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CIVIL RIGHTS BILL

THE Monitor is glad that James G. Jewell has filed a suit for damages against the Moon theater. It is only one of several which persist in violating the civil rights bill of this state. There have been several flagrant instances where our most highly respected and cultured women have been submitted to indignities and humiliations in these places of amusement which are open to the public. The statutes of Nebraska recognize no race or color in the enjoyment of public privileges. If the only way to safeguard and maintain our rights as citizens is to resort to the courts, then we must not hesitate to invoke their aid and make no compromise. Discrimination and curtailment of civil rights are increasing instead of lessening, despite our patience and forbearance, it therefore becomes our duty to legally contend for all our civil rights under the law.

ANTI-SEMITISM

THE Monitor opposes with all the influence it may be able to exert the malicious and anti-Semitic campaign of slander which is finding favor in some quarters. There are no better citizens anywhere in the world than the Jews. They have been loyal and devoted to America. Objects of persecution, they have borne it with fortitude. Being reviled, they have reviled not again. The anti-Semitic propaganda ought to be opposed by every red-blooded American who believes in a square deal and fair play. No persecution of the Jews will find any favor among colored Americans.

NO GERRYMANDERING

OMAHA is to be redistricted into legislative and senatorial districts, each district to elect its representatives. The Monitor was not in favor of this amendment. It, however, passed by a narrow margin. It is up to the state legislature to make this redistricting. Since there are districts in which our people are settled in large numbers, we desire to call the legislative committee's attention to the fact that we want no gerrymandering in such district or districts.

ON THE HONOR ROLL

IT is gratifying to note that so many of our pupils in the schools are making such excellent records in scholarship. Pupils in the grades, high schools and University of Omaha are, in increasing numbers, winning places on the honor roll. This is good work, boys and girls, keep it up. Brains and work are bound to win. Always do your best. Never be satisfied with mediocrity. Strive to excel.

"NEGRO BLOOD" AGAIN

THERE was to have been a track meet between Harvard and the University of Virginia. But it's off. Two of Harvard's best men have the rich red blood of Africa in their veins. Virginia's dignity, if you please, made it impossible for her athletes to compete with men who have "Negro blood" in their veins—when it is known. And they call this sportsmanship. We call it cowardice. We are glad that Harvard refused to bow to Virginia's narrowness or to make any concession to their foolish prejudice.

SCYOPATED SPASMS

DOUGH

WE don't know who the 'dude was who said, "Money is the root of all evil," and we haven't got the time just now to look it up; but we wish to say that he stopped in the middle of the word gush and forgot to finish it out. Dough might be the root of all evil, but we opine that it is also the branches and leaves of all good. The best part about dough is that it means eats and in these days and times it is the luckiest thing in the world to be able to cache enough of the needful to decorate the family feeding board with oatmeal and wafers. Of course, several months ago we could decorate the fancy linen with chicken, pork chops and porterhouse, but just at this particular moment one has to persuade his personal exchequer to take things easy like and net put across too much jazz stuff. Never can one fully appreciate the value of dough until he hears somebody singing, "I Need These Every Hour." Then he realizes that the saddest thing in the

deep pocket that is making a moan because of its loneliness. In the olden days when one man could trade a firkin of butter for a neat collection of shoes, socks and gloves, nobody needed any dough, because each dude was able to make something that had dough value. But in this age when the majority of nutts can't even get a chance to raise a few onions, dough has become the almighty necessity. Only a few days ago Bernie Shaw, the famous English lambaster, said that under socialism every man ought to have an income of 250,000 bucks a year. Sure he ought. But what that time comes it won't do him any more good than it is doing him now. If a ham bone costs you thirty thousand a throw, how long will the rest of the income last when it gets tangled up with the modern expense account? Yep, dough is the necessity. It might be the root of all evil, but most folks these days don't mind tampering with the root.

CURRENT AND OTHERWISE

(By W. H. A. Moore)

I DON'T see how the Negro can escape getting to the top of the social scale. If free, generous and multitudinous tons of wholesome, far-reaching and soul-racking advice counts for anything there is not one chance in a thousand for the white race to maintain itself at the social top. William H. Taft, ex-president of the United States of America; Albert W. Beveridge, an ex-United States senator, are to be numbered among the latest of the more distinguished advisors of the race. "Work hard," "be honest," "praise the Lord" are the "leaders" in the program which is to bring about a condition of honest-to-goodness situation of respect at the hands of our good brothers-in-white. One is stumped, at odd times, to get a sensible viewpoint of the fellow who is trying to run the world in these times. He works hard only when he is compelled to do so; his honesty is so deep seated in his nature that it seldom comes to view; and as for this "praise the Lord" stuff he's been handling to us all through the past three centuries, that's worn to a veritable frazzle. But all of this does not hinder us from taking to heart the oft-iterated admonitions to be good. I once had a friend who often said, "Be good; you'll be lonesome, but be good."

The Jews are certainly having a tough time of it in the United States nowadays. There is a very general belief afloat that the Henry Ford millions are being employed in the operations of a propaganda which seeks their complete downfall in the realms of America's social, artistic and business life. And now comes the rappings accents of a "Black Apostle" making noisy declarations that Negroes are the real Jews and all other kinds of claimants to this noble name are base impostors. And all this travail coming to light just at the moment when a considerable and influential number of our Jewish friends were busy in the preparations for a hearty jump right into the middle of the ring of "For whites only." "There is a destiny which shapes"—but, what's the use; we won't know anything about white or black a hundred years hence.

Amy Scott is dead. You don't know Amy? That's funny. Amy was a 100 per cent Kentucky cook who reigned supreme in Mount Sterling, Ky., as the "leader of her race." For sixteen years she was highly appreciated servant of the Hon. B. J. Peters who was chief justice of the Kentucky court of appeals. During the latter years of her very useful life she was the "beloved cook of the Bean family of Mount Sterling." This is right down good news. In my own right and majesty I have always had more than a wholesome respect for a good cook. And while I did not have the honor of Amy Scott's acquaintance, I do not hesitate to join my sorrow to that of the white and black citizens of Mount Sterling who are giving genuine expression to the loss they have sustained in the passing of one of their first citizens. Good cooks are really scarce.

"Ku Klux Klan To Invade North In Nationwide Drive" is the headline of a recent New York Herald headline. The story which follows relates a plan

to clinch the "color line," to urge a warfare against radicalism, and to institute "prompt action to quell disturbances," whatever that may mean. I take the whole program to be a patriotic endeavor "to keep the 'nigger' in his place," and thereby keep the banner of democracy floating high and far away above the heads of the mob. And, in the face of all this, we are being advised by William Howard Taft to be patient, good and work hard.

Music and Poetry has made its appearance. It is good looking in all particulars. The table of contents contains a London letter by Roland Hayes; the score of a "Negro Dance" by the editor, Norah Douglas Holt; "Violin Technique" by Harrison Emanuel, the noted Negro violinist, and "Music and Poetry—Noblest of Arts," by J. A. Rogers.

CASTS ELECTORAL VOTE FOR HARDING

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 20.—Monday, January 20, the thirty-eight electoral votes of Pennsylvania were cast for Harding and Coolidge, by the members of the college assembled in the senate chamber at the capitol, and the results, duly certified, were sent to Washington.

Among the electors was Attorney Frank R. Stewart, a resident of Pittsburgh, and the first member of the race to sit in the electoral college in Pennsylvania.

CALL CONFERENCE ON RACIAL MATTERS

Leading Men and Women of Eastern States Asked to Meet and Outline Policies for Consideration.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Jan. 20.—Dr. George E. Cannon has issued a call to a number of the leading colored men of the eastern states to hold a conference on Thursday, January 27, at 2 p. m., at his office, 354 Pacific avenue, this city, for the purpose of formulating a safe and sane program on certain national problems which affect the Negro race.

Dr. Cannon was the only colored man elected as a member of the advisory committee to the New Jersey republican state committee from this city and he was also a member of the advisory committee to the republican national committee, eastern division, during the last presidential campaign.

In issuing this call he has set forth as problems which affect the race, the questions of disfranchisement and reduction of representation, segregation in the federal departments, lynching, Jimcrowing of interstate passengers, American occupation of Haiti, American protectorate over Liberia, and a just and equitable participation in the affairs of the federal government.

WORLD EXCLUDE RACE MEN FROM MEMBERSHIP

(By the Associated Negro Press)

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 20.—A controversy, affecting hundreds of colored yard brakemen on the Norfolk & Western railway, is being argued before the United States Railway Labor Board here, between the Association of Colored Railway Trainmen, having headquarters in Memphis, and the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen.

The brotherhood desires a rule adopted which would make it possible for only promotable men being given employment, which would automatically eliminate colored trainmen, because of color prejudice. J. H. Elland, president, and C. E. Henke, divisional chairman, are representing the Association of Colored Railway Trainmen.

A. D. Long of Birmingham is representing colored locomotive firemen. They are waging a strenuous fight for their respective organizations. The hearing will perhaps last a week longer.

BRICKLAYER ESTABLISHES NEW WORLD'S RECORD

(By the Associated Negro Press)

ELBERTON, Ga., Jan. 20.—What is believed to be a new world's record was hung up here by Jim Meriwether, colored, who laid 12,000 brick by actual count in two hours. That was a record of 100 bricks per minute for the entire two hours. It required twelve able-bodied men to wait upon him. He is laying the vitrified brick on one of the main thoroughfares of Elberton.

NEW COLONEL FOR FIFTEENTH

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 20.—Governor Miller has commissioned Arthur W. Little, a New York publisher, as colonel to command the Fifteenth Infantry, National Guard. This is the Negro regiment which during the war was commanded by Colonel William Hayward. Colonel Little will succeed Colonel William Jay Schieffelin, who has resigned.

PRESENT THEIR PRESIDENT WITH AN AUTOMOBILE

(By the Associated Negro Press)

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 20.—The Alumni association and friends of Morehouse college, after a forty-day campaign for funds, have given an automobile to Dr. John Hope, president, as a token of appreciation of his worst hand work for the last twenty-two years. During the war Dr. Hope spent one year in France as supervisor of Y. M. C. A. work among Negroes.

The gift was made at the president's residence, the automobile being presented by Rev. D. W. Cannon, president of the Alumni association.

Nervous. It is the man of many parts who should be careful not to go to pieces.—Caricous magazine.

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