By Bruce Grit.

"Now is the summer of their discontents
The soap-box orators are looking for their cents."

—Apologies to Shakespeare.

Two Irishmen were admiring the monkeys in the Bronx Zoo. Said Mike:

"Sure, Dinny, thim bastes do be lookin' like humans an oi believe they arr."

"G'wan," said Dinny; "thim bastes arr no more human than you or oi."

A southern politician looking for votes called at the residence of a farmer in a certain southern village, whose wife was very fond of black children, and always had two or three of these youngsters around her. When the politician called it was near candle light, and as he stepped upon the broad veranda of this southern home he was greeted by the happy voices of these black kiddies, who were romping and playing. He took a seat in a big rocker and sent one of the children into the house to announce his arrival. Picking up another he sat it on his knee and gave it a ride (the kind that kids so enjoy). The farmer's wife was the first to greet him, and after the usual exchange of commonplaces about the weather, the crops and the new minister, he remarked, "Madam, what a lovely group of children you have, and how much this one resembles you," patting on the head the little black boy he still held on his knee. "Do you really think so? You flatter me," she said.

Presently the head of the household arrived, and after shaking hands with the visitor, invited him to step into the parlor, and the whole household went in. When the farmer lighted the big lamp on the center table he saw the madam seated and surrounded by three very black kids. And then he wiled and said to himself, sotto voice, "What artistic liars we politicians are!"

WHITE PROFESSOR PLEADS FOR NEGRO POETS

Chicago, May 6.—In a specially prepared statement for the Associated Negro Press, Prof. Robert T. Kerlin, of the department of English in the Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Va., makes a very pertinent comment with reference to the high appreciation of the poets in our group. "I have never assumed the role of adviser or preacher to the colored people of America," says Prof. Kerlin, "but I am impelled to make an exception for once—in a worthy cause. Are you as a race supporting your poets? You are getting together manfully in business, in politics, in labor, in education, in charitable and religious works. Racial consciousness is strongly asserting itself throughout the whole domain of your life with this one exception. You do not—like many other races—value your poets at their worth. You are willing to let them furnish you the very bread of life while you permit them to suffer for the mere bread of existence. Is this right? Is it wise?"

"Your poets are your prophets. Today they have a flaming message. They are embodying your ideals, your aspirations, your sufferings, your prayers, your protests, in song. The lyrical cry is theirs—your cry; theirs the articulation of it. Now no cause is greatly effective until the poets champion it. The poets have winged words; they pierce the hearts and

consciences of men. They burn their way into our inmost thoughts. Poets are more to be dreaded by the forces of evil and injustice and oppression than politicians yea, even than preachers; for the true poet is, I repeat, a prophet."

PILGRIM REST BAPTIST CHURCH RAISES \$5,000

The congregation of Pilgrim Rest Baptist church, the Rev. William Franklin, pastor, which is purchasing the beautiful Calvary Baptist church at Twenty-fifth and Hamilton streets, raised over \$5,000 cash at their rally last Sunday to apply on the purchase price of this edifice. The contract of sale calls for a payment of \$15,000 before taking possession of the building. The \$5,000 raised Sunday makes a total of \$9,000 which this energetic congregation has secured within less than eighteen months and paid on this desirable property. They have begun a drive for the remaining \$6,000 which they desire to raise by September 1. The purchase price of Calvary Baptist church, which includes a splendid pipe organ, is \$30,000. The building could not be duplicated today for \$60,000. Pilgrim Rest Baptist church in securing this property will own the finest church edifice in the city belonging to our people. Our citizens should take pride in helping this congregation raise speedily the required amount to pay in full for this property.

MAN FAINTS WHEN SENTENCED BY JUDGE

Found Guilty of Opening Another Man's Mail, Jesse Nash Given Twenty-five seconds in Penitentiary.

(By Associated Press.)

Chicago, Ill., May 6.—Federal Judge Landis sitting in the United States district court sentenced Jesse Nash, a colored man, to the penitentiary for twenty-five seconds, for receiving and opening another man's mail. Nash fainted when the sentence was announced and there was a general commotion in the court room. The prisoner and the on-lookers had understood the judge to say twenty-five years instead of seconds. Nash, according to the testimony, had suspected his wife of writing love letters to another man. He went to the postoffice general delivery and asked for the man's mail. He was given a letter in his wife's handwriting. The other man, E. A. Ahern, had Nash arrested for stealing his mail.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our appreciation for the many kindnesses shown us during the short illness and death of our beloved son and brother, who departed this life, April 22. We also thank our friends for the many flowers; also Ak-Sar-Ben Temple No. 254 and Amelia Lenel's Tabernacle No. 19.

Mrs. Alice Acree, mother; Miss Lula Jenkins, sister; Mrs. Bessie Kirby, cousin; Walter Wynn, cousin.

TO THE PUBLIC.

I wish to correct the statement I made concerning the property Mrs. Busch and Mrs. Blackwell induced me to buy. I found it to be legitimate.

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Mrs. Lenore B. Williams was called to Denver last week by the illness of her father.

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