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**GOV. McKELVIE'S MESSAGE**  
 THOSE who, largely for personal reasons, are opposed to Governor McKelvie and would belittle him for lack of constructive statesmanship, can find nothing to support their position in his able, clear-cut and broad-shouldered message to the legislature. He presents a well-considered and comprehensive program which, if carried out, will advance the best interests of the state. His utterances on law enforcement legislation are wise. He is perfectly right in maintaining that there are already too many obsolete and unenforceable laws upon the statute books. Fewer laws, with rigid and fearless enforcement of the same, are needed. The message gives light upon the parole system and recommends reform. The agricultural program advocated by Governor McKelvie will commend itself to the farming interests. The recommended soldier relief is admirable. His plan for child welfare and his views upon the direct primary are to be commended. Taken as a whole Governor McKelvie's message is a statesmanlike document which will win the commendation of the people of Nebraska.

**FOR OUR GIRLS**  
 THE opening of the Colored Branch of the Y. W. C. A. is a subject of congratulation to all the citizens of Omaha. The Monitor rejoices that this helpful agency, long-needed, is in active operation. We would that our Christianity were real enough and our democracy broad enough to make such special institutions for social uplift unnecessary, or, in other words, we would that all institutions would admit all who need their ministrations to full privileges regardless of race, creed or color. Since, however, that is not so, we are grateful that provisions are made for advantages for our girls and women in an institution of this character which would be otherwise denied them. The center has opened auspiciously. We predict for it great success. We know it will be fully appreciated. We bespeak for it hearty support. Whatever The Monitor can do to help in the work so well begun that we shall gladly and willingly do.

**SUSPEND JUDGMENT**  
 AN unfortunate controversy has arisen between the pastor of St. John's A. M. E. church, the Rev. W. C. Williams, and Attorney H. J. Pinkett, which has been carried into the courts. The Monitor as a newspaper carries as a news item the facts as alleged in the suit filed by the attorney against the minister. An official signed statement from the board of St. John's church is also published in our columns. Naturally, there will be a disposition to take sides in this controversy. Feeling pro and con will doubtless run high. The Monitor advises that the public suspend judgment until the case is tried in the courts and the evidence on both sides is in. The place to decide charges of this character is not in the press, nor in the pulpit, nor on the streets, but in the courts. Until the evidence is in, it is wise to suspend judgment.

**THE MONITOR GRATEFUL**  
 THIS is our first issue of the year. We therefore take this opportunity to thank our patrons, subscribers and advertisers, for their hearty co-operation and support during the past year and to bespeak their continued patronage for the year upon which we have just entered. The Monitor, while conscious of many faults and imperfections, is proud of the place it has won and held among the weekly newspapers of the country which are wielding such a tremendous influence for good among our race. Our newspapers are being read as never before, not only by our own people, but by thoughtful people of the other group who, as students of social and economic conditions, realize that the thoughts and activities

of such a large ethnic group as our own is worthy of attention and study. Journalism among us has become a recognized power. The need for strong, well-edited, fearless journals to champion the rights of our people is apparent to all. Critics and contemporaries recognize The Monitor as holding high rank among such a group of newspapers. We are proud of the place we hold and shall do all in our power to deserve and maintain it. We are gratified at the confidence placed in us by the people who look to us for guidance and leadership and we will never willingly or knowingly do anything to betray that confidence. What we believe to be right that we shall fearlessly maintain. What we believe to be wrong we shall with equal fearlessness condemn. Our desire is to serve better in the future than in the past. With increased support we shall be able to add many features to our publication.

**A WORD ABOUT COST**  
 FEW of our readers realize the anxiety and strain placed upon newspapers during the past year. It has meant for nearly all papers, even those who were heavily capitalized, a struggle for existence. The cost of publication increased enormously. For example, the cost of print paper increased 400 per cent. Everything else entering into the publishing business advanced at a corresponding ratio. Is it any wonder that many newspapers were compelled to suspend? Fortunately, The Monitor was able to survive, although we are frank to confess that we had to struggle hard for an existence. We take our readers into our confidence now because we believe that they will realize the necessity of paying their subscriptions promptly, cheerfully and gladly. We want you to know that it costs money to publish The Monitor and that we must rely upon our patrons to supply it by paying their subscriptions promptly and by helping to increase the demand for our publication as an advertising medium.

**NEED NEVER GREATER**  
 AT no time in our history has there been more imperative need for frank, fearless and sane newspapers to champion the rights of our people than now. A subtle and sinister propaganda, heavily subsidized, to discredit us and limit our constitutional rights is now and has been at work. Working by a secret organization, under another name in the north and west for some months, seeking, and in some cases successfully, to foment strife between the races, this monster of iniquity has at last with brazen

effrontery come out into the open under the name of the Ku Klux Klan, with the avowed purpose of maintaining not Americanism, nor democracy but "White Supremacy." The evil designs of this organization, wholly foreign to the genius and spirit of America, must be fought with persistent and pitiless publicity. This is one of the tasks before our own journals. Nor will we be unaided in the fight. Representative dailies and magazines will be with us in this fight. Then, too, because of an effort upon the part of disciples of discontent to win our people over to their way of thinking, which means subversion of government, it is enjoined upon our race journals to give wise counsel and advice lest many be led to follow these vain delusions. The creation of a right and righteous public sentiment touching our full constitutional rights as citizens, which means the exercise of the franchise, the abolishment of Jim Crow cars, justice in the courts, liberal educational opportunities for our children, the suppression of lynching; the fighting of damaging and malicious propaganda; the exposure and condemnation of evil customs, practices and weaknesses among ourselves inimical to our best interests, and wise counsel and advice are the tasks placed upon our newspapers. The responsibility and opportunity for large and constructive service was never greater.

**SNYCOPATED SPASMS**

**THE WEATHER**  
 THE coal man is certainly cussing the weather, but he cusses alone. All summer long we have been squeezing out the nicksles for the coal bin and the fact that the coal bin isn't going to take all the nicksles that we saved is causing a gladsome shimmy clear down to our shell pink toes. There used to be a time when we thought that a Thanksgiving without snow and a Christmas without a blizzard were all to the dumps, but we have changed our minds. Ever since the coal barons have been boosting the price of coal and laughing at us up their sleeves, we have been praying for a time to come when we could give them the happy ha, ha, and the bye-bye noise. The time has come. Now the sun rises just as pleasant like in January as it does in July. Of course there are gloom hunters who walk around and tell us that a warm winter makes a fat graveyard, but we should worry. We have never discovered a graveyard that doesn't keep fat, so we should worry. The little old thermometer just outside the door can stick around to sixty above as long as its little heart desires. Its disposition doesn't make us feel a bit bad. The cusses of the coal man are music to our ears. He may have found out that he can get a hammerlock hold on coal prices, but he has certainly been taught that he can't get a grimy grip on the weather. Even the almanac makers have been disappointed. They predicted a winter that would freeze your liver and so solidify your vascular system that the blood corpuscles would be having skating parties every minute, but nothing doing. Half the time your liver is wondering when August is going to be over and the blood corpuscles are asking what in the yell you are wearing heavy-weight underwear for. We say again, it is tickling us. We are satisfied. This weather can stick around just as long as it wants to and it won't find us petitioning it to make a getaway.

**HARLEM STOCK EXCHANGE**  
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greatest events in the history of colored people. The need of such a stabilizer for colored business has been recognized ever since colored men and women determined to run businesses of their own. The two drawbacks that have prevented our people from freely investing in stocks of colored corporations were the inability to secure definite information from a reliable source relative to the financial condition of any colored company, and the lack of trading facilities. Heretofore, once you purchased stock in a colored corporation, you could never dispose of same—there was no place to sell the stock. The advent of the Harlem Stock Exchange alters this situation entirely. A market is always provided for any stock listed on the exchange and arrangements are made that prices of the stocks of the corporation are always kept up and not run down or thrown on the market at any old price. The public is being given an opportunity to share in the profits made by the exchange and the running expenses being almost nil, the chances for large dividends in addition to the 8 per cent guarantee on the preferred stock are assured. Shares sell at \$5 each. Many of the most influential colored men in the country are behind the movement, which is nation wide, and it behooves every colored person to get behind the movement to the best of his or her ability. Address: Harlem Stock Exchange, 2169 Seventh avenue, New York, N. Y.

**DR. S. H. CLARK OPPOSES OBJECTIONABLE EPITHETS**  
 Chicago Professor Disapproves of the Common Custom of Calling People Contemptuous Names.  
 (By the Associated Negro Press) DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 6.—"It is high time for Americans to cease their practice of calling people of other nationalities 'Micks,' 'Chinks,' 'Niggers,' 'Wops' and 'Hunkies,'" said Dr. S. H. Clark of the University of Chicago, addressing the open forum, and putting down the habit as "impertinent Anglo-Saxon arrogance and superciliousness."  
 "It was just rare good luck," he said, "our forefathers got a ship ahead of the other fellows."  
 "I do not know how the California problem is to be solved, but I do know that without Japanese the desert would not be blossoming as a rose. I know that, class for class, the Japanese is our equal, and I believe the president of the National University of Japan is probably the intellectual equal of President Elliot of Harvard."  
 "Some of us here who wrap ourselves in the 'Red, White and Blue' don't know the words of America, but call a sturdy Italian newcomer a 'Wop.'"

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